

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PW 12

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 10 1530Z

Message Centre No: E/1752

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 122030Z

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCON PLO VENICE

TO : ACTION: NO ALCON FOR ACTION FOR ALCON

~~SECRET~~

SECRET

Ref 2/12/1043/T16 of 5 June PLO 20320/66 Depot 22960/36.

HELDUP due Monday 11 June 1150 tons.

Dist

Action - Tn 60 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
File 2
Float

ACTION

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Port and Warehouse Division

RHK/rf

Tel. 478700

13 June 1945

Ref. W/15/1107/TMC

SUBJECT : Communications

TO : ALCOM Port Liaison Officer - VENICE
Attention: Capt. Bowes

1. Reference your letter June 7 1945, (ref. PW 12), it is believed the confused situation has been corrected.

2. It is agreed that the signal situation is bad. We have tried to reach you by 'phone for several days without success and have two telephone numbers, which are 20320, extension 66, and 22960, extension 38. Please signal us the proper number.

3. It is extremely difficult to get you on the extension, even when the trunkline is reached. Is it possible for you to get a direct trunkline?

For the Director:

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Maj. Med. Adm. C.
Ports & Whse. Div.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Ports and Warehouse Division

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Tel. 478700

13 June 1945

Ref. W/18/1108/TAS

SUBJECT : Receiving Arrangements

TO : ALCON Port Liaison Officer - VENICE
Attention: Capt. Boves

1. References your letter 7 June 1945, (ref. PW 2). The AFHQ Memorandum to which you refer does indeed state that only ICE representatives are allowed in military ports.

2. By agreement between Sig. Bordon, Director of ICE, and Sig. Mizzi, Director General of Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, Federazione employees are considered as agents of ICE and may accordingly enter the port. In other words, to all intents and purposes, from the view point of the port authorities, the Federazione port checkers are ICE employees.

3. It has proved convenient in some ports, because of the small amount of ICE merchandise arriving, to have the Federazione port checkers do all the checking. It would seem wise to work out a similar arrangement in Venice.

4. Both ICE and Federazione are responsible for the receipt of their merchandise at the end of ship's tackle in a military port.

5. Because it is not contemplated at the moment to ship ICE class of merchandise into Venice, it has not been thought necessary to send an ICE representative to you for duty. It is hoped that by the arrangement suggested above, it will not be necessary. We would like your concurrence on this view.

For the Director:

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Major Med. Adm. C.
Ports & Whse. Div.

ALCOM BARI ALCOM ANCONA INFO AMG VENEZIA REGION AMG 8 ARMY
 AFHQ CITE FREDM FHGSG MEDBO SCHOONER CONTROL NAPLES ALCOM PORT
 9555 11 JUNE 45 ROUTINE

CONTINUATION OF ADDRESSES : LIAISON OFFICER CARE OF EIGHT SIX AREA

CONFIDENTIAL PD

PARA ONE PD BID OF FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO CIVIL SUPS FOR VENEZIA REGION
 ACCEPTED FOR PERIOD FIVE TO ONE FOUR JULY BREAKDOWN IS AS IN PARA
 TWO PD ALCOMBARI AND ANCONA PLEASE SUBMIT FREIGHT FORMS SUGAR TO
 GEORGE FOUR NOV AND TN AFHQ AT ONCE PD

PAREN TO ALCOM BARI TO ALCOM ANCONA EX INFO TO AMG VENEZIA REGION
TO AMG EIGHT ARMY TO AFHQ CITE FREDM FHGSG TO MEDBO SCHOONER CONTROL
NAPLES TO ALCOM PORT LIAISON OFFICER CARE OF EIGHT SIX AREA FROM
HO ALCOM CITE ACTPT PAREN

PARA TWO PD EX ANCONA COLON MEAT ONE ZERO ZERO CMA SOUP FIVE ZERO
 ZERO CMA WHEAT FIVE ZERO ZERO CMA MILK POWD THREE ZERO ZERO CMA
 MILK EVAP ONE ZERO ZERO CMA TOTAL TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO PD 2923 BARI
 COLON DARD FIVE ZERO ZERO CMA WHEAT THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO TRANSHIP
 EITHER EX BARI OR BRINDISI PD ALL FIGURES IN TONS PD

COPY TO : FOOD S.C.

PORTS & WHSE DIVISION

TRANSPORTATION SC

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
 CWO U.S.A.
 Asst. Adjutant

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VENEZIA PROVINCE
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A P O 394

7 June 1945

To:- PORT & WAREHOUSE
TN S/C
HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

Ref. PW 12
Subject: Shipments ex Ancona.

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4. The signal situation is bad; it is not ~~not~~ possible to hear Ancona, and their signals have wandered round the country and take two to three days to arrive.

M. Bowers capt.

J.M. BOWERS capt.
Port Liaison Officer
in Sub-Commission
Allied Commission

7 June 1945

TN S/C

HQ Allied Commission

A. P. O. 394.

Ref. PW 2

Subject: Directives on Receiving Arrangements.

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2) The Fed. Consorzi Agrari, who arrived today does not know of the I.C.E. duties. May I be informed which drill is the correct one.

MMB capd.

J. N. BOWEN Capt.

Port Liaison Officer

Tn Sub-Commission

Allied Commission

Copy to :T'N

HQ. A. H. G.

To:- P & W
 TN S/C
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McBones capt.

J.N. POWIS Capt.
 port Liaison Officer
 Tn Sub-Commission
 Allied Commission

Copy to: TM
 HQ A.M.C.
 REGION XII

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VENEZIA PROVINCE
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A P O 394

7 June 1945

To:- Pand W
Tn Sub-Commission
HQ Allied Commission

Ref. PW 3

Subject: Warehouse Designation.

1. The designation No 12 will be used for accounting purposes, with the oblique number used to denote the shed, thus 12/15 will be shed 15.
2. The correspondence to be addressed to ALCOM P.L.O.
c/o 86 Army Area.

M. Bowes. Capt.

J. N. BOWES Capt.
Port Liaison Officer
Tn. Sub-Commission
Allied Commission

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Tn Sub-Commission
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J.N. Bowes Capt.

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Port Liaison Officer
Tn. Sub-Commission
Allied Commission

Copy to:- Tn A.M.C. REG XII

7 June 1949

To: - ON

HQ A-1, C.

SECTION XII

Ref: PW 1.

Subject: Receiving Arrangements.

1. E.D. ITALIAZZI CORSEZI ADMARI have now sent a letter to the Italian Consulate to take charge at the ALCON Depot No 12 in the Old Port Venice. The office is located in Case 10 Tel. 22960/32.

2. No representative has reported from I.C.R. (Italiano Commercio Estero).

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M. B. 1000

J. R. B. 1000

Port & Warehouse

Officer

TH. A. M. 2. REG. XII

Copy to: - P & M

TA S/C

HQ Allied Forces

To: TX

HQ A.S.G.

~~EX-100 KIT~~

Ref: PW 5.

Subject: Receiving Arrangements.

1. FID. TRAM. CUBA MI AGHANI have now sent a letter: BMOHO
 MUMBAI to take charge at the ALCOA street 20 12 in the Old
 Port Venice. The office is located in Chad 10 Tel. 22960/33.

2. No representative has reported from I.C.T. (ref: 2919
 Commercio Estero).

W. B. B. B. B.

J.A. BORDO Capt.

POSS. N. P. B. B. B.

Officer

TH. A. N. B. B. B. B.

Copy to: P. B. B.

TH B/C

HQ Allied Commission

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EIGHT ARMY FOR MIL GOV STAFF AUSTRIA (ACTION) RPTD ALCON ANCONA
(INFO)

9428

9 JUNE 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR LETTER ABLE SLASH SIX EIGHT FOUR THREE
SLASH EASY SUGAR DATED THREE JUNE PD ALCON HAS REPRESENTATIVES AT
VENEZIA PORT CAPTAIN BOWEE ALCON PORT LIAISON OFFICER CARE OF EIGHT
SIX AREA PD

FAREN TO EIGHT ARMY FOR MIL GOV STAFF AUSTRIA (ACTION) RPTD ALCON
ANCONA FOR BARDLEY (INFO) FROM ALCON CITE ACFOD FAREN

PARA TWO PD OFFICER ATTACHED FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS TO EIGHT SIX
AREA SHOULD CONTACT HIM PD HAVE ALREADY ARRANGED THAT ALL GOODS
FOR VENEZIA REGION BE VERY CLEARLY MARKED AS SUCH PD STORAGE FOR
ALCON GOODS FOR VENEZIA ALREADY ARRANGED BY ALCON

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DISTRIBUTION:

TH SC, ATTN: PORTS AND W/HOUSE DIV., MAJOR KLEIN

FOOD SC

BOS

N.W. DRAGNEFF

LT. COL. AND

ADJUTANT

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JUNE

E/3894

JUNE 062100
ROUTINE

ALCOA ALCOA

VENEZUELA REGION AGO. FOR AUSTRIA INFO FOOD SUB COMMISSION AG

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ALIDA 1 and CUBAN at ALCOA to load grain for AUSTRIA. Time allowed for loading makes grain shipment impossible. Rather than lose tonnage and sending VENEZUELA Region supplies for time forward to VENICE. VENEZUELA Region is to be prepared to receive same.

LIST

INFO-ACTION FOOD SC 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
BOON SEC
IN SC 2
FILE 2
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To: Major R. W. D. K. B.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 070900

Message Centre No: E/4942

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 071035

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM DIPT ANCHIA

TO : ALCOM PORT LIAISON OFFICER 2/O 86 ARMY AREA ATTENTION DOWES

INFO: ALCOM PORT & WAREHOUSE DIVISION ROIT FEDERCONSOVZE ROMA

IN CLEAR.

New loading. HELDUX with 1150 tons. DUDWEX with 850 tons.
Sailing approx 10th. Both for VENEZIA Region Federazione A/C supplies.

INFO - ACTION

DIST

INFO-ACTION - UN S/C 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON SEC
FOOD 2
FILE

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ANG VENEZIA REGION

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5 JUNE 45

PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL PD

PARA ONE PD PLEASE REPLY OUR SIGNAL EIGHT EIGHT THREE FOUR DATED

THREE ONE MAY PD

PARA TWO ANG VENEZIA REGION FROM HQ ALONGSIDE CITE ACTED PARSEPARA TWO PD IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING PORT ACCEPTANCE
FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES FOR YOUR REGION PD

COPY TO : AGRICULTURE S.C.

FOOD S.C.

INDUSTRY S.C.

POSTS & WIRE DIV. —

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NICHOLAS PIMBINO
CWO U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: N8
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 040950Z

Message Centre No: 3/3559
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 041225Z
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM WAREHOUSE ANCONA
TO: ALCOM PORT BLAISCE OFFICER C/O 86 AREA INFO ALCOM PORT AND WAREHOUSE DIV ROME.

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Your signals not understood. 3 signals sent you re cargoes.
Summary is repeat. All cargoes to date are for ST AUSTRIA including
LIND. Will notify first for Region.

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INFO - ACTION

Info-action - Tn SC 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
File 2
Float

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3 JUN 1945
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AMG EIGHTH ARMY INFO AMG VENEZIA REGION EIGHTH ARMY FOR MILITARY
GOVERNMENT ~~STAFF~~ AUSTRIA ALCOM ANCONA ALCOM BARI AFHQ CITE PHODM
8904 2 JUNE 45 PRIORITY PHODM

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT BIDS BY SEA FOR PERIOD TWO FIVE JUNE DASH FOUR
JULY THROUGH VENICE PD

PARONE TO AMG EIGHTH ARMY INFO TO AMG VENEZIA REGION TO EIGHTH ARMY
FOR MILITARY GOVERNMENT ~~STAFF~~ AUSTRIA TO ALCOM ANCONA TO ALCOM BARI
TO AFHQ CITE PHODM PHODM FROM HQ ALCOM CITE AFHQ PAREN

PARA TWO PD PLEASE ADVISE IF MAXIMUM DEMAND FOR ABOVE PERIOD OF THREE
ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS AND SUPPLIES IN FOR VENICE MAINTENANCE PD

PARA THREE PD PLEASE ALSO SIGNAL BREAKDOWN REQUIRED PD

PARA FOUR PD IT IS ESSENTIAL WHEN PLACING DEMANDS THAT BREAKDOWN/IS
IMMEDIATELY ADVISED THIS HQ SO THAT BIDS CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR SHIPMENT
OF SUPPLIES FROM MOST CONVENIENT STOCKS PD IT IS DESIRED TO COMMENCE
SHIPPING FROM BARI STOCKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD

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COPY TO FOOD S.C.
PORTS & WHARF DIV.

TRANSPORTATION SC

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NICHOLAS F. BROWN
CWO U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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 KB 1
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 JUN 0309308
 ROUTINE

8 ARMY FROM MIL GOV STAFF ANGOLA (RELAY PARAPHRASE BY CRYPTO ARHQ)
 FURNISH FOR 05, ALSO FOR 06, DIST NEAR 8 ARMY, ALSO ANGOLA FOR BARILEY

SECRET.

Breakdown required is all flour or grain ANGOLA to VANCE 9000 tons is total
 quantity for period June 25 to July 4. GROOM JOHNSON is arranging release
 on his return. NEAR 8 ARMY R 2557/634 of 27 not to all is the reference.

DIST

INFO-ACTION: S/C 2
 INFO: Chief Commissioner
 Econ Sec
 Tn S/C 2
 File 2
 Float

(No trace of quoted reference)

2912

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PW/6
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 280900B
Message Centre No: E/3197
Date/Time Rec'd: JUN 010950B
Precedence: ROUTINE
FROM: ALCOM VENICE
TO: ACTION ALCOM INFO FOR DELMEXICO

IN CLEAR.

Signal to ALCOM Port Liaison Officer c/c 86 ARMY AREA name of ships and cargo
tonnage loaded for this port.

DIST

INFO-ACTION: Tn S/C 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
Food S/C 2
File 2
Float

2911

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PW8

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 301000

Message Centre No: E/3074

Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 311100

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: ALCOM VENICE

TO : HQ ALCOM FOR ACTPT INFO ALCOM DEPOT ANCONA

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No information received of AMG Region programme of Austrian. In view of goods having some marks essential that information be sent and differentiate between consignees. First shipment arrived without papers.

DIST

ACTION TN SC (2)
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON SEC
FILE

2910

HEADQUARTERS
31 MAY 45
A. C.

SECRET

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AMG VENEZIA REGION INFO 8 ARMY 15 ARMY GROUP DISTONE AFHQ CITE
 FROM FROMG ALCON ANCONA ALCON BARI

8834

31 MAY 45

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS CIVIL SUPPLIES FOR SHIPMENT THROUGH VENICE
 FOR VENICE REGION PD

FROM TO AMG VENEZIA REGION INFO TO EIGHTH ARMY TO ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP
TO DISTONE TO AFHQ CITE FROMG FROMG TO ALCON ANCONA TO ALCON BARI
FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACTET PAREN

PARA TWO PD WHILE VENICE PORT IS UNDER EIGHTH ARMY CONTROL BIDS FOR
 SHIPPING FOR ALL CIVILIAN SUPPLIES MUST BE MADE BY YOU ON EIGHT ARMY
 PD

PARA THREE PD FOOD SUB COME WISH TO DIVERT COMPLETE OR LIGH-
 TENED EXTRA MEDITERRANEAN BAGGED GRAIN OR FLOUR SHIP TO VENICE AT
 FIRST OPPORTUNITY PD

PARA FOUR PD THE FOLLOWING TONNAGES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO BE BID FIRST
 POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY PD EX BARI SLANT ANCONA MISC FOOD SUBS FIVE
 ZERO ZERO ZERO PD EX BARLETTA BULK SALT FIVE ZERO ZERO TONS PD EX
 CATANIA GROUND SULPHUR IN BAGS TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO TONS PD EX
 GALLIPOLI RAW TOBACCO FIVE ZERO ZERO TONS PD

PARA FIVE PD ANY EXTRA MEDITERRANEAN SHIP WITH BAGGED WHEAT OR FLOUR

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WOULD REDUCE MISC FOOD SUPPLIES REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PARA FOUR PD
PARA SIX PD AGREED AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY AND FOOD SUB COMMISSIONS PD

COPY TO : AGRICULTURE S.C.
INDUSTRY S.C.
FOOD S.C.
PORTS & WAREHOUSE DIVISION

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TRANSPORTATION SC

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NICHOLAS PIONBINO
CWO U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Port and Warehouse Division

RHK/rf

31 May 1945

Tel. 478700

Ref. W/18/996/TB6

SUBJECT : Warehouse Designation

TO : ALCOM Port Liaison Officer - VENICE
Attention: Capt. Bowes

1. Reference your signal, it is agreed that the Venice
Depots be known as ALCOM Depot No. 12.

2. As soon as arrangements have been made with your
local message center to deliver to you mail so addressed,
request you advise us so we may begin using said designation.

For the Director:

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Major Mod. Adm. C.
Port & Whse. Div.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Port and Warehouse Division

RMK/rf

Tel. 478700

31 May 1946

Ref. W/16/998/T-8

SUBJECT : Current Shipments Foodstuffs ANCONA VENICE

TO : ALCOM Port Liaison Officer - VENICE
Attention: Capt. Bowen

1. Copy of signals from Warehouse Ancona to ALCOM
FEDERICO ROZZI Venice have been received by this Headquarters,
advising of shipments of foodstuffs from ALCOM Warehouse Ancona
to ALCOM Warehouses Venice.

2. These advices are erroneous and should be disregarded.

3. To date all shipments by water from ALCOM Warehouses
Ancona to Venice have been food supplies for civil supplies,
Austria. As previously advised, these will be handled at
Venice and onward through military channels and not by the
Allied Commission (Italy).

For the Director:

Copy to:-
Officer in Charge ALCOM Depot,
ANCONA (Attn.: Lt. Delmerico)
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attn.: Capt. Wyatt)

ROBERT H. KILM
Major Med. Adm. C.
Port & Whse. Div.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PW2
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 23 1830Message Centre No: E/2300
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 25 1335
Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: ALCOM VENICE
TO : ALCOM HQ FOR TN FOR KLEIN

IN CLEAR.

Suggest VENICE Depots be known as Depot 12/Civilian shed number. Does 12 conflict with any other depot. 2 men arrived billet arranged for 1 Nco and 8 ORs.

DIST

ACTION TN SC (2)
INFO A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON SEC
FOOD SE (2)
FILE (2)
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TN 3/c
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18 th 1945 *W.H.*

22 MAY 1945

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1. A copy of a/m minutes of the meeting held on 15th May is attached for information.
2. In view of the changed situation and the demand that all quayside depots be at the disposal of the Army, I do not consider that the two good and one partially damaged depots of the Mag. Generali would be suitable for many reasons.
3. I have therefore sought premises at Mestre, and have applied for the Mag. Generali there, which is served by rail and canal, but not too convenient to load into road transport.
4. I estimate the covered storage space to be capable of accommodating 20,000/22,000 tons, and the open storage is as large.
5. A salvage unit has also applied for this area, but I am confident that on 18th May after a meeting with the A/Q 86 Area and the Salvage Officer, that agreement can be reached on a large part of the covered storage being allotted to A.M.C. 2904
6. The Consorzio Agrario has been consulted and agree, and the Port Commandant agrees to deliver to Mestre.
7. It is suggested that the cargoes be consigned direct to the Consorzio Agrario to eliminate any intermediate book keeping, except salt. I will interview the Salt Monopole to ascertain their views on where to handle the salt, as soon as the Depot situation is clear.
8. As regards the port facilities, it is too premature to make a report as until the mines have been removed, the facilities cannot be declared available. Any information not available in the minutes will be the

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subject of a special report.

9. The Grain silos are supposed to be capable of handling 700 tons per 8 hours, and I am told that, apart from roof repairs estimated to take two months, they are in good order. As soon as the situation has cleared a little, permission will be sought to have these repairs carried out; at present the Army anticipate using this area.
10. With the Army in control of the Port it is not possible at this juncture to make a very detailed report. In perhaps one month's time when mines have been cleared and minor repairs carried out to quays, railways and cranes - a comprehensive report can be drafted of the liabilities likely to fall on the Port Authorities, when the Army vacates the Port.
11. It is anticipated that the R.A.S.C. water tpt. will operate the barges and tugs.

J.N. Bowes Capt.
J.N. Bowes Capt.
Port and warehouse officer 2903
A.M.C. Region XII

Copy to: Movements Shipping Div. T.N. S/c H.Q. A. C. ✓
Ports and warehouse Div. T.N. s/c H.Q. A. C.
Venice Prov:

V E N I C E. Port Control Committee.

Minutes of a meeting held on 15 May 1945

Present NOIC, Aerea Com.d. AQMG, Port Commandant, CRE, PCR, Town Major, Reps. from tn. 8 Army, AMG, AFHQ Pet. Sec. Sea Transport, Medical, Docks Group, Water Transport.

I) Minutes of meeting N.1 were read, discussed and approved.
II) A.M.C. rep. stated that commitment for first month should be 15,000 tons and for second month 12,500 tons.

III) Port Commandant stated that no allocation of berths could be made until basins had been sounded.

IV) N.O.I.C. stated that Naval Survey party were due at any time and that it should be possible to allocate berths in two days time.

V) N.O.I.C. stated that P.S.T.O. (MSS) had limited the draft of vessels for Venice to 19 ft maximum for the present.

VI) Port Commandant asked if there were any suitable anchorage for lightering Liberty type vessels. N.O.I.C. replied that there is no suitable anchorage at present, but two alongside berths were available.

VII) N.O.I.C. said that first recee of Venice port estimated that clearance would be 2,000 tons per day by road and 2,000 tons per day by rails. Port Commandant estimated daily clearance to be 5,000 tons.

VIII) Port Commandant said that limiting factor to tonnage at present would be number of coasters available. Until ocean going vessels from produce countries could come into the port of Venice the amount of tonnage to be cleared would be comparatively small.

IX) N.O.I.C. stated that it was possible some damage to quay walls might be done when the basins were swept. 2902

X) N.O.I.C. said that he had arranged for the tanker "ILLYRIA" to be warped from the West Quay to the Lloyd Trieste passenger berth on the 18th May. It was not practicable to move the "VULCANIA" or the "GRADISCA" at present.

XI) Port Commandant asked if any hards for ICT's were available. N.O.I.C. replied that the warfus at S. Basilio and Bonded Warehouse would be available for ICT's as soon as the port was open. It would be possible to discharge them by crane. Brigadier Richards said that the C.R.E. was making two hards in the bomb crater in the West Quay.

XII) Accommodation for Port Operating coys, offices etc. was

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- VI) Port Commandant asked if there were any suitable anchorage for lightering Liberty type vessels. N.O.I.C. replied that there is no suitable anchorage at present, but two alongside berths were available.
- VII) N.O.I.C. said that first recon of Venice port estimated that clearance would be 2,000 tons per day by road and 2,000 tons per day by rail. Port Commandant estimated daily clearance to be 5,000 tons.
- VIII) Port Commandant said that limiting factor to tonnage at present would be number of coasters available. Until ocean going vessels from produce countries could come into the port of Venice the amount of tonnage to be cleared would be comparatively small.
- IX) N.O.I.C. stated that it was possible some damage to quay walls might be done when the basins were swept. 2902
- X) N.O.I.C. said that he had arranged for the tanker "ILLYRIA" to be warped from the West Quay to the Lloyd Trieste passenger berth on the 18th May. It was not practicable to move the "VULCANIA" or the "GRADISCA" at present.
- XI) Port Commandant asked if any hards for ICT's were available N.O.I.C. replied that the warfus at S.Basilio and Bonded Warehouse would be available for ICT's as soon as the port was open. It would be possible to discharge them by crane. Brigadier Richards said that the C.R.E. was making two hards in the bomb crater in the West Quay.
- XII) Accomodation for Port Operating coys, offices etc. was discussed and bids for accomodation were made.
- XIII) Col. BOOTH stated that all P.O.L. arriving in the port should be packed and not bulk for the present.
- XIV) 8th Army Mov. stated that no trooping would be done from Venice at present.
- XV) Port Commandant said the port should work 24 hours per day.
- XVI) N.O.I.C. asked that no steam services should be allocated to any service without authority of the Committee.
- XVII) The next meeting was called for Thursday 17th May.

18 INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: *PWI*
Date/Time of Origin: *MAY 25*

Message Centre No: *E/2356*
Date Time Rec'd: *MAY 25 1940*
Precedence: *ROUTINE*

FROM: *ALCOM VENICE*
TO : *ALCOM HQ FOR TN FOR KLEIN*

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Railhead GENOA. No further developments. At Port Control meeting again stressed clearance to depot Army responsibility.

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SECRETALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSAFHQ/3577/1/2(Maint)23 May 45

Subject: Maintenance Requirements VENICE and TRIESTE by sea

1. It has been agreed with HQ Eighth Army Rear that the maintenance periods for VENICE and TRIESTE will be as follows:-

27 May - 2 June	7 days
3 Jun - 7 June	5 days
8 Jun - 14 June	7 days

thereafter on the normal theatre 10 day basis.

2. In order to give HQ Eighth Army as long a time as possible in which to finalise their demands it was agreed that the dates by which their demands in respect of the various periods must reach AFHQ would be as under :-

Period 15 June - 24 June	by 28 May
Period 25 June - 4 July	by 31 May
Period 5 July - 14 July	by 7 June

Thereafter every ten days.

3. It is proposed to meet Eighth Army demands for the periods up to 14 June 45 into VENICE and TRIESTE as set out in attached appendices A, D & C. The tonnages shown are those which it is intended to load, actual tonnages loaded being notified through MOV channels in due course.

4. It is requested that AMG Rep Eighth Army submits breakdown of civil requirements to HQ Allied Commission repeated to AFHQ.

5. Freight Forms 'S' should be submitted by Users/Services AFHQ forthwith to G-4(Mov & Tr), AFHQ, in respect of all stores to be lifted by coaster ex HEEL. In respect of coaster lift ex ANCONA freight forms 'S' should be submitted to HQ Movements, ANCONA. Breakdowns should be submitted to port of loading and details of heavy lifts, dangerous or awkward cargo should be notified separately.

6. It may be necessary to adjust tonnages as between the various periods to make the most economical use of the coasters planned.

7. No alterations to proposed loadings will be made otherwise than at the request of Q Branch, HQ Eighth Army (Rear).

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P. R. HICKS, Lt. Col.,
for Lieutenant General,
Chief Administrative Officer,
A.P.H.S.

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PROPOSED LOADINGS TO TRIESTESECRETALL IN DWLTALL IN CRAFT EX ANCONA

SERIAL	ITEM	MAINTENANCE PERIOD			REMARKS
		27 MAY - 2 JUNE	3 - 7 JUNE	8 - 14 JUNE	
(c)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1.	RG	-	300	120	
2.	SUPS	2100	1075	1400	
3.	ORD	-	-	400	
4.	AMN	-	150	-	
5.	EPI	350	250	560	
6.	POL (Packed)	2100	1975	2765	
7.	POL (RAF)	1050	250	350	
8.	TOTAL	5600	4000	5595	

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SECRETPROPOSED LOADINGS TO TRIESTEALL IN CRAFT EX ANCONA

	MAINTENANCE PERIOD			REMARKS
	27 MAY - 2 JUNE (c)	3 - 7 JUNE (d)	8 - 14 JUNE (e)	
	-	300	120	(f)
	2100	1075	1400	
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	-	150	-	
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PROPOSED LOADINGS TO VENICE BY STORES VESSELS

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ALL LOADINGS EX HEEL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

SERIAL	ITEM	MAINTENANCE PERIOD			REMARKS
		27 MAY - 2 JUNE	3 - 7 JUNE	8 - 14 JUNE	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1.	RE	700	1800 (A)	662	(a) Incl 1297 ex ANO
2.	TN	582 (B)	531 (C)	1255 (D)	(b) Incl 310 ex ANO
3.	SUPS	4000	2125	3395 (E)	(c) Incl 278 ex ANO
4.	ORD			1250 (F)	(d) Incl 520 ex ANO
5.	AMN	2800 (G)	1500	2000	(e) Incl 1300 ex NAP
6.	PSS			40	(f) Incl 700 ex ANO
7.	EPI	300 (H)	750 (J)		(g) Incl 1300 ex ANO
8.	POL (Packed)	7500	2800	4000	(h) Ex ANCONA
9.	POL (RAF)	1200	(	(	(i) Ex ANCONA
10.	EXPL (RAF)		500	700	In addition to a following special sail
11.	CIVIL SUPS				(ii) Refrigerated Co
12.	COAL	1900	1750	1750	(iii) SS KALMARND with 3 JUNE.
13.	TOTAL	18982	12056	15052	Bulk POL tankers separately.

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PROPOSED LOADINGS TO VENICE BY STORES VESSELSSECRETALL LOADINGS EX HEEL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

	MAINTENANCE PERIOD			REMARKS
	27 MAY - 2 JUNE	3 - 7 JUNE	8 - 14 JUNE	
	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	700	1000 (A)	662	(A) Incl 1297 ex ANCONA
	582 (B)	531 (C)	1255 (D)	(B) Incl 310 ex ANCONA
	4000	2425	3395 (E)	(C) Incl 278 ex ANCONA
			1250 (F)	(D) Incl 520 ex ANCONA
	2800 (G)	1500	2000	(E) Incl 1300 ex NAPLES
			40	(F) Incl 700 ex ANCONA
	300 (H)	750 (J)		(G) Incl 1300 ex ANCONA
a)	7500	2800	4000	(H) Ex ANCONA
	1200	(	(	(J) Ex ANCONA
		500	700	In addition to above programme the following special sailings will be made:-
	1900	1750	1750	(i) Refrigerated Coaster ETA 3 JUNE.
	13982	12056	15052	(ii) SS KALAMAND with 500 live sheep ETA 3 JUNE.
				(iii) Bulk POL tankers to be notified separately.

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SERIAL	ITEM	MAINTENANCE PERIOD		
		27 MAY - 2 JUNE	3 - 7 JUNE	8 - 14 JUNE
(a)	(b)	(c)		(e)
1.	RE	NIL	NIL	638
2.	SUPS	700	1500	2100
3.	AMN	2800	1000	1500
4.	EPI	365	NIL	750
5.	POL	1450	)	)2000
6.	RAF POL	1200	)2500	)
7.	RAF EXPL	1050	NIL	NIL
8.	CIVIL SUPS	700	1000	1400
9.	TOTAL	8265	6000	8388

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PROPOSED LOADINGS TO VENICESECRETALL IN CRAFT EX ANCONA

	MAINTENANCE PERIOD			REMARKS
	27 MAY - 2 JUNE (c)	3 - 7 JUNE (d)	8 - 14 JUNE (e)	
(b)				(f)
	NIL	NIL	638	
	700	1500	2100	
	2800	1000	1500	
	365	NIL	750	
	1450	{	2000	
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POL	1050	NIL	NIL	
EXPL	700	1000	1400	
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ARMED SERVICES MAILING COMMISSION
APO 334
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMISSION
Port and Warehouse Division

RHH/rf

Tel. 472700

25 May 1948

Ref. W/12, 953/TAG

SUBJECT: Expected Arrivals

TO: Chief PORT Mailing Officer - Venice
Attention: Capt. Brown

1. Expected tonnage have been checked with the Food Sub-Commission and the following information is the best estimate. It should not be relied upon to be accurate, but should be sufficient for a working basis.

2. June arrivals approximately 6,000 tons miscellaneous; no grain ships.

3. July arrivals probably one (1) grain ship; some 4,000 tons miscellaneous from U.K. and U.S., plus wine, oil, and fresh fruit.

4. It is intended at present that Venice Port will serve only Venetian Region. Under such a plan, Lt. Col. Woodger will issue shipping instructions from the warehouse.

5. If Venice warehouse will supply other regions, allocations will be determined by the Food Sub-Commission.

for the Director:

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Copy to:-

Food Sub-Commission

(Attn: Lt. Col. Maria)

Regional Transport Officer

(Venetian (Attn: Col. Woodger)

Regional Supply Officer Venetian

(Attn: Lt. Col. Woodgrass)

ROBERT A. KATZ

Major Med. Am. C.

Port & Whse. Div.

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TO: T. N. H.Q. REGION XII
A.M.G.

18 th 1945

Subject: VENICE P.C.O. Minutes and Progress Report.

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1. A copy of a/m minutes of the meeting held on 15th May is attached for information.
2. In view of the changed situation and the demand that all quayside depots be at the disposal of the Army, I do not consider that the two good and one partially damaged depots of the Mag. Generali would be suitable for many reasons.
3. I have therefore sought premises at Mestre, and have applied for the Mag. Generali there, which is served by rail and canal, but not too convenient to load into road transport.
4. I estimate the covered storage space to be capable of accommodating 20,000/22,000 tons, and the open storage is as large.
5. A salvage unit has also applied for this area, but I am confident that on 18th May after a meeting with the A/Q 86 Area and the Salvage officer, that agreement can be reached on a large part of the covered storage being allotted to A.M.G. 2894
6. The Consorzio Agrario has been consulted and agree, and the Port Commandant agree to deliver to Mestre.
7. It is suggested that the cargoes be consigned direct to the Consorzio Agrario to eliminate any intermediate book keeping, except salt. I will interview the Salt Monopole to ascertain their views on where to handle the salt, as soon as the Depot situation is clear.
8. As regards the port facilities, it is too premature to make a report as until the mines have been removed, the facilities cannot be declared available. Any information not available in the minutes will be the

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subject of a special report.

9. The Grain silos are supposed to be capable of handling 700 tons per 8 hours, and I am told that, apart from roof repairs estimated to take two months, they are in good order. As soon as the situation has cleared a little, permission will be sought to have these repairs carried out; at present the Army anticipate using this area.
10. With the Army in control of the Port it is not possible at this juncture to make a very detailed report. In perhaps one month's time when mines have been cleared and minor repairs carried out to quays, railways and cranes - a comprehensive report can be drafted of the liabilities likely to fall on the Port Authorities, when the Army vacates the Port.
11. It is anticipated that the R.A.S.C. water tpt. will operate the barges and tugs.

J.N. Bowes Capt.

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Port and warehouse officer

A.M.C. Region XII
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Copy to: Movements Shipping Div. T.N. S/o H.Q. A. C.
Ports and warehouse Div. T.N. s/o H.Q. A. C. ✓
Venice Prov:

SECRETRECONNAISSANCE REPORT VENICE AND PORTO MACHETTA1. GENERAL

- a. Both the Porto di Lido and Porto di
entrances
are mined.
- b. Venice Port is practically undamaged apart from the Western
Quay where an explosion has made a 200 ft gap in outside quay
face and caused bulging of the inner quay face. Warehouses and
rail on this quay are also badly damaged.
- c. Porto Marghera No. 1 Basin undamaged but mined. Industrial basins
damage to oil installations and factories.

2. PORT OF VENICE.1. SM BASILIO to SAN MARTA QUAYS inclusive.

- a. Berths for 5 coasters 19' and 1 Liberty San Marta 24'.
- b. Quays undamaged length 1,000 metres.
- c. Two-way metalled surface road running whole length of quays.
- d. Railway lines intact - excellent lay-out.
- e. No cargo stacking space.
- f. Large number warehouses at back of quays most of which in good
order. Warehouses have weighing machines. Road and rail served.
- g. 14 @ 3 tons, 3 @ 5 tons electric cranes with fixed jibs in
working order.
- h. Electric capstans available whole length of quays.
- i. Wagon turntables for use from quays to warehouses in good
condition.
- j. Conveyor belt to two of the warehouses in good condition.
- k. Fresh power points adequate 1 1/2" feed pipes.
- l. Electric frame points adequate.
- m. Cold store capacity 1200 tons behind San Marta quay
in good condition.
- n. Considerable quantity heavy material scrap requires clearing
from quays.
- o. Naval Cement mines primed on quays - G-2 86 Area advised. **2892**

CANAL SOLOMBARA

1. Draft limitations restrict use of basin to lighter discharge.
2. West side of quay 10 @ 5 tons electric fixed jib cranes.
3. Rail served only, lay-out excellent. No damage.
4. At extreme tip of West side lighter and conveyor service to
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2. PORT OF VENICE.

1. SAN BASILIO TO SAN MARCA QUAYS INCLUSIVE.

- a. Berths for 5 coasters 49' and 1 Liberty San Marta 24'.
- b. Quays undamaged length 1,000 metres.
- c. Two-way metalled surface road running whole length of quays.
- d. Railway lines intact - excellent lay-out.
- e. No cargo stacking space.
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- h. Electric capstans available whole length of quays.
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CANAL SCORFENBAPA

- 1. Draft limitations restrict use of basin to lighter discharge.
- 2. West side of quay 10 @ 5 tons electric fixed jib cranes.
- 3. Rail served only, lay-out excellent. No damage.
- 4. At extreme tip of West side lighter and conveyor service to grain side.
- 5. On East side of basin two ramps (1 only operative) for wagon conveying barges of which three available. Could be used as 1000 Bards.
- 6. 8 small steel pontoons 30 ft long by 10 ft., ideal for breasting off ships. - NAMI could use to good advantage.
- 7. Cross berth at entrance and suitable for Liberty carrying Grain Silo. Two suckers capacity 30 tph in good order.

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EASTERN QUAY

1. Berth at seaward end for liberty draft 24 ft, serving grain silo.
2 suckers capacity 30 tph in good order.
2. Remainder of quay -- warehouses heavy damage -- no road access -- railway line damaged.
3. 6 cranes, 5 ton lift fixed jibs can be easily repaired, 1 crane 20 tons lift fixed jib in good order.
4. 1 ramp for wagon carrying barges available - NOT IN ORDER.

PALAZZO QUAY

1. 1 Liberty Berth 24 ft - length of quay 200 metres, surface good.
2. 4 cranes at 5 tons lift - fixed jibs - electric, in good order. Additional cranes can be made available from trestles in port.
3. 2 Storey warehouse complete length of quay undamaged.
4. Adequate rail service front and back of sheds.
5. Road access adequate.

WESTERN QUAY.

1. Inner quay, whole face damaged by explosion on outer face.
2. Cross berths at end - 1 liberty 24 ft, ships discharge.
Rail served, good stacking accommodation. 30 ton gantry crane in good condition.
3. 1 Liberty berth 24 ft seaward end of outer face, rail served see later note.
4. All cranes on outer face badly damaged.
5. 200 ft crater in middle of outer face.
6. Above berths should only be used for limited discharge, until new road and rail connections are made round crater.

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GRANARY

Three storey silo total capacity 15,000 tons, third storey requires roof repairs before use.

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Three storey silo total capacity 15,000 tons, third storey requires roof repairs before use.

Billet and office accommodation available behind PALAZZO and SAN MARIA Quays.

20 ton crane grids available, suitable for use on 5 ton cranes.

All quays have adequate water and power points, and are served by electric capstans.

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CONCLUSIONS

1. Total alongside berths available ---
 - 5 Coasters at 19 ft.
 - 7 Liberty at 24 ft (incl. 2 Sile Berths).
2. Holding Berths available ---
 - 4 Liberty at 24 ft as follows ---
 - 2 at Eastern Quay, until Quay repairs effected, when working (berths).
 - 2 ex Inner Berths in San Marco Canal.
3. Estimated discharge, 5000 TPD excluding grain berths. Increased capacity dependent on RE work on Eastern and Western Quays.
4. Estimated road clearance 2000 TPD
Estimated rail clearance 2000 TPD.

PORTO MAGAZZA. MARGHERANo. 1 Basin

1. 10 Liberty Berths 24 ft seven of these crane worked, length of quays 1750 metres.
2. Rail layout excellent and undamaged
3. Road access good.
4. 4 transporter mineral cranes 5 tons left in good order, 4 others heavily damaged.
5. Large shunting area available.
6. 15 coal grates available.
7. Normal use of basins is for discharge of bulk cargoes.
8. Billet and office accommodation adequate.
9. All berths have water and power points and are served by electric capstans.
10. Quay side --- demolition charges laid, C-2, 86 Area advised.

INDUSTRIAL CANALS.

No quays as such exist and normal discharge is direct from ship to installation. West Canal could possibly be used for lighter discharge in basins.

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2 ex Inner Berths in San Marco Canal.

3. Estimated discharge, 5000 TPD excluding grain berths. Increased capacity dependent on RS work on Eastern and Western Quays.

4. Estimated road clearance 2000 TPD
Estimated rail clearance 2000 TPD.

PORTO MACAIBA.

NARRAGHERA

No. 1, Basin

1. 10 Liberty Berths 24 ft seven of these crane worked, length of quays 1750 metres.

2. Rail layout excellent and undamaged

3. Road access good.

4. transporter mineral cranes 5 tons left in good order, 4 others heavily damaged.

5. Large shunting area available.

6. 15 coal grabs available.

7. Normal use of basins is for discharge of bulk cargoes.

8. Billet and office accommodation adequate.

9. All berths have water and power points and are served by electric capstans.

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OIL INSTALLATIONS.

2 Tanker Berths draft 24 ft available.

Installations generally heavily damaged, but 4 x 15000 ton tanks at AGIF and 7 x 1000 ton tanks at FAGLIABUE require minor repairs.

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CONCLUSIONS

1. Alongside berths available :-
12 Liberty 24 ft including two tanker berths.
2. Holding berths available :-
12 Dolphin Berths draft 12 - 16 ft.
5 Dolphin Berths draft 20 ft.
3. Estimated discharge capacity, 7000 tpd.
4. Estimated road clearance 2500 tpd.
Estimated rail clearance 2500 tpd.

MISCELLANEOUS1. Lighters.

Approx 70 lighters with ranging capacities between 50-150 tons available.

2. Tugs.

5 Oil-burning and 6 coal-burning tugs available.

3. Floating Cranes

1 at 400 tons (ROMARKS) 1 at 70 tons and 1 at 30 tons available.

4. Slipways

Approx 8 slipways, and small craft available at ENDA WORKS at extreme North end of North Industrial Canal - Porto Madero. Also modern slipways available at LA GUINECA, access not available at present due to mines.

5. Cargo Handling Gear.

Small quantity normal type gear. Shortage Manila and wire ropes. Gear would be required with first stores ships.

6. Dredgers

BA advise 5 dredgers available - condition unknown.

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12 Liberty 24 ft including two tanker berths.

2. Holding berths available :-

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- 5 Dolphin Berths draft 20 ft.

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5. Cargo Handling Gear.

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RN advise 5 dredgers available - condition unknown.

7. Railway Facilities.

Rail layouts in both ports are excellent and very little damage is apparent. Connections from both ports to MESSE intact.

MESSE GENERAL

8 road yards - considerable damage at PADUA end due damaged and derailed wagons. Could be cleared fairly quickly.

- 5 -

MESTRE DOCK YARDS.

Fairly heavy damage but should be possible to carry out unloading of wagons after quick temporary repairs.

MESTRE SOALO.

Reception Sidings --- three completely removed, remainder minor damage. 17 out of 25 roads in main marshalling yard intact. C & W shops --- minor damage, machinery intact and can carry out loco repairs also loco shops, heavy damage.

Wagon availability in VENICE COMPARTMENTO ---

Serviceable Coaches	42
Crippled "	610
Serviceable wagons	1350
Crippled "	2637
Serviceable Cisterns	8
Crippled "	93

Of the above all the Coaching Stock and approx. 60% of the wagons are within the area at present accessible to rail.

LOCO AVAILABILITY.

Between MESTRE, VENEZIA, PADUA and TREVISO loco sheds total of 44 serviceable engines, 27 requiring minor and 20 requiring heavy repairs.

Main lines intact to following points :-

TREVISO	
CASSEL BRANCO	
PONTE DI BRENTA,	approx. 10 kilos from PADUA.
SAN BONA	approx. 33 kilos from MESTRE on line to TRIESTE.

All ISR Personnel are at their posts and local services could commence immediately.

8. COAL STOCKS.

- a. PORT - Only sufficient to keep Port equipment working one week.
- b. RAIL - Approx. 50 tons.

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- c. Clearance of Eastern Quay and Quays, SAN BASILIO to SAN BARTER.

10. 1000 stevedores available immediately.
 Crane drivers and Technicians available.

11. DEPOT SITES

BSD East of MESTRE on Route 14.
 POL Outskirts of MESTRE our Map Ref. G. 6155.
 OLD factory area G 6255
 Existing Army dumps are all in area of MESTRE - Max distance from Port 10 miles.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(Maint) Section

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TS/4058/Q(Maint)

18 May 45

SUBJECT: Opening of VENICE

TO : Rear HQ Eighth Army - 12 copies
HQ 86 Army Area - 13 copies

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J. A. J. Field
J. A. J. FIELD, Lt. Col.,
for Lieutenant General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

JALJF/HSR

DISTRIBUTION:

C-in-C Med	7	Engr (B)	1
Air C-in-C MAF	3	Signals	1
CG 15 Army Group	2	Pet Sec	1
CG FRS	1	ST	1
Adriatic Base Comd	2	Ord (A)	1
Allied Commission	4	Ord (B)	1
CAC	1	PRIME	1
G-1 (A)	1	Surgeon	1
G-1 (B)	1	Medical (B)	1
G-3	1	QM	1
G-4 (A)	2	Coal Sec	1
G-4 (B)	1	Tn (B)	1
G-4 (low & Tn)	2	Tn (A)	1
G-5	2	D MRS	1

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Allied Commission		4	Ord (B)	1
CAO		1	REME	1
G-1 (A)		1	Surgeon	1
G-1 (B)		1	Medical (B)	1
G-3		1	QM	1
G-4 (A)		2	Coal Sec	1
G-4 (B)		1	Tn (B)	1
G-4 (Mov & Tn)		2	Tn (A)	1
G-5		2	D RS	1
Q (Maint)		1	Labour	1
Q (AE)		1	AG Records	2
OWS		1	Stores	2
Engg (A)		1		

MAJOR INSTALLATIONS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION ON KEY PLAN

Serial	Service	Installation	Peak Tonnage	Storage Accommodation		Remarks
				Covered sq ft	Open sq yds	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
<u>BRITISH MILITARY REQUIREMENTS</u>						
1		Transit Camp	To accommodate 2,000	-	-	In buildings if possible would be ideal.
2		PW Camp	To hold 2,000	-	-	
3	RE	ESD	15,000	14,000	120,000	Accommodation for required in same strength Off WO OR Vel
4	Tn	Tn Stores Depot	20,000	12,000	100,000	
5	ST	ESD	10,000	72,000	5,500	For Military supplies
6	ST	ESD	10,000	72,000	5,500	For Civil supplies
7	ST	DID	500	3,000	250	} One may be in VEN } One may be in TOW
8	ST	DID	500	3,000	250	
9	ST	Bakery	To utilise available civilian Bakeries			
10	ST	Bakery				
11	ST	Bakery				

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MAJOR INSTALLATIONS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION ON KEY PLANSECRETAPPENDIX "A".

Installation	Peak Tonnage	Storage Accommodation		Remarks
		Covered sq ft	Open sq yds	
(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
<u>AGENTS</u>				
Transit Camp	To accommodate 2,000	-	-	In buildings if possible, barracks at 625585 would be ideal.
W Camp	To hold 2,000	-	-	
SD	15,000	14,000	120,000	Accommodation for Workshop & Park Coy RE required in same area. Strength Offrs 9 WCs & Sjts 16 ORs 198 Vehicles 20
In Stores Depot	20,000	12,000	100,000	
SD	10,000	72,000	5,500	For Military supplies.
SD	10,000	72,000	5,500	For Civil supplies on Austria account
OID	500	3,000	250	} One may be in VENICE } One may be in TOWN AREA MESTRE
OID	500	3,000	250	
Bakery	To utilise available civilian Bakeries			
Bakery				
Bakery				

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
12	ST	Butchery	2,000	Existing cold storage accn		Store exist if in work
13	ST	Two BPSS	For available Bulk Oil Installations			
14	ST	Petrol Depot Type 'A'	20,000 It should be possible to reduce this figure when bulk storage and pipe lines are avail- able.		484,000 sq yds or 15,000 yds of road	Good intern rail fed on
15	Med	1,200 Bed Gen Hosp	N.A.	196,000		Site state
16	Med	Med Stores Depot	200	40,000		Initially will later Base Depot
17	Ord	Ord Transit Sheds	1,000	100,000	20,000	
18	Ord	AAD	20,000	15,000	20 miles of good road stacking	
19	Ord	Vehicle Park	2,000 vehicles	6,000	100,000	
20	Salvage	Base Salvage Depot combined with Veh Disposal Depot		12,000	100,000	
21	P & SS	Mobile Stationery Section	100	15,000	5,000	To be site
22	EWI	Base Canteen Depot	2,000	20,000	1,500	To be allo
23		Bulk Issue Store	500	6,000	250	To be allo

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(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Butchery	2,000	Existing cold storage accn		Store exists at 625553 and will be suitable if in working order or repairable.
Two BPSS	For available Bulk Oil Installations			
Petrol Depot Type 'A'	20,000 It should be possible to reduce this figure when bulk storage and pipe lines are available.		484,000 sq yds or 15,000 yds of road	Good internal road circuits. Should be rail fed or near suitable sidings.
1,200 Bed Gen Hosp	N.A.	196,000		Site stated to be available in MESTRE now.
Med Stores Depot	200	40,000		Initially unit will be an Adv Depot but will later be replaced or converted to a Base Depot.
Ord Transit Sheds	1,000	100,000	20,000	
AAD	20,000	15,000	20 miles of good road stacking	
Vehicle Park	2,000 vehicles	6,000	100,000	
Base Salvage Depot combined with Veh Disposal Depot		12,000	100,000	
Mobile Stationery Section	100	15,000	5,000	To be sited in TOWN AREA MESTRE
Base Canteen Depot	2,000	20,000	1,500	To be allocated by Siting Board.
Bulk Issue Store	500	6,000	250	To be allocated by Siting Board.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
24	+ Postal	Mails Centre (One)		10,000	200 (Parking space)	To for NE
25	+ Postal	Army Post Office (One)		3,500 Office accn	100 (Parking space)	To unit

+ It is desirable that the two installations should be accommodated in adjoining premises if possible

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(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
ails Centre (One)		10,000	200 (Parking space)	To function as Adv Base APO for Br Forces in AUSTRIA and NE ITALY.
Army Post Office (One)		3,500 Office accn	100 (Parking space)	To provide APO facilities for units in VENICE area.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
US MILITARY REQUIREMENTS						
1.	Engineer	Engineer Depot	3,000	12,000	13,000	To be allocated a RES AREA if US to handled through
2	Signal	Signal Depot	3,500	17,000	4,000	
3	Medical	Medical Base Depot	200	6,000	-	
4	Ordnance	Base Depot	500	14,000	1,500	
5	Ordnance	Ammunition Depot	4,500	10 miles of roadside storage, flat, well away from towns but near railway.		
6	QM	Storage Depot	4,500	18,000	1,400	In addition following Freezer 22,000 Chill 9,000
AC ITALY REQUIREMENTS						
1		Civil Supplies Warehouse	25,000	165,000	5,000	AC request allocatio Generale in the Old FA Warehouse.

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Sheet 3

(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Engineer Depot	3,000	12,000	13,000	To be allocated accommodation in a RES AREA if US tonnage is to be handled through VENICE.
Signal Depot	3,500	17,000	4,000	
Medical Base Depot	200	6,000	-	
Base Depot	500	14,000	1,500	
Ammunition Depot	2,500	10 miles of roadside storage, flat, well away from towns but near railway.		In addition following cold storage is required Freezer 22,000 cu ft. Chill 9,000 cu ft.
Storage Depot	4,500	18,000	1,400	
Avail Supplies Warehouse	25,000	165,000	5,000	AC request allocation of the Magazine Generale in the Old City or failing that the FA Warehouse.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
RAF REQUIREMENTS						
1	RAF Mov	Embarkation Unit 1		5000		Dock offices, Transit in same building or
2	Air Transport Services	Major Staging Post 1		5000		
2A	RAF Transport Cmd Wing HQ	To be allotted by HQ 249 Wing 1		5000		
3	RAF HQ Adv	Adv HQ DAF 1				Offices, Messes, Bil
3A	RAF HQ Rear	Rear HQ DAF 1				Offices, Messes, Bil
4	Hospital	Mobile Fd Hospital 1				100 beds. 80 staff
5	MT Repair	MPLRU 1		2400	125000	Covered area suitabl
6	RAF Stores	Air Stores Park 2		4800	250000	Covered area suitabl
7	MATS ADV HQ	MATS ADV HQ 1				Offices, billets and
8	Adv Maint Gp	Adv HQ 214 Gp 1				Offices, messes and
9	Area Stores	To be nominated by 214 Gp 1		50000	11000	} To be called for
10	MT Repair & Maintenance	" 1		5000	20000	
11	Vehicle Pool	" 1		10000	200000	
12	Returned Eqp't	" 1		150000	22000	
13	Supply & Tpt	S & T Column 1				Hard standing near
14	Leave Officers	Leave Hotel 1			Hotels & Flats	To accommodate max
15	Leave Ssr NCOs.	Leave Hotel 1			Hotels & Flats	To accommodate max

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(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Embarkation Unit 1		5000		Dock offices, Transit shed, officers billets in same building or adjacent to Port Authority.
Major Staging Post 1		5000		
To be allotted by HQ 219 Wing 1		5000		
Adv HQ DAF 1				Offices, Messes, Billets, Garage
Rear HQ DAF 1				Offices, Messes, Billets, Garage.
Mobile PG Hospital 1				100 beds. 80 staff.
MTLRU 1		2400	125000	Covered area suitable for workshops
Air Stores Park 2		4800	250000	Covered area suitable for stores.
MATS ADV HQ 1				Offices, billets and Garages.
Adv HQ 214 Gp 1				Offices, messes and billets.
To be nominated by 214 Gp 1		50000	11000	)
" 1		5000	20000	) To be called forward by HQ 214 Group.
" 1		10000	200000	)
" 1		150000	22000	
S & T Column 1				Hard standing near road.
Leave Hotel 1		Hotels & Flats		To accommodate maximum of 200.
Leave Hotel 1		Hotels & Flats		To accommodate maximum of 300.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
16	Leave ORs	Leave Hotel	1		Hotels & Flats	To accommodate
17	Mobile Signals	Mobile Sigs Unit	1		2000 1000	Enclosed open vehicles.
18	MACAF	Transit Depot			Covered accommodation for 150 Officers and 850 ORs (Maximum)	To accommodate
19	Provost & Security Det	DAPM	1			Offices and 20 ORs
20	RAF Base Administration	Base Area	1			Offices and 60 ORs.

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	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Leave Hotel 1			Hotels & Flats	To accommodate maximum of 400
	Mobile Sigs Unit 1		2000	1000	Enclosed open space for specialised w/T vehicles.
	Transit Depot			Covered accommodation for 150 Officers and 850 ORs (Maximum)	To accommodate : 150 Officers 100 Ssr NCOs 750 ORs
Security Det.	DAPM 1				Offices and billets for 4 officers and 20 ORs
mis-	Base Area 1				Offices and billets for 12 officers and 60 ORs.

BIDS FOR ACCOMMODATION VENICE NOT INCLUDED IN KEY PLAN

Serial	Service	Installation / Unit	Requirements	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
<u>BRITISH MILITARY</u>				
1	Pay	Field Cash Office	Bank facilities	Already est
2	Welfare	Details already settled, 624/10/1 (Maint) dated 14 May 45 refers. In addition accommodation for CWM Canteens, SS&FA and Legal Aid will be required.		
3	Ord	Rase Laundry	Laundry facilities and accommodation	Preferably
4	Ord	Officers Shop	30,000 sq ft covered shops and store rooms.	
5	ST	Mob Pet Filling Centre	14,500 sq yds with good road approach	To operate
6	Med	One CCS	To be sited in VENICE	
7	Med	One RI Hyg or RI San Sec		
8	Med	Two PNO		
9	Med	Two RI Dental Centres		
10	Med	One RI Dental Lab		
11	Med	Two Malarial Control Units		
12	Tn (PORT)	HQ Port Op Coy	Officers 13 ORs 62	
13	Tn (PORT)	Four Port Op Coys	" 32 " 1,464 (total 4 Coys)	
14	Tn (PORT)	One Dist Maint Coy	" 7 " 200	

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BIDS FOR ACCOMMODATION VEHICLE NOT INCLUDED IN NEW PLANSECRET
APPENDIX "B".

Installation / Unit	Requirements	Remarks
(c)	(d)	(e)
Field Cash Office	Bank facilities	Already established.
Details already settled, 624/10/0 (Paint) dated 14 May 45 refers. In addition accommodation for CVW Gunteams, SSATs and Legal Aid will be required.		
Base laundry	Laundry facilities and accommodation	Preferably near hospital.
Officers Shop	30,000 sq ft covered shops and store rooms.	
Mob Pet Filling Centre	14,500 sq yds with good road approach	To operate local Petrol point.
One CCS	To be sited in VEHICLE	
One MI Hyg or Ed San Sec		
Two EMO		
Two MI Dental Centres		
One MI Dental Lab		
Two Material Control Units		
100 Port Op Coy	Office 13 QAs 62	
Four Port Op Coys	" 32 " 1,464 (total 4 Coys)	
One Port Unit Coy	" 7 " 200	

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(a)	(b)	(c)		(d)	
15	Tn (PORT)	HQ IWT Gp (det)	Officers 4	ORs 20	
16	Tn (PORT)	IWT Wksps Coy (less det)	" 5	" 100	
17	Tn (PORT)	IWT Port Op Coy (Br) (less det)	" 2	" 104	
18	Tn (PORT)	Two IWT Port Op Coy (Italian)	" 8	" 416	
19	Tn (PORT)	Z Craft Coy	" 4	" 100	
20	Tn (Rly)	One Rly Constr Coy	" 7	" 270	
31	Tn (Rly)	One Rly Op Coy	" 8	" 360	
22	Pro	One Provost Coy Traffic Control SIB Regt Police Guard Room Staff	A central site near to the Questura or OCER HQ.		Total accom
23	And other units on ORBAT for operation etc of port.				

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One Rly Constr Coy	" 7	" 270		
One Rly Op Coy	" 8	" 360		
One Provost Coy	A central site near to the Questura or CCIR HQ.		Total accommodation for 250	
Traffic Control				
SIB				
Regt Police Guard Room Staff				
her units on ORBAT for operation etc of port.				
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

16 May 1945

Ref. P-13

SUBJECT : First Key Plan for VENICE

MEMO TO : Q (Maint)

1. Ref your TS/1058/Q(Maint) dated 15 May. Appendix "B" is attached herewith in duplicate to cover AC requirements.
2. It is assumed that storage accn for civil sups for AUSTRIA being handled through all installations are being bid for under para 2 (b) (ii) of your letter ST, Ord and Surgeon (Br).

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

S/ H.P. GROOM-JOHNSON
Lt. Colonel
Economics & Supply 2878

Copy to :- ST)
Surgeon (Br)) less appendix
Ord (Br))
HQ AC

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Appx "B" to TS/10
dated2577
ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLATIONS AND ADM UNITS IN V

Serial No.	Service	Type and Number of Installations	Estimated Peak Tonnage (where available)	Storage Accommodation Covered (Sq ft)	Open (Sq fts)	Estimate of Type and Number of Adm Units <u>excl</u> Installations
a	b	c	d	e	f	g
1	AC	Warehouses	25,000	165,000	5,000	-

SECRETAppx "B" to TS/1058/Q(Maint)
dated 15 May 452577
ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLATIONS AND ADM UNITS IN VENICE

Type and Number of Installations	Estimated Peak Tonnage (where available)	Storage Accommodation Covered (Sq ft)	Open (Sq fts)	Estimate of Type and Number of Adm Units <u>excl</u> Installations	Remarks
c	d	e	f	g	h
Warehouses	25,000	165,000	5,000	-	Based on 15 days transit plus 15 days reserve holdings for VENEZIA PROPRIA and VENEZIA TRIDENTINA. Rail served if possible. AC state that NOIC has agreed to allot them the Magazzini Generali in the Old City. It is requested, therefore, that consideration may be given to allotting them this building if possible, or failing that the FA warehouse in the Old City.

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AGENDA FOR 1ST MEETING AFHQ SITTING BOARD - VENICE

1. ^{not part} DONG to outline general maintenance situation for NORTH ITALY and AUSTRIA and basis on which VENICE port etc, will be operated.
2. Brigadier G-4 (Mov & Tn) to outline Mov aspects - selection of ports, rail facilities likely to be available, etc.
3. Check with services anticipated tonnages in and out of depots as per attached schedule.
4. Representatives of services etc, to check bids for space as noted in Key Plan, and if necessary, to give details of any revision.
5. To fix time for next meeting. (09.00 hrs 21 May).
6. Board to adjourn and inspect ground.

APPENDIX 'A' TO AGENDA FOR 1ST MEETING AFHQ SITING BOARD - VENICE.

Serial	Commodity	Tons per day		Remarks
		IN	OUT	
1	U.S. Depots <i>June 50%</i>	1200	800	Excl POL.
2	BSDs. Mil Sups	2000	1000	
3	BSD. Civil Sups <i>austrian</i>	2600	1300	
4	Engr	400	200	About 600 tpd additional if there are heavy bridging demands.
5	Ord	300	200	
6	Tn	250	150	
7	Arm	1000	500	
8	A.C. ITALY	-	600	
9	R.A.F. but might rise to	50 90	25 60	
10	P.O.L.	1800	900	Will be reduced when bulk facilities available.

NOTES

Serial 1. Only arises if U.S. tonnages received in VENICE.

Serial 7. Figures entirely dependent on op sit.

Serial 8. Assumes direct clearance to depots on VENICE proper with approx 50% of total imports delivered by road, balance by rail to destinations in N. ITALY.

Serial 9. First figures are based on five sqns. **2876**
Second figures on 9 sqns.

AGENDA FOR 2ND AND ALL SUCCEEDING MEETINGS OF AFHQ
SITING BOARD - VENICE.

1. DCMG to outline changes, if any, in the general situation which might affect development of VENICE.
2. Brigadier G-4 (Mov & Tn) to describe any developments on the Mov aspect as a result of recon.
3. Major Services to give their reactions to Key Plan.

RN
RAF
Area Comd
RE
Tn
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Med
Ord
Adriatic Base Command
Salvage
Allied Commission

4. Allied Commission to give views on Key Plan and its possible effect on Italian Industry, AFHQ Adm Memo 14 refers.
5. DW, AFHQ, to outline major engineer aspects of Key Plan.
6. Adjustments in Key Plan as result of 3, 4 and 5 above.
7. Any further business.

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1. Contact was made with the following:

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22 May 1945

Ref/ W/18/924/Tn6

SUBJECT: Report of AFHQ Siting Port of Venice

TO : R. M. Bazzanella, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division1. The first meeting was held on 20 May 45 with
Major General Duff as Chairman.2. The following information was brought up in the
general remarks of Major General Duff, Brigadier Fellows and
others:

- a) Venice will be operated as a military port.
- b) planned tonnage is 6,500 t.p.d.
- c) 86th Area Headquarters will remain at Venice
for some long time. They are now responsible to the
8th Army. When this responsibility ceases, the 86th
Area will then be responsible to AFHQ through the 1st
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- d) Venice port will open as of 27 May 45 and will
accept craft, coasters and shuttle tankers. Only
Venice Island section of the port will open on this
date.
- e) It is expected that Port Marghera, which will
be the main section of the port, will be opened in part
on 7 June 45 to accept craft, coasters and shuttle
tankers. The expansion in the use of Port Marghera
will be slow and difficult due to the fact that there
is no hard standing for vehicles and it will be necessary
to bring in several thousand cubic yards of gravel.
- f) It is expected that by 1 July 45, it will be
possible to bring in Liberty ships and to open the
Lido channel. This date is not firm.
- g) It was stated, at first, that AC would operate
its own section of the port in the early stages, but
at the second meeting of the Board this was revised
and it is not expected that AC will accept such respon-
sibility for several months. The revision was caused
by the expected delay in using the full facilities of

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Port Marghera and the subsequent necessity of the military using for a longer period of time the facilities of Venice Island earmarked for AC.

h) Rail service north from Venice is limited quantities estimated at 1,000 to 1,500 t.p.d. will be available about 27 May 45. Rail heads not known. Increased tonnages expected to be available about 1 July 45.

3. After considerable discussions based on requirements of the various services, it was agreed to allocate to AC/AMG the use of those premises of the Magazzini Generali originally requested and to which reference is made in my report of 14 May 45, ref. W/18/856/Tn6. However, the four buildings immediately adjacent to quay side with an estimated capacity of 16,000 tons will be used by the Port Commandant as transit sheds as long as the military have need of the quays on Venice Island, the period estimated at two months. This limitation creates a serious problem because, of the buildings of the Magazzini Generali immediately available for AC/AMG use, only two have easy access to road vehicles and have an estimated total capacity of only about 6,000 tons. Six other buildings, with an estimated total capacity of 18,000 tons, immediately available, have access only by rail and their use will be exceedingly difficult, if at all possible. However, Brigadier Fellows stated that it was not apparent to him why AC/AMG should require a greater stockpile than 6,000 tons at Venice in the early stages. He further stated that AC/AMG should be able to secure a sufficiently rapid turnover of Venice inventories so that a 6,000 ton warehouse should be sufficient in the early stages. Further, if AC/AMG, at any time, did not have sufficient warehouse accommodations in their allotted space, AFHQ would not give port acceptance.

4. In my previous report, it was stated that the Magazzini Generali quays could simultaneously accommodate two Liberty ships and three coasters. It is now stated that although quay length is sufficient, there is some question of draft. It is not unlikely that all Liberty ships will have to be lightened before entrance into Venice and/or Port Marghera.

5. It is planned to place Captain Bowes in charge of AC/AMG warehouse, Venice. He will also act as Port Liaison Officer. Nine O.R.'s will be sent to Venice immediately for duty 2871
Captain Bowes.

6. It is suggested that when AC/AMG accepts the responsibility for its own port operations on Venice Island, that Captain Bowes be placed in charge of that operation and other officer assigned as warehouse officer.

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7. For prompt communication by signal or letter, Captain Bowes may be addressed as follows:

ALCOM, Port Liaison Officer for Captain Bowes
c/o 86th Area, Venice
Mail should be marked additionally via A.D.L.S.

8. Although another meeting of the Board was scheduled after my departure from Venice, it was not considered essential that I remain as matters to be discussed did not concern AC/AMG. Captain Bowes attended the two meetings with me and planned to attend any additional ones.

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Major Med. Adm. C.
Ports & Warehouse Division

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For Transportation.

Understand AFHQ holding sitting board 20 May at 86 AFHQ for allocation of warehouse space VENEZIA. Consider essential for Senior Rep from AC to attend with facts and figures. Bid for accommodation as selected by KLEIN has been recorded by Area. Understood from Movements Rep here little likelihood of getting this. Very strong case needed.

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Understand from Warehousing Division Transportation Sub Commission that 15000 tons food expected to arrive VENEZUELA first month of operation. Could confirmation and breakdown of VENEZUELA Region allocation be provided

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APO 394

12 May 45

TO : M.O.I.C., Venice (Att.Cdr. Backhouse)
SUBJECT : AMG Warehouse Accomodation-Venice
FILE NO : RXII/TH/8.1

1. Confirming conversation (Cdr. Backhouse-Major Klein)
9 May 45, it is requested that the premises of the Magazzini Generali, Venice, be allocated to AMG for storage of Civilian Supplies.
2. The warehouse operation will be supervised by AMG Military personnel but will actually be operated by the Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, a semi-statal Italian organization, who will undoubtedly use the personnel of the Magazzini Generali.
3. May the allocation of these premises please be confirmed by a letter to this HQ, copy to Allied Commission, Trans. Sub-Commission, warehouse section, APO 394, US Army.
4. May the matter please be treated as urgent.

For Regional Commissioner

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J.S. WOOLBER
Colonel
Regional Transp. Officer

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