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HQ, EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT AS AT 2359 HRS. 18 MAY.

To: H.Q.
Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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1. In the area of GORIZIA Province east of the ISONZO there has been little change since my last report. The area immediately west of the river bounded by road AQUILEIA, PALMANOVA to VENEZIA, CERVIGNAN, and R.P. to GRADISCA has been placed under operational control of Lt-Col. CHERRY, and C.A.O.s supported by T.A.O.s posted to AQUILEIA, CERVIGNANO, PALMANOVA, UDINE, MANIAGO, GEMONA, CASTEL NUOVO, CIVIDALE, S.PIETRO, and GRADISCA. Civil administration remains under A.M.G. Officers from the Judicial establishment being used for this purpose until regular personnel arrive.

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6. In UDINE the Yugoslavs political activity by the Yugoslavs is reported.

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The emergency Proclamation will only be used if the other one is not ready in time, but it is not anticipated that this will take place.

Pending the arrival of the Administrative Instruction as regards the method or handling VENEZIA GIULIA, which it is understood is coming from AFHQ, instructions have been got out to meet an emergency, but have not been distributed, and will not be, unless the Administrative Instruction referred to has not arrived.

In the meantime, various pertinent points have been signalled down to ROME which require an answer. I am well aware that the correct answer to most of these questions would be, that the whole of VENEZIA GIULIA, whether occupied by Allied troops or by the Yugoslavs is a country "held in trust", until the final settlement is arrived at round the Peace Table. I am, however, equally sure that the Yugoslavs will consider that portion in which they are, and in which they are to remain, as a de facto annexation whatever may be the de jure situation to be.

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HQ AMG EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT AS AT 23.59 HRS. 24 MAY 45.

To: H.Q.
Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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1. The TRIESTE Provincial team under Lt-Col. CRFWOOD has been concentrated today at SCOVADACCA and will move into TRIESTE tomorrow morning under orders of 13 Corps. All AMG markings have been removed from their vehicles and they will remain incognito until agreement has been reached with the Jugoslavs on the setting up of AMG. The Provincial team have been attached to H.Q. 55 Area.

2. The GORIZIA Provincial team under Major CAPRILLIO has been concentrated at GRADISCA under orders of L.O. 2 U.S. Corps and will be moved into GORIZIA as soon as 2 Corps require them.

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4. These moves have left very few officers in the area of GORIZIA Province east of the ISONZO referred to in para 1 of my report for 18th May. However, since the withdrawal of almost all Jugoslav forces east of the ISONZO River the situation has improved considerably. Some officers from the Austria establishment are still on loan for work in this area and more will be loaned temporarily.

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8. To the West of the ISONZO the Partisans are still armed and no 39/25 attempt can be made to proceed with the disarmament until the position vis-a-vis the Jugoslavs is cleared up. There is evidence that the Garibaldi groups have already hidden some quantity of heavy weapons in the Mountains; the latter are said to include captured German Tiger

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As disarmament proceeds in TREVISO Province many groups of Partisans, particularly those with leaning towards the Jugoslavs are moving eastwards with their arms into UDINE Province.

With the death of Major SHEE following on that of Major CORBIN the Partisan question is being handled by GSI (Civil Liaison) of Eighth Army.

It is reported from TRIESTE that the Partisans are displaying dissatisfaction in so far as their relations with the Jugoslavs are concerned, and a number of desertions have taken place. The Communists have stated that when the Jugoslavs withdrew they will join the C.L.N.

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5. The Questore of UDINE has been suspended on account of his unsuitability for the appointment.

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Part 1. 13 CORPS. 95 ARTA. 1898 tons discharged at port and 2108 tons cleared by Rd. 2 NZ Div. Jugs refused permission remove marine engines which they claim legitimate booty from BARCOLA W5076. 56 (LOM) Div increase in Jug mov. Approx 1000 Jugs Armd & A many in civ clothes arrived MONFALCONE W6390 night 26/27 May believe from MONTENEGRO as conscripts for Jug Army. 10 Ind Div. Slight Jug veh mov westwards within own area. 2 US CORPS. Patrolling continued with no unusual incidents. 5 CORPS. 1 Agra with 2TI under comd assumed comd northern sector area JUDENBURG B7465 from 46 Div 2608008. 46 DIV. 139 Inf Bde now area KIETINZBERG Y 4209. 978 Div. Search made for Mr REINER area VIRUM W8225 with negative result. All infm.

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HQ AMG EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 2ND MAY 45.

VENICE. - 7 MAY 1945

This city is completely undamaged. The figure of 400,000 given as the estimated population is incorrect, and it looks as if there are only 250,000 in the town and 35[illegible],000 in the commune. This figure includes 39,000 refugees, mostly from the surrounding country and north.

State of utilities is that the light and power are functioning normally but are naturally overtaxed - water supply is also normal.

There are 230 Vigili Urbani and 1,000 Questura. The prison has at the moment 400 so called political prisoners who are being examined by P.S.S. There are only 30 criminal cases.

Medical situation is good, and there are 350 doctors and four hospitals with a capacity of 1,600 beds.

On the financial side the Banca d'Italia has 300,000,000 lire and the various other banks between them have approximately another 2[illegible],000,000 lire. In addition there are said to be some 5,000,000 lire in the Post Office.

The food situation is satisfactory and it looks as if there is sufficient food for two months, but, of course, there is the usual shortage of oils and fats. There is however nothing to worry about.

On the political side the CLN is working well and have been cooperative.

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for E.T. Bee. Air Commodore,
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HQ AMG EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT NO 23.5) HRS 7 MAY 45.

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1. I visited TREVISO on my way back from VENEZIA GIULIA. There are no serious problems there and the town is not badly damaged excepting on the outskirts.

2. The patriot position is well under control and considerable quantities of arms have already been returned. Two parades have already been held and further parades throughout the province are being arranged, to try and get in more arms, of which there are still a lot openly being carried about. It is very probable that some of the UDINE patriots who are not disarmed, are drifting back into TREVISO Province.

3. Bank of Italy has 44,000,000 lire in cash. Railway line from TREVISO to VENICE is completely undamaged and trains could run.

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UK AND ALLIED ARMY - SITUATION REPORT AS AT 23.59 HRS 10 MAY

To: U.S.
Allied Commission,
APO 394.

15 MAY 1945

Done by ltr.

1. It is requested that the attached copy of this report be sent to A.C.A. ROME for information, as it deals with the Refugees subject, which is bound up with AMGOT.

2. Information from TRIESTE is very difficult to obtain, and is unreliable when it is obtained. The latest information I have received has been brought in today by the Liaison Officer with the New Zealand Division, and I cannot do better than to quote his own words.

"I heard this morning that the new Commandant of TRIESTE, a Yugoslavian Major-General had issued proclamations to the effect that they were taking over the port. I was told this by the Counter-Intelligence at CERVIGNANO. My interpreter who spent the last two days in TRIESTE had a conversation last night with the President of the National Party of Liberation, which is the most powerful. The name of the president is Avv. Mario FENIGA. They were naturally most dissatisfied with the present situation and said that trouble was bound to come.

A member of their party, Avv CHIESNIC has left for ROME by air from UDINE a few days ago to report on the situation.

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4. The next bad spot is up in the TARVISIO Area. Here Military Government is being enforced, but there are considerable quantities of Yugoslavs present and the position is certainly delicate. The important tin mine at LAVA DEL PREDIL is at present occupied by a company of British troops, and a company and a half of Yugoslavs. No damage has been done to the mine, though at one moment the position looked serious, as the Yugoslavs had seized 20 hostages and threatened to shoot them. They also requisitioned cars etc., but the C.M.G. up there, Capt. WELSH showed considerable ingenuity in his handling of this matter, even though it was certainly unorthodox. He informed

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the Yugoslav Officers, in writing, supported by a certain show of armour, that he was a representative of the Allies in so far as Military Government was concerned, and, therefore, was the representative of Marshal TITO, and his orders were to be obeyed. They were, but this bluff cannot be carried on indefinitely. The hostages were returned and the cars are being sent back. No copy of these instructions was left with the Yugoslav forces.

5. The position of the refugees is as follows. There is now in UDINE a collection and housing capacity for some 22,000, and refugees which come down over the mountains are being fed in UDINE and despatch down to MESTRE and TREVISO on back-loaded transport supplied by 5 Corps.

6. Feeding points are being established at PONTEBBA and Red Cross officials are distributed over the road from TARVISIO down to UDINE. Further feeding points are being arranged north of the Frontier.

7. The Italian population of UDINE are working extremely well and are highly to be commended on the organisation which they have set up to deal with the refugees. They are helping in feeding them, which is reducing the strain upon civilian supplies, and so far, feeding is not presenting a serious problem.

8. It is hoped that it will not be necessary to ask for any supplies from the army, by drawing on German food dumps which are needed for German prisoners in transit south.

9. If it be possible to close the frontier sufficiently to stop this flow and institute at collection points along the Austrian frontier, it will be done, but at the moment there is no alternative other than to regulate the flow [illegible] and pass them down to rear in as orderly manner as possible.

10. There is a peculiar problem in TARVISIO in that 900 Russians soldiers ex P.O.Ws, came into the surrounding country and something had to be done about them. They had been made rather a fuss of by the Yugoslavs and arrangements were, therefore, made to collect them and bring them by train to PONTEBBA, where the line is broken, and then march them down some 7 kilometres to GEMONA, where 5 Corps made arrangements to take them over. It is understood that there are other Russian and Polish P.O.Ws in the area, and messages have been sent out to the hills explaining to the Russians that in their own interests they should not come down into ITALY, but should go back through VILLACH and KLAGENFURT to GRAZ, where they can be joined up with the Russian Army, and steps are being taken to see that necessary food points are available on the road.

11. As regards the Tin mine referred to in para 4, it is requested that information be conveyed to Messrs. DERICK HOLDING & Co. Ltd. [illegible]

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Signor NOGARA has requested that a representative of DENICK MINING should come out as soon as it is possible, to look into the affairs of the mine.

12. Patriot problem in UDINE is very difficult. There are two groups OSOPPO and the GARIBALDI. The OSOPPO are very definitely pro-allied, the GARIBALDI are more doubtful. It is difficult to give numbers in each group. OSOPPO are said to be some 6,000 strong, and the GARIBALDI claim to be many more. In all the figure of patriots given is 30,000.

As has been previously stated, it has been impossible to disarm these patriots whilst the present Yugoslav situation obtains. The situation is still unchanged. The position is being handled

by Major O'BRIEN, Patriot Officer, for Eighth Army HQ, and Major SMITH, Patriot Officer for VENEZIA, in conjunction with Major MORRISON the Liaison Officer who has been in the area all the time, and both the GARIBALDI and the GARIBALDI are cooperating, and are reasonably amicable amongst themselves. But the situation is explosive, if some settlement is not come to on the Yugoslavia situation.

13. In the meantime, these patriots are asking for payment and state that they require 10,000,000 lire permonth. No discussion or argument has taken place with them, either as to whether they should or should not be paid, or on the question of rates, and I have requested by signal a policy decision.

14. The fact that it has been impossible, and is still, to disarm these patriots, brings up a position which has not occurred previously in ITALY. They are not operational and cannot, therefore, be treated as Italian Army. On the other hand they have been cooperating and it is only the Yugoslav crisis which has prevented their being treated in the normal manner and disarmed.

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19. All Eighth Army AMG officers have now been withdrawn from ITALY and are operating in AUSTRIA, with the exception of two officers whom I have left in TARVISIO owing to its importance. All officers, who are earmarked for AUSTRIA, are being sent into AUSTRIA without delay, as soon as they arrive. I do not consider that VENEZIA Region has sufficient officers at UDINE, and I would like to stress this point and to back up Brigadier DUNLOP in asking that more should be sent during the period of the present crisis.

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Originator's Reference

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Message Centre No. D/9780

Date Time Rec'd MAY 060900B

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FROM MAIN ADC 6TH ARMY

TO AFHQ ACCOM INFO REPD VISCOM. REGION ADV HQ AND FWD COMM(BY ILO) 5TH ARMY FOR ADC

PRIORITY.

Situation UDINE not yet fully reported. No immediate admin problems in town, water light functioning. SLOVENE deals with BONOMALDI patriots/Active with Slav propaganda in areas UDINE town, CIVIDALE, TARCENTO and south east UDINE Province. Reports of looting and violence in SE UDINE by these Slovene being investigated earliest.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Tel : 735

Ref/152/EC.

7 May 1945

SUBJECT: Rear AMG Eighth Army HQ Sitreps.

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section

Attached for your information and any action you may consider necessary, are extracts from Rear AMG Eighth Army HQ. 96 hour Sitreps for the period ending 4 May 1945.

D Lowell Jr.
for Chief Staff Officer.
To Executive Commissioner.

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9 Army RITREP Rear AHQ HQ
period ending 1800 hrs 8 MAY 45

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GENERAL

1. Rear Army moved forward 3 May and is due to move again 9 May. A good deal of time has been occupied with details of the handing over of Ferrara Prov and the stepping up of the Austrian formation to Cesena.

PUBLIC SAFETY

2. Carabinieri

(a) 125 sent to Venezia 1 May 45
(b) 125 sent to Treviso 2 May 45
(c) 300 arrived Cesena 1-2 May and are being fed up to Ferrara at rate of 100 per day
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200 agents and officers were found in Padua.

4. Finance Guards

80 found in PADUA.

5. Crime

Learned from copy Capt Cuthet's handover report for ARIMINUM that eleven men were arrested there for "hair cutting" on 22 Apr 45 and taken to Ravenna prison to await trial. P.C's Ravenna and Ferrara have been asked for details.

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7. Enemy Agents

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Passed PC RR

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Number of alleged agents in custody, 29.
Submitted to Legal Div for trial 5. +
Submitted for trial but cannot proceed until a CSDIC witness becomes available. 4.
Internment recommended and agreed or awaiting agreement by CSI(b) for internment. 11.
Pending - Investigation proceeding. 4.
Awaiting final interrogation by CSDIC. 1.

+ Legal Div recommended intern in 2 cases and awaiting agreement. Lt.Col Levitt seen by SCAPO and asked to expedite trials.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES. Have gone up to Ferrara whence they will be sent to Padua when tpt is available. Capt.Light is at Padua.

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PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE

8. SIMO has gone to PADOVA and vicinity to determine medical facilities and needs.

9. AMG 8th Army Medical Depot is temporarily in the Consorzio Agrario in FERRARA, awaiting transportation to PADOVA.

REFUGEE FRANCH

10. Location of Camps.

No.1 AMG EC at	TERRA D.SOLE	M 575135
" 2 " " "	POGGIO RENATICO	M 000780
" 4 " " "	MOLINELLA	C 234995
" 11 " " "	PORTO MAGGIORE	M 2670
" 12 " " "	IMOLA	M 1434
" 13 " " "	FORLI	M 445160

No.12 AMG EC (Imola) is in process of moving to 13 Corps FMC. Movement should be completed by 7 May 45.

11. Personnel Capt.F.M.Hogg AG/AMG has been recalled by HQ A.C. as from 30 Apr. Capt. J.T.Verdon, on loan for special mission, is departing No.1 AMG EC as of 1800 hrs 4 May.

12. As for the past two weeks a daily average of 400-500 persons are being evacuated southward. These include only southerners who can be evacuated by rail from Forli. There remain a considerable number of refugees from Central Italy who are now contained in communes where they are found. There are no serious problems reported. Reports from areas north of the Po indicate no serious refugee problem at this time. U.N.R.R.A. and other local agencies appear to be functioning well.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 735

Ref: 152/30.

12 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Sitreps - AG Eighth Army Rear.

TO : Economic Section.
Civil Affairs Section.

The attached extracts from a 48 hours Sitrep, AG Eighth Army Rear, up to 1800 hours 9 May 45, are forwarded for your information and any action considered necessary.

for Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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3. PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL BRANCH ✓ LEGAL. CA 5027

GCI say A.F.H.Q. agree all ex-PoW untried to be round up and personnel involved interned.
Signalled SB Forli and SIS Bologna.

7. Welfare Officer :Since last Sitrep the Welfare Officer has worked with S.R.E.C. in organising local Welfare Committees in the larger Communes to work in relationship with the Refugee Camps in handling the large number of refugees that are passing through.

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P.C. Benton Jones

Lt.Col.,RA,
S.O.I.,
AMG Eighth Army.

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HQ AMG Milan Region
HQ AMG VENEZIE Region.

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AMG Eighth Army.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Tel: 735

Ref: 152/EC.

11 May 1945.

SUBJECT: AMG EIGHTH Army Rear HQ Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section.

The attached extracts from a 48 hours sitrep from Rear AMG Eighth Army, up to 1800 hours 7 May, are forwarded for your information and any action considered necessary.

D. Llewellyn
for Chief Staff Officer, JCA
To Executive Commissioner.

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PUBLIC SAFETY :-

13. Carabinieri.

(a) On 5 May 45, 40 CC.RR were sent into BELLUNO and 60 into UDINE. This number was augmented 7 May 45, substantially but precise numbers not yet available.

(b) 500 more CC.RR expected CESENA week 14 - 21 May. 1001 G.T.Co will move them whether or not under control this HQ or Region.

(c) Copy of HQ A.C. Directive that CC.RR found in occupied territory be not taken on as such but as civ police, given an armband and paid from Prefect's funds as charge against Min. of Interior, and rationed from civ sources at scale of Pubblica Sicurezza Agenti, sent to Provs, copy Region.

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48 hrs SITREP Rear AMG Hq.
Period ending 1800 hrs 7 May 45.

REFERENCE :-

1. Location of Camps :-

No.1	AMG	EC at	TERRA d. SOLE — M 375135.
No.2	"	" "	FOGGIO RENATICO — M 019776.
No.4	"	" "	POLESELLA — M 234995.
No.11	"	" "	PORTO MAGGIORE — M 2670.
No.12	"	" "	Moving now to Pt S of BOVIGO — G 2608 (Approx).
No.13	"	" "	FORLI' — M 445160.

No.4 Camp is being moved by 5 Corps FMA to UDINE on 9 May 45. Will be ready to operate 10 May 45.

No.1 Camp moving to-day (8 May), to PADOVA. Ready to operate 10 May.

No.11 Camp (from PORTOMAGGIORE), to start moving in own tpt to-day to a point just N of the bridge across R. PO. Task to take in road stragglers. Ready to operate 11 May 45.

No.12 Camp start in own tpt to move to S. of MESTRE on 9 May 45. Will take 3 or 4 days to complete move.

No.13 Camp still at Railhead at FORLI', but ready to be called fwd when tpt available. A.C. Railhead comp already in position at FORLI'.

Authority to draw Army Rations obtained for Camps at UDINE and PADOVA.

2. The urgent need to hasten the fwd movement of Camps is confirmed by report of large number of refugees in N.E. Provinces of ITALY. S.R.E.O. left this HQ yesterday to recce situation on PADOVA-UDINE axis.

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14. Civil Internees :-

Agreed recommendations with G3I(b) in cases of 44 persons arrested on Security grounds during period 16-30 Apr 45.

15. Army Rear Boundary :-

Advised PC PESCARA Boundary now River PO and Eighth Army Curfew requirements no longer apply SOUTH of PO.

16. Control of Civ Movement :-

Letter to G3I asking do they still consider it necessary to apply 10 Km and Curfew restrictions in Army Area.

17. Road Traffic Control Force :-

Transportation S/Commission sent letter (Copy Regions) about this Force which has already been refused permission to enter Army Area and the subject of an item in a previous SITREP.

So far as can be seen Public Safety has no concern with this Force. Its potential for good from a Commerce/Transportation point of view is excellent - but it can NOT be divorced from Public Safety.

Object of Force is to check civ transportation vehs.

HQ asked in letter :-

(a) Particulars of uniform,
(b) Particulars of Identity Docs.

and told must NOT operate in Army Area without consent this HQ or if that is granted operate the Check Posts (as envisaged) without consulting PS and CMP.

PUBLIC HEALTH :-

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V.C. Peake Tams
Lt.Col., RA 3909
S.C.I.,
AFHQ, Eighth Army.

8 May 1945.

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P.C. Banks Tams

Lt.Col., RA 3409
S.O.1.,
AMG, Eighth Army.

6 May 1945.

Copy to:- HQ Allied Commission,
HQ AMG BRILLA Region,
HQ AMG VENEZIA Region.

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Date/Time of Origin MAY 042310B

Message Centre No D/9678
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FROM MAIN AND 8TH ARMY
TO HQ ALCOM INFO REGIONAL COMM VENEZIA REGION AMG (BY HAND) 5TH ARMY FOR AMG

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Following situation in TREVISO.

Normal population of town 60000 present about 10000. Town 20% damaged. All services including water and light functioning normally. Supplies of civilian medical stores have been found in the area also captured German dumps. Large numbers of partisans in area rather restless, disarmament starts tomorrow.

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Date Time of Origin Apr 301980

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Message Outgoing No D/9272
Date Time Recd May 10830
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FROM AMG MAIN EIGHTARMY
TO HQ ALCOM INFO AMG VENEZIA REGION (DELIEVERED)

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VENICE City completely undamaged. Electricity working. Water alright Population said to be 400,000 of which 100,000 from surrounding country and north west. Food sufficient. Committee Liberation appointed Dottore CAMILLO matter Prefect signal government views

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Tel: 735

Ref: 152/EC.

4 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Rear AMG EIGHTH Army Sitrep.

TO 1 Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section

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Originator's Reference: W 897
Date Time of Origin: MAY NFT

Message Centre No: W/0407
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 032004B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: NAVY AMG 6 ARMY GWOUTER

TO: HQ ATOM INFO 5 ARMY WOM AMG, ADV VENEZIA REGION HQ FOR TAYLOR
(DELIVERED)

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PADUA City undamaged except outskirts. Power and water functioning. Medical condition good including hospitals and supplies. Food plentiful. Telephone working. Patriots troublesome officer dealing with them.

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Originator's Reference M 901
Date Time of Origin MAY 021815B

Message Centre No D/9421
Date Time Rec'd MAY 022130B
Precedence OP PRIORITY

FROM MAIN AMG 8 ARMY

TO HQ AFCOM INFO AMG HQ VENEZIA REGION FOR REG COMM (BY HAND)
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AMG 8TH ARMY Sitrep.

Cash in banks at VENICE three hundred millions. Patriots PADUA and VENICE being gradually disarmed. All quiet. Parades will be held later.

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Originator's Reference: M 856
Date Time of Origin: MAY 2/0930B

Message Centre No: D/9402
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 2/1650B
Precedence: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: MAIN A.G HIGH ARMY

TO: ACTION: HQ AIGOM INFO: FIFTH ARMY FOR A&G BOLOGNA FOR EMILA REGION A&G ADV VENEZIA REGION FOR DUNLOP (BY HAND)

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1. ROVIGO practically undamaged normal population. Power can be reactivated in short time and water in order. Food situation alright. Eighty million lire in Banka D'Italia. Committee of liberation cooperating. 1100 refugees from south. Bank reputed to have three million in silver.

2. City of COPPERA practically undamaged. Food being taken in but no serious problems

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Tel : 735

1 May 45

Ref/152/EC.

1 MAY 1945

SUBJECT : AMG Rear Eight Army Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section.

1. Attached are extracts from Rear AMG Eighth Army H.Q. Sitreps covering period ending 1800 hrs 27 April 1945 for your information and any action considered necessary.

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for Chief Staff Officer, FCA.
To Executive Commissioner.

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48 hrs SITREP Rear AMG HQ
period ending 1800 hrs 30 Apr 45.

PUBLIC HEALTH :-

1. The 92nd Italian Army Field Hospital has been cleared of all patients preparatory to moving North to PADOVA when transportation is available.

The V.D. Annex in FORLI' attached to the 92nd Italian Army Field Hospital has been cleared of all patients. The women receiving treatment were transferred to the Civil Hospitals in FORLI' and RAVENNA. Doctor MANZONI, V.D. Inspector, is to report back to RPHO, EMILIA Region for re-assignment.

2. The AMG 8th Army Medical Supply Depot in FORLI' is packed and ready to move North when transportation is available. It will move into PADOVA when feasable.

3. Medical supplies consisting of nine (9) Hospital Kits and nine (9) Spearhead Kits, have been sent to FERRARA, in care of Major King, RAMC, who is acting as medical officer there, for temporary use in 13 Corps and 5 Corps areas until the Medical Supply Depot can be transferred.

4. At a Conference in the 8th Army Red Cross HQ in FORLI' on 30 Apr 45, it was agreed between the SPHO and the Supervisor of the British Red Cross that the Br. Red Cross would do the Spearhead work in 8th Army area North of the PO and the Regional Red Cross would enter to do the long-term Red Cross work with welfare Institutions and Agencies.

5. Five (5) ambulances from the 92nd Italian Army Field Hospital have been transferred to FERRARA for temporary duty in that vicinity. They form an ambulance unit with the necessary drivers and orderlies under the direction of Lt. Basso. The rest of the ambulances with the 92nd Italian Army Field Hospital are being used as needed to evacuate hospitals in the vicinity of FORLI'.

REFUGEES :-

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6. Location of Camps :-

No. 1	AMG HQ at TERRA D. SOLE	M 375135.
No. 2	" " " FOGGIO RENATICO	M 000780.
No. 4	" " " FERRARA	M 1265.
No. 11	" " " PORTOMAGGIORE	M 2670.
No. 12	" " " IMOLA	M 1434.
No. 13	" " " FORLI'	M 445160.

7. There is little change to report on the refugee situation. The areas South of the PO are being cleared of southerners desiring to return home.

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PUBLIC SAFETY :-

11. CARABINIERI :

100 have been put in ROVIGO.
100 " " " " PADUA.
250 moved up 30 Apr to FERRARA for further requirements.
250 moving up 1 May to FERRARA.
500 arriving at CESENA ETA advised 2100 hrs. 1 May. These will be moved up when required.

12. PROCLAMATIONS, NOTICES, ETC :-

Difficulty experienced in obtaining printer and paper in CESENA for printing of "Prohibition of possession of horses abandoned by the enemy" notice. Stock of paper now obtained and 1,500 Notices promised for 30.2000 hrs when they will be sent to Corps LOs. Additional 1,500 being printed.

13. PATRIOTS' PASSES :-

CSI(b) notified slight variation in wording and form of these. List II Directive sent out.

14. PASSES FOR CIVS ATTENDING MILITARY ENTERTAINMENTS :-

DA & QMG Army instruction on revised procedure received. Town Major now issues these passes, the form of which has not been altered. Sent List II Directive.

15. APPLICATION FOR MOUNTED TRAFFIC POLICE TO ENTER ARMY AREA :-

Lt.Col Friend-James phoned that Col. Harrison, Tptn S/Commission, was at 15 A.C. (with him then), and desired permission 40 mounted traffic police to proceed VENICE, PADUA Area or at least into Army Area. Spoke Col. Harrison and learned Tptn S/Commission have had these traffic police specially trained in ROME. They are not recognised police, such as CC.RR, but are under control of one of the Ministeries. They are not, as would seem from their title, mounted on horses, but on motor-cycles. Should be called mobile traffic police. Are NOT under control of P.S. S/Commission. This is first I have heard of the body. In view of all circumstances, permission refused. CMP do all traffic policing in Army Area.

16. VISITS :-

Director, Public Safety S/Commission concluded his visit 28 Apr 45. 3900

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Originator's Reference: M 881

Date/Time of Origin: AFR 291200B 30 APR 1945

Message Centre No: D/9120

Date Time Rec'd: AFR 300830B

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM:

TO: MAIN AGO 8TH ARMY

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BADA NOVIGO Province. Town undamaged population normal, light and power in 1 week, all normal.

CENTO BOLOGNA Province little damage, electricity damaged but will function.

COMACCHIO Province of FERRARA bad condition but(?) always has been, food been supplied.

General everywhere plenty grain and sugar. CLN usually operating well particularly CALIGNA Area northern BOLOGNA Province who should be highly commended. Report follows. Will make no further reports except on big cities unless anything unusual.

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ANG 8TH ARMY Sitrep.

Following communs captured. CASTRACO. Normal pop 5500 present 2500, in town nil. 98 per cent damaged 5 per cent repairable. Sindaco and Giunta set up at MARANO. Bank destroyed, food position satisfactory, medical supplies want, no urgent problems.

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Tel Ext: 93.

HQ 2ND EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 27TH APR 45.

Since my last report the following communes are reported on.

1. CASTENASO (Province of Bologna)

A commune of 6,000 normally, now 6,100 which includes 150 refugees. The town is in good order, only 5% of the buildings are damaged, water and sanitation are good.

There is no electric power but a steam engine will operate mill.

There are no CCRR in town, 12 C.L.N. temporarily appointed.

Health is good, two doctors but no hospital - medical kit issued.

Credito Romagnolo holds 80,000 lire, Monti di Bologna 111,000 lire. Post Office holds 40,000 lire.

Sindaco and Giunta appointed.

Food position satisfactory.

Massacre of 12 C.L.N. and some children on 22nd April caused bitter anti-Fascist feeling. Political situation good.

2. CASTENASO (Province of Bologna)

This commune of 5,500 has suffered severe damage and only 2,500 are left - the town is evacuated.

Sindaco and Giunta are working from a frazione MARANO - Both banks destroyed, the Post Office was transferred to BOLOGNA.

No refugees at present, the people have grain but no other food - mixed supplies have been sent in with medical kit.

No CCRR remained, five mobile men will be sent in.

Health position is OK, water and sanitation as before. Two doctors and one ambulatorio available.

There are no Patriots and political situation is satisfactory.

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for Air Commodore,
Officer Commanding,
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IX AND EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 25 APR 45.

Since my last report of 22nd April, 45, the following towns have been captured and are reported on as below.

1. FERRARA (Province of Ferrara)

A commune of 120,000 of which 75,000 are now in the town. Centre of the town is undamaged, but on the outskirts in the vicinity of the Railway Station, Buildings have been destroyed or damaged. The total damaged or destroyed is between 20-25%.

No light or power are available at the moment. It may be possible to provide substitute plant with sufficient power to light up the town and run the mills.

The water aqueduct is broken for two kilometres, but sufficient supply is available from wells for the city.

Of a total of 10 mills, four are in-tact.

All bank buildings with the exception of the Banca d'Italia are in good condition. Banca d'Italia is functioning in another building and holds 55,000,000 lire. Other banks in this town, figures are given as follows: Istituto di Credito 230,000 lire, Cassa di Risparmio 4,500,000 lire, Credito Italiano 1,000,000 lire, Banca del Lavoro 55,000 lire, Banca dell'Agricultura 500,000 lire. Post Office and public buildings are undamaged.

The hospital has a capacity of 1,000 patients, but 700 beds have been removed and of the present capacity 120 beds are occupied. A second hospital, formally an Insane Asylum has 150 beds. There is no shortage of medical supplies, but urgent requirements have been sent in. In the whole commune there are at least 150 doctors. There is no epidemic disease.

No Carabinieri were found in the city, and 100 have been sent in.

Partisans were utilised as temporary police, 30 Vigili Urbani, 24 Publica Sicurezza, and 8 Guardia Finanza are on duty.

There is one prison in good condition, containing no prisoners.

There is no refugee problem, the C.L.N. have cooperated well and efficiently in carrying out emergency orders. There is considerable pro-Allied sentiment at present.

Food supplies are sufficient for at least a month. Further information as to stocks is being collected.

A Sindaco has been recommended by the three parties constituting the C.L.N.

Provincial Commissioner has moved in and is setting up his Headquarters.

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2. GRANAROLA (Province of Bologna)

A commune of 5,000 of which 1,100 are in the town. Only 5% of the buildings destroyed, about 35% sustained some damage.

There are about 400 local refugees in the town. No electric

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2. GRIZZANA (Province of Bologna)

A commune of 5,000 of which 1,100 are in the town. Only 3% of the buildings destroyed, about 35% sustained some damage.

There are about 400 local refugees in the town. No electric light or power is available. Water supplies from wells as before and is satisfactory.

There is no health problem. Two doctors are available and two Ambulatories. Medical supplies have been sent in.

No food stocks are available, and supplies have been sent in, but a large number of the people have had an issue of grain.

Credito Romagnolo and Monti di Bologna are unmanned - no funds have been discovered. Post Offices are in good condition.

Sindaco and Giunta have been appointed. About 50 Patriots of the Bologna group are in the town.

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3. OZZANO DELL'EMILIA (Province of Bologna).

A commune normally of 3,700 persons - now ?,700 in the town. 30% of the buildings have been destroyed and a further 30% damaged.

Only 100 refugees are in the town who will be returned to CASTEL SAN PIETRO.

No electric supply is available, but water from wells is adequate.

General Health conditions are good. There is no hospital but medical kit has been supplied.

Carabinieri have been sent in as none remained on duty.

An issue of grain was made to practically all persons and mixed food supplies have been sent in.

The Casse di Risparmio is in good condition, but all cash had been taken to BOLOGNA. Both Post Offices have been destroyed.

There are 25 Patriots of the Garibaldi Brigade in the town.

The Committee of National Liberation have been cooperative. There are no problems.

4. S. GIORGIO DI PIANO (Province of Bologna)

A commune of 6,500 of which 2,500 are in the town. Only 5% of the buildings are uninhabitable.

There are 1,000 local refugees and a few from Southern Italy.

No electric supply is available but local supply will be in operation within a week. Water supply from public fountains is satisfactory. The sewage system is undamaged.

No mills are operable at the moment, but sufficient flour has been milled to last one month.

No Carabinieri remained on duty.

There is no hospital, medical supplies were short, and spearhead kit has been sent in.

Credito Romagnolo is undamaged and holds 120,000 lire, Cassa di Risparmio is undamaged and holds 50,000 lire. Post Office and other buildings are undamaged.

140 patriots are in the town, of the Bologna Division.

1,000 quintals of grain collected by the Germans were unable to remove, it remained in store.

5. CENTOVECCHI (Province of Bologna)

A Commune of 6,300 of which only 500 are in the town. Only 2% of the buildings have been destroyed.

The Bank which holds 70,000 lire, Post Office and other buildings are undamaged.

There is no electric supply but water and sanitation are satisfactory.

There are two hospitals with a total bed capacity of 130.

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5. CENTO (Province of Bologna)

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The Bank which holds 70,000 lire, Post Office and other buildings are undamaged.

There is no electric supply but water and sanitation are satisfactory.

There are two hospitals with a total bed capacity of 330. Medical supplies have been sent in.

There are 1,000 local refugees in the commune.

The food situation is satisfactory, with 570 quintals of grain in stock.

Eighty patriots of S.A.P. present but no political activity. Giunta has been formed and Commissario appointed.

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6. MINERBIO (Province of Bologna)

A Commune of 8,000 with 3,000 in the town. It is quite undamaged.

The bank, Credito Romagnolo holds 70,000 lire, and Monti di Bologna 200,000 lire. The Post Office holds 300,000 lire.

There are 800 local refugees mainly from TUSCANY.

The food position is satisfactory, 1200 quintals of grain being in stock.

A Sindaco, Giunta and Secretary have been appointed.

There is no electric supply, water and sanitation is satisfactory.

Carabinieri have been sent into the town.

There are two Ambulatories and a small supply of medical stores. There are no problems in this commune.

7. MEDICINA (Province of Bologna)

A commune of 8,300 with 2,500 in the town, which is undamaged.

In the bank of Monte di Credito Bologna there is 44,240 lire, and Credito Romagnola 41,621 lire. The post office has 43,900 lire.

There are 200 refugees half of which are from areas not yet liberated.

190 patriots of the Brigata Bologna are in the town.

There is no political feeling. Sindaco and Secretary have been appointed.

Food stocks and warehousing space are ample.

There is no hospital, but a small quantity of medical supplies are available.

There is no electric supply - water from artesian wells is satisfactory.

No Carabinieri remained in the town. Arrangements are being made for the distribution of Carabinieri from BOLOGNA.

8. S. PIETRO IN CASALE (Province of Bologna)

A Commune of 10,000 of which 2,500 are in the town. 10% of the buildings have been destroyed and a further 20% require minor repairs.

The bank Credito Romagnola is undamaged and holds 90,000 lire, Monti di Bologna is partly destroyed but holds 30,000 lire. The Post Office is undamaged and holds 123,000 lire.

There is no electric supply but repairs are in hand - the water supply is good and sufficient, and sanitation is satisfactory.

Four mills are available - food is scarce and supplies and a medical kit have been arranged.

There is one hospital of 100 beds - general health position is satisfactory.

Sindaco and Secretary have been appointed.

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A Podestà, Sindaco and Secretary have been appointed.
There is no electric supply, water and sanitation is satisfactory.
Carabinieri have been sent into the town.
There are two ambulatories and a small supply of medical stores. There are no problems in this commune.

7. MARZELLA (Province of Bologna)

A commune of 6,300 with 2,500 in the town, which is undamaged.
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8. S. PIETRO IN CASALE (Province of Bologna)

A Commune of 10,000 of which 2,600 are in the town. 10% of the buildings have been destroyed and a further 20% require repairs.
The bank Credito Romagnola is undamaged and holds 90,000 lire, Monti di Bologna is partly destroyed but holds 30,000 lire.
The Post Office is undamaged and holds 125,000 lire.
There is no electric supply but repairs are in hand - the water supply is good and sufficient, and sanitation is satisfactory.
Four mills are available - food is scarce and supplies and a medical kit have been arranged.
There is one hospital of 100 beds - general health position is satisfactory.
Sindaco and Secretary have been appointed.
There are 3,000 refugees in the commune - 2000 of whom are local.

9. MALALBERGO (Province of Bologna)

A Commune of 8,000 of which 2,100 are in the town, which has suffered severe damage. 80% of the buildings being uninhabitable. 5% of the buildings require repairs.
There is no electric light, but water from artesian wells is satisfactory. Likewise sanitation.
Two mills are available and sufficient grain is available to meet present requirements.
Public buildings have been destroyed - the Credito Romagnola is damaged but holds 100,000 lire, and Monti di Bologna not damaged holds 20,000 lire.

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There are 1,600 refugees nearly all local.
A Sindaco has been appointed.
There are 200 patriots from G.A.P. and S.A.P. in the town.
There are no urgent problems.
A local Refugee Centre is being set up.

10. OSTELLATO (Province of FERRARA)

A comune of 10,000 with 1,550 in the town. 10% of the buildings have been destroyed and a further 20% require repair.
Bank di Agricoltura is undamaged and holds 30,000 lire.
There are no refugees in the town and the general political situation is satisfactory.
There is plenty of grain and flour - water supply is from wells, the aqueduct being broken. There is no electric supply - one mill is operable.
There is no hospital - the general health position is good.

11. ARGENTA (Province of Bologna)

A comune of 5,800 with 1,000 in the town. 6% of the buildings have been damaged, 15% require minor repairs.
There is no electricity but water and sanitation is satisfactory.
There are no banks and the Post Office is in good condition.
The food position is satisfactory.

12. PORTO MARTICO (Province of Ferrara)

A comune of 10,500 with 3,500 in the town, which is undamaged.
The Credito Romagnolo holds 200,000 lire and the Post Office 39,904 lire.
The food position is satisfactory.
Water supply is from wells, the aqueduct being destroyed - two mills are available.
There is no hospital but one Ambulatorio and two doctors are available. Medical supplies are adequate.
A Sindaco has been appointed. The political situation is satisfactory.
Patriots are now estimated at 100, some are being temporarily employed as police, six of them were employed as a curfew patrol on the first night, and captured 51 German and Italian soldiers.

13. CASTEL MAGGIORE (Province of Bologna)

A comune with a normal population of 6,000 now has 5,000.
10% of the buildings destroyed - 5% require repairs.
There are no refugees.
Credito Romagnolo holds 100,000 lire. Banca di Risparmio

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have been destroyed and a further 2% require repair.

Bank di Agricultura is undamaged and holds 30,000 lire.

There are no refugees in the town and the general political situation is satisfactory.

There is plenty of grain and flour - water supply is from wells, the aqueduct being broken. There is no electric supply - one mill is operable.

There is no hospital - the general health position is good.

11. ARGELATO (Province of Bologna)

A commune of 5,800 with 1,000 in the town. 6% of the buildings have been damaged, 15% require minor repairs.

There is no electricity but water and sanitation is satisfactory.

There are no banks and the Post Office in in good condition.

The food position is satisfactory.

12. POGGIO RENATICO (Province of Ferrara)

A commune of 10,500 with 3,500 in the town, which is unimaged.

The Credito Romagnola holds 200,000 lire and the post Office 39,904 lire.

The food position is satisfactory.

Water supply is from wells, the aqueduct being destroyed - two mills are available.

There is no hospital but one Ambulatorio and two doctors are available. Medical supplies are adequate.

A Sindaco has been appointed. The political situation is satisfactory.

Patriots are now estimated at 100, some are being temporarily employed as police, six of them were employed as a curfew patrol on the first night, and captured 51 German and Italian soldiers.

13. CASTEL MAGGIORE (Province of Bologna)

A commune with a normal population of 6,000 now has 5,000. 10% of the buildings destroyed - 5% require repairs.

There are no refugees.

Credito Romagnola holds 100,000 lire, Cassa di Risparmio [illegible] Branch office only no deposits.

Electric and water supply cut but water from wells sufficient. No operable mills at present.

No food stocks, mixed supplies and P.O.L. sent in.

No hospital, but two Ambulatories for which medical supplies sent.

Sindaco and Giunta appointed. 97 Patriots of 34 Brigata in the town.

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Originator's Reference: X 865

Date Time of Origin: APR 26(T) 1151B
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Message Centre No: D/8754

Date Time Recd: APR 2620 1BB

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: MAIN ARC 5 ARMY

TO: HQ ASCOM HQ RICCIONE FOR MILITIA REGION ARC (55 AREA BASE) 5 ARMY FOR ARC

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ARCELATO 5800 - 1000, 5 % damaged. OSTELLATO 10,000 - 1550, 10 % damaged. POGGIO RENATICO 10500 - 3500, no damage, all present no urgent problems.

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II AND EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 22 APR 45.

27 APR 1945

1. ANZIO.

Situated in the famous "gap", this town has suffered severely from operations. The Commune's population is 32,000 of which only 1,000 are in the town which normally houses 5,000. Approx 70 per cent of the buildings have been destroyed or are uninhabitable; 10 per cent may be repairable but the town will not be able to accommodate many more than the present population.

Both banks, the Post Office, and other public buildings are destroyed. Many people were killed and injured in the bombing. 200 bodies have been recovered already, and buried. Most of the wounded have been evacuated and the hospital of 190 beds now has only 4 patients. No doctors are available. Medical supplies have been delivered. A Refugee Camp will be set up in the town to take care of 200 local refugees and others coming in.

Water supply is from artesian wells but no light or power is available. The general health position is satisfactory.

A Sindico and Giunta Comunale has been appointed. The CLN who were well organised have co-operated in cleaning up the town. Some 50 persons claiming to be Patriots of 36F are in the town and have turned in their arms.

Apart from flour there is little food in the town or the adjacent frazione of S. Nicola, which is also badly damaged; but the essential supplies are in transit.

2. CASTEL S PIETRO D'ARELLA.

The population of this commune has fallen from 15,000 to 12,900, but in the town the normal population of 4,500 has doubled. Some 40 per cent of the buildings are uninhabitable and a further 20 per cent require repair before they can be used.

General health is good - a few typhoid and diphtheria cases are in the hospital which has 40 beds and 35 patients; 5 doctors including one surgeon are available. Medical supplies have been sent in.

Water supply from mains is good, but no light or power is available.

The Casa Comune and Casa di Maternita are in good condition. Ospitio Municipale is destroyed; as is the Post Office.

Of 2349 refugees in the town, 1,000 are from northern areas, the remainder being mainly local.

100 Patriots of the Garibaldi Bde are in the town and will be dealt with.

The CLN representing all parties have been cooperative. A Commissario has been appointed.

Sufficient grain has been issued to the bulk of the population and mixed supplies have been sent in. About 2,300 people hold ration cards, being too poor to pay for the bulk issue when made.

Two mills are available, using wood fuel.

The Cisterna is in good order and CCSB have been sent into the town.

3. PONTE CORVO.

Both banks, the Post Office, and other public buildings are destroyed. Many people were killed and injured in the bombing. 200 bodies have been recovered already, and buried. Most of the wounded have been evacuated and the hospital of 150 beds now has only 4 patients. No doctors are available. Medical supplies have been delivered. A Refugee Camp will be set up in the town to take care of 200 local refugees and others coming in.

Water supply is from artesian wells but no light or power is available. The general health position is satisfactory.

A Sindaco and Giunta Comunale has been appointed. The CLN who were well organised have co-operated in clearing up the town. Some 50 persons claiming to be Patriots of 1943 are in the town and have turned in their arms.

Apart from flour there is little food in the town or the adjacent frazione of S. Angelo, which is also badly damaged; but the essential supplies are in transit.

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General health is good - a few typhoid and diphtheria cases are in the hospital which has 40 beds and 35 patients; 5 doctors including one surgeon are available. Medical supplies have been sent in.

Water supply from mains is good, but no light or power is available.

The Casa Rurale and Casa di Ospedale are in good condition. Municipio Municipale is destroyed, as is the Post Office.

Of 2349 refugees in the town, 1,600 are from northern areas, the remainder being mainly local.

100 Patriots of the Garibaldi Bde are in the town and will be dealt with.

The CLN representing all parties have been cooperative. A Commissario has been appointed.

Sufficient grain has been issued to the bulk of the population and mixed supplies have been sent in. About 2,300 people hold ration cards, being too poor to pay for the bulk issue when made.

Two mills are available, using wood fuel.

The Caserma is in good order and CCRR have been sent into the town.

3. PONTE DASSIO.

This town like others suffered severely in recent operations and in the town 90 per cent of the buildings are beyond repair. Another 4 per cent have been damaged but are repairable. The normal town population of 5,000 has diminished to 2,400 including some refugees from other areas. A large number of people were killed and injured and from one building 70 bodies have already been recovered and buried. It is believed that another 100 are still buried. More than 300 persons have been attended for wounds and evacuation has been arranged where necessary. The civil hospital being occupied by military, a small emergency hospital has been organised. Three doctors are in the town. Medical supplies have been sent in, and the general health position gives no cause for anxiety.

A Refugee Centre has been set up to take care of local homeless persons.

The food position is satisfactory, but the water supply is cut, and the town depends upon wells.

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Both banks and the Post Office have been arranged.

A mill will be put into operation by using a tractor.

The Podesta has been retained and a Commissario will be appointed when the Giunta is set up.

All available local labour is organised to clean up the town and bury the dead.

CCSA have been sent in, only one officer and three NCOs remaining after the withdrawal of the Army.

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IV AND EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 20TH APR 45. 27 APR 1945

1. Since my last report the following towns have been captured.

(a) TORRICELLO.

This village, which normally housed 2,000 of the commune total population of 4,000 is almost completely destroyed, and uninhabitable. Temporary communal offices have been set up in BORGO TORRICELLO. The water supply is damaged but some water can be obtained from local wells, but as no people are living in the town now, no health problem will arise. The bank premises escaped damage and the Cassa di Risparmio holds L.120,000. The people will, as far as possible be returned in BORGO TORRICELLO.

(b) CASAL FIUMESE.

This is a commune of 4,000 people, of which 750 are now in the town. More than 50% of the buildings are unusable and the town is completely cut off, all bridges being blown.

The water supply is sufficient and no health problems arise. The bank and Post Office are destroyed.

A Sindaco and Giunta Comunale have been set up but no Secretary is available.

(c) MEDICINA.

Normally a commune of 15,000 now has 17,500 people, which including 2,000 local refugees and 500 from southern and other areas. The town which houses 4,000 is only 25% damaged and no urgent evacuation is necessary.

Whilst there is no light or power, water is available in one third of the town - the mains require repairs - but the sewage system is undamaged.

One hospital of 170 beds, now holding 130 patients and seven doctors in the commune will take care of public health. Medical supplies have been delivered.

Three mills are operable and there is sufficient wheat and rice available for immediate needs.

The banks (2) and Post Office are undamaged. The Post Office holds L.500,000

The reorganisation of local government is proceeding, but a Giunta Comunale and Commissario Prefettico has not yet been appointed.

(d) CASTEL GUELFO.

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This is a village of 1,000 in which 60% of the buildings are

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in BORGO TOSCANO. The water supply is damaged but some water can be obtained from local wells, but as no people are living in the town now, no health problem will arise. The bank premises occupied damage and the Cassa di Risparmio holds L.12,000. The people will, as far as possible be returned in BORGO TOSCANO.

(b) CASAL MAGGIORE.

This is a census of 4,000 people, of which 750 are now in the town. More than 50% of the buildings are uninhabitable and the town is completely cut off, all bridges being blown.

The water supply is sufficient and no health problems arise. The bank and post Office are destroyed.

A Giunta and Giunta Comunale have been set up but no Secretary is available.

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Whilst there is no light or power, water is available in one third of the town - the mains require repairs - but the domestic system is undamaged.

One hospital of 170 beds, now holding 130 patients and seven doctors in the area will take care of public health. Medical supplies have been delivered.

Three wells are operable and there is sufficient wheat and rice available for immediate needs.

The banks (2) and Post Office are undamaged. The Post Office holds L.300,000

The reorganisation of local government is proceeding, but a Giunta Comunale and Questore/Prefettura has not yet been appointed.

(d) CASTEL GUELFO.

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This is a village of 1,000 in which 60% of the buildings are uninhabitable. In the evacuee area 500 refugees have increased the total to 4,000. Light and power supply is completely destroyed and sewage system badly damaged. Water supply pipe is broken but good wells are available. No wells are operable but a tractor will be brought in for this purpose.

Health position is satisfactory but no food is in stock and supplies have been sent in. The Credito Romagnolo is undamaged and holds 6,600 lire, the Cassa di Risparmio is slightly damaged and holds 107,000 lire. The Post Office is intact. A Giunta Comunale is not yet appted, the C.L.N. have been very helpful pending the arrival of C.C.M.G.

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8th ARMY SITREP.

2/4/3 ATIS RECEIVED: 1545 hrs, 30 Apl. 45.

RAVA, Province of ROVIGO had been undamaged. Population normal. Light and power in one week. All normal.

CENTO, Bologna Province, slightly damaged. Electricity damaged but will function.

COMACCHIO, Province of FERRARA. Bad condition but always has been. Food been supplied.

General everywhere - plenty of grain and sugar.

CLN namelly operating well particularly in GALIERA Area, Northern Bologna Province.

They should be highly commended.

Report follows. Will make no further reports except on big cities unless anything unusual.

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SITREP 30 April 45.

TIME RECEIVED : 1545 hrs on 30 Apl 45.

Captured - ALESSANDRIA and TRIZZO. ✓

Allied Troops entered TURIN. ✓

There is still no. repeat NO, confirmation that we have entered MILAN. ✓

120,000 prisoners have been taken since 1 Apl 45.

Tito's troops entered TRIESTE.

8th ARMY SITREP.

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Date Time of Origin: APR 280930B

Message Centre No: D/8969
Date Time Recd: APR 271320B
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FROM: FAIN AMG 8 ARMY 28 APR 1945
TO: HQ AFHQ INFO 8 ARMY FOR AMG, HIGGINS FOR ETALIA REGION AMG

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AMG 8 ARMY Sitrep.

Following towns captured reported on. TRESIGALLO FRAZIONE of PORTOMAGNO pop 4500 little damage health position good banks hold 245000 lire, 450 refugees from north, reported 10000 quintals sugar frozen for sup O. PORTOMAGNO commune 7000 in town 4500, little damage health position good, Banca Nazionale D'Agricultura holds 104040 lire, 500 refugees mostly local, both above quiet some Fascists in jail. COPPARA commune 28100 town now 1000 formerly 8000, 6 per cent destroyed, health position satisfactory, 2 banks hold 142000 lire post office 87000 lire, 2000 local refugees, food grain issued but no stocks, absence of political parties.

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FROM: MAIN AMG 8TH ARMY
TO: HQ ALCOM INFO RICCIONE FOR EMILIA REGION AMG: 5TH ARMY FOR AMG

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8th Army AMG Sitrep.

Following Communes captured reported on.

CASTEL MAGGIORE BOLOGNA Province not seriously damaged. Sufficient water food medicals available no refugees or problems. GALLIERA 6120 in Commune little damage, health food water okay, 2 banks INTACOM deposits 191000 Lire.

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8TH ARMY

SITREP 26 APRIL : 1830 hours

CASTEL MAGGIORE : (Bologna Province). NOT seriously damaged.
Sufficient water, food, medical, available.
NO REFUGEES or problems.

GALLIERA : 6,120 in commune. Little damage. Health, food, water OK. Two banks IMPACKM (?) deposits 191,000 lire.

AMGELATO : Normal population 5,800, now 1,000. 60% damage.

OSTELLATO : " " 10,000, now 1,550. 10% damage.

POGGISIENATICO (?) : No damage. All present. No urgent problems 1151 hours.

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FROM: MAIN AMG 8TH ARMY
TO: ACTION MC ALCOM INFO RICCIONE FOR EMILIA REGION AMG

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S GIORGIO, BENTIVOGLIA, MINERBO, BARICELLA, GRANAROLO Communes no problems. CASALE 30% damaged post office destroyed banks OK, grain supplied mixed supe medicines and CCNR sent, few local refugees, Sindaco appointed no proolems SAN PIETRO in CASALE 10000 Commune 3600 town 10% damaged and 1 bank, food scarce supe and medicine arranged, no urgent problems. MALALBERGO 8000, 2100, 80% damaged grain and water OK 1 bank destroyed 2 others OK post office and public buildings destroyed, 1600 refugees, no urgent problems. FERRARA, ROVIGO, PADOVA teams in FERRARA, VENEZIA in IMOLA.

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Cash in Bank of ITALY 55000000. City undamaged excepting railway station and outskirts. Water aqueduct broken for 2 kilometres. Sufficient water from wells for city. Electricity destroyed. No food problem. No hospital problem.

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1. The following information is given upon various cities which have been captured since my last report.

(a) MASSA LUBRENSE.

A commune of 3000 of which 4,000 are in the town has sustained heavy damage, 40% of the houses being uninhabitable, a further 20% are damaged but can be repaired.

The water supply is from wells and is good and sufficient for present needs.

A small 30 bed hospital is functioning and with three doctors in the commune, the health position is satisfactory. There is no infectious disease in the commune. Medical supplies have been sent in.

There are 750 refugees in the town, 600 of whom are local and will be returned to their homes. 100 Southerners will be evacuated.

The food position is satisfactory and no supplies will be sent in other than POL for the mills.

A Commissario Prefettizio has been appointed and the Communal Secretary and other employees are functioning.

No OVRA were on duty and postings have been made. 7 CC.RR. and 2 Pubblicpali Guards remained on duty.

Buildings of the Credito Romagnolo di Bologna were slightly damaged, the Cassa di Risparmio di Ravenna is undamaged. Neither bank has any cash.

The Post Office is undamaged and has L.150,000 in hand.

The C.L.N. is well organised, the Patriots well disciplined and both have proved helpful.

(b) SORRENTO.

In a Commune of 2,200 people of which only 200 are now in the town, which normally accommodates 800. 95% of the houses are uninhabitable and the remaining 5% require some repair.

There are 100 refugees in the town who will be returned to their homes.

The bank - Cassa di Risparmio di Ravenna and Post Office are unusable. 3883

Each of the population who remain are in good health and have a sufficiency of food.

(c) CASTELLAMMARE.

The normal population of 10,000 has increased to 12,000 of which 5,000 are in the town. Fortunately only 10% of the buildings have been destroyed and whilst another 30% are damaged, no urgent

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The bank - Cassa di Risparmio di Ravenna and Post office are unusable.

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The normal population of 10,000 has increased to 12,000 of which 5,000 are in the town. Fortunately only 10% of the buildings have been destroyed and whilst another 30% are damaged, no urgent overcrowding problem exists, despite the fact that there are only 70 refugees in the town.

Public health causes no anxiety, a 100 bed hospital has 25 patients and with the medical supplies put in is able to take care of the commune's needs.

Water supply is normal, but all wells have been destroyed, as is the prison. Both banks are damaged, the Cassa di Risparmio seriously, but the Post Office is undamaged and holds 75,000 lire.

A Sindaco and Giunta Comunale is functioning satisfactorily, the ardent Fascists have fled and no political problem exists.

500 Patriots of 28th Brigade Ravenna are located in the town.

There is sufficient flour and bake houses, but the usual shortage of fats and meat.

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(d) DOZZO.

Agricultural commune of 4,000 of which 1,000 are living in the town is practically undamaged, only 3% of the buildings requiring repairs. The water supply is very limited as the pipe supply line is broken, but no health problem arises at the moment. The commune has no hospital or sick, and has been given some medical supplies.

The bank is undamaged, but has no cash. The Post Office holds 14,000 lire.

Some 360 refugees are in the commune, the majority are local people who will return to their homes.

A Sindaco has been appointed but no person is available to serve as Secretary.

The town is quiet, the people have sufficient grain and mills are working.

(e) [illegible].

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Evidence of the brutal murder of 16 persons who were subsequently buried in a well has been taken and a full report submitted.

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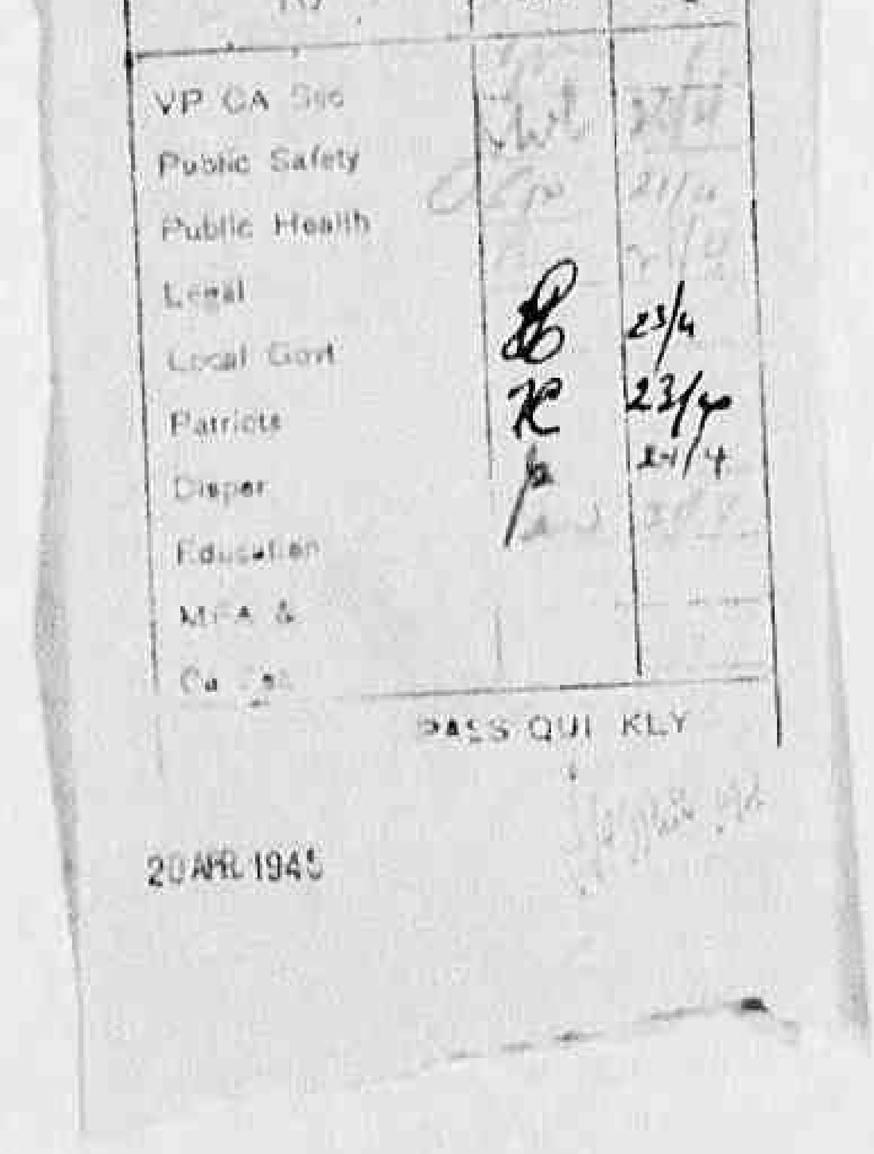

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HQ. 8TH INDIAN ARMY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 16 APR 45.

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1. The town of IMOLA has not been damaged except for the usual houses destroyed all round the outskirts. Electricity has come, but the water supply is sufficient for the moment from wells.

2. The figure given for the population in the city is 50,000 and in the commune 70,000, against normal of 20,000 and 45,000 but this must still be checked. In any case they were all probably from the surrounding countryside, and I do not anticipate a particularly big problem here.

3. The Hospital position is extremely good:

(a) The Civil Hospital with 400 beds is in good condition and operation. There are at present 330 patients in it, of which 145 are wounded and the remainder being sick. Of the sick, 20 are paratyphoid cases, 12 diptheria and one mumps. There are also in the hospital 50 foundlings. The whole is being looked after by 4 doctors and 5 nurses.

(b) Ibellina Red Cross Hospital is extremely well equipped with its own generating plant and internal telephone communication. It has 120 beds, of which 110 are full, but mostly convalescent people. There are 3 doctors and 6 sorellas working there.

(c) Manicomio delle Osservanza, which is the Lunatic Asylum which deals only with RAVENNA and FORLI Provinces and has 1350 beds and there are 950 inmates. The whole is looked after by 7 Doctors and 1 Professor.

(d) Manicomio Provinciale. This is the Lunatic Asylum which deals with the Province of BOLOGNA. It has 650 beds of which 650 are full. 5 Doctors are in attendance.

(e) Sanatorio di Monticatone. This is 5 kilometres outside the City and was completely cleared by the Germans, into it they put 1,400 refugees, all of whom come from south of Route 9 in the surrounding villages. They are very well organised by ICA and have a doctor looking after them. There should be no difficulty in gradually dispersing them.

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4. All the hospitals are quite well off for medical supplies on the whole and indeed for food, excepting of course specialities. In all in the City there are 40 doctors.

5. On the whole the food situation is alright and when the water mills are functioning again there should be no need to use imported flour.

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5. On the whole the food situation is alright and when the water mills are functioning again there should be no need to use imported flour. The town will be looked after by Eighth Army in so far as the food is concerned, until such time as it is possible for Fifth Army to take it over. .

6. The Committee of Liberation had nominated Mario TARLAZZI as the Commissario Prefettizio. It seems to be an excellent appointment and it has been confirmed. The Church will be considered immediately.

7. 20 CCRR were found in the city and are being screened. The prison contained 80 prisoners; these are all being checked.

8. There are a considerable number of partisans S.A.P. and G.A.P. mostly of somewhat young vintage. They are causing no trouble and they have not yet been disarmed. Steps are being taken to deal with them in the usual way.

9. No information is to hand yet about the banks; this will follow later.

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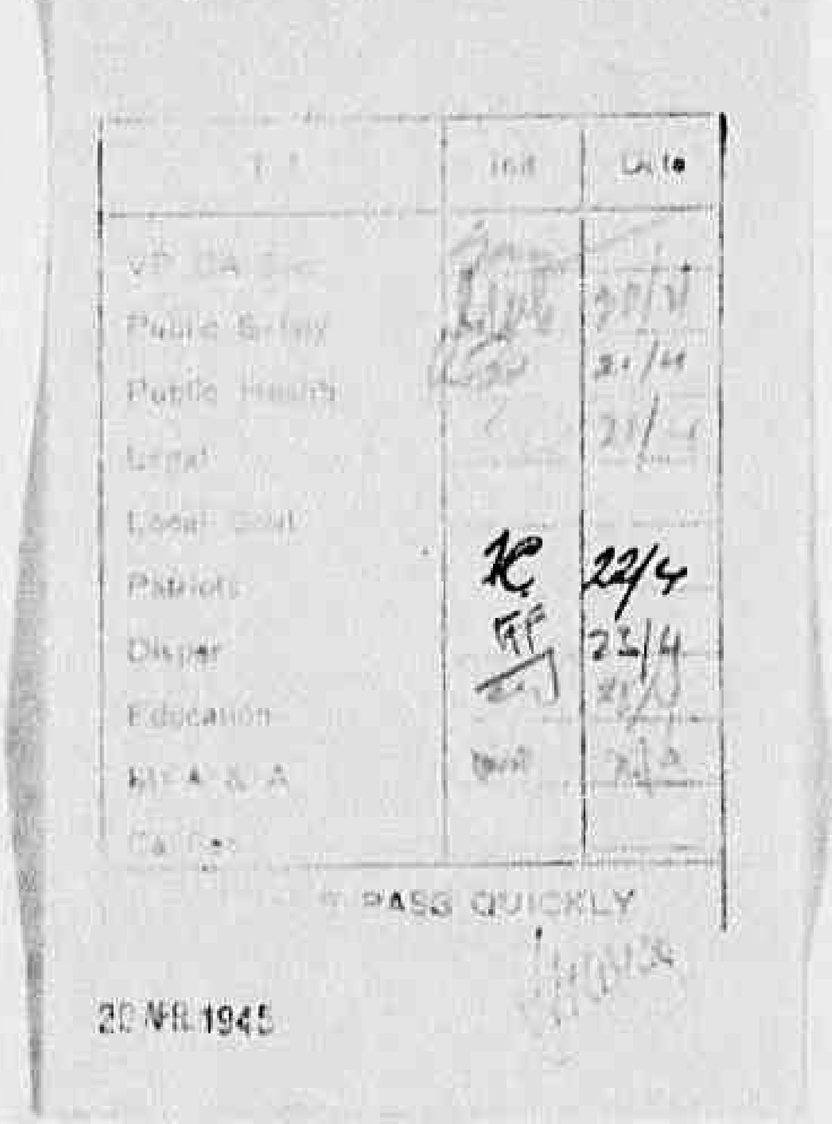

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HQ. 2NZ EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 14TH APR 45.

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1. It has been difficult to ascertain the exact position in the country so far overrun by the Army, due to the difficulties of getting about in the area, and also to the fact that the country is densely populated with small farms and there are not many large villages or cities.

2. It has been expected that there would be a considerable quantity of civilian wounded, due to the intense bombing, despite Army having sent out warnings to the civilians, and precautions have been taken to meet this situation, by clearing various civilian hospitals behind the line, and having some 700 beds available. Up to date there have been found an insignificant number of civilian wounded, I very much doubt whether it will exceed 200 in the present area, and these have easily been looked after, but it has not been possible to cover the whole area, particularly the more detached farms, and it is possible that there are still some civilian wounded not yet accounted for.

3. For the same reason as is referred to in the above paragraph, it was considered that a refugee problem might arise, and steps were taken so that 8,000 civilians could be dealt with in the various Refugee Camps and Centres. Up to date, however, it does not look as if this problem will present anything very serious. There are a certain number of Southerners who will be evacuated in the normal manner, and there has been as was natural, after such an intense bombardment, a considerable destruction, in some cases villages flattened, but it will probably be possible to house everyone in surrounding towns, even after evacuating completely, some of the worst places. Unless the country as it is overrun further ahead continues to be scorched, there should not be a major problem.

4. Up to date the food situation is presenting no difficulty, grain seems to be plentiful and once mills can be got working again, by means of tractors or other improvised methods, it will not be necessary to draw upon imported flour. As usual, of course, all electricity has been destroyed and water mains and sewers will present a considerable problem, but no worse than it has done in the past.

5. Certain centres of Patriots have been found, chiefly in LUGO and ALFONSINE, but they are all S.A.P. or G.A.P. and are presenting at the moment no problem. It will be interesting to see whether they are willing to set to work and put their hand to a little rehabilitation, but it is extremely doubtful. Any Patriots who belonged to Bullow's Band have already rejoined him.

6. The Committees of Liberation so far found seem to be pretty representative, and in most cases their representatives are being accepted, particularly in LUGO, where a very efficient President of the Committee has been confirmed as Sindaco, and all his nominees appointed to the Giunta. There is up to date no evidence of any

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7. The largest town so far overrun is LUGO which has a normal population in the town of some 15,000 and in the commune of some 32,000. There are in fact 30,000 people in the town and 25,000 in the commune. The Germans used this town as the collecting point for civilians all round, and it was strictly avoided by the Air Force and the Army, so that comparatively little damage has been done and only about 15% of the buildings are uninhabitable. There should be no particular difficulty in holding the 15,000 refugees there until such time as movement restrictions permit their being got back on to the farms which are still available, or dispersed to back areas where they can be looked after. This town has a hospital well equipped with a present bed capacity of 130, and sufficient medical supplies were found

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in the town to last for two months. There is plenty of grain and it will be necessary to bring in flour until it is possible to get some mills working again. The usual crop of political prisoners were found in the gaol, and they are being dealt with by the Local Officer from [illegible] Province.

8. Amongst several of the more destroyed villages is the town of SOLECCHIO, it is a small place with normal population of only 1,500, of which there are some 1,000 still there. The village is 75% destroyed and it may be necessary to evacuate it completely. The total number of killed in this town was about 170, sixty of the people killed were sheltering in the Tower when it was blown by the Germans. Curiously enough, here [illegible] is sufficient good well water. 48 bodies have so far been recovered from the debris and burial, but there are still more to come. The wounded of which there were practically none, have all been removed. A decision as to what exactly will be done with this village has not yet been come to.

9. COTIGNOLA is another example of a badly destroyed town, less than 5% of the houses are habitable. In fact I have already taken the decision to abandon it and remove all the inhabitants. Plans are now being worked out. Normal population is 6,000 - 4,000 of these are in LUGO and 2,000 still in the town. They can be dispersed in back areas until such time as the town can be rebuilt.

10. ALFONSINE has a normal population of 5,500, 3,500 in the town. 50% of the houses have been destroyed but 35/40% will be repairable. Fortunately the water, which is drawn from artesian wells, is good. There are two small hospitals dealing with wounded and sick cases. Here again there is sufficiency of food and the number of refugees is comparatively small.

11. CASTEL BOLOGNESE has a normal population of 7,000. There are 4,500 people in the town at present. Few refugees are [illegible] in other districts. Approximately 50% of the buildings are uninhabitable. 30% have been damaged but are repairable and are being used. The hospital has a bed capacity of 70, but is being partly used as a F.D.S. and it will be necessary to evacuate some 40 wounded patients, leaving only the sick and incapacitated who are at present housed in the basement of the hospital in an overcrowded condition. Despite the damage in this town the people are cheerful and working to remove the debris, clear the roads. A Giunta Comunale with a Commissario has already been appointed.

12. RAVENNA has almost a normal population, about 2,000 people being present including 500 refugees. About 30% of the houses are destroyed, a very much larger 65% to 70% damaged. Food position is satisfactory and an adequate supply of water, so that it will not be necessary to evacuate from this village, as the population are rehousing themselves in adjacent buildings.

13. MENSANO with a normal population of 4,000 at the present has only 800 people, of which 400 are refugees from the north and FAENZA. Whilstbadly damaged, it should not be necessary to evacuate any material number from this village, those injured in recent bombings have been evacuated [illegible]

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12. BAGNARA has almost a normal population, about 2,000 people being present including 300 refugees. About 30% of the houses are destroyed, a very much larger 65% to 70% damaged. Food position is satisfactory and an adequate supply of water, so that it will not be necessary to evacuate from this village, as the population are rehousing themselves in adjacent buildings.

13. RUSSI with a normal population of 4,000 at the present has only 600 people, of which 400 are refugees from the north and RAVENNA. Whilstbdly damaged, it should not be necessary to evacuate any material number from this village, those injured in recent bombings have been evacuated to hospital, the number killed being only 26, all of whom have been buried.

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2. FUSIGNANO no inhabitants.
3. LUGO normally 16,000 present 30,000, Germans used LUGO for evacuation surrounding countryside town not too badly damaged. Estimate 160 in hospital all being looked after and necessary number evacuated.
4. COTIGNOLA totally destroyed. Wounded evacuated but many dead under rubble. 2,000 inhabitants many of which will have to be evacuated.
5. BAGNARA no reports.

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1. Conditions have remained static since the last Sitrep dated 23rd Feb 45. Substantial progress has been made in the restoration of normal conditions by implementation of Italian Decrees, and the rehabilitation of the people.

2. The Italian Prime Minister, Minister of War and associates visited FORLI and RAVENNA on 10/12th March. Representatives of Sub-Commissions have visited the area and made useful contact with Regional and Provincial officers.

FORLI AND RAVENNA PROVINCES.

3. Public Safety

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13. Repair of houses and sewers in RIMINI is held up by lack of cement and lime.

14. Two bridges have been completed on Route 71, leaving only two bridges incomplete on this route, one of which is by-passed.

15. Under the drainage programme, 15 breaks have been completed on the rivers RENO, MONTONE, RONCO, SAVIO and UBERT.

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16. Industry.

Following a survey, it is intended to reactivate at least two of the lignite mines in the SULCIS area.

17. The transfer of machinery to enable the Sugar Factory at CESENA to be restarted will be completed by the 24th March.

18. It is expected that the Clothing Factory at MELDOLA will commence work shortly.

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Sugar beet contracts have been signed in large numbers.

31. 400 tons of powdered sulphur found in CESENA, have been released for agricultural use. 2,000 tons of sulphur have been found in SORELLO Mine near CESENA.

32. A distribution of packeted vegetable seed for small gardens has been made.

33. An outbreak of foot and mouth disease is reported near FORLI City, 3 pigs being affected.

34. Planting of 1,500,000 seedling trees in FORLI and RAVENNA is being planned.

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35. Miscellaneous.

PCGI nine squads lifted 810 mines in two days. A member of this squad was killed lifting a mine for a farmer, when not working under a leader.

36. 100,000,000 lire has been transferred from the Bank of Italy FLORENCE to Bank of Italy PCGI.

37. The meaning of Rosp has corrected in PCGI and RIVSEC.

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HQ. A.C. MILITARY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 23 FEB 45.

1. Since the last situ dated 22nd January, 45, there has been no change in territory. General conditions have improved, particularly in FERRARA and BOLOGNA.

2. A fairly large scale clearance of the forward area was effected, but a considerable proportion of the people concerned were re-housed locally, and only 7,000 were put through evacuation CAMPS.

3. The Deputy Chief of Staff Establishment section, H.Q.C.M.A.O. 15 Army Group, and representatives of Sub-Commissions have visited the area and made contact with Specialist Officers at H.Q.

4. Prince UMBERTO visited the CENTRAL Division on 17th February.

FOR 15 ARMY GROUP.

5. Public Safety.

Some counterfeit currency is in circulation in [illegible]. Sixteen 1,000 lire and seven 5,000 lire notes have been [illegible] from A.F.H.Q. It is believed that these notes came into [illegible] possession of soldiers on leave in ROME and Southern areas.

6. A small supply of clothing for POWS attached to Eighth Army has been received from FLORENCE.

7. General Military Courts at CESENA deal with one case of Espionage and one of sabotage.

8. 250 MPGB of VENICE Region have been allocated for duty in Army area and are employed on road-blocks and other security duties.

9. 2 cases of armed robbery were reported from ROCCA SAN CASCIANO.

10. Communist literature printed in ROME was found in a civilian car seized in FERRARA. Arms and ammunition discovered by P.S.S. in a house in SAN MARTINO, FORLI Province, included 85 German and Italian rifles. Three arrests have been made, others are expected.

11. Public Health.

The population of the shelters in [illegible] has further been reduced, and the hygiene conditions have improved.

12. Representatives of the Psych. control service gave demonstrations of testing technique to local Italian Health officials.

13. A survey revealed that 15% of the inmates of RIMINI Prison were

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11. Public Health.

The regulation of the shelters in FORLI/CIVITELLO has further reduced, and the hygienic conditions have improved. 3876

12. Representatives of the Hygiene control service gave demonstrations of testing technique to local Italian Health Officials.

13. A survey revealed that 1% of the inmates of RAVENNA Prison were [illegible]. Arrangements have been made for regular dusting of prisoners. Bathing and disinfestation facilities have been provided for civilians in FORLI.

14. The water supply of FORLI city which gave some cause for anxiety has been improved. The supply will shortly reach 120,000 gallons per day. The normal peacetime consumption being 90,000 gallons. At present there are a large number of troops in the city. All the sewers are now in good order.

15. Public Works.

2 Units have been activated on drainage work in the area east of RAVENNA.

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16. The electric transmission line PIETERSBURG/KEIMNI has been completed and supply made available in KEIMNI.

17. Bridges at R.345863 on Route 71 and R.841900 on Route 72 have been completed. Work has commenced on the repair of three bridges on the GREEN/HAVEN road, and on dykes on the Rivers SAVIO, MENOO, BUIPE, SEVILLE and MONTOE.

18. The repair of the civil hospital at KEIMNI has commenced and the removal of debris in this city is in full swing. A survey of the condition of ports and harbours has commenced.

19. Industry.

The salt works at CERVIL will be reactivated. The full production is 25,000 tons per annum. Necessary repair work will be completed in one month.

20. General Order No.29 has been distributed in PEARL Province.

21. The Lime works at SIX MILE/BOSTON now produces 5 tons per day and it is hoped to increase this to 8 tons, also to produce 12 tons per day at PORT/LIBERTY, subject to supply of electric power.

22. Stanlibs.

100 tons of dried figs and 100 tons of almonds are being shipped by sea to LONDON, for PEARL Province. 70 tons of oranges and 5 tons of lemons are to transit from BIRD to PEARL by road. In PEARL jam is being made from fruit pulp, and molasses, plus a small quantity of black sugar found in a liquor factory. 100 tons of coal-dust has been released and 85 tons will be used for brick making and 15 tons for jam making.

23. 5,000 bricks baked at CERVIL have been released to QUI on a replacement basis. 500 square metres of glass have been released to RAVEN Province.

24. Production from the first baking at the reactivated brickworks is:

Solid bricks	600,000	Hollow bricks	400,000
Roofing tiles	35,000	Paving tiles	40,000

25. A paste factory has been reactivated in RAVEN.

26. 121 tons of sugar beet seed will be shipped by rail from CERVIL to Southern areas.

27. In addition to 5,000 blankets already allocated to PEARL Region, it is hoped to obtain a further allotment in return for raw wool from this area.

28. [illegible] tons of [illegible] Province [illegible] allocated, is [illegible]

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19. Pottery.

The salt works at OSEVI will be reactivated. The full production is 25,000 tons per annum. Necessary repair work will be completed in one month.

20. General Order No.20 has been distributed in POKLI Province.

21. The lime works at SLY ASH/POKLI now produce 5 tons per day and it is hoped to increase this to 8 tons, also to produce 12 tons per day at POKLI/TOKOLI, subject to supply of electric power.

22. Supplies.

100 tons of dried figs and 100 tons of almonds are being shipped by sea to JAGOR for POKLI Province. 70 tons of oranges and 5 tons of lemons are in transit from BILU to POKLI by road. In POKLI jam is being made from fruit pulp, and molasses, plus a small quantity of black sugar found in a liquor factory. 100 tons of coal-dust has been released and 65 tons will be used for brick making and 15 tons for jam making.

23. 5,000 bricks issued at OSEOL have been released to GLY on a replacement basis. 300 square metres of glass have been released to KUTEKA Province.

24. Production from the first baking at thermo-activated brickworks is:

Solid bricks	670,000	Hollow bricks	400,000
Roofing tiles	31,000	Paving tiles	40,000

25. A Pasta factory has been reactivated in RAVENA.

26. 121 tons of sugar beet seed will be shipped by rail from OSEOL to Southern areas.

27. In addition to 5,000 blankets already allocated to BILLI Region, it is hoped to obtain a further allotment in return for raw wool from this area.

28. 59 tons of red herrings were received and allocated, 35 tons to POKLI and 24 tons to RAVENA.

29. 40 tons of hay will be supplied to OSEOL VILLENIO owing to lack of fodder. An investigation is proceeding to ascertain the reasons for the alleged deterioration in relations between land owners and tenants. Advisory committees for fixing prices have been set up in each province. Maximum prices have been fixed for hay and wheat-straw.

30. 751 tons of fertiliser have been received and the bulk already sold.

31. Labour.

Provincial Orders have been issued to both provinces providing

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44. The P.O.W. camp clearance squad refuses to work without rations. The ANZIO squad is working contentedly.

45. An Education Committee appointed by AMGOT has been set up in PORLI.

46. At FORLI, youths believed to belong to the partisan youth front, shaved the heads of two women alleged to be Fascists, who collaborated with the Germans. Arrests have been made.

47. Parades held on Sunday, 18th February, to stimulate recruiting for the Italian forces, passed without incident, and high few volunteers.

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XIII. ANGLO-AMERICAN - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 22 JAN 45

1. Conditions have remained more or less static since the last Sitrep dated 27 Dec 44. In Faenza and Bagnacavallo the situation has improved but remains difficult. Faenza was probed on 23 Jan without serious results. Bagnacavallo is still under fire but evacuation is proceeding which will ease the position in that town.

2. The administration of RAVENNA and FORLI Provinces on Regional lines has progressed satisfactorily, the services of the officers of CIVILIA Region have been of material assistance to CMTC.

FORLI AND RAVENNA PROVINCES.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY.

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A General Military Court held at CESENA dealt with two persons charged with harbouring 4 German deserters, and one person charged with possessing German rifle and ammunition.

The Communist and Christian Democrats' headquarters in RIMINI were searched and a quantity of party literature found. This contained nothing subversive to the Allied Cause, but the raid produced evidence of a mail service between Rome and Rimini and Rimini and communists Forli Province. This breach of security is being investigated further.

A railway employee was discovered carrying uncensored mail between RIMINI and ANCONA.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH.

The 92 Italian Hospital is established at FORLI and a VD hospital is being set up to work in conjunction with this institution.

The typhoid epidemic in the SAN MARINO-RIMINI area may be considered as ended. The clearance of overcrowded cullars in RAGNACAVALLO is proceeding satisfactorily.

5. PUBLIC WORKS.

Two bridges on the RAGNO sector of Route 71 and repair of the by-pass bridge at PONTE DOGNA have been completed. Work on other bridges is proceeding but has been slowed down by weather.

Contracts for bridges on the road RAVENNA-CESENA and the road CERVIA-FORLI have been prepared.

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6. INDUSTRY.

Three brick works at CESENA are making a total of 850,000 bricks. It is hoped to increase this figure to 1,350,000. The production of 500,000 bricks at MELDOLA has commenced.

The possibility of providing fuel for the electric power plant at FORLI is under investigation. A rope and string factory has been located near CESENA. Spare parts for farm tractors found at RAVENNA have been catalogued; these [illegible],000 - are sufficient to supply the greater part of Italy.

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A survey of five hemp factories is in hand. All factories examined so far are damaged and occupied by troops. A small quantity of raw material - canapa verde and canapa bacchetta - has been found in CESENA. Salvage and repair work at the factories has commenced.

7. SUPPLIES.

Transfer of stocks from RIMINI to FORLI has been completed. 120 tons of mixed supplies remain at RIMINI for use of FORLI Province. 600 tons of old flour was railed to ROME for immediate use and 300 tons handed over to FORLI for use in RIMINI. FORLI will replace this quantity with freshly milled flour. An issue of lard in lieu of olive oil has been made to FAENZA and RAVENNA.

Food supplies for 3 months have been sent into 14 mountain communes likely to be isolated during the winter. 300 quintals of olive oil have been received from BARI.

Felling of timber in the Pineta di Classe has commenced, and production is estimated at 1000 quintals a day. 70 per cent will be used for fuel and the remainder for construction work. 90 per cent of the fuel has been allocated to Army.

8. AGRICULTURE.

Grain in store at RAVENNA is 12,183 tons. It is estimated that 25,000 tons are available for export. A census of livestock reveals a fall of 32 per cent cattle, 13 per cent pigs, 24 per cent horses and 32 per cent sheep, compared with 1941. This position is much better than estimated.

265 tons of fertiliser have arrived at RIMINI and sale has begun in RIMINI and CESENA.

The rationing of olive oil is being watched, but it is reported that some allotments have been made by Sindaco in the communes.

Collection of requirements for spring seeding is in hand.

9. LABOUR.

A comprehensive directive on Labour Policy has been issued to C.C.Gs. In conjunction with ADL SIGNIN Army it has been decided that the bonus will not be given at present to civilians employed by Allied units. The social insurance coverage will apply to AMG employees when AMG on this subject is issued.

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10. EDUCATION. Schools have reopened at RICCIONE and in adjacent communes, and arrangements made to open schools in areas forward of Corps rear boundaries under certain conditions.

8,000 text-books have arrived from FLORENCE; 100,000 have been printed.

School supplies, sufficient for 1,000 pupils have been found at FORLI.

11. REFUGEES. All civilians are being cleared from the front line zone by Army order, and it has been necessary to make

special arrangements for their evacuation and removal of livestock etc. Accommodation has been arranged either by local dispersal or at AMG or AC camps. It is estimated that ~~per~~ 6,000 persons will require camp accommodation after rehousing in local areas has been exhausted.

The evacuation is proceeding smoothly and excellent cooperation and help has been received from all the units concerned.

12. MISCELLANEOUS.

In FORLI, Auxtransport have registered 232 civilian vehicles. The Mine School at FORLI for training patriot mine clearing squads has completed the first course. Lists are in hands of farmers who are willing to accommodate these squads while working in their areas.

E T Beer, W/C
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding.
HQ, AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

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Hq, Allied Commission	(6)
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Hq, AMG Rear Eighth Army	(1)
Hq, AMG Fifth Army	(1)
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MAIN AMG 8TH ARMY

15 ARMY GROUP FOR HQ ALCOM FOR ACTION. AND NEAR 8 ARMY FOR INFO

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AMG 8TH ARMY Sitrep.

AMG officers entered FAENZA 18th. December but unable to remain in town. Situation sufficiently secure permit them to remain 20 December. Flour and medical supplies delivered to cover immediate shortages. Ample grain in town and commune but NO (NO) killing (tilling ?) facilities workable yet. Town badly damaged estimated 50% destroyed or irreparably damaged. About 5000 civilians in town but still living in cellars including few partisans. 2 hospitals 1 functioning in basement other has been evacuated to safer area. NO (no) water or power. Further report to follow when enemy cleared from area north of town to permit civilian life return normal.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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2/4.3/A Situation report of 8 Army - 5 Dec

RRC

RAVENNA entered this morning CAO installed. Town slightly damaged by bombing but no damage reported to important monuments. 20000 people estimated in town at moment. No light or power adequate water from artesian wells no shortage food. Civilian hospital functioning with about 120 patients medical stores being sent in. Administration functioning smoothly and well. Prefetture building damaged but provincial organization functioning under 2 vice prefects who remained. Much less disorganisation than usual. Large numbers of patriots in town and area. Few refugees but number expected to increase most are local or from North.

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Civil Affairs	[illegible]	5/12
Engineers	[illegible]	5/12
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MAIN AFO 8 ARMY

ACTION: HQ ALCOM INFO: REAR AFO 8 ARMY

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AFO 8 Army Sitrep.

NAPLES entered this morning CAO installed. Town slightly damaged by bombing but no damage reported to important monuments. 20000 people estimated in town at present. No light or power adequate water from artesian wells no shortage food. Civilian hospital functioning with about 120 patients medical stores being sent in. Administration functioning smoothly and well. Prefecture building damaged but provincial organization functioning under 2 vice prefects who remained. Much less disorganization than usual. Large numbers of patriots in town and in area. Few refugees but number expected to increase most are local or from North.

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AMG HQ 8TH ARMY
HQ ALCOM

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DEC 100709
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Colonel for staff amalgamation Region EMILIA AMG 8TH ARMY operative as from 2359 hrs 9.

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FIFTH ARMY
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A.G 8 Adv Sitrep. Civil affairs officers in TORLI town this morning. So far town suffered slight damage. Town still under mortar and small fire. There are no civilians yet but patriots report 2000 living in cellars. No other information available yet

HEADQUARTERS
11 NOV 1944

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AGO 8 Army Sitrep. Civil affairs officers in FORLI town this morning. So far town suffered slight damage. Town still under mortar and shell fire. There are no civilians yet but patriots report 2000 living in cellars. No other information available yet

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Information received up to 10 AM NOV. 18th.

10th/12th

1. The following information is given upon various cities which have been captured recently.

(a) [illegible] (Troy 7481)

The town is only about 5% damaged and the normal population of 11,000 people are there. The normal water supply is damaged, but there is ample supply from springs, as the purity of the water is doubtful. There would appear to be about a dozen wells for adult male, and their condition and availability is being investigated. This town includes 1,500 people in all in need of evacuation. Up to date no information has been available due to the condition. There are reported to be 50 cases of diphtheria in this town. This is being investigated by the A.M.G. doctors. There are 700 refugees from various parts of Italy, and steps are being taken to evacuate them as soon as possible, as they are living in bad conditions, in underground shelter.

(b) CANICATTI (Troy 7081)

The town is not badly damaged, only about 10% of the buildings being destroyed. It has a population of 8,500, of which 150 are refugees. There are 13 water wells available, there no report as yet about their condition in which they are. There would appear to be no epidemic or infection in this district, other than the usual case of impossibility during the winter months, due to bad communications. 30% of the population are grain producers. Normally the district produces 50,000 quintals of grain, but this year it is anticipated that the harvest will only amount to some 35,000 quintals. Of this amount 30,000 quintals will be required by the population, so that it is evident that there may be very small surplus. The 30% of the population mentioned above, plus probably another 10% have already received grain, on authority of the Prefect of PORTI (Not in the district mentioned before the arrival of AI Lot troops), the following distribution of grain.

2 quintals for workers
1 quintals for non-workers and children.

This action is supposed to last from the 1st August, to, to 31st July, 45, the remaining 10% of the population were receiving ration on the rate of 400 grammes of bread daily, and the existing price of bread was 3.00 lire per kilo. The Carabinieri Agents had only for the [illegible] of the Republican Guard. A rate of 350 lire per quintal for [illegible]

(c) ROCCA SAN GIOVANNI (Troy 7081)

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[illegible] 1,500 cases in the Ground Force at Udine. Up to date no information has been received as to the condition. There are reported to be 50 cases of diphtheria in this town. This is being investigated by the A.M.G. doctors. There are 700 refugees from various parts of Italy, and steps are being taken to get them home as soon as possible, as they are living in bad conditions, in underground shelter.

(b) CIVILIAN CASUALTIES (Prov Corps)

The town is not badly damaged, only about 10% of the buildings being destroyed. It has a population of 6,250, of which 100 are refugees. There are 45 water wells in the town, but no report as yet made as to the condition in which they are. There would appear to be no serious epidemic situation in this district, other than the usual cases of [illegible] during the winter months, due to bad overcrowding. One of the principles are grain producers. Normally the district produces 50/60,000 quintals of grain, but this year it is anticipated that the harvest will only amount to about 15,000 quintals. Of this amount, 30% [illegible] will be required by the population, so that it is anticipated that there may be very small surplus. The 60% of the population mentioned above, plus probably another 10% have already received grain, on authority of the Prefect of Udine (that is the Prefect appointed by the Allied Military Government). The ordinary ration is 200 grms.

2 quintals for workers
1½ quintals for non-workers and children.

This ration is supposed to last from the 1st of each month, i.e., to 31st July, 45, the remaining 10% of the population were receiving rations on the basis of 100 grammes of bread daily, and the existing price of bread was 3.40 lire per kilo. The Commando Agricolo has [illegible] 3867 [illegible] at the Republican Government price of 300 lire per quintal for soft grain.

(c) ROAD AND RAILWAYS (Prov Corps)

Apart from the Tarcento viaduct little destruction has been done, although about 15% or 20% of the buildings are damaged. The population is roughly 5,000, of which 500 are refugees. Water is supplied by wells which are in order, and facilities are being made to the pipe-line. At the moment the roads here is being occupied by troops.

(d) [illegible] (Prov Corps)

About 10% of this town has been destroyed and 30% damaged. Normal population 10,000 [illegible] are at the moment over 12,000 people there. As in the case with all towns in this part of the world, the water is being supplied entirely from wells, as the aqueduct has been destroyed. There is [illegible] water still which can probably be brought back into use with a capacity of 10/15 quintals daily. Drainage has all been destroyed. Here the [illegible] number to about 50,000 quintals, but this year it is in doubt if [illegible] will be collected. [illegible] of hay, which has not been harvested.

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(z) BARI (Bari PORT)

It is still too early to give a complete picture of Bari. There are probably in the city, some 20,000 civilians. All of them at this stage ought to be fed but the city is still under shelling, are living like troglodytes. It is estimated that there is some 6,000 quintals of grain in the country, and some 100 quintals of flour available in the interior. The flour situation however presents no difficulty, as there is large available, should it be needed. Six water mills are reported to be repairable and they are being investigated. The water position is alright at the present, and the repair to the main supply is in investigation. There does not appear to be more than 1,500 refugees in the city, and steps will be taken to evacuate all those who come into the south. The main portion of the town is not at all badly destroyed, excepting that the viaduct has been blown up. There is a civilian hospital of 400 beds, of which 350 are occupied at the present, [redacted], and in addition a tuberculosis hospital with 1,200 beds, of which 600 are occupied. Twelve Italian doctors are in charge of the two hospitals and all endeavours are being made to keep the Tuberculosis hospital as full as the main hospital centre for the whole of the coast. The Bomb d'Italia line is to all intents and purposes no more at all.

2. BARLETTA.

The Republic is still out of bounds only to the typhoid epidemic, and virtually all Allied troops have left. An A.M.G. is now in preparation and has been agreed, making this district of the Republic as long as it remains an Army area. Copy of this A.M.G. will be sent to Allied Commission as soon as it is published.

3. SUPPLY.

Food stocks in the Army area is as follows:

Stocks.	Rations.	Months.	Grams.
Flour	2345	1020	810
D.Bisc	105	45	3
D.Veg	329	452	2
Meat	50	106	
M & V	171	271	
Powdered Milk	1	39	4
Evap Milk	21	60	
Sugar	3	69	2
Chz	39	90	1
Salt	32	60	
Coffee	5	5	
Olive Oil	22	-	
	3067	[redacted]	826

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The above-cited [illegible] a large stronghold, but in spite of its restrictions [illegible] of unconditional surrender, it [illegible] to any area not living up [illegible] very little else.

[illegible]
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
R.C.A.F. Station [illegible]

DISTRIBUTION:-

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Civil Secretariat Section, H.Q., R.C.A.F.
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H.Q., R.C.A.F. Middle East, Heliopolis.
H.Q., Venezia Giulia Area - Caserta.
R.C. Paris Province - Rheims.
R.C. Rhine Province - Rheims.
R.C. Berlin Province - Berlin.
R.C. Italy Province - Caserta.
R.C. Venezia Province - Caserta.
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A.F.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - SITUATION REPORT NO 265 OUT 44.

Since the date of my last report, the following large towns have been captured:

1. CESENA

(a) Normal population of this city is 25,000 and of this some 15,000 are there. It is too early yet to compute the population of the commune which has normally a population of some 60,000. There has not been any large evacuation from this area, and civilians are still in the commune.

(b) The city is only some 10% destroyed. There is, of course, no electric light, and water sufficient for the immediate needs of the inhabitants comes from wells. There seems to have been a greater than usual attempt in CESENA to safeguard vital necessities, and from preliminary reports, it looks as if electric power might be restored in about three weeks.

(c) The civilian hospital was been partly damaged and was empty of all equipment. It has a capacity of 600 beds and is now occupied by 4 Canadian C.C.S. A substitute civilian hospital has been installed in an "Institute" which is reasonably equipped, with supplies and surgical instruments, with 4 doctors in charge. There are over 100 cases in the hospital.

(d) An excellent Comitato di Liberazione was found in existence and they have caused no trouble, and have cooperated well. A Sindaco has now been appointed, who was the leader of the patriots and who is well liked in the city. A Giunta Comunale has now been formed, on which the Comitato di Liberazione are represented.

(e) Patriots have done good work in this city. Certain of them have been taken on for check posts, but the disarming of the lot is now being carried out, and it does not look as if there will be any trouble.

(f) Supplies present no immediate problem. Naturally the mills are not functioning (there are 12 electric mills), but sufficient flour has been brought in to look after the immediate needs. There is a good quantity of grain and as soon as electricity can be restored or a tractor got in to open up a flour mill, it is hoped to make the city self supporting in this respect.

(g) There is a refugee problem in that some 1500 civilians were found living in caves, these now being dealt with and the Archbishop has agreed to them being put temporarily into dormitory. There they will be sorted out and those who are definite escapees from the south, (estimated some 200) will be evacuated. Control feeding is being organised.

(h) There is a large fruit and vegetable canning factory which has been badly damaged. A considerable quantity of machinery was hidden and can be salved, and it may be possible to get this factory working again. Some trouble appears to be caused by the water supply, and a signal has been sent for an expert to be sent up from A.F.H.Q. to look into this position.

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been reduced to 35. There are two doctors. The position is being looked after by Major GIUSTO, who is attached to the Canadian Corps.

3. CERVIA.

(a) CERVIA is the first town to be captured in RAVENNA Province on the coast. It is practically undamaged and has some 14,000 civilians in it. Of these, some 1,000 are refugees from Southern Italy. Electricity comes in the mains from CESENA, so that the same remarks apply as to its future availability. The water supply is found from four fountains which are now functioning, but there are still 12 more which can only be brought in when electric power is produced.

(b) 1,500 quintals of grain have been found in the CERVIA warehouses, and a mortar to run the mill is being installed and will soon be functioning. Adjacent to CERVIA are salt beds which are being investigated.

(c) The morale of the people of CERVIA is particularly good, and they showed great initiative in clearing demolitions without, as it is usually the case, being forced to do so. The podesta of Milanocore was found functioning, and it had attempted to take over the Municipio, but on being informed that it no longer had power to function, is now being cooperative. No Sindaco has yet been appointed but the Commissariat Secretary is present, and no security objections have been found against him.

(d) There are three pharmacies in the centre of which two were destroyed. The necessary amount of medical stores have been distributed in the town.

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION.

4. RIMINI.

(a) The "old people's home" has now been taken over and is being used exclusively for typhoid cases, of which there are a certain number. A second building is to be prepared to hold those surgical cases which have been in contact with typhoid cases, and to keep them in quarantine not less than 30 days. Capt. RUSSO of Venezia Region has been loaned on special duty in connection with the typhoid cases. He has been appointed P.M.O. of the town.

(b) A building allocated by 56 Fd Hosp is a Field Ad Station of 20 to 30 beds. An area is being made ready for building from which Army ambulances will convey any surplus casualties to RIMINI, who have not been in contact with typhoid. A.F.M.S. 56 Fd Hosp is loaning assistance with a field ambulance section, doctors and nurses.

5. SAN MARINO.

(a) There has been a fairly serious outbreak of typhoid in the village of SERAVALLE. The Catholic Secretariat of the Republic is cooperating well with A.M.G. G.H.Q., and strenuous efforts are being made to immunize all contacts

(b) 1,500 quintals of grain have been found in the CERVIA Warehouse, and a motor to run the mill is being installed and will soon be functioning. Adjacent to CERVIA are salt beds which are being investigated.

(c) The morale of the people of CERVIA is particularly good, and they showed great initiative in clearing demolitions without, as it is usually the case, being forced to do so. The Comitato di Liberazione was found functioning, and it had attempted to take over the Municipio, but on being informed that it no longer had power to function, is now being cooperative. No Sindaco has yet been appointed but the Comunal Secretary is present, and no security objections have been found against him.

(d) There are three pharmacies in the center of which two were destroyed. The necessary amount of medical stores have been distributed in the town.

TOWNS IN REAR-BASE AREA.

4. RIMINI.

(a) The "cold water" flow" has now been taken over and is being used exclusively for typhoid cases, of which there are a certain number. A second building is to be prepared to hold those surgical cases which have been in contact with typhoid cases, so as to keep them in quarantine not less than 30 days. Capt. BUTLER of Western Region has been loaned on special duty in connection with the typhoid areas. He has been appointed P.M.O. of the town.

(b) A building allocated by AFHQ has a Three Ack Section of 20 to 30 beds. We have in mind to equip this building from which Army requirements will convey any surplus requirements to UNRRA, who have not been in contact with typhoid. A.F.M.S. Officer is leading assistance with a Field Ambulance Section, doctors and nurses.

5. SAN MARINO.

(a) There has been a fairly serious outbreak of typhoid in the village of SERRAVALLE. The Officials Authorities of the Republic is cooperating well with A.M.G. F.B.H.Q., and attempts are being made to inoculate all contacts with typhoid. The outbreak is traceable to the drinking of contaminated well water.

(b) All casualties from the latter civil hospital are now being treated so as to make room for typhoid cases. A grant has been provided to the Republic for the purchasing of all requirements at any need from UNRRA. It is probable that the outbreak of typhoid in SERRAVALLE is due to refugees who were in contact with typhoid at CASTELVECCHIO slipping into SERRAVALLE. The Republic is now out of bounds to all troops, and steps are being taken to shorten up check posts, with the object of preventing any civilians from getting out.

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(c) All military who were collected in my part of SAR AREZZO have now left the Republic, and only units such as Carabinieri, Customs etc., who are under orders are left. It is hoped that these will shortly go, when steps will be taken to bring the Republic back to its normal status of neutrality.

(d) Relationship between the Republic and Army is still good, due to the measure which have been taken to give prompt payment for requisitioned goods, and also to the Republic Regiments to realise that at last their military is going to be respected. They are, of course, now beginning to put in certain claims and requests. These are being reported on and dealt with in separate letters.

6. SUPPLIES.

(a) A.M.G. has now 796 tons of mixed American supplies and AMGOT 1557 tons, this latter figure includes 731 tons of flour. There is at SENIGALLIA 312 tons of flour. These figures are as at 23 October (1300 hrs). Practically all A.M.G. transport has now been moved up to RIMINI, and at the date of this report there is still no sign of the second D.T. Company due to come in to AMGOT.

(b) 2,450 tons of flour are due into ANCONA ex Middle East on the 23rd October. 300 tons of sugar, which is badly needed, is now lying at NAPLES.

(c) The total number of ex-Italian ships due to ANCONA for the month ending the 15th November from USA, is 1,075 tons.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY.

(a) 40 C.C.R.R. have been sent into RIMINI and 60 are ready for PESARO town which will probably be entered shortly. These will send up to CESENA. 150 additional C.C.R.R. have arrived from CIVITA and are now in ANCONA and PESARO. This would give the allotment of 150 for each of PESARO, RIMINI and FORLI Provinces.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

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H.Q., A.M.G. Middle East, Caserta.

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6. Supplies.

(a) As at [illegible] 796 tons of miscellaneous supplies and 1597 tons. This latter figure includes 791 tons of flour. There is at SEVILLA 342 tons of flour. These figures are as at 23 October (1300 hrs). Practically all A.M.L. transport has now been moved up to BURGOS, and at the date of this report there is still no sign of the second C.T. Company due to come in to ALCOLEA.

(b) 2,400 tons of flour are due from ALGECIRAS or MALAGA Sept on the 25th October. 300 tons of sugar, which is badly needed, is now lying at MALAGA.

(c) The total amount of certificated to ROAD for the month ending the 15th October (inclusive), is 1,270 tons.

7. Motor Convoy.

(a) 40 G.S. 3-ton lorry sets have been sent into CADIZ and 60 are ready for PORT from which will probably be entered shortly. Three will move up to CADIZ. 150 additional G.S. 3-ton lorries arrived from CASTLE and are now at SEVILLE and FARO. This count for the allotment of 150 for each of PORT, ALGECIRAS and FARO in Portugal.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.L. EIGHTH ARMY.

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H.Q., A.M.L. Algeciras-Gibraltar, Algeciras.
H.Q., A.M.L. Middle Region, Algeciras.
H.Q., A.M.L. Western Region (Rear - Castellon.
P.C. Forward Province - Algeciras.
P.C. Reserve Province - Algeciras.
P.C. Malaga Province - Malaga.
P.C. Granada Province - Granada.
P.C. Jaen Province - Jaen.
P.C. Murcia Province - Murcia.
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S E C R E T

HQ, AAF Combat Unit - SITUATION AS OF 0001 20 12 Oct 44

GENERAL

1. Little threat to report from the operational zone. Dan Archan ele captured. Progress made in ANGOA and ISAIO provinces, but situation in KONIA Province has been complicated by the large number of troops requiring accommodation. This has necessitated some evacuation and a good deal of movement of civilians to depot towns to the country districts outside.

2. SAM ANCHARTSIC Present population 10,000. Considerable damage to consumer. Some supply of potatoes but no distant available from mile. No light or power. Nine mills in the commune, of which none are functioning, but work can be made to function by improvisation and repairs. 100-bed hospital taken over by military as CCS. A temporary hospital has been set up in a convent.

3. The mills destroyed when 70 CONIAC are in the neighbourhood round about, gradually being re-established under the personal supervision of the Prefect of KONIA. About 2,000 people are now in the town.

4. Communications in the hills in eastern ISAIO Province through which troops have not passed in which are intact still. In the normal way by road, is being gradually visited by CAOs on foot or on mule, even mountain trucks driven to by mules who are acting as guides where necessary. Most of the roads in these communes are either mined or have been destroyed. These communes of which 8 or 10 are the most important, are in fair shape & there is no shortage of food or essentials. Arrangements for sowing have to be made & these communes for the winter are being made by the Prefectural authorities.

5. In Northern ANGOA Province many people are to be found living with troops, but the area is mountainous and there are no communes of any importance. The population is practically normal and there is nothing to report from this area.

SIAM & BURMA

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3. The fully evacuated area at PERSINO and in the neighbourhood round about, gradually being re-populated under the personal supervision of the Prefect of PERSI. About 1,000 people are now in the town.

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5. In Northern PERSI Province also ground is being cleared for troops, but the area is mountainous and there are no communications of major importance. The situation is entirely normal and there is nothing to report from this area.

SAN MARINO.

6. Situation continues entirely [illegible], and the new Captains Regent are being very helpful in all respects. One brigade of troops still remains in the Republic but, with a lessening of forward positions, it is hoped they will soon be out of the area. One battalion has been withdrawn from [illegible] on the invitation of the Captains Regent [illegible] most of the smaller villages. Arrangements have been made for the establishment of regularised [illegible], and [illegible] to have replaced by the civilians. Troops are only allowed into the area of SAN MARINO in organised parties until [illegible] from Serge [illegible] so far, no incidents of the troops has in the main been good. In the capital [illegible] there are [illegible] restricted; 5,000 refugees in the republic, most of whom are Jugo who have been there for a considerable time and are not [illegible] problems, nor do they require evacuation for the time being. All refugees from the military hospital have [illegible] out of here discussed.

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REFUGEES.

7. At the request of Eighth Army, the population of certain coastal towns had to be reduced to the minimum in order to provide accommodation for troops, leaving only sufficient residents to provide labour for the armed forces. Towns concerned are RIMINI, VISERBA, PESARO, RICCIONE and CATTOLICA. The evacuation of these towns was to be Phase I of a larger scheme which may be required to be put into effect if the front becomes static in the present area. It was estimated that approximately 9,000 people would have to be evacuated under Phase I but in fact only 1,064 have been evacuated through AMG channels. The remainder dispersed themselves into the countryside round about. Some of the latter may have to be dealt with under a later Phase of the plan if it has to be implemented.

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Subject: RIMINI.

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1. As previously stated, the town is very seriously damaged except the southern approaches where the damage is less serious. Here the buildings are mostly Italian villas, and these, together with most of the other large buildings in the town, which are at all suitable, are occupied by troops.

CIVILIAN.

2. The town was empty of civilians when the troops entered it. These were mainly dispersed in SAN MARINO and in suburbs of RIMINI along the coast. The main problem, therefore, facing A.L.C. is that of housing civilians, whom it is necessary to bring back into the town in order to ease the congestion in the dispersal areas, and to provide the necessary labour, for both military and civilian purposes in the town itself.

3. 7,000 people are now back in RIMINI, and a daily inflow of 4/500 is known. The inflow from SAN MARINO is being kept down as low as possible to avoid the housing situation getting out of hand, but it is not possible to control the flow from other places, and emergency measures have been made and are operating satisfactorily, to house and feed the homeless until they can be distributed throughout the habitable buildings left in the town.

4. A detailed survey is being made to determine the number of civilians which can ultimately be housed in the town without rebuilding, and necessary measures to make as many houses weather-proof as possible are being taken.

5. The situation is greatly complicated by the large number of troops in the area occupying buildings, and until the battle moves further forward, it is unlikely that more than 15/20,000 persons can be allowed into the town.

UTILITIES.

6. There is no electric light or power.

7. Water is available at three water points on the outskirts of the town. The Civil Engineer with the A.L.C. are concentrating on establishing emergency water points within the town. It has not yet been possible to survey the sewage or sewage system, but it is probable that these have been badly disrupted in many places by the bombing which the town has received.

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HOSPITALS.

8. A small hospital of 50 beds has been set up and is operating. This will be increased to 200 beds as soon as certain repairs to the buildings have

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MEDICAL.

8. A small hospital of 50 beds has been set up and is operating. This will be increased to 100 beds as soon as certain repairs to the building have been completed. By arrangements with Army authorities a larger building is being released for a civilian hospital, but equipment is totally lacking at the moment.

FOOD.

9. Food is being supplied from A.M.G. sources and all civilians are in receipt of regular rations. Bakeries commenced to function on the 28th, until then biscuits had been distributed. Communal feeding centres have been set up where necessary.

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10. The Consorzio Agrario is opening today, and an emergency ration card scheme will be put into operation forthwith.

Airfield.

11. The Ponte d'Italia from MINTAI had moved to SAN MARINO some months ago. The bank premises are fortunately undamaged, and the bank will be moved back at an early date. Another bank, the Cassa di Risparmio, which is unusable, will be opened in the premises of the Ponte d'Italia.

Local government.

12. Certain difficulty is being experienced in reinstituting local government, owing to the absence of suitable people. A temporary Sindaco has, however, been installed and other communal officials are gradually being found and brought back to work. This is being done under the supervision of the Prefect of the province, who is located at Provincial H.Q. The experiment of having the Prefect with the Provincial H.Q. from the commencement appears to be working out very well.

Refugees.

13. The problem of refugees is becoming increasingly serious, but they are mainly people from the present battle area and those normally resident in MINTAI and the surrounding commune.

14. Every effort will be made to hold these homeless people in this area, and it is hoped to avoid any large scale evacuation. The limited accommodation in the area, however, owing to destruction may render it necessary to commence evacuation, but this will naturally be avoided if possible.

Behaviour of troops.

15. Several incidents have occurred in which troops of the Greek Brigade have been involved. These have been taken up with the military formation concerned. The attitude of these troops, however, is reminiscent of the Somme, and although on a smaller scale, Greek trouble is becoming to Eighth Army what Corsican troubles are to Fifth Army.

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HQ. A.M.G. MAIN EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 26 SEP 44

Subject : SAN MARINO

To : R.C. & M.G. Section HQ. ACC.

Since the date of my last report, the position in SAN MARINO has, in a measure, begun to settle down.

1. PROCLAMATION AND SECURITY

(a) The Republic has posted the Proclamation which is attached to this report. Curfew is not being enforced.

(b) At the time of the original entry into SAN MARINO I had informed the Captain Regent, that in view of the fact of their being a considerable quantity of refugees in the Republic, it might well be that there were amongst them some fascists, whose presence would be dangerous to the security of the allies passing through. I pointed out to him that the presence of such fascists could only be determined by his Government, as it was impossible for ourselves or F.S.S. to locate them, and that consequently I relied upon him through his Police organisation to arrest any prominent fascists amongst the refugees, and to hand them over. Up to date it is understood that no arrests have been made. The possible presence of such fascists is undoubtedly causing a certain amount of worry, but I can see no other alternative, unless incidents occurr which would enable Military Government to be strictly imposed, than to leave it to representatives of the Republic.

(c) There is one curious instance which is being looked into. The present Minister of Plenipotentiary - Dott. BALDUCCI Elsio was a Prisoner of War in North Africa, where it is ascertained that he had strong fascist tendencies. However, as a protected personnel he was released and is now holding the above position. A full report is being made by the F.S.S. which has not yet been received at this H.Q. This position will be carefully watched.

2. POLITICS.

(a) On the 24th of this month, election took place of the new Captains Regent, and the names of the new ones are as follows:

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Prof. VALLE SUSSY Leonida.

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Notification about this has been sent separately to A.C.C., with a request that all Consuls concerned be notified.

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(a) The supply situation is now in hand, and food is being distributed either from A.M.G. stocks or from stocks already in possession of the Republic. The Republic state that they are running out of supplies and this is being investigated today by the Senior Supply Officer of this H.Q., as it is not believed to be the case, In the meantime no further supplies are being sent in.

(b) Water trucks were sent in to alleviate the shortage and it is hoped that these can shortly be withdrawn.

4. REFUGEES

(a) The situation is improving. A very considerable number of refugees now being dispersed back again into surrounding villages, and arrangements made to gradually return into RIMINI, key people for administration and labour have started.

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(b) Check posts to prevent refugees getting out are working satisfactorily, but there is and will continue to be a considerable trickle of people, who must inevitably find their way through. I am, however, considerably happier about the refugee question than I was three days ago.

5. BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS.

(a) A few further incidents have occurred and the matter has been taken up with the Corps concerned. It is no use pretending that with the presence of troops engaged in active operation in the Republic there will not be incidents, particularly as some of those troops are Indian troops. Situation is being closely watched.

6. FINANCE

(a) Senior Finance Officer this H.Q. was in SAN MARINO on the 24th and reports no difficulty or troubles. Arrangements are being made to withdraw all A.M.G. lire as they come into the banks.

7. PERSONNEL:

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(b) The Red Cross personnel from this H.Q. at present in the Republic are gradually being relieved by Red Cross personnel supplied by Region IX.

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SUBJECT: Sitreps.

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JOSEPH E. FISH,
Deputy Executive
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5. POLICE - PUBLIC SAFETY

Some of the local CC.RR. are regarded by C.A.Os as inefficient, and request has been made for their replacement.

The Caserma in BIBBIENA is not available for CC.RR. who are working better.

The CC.RR. in APECCHIO and PIOBBICO have been issued with arms, cards and instructed in the proclamations. They are working well. A road block has been established in each Commune.

In S.ANGELO IN VADO the CC.RR. are being re-established, the Patriot position having cleared up.

In SANSEPOLCRO the CC.FF. have reoccupied their station, vacated by the military.

6. PUBLIC HEALTH.

Visits to Communes have been made by Capt. Jones and Mr. Griffiths and medical supplies issued, where required (Mr. Griffiths' report is attached).

Cases of typhoid have not continued at the previous high rate (previously reported). The supply of serum has improved.

Four cases of diphtheria are in hospital in BIBBIENA.

A general clean up of the SUBBIANO, CAPOLONA area has given satisfactory results.

Public health in APECCHIO and PIOBBICO is very good, although there are a few cases of typhoid in the latter commune.

A slight increase in the number of cases of typhoid was reported in S. ANGELO in VADO.

In SANSEPOLCRO 15 cases of typhoid and one case of diphtheria were reported and in ANGHIARI there have been 6 cases of diphtheria.

8. COMMUNAL ADMINISTRATION.

The P.C. Arezzo has arranged for the Secretary of SUBBIANO to take care of CASTEL FOCOGNANO, pending the appointment of an official in that Commune.

Communal administration in S.ANGELO IN VADO is proving satisfactory, and Giunta Comunale have been appointed in the Communes of APECCHIO, PIOBBICO and PIEVE S. STEFANO.

Generally Communal officials are functioning satisfactorily.

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6 SEP 1944

H.Q., A.A.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

Situation Report up to midnight 3rd September, 44.

1. Signals have already been sent giving an outline of the position in the chief towns recently captured, URBINO, FANO and FOSSOMBRONE. There are no major problems in these towns other than the usual shortage of water, milling facilities etc.

2. The Provincial administration of PESARO was found intact, other than the Prefect, at URBINO, where it has been functioning for some time past. It has been decided therefore to continue the administration of the Province from there and not to return to PESARO. The Provincial Commissioner and his headquarters will move to URBINO on 4th September.

3. The condition of PESARO and CATTOLICA is not yet clearly known but there are said to be comparatively few civilians in PESARO.

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(i) FORLI Province H.Q. is at SERRAVALLE and will move probably direct to FORLI.

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(iii) PESCARA Province H.Q. is at MACERATA and will be moved immediately to FANO.

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(i) Capt. M.L.THEOBALD and Lieut. LEONARDONE will be reporting today to H.Q. Canadian Corps for duty with any armoured columns on the [illegible] axis, which may be sent forward.

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(ii) Capt WILSON and Lieut SIDDON will report today to I.O. 5 Corps for duty with any armoured columns on the RIMINI-FORLI-BOLOGNA axis which may be sent forward.

(iii) Follow ups for both these columns, should they be used, will be provided in the ordinary way, through Div I.Os and their spearhead officers assisted by the appropriate Provincial Officers.

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7. A special number of officers under Major ZERVIDACHI are being detailed for duty in BOLOGNA should this city fall to Eighth Army, pending the time when the BOLOGNA H.Q., now in FERRARA can be brought forward. FERRARA will be dealt with in the same way should it be necessary.

8. Advanced Region IX H.Q. will be situated in SENIGALLIA where accommodation is already arranged.

9. Contact is being maintained with Region XII. Their officers may be required at a not too distant date if the speed of advance accelerates from now on, and it is hoped that they will be made available.

10. There is nothing fresh to report on the technical branches side. Finance is being looked after in the forward regions of 5 Corps, 1 Canadian Corps, There is little movement in the 10 Corps area, who have with them their own Finance Officer.

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H.Q., A.M.G. Fifth Army.
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H.Q., A.M.G. Region IX - Orvieto.
H.Q., A.M.G. Region IV - Rome.
P.C. Arezzo Province - Arezzo.
P.C. Perugia Province - Perugia.
P.C. Reverna Province - Fabriano.
P.C. Forli Province - Senigallia.
P.C. Ancona Province - Ancona.
P.C. Pesaro Province - Macerata.
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H.Q., A.M.G. Region XII - Chiaraviano.
P.C. Pesaro Prov - Urbino.

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CITE: NOSE

AIG REPRESENTATIVE IN PESARO 3 SEPT. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE BUT NOT AS GREAT AS FEARED. TOWN EVACUATED OF CIVILIANS BY GERMANS AUGUST 6 AFTER WHICH CONSIDERABLE LOOTING TOOK PLACE. ONLY ABOUT 200 PEOPLE IN CITY 30/40000 IN FRACTIONS OF COMUNE ROUND ABOUT. DO NOT ANTICIPATE SERIOUS REFUGEE PROBLEM. NO LIGHT WATER DISRUPTED BUT BELIEVED EASILY REPAIRABLE INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING. SUFFICIENT FOOD. WATER AND ELECTRIC STILL AVAILIBLE THE LATTER INOPERATIVE BUT CAN BE ADAPTED TO TRACTORS. 250 BED HOSPITAL INTACT AND BELIEVED WELL STOCKED WITH DRUGS ABOUT 50 PATIENTS. INDUSTRIAL PLANTS INCLUDING POTTERY WORKS AND BICYCLE MANUFACTURY UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY GERMANS BEFORE LEAVING. UNABLE YET TO GIVE DEFINITE INFORMATION OWING TO ABSENCE OF POPULATION.

NOTE: This is Part I of message
Part II is to follow.
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6 SEP 1944
A. C. C.

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ACTION : CA BR (2)

INFO : SECY GEN
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H.Q., A.L.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

3 SEP. 1944

Situation Report up to midnight 28 Aug 44.

1. 10 Corps Front.

(a) No towns of any particular importance have been taken over. San Sepolcro, though clear of the enemy, is still in too much of a fluid condition to enable a report to be made on it.

(b) Patriots. A group of patriots, numbering 39, has been located at TALLA under the leadership of FANTONI Bruno, also another numbering 36 at LATERINA. In both cases they are being tested and certificates issued. In SANSEPOLCRO there is reported to be a group of 50 running the town, and still armed. They are said to be giving excellent support to the Military. They come from the GARIBALDI Group and their leader is LAZZERINI Sergio.

(c) Refugees. The following is the refugee position on this Corps front.

ANGHIARI	120	refugees evacuated
SUBBIANO	250	" "
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LATERINA	250	" from AREZZO to be evacuated.
CITTA DI CASTELLO	5,000	" from the North at present being absorbed in the Communes.

(d) Health. Generally speaking this is good although there are a certain number of typhoid cases being reported.

(e) Miscellaneous. The grain harvest is coming in and in most districts agricultural committees have been formed. P.O.L. is still the greatest shortage. The situation is not helped by lack of rain and a consequent water shortage which has prevented the water mills from running to capacity. This is particularly evident in MONTERCHI. No difficulty is being experienced in finance or law & Order and there has been no political activity.

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3. General.

(i) Carabinieri. Eighth Army Carabinieri have now been redistributed and (excluding 10 Corps who have their own) there are now some 130 on the remainder of the Army front and available for CAOs. These figures are exclusive of Provincial Carabinieri.

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(ii) Red Cross. The evacuation of civilians from the port Area in ANCONA to neighbouring communes is in hand. The total involved is 1200 persons. Convalescent civilians are being evacuated under Red Cross arrangements from civilian hospitals at SENIGALLIA, JESI. Hospitals for these convalescents are being arranged by Red Cross.

(iii) Public Health. The medical supply dump has been moved from PORTO S. GIORGIO to ANCONA and set up in the supply warehouse. Medical supplies from PESARO are being moved over to the same place. Hospitals at JESI, CERRALDO, SENIGALLIA, and ANCONA are being evacuated of all unessential patients.

(iv) (a) A set up of the Refugee Camps of Eighth Army is attached. ANCONA Railhead and Holding Camps have not yet arrived. No.11 Camp from CASTIGLION FIORENTINO is in process of being moved to 5 Corps P/A.

(b) During the period 17 Aug to 23 Aug the following refugees were evacuated (exclusive of 10 Corps for which details given in 1(c)

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To Assisi Rhd.	3,053
By sea from Ancona	377.

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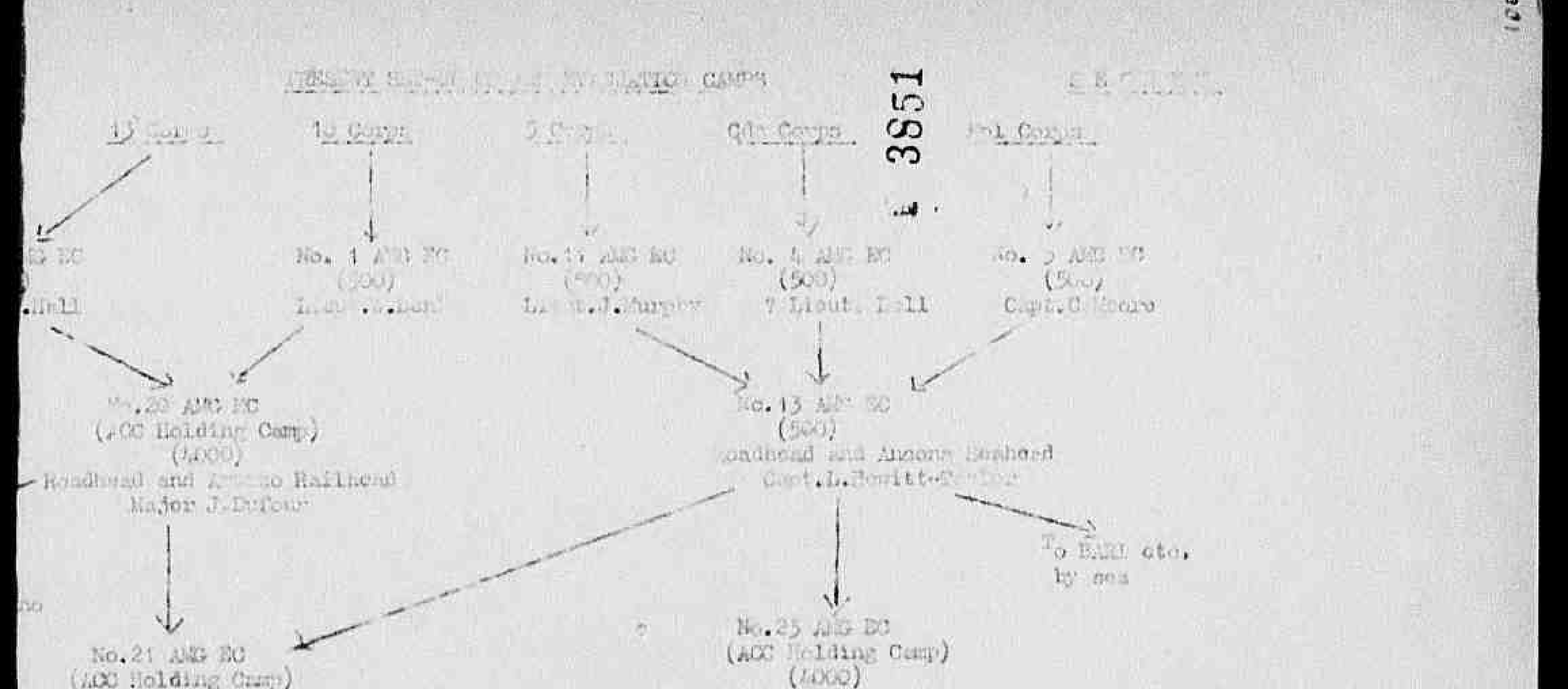

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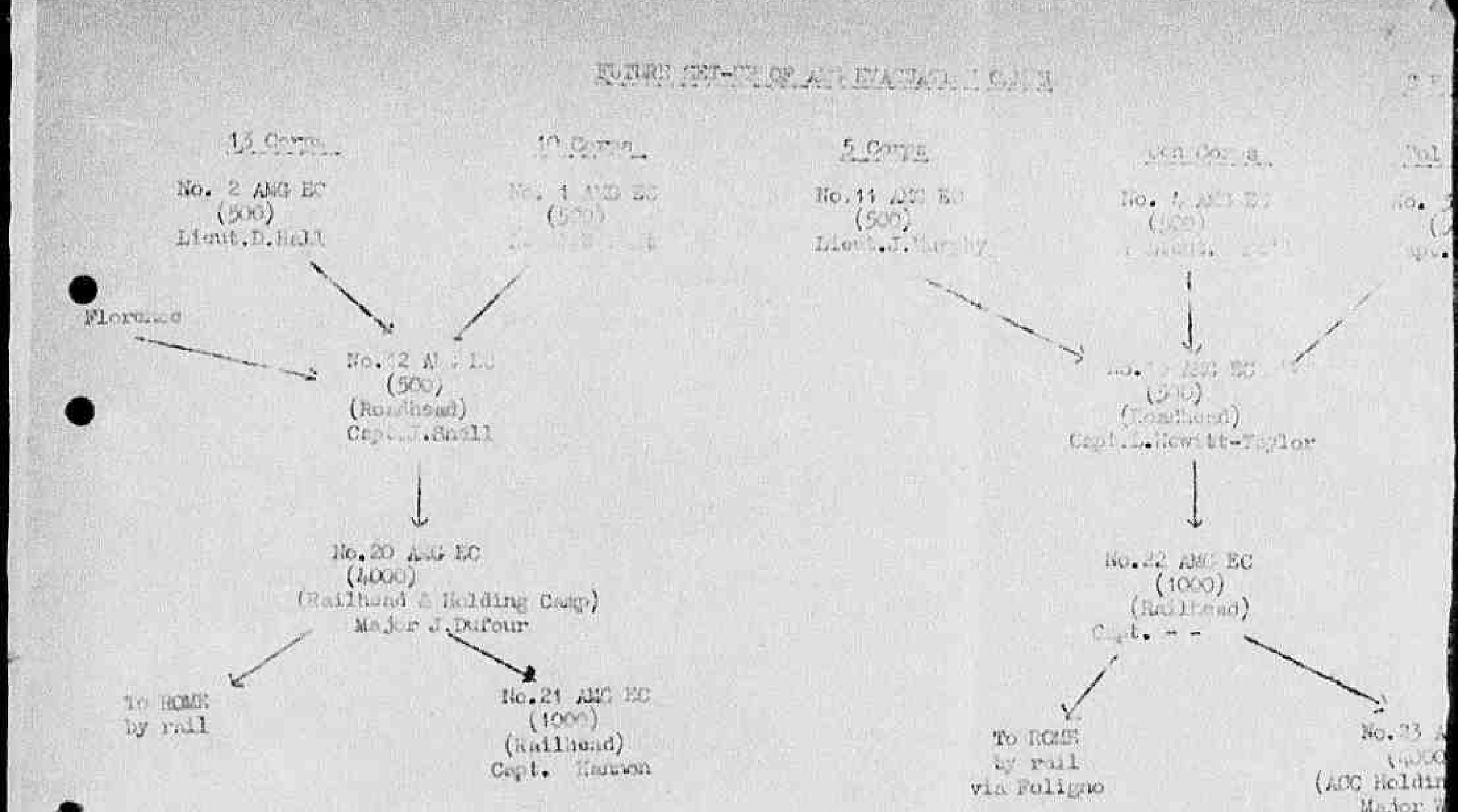

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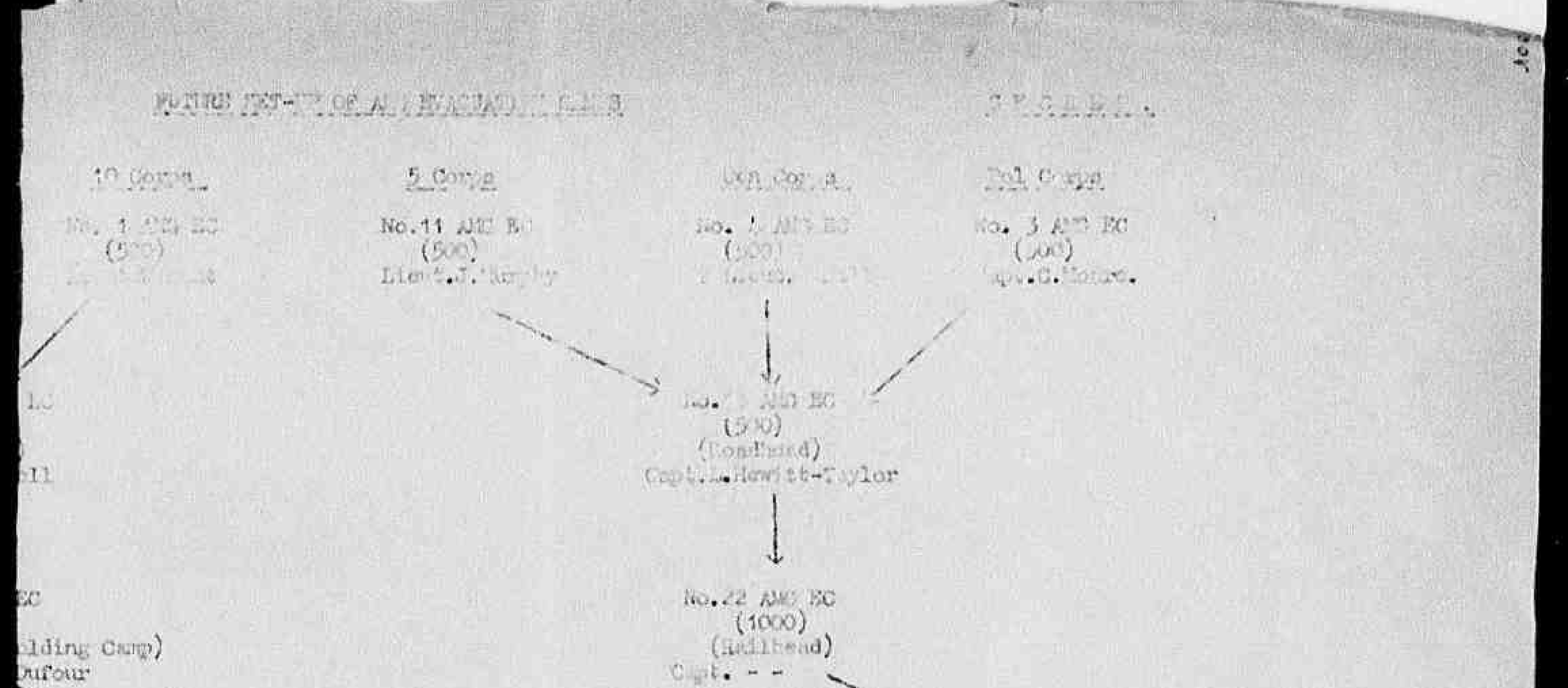

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CATTOLICA PRESENT POPULATION 2000 EXPECTED RISE 7000.. CAN DEAL WITH THIS NUMBER. TOWN 33% DAMAGED BUT REPAIRABLE ABOUT 50 HOUSES DESTROYED. WATER DAMAGED BUT REPAIRABLE IN ABOUT 4 DAYS. NO HOSPITAL. 1 MOTOR MILL WHICH CAN BE RETAINED. NO PARTISAN OR COMMITTEE LIBERATION DIFFICULTIES. NO OTHER IMPORTANT PROBLEMS.

HQ ACC 1 ACTION BY HLS

ACC MIST

ACTION: CA BR 2
INFO: CMO
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AIM SEC
ECON SEC
PARTISAN BR
P. HEALTH
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P. WORKS
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HEADQUARTERS 15 SEP 1944 A C C

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CITE: M 508

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URBINO UNDAMAGED. NORMAL 8000 IN TOWN AND ADDITIONAL 9000 REFUGEES. NO EVACUATION PROBLEM. FINE ARTS INSPECTED AND ALRIGHT. WATER UNDAMAGED BUT HEAVILY STRAINED OWING PRESENCE TROOPS. NO ELECTRICITY. SUPPLIES NO PROBLEM. USUAL SHORTAGE MILLING FACILITIES WHICH WILL BE RECTIFIED. 80 BED HOSPITAL FULL. PRISON CAPACITY 100. WHOLE PESARO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN TOWN. PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER AND HEADQUARTERS MOVING IN AND WILL ADMINISTER PESARO PROVINCE FROM URBINO.

2. FOSSOMBROLE. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE CAUSED BY GERMAN DEMOLITIONS. WHOLE TOWN MINED AND BOOBY TRAPPED. CLEARANCE BEING UNDERTAKEN BY MILITARY. ABOUT 1000 PEOPLE IN TOWN REMAINDER SCATTERED THROUGHOUT COMMUNE. NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. NUMBER OF SMALL VILLAGES IN GOTHIC LINE COMPLETELY DEVASTATED. POPULATION ABSORBED IN COUNTRYSIDE LOCALLD. MAJOR EVACUATION PROBLEM.

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ACTION: CA BR 2
INFO: SEC GEN
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PUB WORKS & UTIL
ITAL REF BR
INFO DIV
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MAIN AND REAR HQ AFHQ

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ATTREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 1700 HRS 19 AUG 44. ONE. SUPPLIES SEIZED CERTAIN PROVINCES HAS SUFFICIENT WHEAT CROP IF DISTRIBUTION POSSIBLE. CORDONING FORCING IN ALL BUT THREE COMMUNES. 200 GRAMS INDIVIDUAL RATION. BIGGEST PROBLEM IS POL. THROUGHOUT LIBERATED PORTION OF PROVINCE GENERAL SITUATION. FOOD POSITION AND ORGANIZATION BETTER THAN EXCEPTED. ABUNDANT FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ENTERED CITY OF FLORENCE PRICES REASONABLE. TWO. BRITISH INSTITUTE INTACT WITH FURNISHINGS AND TWENTY THOUSAND VOLUMES LIBRARY. PRE WAR SECRETARY STILL THERE. THREE. FINANCE. FIVE LABOR BANKS EXAMINED AND LIQUID POSITION SEEMS ADEQUATE EXCEPT FASCIST BANCA DEI LAVORO. ALL ASSETS BANCA D'ITALIA LIVORNO FOUND IN FLORENCE. ELEVEN MILLION LIRE FOUND IN EIGHT-TENTHS FINE SILVER. SWISS CONSUL MAKING PAYMENTS AT 25 LIRE TO THE DOLLAR. FOUR. PUBLIC SAFETY. NORMAL STRENGTH OF LOCAL AGENTI IS NINE OFFICERS 611 PLAINCLOTHES MEN AND 652 IN UNIFORM, FORCE NEARLY UP TO STRENGTH. BROTHELS AND WINE SHOPS CLOSED SINCE FIRST DAY. VIGILI URBANA TWO CAPTAINS ONE HUNDRED MEN. GUARDIA FINANZA GENERAL CONTI COMMANDER OF FLORENCE, ROME AND GUARDIA LEGIONS FOUND HERE TOTAL STRENGTH FLORENCE 12 OFFICERS AND TWO HUNDRED MEN, ONE STATION IN THE CITY TWO IN PROVINCE AND DECIDED IN CONSULTATION STILL IN GERMAN TERRITORY. CARA IS UNDER 71 CARABINIERI CONSIDERED NOT VERY EFFICIENT. PARTISANS CLEARED FROM OFFICIAL BUILDINGS. FINANZA GUARDING SEVEN WAREHOUSES. SIX FIRE STATIONS 3873 POOR CONDITION MUCH EQUIPMENT GONE OR UNSERVICEABLE THROUGH LACK OF PARTS AND SIX OFFICERS 150 MEN AVAILABLE. AFS MERGED IN FIVE POSTS AND WILL REORGANIZE DEPARTMENT. FIVE.

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GENERAL ORDER 20 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER POSTED. ORGANIZATION OF TRANSPORT PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN. PROSPECTS FAIR. SIX. AGRICULTURE. ACUTE SHORTAGE OF ANIMALS PARTICULARLY WORK ANIMALS BUT SOME MAY BE FOUND FURTHER NORTH. SEVEN. MAJOR SARTOR DISPLACED PERSONS ARRIVED 18 AUG 44 RELIEVING CAPT HUDSON. EIGHT. LT COL MICHIE TOOK OVER AS SCAO FLORENCE CITY 0800 HRS 18 AUG 44 AND OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY OF PROVINCE THIS IS AND EIGHTH ARMY SCREEN AND WHEN ARMY MOVES FORWARD FLORENCE FALLS UNDER PROVINCE. TEN. SUPPLIES CONTINUE AT 90 TONS A DAY. BIONDI MILL CAPACITY ONE HUNDRED TONS DAILY IN GOOD ORDER ONLY NEEDS ELECTRICITY EXPECTED IN TEN DAYS. PRESENT POSITION GOOD 100 TONS SOUTH OF ARNO 200 TONS NORTH AND 100 TONS IN CENTAIDO. ELEVEN. CITY ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWS. CITY HOSPITALS NEARLY ALL FULL MANY INJURED FROM SHIPPING, SHELLING AND MINES. GERMANS HAVE SHELLED FLORENCE PROPER INTERMITTENTLY SINCE FRIDAY NIGHT INJURED AND KILLED MANY AND HITTING STROZZI PALACE, SAN LORENZA, UFFIZI GALLERY, SANTA MARIA NOVELLA AND SANTO SPIRITO. VITAL STATISTICS RELIABLE TO 6 AUG 44 LATER FIGURES OF KILLED AND WOUNDED NOW BEING COMPILED. SANTA MARIA HOSPITAL 300 BEDS IS FULL AS ARE TWO SURGERIES, MATERNITY HOSPITAL WITH 70 BEDS AND HAS 20 WOUNDED AND OTHER PLACES BEING USED. REPORTED AT OSPEDALE INNOCENTI SOME CHILDREN DIED OF HUNGER. ST STROET CLEARING COMPLETED. MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONING NORMALLY. SUFFICIENT CITY FUNDS ON HAND UNTIL BANKS REOPEN. BURIAL OF DEAD CONTINUING. MUNICIPAL ENGINEER REPORTED SOON ON AUXILIARY ELECTRIC PLANT. SOME TRAMS RUN FROM BATTERIES CAN PERHAPS BE USED FOR HAULAGE. WATER SITUATION FAIR STILL LARGE BOMBS IN MAINS AWAITING MINE CLEARING FOR REPAIRS. SHORTAGE OF FUEL BEING MET BY CONTROLLED CUTTING OF BRANCHES AND TREES ON PUBLIC DOMAIN IF NECESSARY WILL CUT ON PRIVATE GROUNDS PAYING COMPENSATION WHILE SOLDIERS BEING SUPERVISED VOLUNTEER

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COMMITTEE. CITY ENGINEERS WILL CLEAR DEBRIS OF DEMOLISHED BRIDGES TO PREVENT FLOODING OF PARTS OF CITY IN CASE OF HEAVY RAINS. CURFEW HOURS ARRANGED WITH ARMY TO ALLOW EARLY MORNING FLOW OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TO CITY. REFUGEES FROM NO-MANS-LAND COMING IN HELPFUL IN TWO THEATRES. ARE SUPPLYING FOOD AND WATER TO CIVILIANS IN NO-MANS-LAND BY AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMY

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ACTION: CA BR (2)

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ECON SEC
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ADM SEC
POL SEC (3)
P SAFETY
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INFO DIV
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AMG MAIN 8TH ARMY
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PANO ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 3000 OUT OF 32000 IN CITY WATER FROM RESERVOIR PIPE DAMAGED NO ELECTRICITY NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS NO PARTISANS

HEADQUARTERS
A. C. of S. G-5

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Actnw - CMBR (2)
Info - Sec Gen
Econ Sec
P. W. B.
Admi Sec
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MAIN AMG 8 ARMY

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HEADQUARTERS
24 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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22 AUG 1944

AUG 1715308

REF YOUR 1761 OF 14. CONSIDER AS RESULT OF POSITION IN FLORENCE UNSUITABLE FOR ANY REPEAT ANY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TO ATTEMPT TO ENTER CITY. ATTENTION DRAWN TO AAI FIM 0-4155 OF 14 AUGUST. REQUEST NO ACTION TO ISSUE ANY REPEAT ANY PERMITS UNTIL COLONEL SHIPP RETURNS TO ROME.

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ROME AREA COMMAND FOR ACC HQ FOR RC AND MG SECTION

PC FLORENCE 3/15

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AUG 141905B OF PRIORITY

POSITION FLORENCE AT 1900 HRS 14 AUG 44. PROVINCIAL ADMN ESTABLISHED PALAZZO MEDICI NOON TODAY. PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER MET COMITATO AND HEARD VIEWS REPRESENTING ALL PARTIES, PROFESSIONS AND CLASSES. EXAMINED CREDENTIAL OF MEMBERS AND NOMINATIONS FOR ADMIN OFFICES. NO NAME YET PROPOSED FOR PREFECT. NAMES FOR DEPUTAZIONE COMMUNALE SUGGESTED AND DISCUSSED. GIUNTA PROVINCIALE ADMINISTRATIVE ALSO DISCUSSED AND PC INDICATED ALL MUST WORK TOWARD GOVERNMENT BY THOSE BODIES WHICH WILL BE PARTLY APPOINTED THEN FILLED UP AS MORE OF PROVINCE LIBERATED. NO NAMES YET APPROVED ANY OFFICES BUT LISTS BEING DRAWN UP SHOWING PARTY AFFILIATION, TRADE OR PROFESSION AND DOMICILE FOR EACH PERSON. EACH MAN MUST FILL SCHEDA PERSONALE AS WELL. COMMITTE PROPOSED TOO MANY FLORENTINES PC SAID WHOLE PROVINCE MUST BE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED. PIETRO CINI HAS BEEN INSTALLED AS SINDACO IS GRAND OLD MAN OF SOCIALISM IN FLORENCE AND VERY POPULAR. COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS HIM TOO OLD AND IS GETTING OTHER NAMES THOUGH IF NOBODY BETTER FORTHCOMING WILL LET HIM CARRY ON. GIUNTA MUNICIPALE MEMBERS ARE ALREADY INSTALLED SEVERAL WERE SEEN AND LOOK GOOD BUT WILL WAIT A BIT BEFORE CONFIRMING ANY ONE. COMMITTEE HAS ALSO APPOINTED VARIOUS PEOPLE TO HEAD VARIOUS ADMIN DEPARTMENTS, THOSE EXAMINED HAVE BEEN FOUND DESFASCISTIZATION. COMMITTEE SEEMS WELL CONSTITUTED AND HAVE DONE VERY GOOD WORK. MADE QUITE CLEAR TO THEM THAT PROVINCE IS TO BE GOVERNED ON CONSTITUTIONAL LINES AND THIS WAS WELL RECEIVED. NAMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS CHECKED AND CONFIRMED.

PARA. PRESENT PARTISAN POSITION ALL DISARMED SOUTH OF RIVER, AREA

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PC FLORENCE 3/15

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AUG 141905B

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BEING PRESCRIBED NORTH OF RIVER IN WHICH WEF 0600 HRS 15 AUG 44 NO PARTISAN WILL CARRY ARMS EXCEPT THREE PLATOONS OF ONE OFFICER AND TEN MEN EACH UNDER ORDERS OF PC TO DEAL WITH ANY VESTIGES OF ENEMY ACTION AND WITHIN THIS AREA LANES WILL BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH WHICH ARMED PARTISANS MAY PASS TO THEIR MAGAZINES AND ARMOURIES. PARTISANS HAVE BEHAVED WELL AND HAVE FOUGHT VERY BRAVELY. MANY CASUALTIES. MAJOR GLENN REPRESENTING PC AT THEIR FUNERAL TONIGHT. ALLIED MILITARY COMMAND TO THANK PARTISANS PUBLICLY FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE AND ARE STILL DOING.

HEADQUARTERS
15 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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Admin Sec 3135
HEADQUARTERS
16 AUG 1944
A. F. H. C.

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ROME AREA COMMAND FOR ACC HQ FOR RC & MG SECTION 7/16

FROM: MAIN AMG 8TH ARMY SECRET

804 URGENT

AUG 152200B

SITREP FIRENZE. POSITION 1030 HRS AUGUST 16TH.

(THIS IS PARAPHRASE OF OUR MSG NR 500 DTC 141100B. PARA NINE IS EXCLUDED IN ORIGINAL MSG. IN ANSWER TO YOU SVC 561)

PARA 1. PRESIDENT OF CZEITAPOKOUA CAPO DI GABINETTO AND VICE SINDICADO WERE MET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER WHO ENTERED FIRENZE WALKING.

PARA 2. HQ WILL MOVE INTO PREFFETURA TODAY.

PARA 3. UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES IN ALL FIRENZE TOTAL 210 TONS. LITTLE STOCK PILE NORTH OF RIVER ARNO STARTED.

PARA 4. 100 CARABINIERI TRANSPORTED ACROSS RIVER TO 2 STATIONS.

PARA 5. NOW PREPARING REVISED PRICE LIST.

PARA 6. LAST NIGHT RECEIVED 2000 POUNDS CLOTHING.

PARA 7. BEGINNING TODAY COMMUNAL KITCHEN WILL BE IN OPERATION.

PARA 8. MINE EXPLOSION AT 1515 HRS YESTERDAY WOUNDED MANY AND KILLED SEVEN. INTERRUPTED CLEARING OF PONTE VECCHIO.

PARA 10. LAST NIGHT SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE SHELLING.

(NOTE: This is a Service of cable 431 dated 14 Aug 44 from AMG 8 ARMY requested by Secretary General)

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ROME ALLIED AREA DOMD FOR ACC NO FOR MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS

SUB CORRESPONDENCE

MAIN ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

AUG 193319

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SECRET
IMPORTANT

7 AUG 1944

ROMAN CIVIL FLOODING INJECTED 15 AUG. VIA DOR PORTA MAGGIORE DEVELOPED FROM PONTE VECCHIO TO MERCATO NUOVO. LATTER UNDAMAGED. UFFICI MUNICIPALI BUILDING AT LATIN END HAVE FLOOR DAMAGE BUT STRUCTURE APPARENTLY INTACT. PALAZZO DANTI (PIAZZA DELLE TERME) INTERNALLY BY SEWER. ALL OTHER PRINCIPAL MONUMENTS IN AREA BOUNDED INCLUSIVELY BY RIVER E PIAZZA NAVONA E MARCO E CROCE AVOIDED IMPACT EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL BOMBS WINDOWS AND POSSIBLE MINOR DAMAGE TO ROOFS. MUSEUMS GALLERIES AND LIBRARIES STILL CLOSED. PROTECTIVE COVERINGS AND SUPPORTS FOR IRREMOVABLE ITEMS HIGHLY COMMENDED

HEADQUARTERS
17 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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AUG 17 1350

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Co R&B Stores

Sth Cav. Cameron 1215hrs
Have message by 'phone on
your orders. 2nd Lieut 5th
Army had suggested for
Sindaco FLORENCE: —
Conte Paolo GUICCIARDINI
Principe Tommaso CORSINI
and you would like the
Minister's views.
Bobby - Bonomi is not
in to-day but the Amity
will let you know
to-morrow morning.

15/8/44.

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ACTION: ROME AREA COMD AND FOR ACC HQ FOR HC & MC SECTION INFO: NONE

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MAIN ARC 8TH ARMY VIA 13 CORPS

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AUG 1411003

HEADQUARTERS 15 AUG 1944 A. C. C.

SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 1030 HOURS 14 AUG 44.

1. PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER INTERIM FLORENCE APPOINTED YESTERDAY AFTER NOON BY PRESIDENT CNLOCRITATO CAPO DI GABINETTO AND VICE SYNDACIDSOH++ CAPO DI GABINETTO AND VICE SINDACO.

2. MOVING HQ TODAY INTO PREFETTURA.

3. SMALL STOCKPILE BEGUN NORTH OF ARNO NOW 210 TONS UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES IN AIL FLORENCE.

4. 100 CARABINIERI MOVED INTO 2 STATIONS ACROSS RIVER.

5. REVISED PLIOSOUSTIER++BEING PREPARED.

6. ONE TON CLOTHING RECEIVED LAST NIGHT.

7. EXACCSTUAL KITCHEN OPENS TODAY.

8. CLEARING OF PONTE VECCHIO INTERRUPTED 1515 HOURS YESTERDAY BY MINE EXPLOSION KILLING 7 INJURING MANY.

10. CONSIDERABLE SHELLING LAST NIGHT.

(CIPHER NOTE:) THE ABOVE GARBLES MARKED BY AN ++ ARE EXACTLY AS RECEIVED. NO PARAGRAPH NUMBER 9 APPEARED IN THE MESSAGE. WE WILL SERVICE THIS MESSAGE UPON REQUEST.

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Sindaci / Calamandrei / Pievaccio / Florence

SITUATION REPORT FLORENCE AT 20.00 HRS. 11 AUGUST 44.

1. Other than what has been reported in the various signals sent off, there is little to say. The general situation is as follows:

The Germans have withdrawn to the line of the River ARNO which is roughly the northern outskirts of FLORENCE City, but the position in the northern part of the city is still obscure and up to date no A.M.G. officers have crossed.

2. It would appear that the river position north of the river is not as was at the first position, and the latter position can and probably will be put right, to a point where it will not cause any trouble. The road position, however, is very serious, in that there is the physical difficulty of getting supplies across the ARNO. No forces have been found for the only alternative to a bridge. This is being remedied by 13 Corps and it is hoped that a bridge will be put across the river. What reaction this may have on the Germans it is impossible yet to say. In the meantime, every effort is being taken to get supplies into the northern part of the town by sea power, but at the most it will not be possible to do more than 20 tons a day, a quantity which will be insufficient to adequately feed the population. On the basis of there being 400,000 people on the river, and this figure must be taken with a reserve, 200 tons a day requires 80 tons.

3. A certain quantity of local civilians are being put at the disposal of A.M.G. by Eighth Army and these will be of undoubted assistance in getting supplies across. Water trucks are also available should they be needed, but at the present they cannot be used.

4. This report should be read as a preliminary survey of the position, further facts to follow in detail. In view of the Situation Code not being in operation at the present, it is not intended to send further written reports for the time being, except where information is received and is worth sending on, which has already been covered by the distance. Attached to this report is a copy of an interview with the ex-Commissioner of POLICE which is of interest, as having the trend of thought in the enemy at that time of FLORENCE.

5. Report which has just come in states that at between 16.00 hrs today and midnight, 9 tons and possibly 12 tons of supplies will have been sent across the river. These will include medical supplies, milk and sugar.

Interview + let me have their views on possible Sindaci by 1200 TUES.

[illegible]
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
[illegible]

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[illegible] section, however, is more serious, for it is sure to [illegible] difficulty in getting supplies across the ANGU. [illegible] [illegible] reached by 15 corps on 21 [illegible] a bridge will be put across the river. What proportion this may have on the Corps it is impossible yet to say. In the meantime, steps are being taken to get supplies into the northern part of the town by river, but at the most it will not be possible to do more than 20 tons a day, a quantity which will be insufficient to [illegible] feed the population. On the basis of there being 400,000 [illegible] of the river, and this figure must be taken with a reserve, 200 [illegible] day requires 80 tons.

3. A [illegible] quantity of [illegible] are being put at the disposal of A.M.G. by Eighth Army and these will go [illegible] assistance in getting supplies across. Motor trucks are also available should they be needed, but at the worst they cannot be used.

4. This report should be read as a preliminary survey of the position, giving [illegible] details. In view of the fluctuations now [illegible] in connection with the ferry, it is not intended to send further written reports for the time being, except where information is received and is worth passing on, which is not already been covered by the telegram. Attached to this report is a copy of an interview with the Commissioner of Civil Affairs which is of interest, as showing the trend of thought in the Italian Administration of Sicily.

5. Report which has just come in is to the effect that between 16.00 hrs today and midnight, 9 tons and possibly 12 tons of supplies will have been sent across the river. These will include [illegible] supplies, [illegible] and [illegible].

Initiation + Witness their views on possible Sinderk by 1200 TUES.

[illegible]
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
[illegible], A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

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12 Attachments.

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[illegible], A.M.G. Fifth Army.
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TO: ACTION AMG 8 Army Main ACC Region V AQUILA

FROM: AMG 2nd POLISH CORPS

V.151 13 Aug

1 Aug 1944

SECRET SITREP 8. AMG activity functioning SENIGALLIA 6 Aug. Vicinity under intermittent shellfire. Population Comsume 28,000 repeat 28,000. No repeat No overcrowding. Warehouse accommodation 15,000 tons. Little damage town itself but reservoir destroyed present water from wells. Sanitation satisfactory one hospital 100 beds. Concentration Camp for Jews abandoned 8 June.

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ROME AREA COMMAND FOR ACC HQ FOR MC AND MG SECTION

MAIN AND 6TH ARMY
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AUG 13/1600

HEADQUARTERS 14 AUG 1944 A. C. C.

SECRET
IMMEDIATE
CITE: ROME

SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 1600 HOURS 13 AUG 44.

ONE. SCAO FLORENCE HAS TURNED OVER TO FC FLORENCE.

TWO. 50 TONS SUPPLIES INCLUDING 4 TONS MILK ACROSS ARNO AT 0001 HOURS TODAY FLOW CONTINUING OVER PONTE VECCHIO AT RATE NEARLY 40 TONS DAILY.

THREE. CONDITIONS NORTH FLORENCE LESS SERIOUS THAN ANTICIPATED GERMANS DISTRIBUTED 200 GMS DAILY UNTIL 5 DAYS AGO THEN 100 GMS AND LEFT 2 DAYS SUPPLIES. ONLY DESPITUTE / WERE PERSONS AFRAID TO VENTURE OUTDOORS.

FOUR. DRINK WATER SITUATION ALL RIGHT.

FIVE. TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES SOUTH OF ARNO SINCE OUR ARRIVAL 200 INCLUDED 50 KILLED.

SIX. 5 MURDERS HERE LAST (36?) HOURS.

SEVEN. 5 PARTISANS ARRESTED ATTEMPTING MURDER OF LIEUT.

EIGHT. ALLIED CIVIL ORGANIZATION ESTIMATE 41X,000 PERSONS IN FLORENCE SOUTH OF ARNO.

NINE. WE ISSUE 200 GMS ALL PROVINCE BEFORE EVACUATION.

TEN. GARDENS UNDER CONSTANT SHELLFIRE PROBABLE BURIALS NOT BY CONSECRATED PORTION OF BOBOLI GARDENS.

ELEVEN. 6(GL) ITALIAN KILLED YESTERDAY NO 6(GL) NOW LEFT.

TWELVE. FORMER DECORATED PARTISAN COMMANDER GIVEN PUBLIC FUNERAL YESTERDAY FULL BRITISH AND PARTISAN MILITARY HONOURS.

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THIRTEEN. 4 NEWSPAPERS HAVE APPEARED NORTH FLORENCE SITUATION BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY AGREEMENT PENDING OUR CROSSING TO POST ORDERS.

FOURTEEN. MACHIAVELLI HEAD OF COMITATO ALL FLORENCE SENDS ELOQUENT PLEA FOR INCLUSION TUSCANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS I GOVERNMENT OF FLORENCE.

FIFTEEN. HAVE FOUND STOCKS OF UNDATED GERMAN PROCLAMATIONS TO OUR TROOPS DECLARING FLORENCE OPEN CITY NO EVIDENCE OF POSTING OR DISTRIBUTION.

SIXTEEN. HEAVY GERMAN SHELLING LAST NIGHT HIT WITHIN 50 YARDS PITTI PALACE AND STRUCK MANY BUILDINGS AREA VIALE MACHIAVELLI.

SEVENTEEN. POLITICAL NOTE DURING POTENTI FUNERAL ORATION ONE SPEAKER MENTIONED PROLETARIAT., CROWD HOWLED "NOT PROLETERIAT BUT POPOLI".

EIGHTEEN. AS OF 2030 HOURS TODAY ALL PARTISANS SOUTH OF ARNO AND ALL PARTISANS ENTERING THIS AREA WILL BE DISARMED. 19 JEEPS AND TRAILERS WITH SUPPLIES WILL BE DENIED CROSSING PONTE VECCHIO AT 2030 HOURS TODAY

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AND MAIN RIGHTS ARMY FOR NPAA OFFICERS
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AUG 12/1930

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IMPORTANT
CITE: NXSS

SUBCOMMISSION. CARMINE CHURCH ALMOST UNHURT SACRISTY SAFE FRANCACCI CHAPEL BRICKED UP SANDBAGGED AND FIREDOOR SAFE. S SPIRITO CHURCH AND SACRISTY UNHURT MOST WINDOWS REMAIN AND ARE SAFE SANNOVINO ALTAR SANDBAGGED AND SAFE. PALAZZI PITTI VECCHIO GUARNONI SAFE CORSINI AND SPINI APPEAR SO. PALAZZO PARTE GUELFA REPORTED DAMAGED BY GERMAN MINES. HOUSES ON PONTE VECCHIO BLOWN AT ENDS OTHERS BLASTED. DAMAGED REPORTED FOR 300 YARDS SOUTH OF PONTE VECCHIO. PONSI AND VERE CONTACTED

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ROME AREA COMMAND FOR A.C.C. H.Q. FOR RC & EC SECTION

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MAIN AMG EIGHTH ARMY
M431

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HEADQUARTERS 13 AUG 1944 A. C. C.

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SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 1045 HRS. ONE. ENTIRE FLORENCE PROVINCE PARTY HAS ARRIVED LODGED IN VILLA TORRIGIANI. TWO. REPORTS FROM MANY SOURCES PRINCE OF PIEDMONT VISITED FLORENCE YESTERDAY AND NEVER ADVISED. THREE. FLORENCE AMG NOW UNDER COMMAND 13 CORPS WHO HAVE PUT IN GARRISON COMMANDER. FOUR. TWELVE TONS FOOD AND SOME TYPHOID SERUM MANHANDLED ACROSS GALLERY PONTE VECCHIO LAST NIGHT. FIVE. PLATOON OF JEEPS ARRIVING TODAY TO REDUCE MANHANDLING ON SOUTH SHORE FROM 600 TO 1000 YARDS. SIX. SUPPLIES NOW IN SOUTHERN FLORENCE SUFFICIENT FEED WHOLE CITY THREE DAYS WITH THIRTY DAYS SUPPLY IN REAR. SEVEN. SNIPER ON NORTH BANK NEAR PONTE ALLE GRAZIE KILLED FIREMAN CROSSING IN BOAT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. EIGHTH. BULLET MISSED LT COL SPENCER BY A FOOT IN BANK AREA YESTERDAY. NINE. NO SHELLING OR SNIPING SOUTH PART OF TOWN LAST NIGHT.

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ROME AREA COMMAND FOR ACC HQ FOR HC & MI SEC

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MAIN AMG 5TH ARMY

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IMMEDIATE

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SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 0930 HRS 11 AUG 44.

1. RUNNER FROM COMITATO REPORTS GERMANS HAVE PULLED BACK BEYOND PUGNOWE RIVER AND COMITATO HAS OCCUPIED PALAZZO VECCHIO, PREFETTURA AND QUESTORE.
2. FIGHTING BELIEVED GOING ON ON NORTHERN OUTSKIRTS.
3. PARTISANS UNDER IOU COMMAND MOPPING UP SNIPERS AND PROSPECTING FOR ROADS.
4. PONTE VECCHIO BLOCKED AND HEAVILY MINED.
5. BORE CHECKING ON WATER MAINS ACROSS RIVER MINE CLEARING PERHAPS NECESSARY REPORS REPAIRS BEGIN.
6. HEAVY SHELLING AND MORTARING DURING NIGHT DIRECT HIT ON SCAO VILLA

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ACTION— CA HQ 2

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ADMIN SEC
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION A. C. C.

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ROME AREA COMMAND FOR ACC HQ FOR RC & MC SECTION

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MAIN AMG 8 ARMY VIA MAIN 13 CORPS

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8. VIGILI URBANI ASSISTING CONTROL CIVILIAN MOVEMENT AND CHECKING PRICES IN FOODSHOPS. 50 MORE CARABINIERI ARRIVED TODAY TOTAL NOW 178. HEAVY RAIN 1600 TO 1630 HOURS. PRACTICALLY NO SHELLING OR SNIPING ALL DAY.

(Note by Ciphers.-The above is remainder of message serial 4693 delivered this a.m.)

HEADQUARTERS
11 AUG 1944
A. C. C

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AUG 11 1644

TO: NOAC AFHQ CODEAF FOR ACC EQ FOR BC & SC SECTION 2867

FROM: MAIN AND 5TH ARMY

REF TO: 8831

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 1121 5B

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FLORENCE SITREP. POSITION AT 2000 HRS 11TH AUG 44. ADVANCE

1. CARDINAL DELLA COSTA SENT OVER WORD AT NOON FOOD SITUATION DESPERATE SOUTH OF ARNO FIRST NEED MILK FOR BABIES, FLOUR AND WATER.
2. 8 TONS FLOUR 1 TON MIL DUMS MANHANDLED ACROSS PONTE VECCHIO TONIGHT.
3. NONE GAS PUT WATER ACROSS TOMORROW MORNING IF PEOPLE OTHER SIDE CAN ORGANISE WATER POINT AND DISTRIBUTION.
4. NO AMG PERSONNEL YET ALLOWED TO CROSS ARNO.
5. ANY DAY MILLING QUESTION MAY BE DECIDED TOMORROW MEANWHILE ONLY FOOD FOUND IS UNDER OBSERVATION AND FIRE.
6. REPORTED ALL MOTOR VEHICLES INCLUDING AMBULANCES AND HEARSES AND ALL LIVE STOCK IN TOWN AND OUTSKIRTS DRIVEN OFF BY GERMANS.
7. PALAZZO VECCHIO UNDAMAGED BEING HELD BY 200 MUNICIPAL GUARDS.
8. DESTRUCTION ACCORDING TO LUCKY OF TIMES WHO CROSSED THIS MORNING EXTENDS 300 METRES BACK FROM PONTE VECCHIO AND INCLUDE PART OF PALACE OF QUIRINI.
9. REPORTED GERMANS REMOVED ALL MEDICAL SUPPLIES THEY FOUND BUT SOME HIDDEN.
10. OUR ONLY FIRE ENGINE DESTROYED BY SHELL FIRE.
11. PARTISANS LAST NIGHT TRIED HOLD PUBLIC EXECUTION OF 2 SUSPECTED LOOTERS BUT CMP INTERVENED AND TOOK THEM INTO CUSTODY.

HEADQUARTERS 12 AUG 1944 A. C. C.

ACC DIST # 3829

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4. NO AND PERSONNEL YET ALLOWED TO CROSS ARNO.

5. ARMY SAY BRIDGING QUESTION MAY BE DECIDED TOMORROW MONTVILLE ONLY FORD FOUND IS UNDER OBSERVATION AND FIRE.

6. REPORTED ALL MOTOR VEHICLES INCLUDING AMBULANCES AND HEARSES AND ALL LIVE STOCK IN TOWN AND OUTSKIRTS DRIVEN OFF BY GERMANS.

7. PALAZZO VECCHIO UNDAMAGED BEING HELD BY 200 MUNICIPAL GUARDS.

8. DESTRUCTION ACCORDING TO LUMSEY OF TIMES WHO CROSSED THIS MORNING EXTENDS 300 METERS BACK FROM PONTE VECCHIO AND INCLUDES PART OF PALACE OF GUILDS.

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HEADQUARTERS 12 AUG 1944 A. C. C.

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TN SC
ADMIN SUC
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PUBLIC SAFETY
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HEADQUARTERS 13 AUG 1944 A. C.

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SITREPFLORENCE. POSITION AT 1900 HOURS 11 AUG 44. ONE. SUPPLIES NOW CROSSING PONTE VECCHIO AT RATE LIKELY TO REACH 30 TONS OR MORE A DAY. TWO. BAILEY BRIDGE IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION. THREE. WATER SITUATION MUCH LESS CRITICAL THAN EXPECTED. FOUR. FLORENCE GARRISON UNDER COMMAND BRIG MOL IND DIV. SENIOR SUPPLY OFFICER AT PALAZZO VECCHIO TODAY ORGANIZING DISTRIBUTION

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SITREP FLORENCE. SITUATION AT 1100 HRS 10 AUG 44. 1. FLAMES AND SOUNDS OF EXPLOSIONS NORTH OF ARNO LAST NIGHT LOCAL CAPO COMMISARIO OF AGENTI HAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT FIRMS IN STREETS BETWEEN PALAZZO VECCHIO AND CATHEDRAL. SPRIGGE OF REUTERS SAYS 1 BATTALION COMMANDER TOLD HIM PARTISANS BLOWING SEWERS THROUGH WHICH GERMANS SUPPLYING SNIPERS ON THIS SIDE. 2. COL FARINACCI SURVEYED HOSPITAL SITUATION HERE 9 AUG 44 AND CORPS WILL LEND AMBULANCES TO EVACUATE WOUNDED CIVILIANS. 3. HEAVY RAINS 0800 TO 1000 HRS TODAY. 4. PARTISANS WILL RECCE ARNO FORFORDS TO PUT ACROSS AMG SUPPLIES WHEN NORTH OF CITY FALLS 1 R E WATER POINT ASSEMBLED NOW READY TO CROSS. 5. 200 REFUGEES FROM SOUTH DUE OUT LAST NIGHT DID NOT LEAVE BECAUSE CORPS ADVANCED TIME FOR CONVOY DEPARTURE BUT LEAVING TONIGHT. 11/11/11/ 6. SUGAR DISTRIBUTION 100 GRAMS THROUGHOUT OUR AREA COMPLETED 100 GRAMS SALT TO BE DISTRIBUTED. 7. DISTRIBUTION MILK FOR BOTTLE FED BABIES BEGUN. 8. PERSISTENT RUMOURS OF LOOTING BY PARTISANS BEING CAREFULLY CHECKED. 9. CIVILIAN MORALE GOOD NO CASES OF CRIME SO FAR. 10. 53 MORE CARABINIERI IN YESTERDAY MAKING TOTAL OF 130. 18 MORE AGENTI ENROLLED TOTAL NOW 53. 11. DR POGGI SUPERINTENDENT OF MONUMENTS LOCATED IN PALAZZO PITTI AND REPORTING AT AMG MAIN ARMY TODAY OR TOMORROW. 12. FOLLOWERS OF "POTENTI" AUTHORISED TO ISSUE MEMORIAL LEAFLET 3827 OF PUBLIC FUNERAL BECAUSE POTENTI ALREADY BURIED AT MIL HOSP WHERE HE DIED. 13. BOTH CORRIERE ALEATO AND 8TH ARMY NEWS NOW PUBLISHED LOCALLY. 14. GERMAN SHELLING MUCH LESS LAST NIGHT ONLY 2 CIVILIANS WOUNDED.

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AMG 8 ARMY SITREP FOLLOWING COMMENCED IN ALLIED HANDS.

ONE. FIGLINE. POPULATION 11500 DESTRUCTION SLIGHT WATER SUPPLY NORMAL NO LIGHT. INDUSTRIES CHEMICAL WORKS COMPLETELY DESTROYED SMALL GLASS FACTORY AND FELT HAT MANUFACTURE. NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMS. FOUR WATER MILLS FOR [redacted] GRAIN TWO FOR OLIVE OIL.

IMPRUNETA. NORMAL POPULATION 12000 PRESENT 2000 APPROX 20 PER CENT DESTROYED 40 PER CENT DAMAGED TWO WATER MILLS INTACT THREE DAMAGED. WATER SUPPLY BROKEN. MAIN INDUSTRIES HYDE CURING FACTORY CONDITION UNKNOWN. TOWN SUFFERED HEAVILY FROM RECENT AERIAL BOMBARDMENT CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS OF DEAD CIVILIANS STILL UNDER DEBRIS WORK ON CLEARING DEBRIS AND BURYING DEAD PROGRESSING SITUATION IN HAND.

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SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 1100 HRS 9 AUG 44. 1. SOME TRAF 180 TONS SUPPLIES HAVE REACHED FLORENCE AND STOCKPILING FOR NOTE OF CITY REDUN. 2. 1 LORRY RETURNING EMPTY THIS MORNING HELD UP ON A MINE DRIVER INJURED. 3. 30 ACCETI DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA AND 22 VIGILI URBANI RESUMED DUTY TODAY. 4. 2 FIRE BRIGADE SUBSTATIONS READY FOR DUTY. LITTLE MOBILE EQUIPMENT. DEPENDING ON ITALS FOR WATER. 5. PATRI PART ARRIVED LAST NIGHT FOR PITTI PALACE REFUGEE CAMP. 6. 208 REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN ITALY EVACUATED 8 AUG 44 200 MORE OUT TONIGHT LEAVING ONLY 8. 7 LOCAL PARTISANS SOUTH OF ARNO FULLY DISARMED. BAND STILL OPERATING AGAINST GERMANS IN HIGHLY ORGANISED UNIT FROM THE HILLS. 8. "POTENTI" PARTISAN LEADER KILLED NIGHT 7 AUG 44 DIED YESTERDAY. 9. QUANTITIES FRESH VEGETABLES ENTERING CITY PRICES VERY REASONABLE. 10. PER BRought IN 10000 COPIES CORRIERE ALLEATO EACH DAY 7 AND 8 AUG AND EMILE LOCAL PUBLICATION 10000 DAILY TODAY. 500 COPIES DAILY GETTING ACROSS THE ARNO. 11. SCAO HELD FIRST DAILY PRESS CONFERENCE 0930 HRS TODAY AGENCIES REPRESENTED WERE REUTERS, [redacted] BBC, UNRRA, TIMES. 12. LESS SHELLING LAST NIGHT

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DEPOSIT AT TARQUINIA IN GOOD CONDITION BEING CHECKED BY ESTHOVEN AND LAVAGNINO. UNLISTED DEPOSIT FROM CHURCHES AND MUSEUM OF PISA DISCOVERED AT CAMP DELL UCCELLINO 08250. BOTH ARE UNDER GUARD

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SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 1000 HRS 8 AUG 44. ONE. SUBCOMMITTEES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES SET UP AT CONFERENCE BETWEEN SCAO AND COMITATO 7 AUG 44. TWO. PRICE OF BREAD INCREASED TO FIVE LIRA WEF 9 AUG 44. THREE. DISPLACED PERSONS NO PROBLEM IN OCCUPIED PART OF FLORENCE. FOUR. SHORTAGE SMALL CHANGE FOR RETAIL FOOD PURCHASES BEING MET BRINGING IN TWO MILLION LIRA IN SMALL DENOMINATIONS. FIVE. COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER "AZIONE COMMUNISTA" APPEARED SUNDAY 6 AUG 44 BUT DISCONTINUED AS RESULT CONFERENCE WITH COMITATO AND POSTING OF AMG ORDER PADLOCKING PUBLICATIONS AND FREEZING PAPER STOCKS. SIX. FIRST ISSUE LACALLY PRINTED PWB NEWSPAPER WILL APPEAR 9 AUG 44. SEVEN LOUD SPEAKER VANS NOT YET ARRIVED. EIGHT. PAPER STOCKS FOUND IN INSTITUTO DARTE RESERVED FOR PWB. NINE. PARTISANS ASSISTING IN CLEARING SNIPERS PONTE VECCHIO AREA. TEN. GERMAN SHELLS FELL LAST NIGHT WELL INSIDE OUR AREA BUT OUTSIDE CITY WALL.

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SITUATION REPORT FLORENCE UP TO MIDNIGHT 7TH AUGUST, 44. 10 AUG Read

1. There is very little further news to give as the operational position is still the same as before, namely Allies in southern part of the town up to the ARNO and the enemy across the river to the north. 10 AUG 1944

2. WATER SUPPLY. It will not be possible to repair the water supply until the northern portion of the city has been captured. The water pipes run along the edge of the ARNO on the south side, and the whole of the south is supplied from these pipes. They were broken at the PONTE VECCHIO when this bridge was blown up. They cannot be repaired therefore, until such time as the north side of the town is captured, as the place where the break is is under machine gun fire from across the river.

3. ELECTRICITY. There is no question of being able to restore electricity to FLORENCE at this stage.

4. POPULATION. No further information on this other than the fact that there are around about 80,000 on the south side of the river.

5. SUPPLIES. All our information shows that the northern part of the town still in enemy hands is in a very poor way as regards food. It is essential, therefore, to build up stocks on the south side so as to start distribution immediately the rest of the city is captured, and to try and avoid any rush of hungry people crossing the river. To meet this situation stocks are being slowly built up by doubling the number of trucks going in each night in convoy. As from the night of August 7/8th, 20 trucks as against 10 are delivering supplies. This should allow a build up at the rate a minimum of 30 tons per day of food surplus to requirements south of the river.

6. PARTISANS. The best relations exist with the partisans and everything is working smoothly. There are as previously reported some 800 in two bands, 1 band is extremely well organised under Italian officers, and is giving the utmost assistance in every way, and is very well disciplined. They number about 600. The remainder are the usual type who have taken up arms at the last minute when fighting was over, and claim to be "liberators". They are under control.

7. MEDICAL. 3 tons of medical supplies have now been put into the city and the hospital side is functioning.

8. REFUGEES. Altogether there are some 8,000 refugees who are being looked after and kept in the city. They are nearly all Florentines and come from the strip of the city north and south of the river, which was evacuated by the Germans. Once the whole of FLORENCE is in our hands it will be possible to return them to their homes which at present are under machine gun fire, though how much damage may be done before this is possible, no one can say.

9. PERSONNEL. S.C.A.C., Lt-Col. Denton Jones, S.C.A.P.O. Major Fuller, C.A.O. Major Zorzuleschi with 30 Carabinieri and two A.M.G. Police officers are in the town as reported. The balance of the carabinieri, namely 100 together with the two other A.M.G. Police Officers are now being

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10. FINANCE. There is only one bank south of the river which is closed. Up to date food supplies have been paid for, but there is a shortage of small denomination lire. In fact nearly all the supply in the town at the moment seems to be in casse, nearly all bankers drafts being Florentine banks. Capt. Whalon, Lieut. Army Senior Finance Officer is going to FLORENCE today with 2,000,000 Allied Military lire in small denominations to investigate the possibility of opening the bank and deal with the partisan and private cassegni.

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11. ADMINISTRATION. It is not intended to set up a separate administration for southern FLORENCE, but only to organise it in such a way that it will blend into the final administration once the town is captured. In this respect the representatives of the Comitato di Liberazione are being extremely helpful and co-operative, and in fact are really acting under A.M.G. and setting up the organisation required on the proper lines. Relationship is first-class.

12. DISPLACED PERSONS. There is no problem here at all. There are of course a certain number of allied people, mostly married to Italians. There is no destitution at all, and all the people of allied nationality and indeed of any other nationality are being of the utmost help.

13. ORDER. There is in effect none, and curfew is being well maintained. In so far as Fascists are concerned, there is very little to do on this line as rather naturally they are all on the northern side.

14. GENERAL. A considerable quantity of shelling goes on at night, mostly counter-battery work on the part of the enemy, and this is bound to do a certain amount of damage to the houses, villas and buildings in the suburbs on the hills around. There is no shelling of the actual town proper. There is, however, a lot of machine gun fire across the river which will do damage to houses along the river front.

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Col Spencer

a) Paragraph 4 might lead to Great Confusion. I think this suggestion does not have to be implemented

c) Paragraph 5. May I see drafts of any Defense statements which may be of interest to you

Thanks for opening

Thank you

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Notes Written after a Visit to Florence.

I arrived in the South of Florence at 1300 hrs on 6 August accompanied by two Patriot Representatives from Rome, one of the Bernabo Group and one of the Bauer Group. I left at 2000 hrs on the same date having seen in Florence Lt-Col. Benton-Jones (AMG 8 Army) and his staff also the British Garrison Commander, the F.S.S., the I.C.U. and Special Forces and the chiefs of the Patriot Bands.

GENERAL.

The situation briefly was that the enemy was holding the North bank of the river Arno and was sniping across the river from there and was shelling the approaches to Florence, chiefly about dawn and dusk. All bridges were down except the Ponte Vecchio. Communications between N. Florence and S. Florence existed in various peculiar ways. The Germans had removed all food and live-stock. AMG was sending in ten 3-ton vehicles every evening starting on 5 Aug (this is now to be increased to twenty) so that essential food requirements were being met. There was no light nor water in the town except drinking water. Most of the original Carabinieri had crossed the river and were reported to be on the side of the enemy, but more carabinieri had been brought up from the South. I was told by an officer who had valuable information that both Germans and civilians were sniping across the river and that the Germans had imposed a 24 hour curfew and that two Patriot Companies were in the centre of Florence: also there were he thought a few Germans left South of the river in a very small pocket.

PATRIOTS.

The situation which had been a bit tricky to handle because Patriots do not like the idea of handing in their arms had been settled very satisfactorily and seemed to be as follows. There were no Military Patriots. The C.L.N. Patriots were divided into a party of approx 600 South of the river and the Garibaldi companies whose chief said he definitely owed allegiance to CLN but he acted independently and said he had altogether 10 companies (110 each) North of the river & South and there were also two others many miles South near POGGIBONSI.

Lt-Col. Benton-Jones (AMG 8 Army) who had arrived in Florence on 4 August arranged after a little difficulty for all these Patriots to hand in their arms (which they guarded themselves) by noon 6 August and the arrangement was that they should only draw them out when they went out with the British Army for guide or other duties. All this seemed to be working satisfactorily.

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VISIT TO A.A.I. 3819

On my return I discussed the Florence picture with Brig. Mainwaring at AAI. H.Q. Five points at our discussion can be recorded here.

First. Brig. Mainwaring wants it to be clearly understood that Patriots should be expected to help the Army as guides, patrols, etc in their own area, but must not be recruited for moving farther forward outside their own recognized beat.

Second I explained it would be difficult to organise, in the 5th Army area, the returning transport and camps and supervision for Patriots who wish to enlist. At present the numbers are few; but patriots are being told everywhere now

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that they can enlist if they hide their time and wait for collection at the Army's convenience. This position was agreed as being satisfactory meantime Brig. Mainwairing said he would arrange with 2 Army that in due course the M.I.I.A. Screening agents should be allowed into Corps Areas.

Third. In future it will be advisable to have a plan laid on beforehand and subsequent close operational contact between Ops., Special Forces, P.W.B. and the Patriot Branch.

Fourth. At a much later date it may be necessary to have (say) a company of the Italian Army up in certain forward areas to help deal with turbulent Patriots and other Patriot problems: in general it was agreed that the Italian Army would probably have to provide the man-power for looking after Patriot problems in the Army areas and in the L of C.

Fifth. We discussed briefly if the time was ripe for a political utterance or broadcast to outline the Patriot situation generally. Brig. Mainwairing agreed with me that the time had now arrived when such a statement could be made, with advantage.

/s/ C. D. MC CARTHY
C. D. MC CARTHY,
Colonel,
Patriots Branch,
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Fifth. We discussed briefly if the time was ripe for a political utterence or broadcast to outline the Patriot situation generally. Brig.Manwairing agreed with me that the time had now arrived when such a statement could be made, with advantage.

/s/ C. D. MC CARTHY
C. D. MC CARTHY,
Colonel.
Patriots Branch,
R.C. & N.O. Section.

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SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 1500 HRS 8 AUG 44.

1. G (CL) SLIGHTLY WOUNDED AND "POTENTI" PARTISAN LEADER SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN LAST NIGHTS RAID ON SNIPERS BOTH EVACUATED TO MIL HOSP.

2. SHELLING SINCE 1130 HRS TODAY IN PORTA ROMANA AREA CIVILIAN CASUALTIES CONSIDERABLE ONE HIT ON ISTITUTO ARTE ONE SHELL 75 YARDS FROM THIS HQ.

3. PARTISAN ACTION AGAINST SNIPERS IN PONTE VECCHIO AREA CONTINUING ALL TODAY.

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SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 1200 HRS AUGUST 7TH.

ONE. MEDICAL SUPPLIES PLUS THIRTY METRIC TONS FOOD ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

TWO. REFUGEE OFFICER AND TWO ITALIAN RED CROSS NURSES ORGANIZING REFUGEES IN PALAZZO PITTI SINCE YESTERDAY.

THREE. ENSUING TONNAGE DAILY UNTIL OF FOOD WILL BE SIXTY TONS.

FOUR. THREE THREE TONNERS WATER EQUIPMENT COMING TODAY.

FIVE. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER ARRIVED YESTERDAY PRESS ROOM ESTABLISHED.

SIX. A AND [illegible] WITH BRIGADIER MAJOR AND OTHER RANKS ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

SEVEN. RATION SCALE TO PARTISANS IS ITALIAN WORKERS SCALE PLUS INCREMENT BEING DRAWN IN BULK.

EIGHT. BREAD DISTRIBUTED TODAY TO ALL REFUGEES IN PALAZZO PITTI.

NINE. PARTISANS COOPERATING EXTREMELY WELL AND VERY HELPFUL.

TEN. SHELLING LAST NIGHT AND SHIPPING POINTS RECORD AUSA

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SITUATION REPORT FLORENCE UP TO MIDNIGHT 5TH AUGUST, 44.

8 AUG 1944

1. A.M.C. Recce party entered FLORENCE at 13.30 hrs on Friday, August 4th. The party consisted of Lt-Col. Denton Jones, S.C.A.O., and Major Pullen S.C.A.P.O. and Major Zervabachi, C.A.O. They set up their H.Q. at the VILLA TORRIANI in VIA SERRAGLIE. Only that part of the City south of the ARNO was in our hands, and they were not able to get to the PALAZZO VECCHIO which is North of the river.

2. All bridges were blown with the exception of the PONTE VECCHIO and the houses immediately facing and to the east of it. Bridges have been blown to block access.

3. WATER SUPPLY. This is adequate, though enough for drinking purposes. It is possible that there is more north of the river as it is pumped electrically across the river from the South. It is possible that the water supply E of the 79 grid line and South of the river will be working by August 6th, and it is hoped to establish a water-point W of this grid line.

4. ELECTRICITY. There has been none since 29th July, as it comes from the north.

5. PROCLAMATIONS. These were posted at 14.30 hrs and the reception was good, order being kept at this stage by 800 partisans. By the evening two A.M.C. Police Officers and 80 Carabinieri, (Major Saunders and Major Harris) had been infiltrated into the city to take over from the partisans.

6. POPULATION. It is difficult to say accurately what the population is. Reports from partisans previous to the occupation and according to their passports work through on August 1st (copy to A.C.C., A.P.C. Florence, and Region VIII), gave the civil population of the commune at 500,000. Report from the S.C.A.O. gives this as 419,000 of which 100,000 are sfollatti. Of the above 419,000, 80,000 are said to be south of the river.

7. SUPPLIES. Situation here is somewhat serious. The Germans had distributed 200 grammes of bread daily and are said to have distributed 35grammes of oil per head up to the end of August, but all other supplies had been removed, with a result that the population south of the town were liable to be without food after August 5th. The present operational position naturally precludes supplies coming in from the eastern side, if there be any. To alleviate this situation one thousand pounds in a convoy of 10 trucks on the night of August 5th, and to continue this nightly. The first convoy left for FLORENCE from RIVERSIDE at 20.00hrs last night, Saturday, August 5th under command of Lt-Col. Spencer.

8. PARTISANS. These present a problem as there are many who do not belong to established bands, and the disarming of them are not readily accepted. However, a meeting was held on August 5th between the partisans, G (Civil Liaison), and 4th British Division, which was satisfactory and it was arranged that

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3. WATER SUPPLY. This is inadequate, though enough for drinking purposes. It is probable that there is more water in the river as it is pumped electrically across it further from the South. It is possible that the water supply E of the [illegible] grid line and South of the river will be working by August 6th, and it is hoped to establish a water-point W of this grid line.

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(i) [illegible] should be placed at the Partisan H.Q.

(ii) Arms to be collected by Partisan officers under an authority [illegible].

(iii) Partisan officers to remain their own bands to carry them in the streets.

It is expected that partisans L.Os will go in today August 6th.

9. MEDICAL. No medical supplies in hospitals. There are no Municipal medical functionaries south of the ARNO. One of the members of the Comitato di Liberazione is engaged in collecting the names of private doctors and will organise the medical and Hygiene side south of the river. There is one good hospital with approximately 200 beds and very well equipped in the VIALE MICHAELANGELO, but it is not conveniently placed and is still [illegible]

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under gun-fire. It has, therefore, been decided to create a hospital temporarily nearer to the centre of the town to hold 50/70 beds.

Of medical supplies there are practically nil, as the hospitals and chemist shops have all been ransacked by the Germans. There is, however, one First Aid Station run by an English woman, Miss Gladys HUTTON which is well stocked as she was able to hide the stock from the Germans. Steps are being taken to get in medical supplies as soon as possible. The health state of the population is good, there are a few cases of typhoid fever but not bad cases.

10. HYGIENE. Lack of transport makes it very difficult to cart rubbish and it has been accumulating [illegible] days. An Italian has been engaged in the job of organising gangs of street cleaners. An emergency burial ground has been [illegible] as there is no cemetery open on this part of the city.

11. LABOUR. There is plenty of labour and it has already been organised to deal with the unloading of supplies as they come in.

12. REFUGEES. The PALAZZO PITTI has been used as a Refugee Centre and there are about 5000 refugees in it. The Refugee Officer is going in today to examine the situation, but it is not intended to evacuate excepting under great necessity at this stage.

13. MISCELLANEOUS. Wine stops presents no problem as there is virtually no wine. There is only one bridge south of the ARNO which has not been blown, as it is being swiped up from the north bank.

14. It is hoped that all the necessary officers and experts of A.M.G. will get to the town today under authority from Army and 13 Corps.

[signature]
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

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13. MISCELLANEOUS. Mine clearance presents no problem as there is virtually no mine. There is only one bridge south of the ARNO which has not been cleared, as it is being swept on from the north bank.

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AMG ENTRY PARTY ENTERED FLORENCE 1330 HOURS TODAY 4 AUGUST. PARTY NOW ISOLATED AS FURTHER MOVEMENT INTO CITY FORBIDDEN. THEY REPORTED. 1. WATER SUPPLY SOUTH OF RIVER INADEQUATE BUT SUFFICIENT FOR DRINKING PURPOSES. NORTH OF RIVER NONE AS IT WAS PUMPED ACROSS RIVER ELECTRICALLY FROM SOUTH SIDE. 2. ELECTRICITY NIL SINCE JULY 29. 3. PROCLAMATIONS POSTED 1430 HOURS. 4. FOOD SITUATION POOR GERMANS DISTRIBUTED 200 GRAMMES DAILY BUT REMOVED ALL SUPPLIES ON LEAVING. OIL 35 GRAMMES PER HEAD DISTRIBUTED FOR AUGUST. 5. 415000 PEOPLE IN COMMUNE OF WHICH 100000 SFOLLATI. OF TOTAL 80000 SOUTH OF RIVER. 6. COMMITTEE OF LIBERATION SOUTH OF RIVER COOPERATING. 7. HOSPITALS SOUTH OF RIVER INTACT NO MEDICAL STORES. 8. NO POLICE SOUTH OF RIVER. 9. ANCIENT MONUMENTS NO DAMAGE APPARENT. 10. RAPID SURVEY SOUTH RIVER SHOWS 5% DESTROYED 5% DAMAGED. ALL ABOVE INITIAL REPORT AND BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY.

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A.C.C. A.M.G. BULLETIN No. 1

Situation Report up to midnight 27th July, 44.

TERNI PROVINCE.

1. This province will be handed over to Region IV on 30th July. The supply position has improved and miscellaneous supplies are now being distributed. There is sufficient flour for the moment in the Province, and it is intended to leave a considerable quantity in RIETI as a reserve, in the event of there being insufficient power to grind grain.

2. The main problem in TERNI Province will be one of labour, caused by the number of employees of the steelworks and other factories in TERNI who will not be able to resume their normal work owing to the extent to which corruption will have to be found.

It will also be essential to rebuild the bridges on the RIETI-NARNI road and the Prov Comm is well aware of this fact.

AQUILA PROVINCE.

3. (a) When this town was captured there were only some 1,500 people out of a total population of 31,000. They have been coming back but not as quickly as was expected, and there are today well over 5,000.

This town had been raided last January and the administration had gone into various villages etc., out in the country, into areas, many of which are not yet captured. It has, therefore, not been possible to create a Provincial administration, as the majority of the officials are still in enemy occupied territory. It is not, however, considered advisable to request that the Ministry of Interior should nuggle outside officials. It has been decided in consultation with the Prov Comm to wait and see whether it be not possible to get back existing officials or replace them as the province falls into our hands.

(b) The Prefect was not in the town when it was given out with 17 million lire belonging to the province. The Vice-Prefect was told to function but was since then dismissed and has been replaced temporarily by a Vice-Prefect put in by the Germans to fit Italy there. It is unlikely that this man will be given much more than a Vice-Prefect, but the head of an Italian political body has been given by the Archbishop, and this man appears to be very highly thought of. Unfortunately, he is still in enemy occupied territory, but it is hoped that he will be obtainable eventually, and it is proposed to consider him as the future Prefect. The Intendente di Finanza has returned, but all Judges are still in enemy occupied territory.

(c) There should not be any difficulty in carrying out the Agreement and the pump again that, [illegible] privileges in the department are still under profit [illegible] there is [illegible] factory at all until [illegible]

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PERUGIA PROVINCE.

4. The administration here is functioning satisfactorily and miscellaneous supplies are probably being taken in. This is probably the most difficult province to look after owing to its distances, particularly in the North-Western side from our main source of supply.

SIENA PROVINCE.

5. This province will be dealt with in the next report.

SUPPLIES.

6. There are at SIENA at the date of this report 1540 tons of flour and 529 tons of miscellaneous supplies. At ORVIETO there are 420 tons flour and 27 tons miscellaneous supplies, which it is proposed to leave and hand over to TERNI Province.

REFUGEES.

7. (a) No.12 Refugee Camp opened on the 27th July at the new railhead of SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI near ASSISI.

No.2 Camp (13 Corps) is moving by slow M.T. cars to F.M.J. 124 south-east of PORCHIANO.

No.11 Railhead Camp is still at NARNI and has sent forward an advanced party to the new site on the main road just north of SPOLETO.

(b) On the West axis, that is to say, the Adriatic side there has been no refugee activity, but on the East axis a considerable amount.

No.11 Camp dealt with 2,406 refugees between 19th and 23rd July.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

8. There is nothing of great interest to report. On the Public Safety side, though it is likely that there will be certain amount of trouble from the Communist party, due to the arrest of their leader on security grounds by F.S.S., but he has since been released by them, and the position has eased.

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SIBU PROVINCE.

5. This province will be dealt with in the next report.

BUILDING.

6. There are at SIBU, at the date of this report 1040 tons of flour and 529 tons of miscellaneous supplies. At ORIENGO there are 420 tons flour and 27 tons miscellaneous supplies, which it is proposed to leave and hand over to SIBU Province.

RAILWAYS.

7. (a) No.12 Refugee Coy opened on the 27th July at the new railhead at SUNGEI DEDAP about MILE 81.

No.2 Coy (13 Corps) is moving by slow degrees to KM. 124 south-east of POGIOKOGI.

No.11 Railhead Coy is still at MUKAH and has sent forward an advanced party to the new site on the main road just north of BINTANGOR.

(b) On the West axis, that is to say, the Mukah side there has been no refugee activity, but on the East axis considerable numbers.

No.11 Coy has dealt with 2,485 refugees between 19th and 25th July.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

8. There is nothing of great interest to report. On the Public Safety side it looks as if there might be a certain amount of trouble from the Communist party in Kuching. The release of their leader on security grounds by M.C.S., but he has party and to the pursuit of their leader on security grounds by M.C.S., but he has since been released by them, and the position has eased.

BANKING.

9. Banks in SIBU town were opened on the 20th July, and the other banks in the occupied area on the 24th July, were opened on the 22nd July.

The Bank and the Post-Office have been opened in BINTANGOR (Serugin Province).

LEGAL.

10. There is one point to make, that is the case of a civilian who was murdered by Japanese in SIBU. The Senior Legal Officer has investigated the case, together with the Army Legal Officer, but the witnesses have already left and will probably not be available in the future. The matter is being taken up by the Senior Legal Officer.

ATROCITIES.

11. There have been a considerable number of reported cases of atrocities, all of which are being closely investigated, and a separate report will be sent regarding them.

LIBERATED TOWNS.

12 (a) CASTEL FIDARDINO (Florence Province)

The commune has a population of 10,000 of which only 150 are at the present in the town, which is about 20% destroyed and 20% repairable. There is no electric light and information is not yet to hand as to how long it will take to repair the water supply which is not working. There is a water mill of a fairly big capacity.

(b) OSIMO (Ancona Province)

Normal population is 9,000 but there are about 11,000 in the commune. There has been heavy war damage throughout the commune and several villages have been wiped out. The banks have been completely destroyed.

(c) CITTA DI CASTELLO. (Province of Perugia)

Normal population is 35,000 and they are all present. The town is 2% destroyed and 20% damaged but repairable. There is no light or power as this comes through plant at TERNI. There are 3 electric mills but none are workable. There are also a large number of water mills with small output of approximately 2 quintals per day.

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Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.C. Eighth Army Main.

In the Field.
27 Jul 44.

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(b) [redacted] (Arezzo Province)

The commune has a population of 15,000 of which only 150 are at the moment in the town, which is about 20% destroyed and 20% repairable. There is no electric light and information is not yet to hand as to how long it will take to repair the water supply which is not working. There is a water mill of a fairly big capacity.

(b) [redacted] (Arezzo Province)

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REPORT FROM FLORENCE THROUGH COMMITTEE OF LIBERATION SOURCES DATED JULY 29 REPORTS CONDITIONS IN TOWN AS FOLLOWS.

FIRST. MEDICAL SUPPLIES TAKEN BY GERMANS.

SECOND. FOOD STORES NON EXISTENT.

THIRD. MILLS NEARBY ALL DESTROYED.

FOURTH. POPULATION CITED AS 500000

FULL TEXT COMMUNICATIONS IN POSSESSION AAI WHICH YOU SHOULD SEE. TRANSLATED COPIES BEING SENT YOU. WILL TAKE UP MEDICAL QUESTION WITH REGION 8 AS NEAREST SUPPLY SOURCE. YOU SHOULD ARRANGE STEP UP MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES INCLUDING FLOUR INTO SIENA IF POSSIBLE. ALL BRIDGES EXCEPTING [redacted] PONTE VECCHIO BLOWN.

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SITREP 7. AMG RECTANGLE HEADQUARTERS 30 JULY. POPULATION OF PARMA 15000. REACH HEADQUARTERS GOOD DAMAGED BUILDING NIL. ONE HOSPITAL AND 3 WATER MILLS WORKING CAPACITY ELOB 150 QUINTALS 24 HOURS. 22 CCRS ALL ARMED. ONE HOSPITAL CONTAINS 40 BEDS. ONE BAKERY RUNS 250 TONS UTILISED BULKER AVAILABLE. AIG FOUND IN TOWN 20000 QUINTALS GRAIN 300 QUALS READY USE. AIG FUNCTIONING MANTOVA AERO PROVINCE MODENA BOLOGNA FERRARA VENICE CASTEL BELLINO PROVINCE AREZZO. CONDITIONS FAVOURABLE

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SITREP 6. AMG COMMENCED FUNCTIONING ANCONA 19TH JULY. POPULATION 'OUND ? LIVING IN TOWN 6000. 1 HOSPITAL UNDAMAGED WORKING WITH 500 BEDS MEDICAL SUPPLIES SHORT GENERALLY. HEALTH SANITATION SATISFACTORY. LIGHT AND POWER NIL WATER PIPELINE WORKING MAIN LINE DAMAGED 61 AREA AEPAIRING IMM DIATELY. CORR PRESENT IN?? OCCUPATION 1 LIEUT AND 40. FLOUR WILL BE ADEQUATE ON ARRIVAL POL. BUILDINGS DESTROYED 35 PERCENT DAMAGED 25 PERCENT OVERCROWDING NIL MORALE COOPERATIVE. MEDICAL FINANCIAL REPORTS TO FOLLOW.

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H.Q., A.M.G., UMBRIA ARMY. 20 JUL 1944

Situation Report up to midnight 17th July, 44.

1. UMBRI PROVINCE was handed over to Region IV on July 10th. A full report on the conditions at the time of handing over is enclosed (sent only to A.C.C.)

2. UMBRI PROVINCE

(a) Sufficient grain has been distributed in UMBRI, but owing to a greater shortage of A grain than was originally expected, it has been necessary to supplement this with flour. This has been done. No miscellaneous supplies have yet been received and it has, therefore, not been possible to distribute any sugar, milk, soap etc. In this connection up to the 12th July only 20 tons of supplies have been forwarded from CIVITA CASTELLANA out of 240 tons which have arrived, and these 20 tons consisted entirely of flour.

U.N.R.R.A. is badly needed too, and what has been distributed has been entirely through the help given by UMBRI.

(b) The trouble over the steel mills owing to the area being taken over by SS Area has been settled, and 1000 key people are now back in the mills according to a plan which was initiated by the mill director himself. The balance of the workers who were rendered unemployed are being looked after by arrangements through the Directors of the Company and the Bank of Italy.

(c) The Provincial Commissioner has been warned that certain Bailey bridges will be removed, probably at the beginning of next month and in particular those on the road from CIVITO through AMELIA to NARNI. Importance of getting these bridges rebuilt has been stressed, as otherwise the Western end of Umbria Province will be cut off from the rest, excepting by a detour involving over a 100 k.ms.

3. PERUGIA PROVINCE.

The Provincial Commissioner reports that approximately 50% of the water supply and electricity is now functioning in the province.

(a) Economics & Supply.

The following departments are organised and functioning in this province:

Insp. of Agricultura
Consorzio Agrario
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(a) Sufficient grain has been distributed in TERNI, but owing to a greater shortage of A grain %, than was originally expected, it has been necessary to supplement this with flour. This has been done. No miscellaneous supplies have yet been received and it has, therefore, not been possible to distribute any sugar, milk, soap etc. In this connection up to the 12th July only 20 tons of supplies have been received from CIVITA CASTELLANA out of 240 tons which have arrived, and these 20 tons consisted entirely of flour.

E.C.L. is badly needed too, and what has been distributed has been entirely through the help given by NARNI.

(b) The trouble over the steel mills owing to the area being taken over by SS Troops has been settled, and 1000 key people are now back in the mills according to a plan which was initiated by the mill director himself. The balance of the workers who were rendered unemployed are being looked after by arrangements through the Directors of the Company and the Bank of Italy.

(c) The Provincial Commissioner has been warned that certain Bailey bridges will be removed, probably at the beginning of next month and in particular those on the road from CIVITA to through AMELIA to NARNI. Importance of getting these bridges rebuilt has been stressed, as otherwise the Western end of Terni Province will be cut off from the rest, excepting by a detour involving over a 100 k.ms.

3. PERUGIA PROVINCE.

The Provincial Commissioner reports that approximately 50% of the water supply and electricity is now functioning in the province.

(a) Economics & Supply.

The following departments are organised and functioning in this province:

Insp. of Agriculture
Consorzio Agrario
Alimentazione
Ministero del Industrie del Commercio
Accertamento

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The head and assistant head of Consorzio Agrario were dismissed and also the head of Accertamento. Proper replacements have been made. The Director of the Union of Fascists Agriculture was dismissed.

The head and assistant head of Consorzio of Threshing was dismissed and the organisation placed under the Inspector of Agriculture.

The Province is self-subsistent in regard to grain, oil, and vegetables. Imports of salt, sugar and canned milk are necessary. People of the entire province are being supplied with their proper ration of food.

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Harvesting is proceeding quite well, however we are now delayed by lack of fuel for threshing machines.

A complete survey is being made from this office by personnel of the previously mentioned organisations of each Commune in the Province.

No flour is being distributed in Perugia Province excepting to a few outlying hill communes.

(b) Finance

General Order No.2 has been posted in the following communes and all financial matters have been reactivated:

Perugia	June 26th
Foligno	June 29th
Spoleto	June 29th
Assisi	June 30th
Marsciano	July 1st
Spello	June 29th
Todi	June 19th
Citta della Pieve	Post Office was opened and Banks will open July 6th.

Advances made were the following:

Todi — Sussidi Militari to the Post Office L.100,000.
Citta della Pieve — Command relief to the amount of L. 50,000 Sussidi Militari L. 100,000 to Post Office.

The Director of the Perugia Post Office will be removed from office because he was in the Fascist Republican Party.

The private insurance companies are not to operate any other activities except for the collection of premiums. Social insurance companies have been given instructions to operate.

It has not been necessary to advance funds for any purpose. The Bank of Italy is well supplied with funds to take care of all advances. It has approximately L.50,000,000 in cash.

Banks opened at NARNI, ORVIETO, CASTIGLIONE.

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A Judicial Committee consisting of the President of the Court of Appeal, Procuratore del Re, Procuratore Generale, and the President of the Tribunale was immediately set up. The Judiciary in PERUGIA was contaminated by Fascism, and in September, 1943, the Fascists set up a commission to enquire into Anti-Fascist acts committed by the Judiciary between July and September, 1943.

In conjunction with Public Safety, enquiry was made and seven members of the Judicial organisation were dismissed, two counsellors of the Court of Appeal - one of whom had already fled, and five administrative functionaries.

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All the judges in the area are available except as stated above, and their courts ready to function when military operations permit the necessary movement of civilians in this area.

All political prisoners were released prior to the occupation of PERUGIA.

4. REFUGEES.

Due to the slowing down of the advance, the refugees have increased in number as is to be expected. Whenever a line becomes more static there is bound to be an inflow of refugees from "No man's land" and this has been the case, particularly in the area around AREZZO.

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FLORENCE.

The representatives in attendance at the conference held in ROME have arrived and are now functioning with 13 Corps, 10 Corps and 2 Polish Corps. The contingents have not yet arrived.

The Partisan question is in hand, excepting that there are various incidents which have occurred, all of which have been dealt with. It may be of interest to quote from the report of the 10 Corps Liaison Officer for the week-ending 10th July, 44.

"The control and disarming of partisans and the prevention of unauthorised activities on their part continue to occupy the attention of the C.L.Os.

A report was received that at LUCERA (FG 5344), a fraction of SANTAGATA, two partisans under command of Ten. Milan, of MONTEMAGGIORE extended the sum of 2,000,000 lire from Emilio Mariano Allessandrini. In the struggle one of the partisans was killed, Mariano was killed and Mariano's wife and the other partisans were wounded. The facts were reported to the C.L.O. FOGGIA for action.

Ten. Milan has been arrested by order of the Provincial Chief.

Yugoslav partisans in the southern area continue to rob civilians. This fact has been brought to the notice of the Provincial Commissioner by the C.L.O. It was suggested that the Yugoslav element be evacuated.

At MONTE MARANO, partisans have handed in all arms, have assisted in gathering mines and other explosives and have proposed that they be allowed to rebuild the railroad from TERNI to TODI amongst other things.

At FOSSO, partisans are commanded by CARLO Puglicchini. This man is alleged to have been concerned in arresting and hunting up five men and to have refused to obey the orders of the military police. He has been dealt with.

At CASTEL VECCHIO and SPOLETO, the groups are well in hand.

At NORCIA, partisans confiscated goods from civilians and demanded an explanation from the Brigadiere CC.RR. as to why he had made an arrest. The C.L.O. disarmed the partisans and ordered the return of all confiscated goods. The leader of the group is alleged to be CARLO Puglicchini. These Yugoslavs are being evacuated from this area."

7. There is nothing of importance to report on the legal side or on the medical side.

8. FLORENCE.

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The arrangements for FLORENCE are well in hand and the party going in with 71 Garrison, including Carabinieri are concentrated near the 71 Garrison Longuar in the vicinity of CASTIGLION DEL LAGO under command of Lt-Col. Denton Jones.

The rear party which will go in under Lt-Col. Spencer is now concentrated with Rear Army A.M.G. The FLORENCE team is concentrated in CHIANCIANO, available to move at a moment's notice.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
M.G., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

In the Field
17 Jul 44.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

22 JUL 1944

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO : ACC RC AND MG SECTION NAPLES

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER Nº 367/21

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REFERENCE : R/1175 PRECEDENCE : IMPORTANT

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY 201900

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H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY

Situation report up to midnight 24th June 1944

1. The only city of importance captured recently is PERUGIA. The city itself is very little damaged but it is still being shelled in a desultory manner. The population is 10.000 of which probably 3/4.000 are refugees. They have received supply up to about 7th July. A report from Lieut Simpson who is acting as C.A.P.O. in the city is attached (to R.C. & M.G. Section A.C.C. and Brig'A/Q' only). The points raised in para 5 are being attended to.

2. PERUGIA has 8 banks with a total of Lit. 54.500.000 each of which Lit. 50.000.000 is in the Bank of Italy. In addition there is Lit. 1,000.000 in the Post Office. Unfortunately the electric supply is gone and about 40 electric mills are out of action.

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4. The Province of PERUGIA is a large granary and the crop is ripe and is being cut. The biggest problem which faces the province is that of milling. There are probably sufficient small water mills to look after the needs of the villages, but large mills capable of milling sufficient grain to feed the inhabitants of the bigger cities (other than electric) have so far not been found excepting in one place TREVI, where there are 2 water mills with a total capacity of 20 tons per day. For the above reasons the supply problem is still serious both in the bigger cities already captured and also in FLORENCE, unless there we find operable mills.

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8. Terni Province will be appointing a temporary Prefect and the same will apply in PERUGIA. For RIETI a prefect is being sent up.

9. RIETI can now be reached by road through TERNI. The city is becoming well organised and the pressing problem is again Naptha etc. The Provincial Commissioner is starting to organise transport by collecting partly destroyed trucks and cannabalising others.

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25 June 44.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
R.A. A.M.G., Eighth Army Main.

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Civil Affairs Officer
Perugia
23 June 1944.

SUBJECT : Public Safety and Security.

TO : Capt. PALLOTTI
C.A.C.
Perugia.

1. POLICE.

a. Carabinieri. At the present time there are 90 Carabinieri under the Command of Capt. Ciarelli Gilberto, who has been brought up by ACC PROSINONE Province to take charge of Carabinieri. The Carabinieri were formerly 150 strong, but many fled including the officers of the station. Two Lieutenants from Northern Italy have reported for service. Carabinieri appeared the first two days to be completely demoralized on account of lack of authority during the German-Fascist Republican occupation. Upon the Allied occupation their Caserma was used as a billet by Allied soldiers and the remaining Carabinieri were left only one room. Since then seven rooms have been returned to them for their use. It is desirable that as soon as possible arrangements should be made with the Town Major for the return of the whole Caserma to the Carabinieri so that they may function properly. The Carabinieri seem willing and reliable. There have been no bad reports as to their previous activities prior to the Allied occupation.

b. Questura. The Questore Scaminaci Dott. Baldassarre has fled with the former Prefect Rocchi. The Vice-Questore Grisolia Dott. Andrea was present with two commissars, three vice commissars and 84 public security police for duty, also the Fascist Republican Auxiliary Police serving under the direction of Commissario Cammarano and Ten. Cocco, 205 strong. The Questura Public Security Police are being investigated by P.S.S. and this office and many accusations and denunciations by internees and Italian civilians have been submitted; however these are being carefully investigated. The Fascist Republican Auxiliary Police have been disarmed and disbanded; their officers have been arrested pending investigation. These F.P.A.R. worked under the orders of the Prefect Rocchi and through his orders a reign of terror prior to the Allied occupation was carried out throughout the Province. These Police are being investigated as many of them are accused of voluntarily acting against Allied interned and anti-Fascists. Also several composed the firing squads used by Prefect Rocchi in carrying out many executions. Several possible choices for a new Questore are being vetted by the P.S.S. and A.M.G.

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e. Guardia di Finanza. Major Urbano Urbano, one Captain and 42 agents are in service. They have been ordered to carry on with their normal duties. None have been vetted from the security point of view but will be shortly.

f. Brigata "Mario Grecci". An anti-Fascist partisan police organisation commanded by Capt. Cucchi Valeriano with 73 members. This force is named after Mario Grecci, an anti-Fascist student who was executed by Prefect Rocchi. The organisation has been checked by F.S.S. and has been turned over for their disposition for movement control Police. It is recommended that they be used by the Prefettura in place of the former Fascist Republican Auxiliary Police.

g. Road Police (Polizia Stradale). One Lieutenant and 65 men with six motorcycles and one car are available for duty. They are in a station in Perugia. They will be put in service in conjunction with Government control policing of roads. They have not yet been vetted but will be in the near future.

2. FIREMEN.

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4. PARTISANS (Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale). 3800

Upon arrival in Perugia on the morning of 20 June, hundreds of partisans armed were marching up and down the streets in groups, singing, shouting and waving flags. The partisans' leaders were contacted and A.M.G. policy of no politics and the consigning of arms in the Carabinieri station and the Questura were explained. The leaders were cooperative and at 5 in the afternoon they formed up in front of the Municipio and upon my instructions marched to the Questura where they consigned their arms. In questioning several citizens and internees I have been informed that the partisans in the city did not attempt to combat the Germans and did not appear in the streets until well after the Allied troops had cleared the town of Germans. The partisans had immediately appointed a Giunta and pasted up proclamations stating that they had taken over the administration of the Province and the Communal Government. The leaders were immediately contacted and told that we did not recognize their Government

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but that they would be given a voice and that under the supervision of A.M.G. all new officials would be appointed. The Partisans did not seem quite to understand the functions and policy of A.M.G. but no difficulty was encountered in carrying out the order to cease politics and that they were not to be recognized as Government officials. Since then the Partisans have been very cooperative and seem to have the objective of helping to get the Communal and provincial Governments back to normal. However several groups of citizens representing different professions and political parties have advised us that the Partisans do not represent the majority of public opinion and are political opportunists. All groups are being listened to and at present no Sindaco has been appointed though five names popular with all groups have been submitted. These nominations are being investigated by A.M.G. and F.S.S.

5. REFUGEES, POLITICAL INTERNEES.

It is estimated that there are about 300 civilian internees in Perugia at the moment. These internees were liberated between 12 and 19 June. They are composed of all nationalities including several British and American personnel. Among these are the former American Consul-General Mr. Leslie Maynard, Mr. George Amati, Mrs. Ethel Edwards Amati, Miss Elisa Amati - the two last named former employees of the British Embassy in Rome, all of whom have suffered much for their loyalty to the Allies. There are also included Lady Hope Aline Allerton, British subject, who has been interned for several years but who has been at liberty since the German occupation. She has a child four years old whose father is a German, not her husband, and she is reported to be definitely pro-Germen. Further there is a Mrs. Formisani (Harriet) nee Wilson, a Scottish woman married to an Italian and a close friend of Lady Allerton, who with the latter entertained Germans at home with parties, etc. right up to the final night of their occupation. Two days after the Allied occupation two Germans in civilian clothes, one an officer, were taken from Mrs. Formisani's house, where they had been hiding. Among this latter group may also be placed, Mrs. Caroline Probst, an American citizen of German origin, who was interned but set at liberty by the Germans who used her as Secretary and interpreter. She fled with the Germans. There is then Lt. Col. Cyril Rocke, interned by the Fascists but never kept in prison, who is reported to have expressed from 1935 to 1939 anti-British sentiments against sanctions policy in Rome and elsewhere and who is reported to be very pro-Italian and pro-Fascist. In checking Prefect Bocchi's and Questura correspondence a newspaper clipping dated 1939 has come to light which is on file and which will be forwarded with a separate report showing that he was given praise by the Fascists for his attitude against the British and American policy of sanctions against Italy and the Ethiopian campaign. All the above information has been reported to F.S.S. There are many other internees Chinese, Russian, Yugoslav, Czech, Austrian, Jewish and Polish besides British and American. Among these are several who are reported to have

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5. REFUGEES, POLITICAL INTERNEES.

It is estimated that there are about 300 civilian internees in Perugia at the moment. These internees were liberated between 12 and 19 June. They are composed of all nationalities including several British and American personnel. Among these are the former American Consul-General Mr. Leslie Maynard, Mr. George Amati, Mrs. Ethel Edwards Amati, Miss Elisa Amati - the two last named former employees of the British Embassy in Rome, all of whom have suffered much for their loyalty to the Allies. There are also included Lady Hope Aline Allerton, British subject, who has been interned for several years but who has been at liberty since the German occupation. She has a child four years old whose father is a German, not her husband, and she is reported to be definitely pro-German. Further there is a Mrs. Formisani (Harriet) nee Wilson, a Scottish woman married to an Italian and a close friend of Lady Allerton, who with the latter entertained Germans at home with parties, etc. right up to the final night of their occupation. Two days after the Allied occupation two Germans in civilian clothes, one an officer, were taken from Mrs. Formisani's house, where they had been hiding. Among this latter group may also be placed, Mrs. Caroline Probst, an American citizen of German origin, who was interned but set at liberty by the Germans who used her as Secretary and interpreter. She fled with the Germans. There is then Lt. Col. Cyril Rocke, interned by the Fascists but never kept in prison, who is reported to have expressed from 1935 to 1939 anti-British sentiments against sanctions policy in Rome and elsewhere and who is reported to be very pro-Italian and pro-Fascist. In checking Prefect Acchi's and Questura correspondence a newspaper clipping dated 1939 has come to light which is on file and which will be forwarded with a separate report showing that he was given praise by the fascists for his attitude against the British and American policy of sanctions against Italy and the Ethiopian campaign. All the above information has been reported to F.S.S. There are many other internees 37995 Chinese, Russian, Yugoslav, Czech, Austrian, Jewish and Polish besides British and American. Among these are several who are reported to have been pro-German. Those who fled with the Germans are being investigated by the F.S.S. and A.M.G. Of these internees 201 remain without funds and are being housed in the Scuole Magistrali and the provincial officials have been ordered to furnish sufficient food, beds, blankets and medicines for these people until they can be dealt with by Displaced Personnel officers. Those with funds are living in private houses and hotels. The complete list of internees ever interned in this province is on file in this office.

6. REFUGEES, ITALIAN.

A list of refugees is being compiled and at the present time it is estimated that there are 7.000 refugees in the province many of whom have been living here for many months. However, there is no serious refugee problem as there are plenty of houses and food to take care of them for

the moment. No serious illness among refugees has been reported. A refugee registration centre has been set up at the Italian Red Cross.

7. PUBLIC SECURITY.

In compliance with Appendix A C.A./23 of 6 June 1944 A.M.G. Eighth Army Order on General Administration, several arrests have been made and a full report on this subject will follow. Prefect Armando Rocchi, who fled to Northern Italy, is a war criminal of the worst type and evidence has been compiled by F.S.S. and this office to charge him as a Special War Criminal to be dealt with accordingly. The exact number is not known but Rocchi was directly responsible for several executions and is reported to have himself shot several anti-Fascists and civil internees. Records have already been seized by this office showing Rocchi responsible for executions carried out at his order. Further investigation for information on Prefect Rocchi is being carried out by A.M.G. and F.S.S. Several political parties and individuals have compiled lists denouncing Fascists and pro-German people in public offices. These are being carefully investigated by F.S.S. and A.M.G.

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No proclamation violations have been reported as yet. However, on the moring of 20 June after the proclamation had been posted an armed partisan named Modesti Orazio murdered a Yugoslav internee named Jovanovic Stinko at approximately 1 o'clock. Investigation was carried out five minutes after the murder and in conjunction with the Public Security Police and the Carabinieri the murdered was arrested on 21 June at 4 p.m. Owing to the fact that the proclamations were posted the same morning that the murder was committeed, it is recommended that the murdered be tried in the Italian criminal courts. However, a formal report will be submitted. No other serious crime has been reported.

9. MILITARY POLICE.

6 Armoured Division's Military Police first policed the town. On 2 June X Corps' Military Police took over the policing of Perugia for the military. They have been contacted and have investigated several alleged cases of looting involving military personnel reported to this office. All prostitutes have been examined and those with venereal diseases were sent to civil hospital for treatment. The others are free but ordered to stop business and warned that any of them having relations with the military will be arrested by C.M.P. Two houses of prostitution formerly functioned under German supervision.

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SITUATION REPORT UP TO MIDNIGHT SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 1944.

1. Various towns have been occupied but it is only intended to deal with the more important. They are as follows:

FROSINONE, VEROLI, ANAGNI, PRIVERNO, ARPINO, CERVARO, ISOLA LIRI, SORA.

2. FROSINONE.

This town as was reported in my last report is certainly 50% damaged. Every single article in every house was looted and removed by the Germans. It was evacuated as a Provincial capital last year and has not been inhabited since. Only a handfull of inhabitants found on entering but a considerable number are now trying to get back. There is accomodation for quite a large number but the real trouble in FROSINONE is the water supply which is said to be damaged beyond repair. The city must, therefore, depend upon an old and doubtful well or two. At the foot of the hill on which FROSINONE stands there is extremely good and undamaged warehousing facilities in the Consorzio Agrario. These are temporarily taken over by the Military. No attempt has been made to get them evacuated, as it is considered that at the present rate of advance their retention is justified and they will no doubt freed as soon as possible.

The Provincial Headquarters of FROSINONE province has nevertheless been moved into the town and accomodation has been found for them, pending the decision by the Provincial Commissioner and Region IV as to whether they wish to run the province from this centre or not.

VEROLI.

The normal population of this city is 19,000 but there are at least 27,000 in it and probably more. It seems to be the centre to which a considerable quantity of the refugees from the CASSINO area were evacuated. The town is in a very good state only about 50 houses being destroyed, and a maximum of 300 damaged. There are 8 doctors present in the town and there are also reputed to be about 100 Carabinieri. They will be rounded up. There is one bank a Banco Santo Spirito. There is one hospital with a capacity of up to 120 beds, of which 74 are now occupied. Water supply good and part of the town has already got water. There is one electric mill and 6 water mills, but the first reports say they are not very reliable. In this town the Italian Liberation Committee has been very active, headed by a man called Fiorelli Pio. The P.W.B. appointed him as a temporary Mayor. They have since been told not to make these appointments.

ANAGNI.

Normal population 13,500 - present 16,000. To all intents and purposes the town is completely undamaged. There are one surgeon and four doctors in the town and probably a large number of Carabinieri in plain clothes. There is one bank, Banco Santo Spirito with 30,000 lire [illegible]

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ANAGNI (Contd)

The town was full of flags of three descriptions (1) the Italian flag with the Royal Crown (2) the Italian flag without the Royal Crown (3) the Hammer and Sickle). The two factions of partisans were not friendly and unfortunately the Canadians had allowed the partisans to make a formal parade in the streets. The C.A.O. got hold of the Commanding Officers of the two factions of partisans and apparently persuaded them to kiss each other on both cheeks and they swore eternal friendship. The result is doubtful and the situation is still explosive.

FERENTINO.

Normal population 15,000. Present? When I visited FERENTINO there were only about 1,000 people in it but they were coming back in large numbers. The town is probably 50% destroyed, but the centre of the town which is on the hill is in pretty good repair. Six doctors are present and a considerable number of Carabinieri will probably come back. There are two banks- one the Banco Santo Spirito and Cassa di Risparmio. Water supply which was running from public fountains on arrival of the C.A.O, has ceased. Investigations are being made. There are four electric mills, three of which are in good condition and there are four water mills in working order.

ARPINO

Normal population 11,000. - At present between 15/16,000. The town is in very good repair. There are 8 civilian and two military doctors and there are about 40 Carabinieri in civilian clothes. There is one bank, Banca Santo Spirito. There is one hospital with a capacity of 130 beds. Water supply is poor and apparently is derived from rain water collected in a tank. The only two mills in the town were destroyed by the Germans, as also was the electric Powerhouse.

CERVARO.

This town was occupied some time ago. There is a normal population of 8,500 but only 500 were present on occupation. The town is about 25% destroyed and 98% of the buildings damaged. There is an electric mill and also a large paper works., machinery of which appear to be new and in tact with large stocks of paper. This was previously reported by signal, and Region IV has been asked to take it over. Water supply has been damaged and water is now available from a spring and a well of good water.

ISOLA LIRI.

Normal population 11,400 - present about 12,000. There are five doctors and six Carabinieri. 200 buildings have been destroyed and the remainder are damaged but easily repairable. There is one bank, Banco Di Napoli with 20,000 lires cash. There is one hospital with a capacity of 20 beds and three electric mills, of which one is in good condition, a water mill, was destroyed. The

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SORA.

Normal population 22,500 - present population 30,000.
The town is in very good condition. There are five doctors and from 15/20 Carabinieri. There are two banks, Banco di Napoli and the Banco Santo Spirito, the latter has 6,500 lire and the Post Office which was open contained 88,957 lire. Unfortunately, the hospital which had a capacity of about 300 was completely looted and greatly damaged. Water supply is damaged but can be repaired. 100 metres of 30 cm. piping being required. There are two water mills of which one has been blown up, capacity 15 quintals per day.

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3. There are other places which are now in our hands but the reports are not yet in as regards them. But generally speaking it would appear that we are passing into an area beyond which we can expect the refugee problem to be serious at the moment.

4. As regards refugees, the total number which have been evacuated through Route 6 and VAIRANO (the figure includes CASTELNUOVO which is minute) is 4,617. All endeavours are being made to hold refugees where possible, a certain number of local ones are being dispersed into farmhouses and only those who are definitely refugees from the destroyed areas around CASSINO or from SOUTHERN ITALY, are being sent back. The focal point appears to be the VENAFRO area where there are some 6/7,000 and endeavours are being made to hold these until they can be conveniently evacuated. Holding Centres have been and are still being created in places such as ROCCASECCA, CERRANO, FROSINONE, ATINA.

The general position on the refugees is a little confusing in that it was expected that by now the bulk of the refugees from the destroyed areas round CASSINO, PONTECORVO and PIEDIMONTE would have been located, but if one takes altogether the number of refugees so far come across, including those who are settled in towns, one is very far short of the expected total. They are still however appearing at most unexpected places - for instance 1,000 have come over the River Liri into CERRANO today from the area which was taken by the French. At the moment the situation is in hand, though I am by no means prepared to say that the back of it is broken and I think that the reverse is still correct and our troubles are still ahead. The flow of refugees to the rear is proceeding smoothly and Eighth Army are giving the utmost assistance. It is interesting to know that a considerable quantity of Sicilian and Calabrian refugees have been come across. Movement of Refugee Camps are shown in an Appx attached to this report (sent only to A.C.C.).

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7. I think it wise to point out that the refugee problem which may have to be made in the CASSINO - PONTECORVO - PIEDIMONTE - PICINARO area is one which may last a considerable time. It is impossible to prevent Italian civilians creeping in over the hills into these towns which are uninhabited, whatever method may one devise and it will probably be necessary to make frequent inspections of the area and evacuate those civilians who have crept in.

8. The Internment Camp reported to be at PIEDIMONTE was actually at ALATRI. It has been serviced, cleaned and there were no internees found.

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SITUATION REPORT UP TO MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 2 JUNE 1944.

1. The following towns have been occupied and C.A.Cs either installed in them or dealing with them:

ARCE, CERVARO, COLLEPICCE, STRANGOLAGALLI, FONTANA DEL LIRI, ISOLA DEL LIRI and ATINA.

2. ARCE.

The condition of this town is good, only about 3% of buildings destroyed and 10% damaged but easily repairable. The normal population of the town is 8000 and about 2,000 were found. Refugees however have been coming in in large quantities. They are being dealt with. Plenty of food has been supplied. First estimates show there is storage capacity for some 1,500 tons. There were two electric mills, but both have been destroyed. There is no electric light and the water supply is damaged but should be repaired in a few days. Health is good and there are two doctors in the town. There is one prison with no prisoners and there are no banks. A holding centre is being started for refugees. Rocca d'Arce, a suburb, is 5% destroyed and 90% damaged. There are 2,300 inhabitants. Water system should be repaired shortly. Both places have been visited by Finance and Public Health Officers.

COLLEPICCE.

Town is in good condition with 3% of the buildings destroyed and 5% damaged. Normal population 2,200 of which 1,200 are present. There are no banks, but the post office is intact and closed. Letters found there have been secured. Water supply is good.

STRANGOLAGALLI

20% of the buildings in this village have been destroyed and 15% are damaged and repairable. The normal population is 2,000 but there are only 20 in the village. There are no banks. Water supply consists of spring water (supply at present cut). There is one electric mill which it might be possible to convert to motor.

FONTANA DEL LIRI

25% of the buildings destroyed and 15% are damaged but repairable. The normal population is about 700 and there are 500 at present in the town. But it is expected that up to 4,000 will be returning from the surrounding hills. There is a branch of the Banco di Napoli. There is one water mill with a capacity of 40 qts per day which is probably repairable.

BELMONTE.

Badly destroyed and said to be full of booby traps. There are a few civilians there who have been fed. It may have to be evacuated.

ATINA.

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4. First reports from FROSINONE which was entered by C.A.Cs. yesterday give the town as 50% damaged. There are now only about 100 inhabitants in it. A recce party gone up to FROSINONE from the Displaced Persons Commission to try and ascertain the position as regards the Internment Camp at Ferentino, but no report has yet come in.

5. The position in VEROLI is that there are 1,300 civilians in the village and surrounding farms and endeavours are being made to return about 800 refugees now held in ROCCASECCA. They will probably be got back on Sunday. Food trucks cannot yet into VEROLI until the craters in the road are filled.

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