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PUBLIC ORDER, VENEZIE LIAISON
MAR. 1946 - JAN. 1947

Min. 18.

to Commissioner,

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H. Green.
L.A. Jy. 16/12
for Dr. F. S. Green.

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16.

Ex Comm.

Pre see 63^a + 64^a. I have spoken to Dot Lennan by phone requesting the reinforcements are sent without delay and the letter as to a has been sent to him by hand. The reason for the signal are believed to be as shown in file AC/14011/ppt. It is agreed the station police are not ideal but there are no real need for the orders of Major McKenzie.

23. 11. 46.

ML 22/41 E J P Eye Contact

EX.

17.

The letter to AFHQ does not seem to be in accord with Min. 29/

there is no need from the
of major incrimination.

ML 2/11 2 page to be

23-11-46.

EC.

17.

The letter to PTHQ does not
seem to be in accord with him. 2

Chief Commissioner.

16.

Approval ?
Attached is submitted for signature
information

No - the letter is in accordance with my recommendation. 2/11/46

which were
correct by this slip
and not observed!!

V.P. 6 A.S.

12.

Please see 32A and 33A - for information.

The dispositions of P.D. Agents shown in para 13 of 33A do not appear to be in the best interests of Public Safety.

It is not stated what use is being made of the reinforcements sent in accordance with 22A - arrival of these was postponed in 30A.

Atkins left.

13/9.

13.

Ex-Comm.

To see 32A & 33A. Atkins & the
situation may be satisfactory

I can not see any grounds for demanding
an Allied Police Mission in the Area
or for making plans for the re-institution
P.A.M.G.

M. C. B. B. B.
U.S.C.S.S.

13/9/46

Regarding para. 13. I will instruct
P.S. to take up the matter with the

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an Allied Police Mission for the Area
or for making plans for the re-organization

F.A.M.G.

M. Can. Bay.
U.P.C.S.S.

13/9/46

Re regards para. 13. I will instruct
P.S. S/C to take up the matter with the
Chief of Police. *MC*

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C.A.S.

NOTED. Please have P.S. S/C. discuss para
13 with Chief of Police at suitable
opportunity.

16/9

M. Can. Bay.
U.P.C.S.S.

To: Public Safety
16/9 with W.D. 14/9
15/9
14/9

Take action in accordance
with the above

W.D. 14/9

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Ex Comm.

thru V.P. C.A.S. W. 27/8

16^a is submitted for information.
 I spoke with Major McKenye, Liaison Officer,
 86 Area, on 26th. He states that no further
 disturbances occurred after those reported
 in 16^a. He also has now been placed "in
 harness" to troops. Major McKenye will keep
 this HQ informed of any future developments.

27.8.46.

E. H. Dye Colored.

Ex Comm.

10.

Please see report at 16^a and min. 11.9.

The report is the same as that of Major
 Morrison, already sent to R.O.N.C., with the
 exception of para 6, therefore it would not
 seem necessary to send a copy of this report
 to R.O.N.C.

Please see report at 16A and minor. The report is the same as that of Major Harrison, already sent to R.I.N.C., with the exception of para 6, therefore it would not seem necessary to send a copy of this report

to AFHQ.

Atk 24/8

I agree 1510/7/8

Ex Comm.
thru V.P. C.A.S. 11/2/49

22nd to 26th is submitted for information. The recommendations and action taken to increase the efficiency of the Civil Police as a result of the inspection conducted by P.S. Visit to Venice is being taken up with Doni Tenuari, Director General of P.S. 16/ Byc Island 14.9.46.

Public Safety Dept
C.A. Section



Letter signed by Chief Commissioner and returned for
despatch. Copies have been withdrawn for CC and EC files.

Issue 11/19/6 12/17 Willard 9/17

Ex (Comm.)

The original letter (8A) was marked
to this section for action.

As my original memo (2) is in the file and
and also inquiries by C.C. and yourself you
may require the file in dealing with the matter.
You may remember that verbally I advised
against the letter eventually sent (8A)

Man Byader
V.P. C.A.S.

12/17

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L.A. Section

Please see letter 8 side memoir opposite dispatches
by this office. Letter 6/17/6 dated 17 July 46 also refers,
copy of which it is understood has been passed to you
by Col's office.

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McLean Byrd
V. P. C. A. S.

12/7

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L. A. Section

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by Col's office.

15/7
J. E. H.

Sam Trappinella
Capt

18/7

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Public Safety S/C

File is returned to you

Trappinella
Capt
CRS

18/7

V.P. C.A.S.

I

The attached letter is for signature if approved please. Please see 4th from the C.C.R.R. regarding the demonstration on 9th May, 1946. Major MacKenzie P.S. Officer, Smeeth Prison Group is now liaising between S.B. Area and Local Police, Venice.

E. J. Rye Colonel

b. b. 46.

2.

Minute No. 2

TO: Executive Commissioner.

7th June, 1946

The A.H.Q. letter at 6A is undoubtedly the result of the incident which took place at Venice on May 9th and of which there is a C.C.R.R. report at 4A. At the time the Press were writing about the handling over of the Italian fleet.

The A.H.Q. letter directs that the matter should be taken up with the Prime Minister, but it hardly seems to me a matter with which the Prime Minister should be bothered at this juncture.

If it is decided that the Chief Commissioner should write to the Prime Minister a suggested letter is enclosed for signature.

The Chief Commissioner may prefer to speak to the Prime Minister in which case the enclosed letter can act as a brief.

If may, however, be considered sufficient if I discuss the matter with the Chief of Police, in which case when we reply to the A.H.Q. letter, we can state that the matter has been taken up with the Italian Government.

I recommend the last proposed course of action.

W. C. Rye
W. C. Rye Brigadier

7th June, 1946

TO: Executive Commissioner.

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M. C. M. Brigadier

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VR. CA Section.

H. S. 9/6

C.C.

3.

I feel sure the C.C. will write to the Press to P.D. 1630

no reference should be made to the Press in the matter

Specimen incident which will not be discussed may well be used. Draft letter to AMQ for signature for C.C.'s

Signature

M. C. M.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
AFG 794

AG/14:91/4/PS

18 January 1947

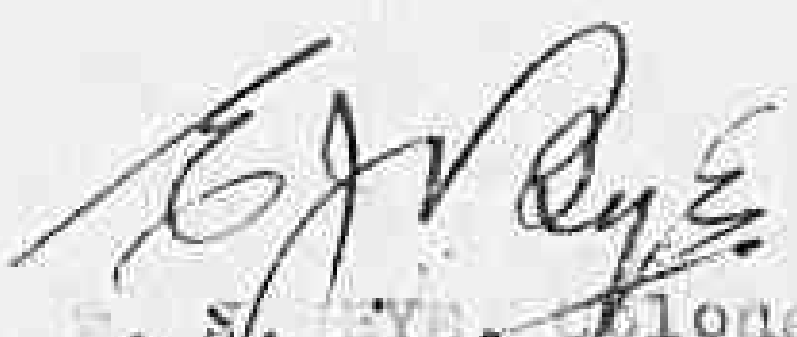
SUBJECT : Incident between English Officer
and P.S. agents at the Port of Venice.

TO : A.F.H.Q., G-5 Section.

1. The attached copy of report from the
Ministry of the Interior is forwarded to you for your
information and for such action as you may deem
appropriate.

2. May this Commission please be informed of
any action that may be taken.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,


E. S. EYS, Colonel
Director.

RLB/ae

44A

1 encl. H. 442/26158 dated 4 Jan. 46.

1630

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
PS General Direction

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18 JAN 1947

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N. 42/26158

4 January 1947.

SUBJECT : Incident between English officer and agents of the Italian Police in the port of Venice.

TO : Public Safety Division
Allied Commission - Rome.

For your information and for whatever action you may consider necessary to avoid the repeating of similar incidents, herewith is the following letter of the Prefettura of Venice dated 16th December 1946 n. 4151:

"From the P.S. Commissariato of the port of Venice I have received the following report:

"At about 23.00 hrs of the 11th inst. at the entrance to the port of S. Basilio, an English lieutenant, arriving there by car, in the company of two soldiers of the British Police, on duty in that area, began to stop and search workers who, upon completion of their day's work, were leaving the port area, assuming violent and threatening manners with a pistol, against them, in English, it is not known why.

Being illtreated for no reason at all, some of these workers, sure of finding some protection in the agent on duty at the entrance, approached the P.S. guard Giannella Mauro and the CC.FF. also on duty there, but the officer, perceiving their intention, all the more indignant, threatened the agents with his pistol, separating them from the others. *and*

A few minutes later, always by the same office, near the entrance, the PS guards Augeri, Ieterio and Sciliberto Giuseppe, in civilian clothes, were stopped, they had entered the S. Basilio port to go to their barracks which is situated in the S. Marta maritime zone.

In spite of the fact that they showed their identification cards upon request and that they were identified and recognised as PS Agents, they were ejected from the port enclosure by the a/m officer who accompanied them up to the entrance with pistol in hand.

The guards Dani Giovanni and Calza Romerio underwent the same treatment they, later, going there armed with muskets to patrol the 1st zone, were obliged to abandon their service as the other two guards and return to their barracks. Later on Giannella Mauro, with his colleagues Serio Vincenzo and Lorenzo Mario, all in uniform, as they were returning to their barracks at the end of their service, at the height of the oriental stores were blocked by the a/m officer who proceeding with their identification, following the names on the cards with the barrel of his pistol, full of fury for no reason at all, threatened to throw them into the water, but then, always pronouncing incomprehensible words, were let proceed to their barracks.

At about 1 o'clock, the port guard Bianchi Sergio, *in his section* in the 1st zone, was stopped at the height of the refrigerator, by the same officer, who asked for his personal documents which he unhesitatingly exhibited. He was equally menaced and then made proceed.

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Another port guard, Arnaldo Antonio, armed with a musket, on duty at the stores of Punto Franco, was instead ejected from the port enclosure of S. Basilio.

The officer seemed quite angry and the soldiers of the British police accompanying him, though silently disapproving his action, remained impassive.

Always in connection with the incidents verified from the 11th to the 12th inst. the G.C.F. Company Command refers that at the S. Basilio entrance there were, on duty that night, a finance guard, a PS agent and a member of the M.P., for the personal visit and checking of documents on persons leaving the port, as in that zone, the unloading of various goods belonging to the Allied Armed forces was taking place.

Shortly before midnight, an English Lieutenant, apparently drunk, went up to the entrance and joined the M.P. in effecting said control, and before agreeing upon the workers leaving the port, menaced them with bad words and violent pushes, raising unjust exceptions on the validity of their documents.

He pointed out that the patrol, made up of the appuntato Bragato Ferdinando and of the G.C.F. Cervellin ~~Martino~~ Alessandro, while passing through the S. Basilio entrance was brusquely stopped by the a/m Lieutenant, who grabbed Bragato by the collar, shook him, felt his pockets and then asked for his documents.

Bragato tried in vain to call the attention of the officer on his being a port police agent, and, in order to convince him better, took out his service roll, but the officer, with a rapid gesture ^{made} made him understand that he was not interested.

At this point the military deemed it necessary to show their respective identity cards, and the first to show his was Cervellin, but the officer, shaking him by the jacket, briefly searched him, checked his documents, and, in order to have him take off his cap, so as to compare his somatic features with those on the photograph, violently struck his cap, inasmuch as it partly fell off; such attitude was also assumed against the appuntato Bragato.

Numerous workers waiting to leave, were looking on at the scene which caused great resentment among the finance guards who, have expressed themselves by saying that, should similar facts take place again, they would, with difficulty, be able to control themselves from reacting.

The agents of the Italian police, upon the overpowering demeanour of the English officer, gave proof of exemplary discipline, which was, above all, very opportune, inasmuch as it avoided a possible conflict."

In reporting the above, I inform you that I have approached the competent Allied Authorities on the matter for the adoption of adequate and severe steps to be taken in order to avoid the repeating of similar incidents, and to take action against those responsible of the facts reported.

For the Minister

/s/ Ferrari 1630

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Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma, 4 Gennaio 1946

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Documento A.C.R. Ser. II^a

Prot. N. 242/26158 Allegati

*Risposta al Foglio del
Dir.*

OGGETTO Incidente fra ufficiale inglese ed Agenti di Polizia Italiana verificatosi al Porto di Venezia.

Per opportuna conoscenza e per quell'intervento che codesta Commissione riterrà del caso per evitare il ripetersi di incidenti del genere, si trascrive la seguente lettera della Prefettura di Venezia in data 16 dicembre 1946 n. 4151:

«Dal Commissariato di P.S. dello Scalo Marittimo di Venezia mi perviene il seguente rapporto:

«Verso le ore 23 dell'11 corrente, al varco di accesso nel Porto di S. Basilio, un tenente inglese, ivi sopraggiunto con un'automobile, accompagnato da due militari della polizia inglese di servizio in quella zona, incominciò a fermare ed a perquisire operai che, ad ultimato lavoro, si accingevano a lasciare la zona portuale, usando nei confronti di costoro modi violenti, e minacciandoli, in lingua inglese, non si sa di che cosa, con una pistola in pugno.

Vedendosi malmenati, senza alcuna ragione, alcuni di detti operai, sicuri di trovare nell'Agente di servizio al varco, una certa protezione, si rivolsero alla Guardia di P.S. Giannella Mauro ed alla Guardia di Finanza pure ivi di servizio, ma l'ufficiale, intuiva l'intenzione, più indignato che mai, minacciò con la pistola gli Agenti, appartandoli dagli altri.

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dal Commissariato di S. Maria

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Qualche momento dopo, sempre dallo stesso ufficiale, nei pressi del varco, vennero fermate le Guardie di P.S. Mangeri Letarfi e Sciliberto Giuseppe, in abito civile, le quali erano entrate nel varco di S. Basilio per raggiungere la loro caserma, che è situata a S. Marta, nella zona marittima.

Nonostante avessero esibito le tessere loro richieste e fossero stati identificati, e riconosciuti per Agenti di Polizia, furono espulsi dal recinto portuale, dal predetto ufficiale che li accompagnò fino al varco con la pistola in pugno.

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Eguale sorte subirono le Guardie Dani Giovanni e Calza Romerio, sopraggiunti successivamente armati di moschetto, per il servizio di pattuglia nella I^a zona, le quali, come le altre due Guardie, furono minacciosamente obbligate ad abbandonare il servizio, e a rientrare in caserma. Più tardi il Giannella Mauro, in compagnia dei colleghi Serio Vincenzo e di Lorenzo Mario, tutti e tre in divisa, che rientravano in caserma, a servizio ultimato, giunti all'altezza dei magazzini orientali furono bloccati dal predetto ufficiale il quale nel procedere alla loro identificazione, scorrendo i nomi segnati sulla tessera, con la canna della pistola, in preda al più vivo furore, senza alcun apparente motivo, li minacciò di buttarli in mare, ma poi, sempre pronunciando indecifrabili imprecazioni, furono fatti proseguire per raggiungere la caserma.

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L'ufficiale appariva alquanto alticcio ed i militari della polizia inglese che lo accompagnavano, pur disapprovando tacitamente il suo operato, rimasero impassibili.

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Poco prima della mezzanotte, si presentava al varco un tenente inglese in stato di ubriachezza il quale si unì all'agente della M.P. nell'eseguire il detto controllo, e prima di consentire l'uscita dal Porto agli operai, rivolgeva loro minacce ed impropri accompagnati da spintoni, e sollevando ingiuste eccezioni sulla validità dei do-

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cumenti esibiti.

Ha precisato che la pattuglia composta dall'appuntato Bragato Ferdinando e dal finanziere Cervellin Alessandro, che smontava dal servizio prestato al varco di Ponte Nuovo, mentre si accingeva ad uscire dal varco di S. Basilio, venne bruscamente fermato dal predetto tenente che efferava per il petto l'appuntato Bragato, lo scuoteva, gli palpava le tasche e quindi gli chiedeva i documenti.

Inutilmente il Bragato cercò di richiamare l'attenzione dell'ufficio le sulla sua qualità di agente di polizia di servizio nel Porto, e per maggiormente convincerlo gli esibiva il foglio volante di servizio, ma l'ufficiale, con un rapido significativo gesto, gli fece capire che non gli interessava.

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Da parte degli Agenti della Polizia Italiana, alla prepotenza dell'ufficiale inglese, è stato opposto un esemplare spirito di disciplina, che è stato quanto mai opportuno, in quanto ha evitato un possibile conflitto."

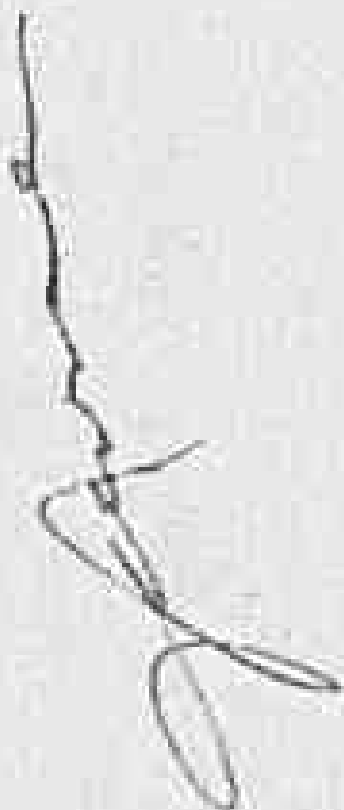
Nel segnalare quanto sopra informo di avere interessato la compe-

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tente Autorità Alleata per l'adozione di adeguate e severe misure
perchè incresciosi episodi del genere non abbiano più a verificarsi,
e a procedere a carico dei responsabili dei fatti segnalati."""

PER MINISTRO



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
APO 794

AC/14191/4/P3

16 December 1946

SUBJECT : Travel to Venezia Giulia.

TO : Venezia Giulia Police Force
AND Venezia Giulia.

The attached copies of telegram No. 95512 received at this Headquarters on the 13th December from "MISTAF" and reply thereto, No. 5808 dispatched on the 14th December are forwarded for information.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

H. J. Bye

H. J. BYE, Colonel
Director.

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General Vladimir Stoitcheff, Bulgarian Political representative to the United States in shortly Via Paris and Belgrade to Bulgaria. He has applied for a permit for Venezia Giulia. Can I be authorized to issue such a permit, and if not, to who should application be made.

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JOHN R. HAYES

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1. A physical examination of the barracks revealed that in one block the larger portion of the block is in good condition and is in use as sleeping quarters for the Carabinieri and Finanze Guards and also as offices for the Carabinieri and Agenti. This block is still in need of repairs but these are in hand and in this block are practically finished.

2. Only a few rooms of the other two blocks are habitable and these are used at present as living quarters for Agenti. The remaining rooms are in very poor shape and are unsuitable to house men in their present condition. Not only are all of the windows missing but also the windowframes and as I visited on a wet and miserable day the whole place was damp and cold; in many places pools of water had formed on the floor caused by recent rains that had driven in. The water pipes of the latrines and washing lavatories were nearly all broken and need replacement and in one room I found water and matter percolating through a hole in the ceiling and this on investigation proved to be urine and excrement from a latrine on the floor above.

3. I found workmen hard at work replacing window-frames and windows, repairing water pipes, latrines and broken floors. I spoke to the foreman in charge and asked how long the repairs would take and he informed me that it would be a month before the repairs were completed. He added however that they are working to a plan of completing one room at a time and immediately turning it over to Police for occupation and he assured me that in this way two rooms, which he showed me and which would house 50 men, would be ready for occupation by the 9th instant; others would be available in quick rotation.

4. The Captain i/c of the Agenti di F. told me that he had received strict instructions from the Questore not to wait until all the accommodation was available but to move in reinforcements as soon as separate rooms are finished and he assured me that this would be done.

8. I am satisfied that, although the Italian authorities have been tardy in putting the necessary repairs in hand, they are now working in good faith to get the work done and that the reinforcements will be provided as soon as conditions are suitable.

F. G. Green

F. G. GREEN, Lt. Colonel
for Director P.S. Division.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
PS General Direction1.2 DEC 1946
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7 December 1946.

N. 800/9807/A.8
141086

SUBJECT : Mestre - Police Division.
TO : Public Safety Division - A.C.

With reference to your letter AC/14191/4/PS of the 23/11/1946, this Ministry communicates that the Police Division of Mestre is gradually being strengthened according to the progress made on the works for the restoration of the barracks.

In fact, on the 6th inst. a further 50 elements have been transferred from Vicenza, thus bringing the strength of this same division up to 130 men.

Head of the Police
/s/ Ferrari.

Translation ac/

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Min. 172

Roma, 7 dicembre

1946

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLIATA

Divisione I.S.

R O M A

Divisione P.A.C. Sec.

Prot. N. 200/9807/1000
141086

Risposta al Foglio del 25.11.1946
Sec. A. C. 14151/4, P. S.

OGGETTO: Mestre= Reparto di Polizia-

In relazione alla nota suindicata si comunica che il Reparto di Polizia di Mestre viene rafforzato man mano che progrediscono i lavori per la sistemazione della caserma.

In data 6 c.m., infatti, vi sono stati trasferiti, da Vicenza, altri cinquanta elementi, portando così a 150 uomini la forza del reparto stesso.

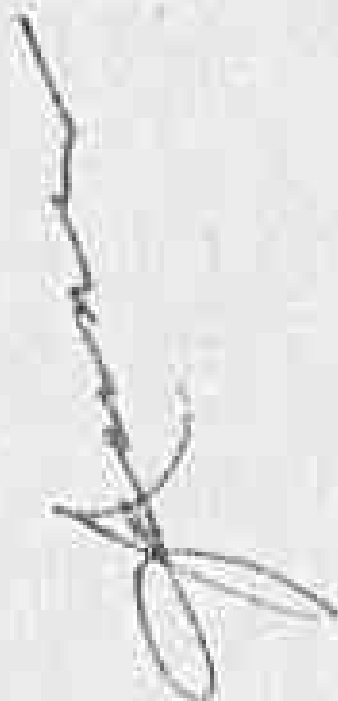
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14 DECEMBER 1945

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 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT SHOULD BE MADE TO ALLIED MILITARY
 GOVERNMENT VERONA GIULIA PD

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IMMEDIATE

Public Safety Div.

JOHN A. BAYNE
 Maj. AGO
 Adjutant

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P. G. DREW, Lt. Col. encl.

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P. Safety

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 95512

Message Centre No: H/8499

Date/Time of Origin: DEC. NPT

Date Time Rec'd: DEC. 13 NPT

FROM: MILSTAF

14/19/4

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

TO: ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION FROM MILITARY ATTACHE

RESTRICTED**RESTRICTED.**

General Vladimir Stoitcheff, Bulgarian Political representative to the United States in shortly Via Paris and Belgrade to Bulgaria.

He has applied for a permit for Venezia Giulia. Can I be authorised to issue such a permit, and if not, to who should application be made.

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23 1945

Copy to

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Situation and Service

9 DEC 1946
12191/4
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B. 716/54

E.P.

20 Nov. 1946

SUBJECT : Venice - Bomb exploded before the Communist
Party Office -

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety S/C
Rome

In Venice, at about 1850 on the 19 inst.,
unknown persons exploded a bomb before the Communist
Party Office in Dorsoduro. No casualties.

At the same time in the inner-yard of said
Party, an apple wrapped in a black handkerchief bearing
the "Fascio Littorio" was found.

Investigations are being made.

THE GENERAL COMMANDER
B. Breda

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 716/54 di prot. R.P. Roma, li 20 novembre 1946

Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Venezia - Scoppio di un ordigno esplosivo davanti la sezione del partito comunista.--

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

In Venezia, alle ore 18,50 del 19 corrente, sconosciuti fecero scoppiare, senza conseguenze, un ordigno esplosivo davanti la sede della sezione del partito comunista di

Dorsoduro.

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Indagasi.-

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

-Brunetto Brunetti-

Brunetti

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

To Public Safety div.

The Executive Commissioner directs
that you take action on the attached cable.

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C. S. O. to G. C.

14, 12, 46.

TO ALCON ALCON

6 December 1946

ALCON PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OFFICER 86 AREA CDP

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ABLE FOR NOW QUEEN REQUESTS LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE CONTACT GEORGE BRACKET
OPERATIONS BRACKET GEORGE NOW QUEEN DURING VISIT MESSAGE PD ACKNOWLEDGE PD

ROUTINE

Public Safety Division

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A. E. ELLIS, Capt.

JOHN R. HAYES
Major
Adjutant

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **EX 73572**
 Date/Time of Origin: **DEC. 04.1935**

Message Centre No.: **11/8367**
 Date Time Rec'd: **DEC. 06.1030**
 Precedence: **ROUTINE**

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 FROM: **AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED CITE ~~XXXX~~ FHGOT**
 TO : **AUSCOM INFO GHQ CMZ**

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REFERENCE PARA 4 YOUR 5673 OF 2 DECEMBER:
 REQUEST OFFICER CONTACTS G (OPERATIONS) GHQ DURING VISIT TO MESTRE

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P. SAFETY

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Originator's Reference: PSL02

Date/Time of Origin: DEC 031600

Message Centre No: E/8314

Date Time Rec'd: DEC 041000

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ 86 AREA

TO : HQ ALCON PS DIV

5 DEC 1945
14191 4/2

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Subject Ex Regina Elena barracks Messrs. Numbers of Italian Police occupying at this date are Carabinieri 2 Offrs and 116 Ors but only 80 present Agents of PS 1-80 Finance Guards 1-70.

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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WORKS REGIONAL SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE VENICE
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WILL BE GRADUALLY TRANSFERRED AS SOON AS THE WORKS FOR THE
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FOR MRG CORSI

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di recapito Rimesso al fattorino alle ore
Nulla è dovuto al fattorino per recapito. Il lettere rim.
ricevuta stampi quando è incaricato di una ricezione.

COMANDO SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEAT

P S ROMA =

V. Viret

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ALCOM HQ ACPSE

DECEMBER
2 NOVEMBER 1946

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SUBJECT IS ITALIAN POLICE MESTRE PD
PARA ONE PD REUR FOX XRAY SEVEN THREE THREE FIVE ZERO
NOVEMBER TWO ONE PD
PARA TWO PD ASSURANCE RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
THAT REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT PD
PARA THREE PD IMPOSSIBLE TO SEND FULL NUMBER UNTIL CERTAIN
REPAIRS EFFECTED TO BARRACKS PD THIS MATTER IS IN HAND BY
INSPECTOR GENERAL ITALIAN POLICE PD
PARA FOUR PD AN OFFICER THIS HEADQUARTERS VISITING MESTRE
SHORTLY WILL INVESTIGATE PROGRESS AND REPORT FULLY PD

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ROUTINE

Public Safety S/C

H. Green

F.G. GREEN, Lt.Colonel.

JOHN R. HAYES
Maj. AGD
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
APO 794

AC/14191/4/PS

23 November 1946.

by hand of P. Rodriguez 12/4

SUBJECT : Italian Police Mestre.
TO : Ministry of the Interior
Director General of P.S.

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1. Reference this Hq. letters AC/14191/4/PS of 2nd Sept. and 30th Sept., and 3631/126 E.O. of 24th Sept. *— 46^a*
 2. On 4th October 1946 accommodation at Mestre with capacity for 600 Civil Police was handed over to the Ministry of Interior by the Allied Authorities in order to house 500 Police re-inforcements for duty in the area.
 3. So far only 50 Public Safety Agents, 100 O.C.R.N. and 60 G.S.F. have arrived.
 4. It will be remembered that it was agreed by your Ministry that 500 re-inforcements would be sent to the area immediately accommodation was released by the Allied Military Authorities.
May this promise be fulfilled with the least possible delay please, and this Commission notified of the date the additional re-inforcements will arrive at Mestre.
 5. It would be appreciated if this request could be treated as very urgent.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Copy to G.H.Q.

sent 23/4

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E.J. Hyslop
E.J. Hyslop Colonel
Director.

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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHCCT
ACTION - ALCOM - INFO - CHO GMS.

~~SECRET~~

Subject is Italian Police-Mestre.

Para 1.-- Ref.your 4814 of 31 August. In para 4 of that signal you stated that 500 public security agents were immediately available for duty in Venezia but no accommodation was available.

Para2.- On 4 October 1946 such accommodation with capacity for 600 was handed over to Italian Ministry of Interior for use of police.

Para 3.- At present only 50 public security agents 100 Carabinieri and 60 finance guards. Totalling 210 have arrived.

Para 4. - Understand that Italian authorities propose to move in a further 100 Carabinieri and 150 public security agents bring total to 460 however ~~xxxxxxxextra police have failed to materialize~~ in spite of repeated reminders from British Military Authority in area these extra police have failed to materialize.

Para5.- In view of your previous assurance that 500 police ~~XXXXXX~~ were available and that the Venice area still requires these additional police you are requested to press the Italian Government to make good their promise and provide this total number ie (500

6. Please send copy to General HQ and inform this HQ on which date they will arrive in Venice

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ACT: ~~BN-CGM~~ *PS*

INFO: C/ COMM

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NOV 22 1946

Translation by M.O.

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CO. RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

18 NOV 1946
14191/4
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Rome, 12/11/46

Nr. 970/2

To : ALLIED COMMISSION
P.S. Sub Commission

R.O.M.E.

SUBJECT : BARDOLINO (Verona). Demonstration against the CO. RR.'s.

At BARDOLINO (Verona), on the afternoon of the 11th inst., the local CO. RR.'s arrested BARDOLINO Giuseppe, who had repeatedly yelled "Death to the Carabinieri".

Shortly after, about 60 persons gathered in front of the local CO. RR. Barracks, asking for the immediate release of BARDOLINO and threatening to break into the premises.

Reinforcement were immediately requested by phone, but as they arrived the demonstrators had already broken up.

While the said reinforcements were returning to their Commands on board of a truck, unknown individuals discharged against them two pistol shots, without any consequences.

The CO. RR.'s shot back, killing a certain FERRINO Mansueto.

Three more persons were arrested and an automatic pistol was sequestered.

The General Commander

sgt/ B. VERONESI

Receiv. and Transl. 15/11/46 mb.



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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 570/2 di prot. Roma, li 12 novembre 1966
 Risposta al " del " Allegato "

OGGETTO: Bardolino (Verona) - Manifestazione ostile ai carabinieri.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA P.S.

R O M A

In Bardolino (Verona), verso le ore 2 dell'11 corrente, i carabinieri si sono presentati a Bardolino. Il signor Giuseppe Sorprese a gridare ripetutamente "abbasso i carabinieri".

Fino dopo, una sessantina di persone si riunirono davanti la loca le caserma dell'Arma restando la liberazione del detenute e minacce, in caso contrario, di assalire i locali.

Richiesti telefonicamente, carabinieri di rinforzo giunsero sul posto, ove nel frattempo i dimostranti si erano sciolti.

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I militari dell'Arma reagirono con raffiche di mitra in direzione di due persone che, scese dall'autovettura, si dettero alla fuga.

Rimane ucciso certo ~~MARINO~~ ¹⁰⁰ ~~MANUATO~~.

Arrestate oltre tre persone che erano a bordo dell'autovettura e sequestrate una pistola, automatica.

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

"Brunetto Brunetti"

Brunetti

CC. RR. GENERAL GUARD *E.*

N. 230/37-1

14 NOV 1946

14191/4

10 November 1946.

SUBJECT : Orisolera (Venice) - arrest of a German P.O.W. and Italian civilians for illicit commerce of rationed goods.

TO : Public Safety S/C A.C.

In Orisolera (Venice), during the 1st inst. the CC. RR. arrested the German P.O.W. Name Milkianl, of the 640 camp of Treviso, Sanoli Teresa and Ventanova Lina, who had just bought 15 quintals of flour and 6 of Indian corn clandestinely from the miller Bruscolo Eugenio, also arrested.

The flour and the Allied vehicle L. 473214 were confiscated.

In the circumstance, the German P.O.W. Meloff, of the same camp 640, who had tried to escape with the same vehicle, ended in a ditch and was seriously injured, dying shortly afterwards.

In the course of a search made in the house of Robbiano Maria, Bruscolo's mother, 50 litres of petrol, bought clandestinely were confiscated, 50.000 lire given in advance for the flour, besides jewelry worth 100.000 lire, deposited by Sanoli as guarantee for the cost of 102.000 lire.

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Commanding General
/s/ Brunetti.

Translation ac/

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 230/37-I di prot.

Roma, li 10 novembre 1946

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Crisolera (Venezia) - arresto di un prigioniero di guerra tedesco e di civili italiani per commercio illecito di generi contingentati.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - sottocommissione per la P.S.-

R O M A

In Crisolera (Venezia), la notte sul 1° corrente, i carabinieri arrestarono il prigioniero di guerra tedesco Name Milkianl, del campo 610 di Treviso, Sanoli Teresa e Ventanova Lina, i quali poco prima avevano acquistato clandestinamente 15 quintali di farina di grano e 6 di granturco dal mugnaio Brussolo Eugenio, pure arrestato.-

sequestrati la farina e l'automezzo alleato L. 473214, sul quale era stata caricata.-

Nella circostanza, il prigioniero di guerra tedesco Meloff, dello stesso campo 610, che aveva tentato di fuggire con l'automezzo, andò a finire in un fossato e rimasto gravemente ferito, decedette poco dopo.-

Nel corso di una perquisizione operata nell'abitazione di Bobbiano Maria, madre del Brussolo, furono sequestrati 50 litri di benzina, acquistati clandestinamente, 50 mila lire date in anticipo sull'importo della farina, nonché gioielli per un valore di 100 mila lire, depositati dalla Sanoli come ga-

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ranzia dell'importo totale di 102 mila lire.--

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Brunetto Brunetti -

Brunetti

Ref: 3631/143/EC

29 October, 1946.

SUBJECT: Disorders in MESTRE.

TO : G.H.Q., C.M.F.

Reference is made to previous correspondence on this subject.

Quoted for your information is an extract from letter dated 20 October 1946 from the Italian Government to this Commission on this subject:

"With reference to your kind communications, made with notes 24 September and 7 October 1946 under No. 3631/EC with regard to the derequisition by the Allied Military Command of some barracks in Mestre, I am pleased to assure you that instructions have been given at once to the Prefect of Venice for the occupation of said Barracks for the accommodation of active police forces already in Mestre and who were accommodated in emergency premises.

Said forces amount to 200 Carabinieri and 100 P.S. Guards and are certainly considered sufficient for the maintenance of public order in the city.

Besides, in case of necessity and at a simple telephone request other Police forces detached in Padua can be sent to Mestre."

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Allied Commission Liaison Officer
86 Area.

" Public Safety Division.

TRANSLATION

THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

Rome, 20 October 1946.

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Renewing my thanks for your kind interest in the matter, I remain with best regards,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

EC DIST - 26/10/46

ACTION - EC

INFO - CC

- P.S. S/C -

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Recd: 28/10

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 794

AG/114191/4/PS

19 October 1946

SUBJECT : Accommodation for Police in Mestre.

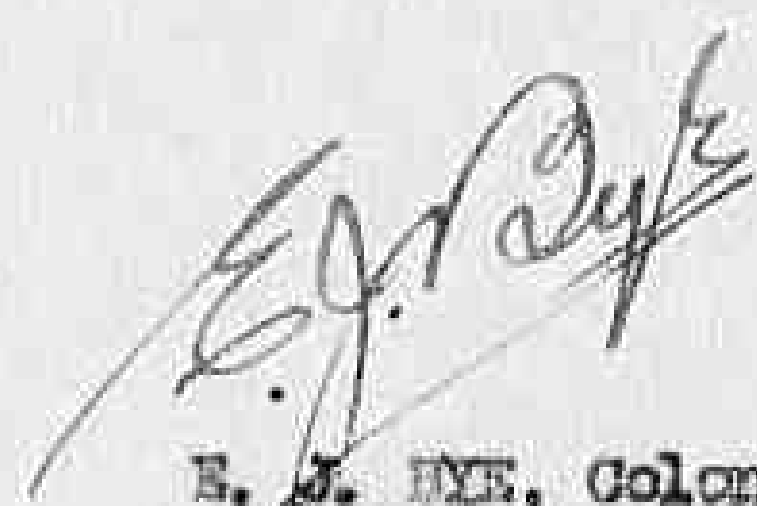
TO : Ministry of Interior,
Director General of P.S.

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1. Reference is made to this Commission's letter of even reference dated 30th Sept.
2. Information has now been received from the Public Safety Liaison Officer, 86 Area, that the CC.RR. Barracks at Mestre are now ready for occupation.
3. 100 CC.RR. have already moved in and the P.S. reinforcements are awaited.
4. Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

EJB/ao



E. J. EYE, Colonel
Acting Director.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

ADPS *[Signature]* 54A

Ref: 3631/135/EC

7 October 1946

Recd 8/10

10/19/46

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

SSA
I acknowledge with thanks your unnumbered letter dated 18 Sept 46 on the subject of accommodation for the Police Agencies in the Mestre Area.

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As you will have seen from my letter no. 3631/132/EC dated 3 Oct. the Carabinieri Barracks in Mestre are being made available and I trust that this will assist your local authorities in the policing of that area.

Yours very truly,

Is/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

Copy to : P.S. S/C
C.C.

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ADPS-

3 October 1946

Recd 8/10

Ref: 3631/132/EC

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to my letter no. 3631/126/EC dated 24 September 46 regarding accommodation for additional Police in MESTRE.

I have now been advised that the Carabinieri barracks referred to will be available from 7 October 46 and your local authorities are being asked to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

Rome, 18 September 1946.

Dear Admiral,

With reference to our conversation regarding the situation which has arisen in Mestre in consequence of the unpleasant incidents that unfortunately took place in these last weeks, I confirm to you that, owing also to pressures made by the Allied Subcommission, steps have at once been taken to increase adequately the Police Forces stationed there by sending 220 men, partly carabinieri and partly guards.

Besides, it has been arranged that another congruous number of men be kept in readiness in Padua in order to be sent to Mestre as soon as requested by telephone.

The difficulties for the maintenance of permanent larger police forces in Mestre are due to the lack of accommodation facilities. In fact, it has so far not been possible to obtain from the Ministry of War the use of the "Manin" barracks in Venice - where at present are the premises of the Military District which previously always resided in Mestre - because the clearance of the barracks is subordinated to the release, by Allied Authorities, of the former premises of the Mestre District.

I submit therefore to your particular consideration such state of affairs, so that you may kindly examine the possibility of obtaining from the Allied Authorities the release of the premises they occupy in Mestre, in order to allow the permanent accommodation of the police forces, as requested by the Allied Subcommission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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2 October 1946

SUBJECT : Reports.

TO : Allied Commission Liaison Officer
86 Area,
Attn: Public Safety Liaison Officer.

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The attached copy of a report by Inspector General of P.S., Dott. Gesualdo Barletta, is forwarded for your information.

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E. J. EYE, Colonel
Acting Director.

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(Translation M.B.)

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 29/9/46

Nr. 72/I7-2

To : ALLIED COMMISSION
P.S. Sub CommissionR O M E

SUBJECT : ROVIGO. Movement of former Partisans.

Follows note 72/I7 R.P. dated 28/9/46.

At ROVIGO, on the 27th inst., during a meeting at the Seat of the local Prefecture, the Committee of that section of the "National Movement of Partisans" declared that its members had no intention whatever to cause disorders, as they only want to fulfil, on an agreement with the local Authorities, the main points of their programme.

The P.S. summoned the ex-Fascist elements not to assume a provoking attitude.

The General Commander

sgd/ BRUNETTO BRUNETTI

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 72/17-2 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 23 settembre 1946

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Rovigo -- Agitazione di ex partigiani.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ARREATA

- Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza -

R O M A

En seguito al foglio 72/17 R.P. del 23.9.1946.

In Rovigo, il 27 corrente, durante una riunione nella sede della prefettura, il comitato della locale sezione dell'associazione nazionale partigiani, promotore del noto manifesto, assicurò che esso non avrebbe prodotto perturbamenti all'ordine pubblico, perché aveva soltanto lo scopo di ottenere, di accordo con le locali autorità, l'attuazione dei primi quattro punti del programma.

La P.S. diffidò gli elementi ex fascisti a non assumere atteggiamenti provocanti.

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Renato Brunetti -

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TO H. E. THE CHIEF OF POLICE,
ROME.

The calm has returned in Mestre after the disorders of the 10th of this month, when some demonstrators succeeded in breaking into the local Police station and getting hold of some weapons, later recovered, of some handgrenades and of about 10 explosive fountain-pens which were deposited in a small room of the station.

A state of unrest, however, still prevails, owing to different causes and precisely unemployment, high cost of living, scarcity of housing facilities, behaviour very often provoking of Allied troops.

Unemployment.

In the territory of Marghera and Mestre, there are over 5,000 unemployed. Allied authorities have requisitioned in Marghera 25 plants out of the 85 there existing. Of the 60 plants left, only some are working owing to the shortage of raw material. In Mestre, owing to the personal initiative of the Prefect and the City Administration, a program of public works has been put into operation, which will absorb a few hundreds unemployed. More unemployed will be employed, it is hoped, within a few weeks, when a 30 million program of public works will be put into operation by the Consorzio Mestre-Campalto.

Although these programmes will not absorb the entire number of unemployed, the unemployment situation will be greatly relieved and one of the main causes of unrestness will be at least partially eliminated.

High cost of living.

Cost of living in the commune of Venice, which includes the boroughs of Marghera and Mestre, the latter with a population of over 80,000, is very high on account of the presence of many allied soldiers who, even if they give increment to petty commerce, push prices sky high owing to their greater buying power in respect of the local population. Workers' families and generally families with a fixed income are those who most feel the difficulties caused by the increase in prices as they cannot even satisfy their barest daily necessities.

Unrest owing to insufficiency of housing facilities.

In Mestre there are many houses damaged by the war. The Allies have requisitioned many more premises of private and public property, in which the 1,200 homeless families could have found shelter. These families, instead, have been compelled to emigrate to various parties of Venezia Region, some of them very far away from Venice and Mestre where their relatives still reside. Actually the Allies occupy in Mestre 8 barracks, 3 schools and other public buildings, 2 cinemas, 2 large garages, 5 private mansions, to a total of 130 rooms, 8 villas with an indefinite number of rooms, 113 rooms furnished or unfurnished in apartments inhabited by private citizens, 340,485 square metres of privately owned land have furthermore been requisitioned.

Shortage of houses is acutely felt by the population and there is not one single family who has not been compelled to sacrifice part of their house to give shelter to homeless relatives and friends or to allied military personnel. Furthermore the occupation of all public schools has impeded the reopening of elementary schools, closed for the past two years, causing anxiety to the parents who are not unduly worrying for the future of their children.

Behaviour of allied troops.

The behaviour of Allied troops is certainly not ⁵⁹ sympathetic and friendly towards the civilian population;

very often it has been such as to provoke resentment and ill-feeling which exploded, as it is known, in a violent outburst the evening of the 24th August. That evening raging quarrels broke out in Piazza Ferreto and Piazza 28 Ottobre when about 150 allied soldiers assaulted and severely clubbed peaceful civilians and compelled, by threats, women and children to withdraw to their houses. The souvenir of these facts is still fresh in the memory of the population of Mestre, as also vivid is the regret for the two innocent victims who found tragic death during the disorders.

The facts which I have above outlined and others of minor importance are the leaven which maintain the population in continuous agitation. It is possible that, ~~of~~ this state of things, uncontrolled elements have taken or might in future take advantage for subversive purposes. To identify these elements, if there are any, it is certainly not an easy task as in Mestre, a very important railway and traffic junction, many people convene daily for various motives from all parts of Veneto and Venezia Giulia and many are lodged in private houses over which it is materially impossible to exercise an efficient supervision. However the Commissario in charge of the local Police station and the Officer commanding the Carabinieri company, earnestly requested by me, have undertaken the most extensive enquiry to ascertain whether the disorders of the 10 inst. have been provoked by Agents who have the task to subvert public order and to create difficulties to public authorities. They have also undertaken to exercise, as far as possible, supervision over strangers and suspicious persons. It is however clear that if all the motives of the ill-feeling of the population could be eliminated or at least attenuated, these agents would not find many supporters.

Such being the situation, which I repeat is not comforting, and bearing in mind that the territory Mestre-Marghera, after the transfer to Padova of the G.H.Q. of Mediterranean Allied Force, assumes a special importance to the Allies, it is necessary to strengthen all police arrangements to ensure public safety and order. To this end I have very closely studied on the spot, together with Vice Questore Dott. Mazzoni, the problem of finding barracks for the reinforcements sent by the Ministry. I am glad to inform Your Excellency that this

problem, rendered so difficult by the lack of convenient premises and the denial opposed by the Allies to derequisition at least one of the barracks occupied by them, is now solved.

As a matter of fact the first Company of the Carabinieri Mobile Battalion of Padova, which have been temporarily lodged in unsuitable and unhealthy premises, will be transferred within the next few days to a dance hall recently built where all the men will find suitable accommodation; sufficient rooms will be used for offices and officers and mobile kitchens, already sent there, will provide the food.

A small strip of land will be requisitioned nearby and, with the assistance of the Pro-sindaco of Mestre and the owner of this land, a pavilion will be constructed to recover the transports and 2 armoured cars.

Also the 50 agents of the mobile battalion of Padova have found convenient accommodation in the premises of the soldiers' club, located in the centre of the city, opposite the P.S. Station. These premises could take in 30 more men if double beds could be supplied.

The only drawback of these premises is the lack of a kitchen. Therefore the men have to cover daily eight kilometers on foot to get their meals twice a day at Carpenedo, where their mess has been located in a school actually occupied by refugees from Venezia Giulia.

This drawback however will be eliminated within the next few days because the Prefect has already requisitioned a small restaurant near the soldiers' club, which was a known gathering centre of prostitutes, black market operators, and generally of criminals and had to be closed down for reasons of public order. These premises will therefore be used for the mess of this unit. To ensure a rapid employment of this unit, it is necessary that the commanding officer be immediately supplied with a light truck.

Public Safety Office of Mestre.

It is located on first floor of a building in the main square of the city. On the second floor have found lodgement twelve agents out of the 41 constituting the organic strength of the station. The Questore has outlined to me the opportunity that these premises be

vacated and assigned as private lodging to the official in charge of the office so that he could be relieved of the great anxiety of finding an apartment in a town where this task is next to impossible to accomplish. I support the proposal of the Questore inasmuch as the 12 Agents who are now occupying said premises could be accommodated at the soldiers' club where there would still be place for other 18 Agents if it is decided, as I strongly recommend it, to bring up to 60 men the organic strength of the station. The gathering together of all men in the same barracks would result in a better discipline as they would always be under the direct supervision of an officer and furthermore their arms would be more safely guarded than they are at present in a small room located in the hall of the police station easily accessible to the public as it was experienced on the afternoon of the 10 instant.

Speaking of the P.S. Office, may I be allowed to propose to Your Excellency that, as this office has gained to-day a greater importance owing to the increased allied traffic, its director should be an official with a rank not below the 8th (*) in possession of the necessary requisites of honesty and efficiency, particularly in the field of public order. He should have under his orders not less than two officials whose presence there is absolutely necessary to ensure all police arrangements and to cope from the start with any situation that might arise in the streets. It is suggested that the whole of police officers (Carabinieri and P.S. Agents) now dislocated there should be permanently stationed there to guarantee public order.

Public Safety Office at Marghera.

Also this office is rather important, not only because the Allies have set up in that area large deposits of various stocks - Army Depots - but also because in the industrial zone there are 85 establishments and factories, 25 of which having been, as I have said, requisitioned by the Allies. Only 20 agents (5 of them in barracks) are attached to the office so that there is no possibility to perform day or night patrolling. Innumerable thefts therefore occur and huge quantities of material are almost daily robbed from the factories and even from the Allies' deposits.

(*) N. of T.: equivalent to army rank of major.

It is absolutely necessary to have there at least a hundred of well selected agents. Also here the problem arises to find suitable accommodations for them owing to the extensive destructions caused by the war.

I thought that the big industrials of the zone could help us in solving this problem and have contacted Dr. Gallo, President of the Union of Industrials of Marghera to whom I also introduced Vice Questore Dr. Mazzoni. Dr. Gallo promised to do his best to find suitable accommodation for the agents free of charge and when he will inform Dr. Mazzoni of the results of his action, Your Excellency may order the transfer of the 100 P.S. Agents to Marghera, should my proposal be met with your approval.

The Questore has told me that the Ministry intends to transfer all the personnel of the office to the new office about to be opened in the harbour zone and to entrust the vigilance of the town and of the industrial zone to the P.S. Office of Mestre. I don't know whether this is true or not. Should it be true, I would ask Your Excellency to suspend such decision and to maintain the P.S. Office in Marghera where, for the motives already outlined before, not only the continuous presence of a P.S. Official is necessary but also the strength of the Police force must be increased of 100 additional men, as also the local Carabinieri station is greatly undermanned.

During my short stay in Venice I have also visited the P.S. Office at Chioggia and the conditions of the barracks where the Agents are accommodated. Here are the results of my visit:

The Office occupies few rooms on the ground floor of a building, the property of the City Administration, which is also the seat for the Telephone Company, the Section of the Communist Party, the Veterans Association, etc. Aside from the consideration that the premises are absolutely insufficient, so much so that the archives have been located in the cellar, they are at street level so that all passers by can observe through the windows what happens inside and even listen to the conversations and telephone calls. Furthermore there isn't any convenient recess for the safe custody of the arms, most of them automatic weapons, and they are kept in the room of the N.C.O. commanding the station, to which the public has

access daily and may easily get hold of them. No better custody has been possible to find for the two petrol drums, containing the fuel for the Police motor-boats, and they are at present situated in the hall outside the office, open to the general public.

Of the 24 Agents attached to the station, 13 are quartered in a building on the island of San Domenico together with three of four families of refugees, living in very unhealthy conditions.

The access to the building is through a small bridge which can be easily interrupted so that the agents could be immediately isolated and rendered powerless to intervene.

The offices and the agents could instead be conveniently located in a building, which is Government property, formerly occupied by the National Republican Guard and where now the Tax Office occupies a few rooms with an independent entrance, provided of course that some repair works be undertaken in the premises.

The Prefecture has already requested the Provincial Finance Office for the disponibility of this building but has met with opposition as it is intended to use part as a seat for customs and part as private dwellings for the employees.

The Customs Offices however could be located instead in the building where the agents are actually, which is more suitable to the purpose because is in the harbour zone and quite close to the Finance Guards barracks. The City Administration would gladly offer it for this purpose and it could be used entirely as, within two or three months, the families of refugees who are now living there will be transferred in the new houses which are being built by the City Administration.

The Ministry of Finance should therefore be contacted immediately and requested to grant the use of the above mentioned barracks of the National Republican Guard where it would be possible to locate not only the seat of the P.S. Office and the agents attached to the office actually quartered at San Domenico, but also an additional 50 agents which should be sent as soon as possible to Chioggia, which has become a very important centre for the heavy traffic of cereals and arms being largely smuggled between the two shores. 1580

As far as the organization of the office is concerned, I have found here the same fault that I found in the offices of Mestre and Marghera, that is the almost complete inefficiency of the files and card indexes which, if kept in good order and always up to date, would be a great help for the political and criminal investigations.

In the Office of Chioggia many file indexes have been filed in but as they have been improperly filed, consultation is not easy nor speedy. Furthermore the personnel is not properly trained for this work.

I would suggest therefore that a properly trained clerk be sent there temporarily to organize this particular branch of work which could later on be put under the personal supervision of the head of the office.

Although not specifically instructed, whilst in Venice I deemed convenient to inspect, in the company of the Questore, the conditions under which Public Safety Agents of Venice have been quartered, also in view of the increase in strength which will be carried out in the near future.

At present 80 guards are quartered in the "Cornoldi" barracks and 120 in some premises of the "Manin" barracks, mainly occupied by the headquarters of the military district. The Prefecture has already made steps to obtain the whole of the Manin barracks, which have a capacity for 700 men, but these steps have come to a dead lock because, while the Allies are willing to return to the military district a public school building in Camp San Provolo, our military authorities would instead obtain the "Regina Elena" barracks of Mestre which the Allies are not prepared to release.

A superior intervention, that is from the Ministry of War, could help to overcome this dead lock and nothing would please more the Allied authorities who, as the Questore has told me, believe that our military authorities are finding excuses not to release the Manin barracks.

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Should these barracks be obtained; I do not think that all the agents should be concentrated there if in case of necessity the men should be dislocated and employed with the maximum speed. In fact, owing to the particular topography of the city of Venice, which does not allow a prompt dislocation of forces from one section to another of the city, I should consider more convenient to divide the city into three districts and assign to each district an adequate number of men with whom it should be possible to cope immediately with any attempt of disturbing public order, demonstrations, strikes, etc. The Questore shares my opinion. To realize it, it would be necessary to obtain the premises at Tolentini actually occupied by the Venezia Giulia refugees. These could be located, and may be more properly, in other centres of Venezia Province or in other province. To this end steps could be made at the Ministry of Post-War Assistance which is now entrusted with the assistance of the Venezia Giulia refugees.

If the force could be adequately divided and conveniently dislocated in the Cornoldi, Manin and Tolentini barracks, public order could be safeguarded and maintained in all sections of the city.

In the mean time, it is absolutely necessary to give immediately to the Questura a speedy motor boat capable to transport at least 50 men so that reinforcements could be speedily sent throughout the city where the need for them arises, whereas this is to-day practically impossible.

Finally I beg leave to insist that you accept entirely the proposal of the Prefect of Venice, submitted in his letter of the 20th July 1946, N. 01012 PS, to the Ministry, that the organic strength of the Agents of P.S. in that Province, be increased as the action of the Police ^{will} be vigilant and continuous owing to the proximity of the Province to the border and the presence there of a conspicuous number of Allied troops after the transfer to Padua of the Supreme Command of the Mediterranean Forces.

Rome, 20 September 1946

(signed)
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF P.S.
Dott. Gesualdo Barletta

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ROME 28/9/46

GENERAL COMMAND OF THE ARMA

n. 72/17 R.P.

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
P/S Sub-CommissionR O M E

14/11/4

SUBJECT : Rovigo - Agitation of ex-partisans.-

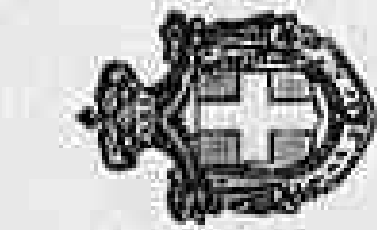
In ROVIGO and province, at 1 p.m. of the 26th ult. the local section of the National Association of Partisans ordered bill-postings containing threats of serious agitations if, within 10 days, measures would not be taken to place under vigilance all fascists liberated from jail or otherwise condoned, and to put out from the offices all persons having a fascist past, to revision feminine jobs, and construction of houses by industrialists and merchants.

They also ask for the application of prices fixed by authority extended to all Italy, the death penalty for starvers of the people, the suppression of wages and of gratuities to those epurated, and the immediate application of the law regarding the profits of the fascist regime.-

THE COMMANDING GENERAL
/s/ Brunetto Brunetti.

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 72/17
Risposta al

di prot. R.P.
del

Roma, li

28 settembre 1946
Allegati n.

Rec. 30/9

OGGETTO:

Rovigo - Agitazione di ex partigiani. =

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

In Rovigo e provincia, alle ore 13 del 26 corrente, la sezione locale dell'Associazione Nazionale Partigiani fece affiggere manifesti in cui si minaccia una grave agitazione se, entro dieci giorni, non si sarà provveduto a porre sotto vigilanza i fascisti usciti dal carcere o amnistiati, ed espellere dagli uffici le persone di passato fascista, alla revisione degli impieghi femminili e alla costruzione delle case da parte di industriali e commercianti.

Si chiede inoltre l'applicazione del calmiera per tutta l'Italia, la pena di morte per gli affamatori del popolo, la sospensione degli stipendi e delle gratifiche agli epurati, nonché l'applicazione immediata della legge relativa ai profitti del regime. =

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IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

-Brunetto Brunetti-

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COMMANDING GENERAL CC.RR.

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N. 89/133-2 R.P.

16 Sept. 46.

SUBJECT : Requisitioning of houses by the Allies in Venice and Province.

Recd. 18/10

TO : Minister of the Interior - ROJE
and for info
President of the Council of Ministers
Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Minister of Industry and Commerce
Ministry of Interior, P.S. Dir.Gen.

14/10/46
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The Allied Military Authorities have requisitioned, on various occasions, the under-mentioned hotels, boarding-houses, apartments and single rooms, in Venice and various centres of the province.

Especially in Mestre and Marghera, where, due to air-raids, a great many public and private buildings have been destroyed and badly damaged, (almost half of those existing prior to the war events) the requisitionings effected by the Allies have created strong discontent amongst the people, the majority workers, who have had to find shelter either in dark, anti-hygienic and unsuitable premises or have been absolutely obliged to transfer themselves into the country thus having to cycle several kilometres every day, in order to go to work in the various establishments of the industrial area of Marghera.

In Venice, there is also a strong sense of ill-feeling amongst the people, owing to the requisitionings which have determined great scarcity in lodgings and houses in so far as the communal authorities have had to issue dispositions limiting immigration.

The state of discontent is so wide spread and felt because the Allies are accustomed to requisition many public and private buildings even though not required immediately, solely to be able to face any eventual or sudden future exigencies of a military nature.

Requisitionings effected in Venice and Lido

- 55 Hotels and boarding-houses - 2.575 rooms in all
- 108 Private apartments - 1.018 " " "
- 62 Rooms in private houses only partially requisitioned.
- 6 Public offices, schools etc.

Requisitionings effected in Mestre and Marghera

- 8 Military Barracks of the Italian Army with an undetermined number of premises.
- 3 Schools and other public civilian offices with an undetermined number of premises.
- 2 Hotels and boarding-houses with almost 100 rooms in all.
- 1 Cinema (ground floor hall and basement hall).
- 2 Garages, one having three large halls, a large hut, 90 divisions and 300 sq bare land and the other with one sole huge workshop and land for parking.

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- 3 Civil buildings for abode with 55 rooms in all (Marghera).
- 5 Villas with 113 rooms in all.
- 8 Villas with an undetermined number of rooms.
- 133 Rooms requisitioned in apartments and buildings owned by private individuals adopted as civil abodes.
- 340.485 mq of ground requisitioned from civilians.

Requisitionings effected in the commune of Scorzè

A villa with 40 rooms and 400 mq of ground, property of Count Cornestabile della Staffa.

Requisitionings effected in the commune of Mirano

A villa composed of 70 rooms and 3000 mq of ground, property of Grimani.

A villa composed of 23 rooms and 5350 mq of ground, property of Babisera.

A villa composed of 12 rooms and 300 mq of ground, property of Sacerdoti.

Requisitionings effected in the commune of Dolo

A villa with an undetermined number of rooms and 7770 mq of ground, property of Fattoretto Ulderico from Dolo.

A villa with an undetermined number of rooms and 4373 mq of ground property of Mioni Filippo from Dolo.

Requisitionings effected in the commune of Mira

3 villas with an undetermined number of rooms, with 2203 mq of ground, owned respectively by Avv. Lanza Anilcare, from Milan, Count Barozzi Bastiano from Venice and Mrs. Fioravanti Anita, residing in Mira.

The villa Fattoretto in Dolo and the villa Barozzi in Mira, are uninhabited, but kept at the disposal of the 75th Command of the Town Major of Mestre.

The a/m villas could shelter a number of homeless families refugees from Venezia Giulia.

Requisitionings effected in the commune of Portogruaro

Casa del Popolo composed of 14 rooms and annexes.
Guest quarters and premises on the ground floor of Count Gaetano Marzotto's villa - 20 rooms and annexes.

2 rooms at the "Pilsen" Hotel.

3 rooms in the house of the notary Magrini.

9 rooms of the Elementary Boys School.

Requisitionings effected in the commune of S. Michele al Tagliamento

3 rooms in the establishment of the Faro - Foce del Tagliamento.

Requisitionings effected in the commune of Jesolo

A villa composed of eight rooms, property of Mrs Balestrezzi Enrica,

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situated in Jesolo.

Requisitionings effected in the commune of S. Stino di Livenza

Casa del Popolo composed of 5 rooms.

24 mq of ground along the river Livenza upon which a radio station has been installed for air signaling.

Requisitionings effected in the commune of Niventa di Piave

A villa composed of 45 rooms, kitchen garden and large park, with other 7 rooms, property of Mrs. Emilia Ceresa.

A villa composed of 18 rooms property of Ceresa Emilia.

Requisitionings effected in the commune of S. Dona di Piave

A villa composed of 25 rooms, property of Bortolotto heirs.

A Villa "Carlo Janna" composed of 31 rooms.

The house of Mr. Calletti composed of 6 rooms.

The villa of Dott. De Favert composed of 30 rooms.

A part of the building of the FF.SS. station composed of 9 rooms.

Goods landing - 50 mq area.

Part of the public square IV Novembre, area 3900 mq.

Colona del Piave - area 25.000 area.

The buildings requisitioned in the communes of Portogruaro, S. Michele al Tagliamento, S. Stino di Livenza, Noventa di Piave and S. Dona di Piave had not, up till a short while ago, determined any inconveniences nor complaints, but, after the recent cyclone which caused noticeable damage to the buildings of the a/m centres, strong discontent has arisen amongst the population because it is noticed that while several requisitioned buildings are uninhabited, now many families are left without homes and are obliged to live in unhealthy and restricted surroundings.

The General of the Division
/s/ Leonetto Taddei.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 794

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AC/14191/4/PS

30 September 1946

SUBJECT : Accommodation for Civil
Police in Mestre.

TO : Ministry of Interior,
Director General of P.S.

1. Referring to the need for accommodation
for Civil Police reinforcements in Mestre.

2. Information has now been received from
the Military Authorities in that area that it is
estimated that the GCMR barracks in Mestre will be
available for use by the Civil Police on or about
7th October.

3. It is understood that the local military
authorities are contacting the local civil authorities
through the Public Safety Liaison Officer with regard
to this matter.

4. Forwarded for your information and appropriate
action.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

B. J. BYE, Colonel
Acting Director.

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Further to this HQs signal O 945 dated 12 September.

Estimated that CORR barracks MESTRE will be available for Civil Police from
VICENZA with effect from 7 October. Suggest 86 Area makes necessary
arrangements with local civil authority through Public Safety Liaison Officer.
All informed.

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75AHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
NO 794

AC/14191/4/PS

13 December 1946

SUBJECT : Italian Police Barracks Mestre.

TO : - AFHQ, G-2
- G. Operations, G.H.Q.
- C/o 86 Area Hq.

1. I refer to AFHQ signal EA 73350 of Nov. 1946 and signal sent in reply from this Division dated 8th December.

2. In accordance with para 4 of latter signal, whilst at Mestre on 5th December I called and inspected the Regina Elena barracks in company with Major McKennie, Public Safety Liaison Officer 86 Area Hq.

3. I was informed by the Italian Officers in charge of the contingents present that the numbers of Italian Police then quartered at the barracks were:

	Officers	P.S.O.s	Men	Total
Carabinieri (effectives)	3	13	102	117
(temp. absent)	1	-	14	
Agents of P.S.	2	4	75	81
Finance Guards	1	-	137	138
			Total	336

Of the latter force however it was explained that although this number were based on the barracks, actually, owing to shortage of sleeping accommodation, only 30 were at present sleeping at the barracks 15 by day and 15 by night.

(Translation M.B.)

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 17/9/46

Nr. 832/8

To : ALLIED COMMISSION
P.S. Sub Commission

R O M E

SUBJECT : MALO (Vicenza). CC.RR. RIGONI Ilario killed during a shooting-fray.

Follows note Nr. 832/2 dated 1st inst.

On the 12th inst. at 9 a.m., the Schio (Vicenza) CC.RR.'s engaged a shooting-fray against the dangerous ex-convict CECCON Luigi, responsible for having killed CC.RR. RIGONI Ilario and wounded Brigadiere BERTOLDI Giorgio.

CECCON, heavily wounded, died.

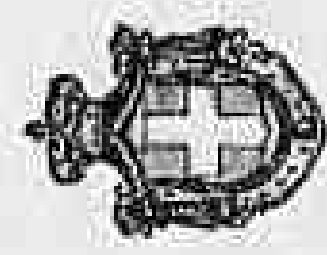
The SCHIO population made a demonstration in order to express its gratitude to the CC.RR. Arma.

The Vice-General Commander

sgd/ LEONETTO TADDEI

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Recd. 14/10/46



Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri
UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 832/8 di prot. Roma, li 17 settembre 1946

Risposta al del Allegati n.
OGGETTO: Malo (Venezia) - Morte in conflitto del carabiniere RIGONI Ilario.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

R O M A

Fa seguito al foglio n. 832/2 del 1° corrente.-

Alle ore 9 del 12 corrente, i carabinieri di Schio (Venezia) impegnarono conflitto a fuoco col pericoloso pregiudicato CECCON Luigi, autore dell'uccisione del carabiniere RIGONI Ilario e del ferimento del brigadiere BERTOLDI Giorgio.-

Il CECCON, rimasto gravemente ferito, decedette.-

La popolazione di Schio tributò una calorosa dimostrazione di plauso all'Arma.-

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
VICE COMANDANTE E COMANDANTE GENERALE INTERNALE
-Leonetto Teddei-

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TRANSLATION M.C.

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and situation Office
No.832/2

Rome - 1 Sept. 1946

To: Allied Commission
Public Safety S.C.
ROME

SUBJECT: Malo (Vicenza) - Carabinieri shot dead in armed conflict.

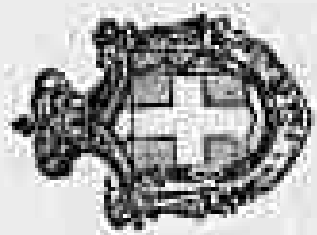
About 7 AM of 31st Aug. last, the Malo CC.RR. station commander with four of his men, after long watching, in the district of "Verzan", sighted the much wanted convict Ceccon Luigi, and made plans for his capture.

In the shooting fray which followed, Ceccon killed the Carabinieri RIVONI Ilario and wounded Carabinieri Bertoldi Giorgio.

With the violent rainstorm which temporarily broke loose, Ceccon managed to escape. In course searches for his capture.

For the General Vice-Commander
Division General
Carlo Baggi

Recd. and translated 3/9



Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 811/8 di prot.

Risposta al

del

Roma, li 1° settembre 1946
veed 3/9/46.
Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Salò (Vienna) - Ordine in conflitto dei carabinieri RIVOLI
Alario.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

R C M A

Verso le ore 7 del 31 agosto u.s., il comandante la stazione Carabinieri di Salò (Vienna), con quattro dipendenti, dopo lungo appuntamento, avviò in treno "Verona" il pericoloso prigioniero GABRIEL LAIGI, responsabile di alcune rapine, disponendo la cattura.

Ne seguì un conflitto a fuoco durante il quale il GABRIEL LAIGI fu ucciso. Dopo la morte del prigioniero, i militari uccisero il carabiniere RIVOLI ALARIO; il carabiniere RIVOLI ALARIO.

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Verso la ora 7 del 3° mezzo u/s., il comandante la stazione Carabinieri di solo (Vicenza), con quattro dipendenti, dopo lungo appostamento, avvistò in frazione "Verona" il pericoloso pregiudicato GABRIEL TADGI, responsabile di alcune rapine, disponendosi la cattura.

Ne seguì un conflitto a fuoco durante il quale il GABRIEL TADGI, ferito a colpi di fucile contro i militari uscendo dal carabinieri rifugiò a Mario; il carabinieri Bartolomeo Gioglio riportò ferite gravi in 13 giorni.

Il GABRIEL, a causa di violente emorragie sostenute durante il conflitto, rimase a fuggire.

Sono in corso indagini per la cattura del malfattore.

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P. IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
VICE COMANDANTE E COMANDANTE GENERALE INTERINALE
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
-Carlo Baffi -

[Handwritten signature]

Ref. 3631/126/DO

14/9/46
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24 September 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to the recent disturbances in the MESTRE Area, the Allied Authorities are still not satisfied with the Public Safety in this Area.

It appears that the chief difficulty in arranging for Police reinforcement to be sent to MESTRE was the lack of available accommodation but I am now able to inform you that the Carabinieri barracks in MESTRE with a capacity for 500 have been earmarked for this number of civil police now located in VICENZA.

These Barracks will be available as soon as they are vacated by the Polish troops now in occupation. These troops are expected to leave shortly and I will inform you as soon as the Barracks are available.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government,
Rome.

Copy to: P.S. S/C
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EXTRACT FROM REPORT DATED 15/2/1946

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SIGNED BY FENNETTA TOMMASO P.S. INSPECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT : Functioning of the Police within the jurisdiction of the 36th Area of the English Military Organisation including the provinces of Venice, Padova, Treviso, Vicenza, Verona and Rovigo.

ASCERTATIONS AND VIEWS ACCORDING TO THE DESIRE OF THE ALLIES AND AGREEMENTS MADE TO PUT INTO EFFICIENCY THE QUESTURAS OF VENICE - PADOVA - TREVISO - VICENZA - VERONA - ROVIGO.

VENICE : BARRACKS

The main cause why there is a lack of efficiency amongst the Police in Venice is due to lack of accommodation for the agents. The majority live in digs and many in Communes of the province and even outside of the province.

Such state of affairs brings as a consequence that at a precise moment, it is not possible to have the agents available, apart from the difficulty, due to the topographical position of the town, in gathering the agents and having them at disposal in a relatively short time.

I have tried, together with the Prefect and the Questore, to solve this serious problem, with the collaboration of the Allied Command.

The only possibility is obtaining roomy and efficient barracks is that of having the concession from the Ministry of War, of the "MANIN" Barracks. It, though, is actually occupied by the Distretto Militare, whose Hqs are and should be at Mestre. Therefore, the premises already used by the Distretto Militare are occupied by the Allies who have billeted there about 400 men.

Having gone with Major Mackenzie to see if it was possible to render those premises available, we noticed the lack of availability of other convenient premises. But this has been overcome by me in my last meeting with General EVI, who, passing from a phase of strictness to a greater sense of collaboration, has stated that if requests were made to him, he would try to meet us in some way in order to render available the premises at one time used by the Distretto Militare in Mestre.

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On this occasion he pointed out, in order to bring it to superior notice, that if the Questura of Venice was not able until then to obtain any barracks, it is not to be entirely attributed to the responsibility of the Command of the 85th Area or other Allied Commands.

But the Prefect and Questore of Venice have both pointed out that the local Italian Authorities, for reasons which could be considered not justifiable, do not intend to bring back to Mestre the hq's of the Distretto Militare.

It is to be noticed that the hq's of the Distretto Militare of Mestre had had a reason to be there inasmuch as the recruits were selected there at that station, whereas today the recruits are obliged to go to Venice and then return to Mestre in order to join their destinations.

General Eve has suggested, that if the Ministry of War has no intention of having the Distretto Militare back at Mestre, it could confine itself to a part of the "MANIN" Barracks, to the number of premises strictly necessary, thus leaving the remaining part available for the Public Security, bearing in mind the vastness of the barracks.

General Eve has begged me to approach your Ministry for an energetic intervention with the Ministry of War so as to have the Distretto Militare return to its natural hq's and subordinately to leave free a few premises of the "MANIN" Barracks.

BEDDING

As a consequence of arranging for the settlement of the agents in barracks, it is necessary to provide for their beddings which on the other hand, are not sufficient considering the few premises actually adopted as barracks for a very small number of agents.

ARMAMENT

The armament of the agents who are actually on duty in Venice, is not complete, as many of them are without revolvers and chains, and it would also be desirable to have them completed with long firearms.

CLOTHING

Many agents are without uniforms, while it is necessary for them all to have one, in order to avoid, in interventions during public disorders, that they escape from the control of the officials and that, those supplied with "arm-bands", as Major Mackenzie has noticed, at a determined moment, take off their "arm-band" thus mixing with the crowd in order to remain 1570ve.

VEHICLES

Land vehicles are sufficient.

For means by sea, the Questura of Venice has only one motor-boat, P.20 Type, inefficient owing to age and only used by the Questore.

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Special lagoon means are necessary owing to the location of the force, bearing in mind the difficulties by land, both due to the restrictiveness and crowding of the canal and the facility with which the police could be blocked at a small bridge by a small number of demonstrators.

Accordingly the British Command has pointed out that recently it has derequisitioned 40 motorboats, ^{some of} which could be easily requisitioned for the police.

But the price of requisitioning paid for a motorboat is 500 lire per day without the fuel.

STRENGTH AVAILABLE

The Questura of Venice does not have a reserve of men to employ in case of public disturbances, as almost all the strength assigned have determined services.

To demonstrate the employment of the strength, the Questore has given me the attached return (which bears an odd mistake in the additions) from which the situation of the strength and its employment as of the 6th August 46, appears.

A reserve does not appear on the return, and it has only been possible to assign, to each P.C. Office of the quarters, a re-inforcement varying from 8 to 12 men up to 24.00 hrs of each day.

Both the Prefect and the Questore deem it indispensable that the Questura of Venice be gifted with a nucleus of at least 500 Agents in order to cover the necessities of public order also within the working areas of Mestre, Chioggia and other communes.

From the return I would consider it possible to have certain fixed services reduced, such as - those at the Procura del Regno, Tribunal, the various Allied offices, the Sugar stores of the SEPRAL, the Appeal Court, Post-Office and etc.

The 40 agents engaged in bureaucratic functions, at the Prefettura, in office hours, besides a re-inforcement of 30 agents should safeguard the Palazzo del Governo at the dependence of an official on permanent command there.

I did not find the Questore inclined in reducing the a/m services which he considers indispensable and which the interested offices would not find it easy to go without.

AUXILIARIES

The auxiliaries agents, actually 356, are continually decreasing owing to discharges and the sending of the best, to the Courses of the Technical Police School.

These, though, should be gradually substituted by effective agents. 1572

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P A D O V ABARRACKS

In Padova there is not a barracks for the effective agents having a capacity of 225 men, while in a few unsuitable premises of the Questura, only 25 are billeted.

The "Monte Grappa" barracks could be used which was at one time occupied by the 20th Artiglieria and which would be suitable both for availability and being situated in the centre of the town.

The Questura is compiling an estimate for the works of restoration to be sent to your Ministry.

Actually the majority of the agents are in private digs. They have been authorized to carry with them their arms in order to have them ready at any eventual occurrence.

The inconvenience which such provision could give rise to, is very serious, inasmuch as the arms, badly kept in custody in a private house, could easily be stolen and are not under the control for any overhauling.

The Questura of Padova has been approached in order to have the estimate of the restoration of the Barracks ready as soon as possible and to send it on to your Ministry immediately with the necessary concrete suggestions.

BEDDINGS

Due to the eventual settlement of the Agents in the "Monte Grappa" barracks it would be necessary to provide, with the indispensable bedding, meanwhile completing and integrating that used by the 25 Agents billeted.

ARMAMENT

The majority of the agents are without pistols (automatic) ammunition and trenchknives.

CLOTHING

It is urgent to provide for the complete clothing of the agents, the majority of which are in civilian clothes having no uniforms.

VEHICLES

The vehicles which the Questura of Padova actually has are considered sufficient, but it would be necessary to provide tyres for two jeeps.

The fuel, which is 250 litres per month, is effectively insufficient for the requirements of the various services in the province.

The Questura therefore asks that the quantity of fuel brought to at least 2000 litres.

This request is made because of the services which, having more means should be actuated to repress the continual traffic of

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wheat which, in surprising quantities is sent to Trieste from the province on vehicle driven by civilians or Allied military or by civilians escorted by Allied military.

STRENGTH AVAILABLE

Effective	n. 213
Aux. Mobile Bn.	n. 500
Total	<u>n. 713</u>

Apart from the fixed services, absences for disciplinary reasons, illness, and for the gradual discharging of the auxiliary agents, the Questura actually has at disposal 500 men on reserve which is considered sufficient to affront any occurrence.

TRAVISIO

BARRACKS

The agents are without barracks, there are 103 effective and 14 auxiliary agents, the latter are adopted for the road traffic, only 19 are billeted, and exactly nine are in four small rooms at the Questura and ten at the barracks of the Road Police, in a private villa.

The remainder of the strength live in private digs.

For almost a year the Questura has been trying to obtain the "Casa S. Angelo", an ex holy property which could be used as a barracks. At the moment, in this building there are only seven families the complessive number of which is 35 persons, while 70 guards could easily be billeted there.

The difficulties in obtaining these premises are made by the opposition of these families and by the lack of energy on behalf of the Authorities in trying to find suitable premises for these families.

BEDDING

It would be necessary to complete, at least for the time being, the existing bedding.

ARMAMENT

The long firearms are sufficient. While almost 30 pistols with necessary ammunition are lacking, and which, according to what the Questura affirms, have been repeatedly requested to your Ministry.

CLOTHING

The Questura of Treviso has only 3 agents in uniform, while the organic determines that the agents in uniform should be 157.

The agents and auxiliaries not in uniform are also without armbands.

To avoid the inconvenience that the agents, on services of public order, can easily escape from the control of their superiors

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thus evading the service, the Questore has deemed it necessary for them go on duty armed with muskets. Such expedient, though, I consider dangerous for various intuitive reasons.

VEHICLES

The Questura of Treviso has only two efficient jeeps. At least it is necessary that one large jeep be assigned to this Questura, and at the same time, putting into efficiency the small truck given on dotation, this request has been made to your Ministry by the Prefettura.

STRENGTH AVAILABLE

Effective agents - n. 103
Auxiliary agents - n. 44 on duty with a section of the Traffic Police and who are subtracted from the strength of the services of institute.

Apart from the normal services, the Questura of Treviso has 50 men available which are considered insufficient, bearing in mind the continual public disturbances caused by 30.000 unemployed.

It is deemed necessary, and it is also the opinion of the Questore that the strength of the effective agents be brought to at least 150 men.

V I C E N Z A

BARRACKS

The pre-existing agents barracks has been completely by bombardments.

The "Sasso" barracks, where 27 auxiliary agents are actually billeted with the Mobile Company which should shortly be transferred to Padova, is being continually requested for restitution by the Army.

In the s/m barracks, until the army lets the police have it, 115 effective agents, actually sleeping in private houses, could be billeted.

But, for a definite settlement, the police could have the "Borghese" barracks assigned to them, which was, at one time, of the militia and which is actually occupied by a unit of the 81st Infantry which could easily be stationed in another barracks or in the "Sasso" barracks, as soon as the Mobile Bn. leave it.

Should the Ministry obtain the "Borghese" barracks, it would be necessary to restore it.

BEDDING

None at all, it being completely destroyed by the bombardment of the 18th March 1945.

According to what the Questore has told me, for the bedding of the bachelor agents, 85 in all, for the period until the 156th barracks is used by the Police, this could be provided by means of fortune.

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ARMAMENT

Many agents are without revolvers and muskets.

CLOTHING

While the auxiliary agents are all in uniform, all the effective ones due to lack of assignments of uniforms, are in civilian clothes.

VEHICLES

I have been mentioned of the necessity of at least one truck or bus besides a car for the Questore who, at the moment has a temporary one which should shortly be returned to its rightful owner who is insisting on it.

STRENGTH AVAILABLE

The actual strength available is of 115 men while the organic strength should be 130 plus 27 auxiliary.

It is requested that the strength of the effective agents be, not only completed but increased to 170 men as soon as possible, bearing in mind that of 119 communes in the province, only 40 have stations CC.RR., with a scarce number of men. For the other communes, in case of disturbances the Questura has to provide, and which apart from its determined services, it has only 60 men available and which are considered absolutely insufficient.

The Questore asks that there be assigned to that Questura, one effective officer in place of the auxiliary one which cannot be trusted, besides two sub-altern young officers and three active n.c.o.s.

V E R O N ABARRACKS

At the moment, there are 30 men billeted in the old barracks, out of a total of 139 besides 360 auxiliary agents.

The restoration of another barracks given over by the Genio Militare is in course, this barracks should hold 160 men. Temporarily there will be 360 auxiliary agents stationed there, of course not too comfortably, and who are actually occupying unsuitable premises of the Consorzio Agrario.

It is obvious that with this second barracks the situation is not resolved.

BEDDING

The effective agents are without beds and expedites have been made to the supplying firm by the Questore.

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ARMAMENT

Many agents are without revolvers and chains.

An urgent request is made for at least 100 truscheons.

CLOTHING

All the effective agents are without uniforms.

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VEHICLES

Those given in dotation are considered sufficient.

STRENGTH AVAILABLE

Actually, effective n.c.o.s and guards

n. 139

Auxiliary

n. 160 which are

to be eliminated as soon as possible, for various reasons.

Owing to the political situation in Verona which is well known by your Ministry, it is the opinion and the request of the Questore, that the number of the effective agents be brought and kept to 380 men as has been determined on the organic strength, while, as has been heard, the Ministry intends to reduce it.

Only for the daily services, 200 men are employed.

AUXILIARY

Special attention is called on the auxiliary agents of this Questore who are considered undesirable and dangerous elements, especially concerning services of public order, because they are nearly all of the place, politicians and having a mentality on activities carried out as partisans.

ROVIGOBARRACKS

The Questore of Rovigo, held temporarily by the P.S. Colonel Coma. Galli, disposed of the "Gattinara" barracks belonging to the army. Due to lack of premises other 40 agents cannot be billeted there.

A part of the barracks is used to billet one officer and three families of civilian employees of the Distretto Militare, who, according to what Colonel Galli, has affirmed, could find suitable accommodation in the "Silvestre" barracks, where the head of the Distretto is, as it has a capacity of more than 1000 men and there are actually only 20 billeted there.

Apart from the availability of the "Silvestri" barracks, Col. Galli states that the Distretto Militare does not need to billet the recruits there who arrive daily and are immediately sent to their destinations without even spending the night there.

I have been approached to turn to your Ministry to ask the Ministry of War to settle the three families of the civilian employees and the officer, elsewhere, so as to leave the whole barracks "Gattinara" available for the police.

BEDDING

Very insufficient, as there are no sheets etc. Many agents sleep on the floor, on straw.

In the past, 62 agents were obliged to live in hotels being of quite a burden to the state. The number of these lodgings has been slightly decreased as it has been possible to obtain temporarily the Elementary School in Via Mazzini, which though is

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being insistently requested to be returned by the Comune and where the agents are billeted without the necessary bedding.

ARMAMENT

The long arms are sufficient, while there are no pistols for the 80 auxiliary agents who will be kept on after the discharging established for almost all of those in service due to the discovery of the large arms depot kept hidden in the barracks assigned them.

The ammunition is considered sufficient.

CLOTHING

Deficient, it must be completed for the effective agents.

VEHICLES

At least 2 more jeeps are required with spare parts for the vehicles in rotation.

STRENGTH AVAILABLE

Effective	-	n. 32
Auxiliary	-	n. 200, 112 of which should shortly be discharged.

Meanwhile the Questura, should shortly dispose of only 120 agents, 40 of which are auxiliary who carry out bureaucratic duties at the Questura owing to lack of employees who have been requested.

Owing to the political situation in that province, it is necessary that the strength of the effective agents be brought to at least 200 so as to dispose of a reserve of 100 men to face the many exigencies of public order.

The arms found with the auxiliary agents are of such a number and quality that, as to what Col. Galli has said, they could arm two divisions. The majority of these arms are of German make, in perfect efficiency and their lubrication with vaseline is of recent date, for which it is considered that they reached the auxiliary agents thru contraband from Yugoslavia.

CARABINIERI

Very deficient in all inspected provinces.

In Venice, that command can only dispose of, in case of public disturbances, 10 military.

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EXTRACT FROM 13 CORPS INFORMATION LOG FOR PERIOD
100700B to 110700B.

3. From 47 PSS TOR 101750B.

- (1) Mestre strike which began yesterday continues to-day.
- (2) Mestre-Unemployed demonstration to-day 10 Sep. One Food shop looted. RRCC and other Italian police looked on. No allied personnel involved. No fights. CEC
A deputation sent to prefect by unemployed.

11. From Duty Officer 86 Area TOR 102145B.

Situation in Mestre unsettled, no troops involved. Approximately 1000 demonstrators assembled, woman struck Chief of Public Safety and was arrested together with 11 others. Demonstrators demanded release of arrested persons and police reported to have yielded to their demand, thus clearly showing inadequacy and weakness of police to control, in spite of reinforcements. Meeting held 1600 hrs, no information obtainable as to outcome. Arm'd cars of carabinieri from Padua turned out on orders of Prefect, these similar to Allied arm'd cars but steps taken to ensure reports in press do not indicate these are Allied arm'd cars.

ACTION Taken : GII Infm.

DJWS

12. From 86 Area TOR 102230B.

SITREP

Civil demonstrations in MESTRE by unemployed not anti-allied. Traffic diverted to avoid centre of disturbance. 7 H arrived VALDAGNO M.R. F8976
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17. From 86 Area TOR 110705B.

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17. From 86 Area TOR 110705B.

SITREP 110630B. Situation in Mestre up to 2000 hrs unsettled. During day civil traffic stopped by demonstrators and at least one shop looted, no military vehicles or troops involved. During the afternoon woman struck chief of public safety (Chief of local Italian Police). She was arrested together with 13 others for various offences. Demonstrators agitated for release of prisoners, demand granted at 2000 hrs. At 2000 hrs some demonstrators entered commissario of agents of public security in MESTRE and took some pistols, a sub-machine gun and several hand grenades, all now recovered. At 1730 while crowd being addressed two arm'd cars manned by carabinieri from PADUA arrived, one had allied markings on it. This matter being investigated. Every effort made to ensure correct reports in press, that these were Italian carabinieri arm'd cars. Whole situation shows inadequacy, lack of control and inefficiency of police.

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(Translation P.T.)

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CO. TERRITORY REGION OF PADUA.

Service Office

Padua, 16/9/46

Nr. 124/I

To : ALIEN COMMISSION
P.S. San Vito
NOTESUBJECT : Conditions of the public order in the Provinces of
the Padua Region.

The political-economic situation in the Padua, Venice, Treviso, Udine and Refice, all under the jurisdiction of the Padua Region, is since a long time and especially at the present, influenced by the wide-spread unemployment, which causes discontent and restlessness among ever increasing masses of the population. This is proved by the circumstance that the unemployment index is increasing each month: at the end of August the number of people out of work was 158.239. The towns, wherefrom the discontent is spreading, are Treviso, Venice, Mestre and the neighboring industrial centre of Marghera and Padua.

Connected to this state of affairs, but in a degree more apparent than real, is the movement of the war veterans, with their claims and rights of moral and economical kind, against which a careful attitude must be adopted. Really, there is no week, during which this discontent does not lead to demonstrations, determined and often justified by the fact that the local authorities and the Government Representatives do prevent improvements which they, owing to the bad state of the finances, are not always in the position of keeping.

And then, we must point out that the greater mass of the well-meaning people, are convinced that these demonstrations are organized and the general restlessness and discontent excited by propagandists and political elements of the Fascist Parties, which, in view of the political elections, are trying every means in order to gain the favour of the masses and the vote of the electors, creating situations and hinting promises of irreparable benefits. Naturally, there is not even lack of ill-intentioned people who instigate the crowd to violence not so much against persons but against stores, restaurants, food stuff shops etc.

We must admit that, in front of such conditions of 156
the public order, the action of the P.S. Authority has been
now utterly inadequate and not at all firm. On the contrary,

where P.S. forces are, worse still, auxiliary agents intervened, the resistance to the demonstrators was less efficient. Be enough to quote the incidents of Ravenna (22nd July last), Mestre, Venice and Padua (beginning of July), where the Police Forces often escaped and some times even co-operated with the demonstrators. The P.S. Officials seem to be always puzzled and dubious because they fear the attacks of the Representatives of the leftist Parties which have the advantage of obtaining from the Government measures against the Police Officials in case they should display a full energetic action.

Indeed, the ARSA was never requested to display a decided action, even if there was the intention

of the Prefects (typical for the province of Venice) to request, at any time, the intervention of tanks, in the erroneous belief that their appearance in the scene should be enough to cool down any excitement of the mob.

It's obvious that by doing so, no concrete results have been obtained up to the present. It must be added however that mobsters caught plundering and arrested, have been set free by order of the prefect, and what is still more unconceivable, under the pressure of the mob shouting outside in the streets, as happened in Mestre on the 10th ult.

There is no hope to believe that same shall never repeat again; on the contrary one should be prepared in the future to expect further disturbances of unemployed persons during the coming autumn, as also in normal days and the approaching of the bad season, unemployment had always been registered.

To my advice, this state of things may be limited if the following factors can be applied:

- 1° The Government should adopt adequate measures to reduce unemployment;
- 2° That the Government should decisively influence directors of parties, especially the Trade Unions, to quit that systematic speculation which is perhaps adopted for gaining political supremacy. Any emergency is used to push manifestators in the streets to act for their apparent welfare, which often has nothing to do with the individuals' economical discomfort, but once the mass has been launched, it then slips from the hands of the chiefs for doing acts of violence or the like. To quote some cases the following examples may be mentioned; the arbitrary interruption of street traffic, the arbitrary occupation of electric stations, the plunder of shops etc. etc. pretending meanwhile respect to the police forces to whom they often exceed with contempt, of abuse and violence;
- 3° The Government should take adequate measures towards the press which is almost never objective and which exaggerates and deforms the items that are referring to the police operations.
- 4° That an efficacious intervention should be exercised by the P.S. superiors by requesting more energy from the depending Questors and P.S. Functionaries that have the direction of the services of public order, while the Arma could not in such field compete with any initiative when in such service P.S. Officials are employed. In emergency cases the Arma shall use all its power, naturally not disunited with the spirit of comprehension which momentary episodes may require.

THE COLONEL COMMANDER OF THE LEGION

/s/ Giuseppe de Vita.

Rcd. 19/9/46
C.C.



LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI ~~BEATI~~ DI PADOVA
UFFICIO SERVIZIO

N. 124/I di prot. Ris. Pers. Padova, li 16 settembre 1946

Risposta al foglio del n. : : Carte annessa n. : : *Red 1949*

OGGETTO: Condizioni dell'ordine pubblico nelle provincie della
legione di Padova.

Al SIG. COLONNELLO E. BYE, DIRETTORE DELLA PUBBLICA
SICUREZZA PRESSO LA COMMISSIONE AILENTA IN
ROMA.

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bilanci non sempre sono in grado di mantenere, onde i loro affidamenti riescono quasi sempre illusori.

Non è detto tutto se si tace l'impressione, anzi airò di più la convinzione che non è di pochi, ma della generalità dei benpensanti, che le agitazioni siano fomentate e che l'irrequietezza collettiva sia eccitata da propagandisti e politici di sinistra i quali in previsione delle elezioni politiche che ricorrono ad ogni strategema per evvincere le masse e reclutare elettori, creando situazioni e facendo balenare promesse di benefici irraggiungibili. Naturalmente non mancano nelle agitazioni e nei movimenti un buon numero di elementi che pescano nel torbido, malintenzionati e facinorosi che si abbandonano od istigano le folle alle violenze, finora non tanto contro le persone quanto contro le cose: magazzini, depositi, spacci alimentari, ristoranti ecc.-

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confronti provvedimenti punitivi nel caso usassero la maniera
forte.

All'Arma invero non fu mai chiesto esplicitamente un'as-
sione decisa e di forza anche se viceversa vi fu la tendenza

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dei Prefetti (tipica per la provincia di Venezia) di richiedere, anche a sproposito, l'intervento delle autoblindate, nell'affidamento erroneo che bastasse l'apparire di siffatti strumenti per incutere timore e soggiogare le folle.

In tal modo è ovvio che finora non sono stati realizzati risultati concreti. Vi è poi da aggiungere che facinorosi colti con le mani nel sacco ed arrestati, poche ore dopo sono stati per ordine dei Prefetti rimessi in libertà e, quello che è più grave, talvolta a seguito e per effetto di ulteriori manifestazioni e sotto la evidente pressione della piazza, come a Mestre il 10 corrente mese.

Purtroppo non vi è da sperare che fatti del genere non si verifichino più in avvenire, anzi vi è da temere al contrario sia perchè non si vede come possa sistemarsi sia pure con una certa gradualità una massa così cospicua di disoccupazione, sia perchè siamo oramai nell'autunno e nell'imminenza di una stagione che anche nei tempi normali registrava non pochi disoccupati. Anzi, come già si è accennato, è più che verosimile l'acuirsi della situazione e quindi la recrudescenza di manifestazioni e di disordini durante l'inverno.

Questo stato di cose si potrebbe a mio avviso contenere od attenuare qualora concorressero i seguenti fattori:

- 1°- che il Governo intervenisse con adeguate provvidenze per ridurre la disoccupazione;
- 2°- che il Governo influisse decisamente su dirigenti ed esponenti dei partiti di massa e particolarmente sui dirigenti delle Camere del Lavoro affinchè si astengano da quell'opera sistematica da essi intrapresa, di speculare a probabili fini di accaparramento politico, su ogni manifestazione facendo quasi sempre trascendere i dimostranti ad atti ed episodi che nulla hanno a che vedere col disagio economico dei singoli, lasciando chiaramente vedere come le masse, da

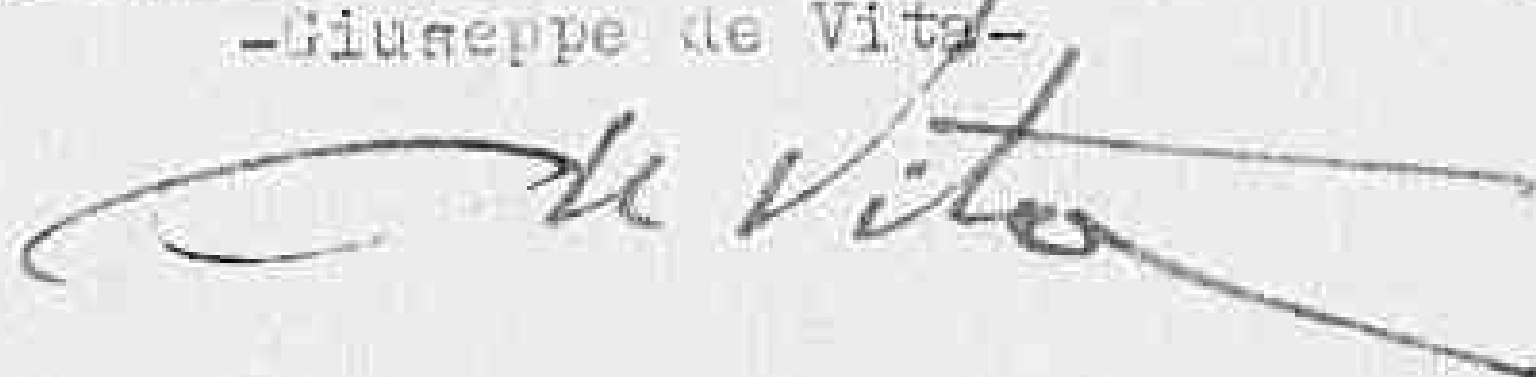
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prima siano lanciate sulla piazza ,sfuggono poi alle mani dei capi: p.e. interruzione arbitraria della circolazione e del traffico stradale,occupazione arbitraria di centrali elettriche,saccheggio di negozi ecc.- Pretendono,nel contempo, il rispetto delle forze di polizia,verso le quali facilmente si trascende a vilipendio,all'ingiuria e alla violenza ;

- 3°- che il Governo intervenisse con adeguati provvedimenti verso la stampa quasi mai obiettiva,che esagera e deforma nei suoi resoconti la portata ed il carattere degli episodi,ingrandendoli,facendone l'apologia,inulgendero spesso a critiche inconsistenti ed ingiustificate verso le forze di polizia sia che esse agiscano con la persuasione sia che agiscano con la maniera forte contribuendo così ad eccitare la fantasia delle folle anche in centri o provincie non interessate in quel determinato movimento;
- 4°- che intervento molto efficace esercitino le superiori autorità di P.S. richiedendo maggiore energia dai dipendenti Questori e Funzionari di P.S. i quali come è noto hanno la direzione dei servizi di ordine pubblico,mentre l'Arma non può in tal campo esplicare iniziative di sorta quando nei servizi concorrono funzionari di P.S.-

Comunque,da parte dell'Arma quando se ne presenti l'occasione,serà usata la massima energia non disgiunta naturalmente da quello spirito di comprensione che i casi o gli episodi del momento dovessero richiedere.

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE DELLA LEGIONE 558
-Giuseppe de Vito-



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

*Public Safety Jk**Recd 17/9**42A*

Ref. : 3631/125/BJ

17 September 1946

SUBJECT: Disorders in MENTRE.

TO : XIII Corps Main (2)

*see 58A file
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Reference your cable 0959 of 14 September 46 on this subject,
I enclose for your information a copy of the Allied Commission Liaison
Officer's report as requested.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Knisely.

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Brigadier,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

Copy to: P.S. S/C

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SUBJECT: Report on RIOTING Disorders

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Allied Commission
Liaison Officer
36 Area, CAP.

ACLO 14

26 August 1946

H.Q. Allied Commission
Executive Commissioners Office,
(attn Brigadier Lush)

With reference to telephone report to you to-day 25 Aug 46 at 1350 hrs, further enquiries (subject to confirmation) show that:

1. The disorders followed an incident on the night of 23/24 August when Italian civilians attacked a girl walking with two Coldstream Guardsmen, and beat up the Guardsmen. On the next evening 25 August the crowd booing and provoking British troops in a café. This started a fight in the café when both sides received reinforcements, and led to the main disorders of the evening.

The hostility of the crowd was greatly increased by a most unfortunate and inexcusable incident.

An Allied vehicle driving fast through Mestre during the disorders knocked down a woman standing by her own doorway, for about thirty yards. By a terrible coincidence, the truck then knocked down her husband who was further up the road. Both have since died and there is no trace of driver or vehicle.

2. The general opinion about the incident can be summed up as follows: a

(a) The action of the Italian civilians was not part of an organised anti-Allied demonstration, as far as it can be judged at present.

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(c) It has left behind a very tense situation locally, with a strong feeling of hostility against the Allied troops located in the area. This may cause further incidents at the slightest provocation.

3. The situation has been put out of bounds for troops after 1800 hrs.

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W.M. HARRISON, Major,
Liaison Officer,
86 Area.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
'Public Safety Sub-Commission
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17 Sept. 46.

SUBJECT : Disturbances in Mestre.
TO : Main 13 Corps.

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1. Reference your signal 0959 dated 15 Sept.46.
2. A copy of the report referred to in signal 4919 dated 10th Sept. from this Hq. is forwarded for your information.

E.J. BYE Colonel
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Subject - Public Disorder - MESTRE

Allied Commission
Liaison Office,
HQ 86 Area,
CMF

To - HQ 86 Area, CMF.

25 Aug 46

HQ Allied Commission, Pub Safety
Sub Com.

1. Recently there have been isolated incidents of civilians attacking girls seen walking in MESTRE (VENICE) with Allied soldiers. At least one British soldier also has been attacked. Military and civilian police were aware of such incidents.

2. Yesterday evening civilian temper worsened and British soldiers seated in a bar were booed.

3. Eventually about 22 hours the civilian crowd had increased to about 500 and the Italian Police were unable to control matters. The treatment meted by civilians to British troops apparently became unbearable and troops took matters into their own hands. There were general skirmishes resulting in injuries to troops and civilians, fortunately none seriously although some are detained in hospital.

4. During the trouble an Allied vehicle - so far unidentified - drove through the crowd resulting in the death of a woman and her husband. They were apart on the street and when the woman was struck she was carried on the vehicle for a distance of about 33 yards where she fell near to where the husband was standing. Both were injured seriously and subsequently died.

5. About 1500 hours yesterday, 24 Aug 46, the Commander of the Carabinieri Company at MESTRE telephoned his Group Command at Venice stating he was "afraid something was going to happen". Venice was unable to send reinforcements and proper contact was not taken with Allied Command. There is no doubt that if Italian authority had taken contact with Allied Command, steps could have been taken to place MESTRE out of bounds.

6. Elements of the Coastguard Guards should be mentioned as having immediately obeyed orders and gone away from the scene of trouble. The same cannot be said of other British troops.

As from 1300 hours today Sunday MESTRE is out of bounds to all ranks of Allied troops and it is not expected that further trouble will arise today. Italian police have been reinforced from VENICE and Padova and are now about 200 strong.

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T.G. Mackenzie, Major.
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Your 4919 of 10 Sep refers and further to our 0951 dated 73 Sep. Grateful for copy of report referred to in your signal.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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MAIN 13 CORPS

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INFO: AFHQ

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Ref your 4519 of 10 and AFHQ FX71714 of 13. No trace yet of gen
and dvr responsible for killing two civs. Nor in fact has it been
proved that the gen and dvr were Allied as alleged by you.

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Info: Chief Commissioner

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Reference your 4919 of 10 September 46. 13 Corps informs
"No trace yet of vehicle and driver responsible for killing
two civilians nor in fact has it been proved that the
vehicle and driver were Allied as alleged by Alcom".

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Info: Chief Commissioner

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REFERENCE OUR G5.940.21R. FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT FROM 13 CORPS SITREP OF 11 SEPTEMBER FOR YOUR INFORMATION ON QUESTION EFFICIENCY OF ITALIAN POLICE IN VENEZIA. " MESTRE (A) 10 SEPT UNEMPLOYED DEMONSTRATION (?) FOOD SHOP LOOTED NO ALLIED PERSONNEL INVOLVED, CCRR AND OTHER ITALIAN POLICE LOOKED ON. WOMAN STRUCK CHIEF PUBLIC SAFETY AND WAS ARRESTED WITH OTHERS. AS A RESULT OF AGITATION BY DEMONSTRATORS THE PRISONERS WERE RELEASED BY 2000 HOURS. DEMONSTRATORS ENTERED COMMISSARIO OF AGENTS OF PUBLIC SECURITY TAKING PISTOLS SUB MACHINE AND SEVERAL HAND GRENADES, ALL LATER RECOVERED (B) FIRST REPORTS INDICATE INADEQUATE, LACK OF CONTROL AND INEFFICIENCY OF POLICE

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MAIN 13 CORPS

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REFERENCE ALCOM SIGNAL 4814 DATED 31 AUGUST AND AFHQ SIGNAL FX71513 YXT.
DATED 6 SEPTEMBER.

1. CCRR BARRACKS MESTRE CAPACITY 500 HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR 500 CIVIL POLICE NOW LOCATED VICENZA.
2. BARRACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS VACATED BY POLISH BN NOW IN OCCUPATION.
3. THIS POLISH UNIT IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE SHORTLY. AS SOON AS ETD IS KNOWN YOU WILL BE INFORMED. ALL INFORMED.

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ACTION: EX COMMR 2

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1. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE DEMONSTRATION WHICH RESULTED IN CIVIL DISORDERS IN MESTRE YESTERDAY INCLUDED AN ASSAULT BY A WOMAN ON THE LOCAL ITALIAN CHIEF OF POLICE. AS A RESULT OF THIS AND OTHER INCIDENTS THE WOMAN AND 13 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, ONLY TO BE FREED LATER IN THE DAY WHEN DEMONSTRATORS AGITATED FOR THEIR RELEASE. IN ADDITION SOME DEMONSTRATORS ENTERED A CIVIL POLICE BUILDING AND SEIZED PISTOLS A SUB MACHINE GUN AND SEVERAL HAND GRENADES. THESE ARE NOW REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN RECOVERED.
2. THESE INCIDENTS FURTHER SUBSTANTIATE CORPS COMES OPINION THAT THE LOCAL ITALIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE VENICE- MESTRE AREA ARE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER. THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL POLICE (ALCOM SIGNAL 4814 DATED 31 AUGUST) ARE APPRECIATED BUT THE NECESSITY FOR AN ALLIED POLICE MISSION AS RECOMMENDED IN THIS HQ SIGNAL O 430 DATED 17 MAY IS MORE APPARENT THAN EVER, AS THE COMPROMISE ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY ALLIED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS WERE ATTACHED TO THE VENICE POLICE FOR PURPOSE OF LIAISON HAS PROVED INADEQUATE.
3. FURTHERMORE, IN VIEW OF THE ALREADY EMPHASISED IMPORTANCE OF THIS AREA, REQUEST PLANS BE MADE NOW FOR THE REQUISITION OF FULL ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BY MEANS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALLIED MILITARY GOVT. ENCLAVE IN EVENT OF SERIOUS DISORDERS. THE NECESSITY FOR THIS HAS BEEN EMPHASISED IN THIS HQ SIGNAL O 892 DATED 30 AUGUST.
4. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS RECENT UNREST AND DISORDER MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY UNCONNECTED WITH THE PRESENCE OF A RUSSIAN CONSULATE AND A LARGE RUSSIAN FILM DELEGATION IN VENICE IN ADDITION TO THE RUSSIAN MISSION FOR DISPLACED PERSONS. THIS LATTER IS KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENT

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CONTACT WITH COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS.

5. TO SUMMARISE THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT

- A. THE ITALIAN CIVIL POLICE AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR VENICE-MESTRE AND PADUA BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT AN ALLIED POLICE MISSION WHOSE FUNCTIONS WOULD BE TO REPRESENT ALLIED INTERESTS AND REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN THOSE CITIES, AND TO ADVISE AND ASSIST THE ITALIAN CIVIL POLICE AUTHORITIES IN MEETING THOSE REQUIREMENTS, AND IN RAISING THE STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY OF THE CIVIL POLICE.
 - B. A PLAN BE DRAWN UP NOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALLIED MILITARY GOVT ENCLAVE SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED AT SHORT NOTICE.
 - C. THE RUSSIAN MISSION BE WITHDRAWN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS MATTER HAS ALREADY BEEN REPRESENTED THROUGH A CHANNELS. MEANWHILE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TWO OTHER ORGANISATIONS REFERRED TO IN PARA 4 WILL BE KEPT UNDER OBSERVATION BY THIS HQ.
6. THESE MEASURES ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL IF LAW AND ORDER IS TO BE ASSURED IN THIS VITAL AREA DURING FORTHCOMING MONTHS. 1540

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SECRET PD YOUR FOX XRAY SEVEN ONE FIVE ONE THREE IS NOTED AND
APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN PD MAY I BE INFORMED WHETHER ANY TRACE
HAS BEEN FOUND OF THE ALLIED VEHICLE AND DRIVER WHICH DURING THE DISORDERS
DROVE RAPIDLY THROUGH MESTRE KILLING FIRST A WOMAN AND LATER HER HUSBAND
AN INCIDENT WHICH LIAISON OFFICER VENICE REPORTS ADDED GREATLY TO THE
HOSTILITY OF THE CROWD PD

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ROUTINE

M. S. LUSH

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

PAUL COLE
1st Lt. Air Corps
Asst Adjt

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Civil disturbance
Kutia

FILE No.

13 Sept 1946

TO

Public Safety
Capt Kelly

The V.P. has seen the report re:
Civil disturbance at Kutia and sent it
to the Ex. Comm.

As regards Jara. 13 of said report,
will you take the matter up with the
Chief of Police and let this Section know
the result. 1544

Tough Mulla.
JAS Capt

Subject - Civil disturbance - MESTRE
on 10 Sep 46.

To - HQ 86 Area, C.M.F.

Info - HQ AC Pub Safety Sub Comm
ROMA.

10 Sep 46.
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Allied Commission,
Liaison Office (PS)
HQ 86 Area,
C.M.F.

1. About 0900 hours on 10 Sep 46 a crowd of about 1000 Italian civilians alleged to be unemployed were assembled in the main square at MESTRE. They were demanding work, food and decrease in cost of living.

2. As result of recent happenings in MESTRE and VENICE the crowd were ~~agitated~~ agitated and at least one shop was looted, the owner being alleged to be a black marketeer.

3. Adults were seen carrying part of the loot but the Italian police succeeded in stopping only two very young persons who were carrying stolen property.

4. This further incited the crowd and matters became worse during the day, the remainder of which was spent in demonstrating and holding processions. Endeavour was made to call out on strike in sympathy civilian workers in the MARGHERA port area.

Civilian traffic was stopped by demonstrators in the MESTRE area and also at MIRA (HR 1-200000 G.5351).

5. To prevent interference, direct or indirect, with military traffic, Allied vehicles were diverted around MESTRE and there were no incidents so far as Allied personnel or property are concerned.

6. During the afternoon a woman struck the *chief* Commissario of Public Security Doctor VAGAR who is local, of Italian civil police. He was not injured, but she was taken into custody and by about 1730 hours 13 persons had been placed in custody for various offences and transferred to one of the prisons at VENICE for proper safe keeping.

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8. GIACOMETTI and TOMATTI, socialist members of the Italian Government also intervened by addressing the throng and endeavouring to pacify. About 1730 hours while one of them was speaking two armoured cars manned by carabinieri arrived. A very inopportune moment was chosen for the arrival, but no further trouble ensued. A person named CROZZARA stating he was secretary of the Camere del Lavoro, MESTRA, was incensed that Allied armoured cars should have been summoned. He was made to understand that the armoured cars are of the Italian carabinieri. On Area Commanders instructions every effort has been made (by contacting Prefetto, Questore and GIACOMETTI) to correct any false impression regarding the armoured cars but the Italian press of 11 Sep is awed. If it is published that the vehicles are Allied or Allied

or Allied/manned there can be no doubt but that troublemakers are still at work.

9. It is known that the vehicles are of the Mobile Battalion of carabinieri at PAROVA and were sent to MESTRE as result of request by Italian police at VENTICE and MESTRE for reinforcement of 200 carabinieri.

On examining one of the numbered cars I saw it still bore the sign of 1 Armad Division, "51" and the vehicle number.

Captain De Agnelli O/c of the carabinieri sent to MESTRE stated his command had received instruction several days ago to repaint the vehicles and cancel all Allied signs, but that owing to pressure of work in recent days this had not been done.

I am taking up the matter with Legion Commander of CC. RR. to have all such signs cancelled immediately.

10. Throughout the day slight injuries were inflicted on a Maresciallo of CC. RR., a Brigadier of Agents of P.S. and several civilians.

11. British or other Allied personnel or property were not involved.

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similar conditions exist in his force.

Thus it will be seen that while large numbers of police are shown on paper, they do not exist for proper police duties.

T. G. Mackenzie

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P.S.I.C. att 86 Area

At 2345 hours 10 Sep it was learned through F.S.S. channels that about 2000 hours some civilians gained entrance to the Commissariato of Agents of P.S. at MESTRE and took some pistols, a sub machine gun and several hand grenades.

Contact with CC.RR. at MESTRE revealed that to be true and that all arms and grenades had been recovered.

T. G. Mackenzie
Major.

(Translation M.B.)

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 11/9/46

Nr.89/151

To : ALLIED COMMISSION
P.S. Sub Commission
R O M E

SUBJECT : MESTRE (Venice district). Demonstration.

Transcribed herewith is a wire here received to-day from the
Commander of the MESTRE CC.RR. Coy :

" On the 10th inst. at 9,30 a.m. a crowd of some 10 thou. persons led by unemployed people and women, gathered in the Municipality Square at Mestre and sent a Commission to the Mayor in order to obtain immediate provisions in connection with the unemployment and high cost of living. As the Commission did not achieve any positive results, the crowd, after having attempted to stop the traffic, went to Piazza Ferretto, where they tried to break into some shops. The immediate intervention of the Public Force succeeded in avoiding acts of violence, and the shops were put under surveillance. In the meanwhile the Mayor and the representatives of the local Labour Chamber invited the demonstrators to calm down, while the representative of the unemployed people incited them to maintain their attitude. In the same time, some of the demonstrators succeeded in breaking into some shops entering from the back yard, and started to plunder them. The Public Force, which was absolutely not in the position of defending all shops, sustained the attacks of the crowd until reinforcements were sent on the spot. At 12,30 a.m., the demonstrators were compelled to break up, and when armoured cars arrived at 1 p.m., the last demonstrators were dispersed. 13 persons were held up and conveyed to Venice. Some CC.RR.'s as well as some civilians were bruised. During the afternoon of the same day, some 2 thou. workers coming from Marghera gathered at the same Piazza Ferretto in order to make a new demonstration. The intervention of the Public Force prevented them to carry out their purpose. Then, the demonstrators asked that the persons held up in the morning might be released, but they calmed down when they were assured that the persons arrested, not being under any serious charge, would be set free within a short time. - In the meanwhile, the Secretary of the Regional Labour Chamber and others asked to arrange the crowd from the balcony of the Municipality in order to convince the demonstrators to give up all violences. While the Secretary was speaking, 4 armoured cars arrived on the spot. This outraged the crowd, which thought it a provocation, and reacted throwing stones against the cars. The Secretary then asked the armoured cars to leave the spot, and the dealings went on. Some little incidents took place between the demonstrators and the Public Force. Some of the civilians tried to seize some arms in the premises of the P.S. Commissariate, but were discovered .

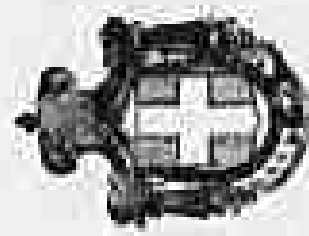
Some of the demonstrators tried to assault the Barracks of the P.S. Coy, but were compelled to leave it immediately, when some musket shots were discharged for intimidation purpose. CC.RR. Maresc. Magg. FALCHITTO Italo, Vice-Brigad. of P.S. COULIANI and some CC.RR.'s were lightly wounded by stones.

At about 8 p.m., owing to the return from VENICE of the demonstrators held up in the morning, the situation has sensibly improved. "

The Ministry of Labour and the Chief of Staff of the Army have been informed.

sgd/ Leonetto TADDEI
Vice-Gen. COMMANDER

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 82/151 di prot. P. Roma, li 11 settembre 1946
 Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: sentire (Venezia) - Disostruzione.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Trasferivo il seguente fonogramma trasmesso alle ore 2,30 edierne del Coman-
 dante la Compagnia Carabinieri di Vezze:
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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Trascrive il seguente fotogramma trasmesso alle ore 2,50 ed ore del Comandante la Compagnia Carabinieri di Vercelli

Intorno 5,30 dieci correnti Vercelli (Vercelli) circa un migliaio di persone esposte da disoccupati et donne si radunano presso municipio attesa che commissione ottiene dal sindaco provvedimenti d'urgenza favore disoccupati et donne. Non avendo commissione ottenute provvidenze e soddisfazione immediata in fatto dopo aver tentato arrestare traffico si riversa Piazza Ferretto dove tentava abbattere marocchine alcuni negri. Pronto intervento forza pubblica riuscì evitare opera di vandalismo fascinosi. Si disperse pianotamento negri più minacciosi in su fronte Piazza. Intanto sindaco et rappresentanti Camera lavoro invitano eulke mentre rappresentanti disoccupati istigava folla non desisteva atteggiamento. Contemporaneamente altri gruppi agitazione negri scalando muro chiesa a largo di esai et riuscivano entrare in alcuni per saccheggiarli. Con la scusa forza a disposizione stata i numerosi posti da proteggere, si cercò arginare per quanto possibile violenze et saccheggio finché sopraggiunti rinforzi verso le ore 12,30 si procedette a sgombero dimostranti come negri. Successivamente verso le 13 scesi avvenivano autoblindo con le quali si poté ultimare allontanamento folla. Operati 13 feriti di cui disposta traduzione Vercelli. Alcuni carabinieri et civili costati. Verso le ore 16,30 stesso giorno circa 2 mila operai provenienti Marghera contrattori sedevano Piazza Ferrette preposte effettuare analoghe dimostrazioni. Intervento forza pubblica evitò tentativo. Dimostranti chiesero allora li-

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berazione dei fermati in mattinata. Dimostranti vennero perquisiti denistare pro-
mettendo loro interessamento perchè fermati non gravemente indiziati fossero ri-
lasciati.

Repergiunti segretario provinciale Camero Lavoro On. TONETTI ed altri chiedere
di arringare la folla dal balcone del Commissariato di P.S. scopo svolgere azione
pacifientrice. Durante il discorso del segretario della Camera del Lavoro stu-
reno sulla Piazza 4 autoblindo di rinforzo il cui intervento fu ritenuto provoca-
torio. Conseguentemente furono fatte segno a sassaiola per cui manovra sulla
Piazza per disperdere i dimostranti. Da richiesta dell'On. TONETTI le autoblindo
furono allontanate avendo egli promesso di pacificare gli animi.
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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
VICA COMANDANTE E COMANDANTE GENERALE INTERIMARIO
- Leonetto Taddai -



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ROUTINE

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TOP SECRETATHQ INFO: ALCOM 86 AREATOP SECRET

1. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE DEMONSTRATION WHICH RESULTED IN CIVIL DISORDERS IN MESTRE YESTERDAY INCLUDED AN ASSAULT BY A WOMAN ON THE LOCAL ITALIAN CHIEF OF POLICE. AS A RESULT OF THIS AND OTHER INCIDENTS THE WOMAN AND 13 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, ONLY TO BE FREED LATER IN THE DAY WHEN DEMONSTRATORS AGITATED FOR THEIR RELEASE. IN ADDITION SOME DEMONSTRATORS ENTERED A CIVIL POLICE BUILDING AND SEIZED PISTOLS A SUB MACHINE GUN AND SEVERAL HAND GRENADES. THESE ARE NOW REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN RECOVERED.
2. THESE INCIDENTS FURTHER SUBSTANTIATE CORPS COMDS OPINION THAT THE LOCAL ITALIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE VENICE MESTRE AREA ARE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER. THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL POLICE (ALCOM SIGNAL 4814 DATED 31 AUGUST) ARE APPRECIATED BUT THE NECESSITY FOR AN ALLIED POLICE MISSION AS RECOMMENDED IN THIS HQ SIGNAL O 430 DATED 17 MAY IS MORE APPARENT THAN EVER, AS THE COMPROMISE ARRANGEMENTS THEREBY ALLIED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS WERE ATTACHED TO THE VENICE POLICE FOR PURPOSE OF LIAISON HAS PROVED INADEQUATE.
3. FURTHERMORE, IN VIEW OF THE ALREADY EMPHASISED IMPORTANCE OF THIS AREA, REQUEST PLANS BE MADE NOW FOR THE REQUISITION OF FULL ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BY MEANS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALLIED MILITARY GOVT. ENCLAVE IN EVENT OF SERIOUS DISORDERS. THE NECESSITY FOR THIS HAS RE-EMPHASISED IN THIS HQ SIGNAL O 892 DATED 30 AUGUST. 20^A
4. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS RECENT UNREST AND DISORDER MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY UNCONNECTED WITH THE PRESENCE OF A RUSSIAN CONSULATE AND A LARGE RUSSIAN FILM DELEGATION IN VENICE IN ADDITION TO THE RUSSIAN MISSION FOR DISPLACED PERSONS. THIS LATTER IS KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENT

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CONTACT WITH COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS.

5. TO SUMMARISE THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT

A. THE ITALIAN CIVIL POLICE AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR VENEZIA-MESTRE AND PADUA BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT AN ALLIED POLICE MISSION WHOSE FUNCTIONS WOULD BE TO REPRESENT ALLIED INTERESTS AND REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN THOSE CITIES, AND TO ADVISE AND ASSIST THE ITALIAN CIVIL POLICE AUTHORITIES IN MEETING THOSE REQUIREMENTS, AND IN RAISING THE STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY OF THE CIVIL POLICE.

B. A PLAN BE DRAWN UP NOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALLIED MILITARY GOVT ENCLAVE SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED AT SHORT NOTICE.

C. THE RUSSIAN MISSION BE WITHDRAWN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS MATTER HAS ALREADY BEEN REPRESENTED THROUGH A CHANNELS. MEANWHILE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TWO OTHER ORGANISATIONS REFERRED TO IN PARA 4 WILL BE KEPT UNDER OBSERVATION BY THIS HQ.

6. THESE MEASURES ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL IF LAW AND ORDER IS TO BE ASSURED IN THIS VITAL AREA DURING FORTHCOMING MONTHS.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Head of Police

Rome, 9 September 1946.

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Colonel Eye,

Following today's conversation, I am in a position to determine that the CC.RR. and P.S. re-inforcements, the arrival in Mestre of which, had been assured by this General Direction, are in that area, billeted as has been possible, owing to the lack of suitable premises.

These re-inforcements will remain in Mestre until required.

Meanwhile the question of barracks for the definite settlement of these units, is hoped to be solved as soon as possible.

Attached herewith is a copy of the report made by Pennette, Inspector General, from which it is noticed that the elements, according to which Major Meekensie considers the Police services in the 86y Area of the British organisation, to be insufficient, are of two natures, i.e. first - political, inasmuch as the cause for these disorders is due to the actual political, social and economical condition in Italy, or at least due to the episodes of civilian indiscipline which enter into the general picture of the Italian situation and which cannot be eliminated through the Police. Secondly - Owing to the lack of means, meaning barracks, equipment, arms and clothing. In spite of this defectiveness, the Italian Govt. is laboriously facing this situation, and not only in the Veneto area.

It is evident that the date when this defect may be repaired cannot be guaranteed, but it is certain that I have given all the necessary dispositions, so that in a short time, if no particular obstacles arise for the lodging in barracks, the a/m necessity should be suppressed.

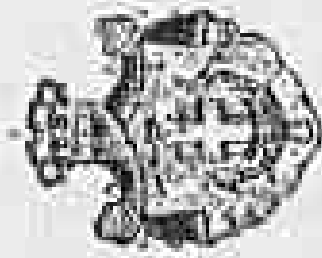
On the other hand, Colonel, you have been, for quite a while, assisting the useless efforts of my Administration in obtaining, especially arms, the means necessary for the enforcement of the police.

Meanwhile I have given dispositions to the Prefect of Venice to endeavour to keep public order down as much as possible, whilst awaiting all the necessary means and 153* in the cable (copy of which is attached) called the attention of the CC.RR. General Command to intensify the activities of the units located in Mestre.

Please Colonel, accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely, Ferrari.

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

Roma, 11 9 Settembre 1946

Sig. Colonnello BYB,

A seguito del colloquio odierno sono in grado di precisare che i rinforzi di carabinieri e di agenti di P.S., di cui questa Direzione Generale aveva assicurato l'arrivo a Mestre, si trovano tuttora in questa località accantonati così come è stato possibile data la deficienza di locali idonei.

Detti rinforzi rimarranno a Mestre fin quando ve ne sarà bisogno.

Si spera intanto che sia risolta al più presto la questione delle caserme per la sistemazione definitiva di detti reparti.

Invio copia della relazione dell'Ispettore Generale Pennetta dalla quale si rileva che gli elementi in base ai quali il Sig. Maggiore Mackenzie giudica che sia insufficiente il servizio di polizia nell'86° Area dell'organizzazione militare inglese sono di due ordini e cioè di carattere politico in quanto sono appunto le attuali condizioni politiche sociali ed economiche dell'Italia la causa dei disordini o per lo meno degli episodi di indisciplina civile che rientrano nel quadro generale della situazione italiana e che non possono essere eliminati con mezzi di polizia.

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Sig. Colonnello BYE  
Commissione Alleata  
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

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soltanto nel Veneto.

E' evidente che non sia possibile garantire la data in cui si potrà riparare a queste manchevolezze, ma è certo che io ho dato tutte le disposizioni perchè nel più breve tempo, se non sorgessero particolari ostacoli per l'accasernamento, si possa sopperire alle necessità di cui sopra.

D'altra parte Ella, Sig. Colonnello, assiste già da tempo agli inutili sforzi della mia Amministrazione per ottenere, specialmente per quanto riguarda le armi, i mezzi necessari al potenziamento della Polizia.

Intanto ho dato disposizioni al Prefetto di Venezia di adoperarsi nel modo migliore perchè l'ordine pubblico sia assicurato, in attesa che possano essergli forniti tutti i mezzi necessari ed ho con telegramma di cui le allego copia richiamata l'attenzione del Comando Generale dei Carabinieri perchè sia intensificata l'attività dei reparti dislocati a Mestre.

La prego, Sig. Colonnello, di gradire i cordiali saluti.

*Don  
D'Adda*

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*Ministero dell'Interno*

GABINETTO

UFFICIO DEL TELEGRAFO E DELLA CIFRA

*Telegramma N. 28992*

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DA= VENEZIA= 6/9/46 ORE 23 ARR. ORE 12/50 DEL 7

CAPO POLIZIA INTERNI ROMA

(Gab.P.S.)

N°021800 alt Riferimento odierna richiesta telefonica trascrivo mio dispaccio pari numero 30 agosto U.S. diretto V.E. alt Ieri sera ore 22/30 mentre agenti ufficio P.S. Mestre erano impegnati sedere violenta lite sorta famiglia Zenon Angelo et tale Bragaglia Giovanna amante di costui che aveva richiamato davanti detto Commissariato centinaia persone nel rione Bareche di Mestre un borchese avvicinava una donna che transitava in compagnia militare alleato e speccendosi agente polizia tentava separare coppia alt At rimostanze donna identificata per Mostroni Lina fu Luca si formavano numerosi gruppi persone che la malmenavano strappandole abiti mentre militare alleato allontanavasi alt Polizia alleata sopraggiunta procedeva fermo tali Capitano Augusto et Favaretto Mariano operai quest'ultimo rimasto ferito non gravemente nella mischia durante la quale furono lanciati anche dei sassi alt Conseguentemente adunavasi numerosa folla davanti Commissariato P.S. chiedendo rilascio

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QUESTORE MAZZA

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR  
CABINET

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Cable : 28992.

From : Venice - 6/9/46 - 23.00 hrs - arrived 12.50 hrs 7/9/46.

TO : Head of Police - Min. Interior: - Rome.

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R. CRIBCO PD With reference to day's phone request I transcribe my message even number 30 August 46 addressed to you PD

Last night 22.30 hrs while P.S. agents office of Mestre were engaged in calming quarrel arisen family Zenon Angelo and certain Bragaglia Giovanna, his lover, which had attracted about 100 persons of the Berche quarter of Mestre a civilian approached a woman who was walking in the company of an Allied soldier and pretending to be a Police agent tried to separate couple PD On complaint made by woman identified as Mostrovi Lina fu Luca a large group of persons gathered round illtreating her tearing her clothes while the Allied soldier went away PD Allied Police arrived holding back Capitano Augusto and Favareto Mariano labourers latter slightly injured in squabble during which some stones were also thrown PD Consequently large crowd gathered in front of P.S. Commissariato asking release of prisoners menacing reprisals should release not take place to-day PD Prisoners were transported during night to Venice Questura where they are held PD Excitement still exists amongst labourers especially Berche quarter Mestre PD I add that on affected ascertations and interrogations prisoners have been denounced to judicial authorities under arrest and are detained in local jail PD.

Questore Mazza.

Translation ac/

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URGENTE

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## MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

## FONOGRAMMA IN PARTENZA

Al COMANDO GENERALE ARMA CARABINIERI  
ROMA

trasmesso

addi 9.9.1946 ore

ricevuto

n.442/16772 Commissione Alleata ha rilevato che nel Veneto Arma Carabinieri non agirebbe con necessaria energia nei servizi di ordine pubblico et in particolare non sarebbero stati eseguiti i servizi di pattuglia resi indispensabili dall'attuale situazione Mestre punto Pregasi impartire istruzioni dipendenti Comandi fornendo cortese assicurazione.

PEL MINISTRO FERRARI

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR  
Direction General of P.S.

Out Going Cable

TO : CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND. - Rome

9/9/1946.

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N. 142/16772. The Allied Commission has pointed out that the CC.RR. in the Veneto area, do not use sufficient energy in the practise of their services and particularly that patrol services, indispensable, owing to the actual situation in Mestre, were not effected. Please give instructions to the dependent Commands, assuring acknowledgement.

For the Minister - FERRARI.

Translation 207

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ALCOM INFO: MAIN 13 CORPS

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REFERENCE 13 CORPS 0892 OF AUGUST AND YOUR 4814 OF 31.

1. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AREA VENICE, MESTRE, TREVISO TO 13 CORPS IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CIVIL LAW AND ORDER IN THIS AREA ARE ADEQUATE.
2. DISTURBANCES IN VENICE IN MAY AND THE RECENT INCIDENTS AT MESTRE AND TREVISO SHOW THAT THIS IS IN FACT NOT THE CASE.
3. THE MEASURES INDICATED IN YOUR 4814 OF 31 AUGUST ARE NOTED AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARAGRAPHS 4 and 5 YOUR SIGNAL. 13 CORPS WILL NOTIFY YOU SHORTLY OF THE AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATION. HOWEVER AS BY THREAT TO INTERNAL SECURITY IN THIS AREA IS UNACCEPTABLE YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MOST STRONGLY TO GIVE THE MATTER THEIR SPECIAL ATTENTION.

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ACTION: EX COMMR 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMR

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Subject - Incidents at MESTRE and TREVI  
on 23 August, 1946.

To - HQ 86 Area, C.M.F.

Info - HQ Allied Commission,  
P.S. Sub Comm.

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Allied Commission  
Liaison Office (P.S.)  
HQ 86 Area,  
C.M.F.

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MESTRE.

About 2230 hours on 23 Aug a result of an Italian eternal triangle the husband was seen in company of the other woman.

The woman was attacked and injured by a child of the husband and was taken to Commissariato of Public Security.

A crowd gathered and tried to invade the building and the Agents retreated to defend their caserma. The local Carabinieri also remained in their Caserma. Result was that crowd increased in number and were not dispersed.

About 2310 hours an Italian girl in company of a British soldier was attacked and completely stripped on her clothing. A crowd of about 300 jeered at her condition and Italian police were conspicuous by their absence. The soldier cleared off and got assistance of CMP patrol, stating he had been threatened by an Italian male with a knife. CMP assisted in having the girl dressed and handed her over to the Italian police for safety. The soldier and CMP patrol went to scene of attack and soldier identified man with knife. He was arrested by CMP and the crowd commenced stone throwing, the prisoner being injured as result. The patrol was in difficulty and a British Captain (stated by 22 (Br) General Hosp to be from same Unit as Captain who was injured in MESTRE on Sat 24 Aug - that is HQ 46 Pioneer Group) passing in a 15 cwt stopped and patrol with prisoner went aboard. As result of stone throwing the Captain was injured. Prisoner was taken to HQ CMP MESTRE and handed over to Agents of P.S. He was later transferred to hospital. Understood Captain's injury slight and he returned to Unit.

About 2320 hours CMP patrol saw crowd throwing stones at Allied personnel. One man arrested by CMP and handed over to Carabinieri. Carabinieri were afraid to take him, but eventually agreed on condition they were escorted

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It is understood the two persons arrested <sup>1520</sup> have been transferred to Santa Maria Maggiore Prison, VERONA, for safe custody.

False and exaggerated reports appear in VENICE Italian newspapers this morning. Two papers at least state that CMP arrested many persons and as result of a people's commission approaching CMP many of the prisoners were liberated. Another large press heading has doubtful meaning and could be read that Allied personnel stripped the Italian girl.

TREVISO About 2035 hours four British soldiers alleged to be drunk and to have taken newspaper from two civilians. Civilians ran into a cafe-supposedly for shelter and soldiers followed. Civilians allege one soldier brandished a knife which was knocked from his hand. He then with a large spoon struck and injured a civilian. Damage to cafe stated to be about Lire 5000. Two of soldiers taken to their unit -

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1 C.R.U. - and one placed in M.I. Room as he has injured face.  
C.M.P. inquiring.

The affair at TRIVISO appears to have been caused by British troops while drunk but is without doubt the aftermath of treatment received by them from Italians.

The question at MESTRE was the result of inefficiency, ineffectiveness, fear of physical hurt, fear to accept responsibility and general uselessness of the Italian police - Agents of P.S. and Carabinieri.

*T.G. Mackenzie*

T.G. Mackenzie. Major.  
P.S.L.O. att HQ 86 Area.

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MAIN 13 CORPS  
INFO: ALCOM ROME

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REUR 0892 OF 30 AUGUST.

1. YOUR ATTENTION INVITED TO ALCOM SIGNAL REFERENCE 4814 OF 31 AUGUST.
2. PLEASE REPORT FURTHER IF POSITION DOES NOT ~~IMPROVE~~ IMPROVE TO YOUR ENTIRE SATISFACTION.

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ACTION: EX COMM 2  
INFO: CHIEF COMR  
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Roma, 28 Agosto 1945

del 30/8/45



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Al LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

S. Commissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Divisione A.S.R. Sez. 2<sup>a</sup>

Prot. N. 442/16087 Allegato

Risposta al Foglio del  
D. N. 24

MESTRE - (Venezia) Incidenti tra militari alleati

OGGETTO  
e civili. =

Per opportuna notizia, si trascrive il seguente fonogramma in data 25 corrente della Compagnia Carabinieri di Mestre:

"N. 555/2- Ore 19 circa 24 corrente Mestre - (Venezia) circa 200 persone avvicinarono una donna che accompagnavansi ad un militare inglese et tentavano staccarla da lui. Intervenevano Carabinieri che sottraevano donna et furore popolare et proteggevano alleato. Situazione sembrava apparentemente ristabilita ma tuttavia venivano predisposti servizi per prevenire eventuali disordini. Ore 22,30 circa 150 militari alleati irrompevano di corsa questa Piazza Ferretti et portavansi innanzi Caffè Giacomuzzi dove provocavano alcuni civili sconfiggiando sedie e tavolini. Un militare inglese venne visto estrarre pistola. Dal pubblico partivano fischi in seguito ai quali alleati caricavano civili agitando cinturini uniformi ciò che provocava viva reazione folla di circa un migliaio uomini che rispondevano con lancio sassi.

Intervento polizia alleata et italiana determinava spostamento parte fol

ITALIAN INFORMATION OFFICE

Per opportuna

data 25 corrente della Compagnia Carabinieri di Mestre: "N.565/2- Ore 19 circa 24 corrente Mestre - (Venezia) circa 200 persone avvicinavano una donna che accompagnavansi ad un militare inglese et tente vano staccarla da lui. Intervenevano Carabinieri che sottraevano donna et furore popolare et proteggevano alleato. Situazione sembrava apparente mente ristabilita ma tuttavia venivano predisposti servizi per prevenire eventuali disordini. Ore 22,30 circa 150 militari alleati irrompevano di corsa questa Piazza Ferretti et portavansi innanzi Caffè Giacomuzzi dove provocavano alcuni civili sconfiggiando sedie e tavolini. Un militare inglese venne visto estrarre pistola. Dal pubblico partivano fischi in seguito ai quali alleati caricavano civili agitando cinturini uniformi ciò che provocava viva reazione folla di circa un migliaio uomini che rispondevano con lancio sassi.

Intervento polizia alleata et italiana determinava spostamento parte fol la verso rione Berche dove si rinnovavano sassaiole contro militari alleati che si ritiravano et contro forze ordine. Filovie in cui viaggiavano al- leati venivano bloccate et militari minacciati. Forze alleate scopo intima dorio sparavano alcuni colpi arma fuoco uno dei quali colpiva certo Olivi che restava ferito tra cio sinistro. Camion alleato che durante sassaiola percorreva via Olivi investiva gruppo persone uccidendo casalinga Croato Teresa anni 57 et ferendo gravemente di lei marito Del Puppo Matteo et operaio Casarin Fortunato. Altro automezzo alleato transitava stessa via

fatto segno fitta sassaiola sbandava seguito ferimento militare autista et precipitava canale. Città veniva successivamente percorsa da autoblinde et Jeps della polizia che scombrevano strada. Graine pubblico veniva ristabilito ore 0,30 del 25 corrente. Complessivamente si lamentano nella popolazione civile un morto e nove feriti di cui uno grave.

Alcuni militari alleati feriti ma non possibile ancora precisare numero. Nessun ferito tra carabinieri e polizia. Grave fermento popolazione. =

FELMINISTRO



( Translation P.B. )

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND  
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 31/3/46

Nr. 107/74 R.P.

To : ALLIED COMMISSION  
P.S. Sub Commission

ROME

SUBJECT : Mestre (Venice). Incidents between the Allies and the civil population.

At Mestre (Venice), on the 29th inst. about 10.45 p.m., a group of Italian youths hit and undressed 22-years-old OTTOMI Lina, who was in company of an Allied soldier.

The Allied Police, promptly intervened, held up civilians CAPITANIO Augusto and FAVARETTO Mariano, the latter lightly wounded during the fight.

Immediately after, a menacing crowd gathered in front of the P.S. Commissariate, where the held up people had been conveyed, asking for the immediate release of the same and threatening reprisals against the Allied soldiers.

The held up people were conveyed during the same night to Venice, for protective measures.

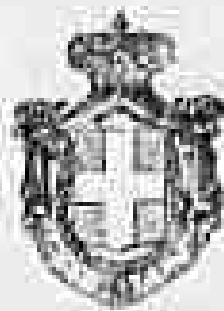
A deep discontent is spreading among the workers of the "Barche" suburb.

by order

sgd/ MARIO SACCHI, Col. Chief of Staff.

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## Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 197/74 di prot. E.P.

Roma, li 31 agosto 1946

Risposta al

del

Allegato 1

OGGETTO: Mestre (Venezia) - Incidenti tra alleati e civili italiani.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

ROMA

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In Mestre (Venezia), alle ore 22,45 del 29 corrente, un gruppo di giovanotti malmenò e denudò la ventiduenne MOTRONI Lina, che si accompagnava con un militare alleato.

La polizia alleata, prontamente intervenuta, fermò i civili CAMPITANIO Augusto e FAVARETTO Mariano, quest'ultimo rimasto lievemente ferito nella colluttazione.

Subito dopo, una folla minacciosa si adunò dinanzi la sede del commissariato di P.S., dove erano stati dagli alleati accompagnati gli arrestati, chiedendone il rilascio e minacciando - in caso contrario - rappresaglie contro i militari inglesi.

I detenuti - per misura precauzionale - furono tradotti, nella stessa notte, a Venezia.

Grave fermento esiste tra gli operai del rione "Barche".

d'ordine  
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.  
- Mario Sacchi -

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 794

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AC/14191/4/PS

2 Sept. 1946.

SUBJECT : Disturbances in Mestre and Venice.  
TO : Ministry of the Interior  
Director General of P.S.

1. In confirmation of the conversation Dott. Ferrari - Col. Dye on Saturday 31st August 1946 regarding Civil Police aid to Mestre, Treviso and Venice.
2. The Allied authorities have been informed that the Ministry of Interior dispatched forthwith 100 Mobile C.C.P.R. for duty in that area and that 120 P.S. Agents were being transferred from Padova to Mestre, due to arrive in the latter city during the evening of 31st August 1946.
3. It has also been noted that 500 P.S. Agents in uniform, fully equipped, with transport are now in Reserve at Vicenza and the Allied authorities have been asked to endeavour to arrange, with the Italian authorities for accommodation for these reinforcements.
4. It will be necessary and desirable for these reinforcements to perform duty in the disturbed area to maintain public order until all danger of further disturbances is passed.
5. May this Hq. be informed please of the time of arrival of the reinforcements mentioned in para 2 together with place at which they are located.

*E. J. Dye* 520  
E. J. DYE Colonel  
Acting Director.

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ALCOM HQ

31 AUGUST 1946

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MAIN 13 CORPS - A.C., P.S. LIAISON OFFICER 86 AREA

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IN VENEZIA AREA BUT NO ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE PD  
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SUITABLE BUILDING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE IN VENICE OR MESTRE TO  
ACCOMMODATE PS REINFORCEMENTS PD

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M. LUSH BIRGADIER

PAUL COLE  
1st Lt. Air Corps  
Asst. Adjutant.

( Translation M.E. )

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND  
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 25/8/46

Nr. 107/67 R.P.

To : ALLIED COMMISSION  
P.S. Sub CommissionR M E

SUBJECT : Mestre (Venice). Incidents between the civil population and the Allied troops.

Transcribed herewith is a to-day's phonogram here received from the Command of the Mestre (Venice) CC.RR. Coy. :

" On the 24th inst. (at about 7 p.m.), at Mestre (Venice district) some 200 persons tried to surround a girl, who was walking in company of an Allied soldier. The CC.RR.'s intervened, thus setting free the girl and defending the soldier. The situation seemed re-established, but special order services were disposed of in order to prevent further incidents. At 10,30 p.m., some 150 Allied soldiers came running to the local Ferretto Square and went to the Giacomuzzi Café, where they provoked some civilians. A British soldier was seen while drawing out a pistol. This caused a disturbance, during which the Allied soldiers trashed the crowd with their belts and the civilians threw stones against them. Owing to the intervention of the Allied and Italian Police, the crowd retreated as far as the local Bareche suburb, where the shower of stones against the Allied soldiers and the Police Forces was resumed. Trains on board of which Allies were travelling, were stopped and the soldiers threatened. The Allied Forces discharged some fire-arm shots for intimidation purpose. A CIVILI was wounded on a arm by one of those. An Allied truck travelling across Via Clivi during the disturbance ran over a group of persons thus killing 57-years-old CROATO Teresa and seriously wounding her husband DEL PUPPO Matteo and worker CESARIN Ferrate. The driver of another Allied truck having been wounded by a stone lost the control on the vehicle, which fell into a canal. The town was later on crossed by Jeeps and armoured cars which cleared the streets. The order was re-established at 0,30 a.m. of the 25th inst. The casualties among the civil population amount to one dead and 9 wounded, one of whom heavily. Some Allied soldiers were also wounded, but the number is not yet known. No casualties among the Police Forces and CC.RR.'s. The discontent is spreading among the population, and new and more incidents are expected to take place to-day. "

Receiv. 29/8  
Transl. 29/8sgt/ LEONETTO TADDEI  
General of Division

To: Jintar Rukh Spty S/C

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IMPORTANT

MAIN 13 CORPS

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1. RECURRENCE OF INCIDENTS AT MESTRE AND TREVISO CAUSED SOME ANXIETY. FOR MOST PART THESE ARE VIOLENT ACTS OF HOOLIGANISM BY SMALL GROUPS OF ROUGHS PROBABLY ALSO INVOLVED IN PILFERAGE RACKET. INACTIVITY OF CIVIL POLICE INCLUDING REFUSAL TO ACCEPT CUSTODY OF YOUTHS ARRESTED BY CMP IN ACT OF THROWING BRICKS AT TROOPS AND VEHICLES SEEMS TO BE ENCOURAGING LAWLESSNESS. IF THIS SITUATION CONTINUES TROOPS MAY BE PROVOKED INTO STRONGER RETALIATION.
2. AREA COMD HAS ASKED PREPARE TO REMEDY SITUATION BUT MAIN FACT IS THAT CIVIL POLICE ARE INEFFECTIVE.
3. A MONTH AGO AT REQUEST CHIEF COMMISSIONER AGO A SUPER COMPTON FROM ROME VISITED AREA UNDER INSTRUCTIONS MINISTRY OF INTERIOR BUT NOTHING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DONE.
4. CMP HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO MAXIMUM SCALE CORPS REORGANIZED ALLOW.
5. RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE PROVISION OF A MOBILE RESERVE OF AT LEAST 50 ITALIAN "SHOCK" POLICE BASED ON MESTRE AND AVAILABLE ALSO FOR TREVISO AND PADOVA OR ANY PART OF 13 CORPS AREA UNDER ITALIAN ADM. OBJECT TO STRENGTHEN EXISTING POLICE. FIRST TASK TO SUPPRESS HOOLIGAN GANG OPERATIONS IN MESTRE BEFORE SITUATION GETS OUT OF HAND. REQUIREMENT COULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW MONTHLY.
6. VITAL IMPORTANCE TO US OF VENICE- MESTRE AREA FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES WAS EMPHASIZED BY ME IN CONNECTION WITH DISTURBANCES BY ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN JUNE. RECENT OCCURRENCES ADD WEIGHT TO ARGUMENTS PUT FORWARD THEN FOR STRONGEST PRESSURE ON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN ADMINISTRATION AND POLICE ORGANISATION IN THAT AREA, ALSO FOR PLAN FOR RESUMPTION

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OF FULL ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL IN EVENT OF SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS. REQUEST  
POLICY AND PLANS FOR SUCH ACTION BE KEPT UNDER CLOSE REVIEW

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INFO: ACTION: EXEC COMMR 2

INFO : CHIEF COMMR

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Ref: E.M. 111

30 August 1946

SUBJECT: MEMPHIS IS. 1001/46.

Recd 30/8

TO : ALLIED FORM INFORMATION.  
Attention: C-3 Section.

ADPS

17th

With reference to my letter 3631/31/32 dated  
27 August 1946.

During conversation with the Prime Minister on  
26 August the latter told me that he believed that the  
Communist were behind the anti-Allied incidents and news-  
paper articles which have been occurring recently and men-  
tioned particularly the disorder at London on 23-24 August.

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

Elmer W. Stone  
Sect. 1, 1001  
Chief, Information

Copy to: US Embassy  
UK Embassy  
Public Safety 3/C.

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( Translation M.B. )

CC.M. GENERAL COMMAND  
Service and Situation Office

NO. 107/67 R.P.

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2000, 25/8/46  
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To : MILITARY COMMISSION  
R.P. Sub Commission

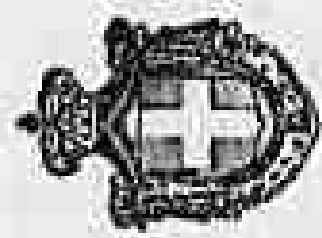
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Receiv. 29/8  
Transl. 29/8

2001/ LEONETTO PADDI  
General of Division



# Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

## UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 107/07  
Risposta al  
di prot. del

Roma, li 25 agosto 1948  
 recd 29/8  
 Alghero

Rec'd 29/8  
Allport

**OGGETTO:**

contro (Venosia) - Incidenti tra popolazione e truppe al  
lento -

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

# R O M A

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Transcurre il seguente programma odierno del Comando del  
la Compagnia Carabinieri di Centra (Venetia):

una Varco era 19 ventiquattro corrente Mestre (Venezia) circa 100 persone arrivavano una donna che accompagnava ed una militare inglese et tentavano stupirla da lui punto intervenivano carabinieri che sottraevano donna al furore popolare et proteggevano all'atto punto situazione sembrava eparentemente ristabilita, ma tuttavia venivano predisposti servizi per prevenire eventuali disordini punto Ore 22,10

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

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Trasferivo il seguente fotogramma odierno del Comando del  
la Compagnia Carabinieri di Mestre (Venezia):  
non verso ora 19 ventiquattro corrente Mestre (Venezia) ed  
da 200 persone avvicinavano una donna che accompagnandosi ad  
un militare inglese et tentavano staccarla da lui punto in-  
tervenivano carabinieri che sottraevano donna al furore po-  
polare et proteggevano alleato punto situazione sembrava es-  
sere momentaneamente ristabilita, ma tuttavia venivano predisposti  
servizi per prevenire eventuali disordini punto Ora 22.10  
circa 150 militari alleati irrompono di corsa questa piaz-  
za Ferretto et portandosi dinanzi Caffè Giacomazzi dove pre-  
vocavano alcuni civili punto Un militare inglese venne visto  
estrarre pistola punto Dal pubblico partivano fischi in se-  
guito ai quali alleati caricavano civili agitando edifizii  
uniforme ed che provocava viva reazione folla di circa un  
migliaio di uomini che rispondevano con lancio sassi punto  
intervento polizia alleata et italiana determinava sponta-  
neamente parte folla verso rione Barche dove si rinnovavano

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massimo centro militari alleati che si ritiravano et centro  
 forze ordine punto Filiole in cui viaggiavano alleati veniva-  
 no bloccate et militari minacciati punto Forne alleate opera-  
 vano esodo intimidatorio alcuni colpi arma fuoco una del qua-  
 li colpiva morto OLIVI che restava ferito braccio sinistro.  
 Canion alleato che durante massiccia percorreva via OLIVI in  
 vestiva gruppo persone uccidendo casalinga cronata Teresa anni  
 57 et ferendo gravemente al lei marito Del Duppo Matteo et op-  
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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
A P O 794  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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14/9/46

Ref. : 3631/98/XD

27 August 1946

Recd 27/8

SUBJECT: Report on Mordre disorders.

TO : G-5 Section,  
AFHQ.

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I enclose for your information a copy of a report dated 25 August 46 from the A.O. Liaison Officer to 86 Area on the subject of Mordre disorders on the night of 23/24 August 1946.

Any further information received will be forwarded.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Kniselg.  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

Copy to: U.S. Embassy  
British Embassy  
P.S. S/O

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
Liaison Officer  
86 Area C.M.F.

TO: Allied Commission  
Executive Commissioner's Office  
(Att. Brig. Lash)

ACLO  
25 August 1946

SUBJECT: Report on Mestre Disorders.

- With reference to telephone report to you today 25 August 46 at 1350 hours further inquiries (subject to confirmation) show that
- (1) The disorders followed an incident on the night of 23/24 August when Italian civilians attacked a girl walking with two Celestrian Guardsmen and beat up the two Guardsmen. On the next evening 25 August the crowd started booing and provoking British troops in a cafe; this started a fight in the cafe when both sides received reinforcements, and led to the main disorder of the evening. The hostility of the crowd was greatly increased by a most unfortunate and inexcusable incident. An ~~an~~ Allied vehicle driving fast through Mestre during the disorders knocked and dragged a woman standing by her own doorway for about thirty yards; by a terrible coincidence the truck then knocked down her husband ~~who~~ further up the road; both have since died and there is no trace of driver or vehicle.
  - (2) The general opinion about the incident can be summed up as follows:
    - (A) The action of the Italian Civilians was not part of an organised Anti Allied demonstration as far as it can be judged at present.
    - (B) It was local, confined to Mestre area and has not affected Venice.
    - (C) It has left behind a very tense situation locally with a strong feeling of hostility against the Allied troops located in the area this may cause further incidents at the slightest provocation.
  - (3) Mestre has been put out of bounds for troops after 1800 hours.

/s/ W.M. HARRISON  
Major  
Liaison Officer

Subject - Public Disorder - MESTRE

Allied Commission  
Liaison Office,  
HQ 86 Area, CMEF

To - HQ 86 Area, CMEF.

25 Aug 46

HQ Allied Commission, Pub Safety  
Sub Comm.

LC/V/PB/47

1. Recently there have been isolated incidents of civilians attacking girls seen walking in MESTRE (VENICE) with Allied soldiers. At least one British soldier also has been attacked. Military and civilian police were aware of such incidents.

2. Yesterday evening civilian temper worsened and British soldiers seated in a bar were booed.

3. Eventually about 20 hours the civilian crowd had increased to about 500 and the Italian police were unable to control matters. The treatment meted by civilians to British troops apparently became unbearable and troops took matters into their own hands. There were general skirmishes resulting in injuries to troops and civilians, fortunately none seriously although some are detained in hospital.

4. During the trouble an Allied vehicle - so far unidentified - drove through the crowd resulting in the death of a woman and her husband. They were apart on the street and when the woman was struck she was carried on the vehicle for a distance of about 33 yards where she fell near to where the husband was standing. Both were injured seriously and subsequently died.

5. About 1500 hours yesterday, 24 Aug 46, the Commander of the Carabinieri Company at MESTRE telephoned his Group Command at VENICE stating he was "afraid something was going to happen". Venice was unable to send reinforcements and proper contact was not taken with Allied Command. There is no doubt that if Italian authority had taken contact with Allied Command, steps could have been taken to place MESTRE out of bounds.

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British troops.

As from 1800 hours today Sunday MESTRE is out of bounds to all ranks of Allied troops and it is not expected that further trouble will arise today.

Italian police have been reinforced from VENICE and PADOVA and are now about 200 strong.

*Mackenzie*  
T.G. Mackenzie. Major.  
P.S.L.O.

TRANSLATION M.C.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
P.S. General Direction  
Div.A.P.G. Sect.II  
No.442/I2205

Rome - 12 July 1946

To: Allied Commission  
Public Safety S.C.  
ROME

SUBJECT: Arcugnano - Public order.

For your information we transmit the following report, dated 22 June last, by the Vicenza Prefect:

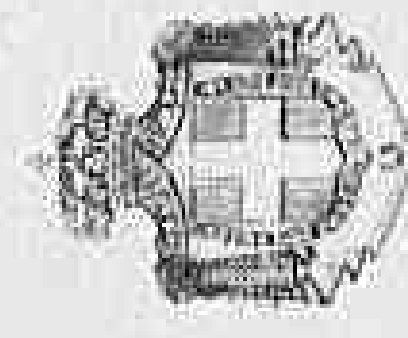
" At 12,45 A.M. of 20th inst., Arcugnano commune: a minute explosive implement was thrown in the courtyard of barracks occupied by British troops ( "pugno di Ferro" - 8th motorized Division).

No casualties or damages.

In course investigations for the discovery of culprits. We reserve to communicate results."

For the Minister  
/s/ illegible

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*Ministero dell'Interno*

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma, 12 luglio

1946

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Divisione A.P.G. Sec. 2a

Prot. N. 422/12205 Magg.

*Risposta al Foglio del  
Dir.*

OGGETTO = Arcugnano - Ordine pubblico =

Per opportuna notizia, si trascrive la seguente segnalazione,  
in data 22 giugno scorso del Prefetto di Vicenza:

" Alle ore 0,45 del 20 corrente, nel comune di Arcugnano, veniva  
lanciato un ordigno esplosivo di minuscole proporzioni nel corti-  
le della caserma delle truppe inglesi (8° Squadrone Divisione Co-  
razzata "Pugno di Ferro").

Non si sono verificati danni a persone nè a cose.

Sono in corso indagini per l'identificazione del responsabile  
e si fa riserva di comunicare l'esito."

PEL MINISTRO

*Uddel*

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PEL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 794  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
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~~TOP SECRET~~  
M. Canby

17 July 1946

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Ref: 648/57/30.

AIDE MEMOIRE

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has recently been concerned as to the state of public order in VARESE and the ability of the Italian civil authorities to maintain law and order in that city, particularly in connection with the protection of Allied personnel and installations. For example, during the month of June there developed a definite increase in the number of strikes during which instances arose affecting public order and in which the police made little effort to enforce the law. While fully mindful of the many difficulties which beset the Italian Government in its efforts to build up an efficient police force, the Supreme Allied Commander is desirous that special attention be given to this city in the matter of security.

2. I am directed, therefore, to ask you to have the situation investigated and to state that the Supreme Allied Commander relies upon the Italian Government to take early action to remedy any difficulties brought to light, and that the security of Allied personnel and installations may be ensured.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner  
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Ref: 648/36/10.

16 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Security - Venetian Area.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.  
Attention: G-5 Section.

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I refer to your letter 940.21 of 10 July 1946.

1. I must express my regret for the delay in replying to your letter of 2 June 1946 with the result that implementation of SACMED's directions has not been carried out. The delay is due to a mistake made by the Executive Commissioner in transmitting my letter, which is much regretted.

2. I am now communicating SACMED's misgivings to the Italian Government and asking them to make such investigation and take such action as is deemed necessary.

/s/ Elery W. Stone  
ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section. ✓

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

CA Sec (PS 5/c)

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10 July 1946.

Ref: 940.21

SUBJECT: Security - Venice Area.

TO : Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission, APO 794,

1. Reference your AC/34191/4/PS above subject dated 30 June 1946. The Supreme Allied Commander is surprised to learn that his directive sent to you on 2 June 1946 has not after nearly a month's delay been implemented. An explanation is desired.

2. It is not the desire of the Supreme Allied Commander to enter into a detailed discussion of particular events. He has misgivings as to the ability of the Italian Civil authorities in Venice to maintain law and order in a city of great interest to him. He wishes to convey that feeling to the Italian Government so that it may make such investigations and take such actions, as in the opinion of that Government are deemed necessary.

3. It is desired therefore that you, with the least practicable delay, comply with the instructions issued to you on 2 June 1946.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

*A. L. Hamblen* Col  
for A. L. HAMBLÉN, (direct or duty)  
Colonel GSC,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

EC DIST. 11 July

ACTION - EC

INFO - CA Sec (PS 5/c)



TRANSLATION M.C.

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND  
Service and Situation Office  
No.89/74 R.P.

Rome - 27 June 1946

To: Allied Command  
Public Safety S.C.  
ROME

SUBJECT: Venezia - Incident.

109/14

Ref. to telegram forwarded on 26th inst. by the Com-  
manding Officer of the Venezia Carabinieri:

"" About 9.30 P.M. of 25.6.46, while the U.R.S.S.'s youth  
delegation was being presented by the mayor, Gianquinto,  
to the Venetians at Piazza San Marco, Giuliani elements  
shouted in favour of Trieste for the Italians. In scuffle  
which followed, chairs and tables of closeby shops were  
fired about. A certain Grabar Paolo injured. P.S. agent  
assaulted fired into the air to frighten demonstrators.  
This provoked reaction of communists who illtreated afore-  
said agent and three other agents who went to his help.  
Agents slightly injured. The intervention of the police  
and the Arma re-established order at around 2200 hrs.

The General Commander  
Brunetto Brunetti

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali  
UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 89/74 di prot. R.P. Roma, li 27 giugno 1946  
Risposta al Del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Venezia - Incidente.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
- Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

R O M A

Trascrive il seguente telegramma spedito in data 26 corrente dal Comandante della Compagnia Carabinieri di Venezia:  
"Ore 21,30 circa del 25.6.1946 in Piazza S.Marco Venezia mentre delegazione giovanile dell'U.R.S.S. veniva presentata alla popolazione da sindaco Gianquinto elementi giuliani reclamarono Trieste Italiana punto Naquero taufferugli con lancio sedie et tavoli vicini esercizi pubblici punto Rimaneva ferito alla faccia tale GRABAR Paolo subito ricoverato ospedale et riconosciuto guaribile giorni 40 punto Agente P.S. investito da dimostranti sparava in aria colpo pistola sotto intimidazione punto Ciò provocava reazione elementi comunisti che malmenavano predetto agente et altri tre colleghi intervenuti suo aiuto punto Agenti stessi riportavano lievi contusioni per cui successivamente ricevevano assistenza medica ospedale punto Intervenuti rinforzi polizia et Arma veniva ristabilita calma alle ore 22 circa punto 1503

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE  
-Brunetto Brunetti-

( Translation M.B. )

JK  
to ACC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND  
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 8/6/46

Nr. 65/43-I

To : ALLIED COMMISSION  
P.S. Sub Commission  
R O M ESUBJECT : BELLUNO. Shots against the Barracks of the 8th "Alpini"  
Rgt.

1491/4

The Commander of the Belluno CC.RR. Group, with a wire  
dated to-days, communicates :

" Last night, between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m., unknown individuals discharged, from the hills surrounding the town, showers of machine-guns against the Barracks of the 8th Alpini Rgt. All researches immediately carried out by CC.RR.'s led by an Officer, did not give any positive results. "

The General Commander

sga/ BRUNETTO BRUNETTI

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| TO              | INIT | DATE |
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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali  
UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 65/43-1 di prot.

Roma, li 8 giugno 1946

Risposta al

del

Allegato n.

OGGETTO: Belluno - Sparo di armi contro la caserma dell'8° Rgt. Alpini.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

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Il Comandante del Gruppo Carabinieri di Belluno, con foglio telegramma ediziona comunicato:  
"Un forte accorcia tra ore 11:30 et 3, sconosciuti da colline circostanti questa città spararono direzione caserma 8° Reggimento Alpini, intervallate raffiche armi automatiche senza conseguenze. Ricerche subito eseguite da militari armi comandati da ufficiale et da soldati hanno dato esito negativo".

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE  
- Brunetto Brunetti -

*Brunetti*

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( Translation M.B. )

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9AMINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
P.S. General Direction

A.G.R. Div. 3rd sec.

Rome, 31/8/46

Nr. 443/48994

To : MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

and, f.i.

To : ALLIED COMMISSION  
P.S. Sub Commission

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SUBJECT : Incidents caused by foreigners : SCHWEIGL Maria.

Follows even-numbered note dated 7th inst.

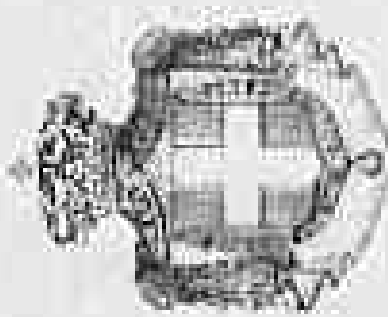
We beg to transcribe the following report Nr. 2/38-3 dated  
17th April last by the Merano CC.RR. Lieutenantance :

" Follows note Nr. 2/38-I dated 15th inst. Following investigations and searched performed in the dwelling-house of SCWEIGLE Maria daughter of Giovanni, the Mese di Passiria (Belzano) CC.RR. Arma arrested, on the 16th inst. at about 11 p.m., SCHWEIGL Giuseppe son of Giuseppe and Mader Rosa, born at Mese di Passiria on the 14/3/1919, unmarried, farmer; LANTHALER Giuseppe son of late Luigi and of Enneser Filomena, born on the 27/2/1919 at Mese in Passiria, unmarried, blacksmith; LANTHALER Enrice son of late Felice and of Holaknecht Maria, born at Mese on the 19/10/1917, unmarried, farmer; HOFER Benedette son of Luigi and Enneser Maria, born at Mese on the 25/1/1938, unmarried, farmer; PLATTER Luigi son of late Carlo and of Ohl Agnese, born on the 14/1/1920 at Mese, unmarried, farmer; WEGER Alberto father unknown, born at Mese on the 23/6/24, unmarried, farmer; PFTCHER Giuseppe son of late Giovanni and late Platter Maria, born on the 9/12/1907 at Mese, widow, farmer; KOFLER Martine son of late Giovanni and late Lanthaler Maria born on the 21/10/1926 at Mese, unmarried, farmer. The arrested persons, all living at Mese in Passiria, were caught while, armed with sticks and whips, were ordering to Schweigl Maria to supply them with food and drinks. They denied to be the same people of the previous night, but all the same they were denounced to the Judicial Authorities by the Mese CC.RR.'s who charged them with the theft of 15 Kg. of lard. The investigations are continuing in order to identify the other culprits. "

For the Minister

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

AL MINISTERO AFF. ESTERI D.G.A.P. ROMA

e.p.c.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA

S. Commissione per la P.S. ROMA

Roma 31 MAGGIO 1945

Divisione A.G.P. 3°

Prot. N. 443/48694 Moggi

Resposta al Foglio del  
D. N. 3°

OGGETTO Incidenti provocati da stranieri: Schweigl Maria.

Di seguito alla nota p.n. del 7 c.m., si trascrive la seguente segnalazione della Tenenza del CC. RR. di Merano, n. 2/38-3, in data 17 aprile u.s.:

Un seguito 2/38-1 del 15 corrente. At seguito indagini et appiattamenti operati at abitazione di Schweigl Maria di Giovanni, Arma Moso di Passiria (Bolzano) ieri 15 corrente at ore 23 habet arrestato Schweigl Giuseppe di Giuseppe et di Mader Rosa nato Moso in Passiria 14 marzo 1919 celibe contadino; Lantahaler Giuseppe fu Luigi et di Dannecker Filomena nato 27 febbraio 1919 Moso in Passiria, celibe, fabbro; Lantahaler Enrico fu Felice et di Holaknecht Maria nato Moso 19 ottobre 1917, celibe, contadino; Hofer Benedetto di Luigi et di Dannecker Maria nato 25 gennaio 1938 a Moso, celibe, contadino Platter Luigi fu Carlo e di Ohi Agnese nato 14 gennaio 1920 a Moso celibe, contadino; Weger Alberto d'ignoto nato 23 giugno 1924 a Merano, celibe, contadino; Pfetscher Giuseppe fu Giovanni et fu Platter Maria nato il 9 dicembre 1907 in Moso, vedovo, contadino; Kofler Martin fu Giovanni et fu Lantahaler Maria nato 31 ottobre 1906 at Moso celibe, contadino. Tutti residenti in Moso Passiria, che armati di bastoni et fruste mentre presentavansi at abitazione di Schweigl Maria chiedendo da mangiare et bere. Predetti habent negato essere stessi della sera precedente, ma at cura Arma Moso, sono stati ugualmente denunciati at competente Autorità Giudiziaria per il furto o messo la sera precedente di Kg. 15 di lardo. Le indagini proseguono

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mezzo la sera precedente di Kg. 15 di lardo. Le indagini proseguono  
per la identificazione degli altri.

PER IL MINISTRO

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref: AC/14121/1/PS.

30 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Security - Venice Area.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.  
Attn: G-5 Section.

I refer to your letter G-5: 940.21 of 2 June 46.

1. I feel sure that if I represent to the Prime Minister the doubts felt by the Commander, 13 Corps, as to the ability of the Italian civil authorities in VENICE to maintain order he will ask for concrete examples of neglect to protect Allied personnel and installations in order that he may bring them to the notice of the local authorities. He would be following the custom of all Headquarters when general complaints are made regarding subordinate formations.

2. He may also refer to the incident in St. Mark's Square on 9th May and ask perhaps with reason that the Allied military authorities exercise greater tact in the display in Italian territory of Allied national flags.

3. May I have details of concrete examples.

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

June, 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The local military authorities have expressed doubts as to the ability of the Italian Civil Police in Venice to maintain law and order in the city, particularly in connection with the protection of Allied personnel and installations.

They feel that the training, administration and equipment of the Police leave much to be desired.

The ineffectiveness of the Police was demonstrated on the 9th May when, during a British Military Parade in the Piazza San Marco, Venice, a large number of Italian sailors and civilians, after demonstrating against the Allied troops broke through the Police cordons and invaded the part reserved for the parade. Only with difficulty was order restored.

The Supreme Allied Commander fully appreciates the difficulties which your Government are meeting in its efforts to make the Police Forces efficient, but in view of the particular interest which the Allies have in Venice and the necessity that the security of Allied Personnel and installations may be ensured, he asks, my dear Mr Prime Minister if you will be so good as to have the situation of the Police Forces in Venice investigated and early action taken to remedy any defects which may be found to exist.

I should be glad if you would inform me of the result of the investigations made.

Yours very truly,

MILERY W. STONE,  
Rear Admiral USNR.  
Chief Commissioner.

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MR. ALDORE DE GASPERI,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
ROME.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

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G-5: 940.21

2 June 1946

JUN 4 1946

SUBJECT: Security - Venice Area.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
(Attn: Chief Commissioner)  
APO 794.

1. The Commander XIII Corps has expressed doubts as to the ability of the Italian civil authorities in Venice to maintain law and order in the city, particularly in connection with the protection of Allied personnel and installations. He reports that, from his observation, the training, administration and equipment of the police leave much to be desired.

2. While fully mindful of the many difficulties which beset the Italian Government in its efforts to build up a sufficient and efficient police body, the Supreme Allied Commander, because of the particular interest which the Allies have in Venice, is desirous that special attention be given to that city in the matter of security. He desires therefore that the Italian Prime Minister be informed by you of his concern, that he urges the Italian Government to investigate the situation, and that he relies upon it to take early action to remedy any defects brought to light in the Venice police agencies, to the end that security of Allied personnel and installations may be ensured.

3. Please report the outcome of your discussion with the Prime Minister.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



*A. L. Hamblen*  
A. L. HAMBLIN

Brigadier General, GSC  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Copy to:  
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( Translation K.B. )

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
P.S. General Direction

A.G.R. Div. 3rd Sec.

Rome, 7/5/46

Nr. 443/48694

To : ALLIED COMMISSION  
P.S. Sub Commission  
R O M E

14/9/4

SUBJECT : Incidents caused by foreigners. SCWEIGL Maria daughter  
of late Giovanni.

For your information, we beg to transcribe the following  
wire by the Command of the Merano CC.RR. Arma, dated 15th inst.

" N. 2/38-I. On the evening of the 14th inst. at about 9  
p.m., at Bovile (Comune di Moso in Passiria), 20 individuals speaking  
German and wearing a mask, being armed with whips and sticks, went  
to the dwelling-house of a certain SCHWEIGL Maria daughter of late  
Giovanni and Touch Barbara, born at Moso in Passiria on the 7/II/1892,  
unmarried and pro-Italian. They asked for food and drinks, and as  
they were finished with the meal, they parted stealing some 15 kil.  
of lard 7 thou. Lire worth. Seemingly, they were bound to the high  
mountain. The MOSO CC.RR.'s are investigating in order to trace them  
up, as they are presumably members of the former Wehrmacht living in  
the high mountains. "

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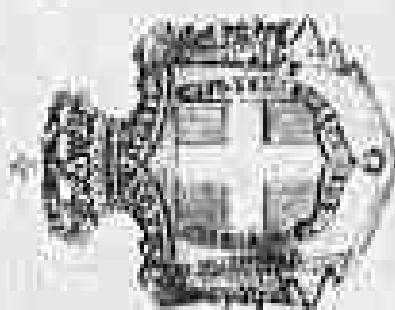
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Roma, 7 Maggio 1946 - 19



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DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZAALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L.A.P.S.ROMA

DIREZIONE A.G.R. Sez. III

Prot. N. 443/48694 Allegati

Risposta al Togliatti del  
Dir. *Sc.*OGGETTO Incidenti provocati da stranieri - Schweigl Maria fu  
Giovanni -

Per notizia si trascrive il seguente telegramma del Comando Arma CC.RR. di Merano in data 15 corrente mese :

NUM N. 2/38-I sera 14 corrente ore 21 circa località Bovile Comune di Moso in Passiria (Bolzano) venti sconosciuti parlanti lingua tedesca mascherati et armati di soli bastoni et frusta presentavansi abitazione di Schweigl Maria fu Giovanni et fu Teuch Barbara nata Moso in Passiria 7 Novembre 1392 nubile cassalinga optante per l'Italia chiedendo da mangiare et bere successivamente verso ore una dopo avere mangiato predetti si allontanarono inaspettatamente esortando da predetta abitazione chilogrammi quindici circa lardo per valore lire settemila dirigendosi alta montagna verso cima Bianca. Arma Moso indaga per identificazione autori che presumonsi soldati germanici tuttora sbandati quel territorio alta montagna. NUM

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IL MINISTRO

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TRANSLATION D.S.

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND  
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 10 May 1946.

To ALLIED COMMISSION  
PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

No 114/33 R.P.

R O M E

SUBJECT A VENICE - Demonstration of Italian Sailors.

In Venezia on 9 inst at 1930 hrs, during a military manifestation in Piazza S.Marco, organised by the British Command, with the intervention of the Allied and Italian authorities, some hundreds of Italian sailors, belonging to the local "Deposito della R.Marina", backed by civilians, staged a demonstration against the British Troops by means of hisses and cries.

In such circumstance they also sang the hymns of Garibaldi and Mameli stressing the words "Go away from Italy, go away foreigner...".

The demonstrators, at first refrained by the Police, cut afterwards the cordons and went to the spot reserved to the Authorities without making violences.

After the Allied Officers had left, and as the situation was still tense, Admiral MOMIS di POLLONE, commanding the maritime basis of High Adriatico, spoke to the sailors exhorting them to calm.

At this moment the sailors lifted him up on their shoulders cheering him.

In the meantime another group of sailors, having noticed that on one pennon in Piazza S.Marco, only the British colours had been hoisted, put two Italian flag near the Union Jack.

No further incidents.

The Commanding General  
(sgd) Brunetto Brunetti.

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# Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 114/33 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 10 maggio 1946

Risposta al

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OGGETTO: Venezia - Dimostrazione di marinai italiani.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

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In Venezia, alle ore 19,30 del 9 corrente, durante la manifestazione militare, in piazza S. Marco, organizzata dal Comando inglese con l'intervento di autorità alleate e italiane, alcune centinaia di marinai italiani del locale Deposito della R. Marina, spalleggiati da una parte della popolazione, improvvisarono una dimostrazione con grida e fischi contro le truppe inglesi.

Nella circostanza cantarono l'inno di Garibaldi e l'inno di Mameli, sottolineando le parole: "Va fuori d'Italia, va fuori, o stranier".

I dimostranti, contenuti in un primo tempo dalle ferze di polizia, ruppero successivamente i cordoni e si portarono nello spazio riservato alle autorità, senza però usare violenze.

Dopo che gli ufficiali alleati si furono allontanati, perdurando l'eccitazione, l'Ammiraglio NOMIS di POLLONE, comandante della base militare marittima dell'Alto Adriatico, parlò ai dimostranti esortandoli alla calma.

A questo punto i marinai sollevarono a braccia l'Ammiraglio e gli fecero una manifestazione di simpatia.

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Nel contempo, un altro gruppo di marinai avendo notato che  
a un pennone della piazza S. Marco era issata soltanto la  
bandiera inglese, vi pose ai lati anche due bandiere italiane.  
Nessun altro incidente.

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE  
" Brunetto Brunetti "

*Brunetti*

20/8/46

TRANSLATION D.S.

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND  
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 10 May 1946.

To ALLIED COMMISSION  
PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

114/31 R.P.

R O M E

SUBJECT : Venice - Incidents caused by Italian Sailors.

On 8 inst at 2230 hrs in Venice - Piazza S.Marco, a strong number of sailors, backed by civilians, slapped some women who walked with Allied soldiers, summoning them to leave.

Chunks of hair were cut from some of said women.

Then the sailors marched along the main streets of the town singing the hymn of Mameli (?): "Go away from Italy, go away foreigner..."

Owing to the intervention of the CC.RR. and P.S. Agents the demonstrators were dispersed.

Towards 2330 hrs, a group of young-men rushed into the premises of Ristorante Martini and Caffé Papero, both located in Campo S.Martino, with a view to making reprisals against the Italian women who were with the Allies, but the prompt intervention of the Italian Police frustrated their attempt.

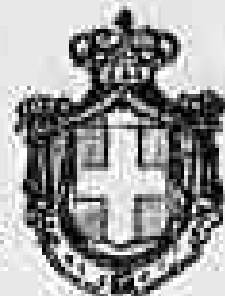
Some 15 women of doubtful morality, who were in said premises, have been held up.

The Commanding General  
(sgd) Brunetto Brunetti.

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## Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

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N. 114/31 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 10 maggio 1946

Risposta al

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OGGETTO: Venezia - incidenti provocati da marinai italiani.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza

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Alle ore 22.30 dell'8 corrente, in Venezia, nella Piazza S. Marco, un forte numero di marinai, spalleggiato da civili, schiaffeggiò alcune donne che passeggiavano con militari alleati, ingiungendo loro di allontanarsi.

A talune furono tagliate ciocche di capelli.

I marinai percorsero quindi le vie principali della città al canto dell'inno "Mameli": "Va fuori d'Italia, va fuori, o stranier...".

L'intervento dei carabinieri e di agenti di P.S. valse a far sciogliere i dimostranti.

Successivamente, verso le ore 23.30, un gruppo di giovanastri irruppe nei locali del ristorante Martini e del caffè Papero, siti in Campo S. Martino di Venezia, col proposito di compiere rappresaglie contro le donne italiane che erano in compagnia di alleati.

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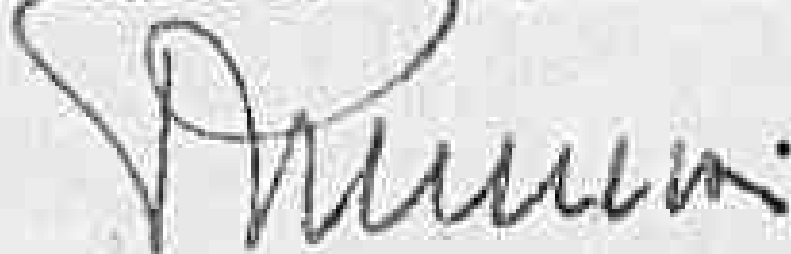
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il pronto intervento della polizia italiana e alleata  
frustrò il loro tentativo.

Furono fermate una quindicina di donne di dubbia mo-  
ralità, che si trovavano nei predetti locali.

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE  
- Brunetto Brunetti -



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TRANSLATION T.B.

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND  
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 11/4/46

N.85/12

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TO : ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety S/C

14/9/46

R O M ESUBJECT : MOTTA DI LIVENZA (Treviso) - Shots fired  
against a Carabinieri, on duty at Electoral  
seat.

At REDIGOLE DI MOTTA LIVENZA (Treviso) , at 3,30 p.m.,  
of 8th inst., unknown men fired several shots against a  
Carabiniere on duty near the 3rd. Electoral Seat, while  
They were trying to seize the Ballot-boxes.

The quick intervention of the Carabinieri, who was  
not hit, put to flight the evil-doers.

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THE GENERAL COMMANDER  
/s/ Brunetto Brunetti

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# Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 33/12 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 11 aprile 1946

Risposta al

del

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OGGETTO: Motta di Livenza (Trevise) - Spari d'arma da fuoco contro un carabiniere in servizio ad un seggio elettorale.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALBERATA  
- Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

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In Redigole di Motta Livenza (Trevise), alle ore 3,30 dell'8 corrente, sconosciuti spararono vari colpi d'arma da fuoco contro un carabiniere, in servizio alla sede del terzo seggio elettorale, tentando di impossessarsi delle urne.-

La pronta reazione del militare, rimasto incolume, fugò i malfattori.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
-Brunetto Brunetti-

*Brunetti*

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
LIAISON GROUP  
VENEZIA

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To : Chief Liaison Officer, VENEZIA. 1 March, 45.

Subject : Public Safety Report for February, 1945.

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1. Since 15 February, when the writer reported at this HQ upon return from MIAP, the following information on police activities has been culled from Questori, Carabinieri, civilians and personal observations.

2. Public Order.

Several demonstrations have been held and in almost all there was no disorder. With the exception mentioned below, all were of a general character and made to protest against taxes, unemployment and matters affecting the population.

On 5 Feb about 200 'Reduci' demonstrated at Conselve (Padova Prov) against the dismissal of a municipal employee. The dismissal was to enable an unemployed and more suitable man to be engaged and was approved by the Prefetto. During the night some shots were fired, but no one injured and order was reestablished by 8 Feb.

It is understood that the dismissed female was being protected by her brother who is a member of C.I.M. and secretary of local 'Reduci' and was formerly Administrative Secretary of the Conselve Fascist Group.

In VENEZIA City on 15 Feb about 3000 persons including industrial workers on strike and unemployed demonstrated at the Prefettura. They dispersed on the Prefetto assuring them that their case would be solved that day.

A group of these persons went to the offices of the Union of Industrialists where the Director was manhandled and to the Camera di Lavoro. At both places they did damage to office furniture. Police did eventually restore order same day.

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There are, however, members of the population who state that too much

who state that too much 'brother blood' of Italians has been

already shed and that such sentences and executions do not

bring peace. On 22 Feb a man was executed under similar

circumstances at ROVERETO, but popular reaction was indifferent.

3. Crime. Agents of Public Security and Carabinieri

appear to be working with more confidence. Number of

crimes reported compares favourably with last month. Several

murders have been committed and armed robberies continue, but

not on a scale to cause alarm, although some disquiet is

caused among population. Several arrests made in connection with

serious crimes, cases of note being arrest of a band of

delinquents and their leader RICHETTO ROVENO on charges

of armed robbery and murder committed in Province of

VENEZIA and PADOVA. In PADOVA Province three persons

persons/ have been arrested and charged with murder of Maresciallo of G.D.M.R. committed during January

In VERONA two youths aged 16 and 17 years respectively have been arrested for activities in connection with S.A.M. (Squadra Azione Mussolini).

In their homes were found 12 hand grenades, a German musket and a copy of the programme of S.A.M. A third person is being sought in ARZENO.

Endeavour being made to secure a copy of the programme referred to.

Under this heading should be mentioned that with a view to establishing uniformity of road traffic blocks and to prevent a repetition of shooting (not during January) of Allied personnel who failed to stop and to endeavour to instil confidence in the public, demonstrations by British Military Police are to be given before the various Italian civil police and G.D.M.R.

These demonstrations commence in PADOVA on Wed 6 March and representatives are being invited from PADOVA, ROVERETO, VERONA and VICENZA.

This has been arranged in connection with D.P.M. 2 District and A.P.M. 6 British Armed Division.

If the system is adopted by the Italian Police (I understand Lombardy Regional civil police are greatly in favour of it) Allied Military do not wish to supply the necessary materials - wood, lamps, etc., - but will do so if unobtainable through Italian sources.

#### 4. Arms, ammunition, etc.

Several small raids have been carried out by Italian police and small quantities of arms and ammunitions found.

Small number of same also found during routine duties and persons arrested.

#### 5. Prisons.

There is no change to report in the prison situation as compared with last month.

Several applications have been received from prisoners sentenced by A.M.G. Courts to have the sentences reduced or altered to fines.

Such applications are to be passed to A.C. HQ Legal Sub Commission.

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have nominated their candidates for the forthcoming Administrative Elections which commence on 17 March and are being held in groups of Communes on various Sundays thereafter in order to ease the strain on police arrangements. The

Christian Democratic Party appear dominant, but Socialists and Communists are established in industrial areas, small though these areas are. Action Party is said to be at a disadvantage as result of resignation of PARRI.

In some areas it is felt that 'partisans' who still retain arms are intimidating the population, but despite all it is felt the elections will be carried out in an orderly and calm manner.

The newspaper "Il Gazzettino" (Venezia edition) published an article on the shooting of a girl at a local dance. The paper states Polish soldiers were responsible. In actual fact British troops were responsible and the necessary arrest made.

In conjunction with 92 86 Area and to deny what

As no doubt anti Polish propaganda, the local press will be informed of full facts and invited to publish. Results will

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will/ be watched.

With reference to S.A.M. (see under Crime); the various Questori are fully aware of this and are not apparently losing sight of this neo Fascists organisation.

#### 7. Civilian Movement.

Travel permits to civilians to enter Venezia Giulia are 'vetted' and prepared by Questori, 'vetted' and signed and stamped by P.S.S. and stamped and signed by Public Safety Officers here. A further request has been sent to A.M.S. 13 Corps as to whether or not this system is to be altered.

#### 8. General.

Of the eight Provinces in this Liaison Group's territory only two - VERONA and VICENZA - are now in 2 District. Written authority has not been received on changes in Corps and District boundaries, but this is awaited.

Almost formulated is the decision to hand over to Questori the "Vice Records" (prostitutes, etc) prepared by Military Police. Military Police are, I am informed, to ask that these records be continued on the present system (at least until all military have left the area) and that Allied personnel will have access to the records. It is thought Questori will agree to this.

No apprehension is felt regarding this area and the Italian police appear capable of maintaining law and order.

*Mackenzie*

T.O. Mackenzie. Major.  
P.S.L.O.

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