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TO : HQ AMG AFI.

FROM : R.C.A.O. Region 4.

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

REF : R4/850.081

DATE : 26 January 1944.

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Reference memorandum AMG/620/14 dated 4 Jan 44, the attached report is forwarded in quadruplicate. The only portion of occupied Italy under the control of this HQ is Foggia which was included in Region 4 on 4 December 1943.

M. Carr Brigadier

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Brigadier
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

Incl.
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

REGION 4

REPORT ON GENERAL SITUATION IN FOGGIA

FOR

DECEMBER 1943

1. General conditions of the people

The general situation in Foggia is improving and is as satisfactory as can be expected. In the large towns there is a certain amount of undernourishment, but this condition is probably due to food shortages before the Allied occupation. The main difficulty in the restoration of normal conditions is the overall shortage of transport and communications.

The elementary schools have been re-opened and all teaching staff have been vetted for security.

The Province is being supplied with electric current from Sila in Region 2 by overhead transmission lines. The repair work to the provincial electrical installations has been taken over by the American Forces. When the Foggia-Benevento railway comes into operation the power will have to be supplied through Foggia and rationing of supply may be necessary. The estimated cost of restoring the electrical installations is lire 8,360,000.

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The proper government of the Province is being seriously prejudiced as the various Italian departments are still located in separate towns. It is proposed to make TORRE MAGGIORE the provincial capital temporarily, as soon as certain Medical Units can be moved from accommodation which is needed to house the officials concerned, and to concentrate the departments there.

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The absence of adequate postal and telegraphic services adds to the difficulties of proper administration and the shortage of motor cars seriously affects the ability of both of Allied and Italian personnel to cover the area and secure proper supervision.

4. Justice

Summary military courts had been established in Foggia Town and all the principal centres by the end of November. During December a General Court and a Superior Court were established and 2 cases heard in the Superior Court. The number of summary court cases heard during December was 305.

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The Administration of Justice has been improved and sentences are now both more uniform throughout the Province and in keeping with the gravity of the crimes committed.

The Tribunali and Preture, which were opened under Italian control in November, functioned normally during December. Local committees of Italian advocates have been formed to advise the Provincial Legal Officer.

It is hoped to re-establish the Court of Assize in Foggia and to provide for the hearing of appeals. As Foggia is included in the Bari circuit an Italian Decree and a Provincial Order will have to be issued simultaneously in Bari and Foggia to enable the court to sit. It is proposed to amend the qualifications of assessors of the court to eliminate Fascist connections and to revise the list of assessors.

5. Public Safety

No serious disorders have been reported. A certain amount of looting early in December was firmly handled and repressed. There has been a tendency for Black Market offences to increase.

Allied troops are offenders in this respect and cases are reported of military transport being used to assist civilian offenders.

All political prisoners in Foggia have been released or otherwise dealt with except two or three regarding whom further investigations are in hand.

6. Finance

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7. Supplies

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Steps are being taken to restore the working of the Agricultural Institutions and encourage further planting. Fertilisers which have been in short supply for 3 or 4 seasons are being provided. Shortage of road and rail transport make the distribution of seed and fertilizers to farms very difficult and the crops cannot readily be transported to the large towns outside the Province for sale where the food is most needed.

The Black Market operations are still a serious factor in holding up deliveries by farmers to the Amassi.

Wholesale and retail prices have been fixed for the marketing of (a) the citrus crop and (b) fish.

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9. Medical and Public Utility Services

The sanitary conditions in Foggia Town at the middle of December were appalling. All storm and foul sewers were out of action as a result of bombing and no solids had been discharged for 3 months. Lack of initiative and capacity among the Italian officials followed by heavy winter rains had produced a very difficult situation which was being tackled extremely well by the U.S. Air Corps Engineers. It is anticipated that sufficient work will have been carried out by the end of January to put the sanitary situation in good condition.

The main water aqueduct has now been repaired and water supply now reaches the centre of the town. Supply to areas in which sewers are completely blocked is deliberately restricted.

There has been, so far, no serious epidemic desease in the Province and plans have been made to tackle at the outset any outbreak of typhus.

10. Refugees

During the early part of December, between 500 and 2000 (per day) refugees were passing through Foggia from Chieti and Campobasso on their way south. No difficulties have occurred.

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Nothing of special interest.

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APPENDIX A

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

REGION 4

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR PROVINCE OF FOGGIA

PERIOD ENDING 15 JANUARY 44

	Accumulated to 31 Dec.	Period 1 - 15 Jan.
Funds Received - Balance		52,242,810
Sale of Medical Supplies		370,199
Transfer between Chests	100,800.000	
Refund of C.A.O.s Emergency Fund		10,000
From C.A.O.s	463,000	184,500
Fines & Bail	66,390	18,504
	101,329,390	52,826,013
Expenditure		
Subsistence - Witnesses, etc. (Camerini Case)		2,332
Advance to Banca D'Italia	24,000,000	
Extra Work on Roads	3,883,547	350,000
Cantonieri Pay Roll	105,000	2010
Printing	24,135	4,160
Office Supplies	1,200	100
Auto & General Supplies	5,383	2,013
Labour on Civil Supplies	1,880	
Advances to Foggia Commune	4,900,000	3,000,000
Miscellaneous Labour	2,150	570
Building Repairs	18,544	
Pay Roll	98,927	2,600
Pay Roll (Serracapriola)	1,505	
Payments to British Subjects	2,800	1,400
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Billeting (Serracapriola)	1,005	
Advance to C.A.O.	30,000	
Laundry Contracts O.Rs	504	1,176
Refund of Bail	10,000	
Transfer Between Chests	16,000,000	
	49,086,580	3,364,351
Closing Balances ----------	52,242,810	49,461.662

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AMG REGION IV ADVANCED
c/o HQ. AMG 15 ARMY GROUP

JAN 1944

TO : AMG 15 Army Group, CMF

FROM : HQ. Region IV AMG, Advanced

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports on Military Government

REF : T/342/Fogg

DATE : 16 January 44

In accordance with AMG/620/14, 4 Jan 44, there are forwarded herewith reports for the month of December on Military Government of Foggia Province. There are two fortnightly reports herewith but in the future a single monthly report in quadruplicate in the form required will be forwarded to you.

For RCAO, Region IV

JOHN OLIVER HALL,
Major, F.A.

2009

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Ref:- FP/1002.

27 Dec 43.

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FOGGIA PROVINCE.

FORTNIGHTLY REPORT NO: 4.

PERIOD - 1st to 15th DEC, 1943.

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149. POLITICAL :-

(a) The purge of Podestas who were in power under the Fascist Regime stands as follows :-

(a)	Romoved by F.S.S.	1
(b)	Removed by 8th Army AMG	7.
(c)	Removed by Prefect	40.
(d)	To be changed - harmless	10.
(e)	To be retained	2.
		60.

In addition, 21 Comdrs. of CC.RR have been replaced and a further 10 moved from one station to another.

(b) Arrangements were made for representatives of the National Front to attend the NAPLES Meeting of the Party. The cancellation of the Meeting at the last moment was received philosophically.

(c) The Province is becoming slightly more active Politically. Mild demonstrations are reported in Towns where there are no Military or AMG personnel. Party lines are beginning to appear. The National Front is fairly active - efforts are being made to guide their activities into constructive channels by direct contact. Generally, the people are getting over the shock of War and beginning to think a little more for themselves, but so far Political activity is fairly healthy.

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An F.S.S. Review of the names submitted by the Prefect for Inspectors, Directors and Head-Masters resulted in 21 out of 50 recommendations being turned down on Security grounds. The F.S.S. opinion in most cases was not highly adverse, but it is considered important that Schools should be purged of all Fascist instruction and the Prefect was accordingly instructed to find substitutes for all those adversely reported on. Authority was issued to the Prefect to re-open Elementary Schools meanwhile, with the approved Officials.

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152. SHOT GUNS :-

Permission was issued for the return of Shot-guns to those who earn their livelihood by them and to those who need them for protection of flocks on their own property. Applicants will be very carefully vetted.

153. ROADS :-

With the departure of the Eighth Army R.E. Units, additional responsibilities were taken over by AMG, FOGGIA Province for the maintenance of the roads. The Provincial and State Road Engineers are being re-organised and increasingly employed.

154. LABOUR :-

The Wage Rates frozen by Proclamation No.8, Article II, are out of balance both with the increased cost of living and with the rates paid by the Allied Forces. Civilian employers were being stripped of their labour; Strikes were taking place in various small industries in protest at the low rates. Major Tanner, Region IV Labour Officer, attached to this H.Q. investigated the position and reported an urgent need for adjustment. Provincial Order No.5 was thereupon published, permitting increases on a sliding scale starting with 70 per cent. on the first Lit 1000 per month. This Order will bring FOGGIA Wages into line with the rest of Occupied Italy. It was well received by both Employers and Employees.

2006

155. FINANCE :-

The usual Financial Statement is as follows :-

In Lit. 1000's.

RECEIPTS.	MONTH. NOV.	WEEKS ENDING. 6 DEC.	14 DEC.	TOTAL.
Opening balance	3,200	16,523	15,595	3,200
Receipts - AMG Funds	16,443	-	64,026	80,469
- General - (Fines etc.)	53	6	-	59
TOTAL RECEIPTS :-	19,696	16,529	79,621	83,728
EXPENDITURE.				
Extra work on roads	1,081	400	132	1,613
Cantonieri Pay-Rolls	105	-	-	105
Advances - FOGGIA Comune	1,900	500	500	2,900
General Expenses	88	13	6	107
Advances to Bank of Italy	-	-	12,000	12,000
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156. POST OFFICES :-

Post Offices were re-opened for Savings Account business; at first, on an experimental basis (to see the financial affect) in the Towns of FOGGIA, SAN SEVERO and MANFREDONIA, and later in all Towns. Capt. Roemmele of I.N.C. visited the Province and investigated the possibility of re-opening the Post Offices for inter-communication - to be confined in the first place to Post-Cards only. NO steps will be taken until approval has been obtained from the authorities concerned. Absence of official civil communications has no doubt led to illicit channels being developed, which may serve for enemy intelligence purposes. An Official, controlled system would possibly be less objectionable.

157. LEGAL :-

(a) Cases appearing before Summary Courts to 11 Dec 43, may be summarised as follows :-

	No. of Cases.			Per cent. of tot cas		
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Curfew Offences	41	8	49	16	11	15
Theft or illegal possession of W.D. property.	73	16	89	29	22	27
Theft & illegal possession of other property.	32	-	32	12	-	10
Prostitution.	4	-	4	2	-	1
Market Offences & illegal sale of intoxicants.	17	26	43	7	37	14
Sundry.	13	3	16	5	5	5
	253	71	324	100	100	100

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(d) The Italian Courts are functioning throughout the Province. Sentences in these Courts are also on the low side, possibly on the example set by Summary Courts.

(e) The F.S.S. objection to Legal functionaries which led to 8 out of 80 being dismissed have been withdrawn, and the 8 functionaries have been reinstated. It is a pity the temporary removal should have taken place as it has no doubt damaged the prestige of the Courts.

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158. OLIVE OIL :-

The expected crop of Olive Oil for the year was 60,000 quintals, but by 24 Dec less than 2,000 quintals had arrived in the Amassis. This was attributed primarily to the basis price of Lit. 1900 fixed at the NAPLES Supply Meeting being below actual costs; and secondly, to a Circular published by the Italian Government which was taken to mean that the ammassing system would be done away with throughout Italy. The mis-interpretation of the Circular was later corrected by the Italian Government but no increase in the return of Oil ensued.

The failure to ammass the Olive crop is a very serious matter indeed. Olive Oil is a staple diet. The supply for the November Ration Coupon was only about 1/3rd of the coupon value, and December and January may be the same. The prospect for February is black. As soon as the position came to light a drive by Guardie Finanzie was arranged; guards were mounted on the principal Mills and investigation of the accounts of 7 of the largest was put in hand. An urgent representation has been made to increase the price basis from Lit. 1900 to Lit. 2300. Meanwhile, a very extensive Black Market in Olive Oil has naturally arisen. Public Safety Division brought to light many cases of illegal possession and transportation of Oil. The closing of the Frontiers (see para. 164) may assist to control this market. The affect of oil being diverted into an expensive Black Market may be to deprive the working man in the Province of an essential article of diet.

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No large amounts - (details later.)

The second half of the month will show much increased figures. The ammassing of grain, following the Autumn seeding programme is making good progress.

162. SHORTAGES :-

Soap, sugar, Condensed Milk, Medical Stores and Boot leather are ever more urgently needed.

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163. REFUGEES :-

(a) Major Goldsmith, 15 Army Group Refugee Officer, has been attached to this H.Q. and is working on the problem of the FOGGIA evacuation and through-Refugees.

(b) Between 500 and 2,000 Refugees are passing daily through the Province from CHIETI and CAMPOBASSO to the South. No important difficulties in this movement have arisen within the Province.

(c) The plans for evacuation of FOGGIA City are dealt with in para. 170.

164. CONTROL OF MOVEMENT :-

On the instructions of 15 Army Group, Provincial Order No.4 and "AMG NOTICE" were published, closing the Frontiers of the Province to all except those who had previously obtained a Special Pass from S.C.A.O. FOGGIA Province. In order to enable in the early stages legitimate authorities and vehicles to enter the Province without undue delay Permit Offices were set up at BARLETTA and GRECI SAVIGNANO, manned by an Officer in each case. At GRECI a CC.RR Post was mounted on the NAPLES road under the immediate supervision of the Pass Officer and it is hoped thus to prevent a large number of un-authorised persons entering the Province and to stop the existing trade for the Black Market.

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The provision of CC.RR Posts along the Provincial boundary and along the Army Control Line on the RIVER FORTORE is consuming much of the time of the CC.RR who are under strength and not of the best quality. It is hoped that assistance can be obtained from the Italian Army. Meanwhile, the venality and slackness of CC.RR is no doubt leading to a good deal of illicit passage. Steps are being taken to tighten up CC.RR discipline.

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All Political prisoners in the Province have now been released or otherwise dealt with, except two or three who were detained by the Prefect and regarding whom further investigations are in hand.

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MANFREDONIA is becoming an important coastal Port with large petrol-fire risks. The Civil Defence and Fire Services there are far below the standard required under these conditions. They are being reinforced and military assistance has been requested. A reinforcement scheme between FOGGIA and MANFREDONIA has been arranged.

169. PUBLIC HEALTH :-

(a) On request of AMG, Eighth Army, 1 civilian Doctor and 6 Civilian Nurses were found and sent to CAMPOBASSO for urgent work on civilian casualties.

(b) Lieut. Brown, Welfare Officer, has been put in charge of the Public Health Department and is beginning to organise this Division, which has languished for want of an Allied Officer in control.

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170. FOGGIA EVACUATION :-

(a) A ruling was received from A.F.H.Q. that the scale of evacuation of FOGGIA CITY was to be settled locally between AMG and XII Air Force. It has been agreed that the Scheme shall be confined for the time being to the evacuation of the destitute and the over-crowded; and the necessary plans are being worked out and statistics collected.

171. FOGGIA HOUSING :-

The Civilian Committee on housing conditions in FOGGIA have submitted their report. Their standards, they are careful to point out, are based on pre-war Italian hygenic conditions - and therefore not very high. The position regarding water and sewage is stated to be as follows :-

REVIEW OF SANITARY CONDITION OF HOUSES - FOGGIA CITY.

STATE OF SERVICES:-	SEWAGE. HOUSES.	SEWAGE. PER CENT.	WATER. HOUSES.	WATER. PER CENT.
In working order	1265	57	1498	68
Laid on, but needing easy repairs	375	17	380	17
TOTAL - easily available	1640	74	1878	85
Laid on - not easily repaired	200	9	-	-
NOT laid on	376	17	338	15
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172. SAN SEVERO DISTRICT :-

The increased number of troops in the District is adding to the work of AMG. Heavy requisitioning has taken place but the CAO has been able to find accommodation for the displaced persons. At APRICENA 50 persons attacked a tax-collector who was trying to collect the money due on the Pig Tax. The Town quietened down on the visit of the C.A.O. A new Commissario Prefettizio has recently been posted there and it is hoped that his firmer hand will

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173. CERIGNOLA DISTRICT :-

There has been an outbreak of Military crime in this area due to the presence of increasing numbers of troops, both resident and passing through in convoy, and the absence of Military Police. Drunkenness has been bad and breaking into houses (including the C.A.O's!) was fairly prevalent, mainly in search of wine or women. A small force of Military Police has since been drafted into the District. Black Market conditions are bad; the chief offenders being troops and people from BARI Province. The R.OFANTO Control Line is being stiffened and this may check the latter.

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174. MANFREDONIA DISTRICT :-

Here again insufficient Military Police and increasing number of troops has led to an increase in Military crime such as drunkenness, stealing furniture, obtaining goods by presenting fire-arms, and paying Black Market prices. Additional Military Police has now been drafted into the District. Some popular feeling against Allied troops is beginning to manifest itself.

175. LUCERA DISTRICT :-

Here the case is the reverse to the preceding three Districts. There are far fewer troops and the Town is returning to more normal appearance.

176. ORGANISATION :-

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(b) The following Officers were attached to AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE during the period :-

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Prov. H.Q.	16	26
FOGGIA District	5	4
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CERIGNOLA District	2	1
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DISTRIBUTION :-

HQ Region IV Adv.	(2).
A.A.F.A.C., FOGGIA	(1).
Br.Gn.Comdr, "	(1).
AMG, Main 8th Army	(1).
War Diary	(1).
File	(1).

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REPORT NO. 5.

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I - GENERAL CONDITIONS.

177. CURFEW :-

Provincial Order No.6 was issued fixing the hours of Curfew uniformly within the Province at 1900 hours to 0500 hours.

178. CINEMAS :-

Permission was given on 19 Dec 43, for Cinemas to re-open throughout the Province provided only films approved by P.W.B. were shown.

179. DISTURBANCES :-

Small Disturbances were reported in Communes where there is neither AMG nor Allied Troops. At APRICENA a Tax-Collector was shot; steps are being taken to clean the Town up. At S.GIOVANNI ROTUNDO and CANDELE there were demonstrations against the authorities. There is an inclination to believe that Italian Laws are not going to be enforced and need not be obeyed. People have been encouraged in this view by the Broadcasts and Circulars of the Italian Government. They are being undeceived as quickly as possible.

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The people's interest in Politics continues to increase but at a slow rate. The various parties are opening "Clubs" in the larger cities - this has been allowed provided public meetings are not permitted on the premises. Naturally, the extremists are the most active, but it is not believed that their following is important yet. The Church continues to wield influence and is essentially conservative.

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III - JUSTICE.

182. SUPERIOR COURTS :-

Three Cases were tried before Superior Courts; a case of stabbing an Allied soldier (10 years); an 18-year old impersonating AMG (1 year); and possession of W.D. Petrol (3 years and Lire 20,000 Fine.)

183. SUMMARY COURTS :-

The cases appearing before Summary Courts up to 31 Dec may be summarised as follows :-

	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL.
Curfew & Pass Violation	114	158	272
Theft & possession of Allied property	73	57	130
Black Market	17	19	36
Looting	-	2	2
Possession of arms & amn.	-	6	6
Other Cases	49	52	101
TOTAL :-	253	294	547

Most Black Market cases are being sent to the Italian Courts. There are more than 30 pending.

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IV - PUBLIC SAFETY.

184. ITALIAN POLICE :-

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185. PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY & ARMY CONTROL LINE :-

(a) A thorough inspection of the CC.RR Control Posts on the Provincial Boundary and on the Army Control Line (RIVER FORTORE) was carried out and (rather to the surprise of S.C.A.O. and S.C.A.P.O.), the CC.RR were found to be performing their duties well. The very small amount of civilian vehicle traffic on the roads across the boundary confirms this.

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(c) The Pass Officer at GRECI-SAUGNANO was closed on 22 Dec (and that at BARLETTA on 5 Jan). As a consequence, this H.Q. has already had more than 2,000 applications for Passes. They will be dealt with as time permits.

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186. PRISONS :-

Of the 27 Prisons in the Province five are now snow-bound. The remaining 22 have been inspected and many found in a disgusting condition. A clean-up is in progress.

187. VENEREAL DISEASE AND PROSTITUTION :-

Compared to other parts of ITALY the incidence of Venereal Disease in this Province is low. Brothels are closed; pimps, if present, are inconspicuous. Italian Doctors are available for medical inspection of prostitutes picked up by the Police.

188. P.A.D., FOGGIA CITY :-

The FOGGIA Fire Brigade has now four machines and is in fine fettle. They received high commendation from a Group Captain, R.A.F., for plucky and efficient behaviour when a bomber crashed and burst into flames. Four local fires have been dealt with.

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V - FINANCE.

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The usual Financial Statement is as follows :-

	In Lit's 1,000's.		
RECEIPTS :-	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL.
Opening Balance	3,200	16,523	3,200
Receipts - AMG Funds	16,443	81,620	98,063
- General (Fines etc.)	53	3	56
TOTAL RECEIPTS :-	19,696	98,146	101,319
EXPENDITURE :-			
Extra work on Roads & Cantonieri	1,186	2,803	3,989
Advances - FOGGIA Comune	1,900	3,000	4,900
- Bank of ITALY	-	24,000	24,000
General Expenses	88	71	159
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VI - SUPPLY.

191. SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN :-

During the period it is estimated that 1,000 tons of Grain were shipped to Regions II and III, and 1,800 to APULIA.

192. OLIVE OIL :-

Amassing of Olive Oil continues to be a complete failure. Guardi Di Finanza have been active and there are a number of prosecutions in hand but the Oil fails to come in. Authority has again been requested for an increase in the price.

193. LABOUR :-

Regional Order No.1 "Labour Relations" was published in the Province and steps are in hand to put its provisions into effect.

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Repairs of sewers and water mains is proceeding at a satisfactory rate. Air Force Engineer assistance has been made available.

198. MEDICAL STORES :-

During the period 11 tons of Medical Stores were distributed in the Province.

199. HEALTH :-

General health continues to be good - no serious outbreak of disease occurred.

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VIII - REFUGEES.

200. FOGGIA EVACUATION :-

The Scheme to evacuate the destitute from FOGGIA is held up for lack of specialist staff. It is hoped they will be posted to this Headquarters shortly.

IX - MISCELLANEOUS.

201. AMG ORGANISATION :-

C.A.Cs. are much over-worked. Instructions have been issued that more work is to be handed over to the Civilian Authorities. This should be possible now that a CC.RR Courier Service is about to begin and the Provincial Departments and AMG HQ are about to be ~~evacuated to~~ CONCENTRATED AT TORREMAGGIORE.

X - STAFF.

202. INCREASES :-

During the period the following changes in Staff took place :-

RANK.	NAME.	APPOINTMENT.
Lt.Colonel	E.G. DALZIEL.	P.Health & Welfare.
Major	C. BIRT.	" "
Captain	T.G. EVANS.	Finance.
Captain	COURDJIS.	Supply.
Lieut.	BURROWS.	P.Safety.

203. ORGANISATION :-

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Civilian Authorities. This should be possible now that a CC.RA Courier Service is about to begin and the Provincial Departments and AMG HQ are about to be ~~evacuated to~~ CONCENTRATED AT TORREMAGGIORE.

X - STAFF.

202. INCREASES :-

During the period the following changes in Staff took place :-

RANK.	NAME.	APPOINTMENT.
Lt.Colonel	E.G. DALZIEL.	P.Health & Welfare.
Major	C. BIRT.	" "
Captain	T.G. EVANS.	Finance.
Captain	COURDJIS.	Supply.
Lieut.	BURROWS.	P.Safety.

203. ORGANISATION :-

The organisation of AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE at 31 Dec 46, was as follows :-

	OFFICERS.	O.Rs.
FOGGIA PROVINCE H.Q.	24	30
FOGGIA DISTRICT.	7	4
LUCERA DISTRICT.	2	2
CERIGNOLA DISTRICT.	2	1
SAN S EVERO DISTRICT.	3	2
MANFREDONIA DISTRICT.	2	2
	40	41

Lt.Colonel,
S.C.A.O. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

CET/EGFM.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

TO: S.C.A.O. 5 Army.
S.C.A.O. 8 Army.
R.C.A.O. Region III.
R.C.A.O. Region IV

AMG/630/14.
4. Jan. 44.

Higher authorities in Washington and London have asked A.F.H.Q. for monthly reports on the general situations in that part of Italy liberated by the Allied Forces.

2. In order to provide the material for consolidated reports you will submit to this H.Q. by the 12th of every month a report on the area under your control covering the previous month. The following headings will be used :

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2. Political.
3. Administration.
4. Justice.
5. Public Safety.
6. Finance.
7. Supplies.
8. Agriculture.
9. Medical.
10. Refugees.
11. Staff.
12. Miscellaneous.

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3. The monthly reports called for above will take the place of the reports previously forwarded by S.C.A.Os. 5 and 8 Armies.

4. The first report will be in respect of the month of December. Short notice may prevent the December report being received here by 12.Jan., but it is essential that it be received as near that date as possible.

5. The report is required in QUADRUPLICATE.

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	"	Region IV (Main)	- 2
	All Heads of Divisions:		- 1
		Finance	
		Legal	
		Medical	
		Public Safety	
		Economics & Supply	
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