MR 300, Sec. 1 — SWITZERLAND — WARFARE

1942 - 1945

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
From: Combined Chiefs of Staff
To: AFHQ
Info: Joint Staff Mission
No: COSMED 210 8 February 1945

Following from Combined Chiefs of Staff for Field Marshal Alexander. Reference MEDCOS 235.

1. No progress has yet been made with Swiss Government.

2. Arrangements are however being made for British and United States delegations to proceed to Berne in the near future for trade negotiations at which everything possible will be done to induce the Swiss Government to suppress, or at least drastically reduce, transit traffic.

3. Meanwhile, and in anticipation of these negotiations, the Swiss Government have been asked by the British Government to reduce South-bound coal traffic immediately.

4. Figures for South-bound traffic for December were: Total 62,000 tons, coal 55,000 tons. This represents considerable reduction on November figures. End

Note: MEDCOS 235 not identified by WDCMC.

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Hull; Gen Bissell; Adm King; C of S

CM-IN-9252 (10 Feb 45) DTG: 081705Z pa

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From: Bern
To: Milid

No. 477, February 24th, 1943

AD Swiss Army plans rotation of units for 1943 said to have been obtained by some spies recently executed and delivered to Germany end of 1942 new plan of relief made with modification BB because of present situation Alsace and flow of refugees toward Switzerland frontier dispositions between Delle and Basel stiffened Basel brigade Grenzschutz ordered up for March 8th CB Swiss General Staff decided last year to double effectiveness of Army police present strength 2400 men ages 20 to 24 all crack recruits from Federal and Cantonal police specially trained for street combat use grenades light automatic weapons must drive motorcycles and armored cars stationed principally following locations: Interlaken, Sarnen, Zurich, Thun, Brig, Lugano smaller detachments Schaffhausen, Arth-Goldau, Porrentruy, Sion DB reference to your cable 307 F Poligny Nantua Amberieu Goin Vienne then courses of Rhone to sea to be new demarcation line separating territories occupied by Germans and Italians.
From: Bern
To: Milit

No. 464, February 14th, 1943.

Statement this substitute for Legation cable 1016 which cannot be sent.

Paragraph A. Switzerland will face grave crisis if Italy invaded, perhaps not as long as line of Po is held but when German Army forced back to Alps. If Germany not convinced then that Switzerland will remain entirely neutral she will invade. Swiss must not be taken by surprise.

Paragraph B. Full strength Swiss Army needed in National Redoubt. With it active defense can be carried out. Fact that there is no certainty that entire Army can be concentrated within National Redoubt in time is causing great apprehension (strength of about 450,000) mentioned.

Paragraph C. Two Thirds can be mobilized quickly but in order to mobilize other third it will be necessary for Federal Council to issue another general mobilization order. At two thirds strength a successful passive defense can be carried out.

Paragraph D. Necessity for prompt action when time comes pointed out frequently to Federal Council but delay feared. There is always apprehension that a general mobilization order will be considered by Germany provocative act Federal Council apt to delay
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No. 464, February 14th, 1943.

action too long effort being made find new way circumvent this.

Paragraph E. Is Switzerland's position really understood in Washington? Switzerland dependent upon Germany for coal and other essential raw material in order to keep factories operating. If coal supply is cut off or materially reduced faculties must close. Unemployment then disorder will ensue. This will be Germany justification interfere with Swiss internal affairs which of course Switzerland will not permit and invasion will follow. America's help and materials not moral support needed.

Paragraph F. There is no immediate danger invasion because Germany has not the troops available for attacking Switzerland at present she has recently withdrawn all available troops from France Belgium Holland and rushed them east.

Second part following as number 465.

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To: Milid

No. 450 January 29, 1943

Following 600:303 has been aware some for Special General Staff studying new plan invasion of Switzerland under direction Dietz recently in Munich latter reports have stated event invasion of Italy by Allies Germany could not have large part mountainous frontier held by a nation which was only advance guard of Allies.

Plans based on surprise air invasion before Swiss could concentrate in National Redoubt parachute and air landings troops neutralizes troops concentration, Deny roads and destroys critical points. Motorized and mechanized ground invading forces in order to retain surprise makes last march considerable distance from frontier.

1:25000 scale map of Redoubt prepared by Germans have been obtained by 303 agent.

Situation German Army precludes this as present danger but Swiss alert to possibility.

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INFORMATION: OPD

CM-IN-14129 (30 Jan 43) 1210X
INCOMING MESSAGE

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

No. 4708 Dated: October 17, 1942, 7 p.m.
From: Bern Rec'd: October 17, 1942, 4:07 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING IS FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT FROM MILITARY ATTACHE LEGGE.

Our failure to release toluol and rubber for urgent defensive requirements has discouraged the Swiss. The 2 existing tire plants are all but closed. I recommend support.

There is no change in the situation

Harrison

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No. 325, September 27, 1942
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To: Milid Wn DC

No. 320, Sept. 20, 1942

No change in situation making every effort send photostat tomorrows pouch.

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CM-IN-8837 (9/20/42) 2016Z ce
From: Bern
To: Ed
No. 276, August 3, 1942

Situation unchanged.

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CM-IN-1202 (8/4/42) 1056 Z
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From: Berne
To: Milid

No. 275 July 31, 1942

Situation unchanged.

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CM-IN-11029 (7/31/42) 2244 Z
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From: Berne
To: MILID

No. 272 July 29, 1942
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
From: Bern
To: MILITARY Washington
No. 244, July 3, 1942

X 12 B since June 10th no heavy oils (viscosity above 12 "Andler") may be sold France unless mixed with more fluid oil all stocks blocked. Practically all gasoline reservoirs occupied France empty.


5 Italian Infantry divisions 2 motorized 2 armored divisions Libya. 2 divisions reported landed recently.

2 Italian infantry divisions 1 mountain division in Russia 4 more due there shortly.

Morning following Saint Nazaire attach 82 German Navy staff officers inspected British destroyer blocking lock gate. Delayed action bomb killed all including at least 2 admirals.

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CM-IN-1089 (7/4/42) 0157 Z

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From: Berne
To: MILID

Number 238, June 29, 1942

X 1 A during third week June Italian troop transports to the east increased from 70 to 80 trains per day. Believed total 200,000 between late May and end June moved east destination not sure.

Considerable movement German Air Force personnel from Trieste area to Greece. Two new Italian divisions reported forming north Italy for Africa.

Reference my cable via State Department 3003 June 29th name Joseph Szydowski.

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From: Bern
To: Milid

No. 237, June 28, 1942

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CM-IN-9458 (6/28/42) 9:09 p.m.
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To: Milid

No. 226 June 18th, 1942.

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CH-IN-5990 (6/19/42) AM 3:56

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No. 221, June 13, 1942

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No 214 June 9, 1942

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CM-IN-2826 (6/9/42) PM 10:27

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From: Bern
To: MILID

No 213 June 8, 1942

No change in situation.

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CM-IN-2421  (6/8/42)  PM 4:41
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June 6, 1942

Paraphrase of Telegram

No. 2542
Dated: June 6, 7 PM
From: Bern
Rec'd: June 6, 3:46 PM
For: War Department from Military Attaché

From: X9

The Germans have been fortifying Belle Isle-in-Mer since the commando raid at St. Nazaire. Three thousand workers, according to eye witness reports, have passed through Quiberon enroute to Belle Isle. Supplies are sent from Lorient it is believed.

From C14.

War material is being shipped to Thailand for Japan from Germany and from Switzerland. Ships departing from Spanish ports reportedly of Spanish registry are routed by way of Cape Horn. It is believed that refueling takes place at Portuguese Guineas, Rio de Janeiro and some point in the Pacific not known to this source. Several vessels have to date transported 35,000 tons and have brought back rubber and rice.

From: XIA.

With regard to Italian air fields.

At Trieste three seaplanes.

At Gorizia from 10 to 15 bombers and between 50 and 60 fighters--also a great deal of training.

Air field at Cervignano located 200 yards northwest of railway station. There are two large hangars at this field and 25 fighters and 6 bombers.

At Bolzano--since May second a number of JU52.
June 7, 1942

No. 2542

There is an emergency landing field in the Vipava Valley east of Gorizia--small hangar located here.

It is understood from a reliable source that an order for 60 ships of the corvettia type has been placed by the Italian Admiralty. Following firms have been awarded 650 tons: Piaggio, Ansaldo, and shipyards at Leghorn, Castellamare and Adriatico.

From XI.4.

The Swiss Consul at Cologne has reported that 200,000 citizens are being evacuated from Cologne. An excellent source has informed Wight that the Germans have produced new long range flame thrower through using powder of aluminum content.

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CM-IN-2127 (6/7/42) 2:45

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CM-IN-0845 (6/3/42) 4:42 PM

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By L.S. Date MAY 21, 1973

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To: Milid

No. 201 May 28, 1942

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No. 200, May 27, 1942

Price of bicycles raised before receipt of appropriation request additional appropriation $20 also $10 minor repairs. Following from XGA 5,000 Italian parachute troops and 4 to 5 divisions Genoa Spezia Areas.

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From: BERN
To: MILID

No. 199 May 24, 1942

$270.00 additional needed to pay freight charges for PUCHER effects BERNE to NEW YORK reference War Department Cable 23 December 4, 1941. Situation unchanged.

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Cable 23 12/4/41 No record in file WDCMC

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To: Milid

No. 188 May 17, 1942

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To: Milid

No. 187 May 15, 1942

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