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Month and Year: MAY 1945

WAR DIARY

Unit: 38 (IRISH) INFANTRY BRIGADE

Army Form C. 2118.

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Commanding Officer: BRIGADIER T. P. D. SCOTT D.S.O.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
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WOJTSBERG (Y 6305)	12	2000	OGP KASHE - German Puppet Minister to Croat Republic was arrested by 2 ITR.	
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	13	0230	369 CROAT DIV stopped at BIEIBURG. Orders given for their concentration at GRIPPEL.	
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		0700	Bn of 11th Partisans at LAVAMUND produced orders giving them permission to go to KIAGENFURT. They were prevented from doing so.	
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		0800	2 ITR contacted 3 Bulgarian Div at JANDSBERG. A post was established at SCHERBATI 7307 where the road becomes a track.	
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		1000	Bde Gp comes under comd 46 Div and reverts from 6 ARMD DIV.	
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		1015	GOC 46 Div visits Bde HQ. Bde Comd was out as he had a conference with Bulgarian Div Comd in LAVAMUND.	
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			GOC ARMY GP E, General Lehr, and his staff and attached personnel arrived at BIEIBERG. On orders from Div they were not allowed through, but ordered to concentrate in that area.	
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		1200	The Russian 299 Div Comd, Colonel SAUKHENKO, and his staff arrived at Bde HQ	
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Month and Year: **MAY 1945**

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Unit: **38 (IRISH) INFANTRY BRIGADE**
 Commanding Officer: **BRIGADIER T.P.D. SCOTT D.S.**

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WOLFSBERG
(Y 6305)

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B Sqn 46 Recce S. ANDRE Y 6397 u/o 17 Pz Bde.
A Sqn 56 Recce N.W. of WOLFSBERG Y 6208.

0900 Evacuation of the COSSACKS continued without any further incidents. In addition to all the political difficulties which the Bde was responsible for in its area the battalions were also guarding a considerable number of enemy surrendered personnel and POW.

17 Pz Bde

COSSACKS 7,000
 369 Great Div 3,000
 Army Gp 'E' 700
 42 Jaeger Div 300
 Misc 1,100

1 R IR F

Hospital Train 1,300
 Misc 10,000

2 L I R

IASZLO Hungarian Div 7,000
 Hungarian Cadet School 400
 Flt 2 Hungarian Corps 2,000
 Croats 700

P.O.W. 1,600 S.S.

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Unit 38 (IRISH) INFANTRY BRIGADE

Commanding Officer BRIGADIER T. P. D. SCOTT, D.S.

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MOLESBERG (T 6305)

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Gen Lehr, Commander ARMT GP 'E', arrived at 17 Pz HQ for orders. He was ordered to report to HQ 5 CORPS.

1800

Control Station Rover Paddy arrives for controlling air operations and arm-rececs over Yugoslav border.

Early on in the morning reports were received from 17 Pz Regt of fighting between Croats and Yugoslav TITO troops. Later on in the day a CROAT IO arrived at 17 Pz Regt HQ offering to surrender to the BRITISH and lay down arms on passing our outposts.

At about 2100 hrs the CROAT IO arrived at this HQ and made the following statement, to the Bde Comd. There are two armed groups of CROATS, both approx 100,000 men, attempting to get past the BULGARIANS and the JUGOSLAVS and surrender themselves to British troops. They wish to escape the TITO regime and do not mind what country they finally go to. In addition to the two armed groups there are an alleged half a million civilians (women and children) followed by the remnants of two German Divisions. (One is Prince Regen SS Wtn Div).

One group of 100,000 CROATS is between BLEIBURG and DRAVOGRAD and the other 100,000 SOUTH of DRAVOGRAD. The Croat IO stated that relations with the BULGARIANS were good, but there has been serious fighting with the TITO forces (8 TITCO BDE). The Croats lost a fair number of men today and also lost three of their thirty tanks from bazookas.

Later on about 2300 hrs OC B Coy 1 R IR F at LAVAMUND reported that a surrender conference was going on between the BULGARIANS and the CROATS, but the Yugoslav forces interposed themselves between the BULGARIAN and CROAT armies and caused the BULGARIANS to withdraw and cancel their agreement.

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Unit 38 (IRISH) INFANTRY BRIGADE

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WOLFSBERG
(I 6305)

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if the Bde Comd would be good enough to try to make the Croats surrender to them. They then withdrew, and the Croat General and his staff were interviewed by the Bde Comd.

At first they were adamant that both the Army and the civilian population with them would rather die where they were, fighting to the last man, than surrender to "any Bolsheviks". They pointed out that this movement was a political emigration of the Croat nation, as they had decided that it was impossible for them to live under the Russian influence. They requested that the matter should be dealt with through political channels. It was explained that an emigration in such numbers was, at the moment, quite out of the question, as there would be no food in any other part of Europe that they emigrated to, and that such emigration could only take place after careful preparation, otherwise the whole of this party would starve. They still insisted that this was a preferable course to surrender. Meanwhile the Yugoslav Commander sent messages that he could not wait much longer, and the battle must start. The Croat deputation were given five minutes to make up their minds whether they would surrender as prisoners of war to the Yugoslav force, and told them that any movement of their Army towards the British lines would be resisted with all arms, quite apart from any action the Yugoslavs might take. After some further delay they agreed to surrender.

The Yugoslav representatives were then brought in and given the gist of the conversation. An agreement was made in the Bde Comd's presence that the Croat Army would surrender, and indicate by white flags from their leading troops that they had done so within an hour and a quarter of the Commissar leaving the room. The Army was to be treated as

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Unit 38 (IRISH) INFANTRY BRIGADE

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WOLFSBERG
(Y-6305)

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Place Date Hour

Prisoners of War, with the exception of political criminals who would be dealt with by Allied Courts established to deal with this matter. The civilian population were to be fed and returned to Croatia by the frontier route. With five minutes to spare the Croatian Army signified their surrender, and the handing in of arms was commenced forthwith. In accordance with the agreement they were evacuated through LAVAMUND towards MATIBOR.

All the arrangements in connection with the surrender and evacuation were carried out speedily, efficiently, and, as far as could be judged correctly over the following 24 hours.

Another Sqn and RHQ 2 BTR come under command and go to REIBURG sector. C. O. 16 DILL reports to Bde Comd for orders. The battalion is to come under command and is at present on the move to go to REIBURG sector.

General Lehr, Commander Army Gp 'E', and his staff ordered to report to Yugoslavs at 1700 hrs for disposal instructions.

1 tp 56 Becce ordered to report to 1 R IR F.

B Coy 1 R IR F at LAVAMUND report Bulgarians are going to sweep area DRAVOGRAD - LAVAMUND and WEST to Yugoslav border to collect up any CROATS that may be in the area.

1030

27 I now under command. 1 Sqn ordered to go to RUDEN under command 17 Pd Regt. 1 Sqn to move from JUDENBURG to TWIMBERG today.

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Unit 38 (IRISH) INFANTRY BRIGADE
 Commanding Officer BRIGADIER T. P. D. SCOTT, D.S.O.

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WOLFSBERG (Y 6305)	17	1000 1030	<p>GOC 46 Div holds conference at Bde HQ for Comds 38 and 128 Bdes.</p> <p>LO goes to Yugoslav HQ at LAVAMUND to arrange for the handing over of 800 Croats, military and civilians, at present located at WOLFSBERG.</p>	
		1100	<p>Bde Comd holds conference at Bde HQ. Comd 128 Bde and his C. Os were present.</p> <p>Following regrouping and relief programme to be carried out:</p> <p>38 (Irish) Bde to be relieved by 128 and 138 Bdes and to revert to command 78 Div on relief.</p> <p>38 (Irish) Bde to move to TARVISIO area to take over responsibilities of 138 Bde.</p>	
		1500	<p>Relief of 1 R IR F by 2 and 5 HAWES commences. 2 HAWES relieve Coy 1 R IR F at LAVAMUND and 5 HAWES remainder of bn in S. ANDRE area.</p>	
		1920	<p>Relief of 1 R IR F complete. Bn moves to TARVISIO to relieve 6 LINCOLNS by first light 18th May.</p>	

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Unit 38 (FISH) INFANTRY BRIGADE

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KOLFSBERG (Y 6305)	18	0800	Relief of 17 Pz Regt by 1/4 HALPS commences.	
		1200	Relief of 17 Pz Regt complete. Regt moves to CAMPOROSSA EAST of TAVVISIO.	
		1300	Bde HQ hands over all matters concerning KOLFSBERG area to 2 LIR who remain in command of sector until relieved by 6 LIMCOINS.	
			Bde HQ moves to TAVVISIO to take over sector from 138 Bde.	
		1400	800 Croats under escort 2 LIR were handed over to Yugoslav forces near LAVAMUND. This was not easily done, but was accomplished after a considerable amount of parleyings and pleadings.	
TAVVISIO	19	0900	Comd of sector passes from 138 Bde to 38 Bde. Y and L, 2/4 KOTLI and 71 Pz Regt come under comd. 2 LIR relieved by 6 LIMCOINS and proceed to TAVVISIO. D Sp Gp and A Sqn 56 Recce also relieved. 254 A. Trk Bty remain under command 128 Bde.	
		0930	GOC 78 Div phones up Bde Comd. Following orders issued: 2 LIR to be stopped in VILLACH and to await further instructions. Bde to be prepared to be relieved by JEWISH BDE GP to-morrow.	

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Unit 38 (IRISH) INF BDE

Commanding Officer BRIGADIER T. P. D. SCOTT D.S. O

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
THREFFEN VILLAGE sector	22		<p>The duties and responsibilities of the Brigade are now confined to manning check posts and road blocks and guarding JUGOSLAV and ITALIAN - AUSTRIAN frontiers.</p> <p>The road leading through the WUENZNER PASS G 8069 is to be closed to all traffic leading into AUSTRIA but the evacuation of JUGOSLAV nationals to JUGOSLAVIA may continue by this route.</p> <p>The road into ITALY through THOHL remains open to all traffic.</p>	
	23		<p>2 LTR continue to receive billets and accommodation on the OSSLACH SEE. Evacuation of Hungarians from Bde area to a conc area at WEISSENSTEIN commences.</p>	
	24		<p>Lt-Col. H. E. N. Bredin relinquishes command 2 LTR and goes to HQ 78 Div as AA & QMG.</p> <p>Lt-Col. J. H. Colarwell - Horsfall assumes command ref this date.</p>	

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ratni dnevnik 38 (IRSKE) PJEŠAČKE BRIGADE

ZAPOVJEDNI ČASNIK: BRIGADIR T.P.D. SCOTT D.S.O

MJESEC I GODINA: SVIBANJ 1945

MJESTO: Wolfsberg (Y 6305)

DATUM: 12

SAT: 20 00

OGF KASHE- njemački marionetski ministar Hrvatske republike uhapšen. Uhapsili ga LIR 2

DAN: 13

SAT: 0230

369 HRVATSKA DIV. zaustavljena kod BLEIBURGA. Dane zapovijedi za njihovo okupljanje kod GRIFFENA

SAT: 0700

bn (BATALJUN?) Titovih partizana kod LAVAMUNDA predočili su zapovijedi koje im dozvoljavajući da idu prema KLAFENFURTU. Bili su spriječeni u tome.

SAT: 0800

2 LIR kontaktirali 2 Bugarsku diviziju kod LANDBERG. Postavljena je straža kod SCHERBART 7307 gdje cesta prelazi u ~~trac~~ označena? *stazu*

SAT: 1000

Brigade Gp prelazi od zapovjedništva 6 OKLOPNE DIV pod zapovjedništvo 46 DIV.

SAT: 1015

GOC (GENERAL OF COMMAND) posjetio je glavno zapovjedništvo brigade.

Zapovjednik brigade bio je odsutan jer je imao konferenciju sa zapovjednikom Bugarske divizije u LAVAMUNDU.

GOC ARMIJE GP E, general Lehr, njegovo osoblje i pribrojeni personal stigli su u BLEIBURG. Po zapovjedi DIVIZIJE nije im bio dozvoljen prolaz, zapovijed je da se koncentriraju u tom području.

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SAT:1200

Zapovjedništvo ruske 299 Divizije, kolonel SAUCHENKO, i njegovo osoblje stigli su u glavno zapovjedništvo brigade.

DAN:14

B ODRED 46 IZVIDNIČKE

S.ANDRE Y 6397 u/c 17 Fd Regt.

A ODRED 56 IZVIDNIČKE

N.W. od WOLFSBERGa Y 6208

SAT: 0900

Evakuacija KOZAKA nastavlja se bez ikakvog incidenta. Za sve dodatne političke poteškoće za koje je brigada bila odgovorna u ovom području bataljoni su također čuvali dostatan broj neprijateljskog personala i zarobljenika rata koji su se predali.

<u>17 Fd Regt</u>	Kozaka	7000
	369 Hrv. div	3000
	Armij GP "E"	700
	Misc	1100

<u>1R IR F</u>	bolnički vlak	1300
	misc	10000

<u>2 LIR</u>	LASZLO mađ	
	div. 7000	
	Mađ. kadet.	
	škola	400
	Elt 2 mađ.korp.	2000
	Hrvata	700

Zarob. rata... 1600 S.S.

Gen. Lehr, zapovjednik ARMIJE GP "E" stigao u zapovjedništvo 17 Fd zbog zapovijedi. Zapovjedbno mu je da se javi u Glavno zapovjedništvo 5 KORPUSA.

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SAT:1800

Kontrolna postaja Rover Paddy stigla zbog kontrole zračnih operacija i oklopnih izvidnica na jugoslavenskoj granici.

Rano ujutro izvješća su primljena od 17 Fd Regt o sukobima između hrvatskih i titovih jugoslavenskih trupa. Kasnije u danu HRVATSKI časnik za vezu stigao je u Glavno zapovjedništvo nudeći svoju predaju BRITANCIMA i predaju oružja prilikom prelaska na naše položaje.

Oko 2100 sat HRVATSKI časnik za vezu stigao je u ovo glavno zapovjedništvo i dao slijedeću izjavu, zapovjedniku brigade. Dvije su skupine naoružanih HRVATA, u svakoj po prilici 100.000 ljudi koji nastoje proći BUGARE i JUGOSLAVENE i žele se predati britanskim trupama. Žele izbjeći Titov režim i nije ih brige u koju će zemlju na kraju stići. U dodatku sa ove dvije skupine dolaze i po izjavi oko pola milijuna civila (žene i djeca) koje slijede ostatak dvije njemačke divizije. (Jedna od njih je Princ(Kraljević) Eugen SS vojna divizija).

Jedna skupina od 100 000 HRVATA nalazi se između BLEIBURGA i DRAVOGRADA i ostalih 100 000 JUŽNO od DRAVOGRADA. Hrvatski časnik za vezu izjavio je da su odnosi sa BUGARIMA dobri, ali postoje ozbiljni sukobi sa Titovim snagama. (8 JUGOSL. BRIGADA). Hrvati su izgubili dosta ljudi danas a od bazuka izgubili tri od svoja trideset tenka.

Kasnije oko 2300 sati OC B Coy 1 R IR F kod LAVAMUNDA izvijestili su da će se vodili konferencija o predaji između BUGARA i HRVATA, ali su se JUGOSLAVENSKNE snage postavile između HRVATSKIH armija i uzrokovali su da su se BUGARI povukli i otkazali sporazum.

DAN:17

SAT: 1000

GOC 46 DIV držalo je konferenciju u Glavnom zapovjedništvu brigade za zapovjedništvo 38. i 128. Brigade.

SAT: 1030

Časnik za vezu ide jugoslavenskom Glavnom zapovjedništvu kod LAVAMUNDA da bi dogovorili predaju 800 Hrvata, vojnih i civila, koji se trenutno nalaze kod WOLFSBERGA.

SAT:1100

Zapovjednik brigade držao konferenciju u Glavnom zapovjedništvu brigade. Prisutni zapovjednik 128 brigade i njegov C. Oc.

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Slijedeća regrupiranja i potporni program imaju se izvesti:

38 (Irska) brigadu preuzimaju odgovornost 128. i 138. brigada i ona preuzima zapovjedništvo nad 78 divizije on relief

38 (Irska) brigada premješta se na područje TARVISIJA da bi preuzela odgovornost 138. brigade.

SAT:1500

Započinje preuzimanje 2 i 5 HAMPS od 1 R IR F. 2 HAMPS oslobađa coy (čete?) 1 R IR R F kod LAVAMUNDA i 5 HAMPS ostatke od bn (bataljun?) u području S: ANDREA.

SAT:1920

Oslobađanje 1R IR F potpun. Bn (bataljun) se premješta prema TARVISIJU da bi oslobodili 6 LINCOLNS sa prvim jutarnjim svjetlom, 18. svibnja.

DAN:18

SAT: 0800

Preuzimanje 1/4 HAMPS od 17 Fd Regt završilo.

SAT:1200

Preuzimanje od 17 Fd Regt završilo. Regt seli u ISTOČNU CAMPOROSSU TARVISIJA.

SAT:1300

Glavno zapovjedništvo brigade sve stvari koji se odnosi na područje WOLFSBERG predalo 2 LIR-u koji ostaju u zapovjedništvu sektora dok 6 LINCOLN ne preuzme.

Glavno zapovjedništvo premješta se u TARVISIO da bi preuzeli sektor od 138. brigade.

SAT:1400

800 Hrvata u pratnji 2 LIR predani su jugoslavenskim snagama kod LAVAMUNDA. Ovo nije bilo jednostavno obaviti, ali je bilo izvršeno nakon pozamašne količine pregovaranja i moljenja.

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MJESTO: TARVISIO

DAN:19

SAT:0900

Zapovjedništvo nad sektorom prelazi od 138 brigade na 38. brigadu. Y i L, 2/4 KOYLI i 71 Fd Regt došli pod zapovjedništvo.

& LINCOLN preuzima zapovjedništvo od 2 LIR i nastavlja prema TARVISIJU. Dd Sp Gp i A odred 56 IZVIDNIČKA također oslobođen

254 A TENKOVSKA BATERIJA ostaje pod zapovjedništvom 128 brigade.

SAT:0930

GOC (GENERALS OF COMM). nazvali su zapovjednika brigade. Slijedeće zapovijedi izdane:

2 LIR moraju biti zaustavljeni kod VILLACHA i čekati daljnje upute. Brigade trebaju biti pripremljene da bi sutra njihovu odgovornost preuzela ŽIDOVSKA BRIGADA GP.

MJESTO: TREFFEN, sektor VILLACH

DAN: 22

SAT:22

Dužnosti i odgovornosti brigade su određena, a to je da održavanje kontrolne postaje i cestovne blokade i čuvanje JUGOSLAVENSKE i TALIJANSKE granice.

Cesta koja vodi kroz WURZNER PASS C 8096 treba zatvoriti za sav promet u AUSTRIJU ali evakuacija JUGOSLAVENSKIH naroda u JUGOSLAVIJU može se nastaviti ovom rutom.

Cesta u ITALIJU kroz THORL ostaje otvorena za sav promet

DAN:23

2 LIR nastavlja sa izviđanjem biljaka i smještavanjem na OSSIAH SEE (JEZERO?)
Završena evakuacija Mađara od područja bridage na područje sakupljanja kod WEISSENSTEINA.

DAN:24

LT. COL H.E.N. Bredin povlači se sa zapovijedanjem 2 LIR i ide u Glavni štab 78 DIV koa AA I QMG

LT.Col J.H. Coldwell-Horsfall preuzima zapovijedanje sa ovim danom.

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BRIGADIER, HQ 38 (Irish) Inf Bde
 Brigadier TPD SCOTT DSO
 MAY 1945

SECRET

NO	LOCATION (SEE MAP)	REGIMENT	COMPOSITION & STATUS	STATUS OF CHANGES	DATE	REMARKS
8	"	"	"	-	"	2 LIR move to CAPORRETO C 6749 1 R IR F move to CIVIDALE C 5622
9	"	"	"	-	"	Bde Gp prepares to move to AUSTRIA.
10	"	6 ARMED DIV KIAGENFURE D 2838	2 INNISKS revert to Comd 78 Div. Only A Coy 152 Rd Amb now under command.	0900	"	Bde Gp harbours in area KIAGENFURE, AUSTRIA.
11	"	TOLPBERG (X 639057) AUSTRIA	"	-	"	Conference with 3 Bulgarian Div. Collection of PW and surrendered personnel commences.
12	"	"	"	0900	"	Further conferences with Bulgars. Contact made with Russians.
13	"	46 INF DIV	A sqn 56 Recce) all B sqn 46 Recce) now RHQ & A sqn 2 RTR)	0900	1 Sqn 2 Sqn	Agreements signed with 299 Russian Div and 3 Bulgarian Div.
14	"	"	"	-	"	Great Nation evacuating CROATIA stopped on Yugoslav border.
15	"	"	27 Lancos } ALL now 16 DILL } u/c 2 RTR complete)	0900	1 Rgt	CROATS persuaded to surrender to YUGOSLAVS.

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15 May 45.

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INFORMATION

Policy.

1. Yugoslavs

- To be (a) accorded full co-operation in all respects
(b) freedom of movement within Bdo Bdy at the same time this movement is to be logged and reported.

2. Croats.

- (a) National emigration in progress with the object of surrendering to British Army. Numbers involved about $1\frac{1}{2}$ million now approaching BLEIBURG, incl two Army Corps of approx 100,000 each, arrived but short of amm.
(b) Their surrender has been refused and they are not to cross the old Austrian frontier. They have been so informed and warned we intend to use force of arms to enforce our decision.

3. Additional tps to 38 (IRISH) IDE GP.

27 L
2 R. Tks less one Sqn
D Sqn 46 Rocco Regt
A Sqn 56 Rocco Regt
16 DLI

INTENTION.

4. (a) To maintain a garrison at BLEIBURG in all circumstances.
(b) To hold the line of the R. DRAVA and prevent, if necessary by fire, any CROATS crossing to the North of this river.

METHOD.

5. There will be two zones :-

- (a) BLEIBURG and North to excl. br D 5882 and line of R. DRAVA.
(b) North bank of R. DRAVA within present 17 Pd Regt bdy incl D 5882 and area to North.

6. Composition of tps.

- (a) BLEIBURG.
16 DLI less two coys with under comd/in sp :-
two tps B Sqn 46 Rocco
two tps A Sqn 2 R. TKS
13 Bty 17 Pd Regt.
MG carriers D Sp Cp.

(b) North of R. DRAVA

17 Pd Regt less one bty with under comd/in sp :-
One Sqn 27 L
2 R. TKS less one Sqn & two tps.
D Sqn 46 Rocco less two tps.
two coys 16 DLI.

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Policy at BLEIBURG.

- (a) C.O. 16 D.L.I. will est HQ in Castle. Force will be based on Castle and once in this keep if circumstances require it.
- (b) By movement of Armad Cars and tks, demonstration of strength will be made.
- (c) Fire will not be opened unless Yugoslavs do so first and ask for help.
- (d) If fire is opened as few rounds will be fired as possible.
- (e) Inf will NOT be used for any form of attack.

3. Policy on North bank of R. DRAVA.


- (a) To patrol North bank of river.
- (b) To open fire without hesitation if any attempt is made to cross the river. In the first instance such fire should be "across the bows" of anyone trying to cross. If such deterrent action is of no avail, heavy fire may be opened to prevent passage of formed bodies.

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10. Sups.

4 days sups will be hold at BLEIBURG.

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 BM 38 (Irish) Inf Bdo.

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SHEET 5
WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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Unit... HQ 5 CORPS

Army Form C. 2118.

Commanding Officer Lt Gen G. F. KESSELMER, CB DSO OBE

Summary of Events and Information.

References to Appendices.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
VITTA ANGERER D.135811	12		<p>V. 8806 making contact with AMERICANS but withdrew later. BULGARIAN tps crossed frontier area LAVAMUND D. 7185 in pursuit two COSSACK divs but agreed to stand fast. 6 BRIT ARMD DIV conc tps SOUTH and EAST of WÖRTHER SEE. NORTHWARD mov of surrendered forces continued in large numbers. 56 RECCO REGT and 5 NORTHAMPTONS moved Eastwards area TAMSWEG - MURAU where large surrendered forces moving Westwards. Conc and disarming of surrendered personnel proceeded.</p>	
	13		<p>NO major change in 46 DIV sector where bdy with BULGARIAN forces agreed. 139 INF BDE moved into area JUDENBURG B. 2465. One sqn 46 RECCO REGT passed to comd 38 IRISH INF BDE 1000 hrs. 1 GDS BDE completed takeover of SW part of div sector up to incl br at STRAU D. 1972. NO progress made at first towards UNTERSIEB D. 2268 and the frontier owing to the stream of Northbound traffic to enemy conc areas, but by 2115 hrs coy 3 GRN GDS est in town where all quiet. Patrol 61 INF BDE reached EISENKAPPEL D. 4466 and withdrew reporting many YUGOSLAVS moving NORTH. 78 DIV est strong garrison at VITACH under comd HQRA. Main rds in Eastern half of Div sector very congested with enemy tpt as conc and disarming of surrendered personnel continued.</p>	<p>See Appx 'J' Folio 23</p>
	14		<p>Amendment No. 1 to 5 CORPS Order of Battle No. 4505 issued</p> <p>139 INF BDE now deployed in Northern sector 46 DIV. In Southern sector BULGARIAN tps reported withdrawing in small gps as agreed. Force of YUGOSLAV tps about 350 strong refused to be held up outside LAVAMUND and moved on quoting orders to go to KLAMENHURT. 27 Lr reported some 30,000 surrendered forces on rd JUDENBURG - TAMSWEG. On 6 BRIT ARMD DIV sector 1 WEICH patrolled to EISENKAPPEL reporting many Yugoslavs moving SOUTH, but later it became apparent that large numbers were moving into KLAMENHURT</p>	<p>Appx 'I' Folio 10</p>

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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Unit HQ 5 CORPS

Commanding Officer Lt Gen G.F. KE...
GB, DSO, OBE

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Summary of Events and Information.

References to Appendix

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendix
	14 (cont)		From EAST and NE. Much YUGOSLAV activity in div area throughout day though patrol to border D.2061 met only scattered individual tps. Collection and arrg of very large numbers of surrendered forces and displaced persons continued. These numbers particularly great in 78 DIV area. HQ 1 ARDA passed to comd 46 DIV. 2330 hrs.	
	15	0015 1200	Personal message from Corps Comd to Army Comd giving situation in Corps area Temporary bdy agreed with SOVIET and BULGARIAN forces 200,000 strong accompanied by 500,000 civs approached AUSTRIAN border from area DRAVOGRAD. Refused to surrender to YUGOSLAV forces/units agreed to remain far side of border temporarily. After further parleys conducted by Comd 38 IRISH INF BDE as intermediary and after full preparations for an engagement had been made by TITO'S forces CROATS agreed to surrender to latter at 1700 hrs and to return to CROATIA. In order to meet threat of impending arrival of CROAT forces BRIT garrison in HEIBURG D.6178 strengthened by 16 ILI less two coys. Smaller force of CROATS SOUTH of EBERNDORF D.4878 surrendered to TITO forces at same time. Move of YUGOSLAV tps both into and out of Corps area continued with considerable increase in number in KLAGENFURTH. HQ ARMY GP 'E' moved from GRITZEN during afternoon under orders TUGOSLAVS. In 78 DIV area 5 NORTHAMPTONS contacted 3 US DIV in area RADSTADT A.3181 during afternoon. 36 INF BDE completely alerted CAUCASIANS and continued round up of COSSACKS in hills.	Appt 'J' Polio Appt 'J' Polio
		0130	Report on YUGOSLAV situation in AUSTRIA by Comd 5 CORPS to Genl PROBERT ARMY passed to Resident Minister H.M. GOVERNMENT.	Appt 'J' Polio
			BGS 5 CORPS had meeting with reps of 4 YUGOSLAV ARMY	Appt 'J' Polio

WAR DIARY

Unit HQ 5 CORPS

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G(OPS) or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Commanding Officer Lt Gen G. I. ...

Month and Year MAY 1945

Summary of Events and Information.

References to Appendices.

Place.	Date.	Hour.		
	16		<p>Div mov within 46 DIV sector considerably decreased but mov of surrendered personnel continued. Mov of BULGARIAN tps from WOLFSBERG area through KERTACH almost completed. 38 BRITISH INF BDE area in SOUTH of DIV sector generally quiet. Three mile cota YUGOSLAV HT passed through LAVANJIND WEST to EAST. Three YUGOSLAV coys ransacked village of BACH D. 7288. In 138 INF BDE area YUGOSLAV attitude noticeably stiffened at CAVE DEL PREDIL G. 6861 where civ adm said to be on terror basis. 139 INF BDE withdrew one pl to ST GEORGENB. 1168 to conform with new RUSSIAN bdy agreement. On 6 BRIT ARMD DIV sector 1 HERBY TRO reced along SOUTH bank of R. DRAVA finding YUGOSLAV forces holding all villages in total of over bn str with small amount armour. Considerable YUGOSLAV activity but NO clashes. 17/21 L complete in Div area. In 78 DIV area some readjustment in bn areas. Many Allied ex PW and many SS tps evoc during days. Normal conc surrendered personnel and adm displaced persons.</p>	Appx 'J' Folio 26
		0225	Summary of YUGOSLAV situation passed to EIGHTH ARMY	Appx 'K' Folio 39
		0250	First of a daily series of YUGOSLAV reports (JUGHERS) issued	Appx 'J' Folio 27
			Notes on YUGOSLAV Army issued	
	17		<p>128 INF BDE began relief 38 BRITISH INF BDE. BM 139 INF BDE agreed on new local bdy with O of S 36 RUSSIAN RIFLE DIV. In 6 BRIT ARMD DIV sector General trend YUGOSLAV mov WEST into KLAGENFURT. YUGOSLAV attempt to take over 15,000 CHECHETS thus far unsuccessful; after own tps had withdrawn NORTH of R. DRAVA from STITERSDORF D. 4573 and</p>	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Commanding Officer Lt-Gen G.F. FT. EX. CB. DSG. OBE.

Month and Year MAY 1945.

Summary of Events and Information.

References to Appendices.

Place.	Date.	Hour.		References to Appendices.
	19		<p>38 (IRISH) INF BDE assumed comd TARTISTO area 0900 hrs. Tps passing to comd 38 (IRISH) INF BDE Incl B sqn 4 H and tp C sqn 4H. HQ 138 INF BDE moved to WOLFSBERG. JEWISH BDE began to arrive in CORPS area passing to comd 78 DIV 0900 hrs. Gp of FRENCH ex PW operating in hills SE of VITLACH contacted by 36 INF BDE. Relations cordial. In 6 BRIT ARMD DIV area programme for even CROATS to ROSENBAACH D. 0271 carried out satisfactorily.</p> <p>Col IVANOVITCH Deputy Comd 3 YUGOSLAV ARMY visited this HQ in evening and following agreement made:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 14. YUGOSLAV DIV to withdraw all tps SOUTH of YUGOSLAV - AUSTRIA border by 1900 hrs 21 MAY. 2. 14. YUGOSLAV DIV to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) return all requisitioned civilian property (b) cease requisitioning forthwith. <p style="text-align: right;">In AUSTRIA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Orders for withdrawal YUGOSLAV Town Majors and Area Hqs to be requested from HQ YUGOSLAV ARMY by 3 YUGOSLAV ARMY. 4. All YUGOSLAV nationals in Corps area who had been fighting for GERMANS to be returned with their camp followers to YUGOSLAVIA. <p>Amendment No 1 to 5 Corps Op Instr No 24 issued</p>	
	20	1425	<p>Comd 26 YUGOSLAV DIV and rep 4 YUGOSLAV ARMY visited this HQ. Following points made and agreed :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All tps 26 YUGOSLAV DIV to withdraw SOUTH of YUGOSLAV - AUSTRIA border by 1900 hrs 21 MAY with exception of those tps necessary to guard YUGOSLAV nationals and captured material at ROSENBAACH, FEISTRITZ, MARIA ELAND, WEITZENDORF. 2. Above guards to be withdrawn by 1900 hrs 23 MAY. 3. Wef 1900 hrs 23 MAY tps 1937 YUGOSLAV - AUSTRIA border to be military bay between 5 CORPS and all tps 4 YUGOSLAV ARMY 	<p>Appx 'D' Folio 3</p>

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Unit HQ. 5 CORPS

Commanding Officer Lt-Gen C.F.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
	22		(Cont'd) Rep 15 US CORPS visited HQ 78 DIV and situation ref possible relief of tps in NORTH CORPS sector clarified. Recce parties 106 CAV GP 15 US CORPS and 3 CAV GP 20 US CORPS arrived in div area. More SS men captured in div area. Conc of HUNGARIAN tps area WEISSENSTEIN C. 7988 began.	
	23	MAY	Handover of CROATS to YUGOSLAV forces continued. One YUGOSLAV coy remained area FERLACH D. 2571 while handover continued. YUGOSLAV tps reported EAST of 128 INF BDE and 138 INF BDE sectors possibly under RUSSIAN cmd - some contacted WEST of bdy. Recce parties 15 US CORPS remained areas LANSBERG A. 7055 and LIENZ X. 0505. Negotiations for handover of COSSACK tps to RUSSIANS opened.	
	24		Notes on Corps Comd's Conference 22 May issued Agreement reached between 128 INF BDE and YUGOSLAV Brigadier that 1. Frontier posts be manned by BRIT tps at D. 626755 and by YUGOSLAV tps at D. 641754. 2. Intervening zone to be BRIT patrol responsibility. 3. YUGOSLAV tps to be allowed to move in this zone until 31 May for collection of CROAT eqpt. YUGOSLAV elements in area Y. 7905 reported to be withdrawing to area LANSBERG Y. 9302. Handover of CROATS completed. Handover of SERBS began. At conference with reps 57 RUSSIAN ARMT at WOLFSBERG Y. 60. RUSSIANS agreed to accept COSSACKS from 6 BRIT ARMD DIV and 78 DIV areas by train at JUDENBURG and those from 46 DIV by march route at VOTISBERG B. 6255.	Apix 'J' folio 33

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NOTES ON MEETING WITH REPS OF 4 YUGOSLAV ARMY

a.m 15 MAY 45

Present: Lt.Col HOCEVAR
Major ERIMOZIC - from 4 ZONE
Major DUBAJIC
BCS 5 CORES

Interpreter provided by YUGOSLAVS

1. Lt.Col HOCEVAR, Commissar of the YUGOSLAV Tk Bde, stated that he was at present in cmd of all tps of the 4th ARMY in AUSTRIA. These tps include the forces under his immediate cmd and the area of ROSENBLICH and the Partisans of 14 DIV who were previously under cmd of 4 ZONE. 4 ZONE was stated NOT to be in operational cmd of any tps, but to have some unstated adm (or political) responsibility.
2. Lt.Col HOCEVAR raised the following points:
 - (a) The restriction on mov of YUGOSLAV forces
 - (b) Visiting of, and later the taking control of by YUGOSLAV HQ all enemy personnel who had surrendered to TIPO.
 - (c) YUGOSLAV Military Government officials
3. Restriction on YUGOSLAV Mov
 - (a) Lt.Col HOCEVAR suggested that all rd blocks and check posts now being manned by British tps should be turned into combined British - Yugoslav posts
 - (b) I stated that the object of these posts was to ensure that in an area where there were so many enemy personnel, mov was restricted only to British tps and other authorised traffic. I added that, as I would explain later, the control of this part of AUSTRIA was a British responsibility, and that, without reference to higher authority, I could NOT agree to combined check posts in this area. I would, however, refer the point and let him know the answer.
4. IV and Surrendered Personnel
 - (a) Lt.Col HOCEVAR said that he wished
 - (i) to be able to send offr to visit all personnel who had surrendered to or been taken by Yugoslav forces wherever they might be in our area.
 - (ii) to come to an arrangement with us, giving the Yugoslav forces joint control with us over all camps which contained such personnel.
 - (b) Visits to Camps

I agreed that Yugoslav offr accompanied by IO from this HQ could visit camps which contained personnel who had been captured by or had surrendered to Yugoslav forces. I agreed that he could send an offr tomorrow, accompanied by an offr from here, to visit all camps in which there were CROATS, or as he called them, Yugoslav Quislings.

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I said that I would like to have a list from him as soon as possible of the German divs which he claimed had surrendered to Marshal TITO and had not been captured by us. He agreed that the following divs had not surrendered to TITO:

22 MTN CORPS
34 CORPS
69 CORPS

He was not certain about 68 CORPS. On receipt of this list we would then guide him to the camps concerned.

(c) Joint Control

I did not agree to joint control of any PW and surrendered personnel camp in AUSTRIA. I said that this was in conflict with our orders to be responsible for occupation of this territory. But I agreed that we would, as soon as possible, send into YUGOSLAVIA all the CROATS in our area. I asked him to let me have his agreement to this and give me the destination. It was eventually agreed that after a YUGOSLAV offr had visited the camps tomorrow and found the numbers and made contact with the HQ controlling the CROAT divs, we should be infm of the action requested of us.

- (d) Reference was made to HQ ARMY GP E and to General LOHR, but no new points were made, except that I was asked to accept responsibility for ensuring that General LOHR obeyed Partisan orders. I said he was either YUGOSLAV responsibility or British responsibility. The YUGOSLAVS had asked that he be under their control and I had sent an order to General LOHR to obey all the orders given him by 4 ZONE. It was agreed that this was a YUGOSLAV responsibility.

5. Military Government

- (a) Town Majors had been appointed to VILLACH, KLAGENFURT and VOLKERMARCT, and there is a YUGOSLAV org for the Military Government of CARINTHIA. I asked him what was the object of these Town Majors, and Military Government org, and the reply was: to provide military authority which would look after public safety and military supplies for YUGOSLAV tps.
- (b) These Town Majors are NOT under orders of 4 ARMY, but take their orders from 4 ZONE HQ, who receive their orders from the SLOVENIAN HQ.
- (c) I mentioned the MOSCOW Agreement and the plans for occupation of AUSTRIA by the Allies. Lt. Col HOCEVAR stated that he knew of these plans, but that he considered that CARINTHIA was NOT part of AUSTRIA. I said that this was the first time that I had heard of this claim, and I stressed that we had quite clear orders that we were responsible for the occupation of CARINTHIA, and that our SOUTHERN bdy was the 1937 AUSTRIAN border.
- (d) I mentioned the proclamation in KLAGENFURT, and said that it had caused us great surprise and was inconsistent with our task of occupation of CARINTHIA. The reply reiterated the statement in sub-para (c)

I asked him if there were any other proclamations to be issued, and he said he did not know.

6. Present Ops

- (a) Immediately I found out that Lt. Col HOCEVAR was in comd of 14 DIV as well as old 4 ARMY tps, I raised the question of the situation around BLEIBERG. He stated that he knew of our action there, and was most grateful. His intention was that the CROATS should be bottled up

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in the pass leading into AUSTRIA, and later disarmed. He said that the YUGOSLAV tps facing the CROATS near BLEIBERG would not be moved SOUTH into YUGOSLAVIA, and I said that the Corps Commander had given orders to our tps not to cross the border.

(b) We assumed that the YUGOSLAVS could deal with CROATS in that area and would guard and disarm them. If any of them escaped into AUSTRIA we would guard them, disarm them, put them in a camp, and later return them to YUGOSLAVIA. Lt. Col HOCEVAR agreed to this.

(c) I mentioned that there had been cases in which we had taken the surrender of Germans or CROATS with the agreement of Partisan rps, and whilst these were under our guard, YUGOSLAV tps had shot at them. He said that he had had NO reports of such incidents, but agreed that he would see that such things did NOT happen.

7. GENERAL

The meeting raised the whole question of the orders which have been given to 5 CORPS on the one hand, and to the YUGOSLAV tps of the 4th ARMY and of the 4th ZONE on the other hand. I made it quite clear that our orders were to occupy CARINTHIA and certain other parts of AUSTRIA, and in that area we were the Allied Military authority in control. Lt. Col HOCEVAR replied that the presence of YUGOSLAV tps here and the actions taken by these tps and by Military Government officials were all as a direct result of orders received from higher authorities. He stated that it was his wish to co-operate to the full with the British Comds and tps, but underlying everything he said was the assumption that CARINTHIA was part of YUGOSLAVIA. There was never at any time mention of any force to be used by us or by them, and he said several times that he would refer the Military Government problems to higher authority, and he imagined that we would do the same; I said I was quite clear that our orders remained the same, but I would, of course, do as he requested. He is obviously in no position without reference to higher authority to make any agreement with us limiting the number of tps nor his activities in this area. I stressed the importance of co-operation by his tps in the meanwhile.

8. IMPRESSIONS

Lt. Col HOCEVAR has a much more likeable personality than any other YUGOSLAV offr we have met. He understands English, but conducted the conversation in SERBO-CROAT through an interpreter. He appeared to me to be aware of our position, but gave no indication that he knew of any discussions going on at the present time on Governmental or Commander-in-Chief level about the removal of his tps and YUGOSLAV officials from AUSTRIA.

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FROM:- MAIN EIGHTARMY 23 1200

TO :- AFHQ oite PHGAB

INFO:- 15 ARMY GP MAIN 5 CORPS DISTONE

A 4113 TOPSEC(.) Personal to GEN MACLEOD (.)

ref F 77268 of 17 (.) negotiations by 5 Corps with 3 and 4
 Yugoslav Armies provide for all military personnel to be handed
 back to Yugoslavs and considerable numbers have already been handed
 back approx 50000 still in 5 Corps Area (.) this considered in
 accordance with AFHQ FX 75383 dated 14 (.) consider essential this
 arrangement continues and that all Yugoslav military handed over
 to Yugoslavs (.) Dep cmd 3 Yugoslav army has now raised question
 of return all Yugoslav nationals incl ex PW internees slave workers
 and other displaced persons incl CHETNICKS (.) request immediate
 authority for all these categories to be returned as decision required
 this evening (.) consider policy should be for all nationals id
 persons born within pre 1939 frontier of an allied country to be
 handed over to ally concerned except only such as are required for
 offences against British (.) For 5 Corps (.) take no action ref
 your 0500 dated 20 pending AFHQ reply to this signal

Gen J. M. Macleod

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent in cipher

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Action MACMIS rptd 15 Army Group Main 8 Army

FX 75902. TOP SECRET. Pass following to Marshal Tito. Quote.

Commander of Allied troops in Austria reports that approximately 200,000 Yugoslav nationals who were serving in German armed forces have surrendered to him. We should like to turn these over immediately to Marshal Tito's forces and would be grateful if Marshal Tito would agree to instruct his Commanders to accept them and to arrange with GOC Five Corps the rate at which they can be received and handing-over point on Austrian frontier south of Klagenfurt for return to Yugoslavia. Unquote.

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Pass both thru by us
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TO:- action MACMIS
inform 15 ARMY GP MAIN EIGHT ARMY

FROM:- AFHQ FX 75902 15

Pass following to MARSHALL TITO quote Commander of ALLIED troops
in AUSTRIA reports approx 200,000 YUGOSLAV nationals who were
serving in GERMAN armed forces have surrendered to him.

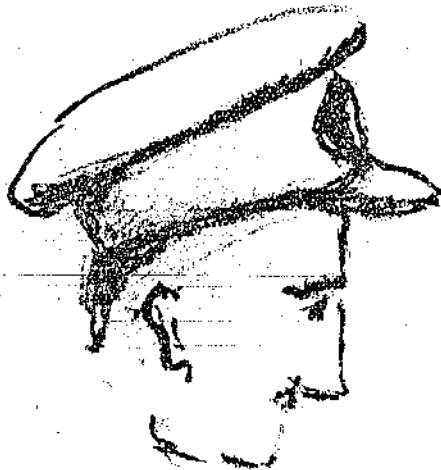
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We would like to turn these over immediately to MARSHALL TITO's
forces and would be grateful if MARSHALL TITO would agree to
instruct his commanders to accept them and arrange with GOC
5 CORPS the rate at which they can be received and handing over
point on AUSTRIAN frontier SOUTH of KLAGENFURT for return to
YUGOSLAVIA. Unquote

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Office of Supreme Allied Commander's Representative

with the Yugoslav General Staff.

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16th May, 1945.

His Excellency Josip Broz-Tito,
Marshal of Yugoslavia

Dear Marshal

I have received instructions from Field Marshal Alexander to pass you the following messages:

1. Commander of Allied troops in Austria reports that approximately 200,000 Yugoslav nationals who were serving in German armed forces have surrendered to him. We should like to turn these over immediately to Marshal Tito's forces and would be grateful if Marshal Tito would agree to instruct His Commanders to accept them and to arrange with GOC Fifth Corps the rate at which they can be received and handing-over point on Austrian frontier south of Klagenfurt for return to Yugoslavia.
2. It is my intention that all Allied forces shall be withdrawn from Vih. Evacuation is expected to commence in the immediate future.

With expressions of esteem,

Yours sincerely

Arthur Lee
(ARTHUR LEE)
Air Vice Marshal

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Cabinet
of the Marshal of Yugoslavia,
No 15,
May 14, 1945.

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To the Chief of the
British Military Delegation

Will you, please, inform Field
Marshal Alexander, that the Marshal
had received his signal of May 16
1945, about the transfer of 200,000
Jugoslavs who are now in Austria,
and the evacuation of your forces
from the island of Vis.

The Marshal ^(is in full) agreement with Field
Marshal Alexander's proposal and
is thanking him for it.

The above mentioned 200,000
Jugoslavs will be taken over by
the 3rd Army H.Q.s, who had
the necessary instructions to that effect.

Would you kindly inform us
where ~~would~~ ^{will} our Commission for
the reception of prisoners meet
the delegates appointed by Field
Marshal Alexander for the handing
over.

46 I now accept the expression
of my esteem.

By order of the Marshal
Major General
Djord Djuric (sgt.)

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Cabinet of the Marshal of Jugoslavia
May 17th. 1945.

To The Chief of the British Delegation.

Will you please inform Field Marshal Alexander that the Marshal has received his signal of May 16th. about the transfer of 200,000 Jugoslavs who are now in Austria and the evacuation of your forces from the island of Vis.

The Marshal is in full agreement with Field Marshal's Alexanders proposals and thanks him for them.

The 200,000 Jugoslavs will be taken over by the 3rd. Army H.Q. who have received the necessary instructions to this effect.

Will you kindly inform us where our delegates for the reception of the prisoners are to meet the delegates appointed by Field Marshal Alexander for the handing over."

Please accept expressions of esteem.

By order of the Marshal of Jugoslavia.

(Signed) Ljub Djurić

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. 804 . TOP SECRET. The following message has been received from the Yugoslav GHQ for Field Marshal ALEXANDER. Quote.

Will you please inform Field Marshal ALEXANDER that the Marshal has received his signal of May 16 about the transfer of 200,000 Yugoslavs who are now in Austria and the evacuation of your forces from the Island of VIS.

The Marshal is in full agreement with Field Marshal Alexanders proposals and thanks him for them.

The 200,000 Yugoslavs will be taken over by the 3rd Army HQ who have received the necessary instructions to this effect. Will you kindly inform us where our delegates for the reception of the prisoners are to meet the delegates appointed by Field Marshal ALEXANDER for the handing over.

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MARŠALA JUGOSLAVIJE
Br. 15. ✓
17 maja 1945 godine

ŠEFU BRITANSKE VOJNE DELEGACIJE

Molimo Vas obavjestite feldmaršala g. Aleksandera, da je Maršal Tito primio njegovu depešu od 16 maja 1945 g. o predaji 200.000 Jugoslovena koji se nalaze u Austriji i o evakuaciji Vaših snaga sa ostrva Visa.

Maršal se slaže u potpunosti sa predlogom feldmaršala g. Aleksandera i izražava mu zahvalnost.

Napred pomenutih 200.000 preuzeće Štab III armije kome su izdate potrebne instrukcije.

Slobodni smo Vas umoliti, da nas obavjestite, gde bi se sastala komisija za prijem zarobljenika sa delegatima odredjenim od feldmaršala g. Aleksandera za primopredaju.

Primiti izraze moga poštovanja

Po naredjenju Maršala
Generalmajor

Ljub. Djurić

/Ljub. Djurić/

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BILJESKE SA SASTANKA

General-Majora BOZOVIC
KOMANDANTA 26 JUGOSLAVENSKE DIV.

Pukovnika Hocevara
PREDSTAVNIKA 4. JUGOSLAVENSKE ARMIIJE

i

BRIGADNOG GENERALA A.R.W. LOW, DSO, MBE
Brigadir generalnog Staba, 5 Korpusa

u 11 sati (Engl. vr.) 20 maja u stabu 5 Korpusa

Bile su raspravljane sljedece tocke i doslo se do sljedeceg sporazuma :-

1. Svim trupama 26 Divizije bilo je naredjeno da se povuku juzno od Austrijsko-Jugoslavenske granice (1937) najkasnije do 19 sati 21 maja, osim trupama koje su potrebne da cuvaju Jugoslavenske drzavljanke u sljedeocim mjestima:

ROSENBACH
FEISTRITZ
MARIA ELAND
WEITZENDORF

Broj tih trupa bice najmanji moguc, ali dovoljan da cuva materijal. Ove straze mogu da ostanu do 19 sati (Engl. vr.) 23 maja, ali ce se onda povuci.

2. Major DUBOJIC i Porucnik LOCKHEAD ostace u KAPPEL-i do 19 sati 23 maja i bice raspolozivi da rijese sva pitanja sa 5 Korpusom u koliko bi doslo do nskih problema.
3. Od 19 sati 21 maja Austrijsko-Jugoslavenska granica od 1937 godine bice vojnicka granica izmedju trupa 5 Korpusa i trupa 4 Jugoslavnske Armije pod komandom 26 Divizije.
4. Zarobljenici i vojnici koji su se predali

Daljnjih 10.000 Hrvatskih zarobljenika ukljucivsi civile koji se snjima nalaze, bice evakuirani 4 Jugoslavenskoj Armiji u ROSENBACH-u, kao sto je to bilo direktno dogovoreno sa Majorem DUBOJIC-om. Tako ce ukupni broj biti 13.000.

Biljeske sa sastanka sa Puk. Zamjenikom Komandanta 3 Jugoslavnske Armijebile su procitane Komandantu 26 Div. i on se slaze sa paragrafom br. 5.

5. Neprijateljski Materijal

(a) Neprijateljski materijal zarobljen po 4. Jugoslavenskoj Armiji nalazi se u :-

ROSENBACH
FEISTRITZ
MARIA ELAND
WEITZENDORF

Ovaj materijal bice evakuiran u Jugoslaviju cim prije, ali nikako ne poslije 19 sati (Engl. vr.) 23 maja.

(b) Komandant 26 Div. ili Podpukovnik Hocevar predao ce sa svoje strane Stabu 5 Korpusa spisak daljnjeg materijala koji se nalazi na podrucju 5 Korpusa a pripada Jugoslavenskoj Armiji.

(o) Stab 5 Korpusa ce točno da ispita svako traženje kao što je navedeno gore pod (b) i poduzeće odmah istragu da se pronadje ima li jos igdje na području 5 Korpusa neprijateljski materijal koji pripada Jugoslavskoj Armiji.

6. Rekvizicije

26 divizija je već dobila nalog da ne rekvizira. Komandan 26 Div. se složio s time, da ako Britanske trupe opaze da se privatno vlasništvo pucanstva iznosi iz Austrije, ili prenosi prevoznim sredstvima, na kojima se nalazi znak Jugoslavnske Armije, na cestama u Austriji, od sada pa do 19 sati (Engl. vr.) 23 maja, da ce takovo vlasništvo biti bo njima (Brit. trupama) oduzeto, a on (Komand. 26 Div.) ili njegov predstavnik pomagaoe lokalnom Britanskom Komandantu u slucaju potrebe davanja naloga Jugoslavenskom osoblju, makar se ono ne nalazilo pod njegovom komandom.

7. Ofisiri Jugoslavenske vojnicke vlade

Komandanti mjesta itd. ne nalaze se pod komandom 3 ili 4 Jugoslavenske Armije. Komandan 26 Div. obavijestioe 4 Jugosavensku Armiju, da ovi ofisiri jos nisu primili naredjenja da se povuku i zamolice da se ta naredjenja izdađu. On i Podpukovnik Hoočvar složili su se da ce ta naredjenja biti naravno izdata oim prije moguće.

Major
M. D. —

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From A.F.H.Q.

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NAF 968 15th May, 1945 FX 75668

For :- Combined Chiefs of Staff
British Chiefs of Staff

Signed: Alexander

Cite:- FHDSO

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Further to NAF 963

For your information, developments in North East Italy and Southern Austria are as follows.

1. The situation in Venezia Giulia and Southern Austria has shown little sign of easing during last two days. In Trieste area Jugoslavs have been steadily bringing in troops. In Southern Austria there have been signs of Jugoslavs thinning out but no signs of general withdrawal. The situation in this area is also being gravely complicated by a vast influx of enemy personnel from Jugoslavia wishing to surrender to us. The Russians, however, are scrupulously observing such local arrangements in Styria as are made by our respective Commanders.

2. Venezia Giulia.

Jugoslav forces have been steadily building up in the Gorizia - Trieste - Monfalcone area during the past four days, and it is estimated that approximately 34,000 Jugoslav regular army troops with some guns and tanks are gathered between Trieste and the Isonzo from

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Gorizia to the river mouth. An additional force estimated at 14,000, under 9 Slovene Corps, is in Gemona - Cividale - Udine area. My troops East of the Isonzo are so positioned so that they can defend themselves and protect their administrative organizations and communications, but under existing circumstances it is impossible to regulate Yugoslav troop movement, and their forces are disposed on parallel lines, which prevents the complete security of our lines of communication in that area.

3. Austria.

- (a) Yugoslav Partisan Forces have thinned out from Klagenfurt and South-East, but some troops continue occupation of Hospital, Labour Exchange, printing plants and some buildings in the town. Kommissar of Headquarters Fourth Army stated that leading troops of Fourth Army had withdrawn South to Jacobdo to await arrival of two divisions which have been ordered in to Austria from the South.
- (b) Temporary military boundary has been arranged with Bulgarian Forces to run from point on R. Lavant four kilometres South of Wolfsberg down river to junction with Drava thence Austrian border South-Westward. Tolbukhin ordered Bulgarian Forces to begin withdrawal from our side of boundary first light 13 May and at same time establish themselves on R. Lavant. Lavamund to be Bulgarian, but Bulgars allowed running rights on road Lavamund - St. Andra for maintenance. This was Tolbukhin's suggestion and is considered workable, but was agreed to only on temporary military boundary basis.
- (c) Agreement with six Russian Guards Corps scrupulously kept and area quiet. Arranged temporary military boundary with Soviet Commanders Judenberg area, giving us line road Kofflach - Judenberg and road South of R. Mur; and giving Russians the road Judenberg - Rottemann.
- (d) Approximately 600,000 German and Croat troops of Army Group E moving into Klagenfurt area. German Chief of Staff of Army Group E stated efforts to contact Tito's Headquarters futile due to Tito's failure to acknowledge their messages. Germans wish to surrender to British V Corps, and surrender of those that cross Austrian border will be accepted. This is in addition to 300,000 surrendered personnel and refugees already in the area.

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6. Of course I have got to know these three generals pretty well during the campaign. The chief object of visiting them was because Field Marshal Alexander thought it would do good to put them in the political picture. This I did and I think it was useful.

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MESSAGE

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WO 170/424

From: MAIN 5 CORPS

Action: 6 ARMD DIV - 46 DIV - 78 DIV - 1 AGRA - A - Q - RA - RE - CSO - DEMIL

0.462 SECRET (.) all JUGOSLAV nationals at present in the CORPS area will be handed over to TITO forces as soon as possible (.) these forces will be disarmed immediately but will NOT be told of their destination (.) arrangements for the handover will be coordinated by this HQ in conjunction with JUGOSLAV forces (.) handover will last over a period owing to difficulties of JUGOSLAV acceptance (.) units will be responsible for escorting personnel to a selected point notified by this HQ where they will be taken over by TITO forces (.) all info

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Alan L. BGS



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From: MAIN 5 CORPS

For Action: MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

For Infm: TAC EIGHTH ARMY

O.410 SECRET (.) personal Army Comd from Corps Comd (.) present situation (.)

ONE (.) approx 300000 PW surrendered personnel and refugees in Corps area (.)

further 600000 reported moving NORTH to AUSTRIA from YUGOSLAVIA (.)

I am taking all possible steps to prevent their mov along rds but

this will NOT completely prevent them as they are short of food and are being harassed (.) should this number materialize

food and guard situation will become critical (.) I therefore suggest that all possible steps are taken to dispose soonest of

all surrendered personnel in this area whether GERMAN AUSTRIAN or RUSSIAN by moving them to Northern ITALY or their homes whichever

may be the policy (.) certain SS tps already causing trouble but this being dealt with (.) on advice MACMILLAN have today

suggested to SOVIET General on TOLBUKHINS HQ that COSSACKS should be returned to SOVIETS at once (.) explained that I had no power

to do this without your authority but would be glad to know TOLBUKHINS views and that if they coincided with mine I would ask

you officially (.) cannot see any point in keeping ^{this} large number SOVIET nationals who are clearly great source contention

between SOVIETS and ourselves (.) this area now becoming clearing straggling house for all stragglers/tnns and refugees of all nationalities who

require food and shelter (.) understand reason for this move due to NO org in YUGOSLAVIA to deal with them (.) ref your COS 189

your assumption is correct but numbers exaggerated and we have neither force nor are we positioned to stop such a move (.)

TWO (.) YUGOSLAWS (.) impression that relief of partisans by more

organised tps proceeding (.) NO great increase but steady

infiltration and rumours of large concentrations SOUTH of border ready to move NORTH still persist without confirmation (.)

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THREE (.) BULGARS (.) situation very satisfactorily dealt with and they have agreed to withdraw Eastwards to gen line running NORTH and SOUTH through KORALEE Y7300 to YUGOSLAV frontier (.) five days grace given to withdraw tps and booty but withdrawal already begun (.)

FOUR (.) SOVIETS (.) met Lt Gen on TOLBUKHINS staff today and after very cordial meeting all arrangements with SOVIETS and BULGARS confirmed (.) all relations with SOVIETS most friendly with much interchange whisly and vodka (.) my IO just returned from SOVIET Corps HQ says your message to TOLBUKHIN great success

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MESSAGE

FROM : MAIN 5 CORES

DATE & TOO
160225B

FOR ACTION : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

FOR INFO : A HQ : TAG EIGHTH ARMY : 6 BRIT ARMD DIV :

78 DIV : 46 DIV

0.442 TOPSEC (.) summary today's situation YUGOSLAVS in this area (.)
ONE (.) Lt Col HOCEVAR senior offr of FOURTH ARMY in this area interviewed
today (.) following pts raised by him (.)

(A) YUGOSLAVS wish to have joint control of all surrendered personnel
in this area (.) this NOT agreed but did agree to let YUGOSLAV offr
visit camps of CROATS and any named German Civ that surrendered
to TITO (.) also agree return CROATS to YUGOSLAVIA soonest
though until then ^{surrendered} CROATS in AUSTRIA to remain under
our control (.)

(B) YUGOSLAV military government of CARINTHIA (.) HOCEVAR
stated CARINTHIA NOT part of AUSTRIA and therefore NOT covered
by MOSCOW DECLARATION (.) first time this claim has been made
here (.) pointed out that our orders quite clear that we occupy
CARINTHIA down to pre-war border and est military government
there (.)

(C) Other pts raised all bound up with orders given to him to est
military government in CARINTHIA (.) he said he would seek further
orders from higher authority (.)

TWO (.) second proclamation published in KLAGENFURT today concerned workers
ordering them to
continue working and ordering unemployed to report HQ CARINTHIA ZONE (.)
copy follows but IGA reps advise of little actual importance owing
labour shortage here (.) YUGOSLAV TOWN MAJOR KLAGENFURT states one
further proclamation planned would concern curfew apparently ordering
civilians observe BRITISH curfew but ^{publication} admitted (.)

THREE (.) YUGOSLAV str in KLAGENFURT reported increased by 1000 last night
and now believed total 2000 plus (.) during today random grenade
throwing heard and one case hanging of civilian prevented by BRITISH
tps without YUGOSLAV reaction (.) own tps persuaded joint YUGOSLAV
guard on RADIO STA to march off leaving us sole possession (.)

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FOUR (.) S JAKOB D.0473 area reported almost clear (.)
 large coln seen mov SOUTH by R.333 across border and ^{majority} believed
 moved SOUTH into YUGOSLAVIA though 300 YUGOSLAVS ^{in vehs} / tried this
 afternoon to cross DRAVA through GREEN GLS but turned away (.)

FIVE (.) large coln CROATS surrendered to TITO tps near BLEIBURG pm today
 after mediation by comd 38 (IRISH) BEE (.) CROATS disarmed by
 partisans and being marched out of AUSTRIA towards MARIBOR by
 partisan escort (.) str of TITO tps area BLEIBURG - DRAVOGRAD
 estimated four divs plus but only two divs plus on AUSTRIAN side
 there
 border/ (.) moves since surrender of CROATS NOT clear (.)

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EMERGENCY OPS to
 MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
 TAC EIGHTH ARMY
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MESSAGE

PROF: MAIN 5 CORPS

DATE & TOO
161845E

FOR ACTION: MAIN BRITISH ARMY: TAC BRITISH ARMY

FOR INFO: 6 BRIT ARMD DIV: 46 DIV: 78 DIV: 7 ARMD BDE: 1 AGRA: 16 AGRE:
5 C TKS RE: 5 C SIGS: 13 CORPS: 2 US CORPS: ADC: BGS: GSI(2):
G(AIR): DA & QMG: A: 9(2): RA(11): RE: CSO: MOV: MATU(WEST):
HIA/TOM: CHAPLAINS: ST: MED: ORD: RELS: PRO: EBN: DEBU:
DOCUMENT SEC: ILM: WD(2)

0.45) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP to 161200Z (.) PART ONE (.) CROAT forces SOUTH
of BLEIBURG finally surrendered to YUGOSLAV forces 1700 hrs 15 May and are now
returning to CROATIA (.) conc of surrendered personnel continues in all div
sectors (.) HQ ARMY GP E moved from GRIBEN on 15 May under orders YUGOSLAWS (.)
PART TWO (.) 46 DIV (.) div mov within div sector considerably decreased (.)
conc of surrendered personnel continues (.) 7000 COSSACKS moved to conc area
BRUK D.4095 (.) BULGARIAN IDE moved from S ANORA area to BRUCK and 1200
HUNGARIANS moved to area Y.4114 (.) 100 men 30 HT passed through CAPORETTO C.6740
check post moving towards CORIZIA C.7406 - believed CAV REGT of 4 YUGOSLAV ARMY
(.) 46 RECCE (.) MTR (.) 38 (IRISH) BDE (.) BLEIBURG grn now 16 DLI less two coys
one bty 17 FD REGT two tps 2 R TKS two tps B SQN 46 RECCE (.) GRIBEN grn 17 FD
REGT less one bty 2 R TKS less one and one half sqns two coys 16 DLI one sqn
27 L 20 carriers D SF GP NEWINGTONS (.) parleys resulted in CROAT forces
SOUTH of BLEIBURG surrendering to YUGOSLAV tps - CROATS now moving back to CROATIA
(.) 138 INF BDE (.) NO change (.) 139 INF BDE (.) 5 FORESTERS (.) locns now
coy SCHEDELING B.0561 with pl UNZMARKT B.0767 coy B.239651 coy S PETER B.1866
coy S GEORGEN B.1168 with pl 117698 coy B.235646 (.) 2/5 LEICESTERS (.) patrols to
ONDACH B.2754 and along rd FEISTRITZ B.3265 to KONLACH B.5756 did NOT make contact
(.) 6 BRIT ARMD DIV (.) conc of surrendered personnel continues satisfactorily
(.) usual mov of YUGOSLAV personnel in SOUTHERN and SE div area (.) 61 INF BDE
and 1 CDS BDE (.) NO change (.) RA GP (.) 12 REA (.) HQ and one bty est
VELDEN D.0300 (.) two btys conc area ST VEIT D.2797 (.) 26 ARMD BDE tac HQ est
D.321821 (.) 17/21 L (.) sherman sqn conc PIRK D.3381 two arm'd C sqns GRAFENSTEIN
D.3630 (.) 78 DIV (.) 11 INF BDE (.) AMERICAN forces agreed to accept 10000
GERMAN tps proceeding NORTH along TASSNEG - RADSTADT rd (.) 2 LP (.) locns two

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coys Gmund X.6413 coy with two pls LEOPEN X.7016 and pl area X.5320 coy with
 pls WIDMIG X.8903 TIRRACH X.9919 EISENTRAMTEN X.6715 (.) 5 NORTHAMPTONS (.)
 contacted 3 US DIV area RADSTADT afternoon 15 MAY (.) one pl now est OBERWOLZ
 A.2566 (.) bde HQ moved to BALDRAMSDORF X.5802 (.) 36 INF BDE (.) considerable
 mov of civs in bde area (.) 5 BUNDS (.) CAUCASIAN DIV now completely disarmed (.)
 6 RAK (.) round-up of COSSACKS in hills continues (.) 8 A & SH (.) all COSSACKS
 being moved from ST MICHAEL A.4750 to WEINZ conc area (.) 4 H (.) son at
 OB ANTACH C.653982 two sqns PATERNION C.7291 (.) all info

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IN OPS to
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 MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
 13 CORPS
 2 US CORPS
 IMMEDIATE to remainder
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MESSAGE

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From: MAIN 5 CORPS

Action: TAC EIGHTH ARMY - MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

Info: 6 BRIT ARMD DIV - 46 DIV - 78 DIV - 7 ARMD BDE - 13 CORPS - 2 US CORPS -
ADC - EGS - GSI(2) - G(AIR) - DA&QMC - A - Q - RA - RE - CSO - HQ -
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0.472 CONFIDENTIAL (.) OPERATIONS next 24 hrs (.) 46 DIV (.) 38 (IRISH) INF BDE (.)
relief by 128 INF BDE to be continued (.) 17 Fd Regt on relief by 1/4 HAMPB pass
from under comd 38 (IRISH) INF BDE to comd 78 DIV (.) 2 LIR to be relieved by
6 LINCOLNS in area WOLFSBERG (.) 6 BRIT ARMD DIV (.) evacuate 4000 White Russians
from area VIERING D.2178 to area MCCSEBERG D.1335 (.) hand over CRUMS in
EIBENDORF area D.4877 and ROSENWACH D.0472 to JUGOSLAV forces (.) make arrangements
to hand over JUGOSLAV nationals / ^{now} in VIERING camp (.) NO change posns own tps (.)
78 DIV (.) 38 (IRISH) INF BDE relieve 138 INF BDE on relief by 128 INF BDE (.)
continue conc of surrendered personnel (.) all info

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TAC & MAIN ARMY
13 CORPS and 2 US CORPS
IMMEDIATE to remainder

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MESSAGE

FROM : MAIN 5 CORPS

DATE & TOO
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FOR ACTION : TAC EIGHTH ARMY : ELIN EIGHTH ARMY

FOR INFO : 6 BRIT ARMD DIV : 46 DIV : 78 DIV : 7 ARMD BDE : 1 AGRL : 16 REGT :

5 C TFS RE : 5 C SIGS : 13 CORES : 2 US CORPS : ADC : BNS : CSI(2) :

G(AIR) : DA & QM : A : Q (2) : R.(6) : RE : GSO : NOV : RELU :

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0.476 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP to 131200E (.) PART ONE (.) relief of
38 (IRISH) BDE by 128 INF BDE continued and comd of sector passed to 128 INF BDE
(.) arrangements made to hand over CROATS to JUGOSLAVS (.) some 2000 from 78 DIV
and 6 BRIT ARMD DIV being evac by train from ROSENDACH D.0271 (.) from 6 ARMD
DIV about 15000 in area SOUTH of ELBERNDORF^{D.4378}/where fighting broke out after our
own tps withdraw (.) elsewhere comd and sorting out of surrendered personnel
continues (.) PART TWO (.) 46 DIV (.) 46 RECCE REGT (.) elements A sqn now
D.027627 B.001521 B.029564 and FRIEDLACH Y.3018 (.) 139 INF BDE (.) 5 FORESTERS
NFR (.) 2/5 LEICESTERS (.) pl.moved from B.311674 to FISCHING B.3064 and est rd
block B.304657 (.) 4 MED REGT under comd (.) RHQ and bty OEDLACH B.2754 (.) bty
REICHENWELLS Y.5524 (.) 128 INF BDE (.) took over comd sector from 38 (IRISH) BDE
1200 hrs (.) 2 R TRS (loss sqn) 16 DLI and B sqn 46 RECCE REGT passed to comd (.)
5 HAMPS (.) relieved coy 1 R IR F in LAUBMUND (.) 2 HAMPS (.) relieved remainder
1 R IR F in area S UNDEF (.) 1/4 HAMPS (.) moving up now to relieve 17 TD REGT (.)
38 (IRISH) BDE (.) 1 R IR F (.) on relief moved to TRIVISIO under comd 133 INF BDE
(.) 133 INF BDE NFR (.) 1 AGRL (.) tac HQ BEERSTEIN Y.422020 (.) ELIN HQ remains
D.197816 (.) 26 MED REGT (.) moved up yesterday and now RHQ BEERSTEIN
btys D.440905 and Y.338268 (.) 6 BRIT ARMD DIV (.) 26 ARMD BDE (.) arrangements
made to hand over approx 15000 CROATS area D.4470 and D.3875 to JUGOSLAV tps (.)
own tps withdraw NORTH of DRIVL (.) in evening fighting broke out between CROATS
and JUGOSLAVS (.) latter withdraw and CROATS reported still in same area (.)
61 INF BDE (.) additional guard commitments undertaken in KILGENBURG^{AREA} (.) 1 GDS BDE
(.) 12000 GERMANS moved from VILSRIEG D.2178 to area LEIDORF D.2185 (.) pl 3 WG
and tp 1 DERBY YBO ost ROSENDACH D.0271 (.) R. GP (.) comd of surrendered personnel
continues (.) 78 DIV (.) 11 INF BDE (.) 5 NORTHAMPTONS (.) large number GERMAN and

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MESSAGE

DATE TOO

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From: MAIN 5 CORPS

Action: TAG EIGHTH ARMY ; MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

Infm : 6 BRIT ARMD DIV : 46 DIV : 78 DIV : 7 ARMD BDE : 1 AGRA : 16 AGRE :

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0.487 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SUTREP as at 191200B (.) PART ONE (.) re routing of

46 DIV and 78 DIV progressing (.) 38 (IRISH) BDE assumed comd TARVISIO area

0900 hrs (.) 138 INF BDE moving to WOLFSBERG (.) JEWISH BDE started to arrive in

Corps area for 78 DIV (.) handover of CROATS to YUGOSLAVS and cons of

surrendered personnel continues (.) PART TWO (.) 46 DIV (.) 38 (IRISH) BDE

passed to comd 78 DIV and moved to area TARVISIO (.) BULGARIAN DIV HQ still at

LAVAMUND and tps in gen area D.6005 - NO sign of imminent move (.) gen trend of

YUGOSLAV mov appears to be back to border (.) 46 RECCE (.) sec A SQN at B.029563

rejoined tp at FRIESACH Y.3017 on relief by tp 232 A TK BNY from MICHELDORF

Y.3213 (.) 128 INF BDE (.) HQ now D.615988 (.) B SQN 46 RECCE under comd (.) sqn

at BLEIBURG with tps at D.615813 and D.614749 (.) 6 LINCOLNS passed to comd and

relieved 2 LIR area WOLFSBERG Y.6305 (.) 2 HAMPS (.) HQ and two coys S ANDRA

D.6297 coy S PAUL D.6690 coy 620948 coy 698924 (.) 1/4 HAMPS (.) relief of

17 FD REGT completed 1530 hrs (.) Loons HQ and two coys GRIFFIN D.5590 coy 586857

with pl 587832 coy LIPA D.5887 coy 585888 (.) 5 HAMPS cons LAVAMUND (.) 16 DLI

Loons now two coys BLEIBURG D.6077 coy 602768 coy 597767 (.) 2 R TKS (.) tp

C SQN moved from BLEIBURG to LIEUCE D.614748 (.) 138 INF BDE (.) comd of sector

passed to 38 (IRISH) BDE 0900 hrs (.) bdo HQ moving to WOLFSBERG (.) 139 INF BDE

(.) 2/5 LEICESTERS (.) patrol to KOFLACH B.5756 contacted 27 L (.) civs report

SS tps in area KLEIN FEISTRITZ B.3762 (.) 6 BRIT ARMD DIV (.) uvac of CROATS

from ROSENLOCH to YUGOSLAVIA proceeding satisfactorily (.) wooden bns over DRAVA

4181 and 3775 dismantled to prevent CROATS crossing to NORTH bank but 200 floated

over during night (.) 4000 WHITE RUSSIANS moved from VIKTRING D.2178 to cons area

KLEIN S VEIT D.1289 (.) NO change in own posns Loons (.) 78 DIV (.) 11 INF BDE (.)

2 LF coy from HERBAGOR C.5232 moved to EISENTRAMMEN X.6815 (.) 36 INF BDE (.) MTR

(.) 38 (IRISH) BDE (.) assumed comd of B SQN and tp C SQN 4 H on arrival in TARVISIO

area (.) cons and org of surrendered personnel continues (.) all infm

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MESSAGE

FROM : MAIN 5 CORPS

DATE & TOO
2100408

FOR ACTION : TAC EIGHTH ARMY : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

FOR INFO : 6 BRIT ARMD DIV : 46 DIV : 78 DIV : 7 ARMD BDE : 13 CORPS : 2 US CORPS :

ABC : IGS : GSI (2) : G(AIR) : DA & QMG : A : Q : RA : RE : CSO :

MOV : PRO : TRENCH : TEMPL : INFM ROOM : WAR DIARY (2)

0.509 CONFIDENTIAL (.) INTENTIONS next 24 hrs (.) 46 DIV (.) general
 (.) patrol throughout div area (.) continue collection of arms and eqpt
 and conc of surrendered personnel (.) 138 INF BDE (.) 2/4 KOYLI on relief
 by tps 10 US (INF) DIV moves to area Y EBERG Y.6315 and reverts to cond (.)
 46 RECCE BDECT (.) patrols from C SWN NORTH and NE of OBINGOLZ A.9566 (.)
 6 BRIT ARMD DIV (.) maintain present posns and continue conc of surrendered
 personnel (.) move 1500 CREWTS to EBERG area for evacuation to YUGOSLAVIA
 (.) 78 DIV (.) 11 INF BDE (.) est elements area MURAU A.3755 and liaiso
 ith 46 DIV (.) 38 (IRISH) BDE (.) assume control of conc of HUNGARIANS
 area WEISSENSTEIN C.7993 (.) Details of future moves NOT yet known (.)
 recon parties of 56 RECCE BDECT less the sqns move to GRUNN X.6412 an 21 may (.)
 main body moves 22 may (.) 8 SQN 4 R move from VILLACH to PATERNION C.7391
 (.) all info

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2 US CORPS : ADC : BGS : GSI(2) : G(AR) : DAAGLE : A : Q :

RA : RE : CSO : MOV : PRO : PHANTOM : DEMIL : INFM ROOM : WD(2)

0.519 CONFIDENTIAL (.) INTENTIONS next 24 hrs (.) 46 DIV (.) continue
 patrolling within div area and conc surrendered personnel arms and eqpt (.)
 6 R TKS (.) one sqn to under comd each bde (.) 6 ARMD DIV (.) NO change
 in posns (.) hand over 1500 CROATS to JUGOSLAV forces at each HEIBURG and
 ROSENBACH (.) 78 DIV (.) 11 BDE (.) D Sp Gp reverts to comd (.) RA (.)
 17 PD REGT and 254 A TK BDE revert to comd (.) 56 RECOE REGT (.) A Sqn
 reverts to comd (.) 8 R TKS (.) conc less one tp in area ZAUCHEN C.9281 (.)

all infm

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PHANTOM : CHALLENGERS : ST : MLD : ORD : REHE : PRO : EDN : DEMIL :
DOCUMENT SEC : POLITICAL ADVISER : IEM ROOM : MD (2)

0.526 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP to 221200E (.) PART ONE (.) CORPS area now almost clear of YUGOSLAV tps (.) evac of CROATS to YUGOSLAVIA continues (.) small number SS tps captured and German tps in hills being rounded up (.) surrendered and displaced personnel still being conc throughout CORPS area (.) slight re-org of own posns in 46 DIV area (.)

PART TWO (.) 46 DIV (.) 27 L (.) NTR (.) 46 RECCE (.) standing patrols est OBERWOLZ A.955661 and rd at B.075548 (.) 128 INF BDE (.) 16 DLI coy now at SAMHEL/D.5676 with pl STEVEN/D.5375 (.) 5 HAMPS moved to RACH/D.7083 (.) bde area now clear of YUGOSLAV tps (.) band of German tps reported in area RUSTRITZ D.5695 - being investigated (.) 138 INF BDE (.) 2/4 KOYLI loona coy WALDENSTEIN Y.6716 two coys PRESHE BGG Y.7017 coy TWILBERG Y.6315 coy EISENVAU Y.6117 (.) 6 Y & L (.) HQ and one coy KONTACH B.5756 (.) two coys PIBER B.583585 two coys LANKOWITZ B.556558 carrier pl ST OSWALD Y.833115 (.) six SS tps captured in bde area (.) 139 INF BDE (.) conc of HUNGARLAN personnel continues (.) 2/5 LEICESTERS (.) joint post with SOVIETS at KLEIN LOERING B.3864 (.) displaced BELGIANS moved to area WOLFSBERG Y.6305 and ITALIANS to KRUMENDORF D.1632 (.) 6 R TKS (.) one sqn now under comd each bde (.) sqn 2 R TKS remains under comd 128 INF BDE until relieved on ground by sqn 6 R TKS (.) 6 BRIT ARMD DIV (.) withdrawal of YUGOSLAV forces almost complete (.) evac of CROATS according to plan (.) some surrendered personnel still being moved to conc (.) one pl 3 WC relieved elements 78 DIV VELDEN D.0380 - otherwise NO change own dispositions (.) 78 DIV (.) 36 INF BDE (.) 5 BUFPs (.) sec post est SCHLOSSTEIN C.253938 to deal with enemy reported that area (.) 6 RWK (.) NTR (.) 8 A & SH (.) one SS offr captured (.) 138 PD REGT (.) large arms and ord dump discovered near RALINITZ X.3924 - being loaded pending move to VILLACH (.) large number Germans reported area RALINITZ being rounded up (.)

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civs also report Germans in area MUNEIBICHL W.7327 hrs W.9315 and W.9117
 - Gets own tps est in these areas (.) one SS offr captured (.) C sp GP (.)
 LUFTWAFFE HP arls sta discovered MT ELMO B.7893 (.) owing to difficulties
 of approach arrangements being made through LO for 80 US DIV to take sta over
 and impound personnel (.) patrol to area NORTH of AUSSER VILLAGRATEN W.8002
 rounded up four German offr in hiding (.) 11 INF BDE (.) NTR (.) 56 RECCE REGT
 (.) six SS tps in civ clothes arrested LABWEIZ A9250 (.) JEWISH BDE (.)
 assumed all gd responsibilities in TARVISIO area (.) all infn

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 PHANTOM : CHAPLAINS : ST : MED : ORD : REHE : PRO : EDN : DETAIL :
 DOCUMENT SECTION : POLITICAL ADVISER : WD(2) : IMPR ROOM

0.533 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP to 231200B (.) PART ONE (.) 46 DIV (.) small amount of YUGOSLAV now SOUTH over border (.) 1500 CROATS evacuated according to plan through BLEIBURG (.) 6 BRIT ARMD DIV (.) two coys inf up by sqn the east area RECHBERG D.4572 (.) 1500 CROATS evacuated through ROSENWACH (.) 15 COSACK CORPS less one bde moved to 46 DIV area (.) div area clear of YUGOSLAWS except 11 YUGOSLAV BDE area WEST of FERLACH D.2571 (.) small number YUGOSLAWS in civ dress/in towns particularly VOLKBERGMARKT and KLAGENFURT (.) 78 DIV (.) rep of 15 US CORPS visited div HQ 22 may and situation clarified (.) recon parties of 106 CAV GP 15 US CORPS and 3 CAV GP 20 US CORPS arrived in area (.) NO significant change in own posns (.) PART TWO follows (.) all infm

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0,546 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SITREP to 241200B (.) PART ONE (.) hand over of CROATS to YUGOSLAV forces continues (.) one YUGOSLAV coy remains FERLACH while hand over continues (.) otherwise few YUGOSLAV tps remain in CORPS area and check being made today (.) YUGOSLAV tps reported EAST of 128 INF BDE and 138 INF BDE sectors possibly under comd RUSSIANS and some were contacted WEST of bdy (.) recon parties from 15 US CORPS remain areas TAMSWEG and LIENZ (.) negotiations for hand over of COSSACK tps to RUSSIANS continued (.) PART TWO (.) 128 INF BDE (.) pl 5 HUSARS moved from BACH 7083 to 719819 (.) NO other changes in locns (.) 1500 CROATS handed over to YUGOSLAVS at MLEIBURG (.) some 200 YUGOSLAV tps and 14 vehs moved across frontier into YUGOSLAVIA (.) a YUGOSLAV bde HQ reported at SWANBERG D.9196 (.) 138 INF BDE (.) 2/4 KOYLI est rd block 753077 (.) YUGOSLAV tps of bde reported to be under comd RUSSIANS met there and escorted back to bdy (.) these tps stated they were an anti-terrorist patrol (.) YUGOSLAV HQ with est 500 tps reported in area Y.7905 (.) RUSSIAN contact patrol arrived S OSWALD Y.8311 (.) 6 Y & L patrol to LANDSBERG Y.9203 (.) remainder NTR (.) 6 ARMD DIV (.) 26 ARMD BDE (.) 1 KRRC (.) one coy now est EISENKAPPEL D.4566 with pl at frontier D.4059 (.) 17/21 L (.) tps at D.358732 and 390730 (.) 900 CROATS handed over to YUGOSLAVS at ROSENBLACH (.) remainder NTR (.) 78 DIV (.) 11 INF BDE (.) 5 NORTHAMPTONS (.) B sqn 56 RECON REGT now under comd located S MICHAEL A.4750 (.) 1 KENSINGTONS (.) D SP GP relieved coy 1 SURREYS in SPITZAL (.) later reverted comd 1 SURREYS and relieved coy 5 BUPPS in areas C.5482 C.4882 and C.4388 (.) coy 1 SURREYS reverted to under comd from VILLACH grn and now located FEISTALIZ C.6976 (.) 36 INF BDE (.) 5 BUPPS (.) coy which reverted from under comd 1 SURREYS now located KOTSCHACH C.2488 (.) pl moved from OBERDORF C.4492 to DELLACH C.3094 (.) 6 RWK (.) reverted to under comd and now est GRELIFENBURG C.3896 (.) 3 A & SH NTR (.) 38 (IRISH) BDE (.) 1 R IR F (.) one coy took over commitments 6 RWK area ARNOLDSTEIN C.7773 (.) remainder NTR (.) JEWISH BDE (.) YUGOSLAV comd CAMFOROSSO C.6469 reported he had warning order to move but no definite date or time (.) all info if liable to interception by enemy

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PRO : HANDBOOK : DEPT : INRM ROOM : D(2)

0.528 CONFIDENTIAL (.) INTENTIONS next 24 hrs (.) 46 DIV (.) normal

patrolling of own area (.) continue collection of arms and eqpt and evac of area

(.) 6 BRIT ARMD DIV (.) evac CROATS from HEBIBURG and ROSENLOCH to continue (.)

26 ARMD HDE (.) to re-occupy BITTERSODORF D.4673 and THERNDORF D.4878 and eat post

at EISENKAPPEL D.4567 (.) conc of surrendered personnel to continue (.) 78 DIV

38 (IRISH) HDE (.) to relieve 6 ROK of responsibilities in area ARNOLDSTEIN (.)

6 ROK to revert to comd 36 INF HDE (.) coy 1 SURRELYS from VILLACH revert to comd

11 INF HDE and become responsible for mov of surrendered personnel from

ARNOLDSTEIN to HERMAGOR (.) coy 5 DUFFS relieve coy 1 SURRELYS at SITTAL and

to comd 36 INF HDE (.) 17 TD REGT moves to area WEISSENSTEIN C.7898 to org comd

HUNGARIANS (.) all info

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Date and Time
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From : GSI 5 COMPS

To : (1) FREEDOM (2) TAC EIGHTH ARMY (3) MAIN EIGHTH ARMY (4) ACABRIT
(5) PHILPOT for USGCC (6) 3 US ARMY (7) 13 COMPS (8) 2 US COMPS
(9) 6 ARMD DIV (10) 46 DIV (11) 78 DIV (12) 7 ARMD BDE (13) 1 ACRA
(14) COMD (15) EGS (16) G(OPS) (17) DA&QMG (18) A (19) RA (20) RE
(21) CSO (22) 113 SWS (23) 6 SPSS (24) PWB (25) 5 FLS (26) 300 MOB UNIT
(27) AMG LO (28) PHANTOM (29) Lt.Col. STERN (30) DEMILL (31) GSI(b) KLAGENFURT
(32) DOC SEC (AUSTRIA) (33) POLITICAL ADVISER

TOPSEC for GSI G OPS and MG (.) Polintrep No.2 (.)

ONE (.) Provincial Carinthian Govt of PLESCH is not recognised as such by MG but PLESCH is being offered chairmanship of Carinthian representative committee (.)

TWO (.) 81 Reich Germans in present military machinery are being dismissed (.)

THREE (.) Hunt continues for Dr RAINER ex Gauleiter of Carinthia who may still be in suspected werewolf area bounded by PATRICH C 7292 STOKINGBOI C 6393 WEISSENRE C 5790 MARCHEINSTE C 5988 BAUER AUFM BODEN C 6866 (.) This area is reported to be harbouring German soldiers and SS men and to have strong security system and secret food dumps (.) Two of RAINER's associates SEPP BARUEIMA and ROBERT GLANZER have been arrested in this area and are being interrogated (.)

FOUR (.) Good evidence that Jug propaganda in Slovene tongue being brought into Austria by trains from Yugoslavia to JESENICE D 0461 and ROSENBRACH D 0372 which repatriate Croat PW (.)

FIVE (.) Austrian FREIKORPS controlled by MACKH from which recruiting had been in progress in KLAGENFURT was dissolved 25 May (.) Screened personnel are being permitted to join Austrian police (.)

SIX (.) Surrendered personnel (.) Evacuation of SS tps and Yugoslav subjects continues (.) 2000 tps of 14 SS GALIZIEN moved to UDINE (.) Total to date 12,000 Croats 1541 Serbs and 613 Slovenes returned to Yugoslavia (.) 10,000 Slovenes and 400 Montenegrins still remain in Corps area (.) Montenegrins represent total so far located of 2000 reported in Intrep No.12 for 23 May (.)

SEVEN (.) Estimated 100 SS tps escaped from PW cage at S. SALVATOR Y 2719 25 May (.)

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3RD MAY, 1945

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CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

AID FOR YUGOSLAV FORCES

Note by Secretary

On the 25th April the Prime Minister circulated a minute to the Chiefs of Staff Committee, Serial No. D.123/5, stating that in view of the unsatisfactory attitude recently shown by Marshal Tito, the time had now come to discontinue the assistance which we have hitherto afforded to him. The Prime Minister invited the Chiefs of Staff, in consultation with the Foreign Office, to propose effective measures towards this end (C.O.S. (45) 294 (0) refers).

2. Lord Halifax's telegram No. 3045 of 1st May (Annex) referred to a discussion which Sir Alexander Cadogan had with Mr Dunn regarding the shutting down of military supplies to Marshal Tito. Mr Dunn said that if the "Chiefs of Staff" (by which he presumably meant the Combined Chiefs of Staff) were satisfied, he saw no political objection to cutting off supplies.

3. On the above telegram from Lord Halifax, the Prime Minister has minuted as follows (Serial No. M.443/5):-

"SIR ORME SARGENT
GENERAL ISMAY for C.O.S.

They should dwindle and die without another moment's delay. No new shipment of any sort or kind is to start. Those ships that are on the seas may deliver their burdens.

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From :- AGWAR
To :- A.P.H.O.,
SHAEF Forward
Info :- A.M.S.S.O.

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FAN 546

7th. May, 1945.

From : The Combined Chiefs of Staff
To : Alexander, Eisenhower
Info : British Chiefs of Staff

NAF 924 refers.

Supplies to Tito other than U.N.R.R. should dwindle forthwith and ultimately die. No new shipment of any sort or kind should be made. Those ships that are on the seas may deliver their cargoes.

Further instructions will be sent to you about long term policy regarding supplies to Yugoslavia with particular reference to R.A.F. interests in that country.

T.O.O. NIL

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SPECIAL (POLITICAL)

FROM RESIDENT MINISTER CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN CASERTA

TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Macmillan
No. 894

D. 5.20 p.m. GMT 15th May, 1945.
R. 6.5 p.m. DBST 15th May, 1945.

4th May, 1945.

Repeated to: Rome No. 249
Belgrade

IMPORTANT

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My immediately preceding telegram.

I made a brief flying visit to General Keightley at Headquarters 5th Corps at Klagenfurt in Carinthia.

2. General Keightley described the military situation there as "fairly lively". His forces have occupied the best buildings and have established military government. But this has not enabled Jugoslavs to be controlled. They have set up what amounts to a minor reign of terror and there has been a certain amount of looting euphemistically described by Jugoslavs as requisitioning.

3. Whole situation in Styria and Carinthia is confused. In the North East contact has been established with the Russians. British and Russian Corps Commanders have had a meeting and agreed upon a temporary line of demarcation between their respective forces. No trouble is anticipated here although the Russians have advanced into what is technically our zone. Along the old Austrian-Jugoslav frontier, however, in addition to Jugoslav forces who have crossed the border, there are also Bulgarian troops operating under (gp undec ? command of) Marshal Tolbukhin. It is not clear what the exact intentions of these latter forces are though they are reported to be about to withdraw East in order to form a line with the Russian forces. The Bulgarians in any case admit they have been told by Marshal Tolbukhin to move out of Jugoslavia. They have from two to four divisions.

4. On (gp undec ? North) West of General Keightley's territory contact has been established with Americans. In North Carinthia there is a pocket of some 30 Cossacks including women and children.

5. General Keightley said that from military point of view it was possible for him (gp undec ? to maintain) the present uneasy position for the time being until he is strong enough to clear up the whole of his area. But during this waiting period he is not in a position in which he can run the risk of clashes and his lines of communication are very vulnerable. It is therefore impossible for him to take adequate steps to prevent high-handed action by, for instance, Jugoslavs such as that reported in paragraph 2 above.

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From: A.F.H.Q.
To: AGWAR
A.M.S.S.C.
Info: S.H.A.E.F. FORWARD X CCM

NAF 972 16th May, 1945 FX 76415

For: Combined Chiefs of Staff
British Chiefs of Staff.

MW

Signed: Alexander

Cite: FHDSO. *attached*

Further to NAF 971.

Following is directive which I have issued to my ground, naval and air force commanders concerned.

Begins:

General.

1. It may become necessary in the immediate future to carry out operations to eject Marshal Tito's forces from Southern Austria, and from all or a portion of North-East Italy. The object of taking such action would be to make Marshal Tito realise that his attempts to establish by force and military occupation his claims to certain territories beyond the present frontier of Yugoslavia will not be tolerated. In these circumstances the initial policy on which the conduct of naval, land and air operations will be based is that offensive action will be restricted as far as possible to the areas in question.

Tasks of 15 Army Group.

2. On receipt of instructions from this headquarters the immediate tasks of 15 Army Group would be to seize Trieste and to occupy such area in Venezia Giulia as is necessary to secure and protect that port and the L. of C. from it into Austria via Gorizia, Caporetto and Tarvisia. This will entail the ejection of Marshal Tito's forces from this area and the establishment of Anglo-American military

government therein. Concurrently Marshal Tito's forces would be ejected from the area occupied by 15 Army Group in Austria. The occupation of the British zone will continue in accordance with present directives on the matter.

3. It may subsequently be necessary to extend the occupation of 15 Army Group over the whole of Venezia Giulia and in particular to the Port of Pola. This will be the subject of a further directive.

4. In carrying out the tasks envisaged in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, it will be borne in mind that the existing responsibilities of 15 Army Group in Italy will continue until modified by a separate instruction. These responsibilities will, however, be given second priority.

5. Commanding General, 15 Army Group will continue to have at his disposal all formations and units now under his command with the addition of 8 Indian Division, 10 Indian Division and 2 Para. Brigade. All troops may be used as operationally required except that Italian Gruppi will not be employed East of the Tagliamento or in Austria.

Naval Tasks.

6. The task of the naval forces would be to support the operations of 15 Army Group. Steps have been taken to open the Port of Venice. This has priority over Trieste.

Air Tasks.

7. The task of the air forces would be to give full support to the foregoing operations.

Ends.

T.O.C. 161415Z

CIRCULATION

Foreign Secretary
First Sea Lord,
C.I.G.S.
C.A.S.
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FROM RESIDENT MINISTER, CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN CASERTA

TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Macmillan.,
No. 941.
18th May, 1945.

D. Untimed. 18th May, 1945.
R. 3.25 p.m. 19th May, 1945.

Repeated to Rome.
Belgrade No. 231.
Washington.

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My telegrams Nos. 939 and 940.

Chief of the Staff has paid a visit to Klagenfurt (grp. undec. ? Monfalcone) and Gorizia. On his return he has reported that the situation in Austria is most unsatisfactory and has deteriorated. The Jugoslavs are endeavouring to set up their own Government and have posted proclamations. They are looting shops and houses and are maltreating the local inhabitants.

2. Line of communication to Austria via Tarvisio is very exposed and is open to attack by raiding parties if Jugoslavs so choose. Owing to the long line of communications widespread commitments and responsibility for prisoners of war, Alexander's (grp. undec. ? forces) would be in a weak position should hostilities break out.

3. Situation in Venezia Giulia East of Isonza river is less tense than in Austria. The Yugoslav authorities are offering to serious opposition to our use of the port of Trieste and road communications. Victimization of local inhabitants by Jugoslavs is systematic and includes requisitioning of vehicles, wireless sets, clothing, bedding and any other household property of value to their forces, the confiscation of money, food and fuel, and arrest and intimidation of inhabitants on apparently flimsy pretexts.

4. Behaviour of Jugoslavs is making a very unfavourable impression on the Allied troops, both British and American. The men feel that by being unable to prevent actions which offend their traditional sense of justice they are condoning such behaviour. As a result feeling against the Jugoslavs is getting stronger daily.

5. General Morgan considers that it is now certain that any solution by which Allied troops shared an area with Jugoslavs or partisans, or permitted Yugoslav administration to function would not work.

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LO REPORT ON VISIT TO HQ 5 CORPS
7 - 8 JUNE

1. Handover of Cossacks

(a) There were no details of any incidents during the handover available at Corps. However it is known that incidents did occur, and Corps are obtaining details of these. Reports should be ready in a few days. 78 DIV experienced difficulties - their first estimate of 28,000 was eventually found to be only 22,000, the discrepancy being explained by over-indenting for rations. Some ORs also demonstrated on entrainment.

Nos handed over up to and incl 4 Jun were as under:-

Deed 1	29 May	- 1436
	31 May	- 83
Deed 2	29 May	- 300
	30 May	- 3050
	31 May	- 1734
Deed 3	1 Jun	- 4583
	2 Jun	- 3506
Deed 4	3 Jun	- 3274
Deed 5	4 Jun	- 2688
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(b) Liaison with Russians

There are no wrls or tele comms with the Russian forces, liaison being by IOs from both sides and by a Lt-Col from both forces at the joint post at JUDENBURG Sta. Relations are very cordial, but difficulty is experienced in making arrangements as all decisions have to be referred to Marshal TOLBUKHIN, although there are quite senior offrs on the spot.

(c) Horses.

800 strayed horses will be handed to the Russians by 46 DIV on 11 Jun, bringing the approx total to 7,500.

2. (a) Handover of YUGOSLAVS to TITO's Forces.

As with the handover of the Cossacks, this operation was much less difficult than had been anticipated.

From the Cage at VIKTRING D.2077 the Jugs were taken in TCVs to MARIA ELEND D.0870 or BLEIBURG D.6178 stations. Escorts and guards at the stations were found by 1 GDS BDE. At the stations JUGs were searched for arms, org into their own units (coys and bns) as far as possible, and entrained. Care was taken to segregate USTACHI from CHEPNIKS, and to provide seats for offrs, women and children.

On completion of entrainment, Tito's guard appeared and took over, a signature being obtained from the JUG guard comd.

As far as is known there were no incidents whilst the personnel were in British hands, but JUG LO reported 3 suicides and 2 wounded, all believed to have taken place on the train.

Conduct of JUG guards seen by 5 CORPS LO at MARIA ELEND was exemplary.

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From:- A.F.H.Q.

To:- SHAEF Forward
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A.M.S.S.O.
15 Army Group Main
Eighth Army

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NAF.974 17th May, 1945.

FX.76939

Personal for General Eisenhower.

Information Combined Chiefs of Staff and British Chiefs of Staff, 15 Army Group Main, Eighth Army.

Signed Alexander

Cite FHCOS.

Reference my FX.75436 of 14th May and your reply FWD.21598 dated 16th May (neither to AGWAR or AMSSO).

1. Situation regarding surrendered enemy forces and refugees in my area of Austria has two aspects, operational and administrative.

2. Precise information regarding numbers is not obtainable. Large parts of Army Group South East are still endeavouring to move into this area to avoid surrendering to Tito. Moreover, forces which have surrendered to Tito are being turned loose again by him after being stripped of their equipment. Latest report indicates that prisoners and surrendered personnel total about 220,000 of whom 109,000 Germans, 46,000 Cossacks, 15,000 Hungarians, 25,000 Croats, 24,000 Slovenes. Croat and Slovene refugees still pouring into my area number about 200,000.

3. Operational Aspect. With possibility of hostilities in Austria against Yugoslavs it is essential to free my L. of C. immediately from this embarrassment. Operational efficiency of my troops is already gravely prejudiced, both by necessity for controlling these multitudes and also by general congestion of the area. It is further essential that military supplies, especially ammunition, should be built up to support possible operations. It is impossible to do this and feed vast numbers mentioned in paragraph 2 simultaneously.

4. Administrative Aspect. I fully appreciate that you also are faced with immense administrative difficulties. My situation, however, in Austria is one with which it is impossible for me to deal. Enemy dumps are quite inadequate and have been largely looted by Yugoslavs etc. In present political situation and in view of bad state of communications it is equally impossible to expect that German administration can supply this area from stocks or indigenous resources in other parts of Austria. Local resources in the area are inadequate to feed its own population

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and I am already faced with necessity for importing supplies on this account. It is not practicable to move all this personnel into Italy. Such mass movement would paralyse my I. of C, nor would I feed them in Italy when they arrive there. My food stocks in Italy are already severely strained by presence of 425,000 P.S.W. and surrendered German forces. Moreover, as you know, it has always been planned that surrendered enemy personnel should be fed by German administration from German resources. To move large numbers of surrendered Germans from Austria to Italy would violate this principle and constitute unwarrantable drain on Allied food stocks.

5. Appreciate that it would not be reasonable to ask you to accept Croat and Slovene refugees, nor Austrian and Hungarian military personnel. I will deal with these classes to the best of my ability with my own resources.

6. My earnest appeal to you is to come to my assistance as regards surrendered German armed forces including Cossacks. I request urgently your agreement that these surrendered forces other than Austrians, Hungarians and arrestable categories be transferred to your area soonest at a point agreeable to you in status of surrendered personnel. The only alternative is that as matter of operational and administrative necessity I shall be compelled to disband them, which would produce confusion in contiguous German territory under your command.

7. This request is made regardless of decision on proposal in NAF.970 (not to Eighth Army).

T.O.O. 171159Z.

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NAF 974

17. svibnja 1945

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Osobno za generala Eisenhowera

Informacija Osoblja zajedničkog zapovjedništva i Osoblja britanskog zapovjedništva, 15. glavne armijske grupe, Osme armije.

Potpisano Alexander

Cite FHCOS

Referenca moj fax 75436 od 14. svibnja i vaš odgovor FWD 21598 od 16. svibnja (nijedno AGWAR-u i AMSSO-u)

1. Situacija koja se odnosi na predane neprijateljske snage i izbjeglice ima dva aspekta, praktični i administrativni.
2. Točan broj koji se odnosi na broj još nije znan. Veliki dio armijske grupe jugo-istočno još uvijek nastoje prići ovom području da bi izbjegli predaju Titu. Što više, snage koje su se predali Titu ponovno su oslobođeni nakon što su ih razoružali. Posljednja izvješća ukazuju na to da zarobljenika i predanog osoblja ima ukupno oko 220 000 od kojih 109 000 Njemaca, 46 000 Kozaka, 15 000 Mađara, 25 000 Hrvata, 24 000 Slovenaca. Hrvatske i slovenske izbjeglice još uvijek stižu u moje područje i to brojkom oko 200 000.
3. Praktični aspekt. Sa mogućnošću neprijateljstva prema Jugoslavenima u Austriji najvažnije je osloboditi moje L. i C. odmah od ove nepravilne. Efikasnost djelotvornosti mojih trupa je već teško opterećeni, prvo sa potrebom kontrole ove gomile i općom pretrpanošću ovog područja. dalje je neophodno da vojna opskrba pogotovo municija, treba biti složeno tako da podupire moguće operacije. Nemoguće je istovremeno, to organizirati i hraniti ogroman broj naveden u paragrafu 2.
4. Administrativni aspekt. Ja u potpunosti prihvaćam da se i vi susrećete sa ogromnim administrativnim poteškoćama. Moja situacija u Austriji, međutim, je takva da je nemoguće tu išta napraviti. Prazna skladišta su po prilično neodgovarajuća i uveliko

su popljačka itd. U trenutnoj političkoj situaciji a u pogledu slabog stanja u komunikaciji jednako je nemoguće očekivati da njemačka administracija može opskrbiti ovo područje iz zaliha ili domaćih izvora iz drugih dijelova Austrije. Lokalni izvori u ovom području su ne odgovarajući da bi nahranili vlastitu populaciju i već sam suočen sa potrebom uvoza zaliha na ovaj račun. Nije ni praktično pomicati sav ovaj personal u Italiju. Takvi masovni pokreti paralizirali bi moj L od C, i ne bih ih mogao hraniti kad stignu u Italiju. Moja zaliha hrane u Italiji već je iscrpljene prisustvom 425,000 P.S.W. i predanog njemačkog osoblja. Što više, kao sto znate, uvijek je bilo planirano da predano osoblje hrani njemačka administracija iz njemačkih izvora. pomaknuti veliki broj predanih Njemaca iz Austrije u Italiju trebalo bi prekršiti ovo načelo i stvoriti neovlašteni odljev savezne zalihe hrane.

5. Poštujem to da ne bi bilo razumno zamoliti Vas da prihvatiti hrvatske i slovenske izbjeglice, niti austrijsko i mađarsko vojno osoblje. Ja ću se snaći sa ovim klasama najbolje prema mojim mogućnostima sa svojim vlastitim izvorima.
6. Moja najiskrenija molba upućena vama jest da budete uz mene što se tiče predanih njemačkih vojnih snaga uključujući Kozake. Tražim žurno Vaš pristanak da ove predane snage sve osim austrijskih, mađarskih i kategorije koje se mogu uhapsiti da budu premješteni na Vaše područje što prije do točke dogovora u statusa predanog osoblja. jedina alternativa je

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IMPORTANT.

From : J.S.M. Washington.
To : A.M.S.S.O.

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19th May, 1945.

MAF 975 has been referred to C.A.D.C. May we have guidance urgently please.

2. It seems to us that Cossacks are covered by Yalta agreement on repatriation of Soviet Nationals who fall into our hands.
3. F.O. telegram 4350 to Washington agreed with proposal in paragraph 5 (c) of Belgrade telegram 215 to Caserta (F.O's 4286 to Washington) that Chetniks should be disarmed and placed in refugee camps. State Department on 3rd May also agreed with this (Embassy's 3123 to F.O.)
4. It seems that it would be wrong to hand Croats over to Yugoslav Government until our relations with that Government are clearer. We suggest that in meantime Croats should continue to be treated as prisoners of war.
5. We suggest that British members C.A.D.C. should be authorized to propose to Americans that SACMED be instructed accordingly.

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From : AFHQ signad Alexander cite PHDSC
To : AGWAR for combined COS's AMSSO for British COS Macmis info SHAEP forward Rear Macmis

TOPSEC. This is NAF 968. Further to NAF 963. For your information developments in North East Italy and southern Austria are as follows.

Para 1. Situation in Venezia Giulia and southern Austria has shown little sign of easing during the last 10 days. In Trieste area Jugoslavs have been steadily bringing in troops. In southern Austria there has been signs of Jugoslavs thinning out but no signs of general withdrawal. Situation in this area is being gravely complicated by a vast influx of enemy personnel from Yugoslavia wishing to surrender to us. The Russians however are scrupulously observing such local arrangements in (2 corrupt groups). Steps are being taken to ensure that () as are made by our respective commanders.

Para 2. Venezia Giulia. Jugoslav forces have been steadily building up in Gorizia - Trieste - Monfalcone area during past four days and it is estimated 34,000 Jugoslav Regular Army troops with some guns and tanks are gathered between Trieste and the Isonzo from Gorizia to the river mouth. An additional force estimated at 14,000 under 9 Slovene Corps is in Gemona - Cividale - Udine area. My troops east of Isonzo which will be building positions so that they can defend themselves split protect their administration organizations and communications but under existing circumstances it is impossible to regulate Jugoslav troops movement and their forces are disposed on parallel lines which prevent the complete security of our L of C in that area.

Para 3. Authority. Sub para A. Jugoslav partisan forces have thinned out from Klagenfurt and south east but some troops continue mutual occupation of hospital labour exchange, printing plants, and some buildings in town. Kommissaro HQ 4 Army stated leading troops 4 Army to Eacobdo to await 2 Divisions which have been ordered into southern Austria from the south. Sub para B. Few detachments boundary have been arranging with Bulgarian forces to run from point on R Lyvant breadth 4 kilometres south of Grubisno Polje defined by hitherto Kastav section accepted HQ following arrangements to junction with Drava thence Austrian border south westwards.

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COPY OF MARSHAL ALEXANDER'S ORDER.

New Army policy respective Yugoslavs effective forthwith:

1. No Yugoslavs will be returned to Yugoslavia or handed over to Yugoslav troops against their will.

2. Yugoslavs who bore arms against Tito will be treated as surrendered personnel and sent to Wiktring Camp at disposal. Further instruction awaited.

3. All this personnel will be regarded as displaced personnel ultimately routed via Italy.

4. No evacuation from Wiktring, T.F.C.

4. VI. 1945.