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Reference: RIX/SE/R/1/11

23 June 1945

Subject : Monthly Report for May, for the Provinces of Bologna, Modena, Reggio-Emilia, Parma and Piacenza.

To : S.C.A.O., Fifth Army AMG

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14. Reorganization of the Universities and schools is proceeding most satisfactorily.
15. A gram of radium valued at 100,000,000 lire and said to constitute one-fiftieth of the world's supply, has been restored to the University of Bologna, after being hidden for eight months from the Germans by Patriots.
16. With few exceptions, Italian Courts are functioning.
17. The Special Assize Courts ("People's Courts") are ready to function.

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18. Out of approximately 31,000 Patriots, all but 500 have returned to their homes. The total number of weapons surrendered was 29,157.
19. Though there have been no strikes, the Labor situation is far from serene. The Camero del Lavoro are aggressive in character and jealous of the Labor Offices.
20. 60,000 Italian refugees and other nationals passed through the displaced persons camps during the month. Camps to hold a total of 32,000 are now available in the five provinces.
21. Limited telephone and postal services are now available.

Sheet 3PART IIPOLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION

1. It is generally felt that the Communist Party has the greatest numerical strength of the political parties, particularly in Bologna, although the fact that Communists are more vocal and active may tend to magnify this impression. The party is, in any event, well-organized and exercises very strict internal discipline.
2. The Socialist Party has many capable, efficient and acceptable men who did genuine work prior to the Allied occupation to prevent destruction. It has reasonable numerical strength, and is strongest in the central provinces of Reggio-Emilia and Parma, where it has the support of the middle and agricultural classes. There seems a possibility, however, that even in those provinces it may eventually be absorbed by the Communist Party, with which it is at present united on most major matters of policy.
3. The Democratic Christian Party and the Liberal Party have not been very active in comparison with the Communist and Socialist Parties, and are only now beginning the process of formation.
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5. A Prefetto Reggente has been appointed in each of the provinces, and their names are:

Bologna	-	Borghese, Gianguido	-	Socialist
Modena	-	Marchese Tricoli	-	Christian Democrat
Reggio-Emilia	-	Pollizzi, Vittorio	-	Party of Action
Parma	-	Ferrari, Giacomo	-	Communist
Piacenza	-	Minoia, Vittorio	-	Christian Democrat

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8. Industry - a. Many of the industries in Bologna Province were totally destroyed by war action. Particular attention has been given to the building industries, in view of the vast demands for bricks, lime and cement. There are now some 80,000,000 bricks in stock in the various furnaces throughout the Region. Lime works are also ahead of their demands. Cement works are being reactivated as fast as possible, but the area is not yet self-sufficient. This is due to the fact that the supply of coal required does not permit of greater production. Fuel processing plants have also been given a high priority.

b. Administration - The Prefectures del Consorzio Agrario in Milan issued instructions to its branch offices in the provinces of north Italy, laying down policies to be followed regarding the declaration of home stocks and the issuing and recovery of home sent north of the Po by the Germans. Provincial Orders are now being prepared which will bring the entire control of raw materials under the direction of the Home Control Office, A.H.C.

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c. Repairs to the various warehouses are under way and provincial orders directing the declaration of hump stocks have been posted.

d. Obstacles to recovery - The greatest obstacles to the recovery of industry are: first, shortage of coal and lignite, and second, lack of adequate transportation facilities.

9. Food - a. Administration: Italian provincial alimentation agencies are functioning as well as can be expected. The activities of the Committee of Liberation and the insular attitude of some provinces with surpluses have hampered food administration. The Regional Committee of Liberation has organized an economic committee, the functions of which duplicate those of the Comitato Regionale, and a clarification of the position is imminent.

b. Food conditions - Food conditions in Piacenza, Parma, Reggio-Emilia and Modena are exceptionally good, with adequate supplies of milk, butter, meal and cheese. The situation is least satisfactory in Bologna, partly owing to the inherent difficulties of feeding a large city, but fish is beginning to reach this city. The supply of fresh fruit and vegetables seems adequate throughout the Region.

c. Imported supplies - Allocations of all categories of imported supplies were made to the five provinces for the month of May.

d. Ration scale - The complete A.C. ration scales, including supplementary ration scales A and B were put into effect, with a basic 200 gram bread ration (plus pasta). The salt ration amounted to only 100 grams. There was no general soap issue, nor was it possible to make an issue of olive oil to hospitals.

e. Local resources - An exportable surplus of approximately 120,000 tons of fruit and vegetables is anticipated for the Region. The shortage of transport and of fruit crates (due largely to lack of nails) will make the disposal of this surplus difficult. Exportable surpluses of butter, cheese, and tomato paste are expected.

f. Miscellaneous - Milling facilities are more than adequate. Pasta factories can make only a small percentage of requirements.

TRANSPORTATION

10. During the month Autotrasporti offices were organized in all five provinces. The number of vehicles registered is as follows:

Modena	-	865	of which 92 are over 35 quintals
Reggio	-	483	" " " "
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Parma	-	344	" " " "
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11. Tariff rates - The rates set by General Order No. 42, A.C., which is in operation in the five provinces, are considered to be inadequate for the proper maintenance and operation of the trucks. It is felt that unless the rates are raised to a considerable extent, truck owners will be unwilling to hire out their vehicles, or will remove them to other northern Regions where rates 100 per cent higher are in effect.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND FISHERIES

12. All Italian Agricultural organizations are now fully operative.

13. Livestock - At the beginning of the month Prefect's Decrees were issued ordering all persons to stop and hold all livestock found wandering or abandoned, and to declare the livestock not legally in their possession. Immediate preparations were made for a full census.

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14. On instructions from 5th Army, 5000 to 6000 captured horses, which were found to be dying of thirst, were distributed among the five provinces. This emergency distribution, which was a major operation involving many factors, was planned and completed in five days. All the horses were saved and accounted for.

15. There was found to be a surplus of cattle in Modena, Reggio-Emilia and Parma. Parma has exported 1000 head to Bologna, Ravenna and Forli, and 700 to Treviso. Modena still has approximately 15000 head available. These are being sold to different provinces. There is a grave shortage of forage in Parma, Reggio and Modena. Poultry losses have been very heavy, more from disease than from German depredations.

16. Grandi del Popolo - All offices of the Grandi del Popolo are now ready, and General Order No. 40 is in effect.

17. Rice - The number of hectares sown for rice this year is only 600, in contrast to the normal 3000. This is chiefly due to flooding caused by damage to the pumping system.

18. Crop forecasts - The combination of the drought and damage caused by the war will lead to a heavy reduction in all harvests.

FINANCE

19. The following currency movements were effected in May from the Banca d'Italia in Bologna:

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25,000,000 lire to Banca d'Italia, Reggio-Emilia

To meet these requirements, an additional 175,000,000 lire was transferred from 12th Headquarters.

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21. An attempt was made by the OLN to interfere with the procedure in regard to the blocked accounts, and the OLN were clearly told that they had no authority to issue orders to the banks.

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24. Hospitals - Hospitals are gradually being restored. There is still a great deal of crowding, especially in Bologna city. There are numerous mine casualties in the mountain communes.

25. Medical Supplies - Emergency medical supplies have been distributed in the Region. INDICA is limited in Bologna where a warehouse has already been received. No representatives have so far appeared.

26. Sanitation - Sanitary conditions in Bologna city have been a major concern. Throughout the winter, cattle from the neighboring countryside were kept in the courtyards of the houses, and the manure was stacked in the open spaces, streets, and walls of the town. The fly menace is therefore serious, but may be expected to diminish now that all livestock with the exception of the horses necessary for civilian functions have been ordered from the town, and the manure stacks

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are being treated with DDT.

27. Water Supply - Owing to the overcrowded state of Bologna city and to the presence of large numbers of troops, the water situation is extremely hazardous. There is not, at any time, sufficient water to meet demands.

28. Welfare - Welfare institutions are reorganizing. The Enti Comunale di Assistenza, particularly that in Bologna city, have been well-organized, and effective.

29. Battleground area - A special survey is being made in Bologna and Modena of the communes through which the "winter line" passed, and a Public Welfare Officer has been assigned to this group of communes on a full-time basis.

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36. One of the worst factors is the apparent contempt with which official Italian police are regarded both by law-abiding persons and by the criminal elements. This applies particularly to the CC RR, who are traditionally unpopular in this Region, and who are in such small numbers and so poorly officered and equipped that they are in no position to show the force and determination necessary to control

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respect. Loss of Carabinieri prestige has also been caused by the introduction of Partisan auxiliary police. The situation is beginning to parallel 1920 and 1921, and many law-abiding people are afraid and wonder what is going to be the outcome when the Allies go. The Committees of Liberation are endeavoring to form cells within statal and para-statal organizations, such as banks, post offices and railways. The Patriots, who are closely linked with the CLN, are, with the blessing of an Italian Government decree, building a National organization, with branches in every commune. Both CLN and Patriots are amassing large funds and arms in large quantities are said to be hidden in the countryside. The people are, as it were, mesmerized. There is no sign as yet of any important right wing movement to counter-balance the swing to the left.

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39. The total number of police agents (excluding recuperated OC RR) of all kinds in the five provinces is given below:

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REMARKS

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62. Universities - Pro-Rectors were appointed to each of the universities of Bologna, Modena and Parma. The operation commission is functioning under Executive Memorandum No. 76.

63. Classes - Plans are ready for the reopening of the Universities.

64. Finances - The financial condition of the University of Bologna is serious. At Parma the financial situation is poor. Information has not yet been received regarding Modena. An increase of 100 percent in tuition rates has been approved for all three universities.

65. Miscellaneous - 4 gram of radium, valued at about 100,000,000 lire, has been restored to the University of Bologna, to which it belonged. The radium was taken from the university during the summer of 1944 by a group of eight partisans.

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46. Schools - Provveditori agli Studi have been appointed in all five provinces. Education is proceeding under General Order No. 35. Schools reopened in all provinces except Piacenza, where the date has been set for 1 June.

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55. The payment of grants and the issue of "Alexander certificates" is progressing in all provinces.

PROVINCIAL CONTROL

56. Seven Allied-owned commercial concerns have been taken under the protection of the Allied Military Government.

LABOR

57. Wages and Cost of Living - The cost of living throughout the Region is steadily rising, and the Government is endeavoring to meet the situation. This is particularly true in the provinces of Bologna, where prices have risen sharply in the past month, and the trend continues.

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ward. The first general retreat from General Order No. 41 has already been approved with the establishment of the new private wage scale for Bologna Province. These rates have been set at L. 150, L. 165 and L. 180 daily for three categories of workers (unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled respectively) and include all indemnities and family allowances for a notional family of worker, wife and two children. The industrialists agree with this, but the Camera del Lavoro feels that even these rates are not adequate.

58. Workers employed by Army units through the Civil Labor Unit are now receiving their basic wage plus a 50 per-cent of the cost of living bonus.

59. Camera del Lavoro - The Camera del Lavoro in Bologna is aggressive in character and jealous of the functions which it regards as its own, such as registration and placement of workers. It resents the advent of the Labor offices.

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62. Raw Materials - Scarcity of raw materials, fuel, coal and transportation prevents many industries from operating at normal capacity, if at all, and gainful employment is greatly reduced as a result.

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Modena - Via Caselle Camp	1,500
Reggio - Artillery Barracks Camp (Temporarily closed)	4,000
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MINES CLEARANCE

67. It is estimated that there are about 700,000 "live" mines in the provinces of Modena and Bologna. No. 563 Company, Italian Engineers, is now located in Modena for mine clearance work. The company has been split up into details, which are now actually at work on the ground. In addition, courses of instruction for 80 civilians at a time are being held in Bologna.

POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

68. Telephony - At Bologna the telephone service has reached a capacity of 1400 subscribers for essential civilian work. There exist inter-urban telephones circuiting between Bologna and Florence, and Piacenza-Pidenza-Parm.

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69. Telegraph - Work is in progress for the reactivation of the civilian telegraph service.

70. Postal - Letter service has been instituted in all provinces except Pia-cenza, where it has been necessary to postpone commencement owing to lack of non-republican postage stamps. Civil censorship is now reduced to the study of a limited quantity of material.

71. Personnel - Personnel problems have arisen only in Bologna Province, where the CIN has been endeavoring to insert a group of its own men into the post office, and attempting to discredit the anti-Fascist Director of Posts and Telegraphs in the hope of replacing him by one of its own members.

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Reference your cable number 597 dated 26 June. Number of shootings and other deaths for week ending 24 June are BOLOGNA, REGGIO-EMILIA, PARMA, and FORLI nil. MODENA 1, RAVENNA 1, FERRARA 7, PIACENZA 1 attempt.

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Subject: Interim Report for the Province of FERRA, RAVENNA and RAVENNA for week ending 2 June 1945

To: Headquarters, Allied Commission

Serial No. 2

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PUBLIC HEALTH

5. The general state of public health is good, and precautions are being taken to keep it so. Ravenna has a malaria-control program under way, although the medico provinciale reports that disinfectants for flooded areas and stagnant water control ponds have not arrived as yet. There are some 60 reported cases of malaria in that province. In Ferrara the hospital situation is much improved with the shifting of the Displaced Persons Hospital to Passignano and the hospital at Trosigello to Ferrara city. The Ravenna hospital administration 4536 greatly with the dropping off in battle casualties. The sick and the wounded are now separated, and the overcrowded condition has been somewhat alleviated.

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FOODS & SUPPLY

6. The food situation remains good, although allocation notes for June in Forli are not sufficient to cover the ration scales. The economic price of bread and pasta will not be introduced in Ravenna and Forli. Prices will be kept at 5 and 7 lire respectively until the new grain price for the whole of the North is fixed. Wine is needed in Ferrara, and additional soap, olive oil, salt and fats are required in all provinces.

LEGAL

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FINANCE

13. On 23 May a spot check was made at Rimini of control of budget expenditures. The result is a saving of 8,000,000 lire on the March-June budget. It was discovered that communal, provincial and state agencies are still paying off debts made prior to the liberation. The Regional Finance Officer has held conferences with the representatives of the Intendenti of Forlì, Ferrara and Bologna for the purpose of coordinating local government budget and state budget procedure. 25,000,000 lire was transferred from Bologna to Ferrara, needed principally to meet seasonal agricultural requirements.

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AGRICULTURE

14. Complete crop reports, including area and production estimates, were made by the Italian officials, under the supervision of the Regional Agriculture Officer. These reports have been submitted to the Agriculture Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

EDUCATION

15. The vetting of personnel under General Order No. 67 is continuing. 32,500 quindini have been shipped to Ravenna and Forli provinces. Examinations are proceeding in Ferrara.

16. An operation committee at Ferrara University has been appointed and is functioning. 1/6 of a normal 588 students were enrolled during the year.

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Letter No.1

RP. VERUKIN REGION.

Sunday 20 May 45

Dear Maurice,

1. This letter is a brief resume of my doings and record of my impressions of EMILIA REGION. Attached are Appendices (those on Patriots, Local Government and Mine Clearance, prepared by Dick Grippa) showing action which I desire to be taken as soon as possible by my C.S.O. Will you please pass the second copy of my letter and Appendices to him for action as indicated.

2. Dick and I arrived BOLOGNA by air just after 1100. The Italian airplane was fast and very comfortable and I am sure the courier service will fulfill "a long felt want" with much success.

Bolavens and Doherty went straight on by air to Milan, being joined at Bologna by Harmaford.

3. Fortunately I found Bowman holding a conference of all his PCs and staff; this is for the time being going to be a weekly function at Bologna on Saturday mornings; you may care to make a note of it. Unfortunately they had finished their discussions on the CA side and were discussing economic matters, (I have picked up one or two matters to check with the Econ. Sec.), but I saw all PCs from 1200 - 1700 hrs. and then after dinner last night and this morning met all the Regional Sp. Specialist Officers, Public Health, Law, Patriots, Refugees, Education, Monuments and Fine Arts, Public Safety.

4. Bowman runs a very good and happy team and he secures results by team work rather than the individual brilliance of any officer. I have increasing confidence in him every time I visit him.

5. POLITICAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (See also APPX. "B"). All PCs reported somewhat similar experiences with the Provincial CEN, namely that they are all reasonably honest, well-meaning and serious bodies who have the restoration of their country at heart. At the same time every PC has had a "brush" with his CEN over the giving of direct orders both to the Prefect and to other bodies. Some of them had offended a number of times but they were now realising what AMG meant and that they were advisory only.

I formed the clear view that all PCs were on the whole happy with their CENs and the latter were reasonably cooperative but the marriage, so to speak, was one which PCs would not like to continue for too long. Of course, there were isolated instances of bad faith, e.g. when the FERRARA CEN secretly organized a strike of students because they did not like our appointment as Provveditore. The strike was instantly put down and the CEN lost face.

On the whole I regard the situation as satisfactory. You will observe from the Appx. that although the CEN candidates have always been appointed, there is a fair representation of all parties. With regard to Questore, PCs have rightly been less affected by political considerations and in several cases are demanding career men from Rome to replace non-career CEN appointees.

/Bowman takes the view.....

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Bosman takes the view that in a surplus producing Region he can afford to put politics before economics (I agree with him) and he is doing a good job.

Nearly everyone volunteered the information that the provincial administration was much better in EMILIA than in the South and purely from that point of view the Region could be handed over to the Italian Government at a much earlier date than you and I have been discussing.

6. PATRIOTS (See also Arreg. "O") This has gone very much better than I had anticipated. Patriot Centres are closing down rapidly and except at PIACENZA where the situation is not so good, all camps should be closed well before 10 June (when the ration comes to an end unless we get a further extension).

Disarmament Parades have all been completed, except in RAVENNA, and large quantities of arms handed in. (In RAVENNA the disarmament of the Bulow Division is taking place today).

The Italian Military Patriot Representatives are doing a good and careful job. There is a lot of documentation to be done in connection with patriots and it will be necessary for Patriot Officers to remain open for some time after the Centres are closed and in connection with such offices they may continue to run Patriot Clubs, I see no harm in this.

A large number of patriots have undoubtedly found employment but figures are almost impossible to obtain. The Education Officer is also arranging courses at the four universities in the Region for about 10,000 young patriots.

Broadly speaking, patriots have ceased to be any problem in the Regions; see, however, under heading Public Safety.

7. LAW AND REPRESSION. There has been practically no need to hold any AMI Courts; there have only been a dozen or so in BOLOGNA. You can't, for instance, prosecute for curfew offences in what is the most brilliantly lit city. Dick and I have not seen such lighting since 1939. It is almost like daylight at midnight!

There are sufficient Italian personnel to man the Italian Courts in spite of considerable corruption.

Col. Levit has made a good job of setting up People's Courts. All presiding judges and prosecutors have been appointed and it only remains for CEN to select their nominees. The Procuratore Generale is working very hard on this.

G.O. 35 has only been posted in PARMA and PERRARA, as PCs have found some difficulty in persuading CENs to nominate Commissions. In truth everyone screams for repression but no one likes doing it.

I urged PCs to get on with this work.

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8. PUBLIC HEALTH. There are no Public Health problems except the need for Chlorine for various areas short of water who are compelled, faut de mieux, to drink a solution of dead horses from the Po and the need for DDT to overcome the fly nuisance in RAVENNA itself, caused by the accumulation of large quantities of valuable compost in BOLOGNA itself.

9. EDUCATION. In BOLOGNA itself, of the 65 Elementary Schools, 41 are damaged and 23 are occupied by refugees, but apart from this there are no problems.

/BOLOGNA University.....

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BOLOGNA University will open this week and those at MODENA, PARMA and FERRARA within a short time.

Nearly all the BOLOGNA buildings are available and the University Authority are planning courses for 13,000 students (including partisans) as against 3,000 during the German Occupation.

10. REMAINS AND FINE ARTS. Col. de Wald reported that they have found nearly all the remaining Tuscan art treasures in BOLZANO. There are no particular problems in EMILIA.

11. REFUGEES. There is a lull at the moment and in marked contrast to Dick's last visit, we saw no refugees on the PADOVA-BOLOGNA road. At the moment we have:

1,500 in MODENA
3,000 in BOLOGNA
7,000 in FORLI

The last is the only bad spot but transport is available and FORLI can be emptied within a week if there is no further rush.

The CZECHIA Division have cooperated 100% in giving us the soldiers we desire but 8 Army, for some unaccountable reason, have not yet given the necessary clearance.

Col. Oldfield wants to set up 4 big camps at MODENA, BOLOGNA, REGGIO and RICCIONE with a total capacity of 20,000 to deal with the next rush and I think this is an excellent idea.

12. WIDE CLEARANCE (See APP. "D")

13. PUBLIC SAFETY. I keep the pill to the last. This is undoubtedly the big problem. There have been a number of disappearances and murders in all provinces but they have died down a good deal in the last week. The general view is that they are caused: a) by partisan communists who have clandestinely remained together; b) by bands of the bad criminals released by the Germans before their withdrawal, and c) by those wishing to pay off old scores.

The problem is one of law enforcement and MUST for action by the Patriotic Branch and can only be solved by energetic police methods and an increase in the police. They are beginning to tackle it and only last night raided a secret arms dump. 1513 COTR have been found and when they have been screened and incorporated into the force the position should greatly improve. This is the biggest problem facing the Region but I think they will be able to deal with it.

The prisons are very full as so many were thrown into jail by GHS, and others are serving sentences imposed by illegal GHS Courts before our arrival. I have told them to try and let this simmer for a few weeks until tempers have subsided.

14. GENERAL. The position is much better than I anticipated in the Region and I cannot hope to meet with the same situation in other Regions. Bosman also tells me that they are now proposing to put German surrendered troops in cages.

I had a very long interview with the Prefect of BOLOGNA who begged for an interim slight increase in wage rates to meet the cost of living.

15. VENETIA. I lunched at ROVERETO on my way to PADOVA. The IG was away but I saw a number of officers.

Puxeddu (Liberal) has been appointed Prefect. He is the GHS appointee.

There are no AMG Courts being held and they have literally no problems except full prisons - they all said so.

I am going to advise Dunlop, if he complains of shortage of personnel, to strip this province down to one CAC and one PBO in 14 days.

16. Do not expect another report from me on these lines as I cannot expect to have the luck again of meeting all PCs, nor shall I have the time.

I am seeing Dunlop tonight (he has not yet returned from 5 Army) and go on to 5 Army tomorrow afternoon after seeing various BR. officers here in the morning.

~~Respectfully,
G.P. BRUCE, Brig.~~

Yours sincerely,

G.P. BRUCE, Brig.

Brigadier M. S. BRUCE, CB, CBE, MC.,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
ROME.

APPENDIX 2AACTION BY1. LAF & EVIATION

(a) Col. Levit wants to know what provision is being made for payment of prosecutors in the Peoples Courts. They are naturally reluctant to appear without fee.

Legal Sub-Commission

Author being taken

(b) Delegates under DML 159 for Brill and Ravenna not yet appointed. This is most urgent.

Lt. Col. White.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY

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Public Safety S/C

(b) 1,513 CC JR. have been found locally and Maj. Bond wants to take them in as soon as possible. A few have, in fact, already been taken in.

Public Safety S/C

His present position is:

Brought in - 1,720

Recovered - 1,513

3,233

He understands a further 400 are due from Florence. When will they arrive?

(c) Fire Brigades and Municipal Guards are all in excellent condition.

(d) Maj. Bond would like some mobile Patriots. What is his allotment under the Public Safety scheme?

Public Safety S/C

(e) He requires a further 10,000 motor circulating patrols as soon as possible.

Public Safety S/C

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- (2) Ferrara Province.

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- (4) Before taking Piacenza for Reggio, Maj. Bond would like further particulars of past history supplied to him.

2 PUBLIC SAFETY

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3 INFORMATION

Is Tilroe still only attached, or will he remain permanently? Education S/C

ACTION BY:

4 PUBLIC HEALTH

(a) Regions urgently require 500 lbs DDT to spray airport
hamps in Bologna City. Even if transport available
it would take too long to move.

Suggest Mr. Knipe send up a spray team from
Macerata or at any rate the equipment.

Public Health
C/O

(b) Water chlorination Chlorine is urgently required
for chlorination of the water supplies of Ferrara
and Forli. This is very urgent. Brig. Parkinson
tells me there is plenty in Rome.

Public Health
S/O.

5 DISARMED PERSONS

(a) Please arrange for copies of sitreps on refugees
from 5 and 8 Armies to be sent to Emilia Region
(Col. Oldfield).

Dis. Persons.

(b) In view of strict limitations on number to be
carried, train guards should be provided. Fixed
bayonets have already been used at Forli.

Dis. Persons
& Public Safety.

6 ECONOMIC SECTION

(a) ANM are insisting on reduction of armed forces
wage rate from 115 lire to 85 in Bologna. and
This is well below 3 Apr 45 rate.

GO to see
V. Zaccaria
Section.

(b) C.G. 40 is about to be posted in Emilia and
Venetia Regions. I understand from the Deputy
Director, Agriculture Sub-Commission that this
was contrary to their latest policy.

(c) CLEAI are still giving instructions to growers
in Emilia Region re seed, which are contrary to
AC/AG orders.

ditto.

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APPROPRIATE
(to Report of VP, CA Section
of 20 May 65.)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

- 1 Attached performance gives the information gained and action required by Local Government Sub-Commission as far as the provinces of Emilia are concerned and of one province of Venezia, this being the area visited during May 19th-20th. Additional information or further explanation is given below.
- 2 Renato HIRSCH has been appointed by P.C. as Prefetto Regionale. He is a non-career man and the VPI that he has requested must be got off from Rome forthwith.
- 3 At ROMA the CLN nominee FERRARI was not impressive at first and the P.C. and R.C. considered that the Government nominee would be better. MICHELLE, however, arrived and indicated that he did not want the appointment. (he had been strongly recommended personally by the P.M.), on the grounds that as he had not come forward with the speechless troops it was too late to take up the work. He did not wish to push another man out. P.C. and P.C. have received further indications from the CLN that FERRARI is the man for the job, and the PC is much inclined to the view that he is better than he at first thought and after a short period of further probation he will probably be appointed.

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to Report of 77 GAS.

ATTACHMENTS EMILIA

- 1) In Emilia Region as a whole the disarming of patriots has gone well, parades have been held in all provinces. In general all have handed in one arm; this probably leaves about 25% yet to be discovered and collected.
- 2) The attached proforma indicates the position at 12 May 45 excluding FRAI and RAVEN-MA which are treated separately below. FLACCHIA has a considerable number still bearing arms and difficult to disperse. Regional Office has not yet received much information as yet. The Regional Patriot Officer is to visit at an early date and take steps to eliminate the situation, he has however a parade of a special detachment to attend at Ravenna on Sunday when the remnants of the 500th UNIT (operational) will "stand down".
- 3) Clothing is required in some areas, V Army will be contacted on this during this tour.
- 4) Hospitals are holding some Patriots (see attached proforma) the treatment is satisfactory and most should be cleared by June 10.
- 5) Certificates are being prepared, but a further supply is required by this region. This will be taken up with V Army, but a request that has gone on to AC Rome should be fulfilled.
- 6) Arms detailed inventory of the arms handed in are being prepared and will be forwarded to HQ Rome.
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Up to date it does not appear that additional IMPs are required, unless specifically requested i.e. those that have just reported to BOLOGNA. There is however plenty of work for IMPs to do and while PETS continue for holding residents should be closed as early as possible, there should be no undue hurry to close the offices after disbandment as there is a considerable amount of documentation to be done.
- 9) Feedings As far as it is necessary in being carried out satisfactory, but it may not be possible to discontinue completely w.e.f. 10 June 45, in view of the cases still in hospital. In other respects practically all centres will be closed by that date for living purposes, in this region. It is estimated that they will be still some 600 pets requiring rations after June 10.
- 10) Police Number of pets are being used around as auxiliary or temporary police, in REGGIO they number approx 1000 above. The same situation is to be found in RAVENNA where the number is 10 per commune.
- 11) MOVING Although NOT in EMILIA Region, a visit was made here today.
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Patriots number 2000 in the province and have all been dispersed to their homes. Documentation is proceeding, but payments have NOT yet been made, funds not having been made available. (This will be taken up with Regional District Officer) Sufficient new certificates are in stock.

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PLEASE PASS QUICKLY

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

31 MAY 1945
28 May 1945

Reference: RIV/RE/R/1/6/1

Subject : Interim Report for the Provinces of FORLI, FERRARA and RAVENNA
for week ending 19 May 1945.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission

Serial No. 1

POLITICAL

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PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION

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3. ARE administration continues to be good, with Provincial Commissioners taking prompt and firm action, but a lack of sufficient officer strength continues to hamper operations. There has as yet been no word of the 30 semi-trained American officers who were to have been assigned to this Region from 5th Army as Provincial Officers.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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ECONOMICS & SUPPLIES

6. The food situation remains good. There are surpluses in the area, and there will be more, but distribution has been hampered by the scarcity of fuel. Just recently the situation has been eased by the allocation of fuel in these provinces by Petros.

7. A Chamber of Commerce in Ferrara was established and began operating on 17 May.

PUBLIC HEALTH

8. The general health situation in Forlì and Ravenna is good.

9. In Ferrara the situation is much improved, due to the arrival of medical supplies. Vaccines have been distributed in those communes where typhoid has been reported.

DISPLACED PERSONS

10. The number of refugees passing through the Ferrara center averages 175-200 per day. The Forli center is seriously overcrowded. In addition to the transients there is a "constant" population, which keeps the daily figure at approximately 7,000. During this week 20,000 passed through the Forli center. The Red Cross is distributing clothing in all three provinces.

PUBLIC WORKS

11. Work is proceeding in the three provinces, but is considerably hampered by lack of transport and materials. The recent release of bricks to this division is expected to speed up the program of bridge building.

MAINE CLEARANCE

12. 1,241 mines were lifted in the provinces of Forli and Ravenna during the week. The mine clearance personnel in the Region has been augmented by the arrival of two Italian Sapper Corps which will operate under an Allied officer stationed at Regional headquarters.

LEGAL

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14. Instructions for the handling of local and state budgets have been given to Italian finance officials in the Region. Regulations governing the operation of insurance companies have been issued.

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17. Schools are in session in Forli and Ravenna. The screening of personnel in these two provinces is virtually complete.

18. In Ferrara on 15 May there was a student demonstration against Prof. VALLI, Provveditore agli Studi, which is believed to have been instigated by the CEM. The CEM were quick to restore order, and no further incidents have occurred.

A.C. DIST - 31 May 45.

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Alfred C. Borman

ALFRED C. BORMAN
Colonel, JAGC
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Reference: REX/SE/R/1/6/1

31 May 1945

Subject : Interim Report for the Provinces of FORLI, RAVENNA, FERRARA and the Republic of SAN MARINO for week ending 26 May 1945.

Serial No. 4

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission

POLITICAL

1. The political situation is improving throughout the province of Forli, and in Ferrara and Ravenna is quite quiet. A reorganization of the GIN in Ferrara is in progress. The new list of officers will be shown to the Provincial Commissioner, who reports that three of the names proposed are excellent choices.

PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION

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PUBLIC SAFETY

4. The situation appears to be greatly improved in Forli. In Ravenna, although the position is better, Lago has twice been the scene of shootings. In Ferrara incidents still continue, four persons losing their lives during the week. In general, it is difficult to bring the criminals to book. Witnesses are afraid to talk, and the CC RR fear to press their inquiries home.

PUBLIC HEALTH

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7. Fishing is now permitted along the entire coast, with the exception of the area from the Savio River to Rimini, which is a prohibited area owing to the presence of surrendered German troops.

LEGAL

8. In Ferrara the People's Courts are ready to begin investigations as soon as FSS has screened the prisoners. The Italian Courts will continue as before.

DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUGEES

9. The Displaced Persons & Refugee situation is in hand. A new camp at Portofoglio to hold 3,000 is almost completed to take the place of the old camp.

10. At Ravenna the "Laying down of arms" ceremony passed off without incident and by 26 May the Patriot center was emptied. It has since been learned that while the Ravenna patriots handed in all the arms belonging to 8th Army, other arms in their possession were retained. Arrangements are in hand to locate and collect these.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TROOPS AND CIVILIANS

11. An incident occurred in Mercato Saraceno (Forli Province) between Poles and Partisans. The Poles took a Red flag from parading partisans, and during the demonstration that followed, one Polish corporal was killed and two others wounded. The feeling is becoming more intense between the Italians and the Poles, and, from information received, it is by no means always the fault of the Italians.

PUBLIC WORKS

12. Work is proceeding on all Bonifacio in Ferrara and canals are being cleared. Four public works projects were completed in Forli during the week.

TRANSPORTATION

13. The RAI has been re-established in Ferrara, and the Autotrasporti is functioning there. In Ravenna the number of trucks operating per day averages 60 over 20 quintals. The number of quintals hauled per day averages 840. Every possible effort is being made to push forward the restoration of the methane gas establishments. In some cases progress is being hampered by the presence of mines.

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Para 8. Why are FSS receiving priority support for telephone lines? It is not out.

EC DIST - 4 June

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They are not. The report, which is wrong, is due not originate from Gen. All that is happening is that, in order to effect quick delivery, all available information, including FSS, are being examined to determine whether previous and future events are recommending their actions.

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APR 24

LETTER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION.

30 MAR 1945

20 MAY 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes of Mr. - WILLIAM BROWN.

20 MAR 1945.

TO : Information below.

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

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2. The R.F.S.O.'s chief problem at the moment is the quality of the O.S. 23. They have not yet got confidence in themselves and are unwilling to stand up to physical violence.

3. One of the main reasons for this is the inadequate state of their equipment. They are badly clothed and badly armed. Some of them cannot go on duty for lack of shoes. The R.F.S.O. was particularly disappointed to find that the O.S. 23 brought up from the south was totally unequipped.

4. If we can repair this, and we must repair it, then the R.F.S.O. has confidence that he can get the O.S. 23 really to do their job.

5. He suggested that it might be wise to intervene into this action some of the Italian O.S. 23 who are used to dealing with physical violence.

6. The R.F.S.O. is not yet fully satisfied with Colonel O.S. 23, the regional commander, but is satisfied with his Italian junior officers. He would very much like to raise the confidence of the O.S. 23 by having a regional inspection on the lines of Field Marshal Alexander's inspection in 1923.

7. The Italian system is of doubtful quality but the R.F.S.O. is not yet prepared to condemn him at present. R.F.S.O. is quite satisfied with the Italian police and the O.S. 23 who are adequate in quality and quantity.

8. R.F.S.O. told me the interesting fact that when there are no very few real crimes appear more the percentage.

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7. The Mexican question is of technical quality but the 1000 is not yet prepared to criticize him at present. 1000 is quite satisfied with the intervention police and the C.I., M. who are adequate in quality and quantity.

8. 1000 told me the interesting fact that where there are holes very few real thieves appear among the portmanteau.

9. The immediate help which he can give this region is to equip their C.I., M. adequately with clothing, shoes, and arms.

10. See also notes by Major Smith.

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11. ADMINISTRATIVE

Major Smith is doing an excellent job of work and his Regional Commander naturally recognizes his for position. He obviously has a firm grasp of his position. He tells me that last summer he was one of the chief problems here. There is considerable political pressure coming from the C.I., M. and other officers to carry out a reform of the "insurrection" thereby the "insurrection" would number 7. Instead of the present 50. Colonel Montenegro is a pressing problem. Major Smith recognizes heavy taxation on absentee land and is surprised that Smith has not yet entered into this. He does not think that the pressure on agricultural reform comes from the "insurrection" themselves but is being worked up in political circles in the city.

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12. In this vast agricultural region the question of local markets is bound to arise in the future. It will be interesting to know the views of the Agricultural sub-committee and the Italian Ministry on this problem throughout Italy. It may vitally affect Italian local production for as is the case in Sicily, Provence, some of the landless are afraid to go out to their estates.

13. Major Hough is not dissatisfied with the present state of the grain harvest and does not think that we shall lose the 40% predicted locally. There will be a drop in rice production owing to irrigation difficulties.

14. 6000 horses have been brought into the region and more are to come. They have been loaned to civilians. Their arrival brought down the price of local produce by nearly 50%. A quantity of them were rightly slaughtered and have been used for meat. There is a cattle surplus and Major Hough is trying to arrange distribution both of horses and cattle to other regions. He is not anxious that the Ministry should give directions as to the movement of livestock throughout Italy and clearly the Agricultural sub-committee should encourage this.

15. Major Hough has persuaded the Ministry to advance the sum of 6 million lire for the purchase of motor transport for agriculture inspectors.

16. Major Hough is disturbed at the high prices of grain. He would prefer a differential in the North and would like to see the price of grain fixed at 700 to 750 lire.

20/4/51.

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Triguard,
Executive Committee

MEMORANDUM
Chief (undersecretary)
Civil Affairs Section (2)
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1944/47.

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 Chief Commissioner
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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Serial No. 2

Reference: RLY/HQ/EE/2/2/6/1

21 MAY 1945

16 May 1945

Subject: Interim Report for the Provinces of PERL, PARARA, and RAVENNA
and the Republic of SAN MARINO for week ending 12 May 1945.

To: Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. Provincial Administration - a. Major John H. Lumsden (A) took over the post of Provincial Commissioner on 6 May 45, succeeding Major E.F. Patrick, ordered to other duty outside Italy.

b. In Ferrara the administration is running more smoothly, although the CLN is showing a tendency to try to interfere with the Prefect, who prior to his appointment, was its president.

c. The Provincial Deputation for Ferrara has been selected.

2. Public Safety - All three provinces report cases of violence by armed bands. The return of Fascist sympathizers who had fled north has roused the passions of the younger and more turbulent elements of the disbanded Partisans who have in any case found it hard enough to settle down. Shootings, disappearances of civilians and sequestrations of property have occurred. The best remedy would seem to be the establishment of People's Courts as soon as possible, so that all may feel that the Fascists will not go unpunished. Permission has therefore been sought for the application of MIL 142 of 22 April 45 to the provinces of Forlì and Ravenna, which having been liberated prior to 28 April, the date of the decree, do not come within its terms.

The most serious example of the lawlessness mentioned above was the penetration by unknown persons into the jail at Cesena at midnight on 8 May and the machine gunning of 17 alleged Fascists detained there. No recurrence of this incident are anticipated.

3. Partisanship - Arrangements are being made for the disarmament parade of the Ferrara partisans to take place in the near future.

Representatives of the CLN and leaders of the National Association of Italian Partisans in Forlì have undertaken to make every effort to control the wilder spirits among the partisans.

4. Economics & Supply - The food situation is satisfactory. In the province of Forlì the price of bread has been increased by the implementation of MIL No. 38 of 1 Mar 45. The province of Ravenna is due to follow suit. The PCI situation is easier.

5. Public Health - In Ravenna and Forlì the general health situation remains good.

In Ferrara precautions are being taken against malaria and typhoid in those communes where the water supply has been damaged or where the country has been flooded. All hospitals in the town of Ferrara are functioning.

6. Relief - In Forlì an Italian Commissario Provinciale per

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6. Welfare - In Forlì an Italian Commissario Provinciale per 4520 a Ragistrato has been appointed by the Prefect, and a city with a population of 1,000 is operating. There are also shelters for orphans in Ferrara city and in Argenta.

800 refugees passed through the Ferrara camp during the week.

7. Public Works - Lack of materials and transport is delaying all work. Reconstruction of one bridge was completed during the week.

8. Flood Control - Ferrara - Repairs to pumping stations are in progress. 25 Diesel engines are now functioning. 25,000 bottles are reported to have been flooded.

9. Mine Clearance - Approximately 1,200 mines were lifted during the week in Forlì and Ravenna provinces. The Mine School at Forlì has been re-organized and is now under the direction of the Commandante della Zona Emilia.

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10. Legal - Italian Government legislation has been implemented in the provinces of Forli and Ravenna.

11. Finance - In order to meet the demands for the cashing of the assigned circolari, the sum of 50,000,000 lire is being transferred from the Banca d'Italia in Bologna to Ferrara.

12. Agriculture - A new director has been nominated for the UPSEA office in Ferrara.
 Dissatisfaction is still being expressed in Ravenna in regard to the Messadria system of farming, the tenants demanding a larger share of the products.

13. Education - In Ferrara province the Provveditore agli Studi has been dismissed and a new man appointed in his place. Most of the school heads were inscribed in the PPS, with the result that the reopening of schools will be difficult for some time.
 In the newly captured portion of Ravenna province schools have been reopened. Vetting of school personnel continues.
 In the provinces of Forli and Ravenna schools will continue during the summer months.

14. San Marino - Arrangements have been made by which the S.A.G.I. cement works will sell 50% of its production to ASF in return for the supply of electricity, when available, to the works. This contract has been guaranteed by the Republic of San Marino.
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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 594

Reference: RIX/SE/R/1/6

10 May 1945 14 MAY 1945

Subject : Interim Report for Provinces of FORLI, FERRARA and RAVENNA
for week ending 6 May 1945.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission

FERRARA

1. Political - Situation quiet. C.I.N. very cooperative. Five parties represented.
2. Provincial Administration - Sig. Renato Rirsch appointed Prefetto Reggente. A Vice-Prefect Vicario is being sent from Rome. All branches of the Prefettura are beginning to function. Communal organizations being organized and are already functioning well in the eastern section.
3. Public Safety - All principal CC RR stations have been reactivated. State of public order and morale good.
4. Public Works - Electric current now available for water pumping in Ferrara town. It is expected that water will be available at low pressure shortly. Surveys and plans are being made for the reclamation of flooded areas.
5. Public Health - Comacchio, Protomaggiore and Argenta are badly damaged and are receiving particular medical attention.
6. Economics and Supply - The food situation is good.
7. Finance - Banks and Post Offices will be opening in stages next week.
8. Rates - Rates stabilized as at 3 April, including 30% and inden-nita di presenza. No great hostility by local authorities.
9. Hemp - It is believed that stocks of hemp in the area Ferrara - Forli - Ravenna - Bologna amount to 19,752 tons of retted hemp and 6,970 tons of green hemp.
10. Patriots - The disarming of Patriots and the final parade took place before the province was handed to Regional control. Only 22 Patriots remain undispersed in the town of Ferrara.
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FORLI & RAVENNA

12. Political - May Day celebrations passed off very quietly. A Fascist who retreated with the Germans and returned to Forli was recognised and shot.

13. Mine Clearance - Total number of mines cleared since the start of work now amounts to 15,300.

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14. Postal Service - A post card service for the province of Forlì and the Republic of San Marino will become effective on 9 May.
15. Legal - Implementation of Italian Decrees has been carried out.
16. Industry - 10,000 kilograms of heavy salvage canvas have been released by PBS of Leghorn for making shoes in Forlì.

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For the Regional Commissioner:

H. H-S. HARTLEY
Lieut Colonel
Deputy Regional Commissioner

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Report on Emilia Region from Lt. Col. E. TALBOT.
May 1945.

Refugees.

Refugee problem is expected to develop in two or three days. It is reported about 300,000 refugees are North of VERONA mostly from GERMANY and AUSTRIA, only 2% of these are women which indicates that they are labourers. Well clothed and in good shape. Italian Red Cross, priests and local Italians giving assistance. EMILIA expected to be bottleneck - is now handling 1000 per day and getting rid of about 500, but if above situation develops influx might be 3000 per day.

Immediate implementation of Disper plan for large influx across frontier is very strongly urged.

Patriots.

About 15,000 have laid down some sort of arms. Few that large numbers have not. In Region estimated 20 - 25,000 patriots, large numbers settling down. No information about recruiting into armies.

Prefects.

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FERRARA	Hirsch	Jew	CLN
MODENA	Marchese Alfonso	CD	Supported by Church
	Tricoli	CD	CLN
PARMA	No app't yet.		
PIACENZA	Avv. Vittorio	CD	
	Minora		

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CC. RR.

So far as ^{any} ~~any~~ found as were brought up. Expect twice as many. Well equipped and always disciplined.

Medical.

Definitely short and in view of refugee influx situation considered urgent.

Mines.

Little to be done.

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Courts.

Virtually no work for AG Courts. Italian Courts mostly open and functioning well.

Col. Roman against any alteration at this stage in proclamations. Peoples' Courts decrees being implemented and is popular.

Expenditure.

General Order No. 35 used.

Personnel.

Though inevitably short Col. Roman is satisfied but wants as soon as possible 30 recently assigned. Expects 5 Army to delay. Wants them for refugee problem, which looks largest. Also wants two or three super officers to deal with large surplus food and get it away to non-surplus area.

Prices lower than thought.

VENICE tomorrow.

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ARTHUR E. SUTHERLAND, Jr.,
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER
BOLOGNA CITY

22 April 1945

SUBJECT: 24 hour report BOLOGNA CITY.

TO : S.C.A.O., A.M.G., 5th Army.

1. Bologna City A.M.G. team entered Bologna at 2100 hrs. 21 April 1945 and reported at once to Lt. Col. Frank Wray, S.C.A.O. A.M.G. II Corps. Billets at Albergo Palazzo and offices at Municipio. Telephone as of 1200 hours 22 April: WICKET, Bologna AMG.

2. Proclamations posted by Lt. Col. Wray.

3. PUBLIC HEALTH:

No disease outbreak found - Conditions completely normal. Complete hospital survey now being made. Of the total of 9 hospitals with capacity of 6000 beds only 2 with capacity of 600 beds have been destroyed. Hospitals capacity is taxed at the moment with refugees. These refugees will be discharged at once to make room for patients. Hospital needs are sugar, milk and meat rations. Drug needs are Alcohol, Iodine and Ether.

4. PUBLIC UTILITIES:

(a) Water: Extent of damage to source of supply not surveyed exactly. City will continue to get water in lower flood of central portion of city at reduced pressure from 0600 to 1300 hours. Higher elevated areas some water from 0600 to 1100 hours. Hospitals get water 24 hours per day. This supply will continue regardless of electricity.

(b) Power: Power source from north cut and power lines from south taken away by Germans. Small Thermal plant 500 Kw now working and can continue to supply city pumps with power - some public buildings can be lighted - 4000 Kw needed for complete water system plus hospitals and limited public use. 8000 Kw, if and when carried from south can supply city with all essential services.

(c) Telephones: Central exchange destroyed by Germans. Employees had sufficient equipment so that 1020 phones can be put in service in 20 days. 4513

(d) Gas: Gas works in complete working order. No gas being distributed because of lack of coal. Ovens are being kept hot and sufficient fuel available to keep hot for 25 days. Two tons

of coal per day needed to keep ovens hot. 7 to 8 tons coal per day will give 2 hours gas service, 20 tons per 4 hour service, 50 for 6 hour service and 240 tons for normal service. Gas Co. has 300 tons at Grevalcore about 30 Km distance.

(e) Transport. Tram system in working order and all necessary in power 500 Volt D.C. At present trams are scattered all over town where they were disbursed against bombing. They can be moved to their proper park at any time.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY.

Very good public order. 5 Army CO., R. moved in and at work. About 600 Municipal police on duty and reported to be excellent. Some 3000 patriots still armed and well disciplined are being used by tactical commanders to help keep order. These will be released to AMG for handling within 24 hours. Plans for this now being made with appropriate ceremony.

6. COURTS.

Courts were in operation until 2 days ago. All personnel still in City and Courts can operate at any time. Patriots are in one Court building and will be moved out as soon as possible.

7. REFUGEES.

The following summary of the Refugee situation is submitted from the Refugee section:

(a) There are 50,000 Profughi (Refugees) at present in Bologna - Possibly less, as many are already leaving to return to their homes in the South etc. which have been liberated.

(b) Approx. 10,000 of these are being housed and fed in 28 Centres of varying sizes - some directly run by EGA, some by religious bodies.

(c) The balance of Approx. 40,000 are spread about in private houses.

(d) He states that EGA has food for 15 - 20 days in its Food Store for the 10,000 in para (b) above.

(e) EGA is paying subsidies where required to all the above at the rate of 16 lire per head of family
10 lire per wife

4 lire per other members.
and a " sussidio Straordinario " according to needs for clothing, shoes, etc.

They are at present spending approx. 20 million lire per month on

relief grants and expenses.

(f) In addition to 50,000 "profughi" there are approx. 40,000 "sinistrati" - bombed-out families from Bologna and suburbs, who are either housed in Centres or private homes and treated as the "profughi" above.

(g) Nos. of Italians are already arriving from Germany - - ex P.O.W. and forced labourers. One of them told me that the Germans are sending them by train to the Brenner, and from there they are walking or hitch-hiking South to their homes. Many of them are arriving in poor state. He estimated that approx. 3,000 are passing the Brenner daily: the Germans cannot feed them and are trying to get rid of them; other nationalities too - French etc. are coming.

8. Among the refugees are many from Tuscany, including forced labourers (rastrellati) from Florence, Lucca, Pisa, etc., and others from as far South as Sicily, all anxious to get home.

9. I formed the impression that ECA has the situation well in hand, and were working with intelligence and keenness.

I visited one Centre holding 1,000 persons - 300 sinistrati and 700 profughi. The larger ones are housed in barracks or schools. I am obtaining a complete list of these, present capacity and maximum capacity, later today or on Monday 23 Apr 45.

9. LABOUR.

(a) Summary: Labour supply is apparently plentiful and wages are definitely pegged by collective agreement at rates lower than in Toscana and Southern Regions - There is no labour supply office and the new Labour Supply Officer will not be established for two or three days.

(b) Private wages.

(i) Labourers receive 7.20 per hour or 57.60 per day plus 20 lire for heads of families, plus family assistance depending on size of family. Average Total: 90 lire per day.

(ii) Semi-skilled workers receive 8.50 per hour with similar additions. Average Total: 100 lire per day.

(iii) Skilled workers receive 9.20 per hour, similar family allowance. Average Total: 110 lire per day.

(c) German wages were paid at rates of 100 lire, 80 lire and 60 lire respectively to men, boys 18 - 20 and those under 18 regardless of skill. But this was supplemented by free farina (100 grams per week) pasta (250 grams per week) salt, sugar, meat and 4 cigarettes a day.

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3000 workers were employed by Germans and are now presumably unemployed and available for work.

10. FINE ARTS.

(a) Very serious loss - the 16th Century Anatomical Theatre of the old University of Bologna, now called the Archiginnasio. The wooden room has completely disappeared. Famous wood sculpture of Lelli - 2 anatomical figures can be put together again. The room will be restored again eventually with much labour. Bombed 29 January 1944 by the Allies.

(b) Other fairly serious destruction has been done to a few churches and palaces. Destruction to monuments in Bologna very small on whole.

(c) Repair work already progressing very well. A bit of help from AMG for the Anatomical Theatre seems called for - as well as other places.

(d) Deposits Marsabotto, Minerbio O.K. Stuff brought back to Bologna safe - Some has gone to Milan.

(e) Archives - comparatively no harm. State Archives - some losses when documents evacuated to a building occupied by Germans.

11. INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

(a) Summary Report: The general industrial picture is good. Bologna has few large industries other than distilleries and machine shops. The bombings have destroyed a greater portion of the heavy industrial area but as the Germans had previously dismantled the plants the destruction entailed mainly real-estate.

Small plants have been able to conceal assets and it is expected that these can be reassembled and reactivated as soon as power is made available. The power plant can operate immediately upon receipt of gasoline; the daily amount is not known at this writing.

(b) TRANSPORTATION: The transport situation is optimistic. It is believed that within 15 days some 800 - 900 trucks can be put on the road. There have been some tires saved by private individuals and dealers, no large stocks. A shipment of 800 bicycle tires have recently arrived from the North and have not been distributed.

(c) C.P.E. The Consiglio Provinciale dell'economia is a fluidly functioning body. Its new director PEPE (or Peppe) impresses as able. Details follow.

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SITREP - MODENA

1710 hrs.
23 April 45

Situation is described as normal by Colonel Walker who called a few minutes ago.

Water is on.

Tram cars are working.

Food is not a critical item and there is a considerable amount in the city.

Partisans have not left the town. There are about ⁸⁰⁰ ~~8000~~ partisans in Modena.

It is expected that there will be about 3000 in the general surrounding region.

They have enough rations to feed 3000 refugees for four days.

There are some Carabinieri who have been taken in by IV Corps. Situation is normal.

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