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MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 1945 BY COLONEL J.A.C. PERRYCUICK
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

PART I - GENERAL

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2. As regards food, 31,000 tons of grain have been collected in the Ammassi, 1,000 tons more than the September 1944 estimate. About 29,000 tons of grain have been imported since the harvest ended and three more grain ships of 8,000 tons each will complete the programme to provide the ration until the next harvest comes in. The distribution of food is now satisfactory and food demonstrations, which were a frequent cause of anxiety last summer, have practically ceased. With regard to food other than grain, the livestock population, particularly sheep, in the Island is excessive and there is some evidence that ground which could be utilised for crops for human consumption is being used for livestock.

3. Essential commodities, apart from food, which the Island requires regularly are coal and oil fuels. About 2,000 tons of imported coal a month are required for the industries and for railways. Stocks now available will meet requirements up to about the end of August depending on Naval demands. As regards oil fuels, six months' stocks are in hand of C.O.P., i.e. to the end of September, thereafter about 100 tons of petrol, 200 tons of Diesel oil and 100 tons of paraffine are required per month for civilian uses. Other imports such as caustic soda, fertilizers, sulphur, etc. which are

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4. Coal mines. Production at the Sardinian coal mines is still below 40,000 tons per month. The campaign for recruiting more miners is just beginning to be felt and about 800 additional miners have come in this month from within SARDINIA. Unfortunately there is an undercurrent of unrest in the labour field and a "go-slow" programme at one of the big mines (Bacu Abis) has seriously interfered with production and offset advantages from the additional miners. It cannot be said that the increased ration specially provided for the miners has been reflected in an increase in the output of coal.

5. The call-up of the Italian Army in SARDINIA continued without incident during the month.

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of an expected group had been accounted for. One (FISCHBOEK) was determined of efforts to escape and was shot and killed by the Carabinieri. A.F.H.Q. decided to entrust the trial of the surviving nine to the Italian Military Tribunal at ORISTANO. On the 16th March the trial was concluded, one of the men, a Military Priest named USAI, was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment; but the remaining eight were all acquitted. This is the first example of a trial held under the new President of the Tribunal, Colonel LEONA and the new General MACCARIO, responsible for the defence of SARDINIA.

8. In the political field a notable event has been the resignation of Emilio LUSSU from the Sard Action Party. He has been the recognised leader of this Party and a moving spirit in attempting to complete a fusion between it and the Italian Action Party. The best drilled and best organised political party in SARDINIA, though it is small in numbers, is the Communist Party.

9. A summary of exports and imports shows that for the first quarter of 1945 SARDINIA exported approximately 104,000 tons of commodities (exclusive of re-exports, e.g. bunkers) and imported 40,000 tons. In addition 1,200 cattle, 500 horses or donkeys and 4,100 sheep were exported. The principal commodities exported were 82,000 tons of coal, 8,200 tons of salt and 750 tons of paint pigments. Main imports were 16,300 tons of grain, 11,000 tons of coal and 6,000 tons of phosphates.

10. Visits have been received during the month from:- Captain CLAY, Captain WESTON and Major STAW from A.F.H.Q.; Lieut. RITTER from NORMS; Mr. PERKINS, WSA, Mr. ROLLBACK, OWI; Captain PALLISER, Captain SPRAGUE, Dr. SENN and Captain BATTAGLIA from ACSC (UNRRA); Dr. Ing. VENUMEINI (Myron Taylor); Lt. Col. LORD and Major SUTTON (ACLRS); Major General DE SEVIN and Lieut. DE ROUD, French representatives from ACSC; Captain DIX, Mining Division, Major NICHOLS, and Captain BROOME (C of E Chaplain).

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PART II - SPECIALIST DIVISIONS

(a) POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

In the political field the principal event has been the resignation of Emilio LUSSU from the Sard Action Party. Reports indicate that the Sard Action Party are not so inclined towards the left as the Action Party of Italy of which LUSSU is the leader. The development may lead to a rift in the Sard Action Party, and later in the month LUSSU declared that he would remain a member of the CAGLIARI Section of the Sard Action Party. At the same time he dis-associated himself from any separatist tendencies, he also expressed his admiration for the British two-party system saying that he hoped the Italian Action Party would become the Labour Party of Italy.

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The High Commissioner's new Consulta of 18 members is awaiting the approval of the Central Government and has not yet been formed.

The departure of the Prefect of NUORO, Dott. PALAMARA, is a considerable loss. His brief stay in the Province and vigorous methods have been of great benefit. The Provincial office work has been thoroughly reorganised and new and better methods have been introduced. His successor, Dott. VILLAMENA, is a Sard and belongs to a well known Sardinian family, but has not yet taken up his duties.

As regards MASSARI, the Prefect, although a good administrator, does not quite give the confidence inspired by the other two Prefects. The Prefect of CAGLIARI has made several changes in the administration of the Province, not only in the Prefettura but also in the Communes. So far his appointments of Sindaci and Giunti have been very satisfactory. H.E. Dott. SACHETTI has proved all along to be most co-operative and has handled the difficult Commune of CARBONIA well. He is well served by his deputy, Vice Prefect VICARIO, Dott. CARREDA. The new Questore of CAGLIARI, Sig. V. GENOVESE, has shown promise and good judgment.

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(e) ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOOD SITUATION

The grain/flour stocks position at the end of March is shown by the following data converted to flour equivalent (quintals):-

Wheat in hand - 28th February	84,339	
Barley " " - " "	36,753	
Maize " " - " "	3,643	
		124,735
Collected in Cereal, March, Wheat and Barley		1,225
TOTAL		125,960
Estimated consumption for March		68,000
Estimated balance all flour on 31st March		57,960

Of the total estimated flour at the end of March approximately 28,000 qtls are barley, leaving an estimated wheat/flour balance on 31st March of about 30,000 quintals.

Total stocks on the 28th February are less than those estimated in the February report. Dott. ARRIGHI, the Food Controller accounts for this discrepancy by saying that 34,000 quintals of barley originally calculated at 80% milling were, on orders from ROME, actually milled at 68%. The increase in the estimated consumption for March from 66,000 quintals to 68,000 quintals is attributed by Dott. ARRIGHI to an increase in the number of farmers who have exhausted their own stocks.

Salt. 2,264 tons of salt have been exported from SARDINIA during the month.

Exportable Surpluses. No exportable surplus is at present available but a surplus of both fruit, fish and lambs should become available later in the year.

Olive Oil. Figures for the olive oil so far collected are given under (d) Agriculture.

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Total Sardinian exports for the month of March amounted to just under 56,000 tons including 34,000 tons of coal. Principal items were as follows:

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Cargo for M.M.I.A.	2,403 "
Miscellaneous Cargo	1,390 "

Other exports consisted of: 1,416 sheep, 558 cattle, 217 horses and 11 donkeys. 100 tons of Cassiterite valued at 10 million Lire was also exported.

Imports for March amounted to 10,244 tons, the principal items being:

Phosphates	3,278 tons
Pyrites	1,950 "
Coal for Navy	2,600 "
Foodstuffs for M.M.I.A.	590 "
Sulphur	501 "
Miscellaneous Cargo	1,325 "

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In future, shipping for exports from SARDINIA will be arranged through I.C.R. though there has been some difficulty in getting the local representative to take over.

A representative of British Ordnance came over to SARDINIA and arrangements have been made for a M.C.O. to be sent over to control export of paint pigments after Allied Commission leave.

(d) AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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	Edible	Lampante
CAGLIARI	1,546.44 qtls	8.34 qtls
SASSARI	9,801.00 "	196.00 "
NUORO	5,669.89 "	47.92 "
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(c) LABOUR

There has been considerable labour unrest during the month. A strike occurred on the 5th of March at the Nuraxi Figus mine, the reason given being that certain men had been arrested for taking the law into their own hands and using violence against Fascists. The Fascists had been accused of throwing bombs at the houses of prominent Socialists in IGLESIAS, including H.E. CORSI. The strike died out after a few days but was succeeded at the same mine by a "go-slow" strike. Daily production dropped from 525 tons on the 14th March to 150 tons two days later and has dropped further to a figure which represents an output of less than one ton per man per month. The reasons given for this development are that the men object to the new form of piece work rates, though they appear to have been accepted without hostility in another group of mines at CARBONIA. The Regional Commissioner interviewed the local Communist leader, Sig. MISTRONI, on the 27th and he agreed to appeal to the men. A conference has also been arranged for the 3rd of April and production is increasing again for the moment.

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(f) PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

An agreement has been reached between the Syndaco of CAGLIARI and the military authorities under which all Italian military barracks inside the city of CAGLIARI will be handed over to the Commune at an early date to be converted into flats and tenement houses. This is not as good a proposition as the originally and detailed scheme to take over certain large barracks on the outskirts of CAGLIARI (a copy of which was sent to A.C.C.H.Q., Public Works Sub-Commission) but it offers the prospect of an immediate decision and has, therefore, been welcomed. It is hoped that between 300 and 400 tenements or dwellings will be made available by this arrangement in the city.

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Summarised services are given as follows:

1.	Roads in hand projects to cost	1,962,000 Lire
2.	Public Works in hand	15,872,000 "
3.	Housing	7,009,500 "
4.	Water and Sewage	15,080,729 "
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7.	Docks	8,455,000 "
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The new project when completed will allow for the installation of a further 85,000 kw and the practical load that can be taken by the SARDINIA Electrical system will be increased by about 60% and allow for future development of mining and industry.

The Company is a private one, SOCIETA ELETTRICA SARDA working under Government supervision and it is understood that about 200,000,000 Lire has already been spent on the project. In view of the depreciation of the Lire the completion of the project will probably be a sound financial proposition.

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Immediate requirements are cement, of which 500 tons a month would be used provided the supply is certain and interruptions that will affect labour will not occur. The CAGLIARI cement works now turn out about 4,000 tons of cement a month and could increase capacity to about 5,000 tons a month, so the cement is available locally. Transport is, however, the difficulty. Alternative routes are via schooner to the port of ARBATAX, thence by lorry to site, or light railway (95 cm gauge) CAGLIARI - VILLASOR, thence by lorry to site. An allowance of about 300 tons of coal per month for the railway and 2 additional 7-ton trucks in new condition to negotiate the bad roads, would be required. This would enable employment to be given to between 1,000 and 1,500 men as against present figures of 200 to 300.

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On the night of the 24th March at S. ANTIOCO an Italian Naval rating was shot and seriously wounded in a clash between Italian Naval ratings and Allied Merchant Seamen. This case is under investigation.

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The detachment of Royal Marine Police which arrived in CAGLIARI on the 25th February for Naval patrol duty in this area, left SARDINIA on the 27th March. Their presence has a good effect in maintaining discipline and order.

The strength of the civil police at the end of March was as follows :

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Guardia Municipali		250 men
Corpo Forestale	7 Officers,	194 men

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On the 16th March the trial of the first group of parachutists dropped in SARDINIA from enemy aeroplanes was concluded. The enemy started to drop these men in the summer of 1944. They were Italian Military personnel and were equipped with radio transmitting sets and provided with large sums of money. One man, SORONGIU, for examples, had with him 62,000 Lire, 200 U.S. dollars, four English gold sovereigns and a transmitting and receiving set. Co-operation by local farmers and shepherds combined with the offer of a substantial reward for each man captured led to the early apprehension of the men as they arrived.

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By the 5th of November all ten of the expected group had been accounted for. One man (SCHEDDU) made determined efforts to escape and was shot and killed by the Carabinieri. A.F.H.Q. decided to entrust the trial of the nine survivors to the Italian Military Tribunal at ORISTANO and this trial was the first presided over by the new President of the Tribunal, Colonel LEDDA. One man, a Military Priest named USAI, Luciano, was found guilty and sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. The remaining eight, namely :

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The health of the Island is satisfactory on the whole and arrangements are in hand for the anti-malaria campaign to be carried out by the Italian medical authorities.

A visit was received from Captain BATTAGLIA of the Typhus Control Unit and on the 16th of March he met in CAGLIARI the Medico Provinciale from CAGLIARI and SASSARI, the Sanitary Inspector from NUORO and one Doctor from each Province and a typhus team of six from CAGLIARI. Demonstrations in typhus control methods were given and a spray gun and ten pounds of D.D.T. powder left for each of the three Provinces. The supply of powder in CAGLIARI is already exhausted where conditions in the crowded prison have caused anxiety.

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(i) Road Transport

There is nothing further to report as regards C.M.A.C. A total of 57 vehicles have been delivered from the Italian Army for civilian use. 40 tyres and 50 tubes size 800 x 16 were delivered and allotted against requisitions. 20 tyres and tubes of the same size have also been allotted from the Allied Commission, Sardegna section, motor pool stocks (under authority of H.Q.,A.C. letter AC/5095.COMM/308 dated 2 February 1945).

No materials have yet been received to enable the CAGLIARI Tyre Retreading Plant to be put into operation as recommended by the inspecting Officer who came over last November. Truck tyres are urgently required.

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A welcome allotment of 1[illegible] tons of carbide was received from the Mining Division which will help materially to repair engines burning Sulcis coal.

Rolling Stock. The following rolling stock was observed for the Mainland:-

Box Cars	1
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Rolling Stock. The following rolling stock was embarked for the Mainland:-

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Flats	8
TOTAL :	59

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(n) FINANCE

Provincial Commissions, CAGLIARI : Formed
Provincial Commissions, SASSARI : Still awaiting suitable accommodation.
Provincial Commissions, NUORO : Operating.

District Commissions, CAGLIARI : Three out of 7 formed.
District Commissions, SASSARI : Operating well.
District Commissions, NUORO : Operating well.

A.F.A. Sub Accountant. After the closure of A.C. Offices, A.A.F. will make their own arrangements for funds and the A.A.F. Accounts Officer has agreed to pay the salaries of civilian employees at CAGLIARI.

Supply Accounting. All known allocations have been made but there are still items outstanding for the Mining Division for which no prices are available.

The I.C.S. representative had not received full powers from his Head Office to take up his duties by the end of the month and this is being dealt with by a temporary arrangement made by the High Commissioner.

J. A. C. FENWICK,
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MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1945 BY COLONEL J.A.C. PRENDERGAST
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5. A very welcome consignment of boots arrived by the ferry steamer "ARBATAX" and allotments have been made to the Mines, Railways etc. Boots are also now on sale in the shops.

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Minister of Agriculture, H.E. F. GULLO and his under Secretary, Professor A. ASSI visited SARDINIA at the end of the month. The opportunity was taken by the Regional Commissioner and Lt. Col. CRAYTOR to have a discussion with him and the High Commissioner to draw attention to the excessive livestock population in SARDINIA and the need for better regulation of the export of breeding stock of sheep, cattle, horses etc.

9. Lt. Col. LARTER visited the Region and set up the organisation of an Advisory Committee on electric power (Sardinia). This Committee will consist of four Sardinian Members headed by Ing. PIGNATTI, Director of the Sarda Company. In addition, members from SCAE may be sent to sit on the Committee which will meet every month and the Regional Committee will send a representative to sit at the meetings of the National Committee in ROME.

10. Visits have also been received from Air Vice Marshal [illegible], Air Sub-Commission; Lt. Col. WILKINSON, Public Safety, Major GILL, Medical and Captain KINGDON of the Mining Sub-Commission.

11. Orders have been received to modify the activities of the Allied Commission and British GA Personnel have been put on 48 hours notice to move to VENEZIA Region.

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PART II - SPECIALIST DIVISIONS

(a) POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

The call-up for the Italian Army that caused a hostile demonstration in January went very smoothly. There was a meeting and a demonstration in CAGLIARI in favour of the call-up on the 4th of February; adequate police precautions were taken and the proceedings were orderly. The procession passed the offices of the Allied Commission and made a small but definitely friendly gesture, clapping and cheering as they went past the Allied Flags.

The Classes called back to the Army in February were calculated to bring in at most 10,000 men; actually this number was substantially exceeded and, on the whole, the Sards came in willingly and cheerfully.

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A very strong appeal has been made by the Sindaco of CAGLIARI to the Prefect, the High Commissioner and the Italian Government for the release of three barracks in CAGLIARI for use as a housing estate. In addition, an appeal has been made to the Commander of the Italian Armed Forces in SARDINIA for barracks in IGLESIAS to be used as an asilo and school for neglected children. The need for further housing in CAGLIARI is very urgent.

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Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa. One meeting held in February.

Deputazione Provinciale. One meeting.

Giunta Communale. There are now 12 Commissari Prefettizi.

Sassari Province

Giunta Provinciale. Two meetings during the month.

Deputazione Provinciale. Two meetings.

Giunta Communale. There are now four Commissari Prefettizi.

/ (c) ECONOMIC RESOURCES....

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(c) ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOOD SITUATION

The High Commissioner for Food has appointed Dott. ARRIGHI, former Director of UCEAP in SARDINIA, as Regional Food Commissioner and his new activities will begin in March.

The price of bread and Pasta has been fixed at 15 and 21 lire a kilo respectively three times the present price in each case, as from the 1st of March. The price is to be uniform throughout the Island and Communes that have heavy transport charges will be repaid from Central funds.

The grain/flour stocks position at the end of February is shown by the following data converted to flour equivalent (quintals):

Wheat in hand - 31st January	80,067	
Barley " " - " "	54,299	
Maize " " - " "	3,643	
		113,009
Collected in transit in February (all kinds grain)		2,325
Arrived on S.S. Charles H. Conrad (Wheat)		77,469
TOTAL :		197,823
Estimated consumption for February		66,000
Estimated balance all flour on 28th February		131,823

A further consignment of sugar arrived during the month of 115 tons. This has made possible a general issue of 125 grams per head for February.

Salt. 2,000 tons of salt has been shipped out of SARDINIA during the month.

Miners' Rations. The decision to make a special issue to the coal miners of 200 grams per day of pulses or maize was implemented during February.

Exportable Surpluses. Although there are no actual surpluses a request has been made by a representative of the High Commissioner for Food for 300 tons of cheese for the mainland. It is understood that the High Commissioner for SARDINIA has agreed to make this available. It will, however, entail a further reduction in the cheese ration.

About 15 tons of flour were recovered from the holds of a Liberty ship from a consignment previously unloaded at NAPLES. It was bagged and handed over to ONARMO for the manufacture of pasta for use in free meals. This organisation issues an average of 6,750 meals per day to poor people in the Region.

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U.N.R.R.A. Cargo	2,023 tons
Railway Trucks and Carriages	1,300 "
U.N.R.R.A. Materials	1,128 "
Salt	2,908 "
Postal Shipments for Ordnance	223 "
Coal	28,600 "

Other exports consisted of more than 1,200 sheep, 245 cattle and 100 horses, and railway rolling stock.

Imports for February were small and were less than 10,000 tons which included 8,500 tons of wheat.

A very welcome consignment of boots was received. They have been distributed by the High Commissioner with due allowance for the requirements of various categories of men - miners, railway workers & agricultural workers, etc.

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(d) AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Rainfall during the month has been abnormally low and has caused some anxiety as to crops.

Ground Nut Panels. The quantity collected in the Ground Nut Panels by the end of February was as follows :

Wheat	278,821 quintals
Barley	31,008 "
TOTAL	309,829

Olive Oil. The quantities collected up to the end of February were as follows :

	Table	Lampante
CAGLIARI	545.17 mtls.	4.05 mtls
NUORO	3,838.00 "	20.00 "
SASSARI	664.63 "	14.43 "
TOTAL	5,047.75 "	38.48 "

The above figures are in quintals and the figures for Lampante shown for last month have been corrected by the Consortio Agrario.

Livestock. Foot and Mouth disease in the Province of CAGLIARI was practically non-existent by the end of February. There were small outbreaks in NUORO and the situation in SASSARI is serious. Control is affected by the lack of adequate serum. Swine fever is also prevalent in all three Provinces, particularly in CAGLIARI and control is complicated by the lack of serum and the spread of the disease to wild pigs.

Exports. Cattle exports for breeding purposes continued. Sheep, Lambs: Cattle, 2&0; Horses, 38.

The Minister of Agriculture, H.E. F. MILLO, visited CAGLIARI towards the end of the month and the opportunity was taken by the Regional Commissioner and Regional Food Officer (Lt.Col. SHAYLOR) to hold a conference with him, his Under-Secretary, Prof. A. GRANI, the High Commissioner, General Piccio and Dott. PADDUO our local Inspector of Agriculture.

The object of the conference was to draw attention to the excessive livestock population in the Island, and to point out that a number of the animals exported for breeding were not suitable for that purpose. He expressed the opinion that from a long term point of view it was desirable that a considerable reduction of the livestock in SARDINIA should be effected. At the present moment there is an animal surplus, particularly of sheep, which number between 2 and 3 million, and the agricultural economy of the Island is being dictated by the large animal population that has to be supported. Apart from providing breeding stock for the Italian, export of suitable animals would result in a considerable

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It was agreed that animals condemned on arrival on the Mainland, as being unfit for breeding, should not be counted against the number being exported from SARDINIA.

The question of the use of the Port of OLBIA for the export of animals was also discussed. Incidentally, the OLBIA - CIVITAVECCHIA route is satisfactory and is a short sea journey. The lack of control on this route and at this Port as compared with CAGLIARI will, however, be very serious and the prevalence of Foot and Mouth disease in SASSARI and NUORO is another factor against this suggestion.

Forestry. Some planting is in progress and it includes the planting of pine trees.

Fisheries. A visit was paid by the Regional Commissioner, the Provincial Commissioner and the Regional Food Officer to CARLO FORTE and the Tunny fishing establishment at Piano Island during the month. Arrangements are in hand for this fishing and the net apparatus is assembled in April. There is still a lack of hemp which is being represented.

/ (b) LIVE .....

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/ (c) LABOUR .....

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(f) PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

A Vice Provveditore of Public Works has been appointed, Avvocato PALOMBO.

During the month we received a visit from Lt. Col. LAPPAS, Electricity Centre 1 at M.E.L.,A.C. We initiated an Advisory Committee on Electric Power (Sardinia) and the first meeting was held under his chairmanship. Those who attended were:

	Ing. ASTI	Public Works Ministry, ROME.
	Ing. BURGASSI	Attached to M.E.L.,A.C., ROME.
SARDINIA	Ing. FIORELLI	Director, Serie Company
	Ing. [illegible]	Director of Production
	Ing. MANCONI	Public Works Ministry (Hydrographic Services, Sardinia)
	Ing. SANNA	President, Carbosarda

This Committee will meet once a month under the Presidency of Ing. FIORELLI and will comprise the four Sardinian members and such other engineers as may come over from time to time to attend its meetings. The Regional Committee will also send a representative to the National Committee in ROME to attend the meetings of that Committee either monthly or quarterly. The inauguration of this Electrical Power Committee should be very beneficial to Sardinian electrical and industrial development.

In CA GLIARI there has been a considerable extension of the electric tram services which is a help to the working classes, many of whom live on the west of the city.

Clearance and rebuilding is progressing slowly. The extension and repair of the railway in the port to serve additional quays in the Port is now proceeding satisfactorily.

Unemployment services are as follows:-

Roads : In hand. In parts to cost 1,970,000 Lire

Public Works : In hand. 15,849,000 Lire.

Housing : 6,360,000 Lire (of which one-fifth is completed).

Sewers, Water and Utilities : 2,536,000 Lire.

Ferries : 14,682,729 Lire.

Clearance of Condition : 8,124,000 Lire.

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Public Works : In hand. 10,548,000 Lire.

Housing : 6,560,000 Lire (of which one-fifth is completed).

Sewers, Water and Utilities : 2,526,000 Lire.

Bonifica : 14,682,729 Lire.

Clearance of Demolitions : 8,124,000 Lire.

Docks : 6,000,000 Lire.

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were when there was a large number of troops in the Island.

(ii) Cases Involving Fascist Activity and Conspiracy Against the Italian Government

The instruction in the case against USAI, L. and his fellow parachutists has been completed and the trial is to commence at ORISTANO on the 5th of March.

(iii) Cases Involving the Allied Commission

A man named PILUDU and five others concerned in the burglary of property of personnel of the Allied Commission were tried during the month. He received a sentence of 2 years - 3 months and a fine of 2,000 Lire, and the others received lesser sentences ranging from to 1 year - 8 months. The result is considered satisfactory.

(iv) Italian Courts

The number of cases pending in the Civil Court system as at 31st January was 27,516.

(v) General Remarks

Official notice has been received that General SALOI has been removed as President of the Military Tribunal at ORISTANO. It is understood that this is a case of Spurgeoning a account of Fascist activities. He has been replaced by Colonel LEDDA.

The Offices in the Palace of Justice at CAGLIARI are nearly ready for occupation and an will be taken over in March. The Palace of Justice at SASSARI is still in partial occupation as an Italian Military Hospital.

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(17) Italian Courts

The number of cases pending in the Civil Courts system as at 31st January was 10,516.

(18) General Returns

Official notice has been received that General BASSI has been removed as President of the Military Tribunal at VENEZIA. It is understood that this is a case of dismissal on account of fascist activities. He has been replaced by Colonel LEONI.

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...rtisan in favour of the call-up for the Army took place in CATANIA on the 4th of February. Police precautions were good and the procedure were orderly. The procession passed the offices of the Allied Commission and made a small but definitely friendly demonstration as they went past the Allied flags. There were several small demonstrations in other parts of the island against the call-up but these were probably largely due to ignorance, as there are few newspapers and news travels slowly to country districts. There was one demonstration in which bad distribution of posts was said to be the cause.

The organisation of the mobile Carabinieri Battalion is proceeding slowly. It is being formed of 150 Carabinieri and 350 soldiers specially selected from among the men recently called up to the Army. These soldiers are, however, as yet without uniforms. Twelve small armoured cars have been taken over and training in their use is proceeding. Eight are in CAGLIARI and two at each, SASSARI and NUORO. 12 lorries have also been obtained from the Italian Army but none as far have been handed over.

The new Commander of the Carabinieri, Col. CUBEDDU, has arrived in SARDINIA and we have been asked to see Lt. Col. FORMICHI who have been in command for six months and has remained loyally with the Allies.

On the night of the 21st February an enemy agent, Manuel PANTELLI, was dropped by parachute from an unidentified plane near SASSARI. He was captured on the 24th February by an account of the Italian C.S. He had in his possession a radio transmitter, 140,250 lire in cash and some secret codes. PANTELLI was a former Italian Naval radio operator and held the equivalent rank of Sergeant.

Prisons. A critical shortage of clothing, shoes and blankets was relieved at the end of the month by the arrival of the Provincial Coordinator (Lt. Col. PRICE) and the Co-operation Officer (C.S. STRONG). A quantity of salvaged blankets, old clothing and shoes not fit for military use have been obtained and reconditioned at the clothing factories for both prisoners and guards. The shoes are being made with leather uppers and wooden soles.

A detachment of 2 W.C.Os. and 8 Royal Marines to police CAGLIARI Port under the command of Maj. P. HOLDEN, Royal Marines, arrived in CAGLIARI on the 25th of February and their presence is very welcome.

Functioning of Italian Courts

(i) Crimes against Allied Troops

Sixty percent of the total crimes against enemy Powers have now been disposed of. A continued investigation of Black Market activities in Allied supplies, and dealing with incendiary bombs particularly of tyres, has kept the number of cases at such a high level that there are nearly as many cases now in the

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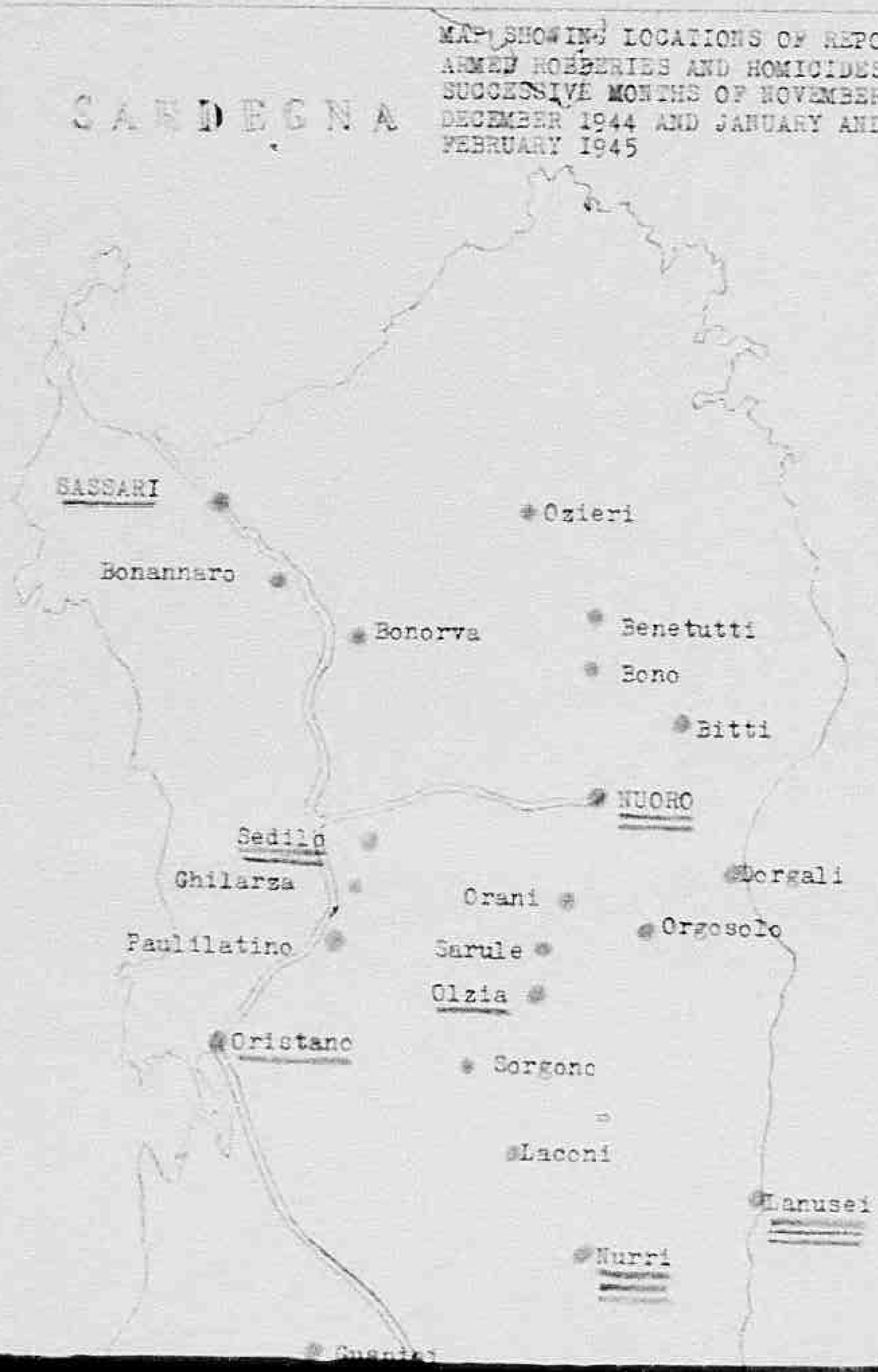
MAP SHOWING LOCATIONS OF REPORTED ARMED ROBBERIES AND HOMICIDES FOR SUCCESSIVE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1944 AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1945



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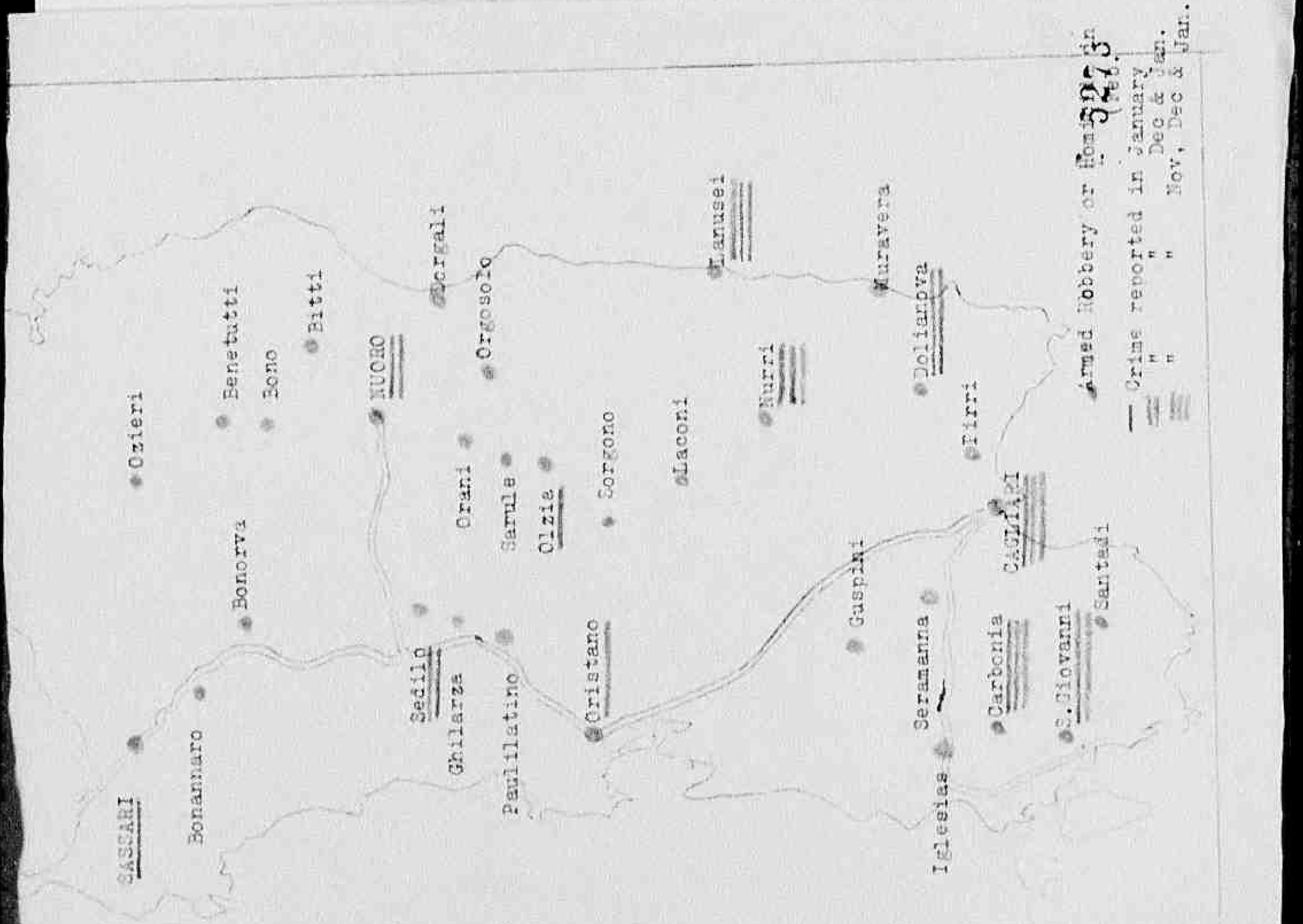

(h) PUBLIC HEALTH:

The hospital situation previously reported as regards Allied personnel remains unchanged.

The health of the Island is, generally, satisfactory, but CAGLIARI presents some anxiety as there is a possibility of disease occurring here in the hot weather. A large number of people are living in caves and wrecked houses and others are huddled in very congested apartments. Representations are being made to ask the Military to release empty barracks which can be quickly converted to ease the housing situation. Measures have already been taken by the Medico Provinciale in connection with the anti malaria campaign and this has been discussed by the CAGLIARI Deputazione Provinciale.

A representative of EDIMEA visited SARDINIA and made arrangements for medical supplies for the next 2 months.

(i) EDUCATION

The Regional Education Officer visited 17 schools during the month and the Scuola Magistrale in CAGLIARI City. Text Books and Quaderni which have been imported with the help of the Allied Commission are being satisfactorily distributed at the correct prices.

School mid-day meals. The inauguration of these meals has been somewhat slow, but at least 11 Communes in CAGLIARI and 8 in NUORO are actually functioning. SASSARI has also made a start but the figures are not yet in of the number of schools providing meals.

Youth Movement. The Regional Commissioner and the Education Officer visited a small meeting of local Esploratores (Boy Scouts) at the village of SINIAI. There were 20 local boys at the meeting and 29 more that had come out specially from CAGLIARI. They had a need of articles of any kind of clothing.

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(j) REFUGEES

126 refugees arrived in SARDINIA from the mainland for repatriation. They were dealt with in the normal way through the High Commissioner's Office.

/ (k) COMMUNICATIONS .....

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over last November.

(ii) Rail Transport

No further Sulcis burning engines have been put into service and no carbide has yet been received to make repairs to the engines burning Sardinian coal possible.

Rolling Stock. The following rolling stock has been exported to the mainland : 8 hospital coaches, 49 box cars, 50 condoling and 40 flats.

There has been some abnormal rail movement to move Italian personnel called up for the Army and Italian military equipment for shipment to the mainland.

(iii) Shipping

Cargoes unloaded during the month included :

	S.S. Adda	Pit props (15,035)
	S.S. Sarapearrin	Army Stores (209 tons)
	S.S. Charles Conrad	Wheat (8,535 tons)
	S.S. Abbazia	2 Trips of miscellaneous Cargo

Exports :

	S.S. Carlton	MMLA route (1,275 tons)
	S.S. Carlgyth	Paint plant, railway coaches (2,147 tons)
	S.S. Sarapearrin	Railway trucks and miscellaneous Cargo (2,363 tons)
	M.V. Portuense	Salt (1,900 tons)
	M.V. La Venezia	Millcake (20 tons)
	M.V. San Vincenzo	Skins and Cement (25 tons)
	S.S. Chateau la Tour	Horses and Cattle
	S.S. Mount Everest	Horses and Cattle
	S.S. Albania	Two trips: salt, skins and miscellaneous cargo (total about 2,000 tons)

Coal Ships :

S.S. Ebro	7,500 tons
S.S. Orsa	5,900 "
S.S. Murria	2,850 "
S.S. Semia	1,200 "
S.S. Schleffion	3,000 "
S.S. Miela	4,300 "
S.S. Portuense	2,950 "

A Sardinian Navigation Company to exploit sea routes adjacent to the Island called "Grande Mare" has been formed with a capital of 50,000,000 Lire. The capital was over-subscribed.

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(l) PROPERTY CONTROL

The local Director of A.M.M.I., Inc. POMERANO, was interviewed by Captain COTTRELL with regard to Mining Companies in which there are Belgian interests. Details have been forwarded to BONE.

Pierpy Estate. The Curator of the Pierpy - Merelli interest has begun proceedings at the Oristano Tribunal in order to revoke the Order given in November 1944 for the minerals to be put under the charge of the Sequestrator. The Sequestrator has placed the matter in the hands of the solicitors who are of opinion that there is no case.

Donna de Maria Estate. The solicitors have been furnished with a copy of the Pierpy will and requested to answer questions put up by Allied Commission Headquarters, Finance Sub-Commission.

(m) FINANCE

Provincial Commissions, CAGLIARI. The Commission has been formed.

District Commissions, CAGLIARI. Three out of the seven have been formed.

Supply Accounting. A representative of I.C.E. has arrived but has not yet received instructions to take over full control. Future collections for imports are likely to be on account of Mining Division materials only.

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SARDINIA REGION

SECRET

4 February 1945

REFERENCE : RC/1062

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1945 BY COL C.A.C. PETRICELLI
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

PART I - GENERAL

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2. A general strike occurred in the mining centre of CARBONIA and lasted from the 11th to the 16th January. There was no serious point at issue and the strike was not openly backed by any of the political parties. It affected all the mines, details are given in Part II (c) and (g) and have been the subject of a special report. Work was resumed on the 17th of January.

3. Disturbances occurred in connection with the projected call-up of soldiers for the Italian Army. There was a small demonstration on the 17th January followed by a meeting in CAGLIARI on the 18th. At this meeting students protested against the call-up and asked to be given more information and also asked for the publication of the Armistice Terms. Only one speech was allowed and the crowd appeared to be good tempered but after three bombs were thrown. Casualties included one police escort killed and eighteen persons wounded. The police and Italian Army personnel showed good discipline, and control was kept of the crowd throughout. The throwing of the bombs was attributed by the Press to the action of "agents provocateurs" who were said to be operating at both the mining District of CARBONIA and in CAGLIARI. First questions were that these men would be Fascists but it is now indicated that the men who threw the bombs came from irresponsible members of the Sard Action Party. It seems possible that the extent of a Separatist Movement in SARDINIA has been underestimated. The Army call-up starts in February and 10,000 men are to be called in from leave in that month - with 10,000 more in March and 5,000 new recruits, 25,000 in all. An unpopular feature is the economic effect on families.

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10. We have received visits during the month from Lt. Col SITTERS, DAPM from A.F.H.Q., Colonel YOUNG and Lt. Col WILCOX, Public Safety, Allied Commission Headquarters, Capt Louise MAURENTIN, Leather enquiries and Lt. Col CROCKUM Horses (AFHQ)

Major BRUCE and Lieut CACCIATORE returned to Headquarters, Allied Commission, after temporary duty with this Region.

J.A.C. PENTICUICK.
Colonel.
Regional Commissioner.

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PART II - SPECIALIST REVIEWS

(a) POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

During the month the call-up for the Italian Army and the large scale Russian offensive have caused great interest.

The call-up was the cause of a hostile demonstration in CAGLIARI on the 17th and 18th January, and on the 18th there were casualties, one police agent being killed and 11 other persons injured by bombs.

The demonstrations were by students and a spokesman said the following points:

(a) The call-up was not understood; what part was Italy to take in the war?

(b) The application forms should be published.

(c) There was insufficient equipment in evidence for the Army.

(d) The economic situation of families called up would be very difficult.

The persons who threw the bombs and caused the casualties have been traced to the Sardinian Party and include persons who have had an anti-Fascist reputation in the past. The Communist Party have shown anxiety to dissociate themselves from this anti call-up demonstration and, at IGLESIAS, where there are many Communists, a small public meeting was held in favour of the call-up. It seems possible that the extent of the Separatist movement has been underestimated; one enthusiast at the CAGLIARI meeting was heard to shout loudly that 'SARDINIA' should be represented at the Peace Conference.

The advance of the Russian armies on a 1,000 mile front creates a threat to Berlin and undoubtedly caused optimism regarding an early end to the war. This, in turn, is already producing a desire for political advertisement in the various parties who foresee a time of activity for their forcible occupation a little closer ahead of them.

Yet another new political party has been formed, the Grappo Monarchico Italiano, under the leadership of the Marchese di Sant in SASSARI; it is a branch of the Alleanza Monarchica Italiana.

No Fascism. The attitude towards Fascism is one to be watched. The provincial representatives compile lists of people who played but a small part in the Fascist organisation but are without means of getting about. Provide car driving their assistance.

It is reported that Lutt C. Fadda, Provveditore degli Studi in the Sardinian Fascist regime and absent till a the time of the fall of Fascism is being offered another post on the mainland.

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Petroleum. The attitude towards Petroleum seems to be moribund. The provincial representatives compile lists of people who played but a small part in the Fascist organisation and are at pains of getting about. Prefects are giving them assistance.

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/(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.....

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(c) ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOOD SITUATION

The grain/flour stocks position at the end of January is shown by the following data converted to flour equivalent (quintals):

Wheat in hand - 31st December	46,392	
Barley " " - " "	63,247	
Maize " " - " "	1,200	
		111,439
Wheat allocated in Ground - January	2,556	
Barley " " " - "	402	
Maize " " " - "	443	
		3,401
Wheat imported on U.S. Empire Country		70,000
TOTAL		185,436
Estimated consumption for January		66,000
Estimated balance all flour on 31st January		119,436

A very welcome consignment of sugar arrived during the month; 150 tons on the 10th January and a further 32 tons on the 23rd January. An issue of 125 grams per head has been made. This is the first issue for six months.

Salt. The use of the MARIAS ferry service as a regular means for the transport of salt to the mainland began in January. The "ADRIATIA" carried 500 tons on the 16th and a further 700 tons on the 29th January.

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Exportable Surpluses. No exportable food surpluses are indicated in the near future and the export of lamb carcasses could not be carried out because of difficulty over suitable transport.

Trade and Industry. Enquiries have been received most indicate that the U.K. is interested in cosmetic grade talc. The present availability for export is 10 tons but a regular monthly production from 300 tons of raw material could be made available. 30 tons of block talc in steel drums were delivered to AGNELLI TRIESTE for early shipment to the U.K. and there is a further order for 40 tons of this material. In order for the supply of 250,000 crates for fishing nets for export to Croatia, Jugoslavia, Albania and the Peloponnese has been placed with a CAGLIARI firm.

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		3,801
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Total Sardinian exports for the month of January 1946 amounted to 20,000 tons of coal and just under 4,000 tons of other commodities which include the following:

Talc	60 tons
Cork	138 "
Paint Pigment	240 "
Skins	112 "
Kalite (fertiliser)	112 "
Salt	3,106 "
Miscellaneous goods, coloured earth, red lead, ochre, wool etc.	308 "

/Other exports.....

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Other exports consisted of 320 cattle, 1,487 sheep, 40 horses. In addition 336 horses, 18 mules and large quantities of vehicles and stores were shipped out for the Italian Army by N.A.I.A.

Imports amounted to over 19,000 tons; they included:

Canadian Wheat	7,800 tons
Sugar	215 "
Phosphates	2,718 "
Coal	8,346 "

Other imports were clothing and uniforms for the Carabinieri, school books, newsprint and tobacco.

(c) AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Weather conditions returned to normal with an average January rainfall.

Grand del Popolo. The quantity collected in the Granai del Popolo by the 30th January was as follows:

Wheat	276,418 quintals
Barley	30,576 "
TOTAL	306,994 "

A total of only 1,500 quintals of grain (wheat and barley) was collected during January.

Olive Oil. The quantities collected up to the 30th January were as follows:

	Cattle		Lampante	
CATANIA	354.85	qtls	151	qtls.
SIRACUSA	691.00	"	2	"
MESSINA	93.39	"	1.6	"
TOTAL :	1,139.07	"	154.6	"

Livestock. Shipments of breeding animals for replacement stock on the mainland were made during the month totalling approximately 320 cattle, 1,500 sheep, and 40 horses.

Forestry. Nothing to report.

[illegible] Farm fishing season are in hand.

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There is a shortage of miners at CARBONIA and although it will be possible to increase the output of coal by technical measures projected, a large increase in output to more than double the present monthly production can only be obtained by the importation of miners, as about 2,000 additional workers are required. This has been the subject of special reports and investigation.

The Financial Commissioner has been informed that the miners will not be affected by the call-up for the Italian Army as they are exempt.

Other classes of labour such as the labour working at the docks, loading and off-loading ships, are also making for more food and more clothes and boots.

(f) PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

The amount spent on the clearing of debris in CAGLIARI is now 1,500,000 Lire. Repairs to public buildings and private houses continue and about 100 more houses have been repaired. The cost is estimated at 5,000,000 Lire.

Roads. The sum of 23,000,000 Lire has been spent on roads up to June 1944, but the repair of roads, particularly in CAGLIARI, is now behind hand.

Approval is still being awaited for the finance of the programme for drainage and anti-malarial work for which an estimate of 92,000,000 Lire for CAGLIARI Province has been given.

Nothing further to report in January.

/(g) PUBLIC SAFETY.....

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Functioning of Italian Courts

(i) Crimes against Allied Forces

Of the 538 cases against known offenders reported since September 1943, 332 have been disposed of, leaving a balance of 207 yet to be dealt with. 29 of these cases were heard during the month of January.

(ii) Cases involving Fascist Activity and Conspiracy against the Italian Government

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(iii) Cases involving the Allied Occupation

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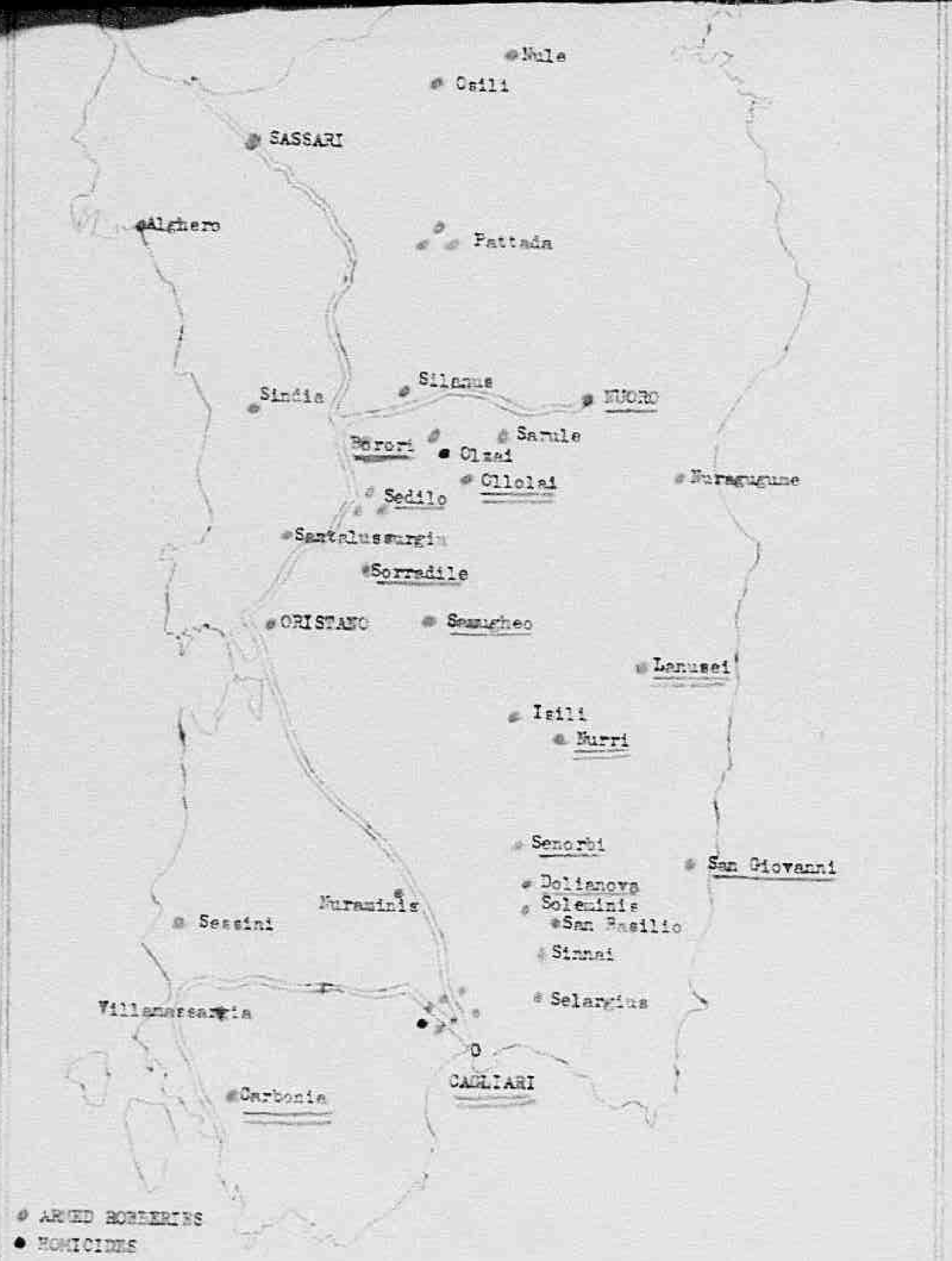

One line under a place named indicates that crime was reported at the place also in December. Two lines November and December.

(h) PUBLIC HEALTH

The hospital situation previously reported as regards Allied personnel remains unchanged.

The hospital in CAGLIARI previously used by the Allies will be ready to accept 150 T.B. patients in February. The staff are installed and annexe is being used as a hospital for infectious diseases. There is a shortage of linen, sheets, night shirts and pyjamas. This is, in fact, a general shortage all through the Island in all hospitals.

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The Regional Education officer (Captain MACSTAFF) attended a conference in FLORENCE during the month. Visits were also paid to schools in CAGLIARI city and CAGLIARI Province, and these schools are slowly but steadily returning to normal conditions. All schools had received their quota of the first set of text books.

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(i) Road Transport

There is nothing further to report on the progress of UNRRA. Fourteen (14) more vehicles were handed over from the Italian Army under the scheme for the delivery of redundant Army trucks to civilian organisations. One of these, however, is unserviceable and 2 are, therefore, now in use.

No tyres have been received for civilian vehicles nor materials to enable the CAGLIARI retreading plant to be put into operation.

New permits and ration cards for petrol came into operation on the 15th of January. A reduction in permits to private cars has been noted and the issue of permits did not to heavy transport as now in the hands of the Consiglio di Trasporti, the organisation instituted by the High Commissioner to take over until the complete formation of UNRRA. Permits and petrol ration cards for private cars are in the hands of C.P.U. The work of the CAGLIARI Consiglio del Trasporto was found not to be satisfactory and a large number of ration cards had either been stolen or deliberately distributed and this proved a shortage of petrol in CAGLIARI Province in December.

(ii) Rail Transport

Additional coal will be required for the railways when the coal output of the mines is increased. This is because Sulcis coal burning engines are now used to the maximum capacity and the lack of carbide prevents repairs being carried out to engines available but requiring repairs. As pointed out in my last report each main line engine burning imported coal needs it necessary to import 100 to 150 tons of coal per month. The Mining Division at CARBONIA have been very helpful with small supplies of carbide but this has now come to an end. About 20 tons of carbide is required urgently.

Rolling Stock. Seven box cars, 20 gondolas and 20 tanks have been loaded ready to leave CAGLIARI. A crane ship, the U.S."Empire Lorenzo", has arrived in CAGLIARI in anticipation of the shipment of the hospital train to the mainland.

(iii) Shipping

Cargoes unloaded during the month included:-

.I. Baptie Crumpy	7,446 tons Canadian Wheat
T.. Jessie Sutterell	8,548 tons " "
.I. UNRRA	2,716 tons Phosphates
.M. Carlton	About 1,000 tons of stores, mostly

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(l) PROPERTY CONTROL

On the 3rd of January a formal letter was despatched to the French Consular Representative reporting him to take over supervision of French properties in the Island.

The local manager of Wilmshire S.A.L. was interviewed and a report forwarded to the Property Control Division. The company appears to be well managed under difficult conditions now existing, but there are no stocks of rubber and little business is being transacted.

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Lawyers are proceeding with a search of the Island registers in an endeavour to trace the legal owner of the estate at PORTE MARIA, Caribbal.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

6 January 1945

REFERENCE: SG/1062

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission

MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1944 BY COL J.A.C. PRENDERGAST
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

PART I - GENERAL

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Meat prices have risen to a reasonably low figure, the seasonal stock of lambs being available at below 60 Lire a kilo (without the Italian Government tax) and there is no black market for the moment in this commodity. Shipping difficulties have, unfortunately, ruled the export of lambs to ALLIED countries.

Turning to Public Safety, during December there have been 11 murders as compared to the monthly average of 5, and 36 cases of armed robbery as against the normal of 25. Bandits in Nuoro are said to be using explosives to blow the robber bands are evidently better armed than usual. They have acquired or stolen weapons from all the different armed forces that have been in the Island together with

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PART II - SPECIALIST DIVISIONS

(a) POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

There have been no special developments in politics in December in SARDINIA. The Prefect of CAGLIARI is taking a hand in getting the political situation at CARBONIA cleared up.

As regards Defascism, some progress is now being made as a result of Civil Affairs letter DF/A3/CA of 22nd November 1944. Signor CRESSE, a Democratic leader and Trade Union delegate came over to the Island about two months ago and has been organising the Defascism work. Commissioners appointed have been as follows :

CAGLI I. Signor SOLO. He is a Communist and lived a hunted life during the days of Fascism.

SASSARI. Signor PUGGIONI, a Socialist and ex-Maresciallo of Carabinieri. Well known for his anti-Fascist views. His brother is the leader of the Sard Party in SASSARI.

NUORO. Avv. PUGGIONI. Belongs to Sard Party and is President of the Deputazione Provinciale. Has a good reputation.

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...in SARDINIA cleared up.

As regards Defascism, some progress is now being made as a result of Civil Affairs letter DF/43/SA of 22nd November 1944. Signor CRILLO, a Communist leader and Trade Union delegate came over to the Island about two months ago and has been organising the Defascism work. Commissioners appointed have been as follows :

CAGLIARI. Signor ROSI. He is a Communist and lived a hunted life during the days of Fascism.

SASSARI. Signor PUGGIONI, a Socialist and ex-Maresciallo of Carabinieri. Well known for his anti-Fascist views. His brother is the leader of the Sard Party in SASSARI.

NUORO. Avv. MURGHEDDU. Belongs to Sard Party and is President of the Deputazione Provinciale. Has a good reputation.

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		3,200
		58,682
Wheat collected in Ernest	- Dec 41	6,659
Barley " " "	- " "	1,121
Wheat imported	- " "	51,462
Barley imported	- " "	57,720
	TOTAL	175,644
Estimated consumption for December		63,000
Estimated balance all sorts flour end of December		112,644

The figure of flour on hand on 30th November 1941 varies from the estimated balance shown in the previous report owing principally to the fact that the consumption estimated at 63,000 quintals for the month of November only actually amounted to 52,000 quintals. This was due to the cancellation of the pasta rations in many Communes by order of the High Commissioner's office as stocks were low until the arrival of the Tahiti ships made the position safe.

A shipment of 1,678,000 ration packs arrived on 7th December and were collected under armed guard and handed over to the High Commissioner.

Exportable Surplus of Food. 705 tons of cheese were exported during the month. An attempt to organise an export scheme for local carcasses from OLEAI to CHRISTCHURCH for NOUMEA had to be abandoned owing to the impossibility of securing regular shipping. The possibility of exporting lambs by the rubber ferry service just established to HAVANA is being explored.

Trade and Industry

The month of December was a very active month as regards shipping from NOUMEA.

Exports included :

For the Armed Forces :

Paint pigments	647 tons
Anti-malarial equipment	50 "
D.F.I.	40 "

In addition 36,000 empty petrol drums and 60 RAF unserviceable vehicles were exported.

Civilian Exports :

Coins	477 tons
Hides	3 "
Cheese	705 "
Barium Sulphate	15 "
Antimony	30 "
Cork	182 "
Manganese Sulphate	508 "
Salt	4,960 "
Synthetic Cotton	4 "

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Civilian Exports (Contd)

Willows		12 Tons
Galo		85 "
Fibre		5 "
Zinc Oxide		2 "
Coal	about	30,000 "

For Allied Commission :

Binder Twine	152 Tons
Tinned Meat	90 "

Apart from the above, a large quantity of vehicles and stores for M.M.I.A. was also handled but this is not included as it is understood that these activities are reported separately.

Imports

4,200 tons of wheat and 7,200 tons of barley which arrived on the "Thistlemuir" and the "Trevince" at the end of November were unloaded at the beginning of December. 750 tons of rock phosphate also arrived during the month and two months' supply of tobacco for the Tobacco Monopoly. Other imports included normal stores and rations for British and American personnel and P.W.E.I.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR 1944

A summary of Exports from SARDINIA during 1944 is as follows :

For the Armed Forces :

Firebricks (304,333)	843 tons
Fireclay for furnaces	2,800 "
Kaolin	1,300 "
Paint Pigment	2,000 "
Refractory Cement	738 "

For Civilian or semi Military Uses :

Antimony	72 tons
Barite	15 "
Cadmium	3 "
Coal	456,280 "
Coloured Earth	67 "
Cork	258 "
Fibre	54 "
Hides	145 "
Kaolin (fertiliser)	730 "
Lead	2,551 "
Magnesium Sulphate	1,104 "
Salt	10,485 "
Skins (250,000)	491 "
Synthetic Coffee	4 "
Talc (powder)	89 "
Talc (block)	81 "
Willows	20 "
Zinc Oxide	10 "

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Hides	145	"
Kolfite (fertiliser)	739	"
Lead	2,561	"
Magnesium Sulphate	1,104	"
Salt	19,465	"
Skins (880,000)	494	"
Synthetic Coffee	1	"
Talc (powder)	89	"
Talc (block)	81	"
Willows	20	"
Zinc Oxide	10	"

Note total production of Coal in SARDINIA for 1944 amounted to :

376,000 tons

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(d) AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Until the last quarter of the month the unseasonal dry spell continued and conditions were, therefore, exceptionally good for winter cultivation. Heavy rain began on the 25th December.

Granai del Popolo. The quantities collected in the Granai del Popolo by 28th December were as follows:

Wheat	273,869	qtls.
Barley	29,966	"
TOTAL	303,835	"

The totals of wheat and barley collected in the four weekly periods and until the 23rd December were as follows:

1st week	6,747	qtls.
2nd week	1,037	"
3rd week	5,508	"
4th week	1,405	"

Olive Oil. The quantities collected up to the 31st December were as follows:

Province	Edible olive Oil	Lampante
CAGLIARI	197.33 qtls.	--
SASSARI	52.67 "	--
NUORO	70.05 "	1.20 qtls.
TOTAL	314.05 "	1.20 "

Livestock. Lambing continued to be satisfactory. Arrangements are being made for the export of breeding stock, an immediate surplus of 300 horses and 500 cattle has been declared. A large surplus of sheep is also available. 702 quintals of white bean seed arrived during the month and has been distributed. A second shipment of 750 tons of ground phosphate rock also arrived during the month.

Forestry. Reports indicate that about 50,000 quintals of firewood can be produced per month. It is doubtful whether firewood can be made available for export as stocks are scattered and transport is difficult.

Fisheries. Nothing to report.

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Wheat	277,540 qtls.	
Barley	24,966 "	
TOTAL	302,506 "	

The totals of wheat and barley collected in the four weekly periods and until the 23rd December were as follows:

1st week	4,747 qtls.
2nd week	1,037 "
3rd week	5,358 "
4th week	1,805 "

Olive Oil. The quantities collected up to the 31st December were as follows.

Province	Edible Olive Oil	Lampante
CAGLIARI	192.11 qtls.	--
SASSARI	52.57 "	--
NUORO	70.05 "	1.20 qtls.
TOTAL	315.23 "	1.20 "

Livestock. Lambing continued to be satisfactory. Arrangements are being made for the export of breeding stock. An immediate surplus of 200 horses and 500 cattle has been declared. A large surplus of sheep is also available. 252 quintals of white bean seed arrived during the month and has been distributed. A second shipment of 750 tons of ground phosphate rock also arrived during the month.

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(v) LABOUR

The shortage of miners at CARBONIA has been reported separately. The instructions from A.F.H.Q. indicate a desire to put up the production of coal from the present rate of 40,000 tons per month to 70,000 tons per month.

The Mining Division estimate that the production can be raised to 60,000 tons a month with reasonable ease, but to 70,000 tons with additional miners. The position has been the subject of a special report.

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On the 21st December an entire flock of 315 sheep was wantonly slaughtered. This occurred in the North of CAGLIARI Province but is suspected to be a continuation of the previously reported slaughter found in NUORO Province.

No further enemy agents have been dropped by parachute. The American transmitter recovered from the boat of the Italian has proved to be a meteorological transmitter. The story that two persons were dropped with it on the 20th of November may, therefore, be discredited.

Three burglaries of billets occupied by Allied personnel have occurred during the month and a considerable quantity of American U.K. supplies were seized from shops/ [illegible] in CAGLIARI and impounded. Supplies of foodstuffs have also been sold and impounded. The problem of recovering stolen Allied property has, however, been complicated because of the sale by the U.K. Salvage Coy. of Allied Persian at CAGLIARI to civilians, merchants, individuals, etc., of stores of army clothing, shoes, greatcoats, battle dress etc. Illegally possessed items of Allied property are, therefore, not easily recognised and differentiated from those purchased through legitimate channels.

Public order has been disturbed by incidents during the month. On the 11th December the Prefect of NUORO was fired at by persons using an automatic weapon, shots being fired through the window of his dining room and his office. There were no casualties, four men have been arrested and investigations are proceeding.

On 17th December there was a disturbance involving several hundred people at [illegible] in NUORO Province. This was in connection with the local agriculture office.

A demonstration against ration reductions also occurred in one of the penal colonies.

The situation as regards time-expired prisoners in the penal colonies is that, at present, at [illegible] there are over 300 prisoners who have finished their sentences. Another 25 are reported at ISILI Penal Settlement. Of these, arrangements are being made for between 80 and 90 to be repatriated to their communes in liberated Italy by the next voyage of the "[illegible]". Work in [illegible] can be found for about 15 more and work in the mines for another 10. It is doubtful whether local resources can go much further in meeting this position.

Inspections of prisons made during the month show that there are a number of bad features still uncorrected. Not only are the prisons overcrowded but in most cases the prisoners are poorly clothed and are inadequately supplied with blankets for the cold weather. In addition the feeding after juveniles is inadequate, the latter story for the island of CAGLIARI is not in general as it is still occupied by a small detachment of the [illegible] who have not given up the building.

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On the 22nd December, the Regional Public Safety Officer attended, at the invitation of [illegible], at an inspection of a unit of 200 men detached from the Italian Army with a view to giving assistance to the Carabinieri. Particulars of the organisation of this unit are awaited, as it is understood that it has, as yet, no transport or means to enable it to move independently.

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Functioning of Italian Courts

(i) Crimes Against Allied Forces

Only 23 cases involving offences against the Allies were disposed of during the month: 70 more are ready for immediate trial and 128 awaiting instructions.

(ii) Cases Involving Fascist Activity and Conspiracy Against the Italian Government

The principle case under this heading involves 9 parachutists dropped on the Island, the last being a man named TERRACINI dropped in November, and efforts are being made to expedite their trial.

(iii) Cases Involving the Allied Commission

The investigation of the alleged illegal traffic in medical supplies against COCCHIA, F. is now complete. The case is expected to come up for trial at MUORO.

(iv) Italian Courts

The cases pending for trial total well over 10,000 and this conflict is leaves much to be desired.

(v) General Remarks

As yet no communication has been received with reference to the appointment of a Procurator General and a Prime Presidente to replace respectively Dr. PALLASTRELLI and VOLPE. Reports to the Police of Justice in CAGLIARI are slow. The Palace of Justice at SASSARI occupied by Italian military personnel has, ~~yet~~ Not Yet, been handed back for its proper use.

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Nuoro
Bitti
Orani
Mamoiada
Sorradile
Oliena
Orgosolo
Abbasanta
Ollolai
Fonni
Gavoi
Tonara
Atzara
Aritzo
Laconi
Sorgono
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Orroli
Escalaplano
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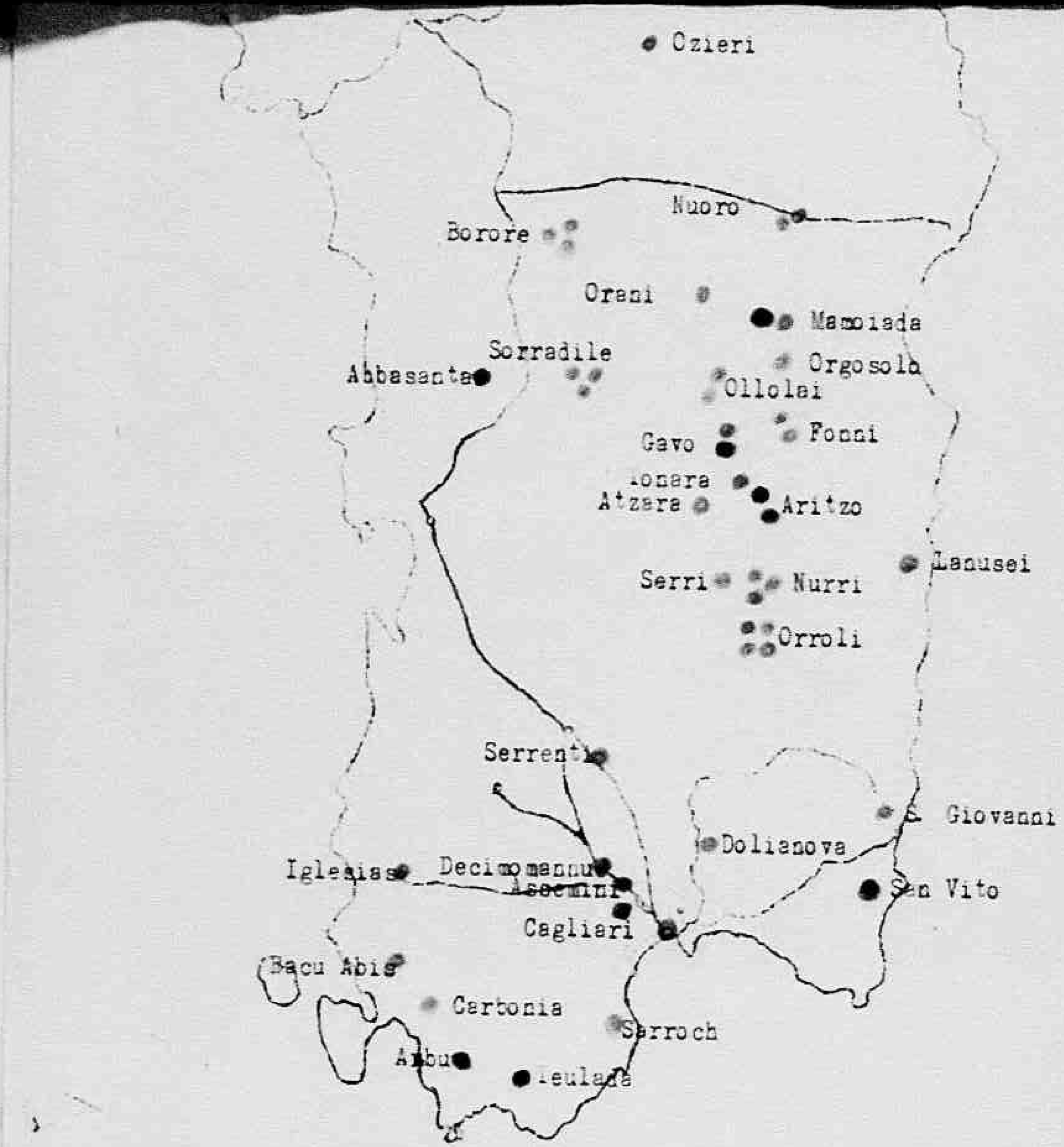
San Vito
Serrenti
Decimomannu
Iglesias
Cagliari



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(x) COMMUNICATIONS

(i) Road Transport

The MIAC organisation has not yet been established. Preliminaries have however, been completed and reorganisation of the Consorzio di Trasporti has commenced. An Italian officer, Captain ARIS, who has been working in Personal Headquarters, has been placed in charge of the Consorzio in CAGLIARI. [illegible] holds re-granted the Consorzio in CAGLIARI [illegible] is proposed that this officer will also review the situation in SASSARI and NUORO.

The first delivery, consisting of 13 trucks, has been made from the 100 Italian army trucks which M.M.I.A. have been authorised to hand over for civilian use.

No tyres have yet been received for civilian vehicles or materials to enable the CAGLIARI tyre retreading plant to be put into operation.

(ii) Railways

Railway traffic is satisfactory and passenger trains have been reduced to conserve coal.

Of the 21 engines that can burn Sardinian coal only 10 are now in use. Three previously in use and eight were awaiting repair when out of action because carbide is not yet available for welding purposes.

These engines have steel fireboxes and steel fire tubes whereas the normal Italian engines have copper fireboxes and copper tubes. Copper is damaged if Sardinian coal is used. To weld the steel fireboxes and tubes carbide is essential, as electric welding does not give a watertight joint. Each engine burns 100 to 150 tons of coal a month when in use and the coal has to be imported if the specially Sardinian engines are out of action. If even 50 tons of carbide can be made available, immediate repairs or repairs will be met.

(iii) CAGLIARI Port

At the beginning of December the port of CAGLIARI was handed over from Allied Services control to the Italian Navy assisted by A.C. and the Ministry of War Transport representatives. At the same time an essential link in the chain was removed as the 7 ex-Unit which had originally 800 trucks and handled all stores from ship to depot and depot to ship, was withdrawn and those trucks all removed with very little notice.

Close co-operation and vigorous action by Captain [illegible] of Land and N.O. and the newly appointed Port Commander Commander BORONI, resulted in the improvisation of transport, lighters, donkey carts, etc. that just coped with the situation. More than 600 tons of grain was off-loaded in a 24 hour period and [illegible] taken with other civil transport requirements to

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(iv) Schooners

Transport of goods by schooner is being put under closer control. The S.T.O. Lieut. DAVIES, RNR, was posted away and the whole of this work had to be done by the Allied Commission (Captain [illegible]).

The transfer of 40 schooners of over 35 tons from SARDINIA to the mainland for service between mainland ports has been completed.

(l) PROPERTY CONTROL

Nothing to report.

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Working Papers

(x) FINANCE

Lottery. Receiving offices open were as follows:

CAGLIARI City	5
SASSARI	3
ORISTANO	1
NUORO	1
IGLESIAS	1
TEMPIO	1
CARBONIA	1

Monopolies. No tons of tobacco received at the end of December and will provide returns for eight for two months.

A.F.A. Sub Commission. Payments for exports have now ceased. The only military unit being furnished with cash outside the Allied Commission is the 68 Staging Post, A.A.F.

The mining industry has been financed by the Italian Government for the period under review.

Supply Accounting. Food and Industry and Commerce Divisions are clear of outstanding items.

Medical stores were divided among the three Provinces in accordance with instructions left by the Public Health Officer before he left the Region. Each Province has bought its quota through the Italian Provinciale. CAGLIARI and SASSARI have received and paid for their goods.

Some veterinary supplies have arrived but no prices have been given. Cash will be collected when we know the prices.

Mines. The Italian Government have now made provision for the payment of the subsidy.

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CAGLIARI City	5
SASSARI	2
OZIERI	1
IGLESIAS	1
NUORO	1
CLIFFORD	1

Monopolies. 70 tons of tobacco arrived at the end of December and will provide rations for cigars for two months.

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6th December 1944.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1944 BY COL F.A.C. PERRYCROSS
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

PART I - GENERAL

The Press announcement of the changes in the powers of the High Commissioner and the granting of more autonomy to his office has come too late for comment in this month's report. The trend of public feeling has, however, been in favour of this development and it should be beneficial. If it curtails absences of Officials in ROME, that will also help.

As regards food, there has been only one small demonstration directed against food this month and the arrival of two grain ships with a total of about 13,500 tons of barley and wheat has been very welcome.

The Ground for Popolo figure has now reached over 291,000 quintals (29,100 tons) out of 300,000 quintals aimed at to enable the Island to be self supporting until mid-December. We may not to the target total but hopes of exceeding the figure are fading and unfortunately, the local comic, the "Uselone Sarda" came out with an article, misquoting President ROOSEVELT, and announcing that everyone might expect an additional 100 grams of bread per day from Allied sources. Other publicity has also been arranged to further this news and had to be stopped at once. Whether it is true this cause or other reasons, the return of grain to the Granai Sul Popolo, which had risen to a weekly rate of 5,000 quintals, has fallen again to about half that figure.

The food rations in SARDINIA, although obviously not over liberal and the subject of constant cuts, are being distributed and are sufficient to keep the people going. Stories of starvation which appear from time to time are difficult to understand. Their origin may be in enemy propaganda, fascist radio and German reports via Madrid have put out such stories. The persistent efforts of the enemy to drop narcotists which will be referred to later, is perhaps connected with an endeavour to find out the real situation in the Island.

Actually, apart from grain, SARDINIA is in a position to make a small outside contribution, and export some types of food to the mainland of Italy. 700 tons of cheese is ready for shipment to the mainland and consignments have been initiated by the Sardinian Food Officer with the

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Lack of water at CAGLIARI continues to be a great anxiety, there has been no substantial rain over the catchment area and even with water open for only 5 hours out of the 24 daily the reservoirs will be dry by the end of December unless the expected rain comes.

We have received a visit from Major [redacted] who is investigating our suggestions for the distribution of coal in SARDINIA, a function formerly carried out by Allied Garrison Headquarters.

On the opening of schools, the Education Officer visited 44 schools this month and reports that interest in higher education is good but elementary schools have been neglected.

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W.A.C. PEMBERTON.
Colonel.
Regional Commissioner.

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PART II - SPECIALIST DIVISIONS

(a) POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

A meeting was held jointly by the Socialist and Communist parties at MACOMER during the month. The meeting did not produce any special resolutions beyond an expression of satisfaction at the expected grant of more autonomy to SARDINIA.

From CAGLIARI we have received reports of activities by the Sard Action Party which have had a somewhat disturbing effect on the miners.

Two new parties have been formed in November; one is called the Partito Autonomista Sarde and has been organised by a small group of former Sard Action Party members. This stands for complete political, economic and administrative autonomy for SARDINIA. The other new party is called Partito Democratic del Lavoro and is somewhat nebulous still.

SASSARI Province seems to be the centre of fascist leanings and NUORO Province the least affected by politics this month.

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL

The three Prefects visited ROME again this month for official and personal reasons and the Prefect of SASSARI has been away for over two weeks.

The Table of Local Government progress is not being continued. I give below a note of the activities of the various Giuntas.

CAGLIARI Province

Giunta Provinciale Amministrazione. Two meetings held during the month.

Deputazione Provincial . Five meetings held during the month, one of which was attended by the Provincial Commissioner for the Provinces, Lt.Col. PRICE. This body is doing excellent work.

Giunta Communale. There are now 16 Commissari Prefettizi in the Province, an increase of 4 over last month.

The Provincial Commissioner attended Giunta meetings at CAGLIARI, SANLURI and DECIMO.

NUORO Province

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The Provincial Commissioner attended Giunta meetings at CAGLIARI, SANLURI and ORISTANO.

NUORO Province

Giunta Provinciale Amministrazione. Two meetings held this month, one of which was attended by the Provincial Commissioner.

Deputazione Provinciale. Two meetings held, one of which was attended by the Provincial Commissioner.

Giunta Comunale. The number of Commissari Prefettizi has been increased by one this month.

SASSARI Province

Giunta Provinciale Amministrazione. Two meetings were held during the month presided over by the Vice Prefect.

Deputazione Provinciale. No meetings held this month. The situation in Prefect is similar [illegible] to this.

Giunta Comunale. A Podesta and Giunta Comunale have been appointed at NULVI to take the place of the Commissario Prefettizio there. There are now five Commissarie in the Province.

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Wheat	265,174	quintals
Barley	27,980	"
TOTAL :	293,154	"

The rate of intake is now falling off and the campaign for grain this year is practically closed.

Olive Oil. The new Inspector of Agriculture, Dott. PACCINO, has indicated his satisfaction with the system of control for olive oil this season. It is not anticipated that quantities collected will be sufficient for the issue of a ration until January. Prospects are as given in my last report and are good. A radio programme has been initiated with E.N.B. to inform the public of crop prospects, systems of control etc. and create an atmosphere conducive to the success of the olive oil collection.

Livestock. The roll of lambs is satisfactory and there will be an estimated surplus for export after running of approximately 250,000 head. The bulk of this will be available between mid December and mid January.

Fertilizers. 1,480 tons of ground phosphate rock arrived during the month and is now being processed and converted by treatment into superphosphate. It is anticipated that the first supplies of this fertilizer will be available in the second half of December.

300 tons of ammonium nitrate were received and handed to the Consorzio Agrario for distribution.

Forestry. Nothing to report.

Fisheries. We received a visit from an Italian Officer, Lieut. [illegible] who, it is understood, will make final arrangements for the rope, hemp and hooks required to complete next year's tunny fishing requirements.

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(e) LABOUR

The reduction in rations to workers throughout the Island to bring SARDINIA into line with the rest of Italy, referred to in my last month's report, has been accepted with reasonably good will by the workers.

A definite shortage of labour is now apparent at CARBONIA where commodity conditions and food rations are insufficiently attractive to bring in more men for the coal mines. This has been the subject of a special report.

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(r) PUBLIC SAFETY

There were again 25 cases of armed robbery reported during the month and seven cases of homicide. A sketch map is attached to show the distribution of those cases.

The feud between the shepherds of NUORO and those of the neighbouring Comune over grazing rights continues but the slaughter of sheep has abated and the situation is in hand.

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PIRISINU,	Giovanni	10 years military penal servitude and perpetual interdiction from holding public office.

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CAU,	Antonio	4 yrs - 8 mnths military penal servitude, reduction from the rank of Sjt in the Italian Navy to that of ordinary seaman, and temporary interdiction from holding public office during term of sentence.
PENSO,	Luigi	4 years military penal servitude, reduction from the rank of Lt.Col. in the Italian Army to that of Private, and temporary interdiction from holding public office during term of sentence.
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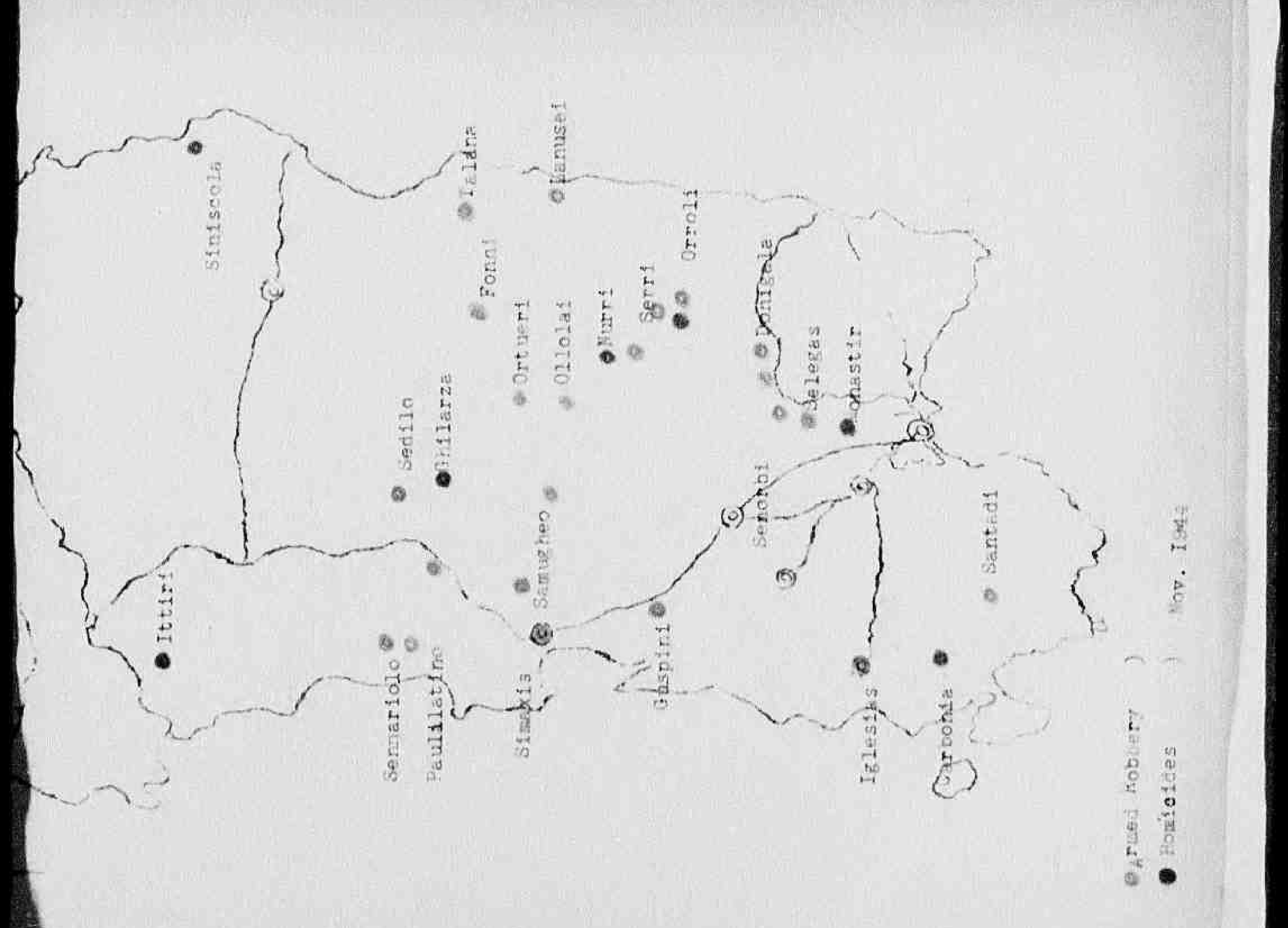

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A hospital for contagious diseases has not yet been provided but three places are under investigation and the Civil Hospital is setting aside a ward to be used in case of emergency.

3. Medical Stores

A consignment of 762 cases of supplies arrived on the 5th of November and were handed over to the High Commissioner for distribution. Subsequently we received instructions that the distribution should be from the Regional Office on each payment from Provinces and the stores were held in a warehouse for this to be done. As the Regional Public Health Officer has left CAMPOBASSO the stores have been transferred to the Regional Finance Officer and remain in the warehouse. As previous consignments have not yet been used up and the distribution is, therefore, urgent, they will be held pending the arrival of a representative of A.F.H.Q. and a representative of UNRRA who, we have been informed, will visit the Region. A booklet giving medical stores available, equivalent issues and prices, etc. has been issued to all concerned.

4. Welfare

A supply of dehydrated soup and vegetables has been transferred to the High Commissioner to provide for the establishment of soup kitchens for children. American Red Cross clothing has been handed over to the Central Welfare Board established by the High Commissioner. Two-thirds have already been distributed.

5. Contagious Diseases

One case of suspected typhus is reported and the dispatch of a typhus team to CAMPOBASSO has been requested.

Sporadic cases of typhoid have been reported but there is no epidemic and the typhoid at VENAFRO has subsided.

6. Venereal Diseases and Malaria

Nothing to report.

7. Water

The various sources of water at CAMPOBASSO continues. No chlorine gas is yet available for water treatment but, so far, the bacteriological examination of the water has been satisfactory.

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(i) EDUCATION

The Regional Education Officer, Captain Whitehead, made a tour of a number of schools between the 13th and 22nd of November. The opening days of these schools varied between the 6th and 15th of November and when visited, all schools should have been open. He visited 44 schools in all and of these 28 were open, ready excuses being given for the other 16 still being closed.

Elementary Schools. The general impression given of elementary schools was one of lack of interest and initiative, and attendances were poor. Average classes were not too big, as a result of absenteeism, only one class of 50 being seen. Fascist literature had been fairly thoroughly eliminated, the children were reasonably well clad but poorly shod, no cases of starving children were seen.

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Difficulties in the way of transport for inspecting officials were encountered but on the whole the lack of support for the elementary schools and the lack of enforcement of the law of attendance is probably due to deep rooted indifference to education. About 50% of the inhabitants are believed to be illiterate.

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(3) RESTRICTED

Nothing to report.

(b) COMMUNICATIONS

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Our efforts to consol to the formation of the new transport control "ENAC" have not yet been brought to a successful conclusion. There is unaccountable opposition to the scheme which is being broken down. Transport is not yet being used economically but progress has been made towards the organisation of existing forms of motor transport in SARDINIA.

We have received a visit during the month from Lt. Col. PENNYCOOK of the A.F.H.Q. combined inspection team and we understand that he is putting forward the full facts of the situation.

Tyres are one of the big problems and a tyre retreading plant is available in CAGLIARI capable of dealing with 300 tyres a month. Particulars of essential material required to set this plant going have been sent in.

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One of the cabos was saved from rolling down the embankment by coming up against two trees. Similar trees on either side of the place where the accident occurred were broken off by the violence of the wind. The track was very little damaged.

At the beginning of the month only 9 of the 21 engines burning Sardinian coal on the State railways were in service. Four more have now been brought into use and it is hoped that the remaining seven will be repaired shortly provided we can get a sufficient supply of carbide (already asked for).

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The month of November has been the most active of the year for CAGLIARI Port. A considerable weight of A.M.G., U.N.R.R.A. and civilian cargo has been shipped and, in addition, a large weight of grain, barley and fertilizers has arrived in CAGLIARI. The Garrison moved out of CAGLIARI on 16th November and the running of the port was handed over to the Italian Naval authorities. A considerable number of barges, M.T. vehicles, ammunition, food and stores have been shipped with the help of a small naval party.

The Port transportation service is serious as the whole of the American Service and the Italian Army Service previously working in the port have been withdrawn. Civilian transport cannot cope with the situation and representations have been

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cale for trucks to be allotted to the Port authorities.

The shipment of civilian cargoes has been good and ferry boats have been sailing regularly. The work of CCCEMA has been more satisfactory.

A promising need is the establishment of a regular weekly service between SARDINIA and the mainland to carry goods and passengers. This might either be between OLBIA and CIVITAVECCHIA or between CAGLIARI and NAPLES.

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(l) PROPERTY CONTROL

Arrangements were made for the Sequestrator of the British portion of the Pierey estate to take over the cattle belonging to the Estate. The animals were finally transferred in the presence of the representatives of the Intendente di Finanza on the 23rd November. They consisted of: horses, 45; cattle, 300; sheep 2,891; goats, 19; pigs, 162. 1,400 quintals of forage was also handed over.

No report has yet been received concerning the ownership of the other Pierey property at Chia Domus de Maria, Cagliari Province, but preliminary investigations indicate that it is Italian property.

A former employee of the P.T.B. Store at CARBONIA has been interviewed and stated that he was willing to act as administrator for the company provided he is legally appointed. The balance standing to the credit of the Liquidator's Ledger has been blocked pending further orders.

(m) FINANCE

Lottery. A fresh lottery office has been opened in CAGLIARI town and one at CARBONIA. The figures for takings are as follows:

CAGLIARI: Oct. 104,116 Lire; Nov. 163,200 Lire.

For CARBONIA the October figure was 93,924 Lire and there is a rising demand for tickets.

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Customs. The Port of CAGLIARI has been handed over to the Italian authorities but it is too soon to show any results over customs returns.

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As regards financial finance, the Banco d'Italia received a consignment of 50,000,000 Lire in notes on 14th November. A further deposit of 10,000,000 Lire in notes was made by the U.S. Finance Officer.

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This result reflects better understanding and co-operation. The High Commissioner and his Prefects have been most active explaining the necessity for the reduction and in correcting faults in food distribution. The Sardinian Press, under the guidance of P.W.B., adopted an excellent tone and I have reason to believe that the three Archbishops all made efforts to help to explain the situation. In consequence, the Sardinian people have accepted the unpleasable change in good spirit.

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This is based on a locally assessed quantity of 300,000 quintals. At the end of October the figure was just over 276,000 quintals and the drive to get in more grain is continuing. The High Commissioner energetically toured the Island during October to meet all Sindaces who were collected in groups at successive centres for him. He spoke to them of their duties regarding the Granai del Popolo and inaugurated a system to obtain more hidden grain. Briefly, the unsatisfactory Communes are taken in turn and a show of force made by the Carabinieri, at the same time the people are reminded that, although the date for the declaration is past, no penal action will be taken against those who bring in grain voluntarily. We hope thus, to bring in hidden grain without adding too many delinquents to the already overcrowded gaols. The first Communes visited showed good results: FLORINAS 300 quintals hidden grain on the first day and SANLURI 500 quintals on the first day. The

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general wealth return which had fallen off, is showing a tendency to increase once more and we have greater hope of reaching the total of 300,000 quintals on which our food calculations are based.

Other food matters include a good hope of a satisfactory olive crop but an universal lack of sugar. Any effort that can be made to produce a ration of sugar and make up this deficiency in the diet would be gratefully received.

Turning to the legal position it will be noted from Part II (g) that there are over 16,000 cases awaiting trial and over 1,600 in gaol awaiting trial. This congestion of arrears is increasing steadily, the extra judges lent to SARDINIA have been taken away and it is impossible to look on this state of affairs without anxiety, whether or not conditions are better or worse in other parts of Italy. To avoid clogging effect on the administrative machine we require more judges and more legal clerks (Cancellieri); lawyers are very plentiful. The Italian Military Court, presided over by General SANDI at CRISTANO continues to handle important cases. The trial of Major ELIA and others known as the "Pire Fighters" was disposed of in October. These men were attempting to escape to the mainland to German occupied Italy but it was found impossible to prove treasonable intent. They were, however, charged with misuse of an Italian fire boat and petrol and theft of Allied petrol. ELIA and PALLESCHI were each sentenced to 4½ years imprisonment and a fine and GRAMAGLIA to 2 years imprisonment and a fine, while the other defendants were acquitted.

The important trial of "General" MARTINI has also, at last, got under way but as it is still sub-judice I will only say that MARTINI, a General of the Fascist Militia and 18 others are charged with treason and conspiracy. The accused are being defended by IS Counsel and the case is likely to be drawn out. MARTINI is a yellowish, dark featured man, much decorated and he appears at the trial properly dressed as a Major, his permanent/ in the Italian Army. The case has aroused a great deal of interest but so far the behaviour of the public has been entirely orderly.

Progress has been made in releasing the 611 time-expired prisoners at NORMANNA Penal Settlement and 362, whose homes were in South Italy or Sicily were moved to CAGLIARI and finally embarked on an Italian cruiser for passage to the mainland on the 23rd of October. The help given by M.M.I.A. (Col. SIMMONS) in arranging for accommodation on the cruiser and Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, in agreeing to supervise the onward journey of these men to their home Provinces is gratefully acknowledged.

The men looked a poor type but had all expiated whatever crimes they had committed. One man said he had completed his sentence 18 months ago, that is before the Allies came to SARDINIA, and another protested that his crime had been anti-Fascist activity.

The situation in NORMANNA was ripe for serious trouble and there are still 250 men incarcerated in that settlement who have completed their sentences and have every right to be freed. Unfortunately their homes are in North Italy and efforts to find them work in SARDINIA have met with little response from either the employers or the time-expired prisoners themselves. This is, however, an Italian, rather than a Sardinian problem and, as we are informed that the Minister of "Grace and Justice" has been aware of the situation, it is to be

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[illegible] judges and more legal clerks (Cancellori); lawyers are very plentiful. The Italian Military Court, presided over by General SARDI at ORISTANO continues to handle important cases. The trial of Major ELIA and others known as the "Fire Fighters" was disposed of in October. These men were attempting to escape to the mainland to German occupied Italy but it was found impossible to prove treasonable intent. They were, however, charged with misuse of an Italian fire boat and petrol and theft of Allied petrol. ELIA and PHILESCHI were each sentenced to 4½ years imprisonment and a fine and GRAMIGLIA to 2 years imprisonment and a fine, while the other defendants were acquitted.

The important trial of "General" MARTINI has also, at last, got under way but as it is still sub-judice I will only say that MARTINI, a General of the Fascist Militia and 18 others are charged with treason and conspiracy. The accused are being defended by 18 Counsel and the case is likely to be drawn out. MARTINI is a youngish, dark featured man, much decorated and he appeared at the trial properly dressed as a Major, his permanent rank in the Italian Army. The case has aroused a great deal of interest but so far the behaviour of the public has been entirely orderly.

Progress has been made in releasing the 611 time-expired prisoners at [illegible] Penal Settlement and 362, whose homes were in South Italy or SICILY were moved to CAGLIARI and finally embarked on an Italian cruiser for passage to the mainland on the 28th of October. The help given by M.M.I.A. (Col. SIMMONS) in arranging for accommodation on the cruiser and Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, in agreeing to supervise the onward journey of these men to their home Provinces is gratefully acknowledged.

The men looked a poor type but had all expiated whatever crimes they had committed. One man said he had completed his sentence 16 months ago, that is before the Allies came to SARDINIA, and another protested that his crime had been anti-Fascist activity.

The situation in [illegible] was ripe for serious trouble and there are still 250 men incarcerated in that settlement who have completed their sentences and have every right to be freed. Unfortunately their homes are in North Italy and efforts to find them work in SARDINIA have met with little response from either the employers or the time-expired prisoners themselves. This is, however, an Italian, rather than a Sardinian problem and, as we are informed that the Minister of "Grace and Justice" has been aware of the situation, it is to be hoped that he will now take some action regarding these 250 men. The released time-expired showed considerable gratitude to the Allies.

Lieut. PISCHEDDA, one of the nine men captured after being dropped by parachute from German planes recently in SARDINIA, was finally run to earth after his escape. While he was being brought back in custody by the Italian police, he again attempted to escape and was shot, and mortally wounded in the ensuing fracas. It was established that he had not communicated with the enemy while he was at large.

The Italian cruisers taking the Italian Army to the mainland have nearly completed their task and when they are withdrawn there will be no regular means of access to the mainland.

A considerable amount of civilian cargo was shipped on partly empty Allied Army vessels sailing between [illegible] and [illegible]. This traffic was [illegible]

because the Liberty Ships, which are intended for military supplies, might have been delayed if they were used for the shipment of civilian cargoes. Complications also arose over payments for freights.

One steamer a week sailing to MAHON and a regular schooner service to SICILY would be a great help towards combatting any feeling of isolation and would also help morale.

The establishment of an agency "E.N.A.S." for efficient control over M.T. under the High Commissioner is proceeding and agreement has been reached as to the minimum number of Italian Army trucks it is hoped E.N.A.S. will be able to issue for essential civilian services. There is the usual great difficulty over tyres and it is to be hoped that after we have done what is possible to set our house in order sympathetic consideration will be given to the provision of a strictly controlled quantity of tyres required for cars and trucks used on essential administration.

The departure of the Italian Army continues at a rapid pace and we are now below a total of 25,000 all told. There have been reports of some trouble with elements recruited from Italian territory inhabited by Jugoslavs. The problem of guarding numerous military buildings and stores on the Island is becoming difficult. The High Commissioner views with anxiety proposals to reduce the effective troops below 10,000.

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Allied Garrison, SARDINIA, are completing their arrangements to move out, taking their large staff with them. The question of running the Port of CAGLIARI when they leave is still unsettled and this is an urgent requirement.

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As a result of the delay in the move out of Allied Garrison and the large amount of work coming to this office on account of the increased Italian Government activities in the Port, etc. I feel my suggestions that Regional Staff could be reduced in December are premature. We shall require all Officers at least until well into January 1946; their guidance from A.C. is still very necessary.

We have had visits from Major HILLS who came over to make a plan for the 5244
of Signal communications to Italian control, which has now been completed with the arrival of the Italian Cipher team; Lieut. WALSH, who came for two days in connection with CAGLIARI Port, and Captain WATSON, still with us to take over the railways.

Another visit was from a Russian Labour Delegation under Nichola TARASOV. He

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was accompanied by three Russian members, an Allied officer and two Italian representatives of the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro. The object of the Delegation was to interview labour leaders and talk with, and address workers. The Secretary spoke Italian but none of the other members of the Delegation admitted to any language other than Russian. The Allied officer with them, a good Italian linguist, spoke no Russian. Details of the visit will be found under Part II (c) Labour.

Mr. D'AROSTINO has relinquished control of P.W.B. and Press Censorship and has been replaced by Signor BENZIVAS, an Italian citizen of Hungarian parentage. The newspapers live from hand to mouth as regards supplies of paper and were only saved from complete extinction towards the end of the month by the last minute arrival of one tons of paper by air.

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PART II - SPECIALIST DIVISIONS

(a) POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

Politics have again remained relatively quiet. Dott. CORSI, the Socialist Under-Secretary for Marine, paid another visit to SARDINIA. Emilio LUSSU, the leader of the Action Party, returned to the Mainland during October. He came to see the Regional Commissioner during the month but it was not on politics, but on such questions as more food for workers at S. ANTIOCO, additional pay for dock workers, blankets for the Mental Hospital and wood for poor peoples coffins. In conversation he was very cordial and gave the impression of being very friendly and grateful to the Allies, and I feel he has used his considerable influence during his stay in the Island to good purpose towards tranquility, law and order.

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The Sardinians themselves are not easily led and, on the occasion of the workers' ration reductions at the beginning of the month, agitators who fished in troubled waters did not have it all their own way. Two alleged Communists were reported to have received knife wounds. A demonstration at S. ANTIOCO, the coal loading port, brought on by the reduction in rations, developed into a display of political anger against Fascism. The Secretary of the Sindaco, who was an alleged Fascist, was run out of town on a cart as soon as he ventured from the protection of the Carabinieri. Fortunately, insults rather than violence were freely offered and the situation was well handled locally by Major Matthews.

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Signor Giovanni [illegible] who alleges he has been sent by the High Commissioner for SPECIALIST has been over a month on the Island selecting suitable candidates for the posts of the High Commissioner's representatives. How he fits in with Signor CORIS is not clear. He apparently visited the Prefect of Cagliari but as he was not able to produce any evidence of authority the Prefect told him he could not assist him in any way and could not acknowledge him. CORIS on the other hand is certainly an accredited representative.

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The Prefects have been notified unofficially that the law of 27 July is now null and void and are awaiting fresh instructions once again on Defascism.

PROVINCE	Member Selected by High Commissioner for Defascism.	Member selected by the Prefect	Member selected by Procuratore del Re	Remarks
CAGLIARI	None	Dott. SALOTTO	Dott. Isolino Carta. (Dott. Meloni) (supplement)	
NUORO	Avv. PULI[illegible]EDDU	Vice Prefect FLAGELLO	Cav. Grammatico Contu.	None submitted by H.C. Representative out but not yet approved.
SASSARI	Signor PUTZOLU	None appointed pending a clarification from the Ministry of the new law of September 1944.		None submitted to H.C. for Defascism by Signor ORTELL.

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(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL

The three new Prefects continue to hold the esteem of the people and maintain the good impression they created on first arrival.

The Prefect of SASSARI, Dott. DE SANCTIS, although rather slow, is making excellent progress in getting the various committees, Juntas, etc., to work methodically and regularly. He has taken strong action over the collection of grain and in dealing with agitators.

At CAGLIARI, the Prefect, Dott. SACCHETTI, has possibly the most difficult task as he is living in the same city as the High Commissioner. There is, perhaps, a small tendency towards a clash in personalities. The Prefect is a thoroughly sound civil servant and a good organiser. He has gone personally into the licensing of every car and lorry on the road. The interest this Prefect is taking in the cleaning, clearing and reconstruction of CAGLIARI, the provision of suitable hospitals, arrangements for abandoned children, etc., is much to be praised. He has dealt soundly with strikers, agitators and delegations, giving them all a hearing.

It is possibly a little unfortunate that both these Prefects should not have their families with them and any assistance to have their families brought over would be much appreciated.
It would certainly help the men themselves in their difficult work.

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CAPUA I PROVINCE

Giunta Prov. Am.	Deputazione Provinciale	Giunta Comunale	Remarks
On the 13th and 27th October this Giunta held meetings. Three of the Citizen members attended both meetings. The other only attended one. It is a competent body and has been able to cope with all it's business at two meetings instead of four as laid down. A detail of proceedings has been supplied for each meeting. The Prefect is well satisfied with the work done by this Giunta.	An active month has been spent by this Committee. Meetings were held on 6, 13, 20, 23 and 27 October. All members were present at four of the meetings and one was absent from the 5th meeting. Agenda of each meeting was sent to the Commission. The most important questions were: 1. The provision of hospital space for T. B. cases. 2. The requisition of 2000 metres for a Foundling Hospital. 3. Balance Sheet of 1943-1944 of Istanza al Litoria. . The Procurement of Medical Stores. This is considered to be a well formed and effective organisation and consists of: 1 Christian 3 Social Party 1 Socialist	Owing to the divergence of opinion between Sindaci and Giunta, and unsatisfactory Sindici, it has been necessary to increase the number of Commissario Prefettizi to ten. This is two more than in September. Five new Sindaci were appointed during the month including the important change of C. LIATI. So far the new Sindaco has proved to be satisfactory. One Vice President of the Defascist Committee and is reported to be the owner of the local paper, "the Unione Sarda". During the Fascist Regime he has suffered a great deal and has been in prison for his principles. A considerable tact lies in front of him but he has the confidence of the Giunta and should get much done. The Giunta seem imbued with the idea that they are to put Capua back on it's feet. The Giunta in the Municipalities are not very convincing and do not appear partly interested. It is felt that no really satisfactory	The Provincial Liberation Committee has been formed and has members of all Parties in it. The Secretary is a rather slick advocate. They hold meetings every Monday and Allied officers have been invited to attend. The Defascist Committee has not yet been formed owing to the failure of the High Commissioner for Defascism to elect a member. A statement of showing the business of the Prefect and Procurator del Re is attached. Signor Raffaele DOIS has been commissioned by the High Commissioner for Defascism to select a suitable person. This delay in the formation of the Defascist Committee is to be deplored and is causing comment. It would appear that those responsible don't know their own mind.

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EUORO PROVINCIA

Giunta Prov. Amm.	Rappresentanze Provinciale	Giunte Comunali	Remarks
The Giunta met on the 7th and 28th OCTOBER. There has been some trouble over the citizen members as several people were asked to become members and some, having agreed to do so, never attended the meetings. Now, however, the four citizen members are working and consist of : 1 Democristiano 3 Sard Party The Prefect has given much thought to the selection and hopes that they will work well.	Two meetings were held in OCTOBER, on the 12th and 26th. At the first meeting 6 members out of 7 were present, and at the 2nd 7 out of 7. The absentees on both occasions were the additional members and had no voting powers. Copies of proceedings at both meetings have been remitted to the Allied Commission. This formation is living up to it's reputation for getting it's work done well. The Prefect is well satisfied with them and considers them to be a live and helpful body. The members belong to the following Parties : 3 Sard Party 2 Italian Action (1 Subsequently) 1 Socialist 2 Communist (3 Subsequently) 1 Liberal 1 Democristiano. Thus, all the main Parties are represented. [illegible], the President, is well respected and sympathetic with	There are 17 Commissario Prefettizi in the Province, at [illegible]. These is four more than in [illegible]. 5 new Sindaci have been instituted at IRGOLI, OSINCA and SAN [illegible]. Half of the Sindaci are capable and know their work and do it. It should be remembered that most of the Communes in this Province are rural and are not able to produce leaders with any ability above the general run of the Community. The Giunte are much the same. About half are really effective and they do their work. The Prefect believes that, while the present system of selection of Giunta is better than nothing, it is not ideal, and the sooner Communal Elections are held the better it will be.	No real progress has been made in Epuration this month. A representative of the Alto Commissioner for Defascism, Sig nor DOIS, has been several people for the most of the Alto Commissioner's representative, and the name of [illegible], the President of the Rappresentanze Provinciale, has been submitted. This is a very sound choice. The sooner, the less delay there is in bringing ex-Fascists to trial, the better. For the general public feel that the Fascists will not have to suffer for their past and may attempt to bring back the old order.

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The Communist member, [illegible], is a very sound man and, next to the President, is the most forceful and sensible member. He has sound, clear ideas.

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Preparations are in hand so that if an election is arranged it will be possible to hold it without any delay.

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(c) ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOOD SITUATION

As in September, there were no exports of food in October, the stocks referred to in my last report have been disposed of as below:

	TO CONSORZIO FOR DISTRIBUTION IN SARDINIA	TO CAPRAIA	HELD FOR RE-EXPORT
	(all figures in metric tons)		
Wheat	2,881	-	-
Flour	-	9	-
Dehydrated Soup	-	1	856
Dehydrated Vegetables	402	1	356
Milk, Evaporated	-	.2	-
Milk, Dried	90	.4	-
Meats	134	-	195
Meat & Vegetable Stew	296	1.5	-
Sugar	1.7	.5	-
Soup	1.4	.3	-

About half the amounts shown under the heading "Held for Re-export" were loading on 31st October. There are now no stocks held in A.C. warehouses for local distribution.

The change over to the authorised scale of rations was effected on 31st October and the reductions were accepted by the people with little evidence of opposition or even of dissatisfaction. Much of the credit for preparing the public for the inevitable must be attributed to the excellent Press and Radio campaign. The anticipated opposition of the miners was met by the allocation to them of 450 tons of miscellaneous food (soup, dehydrated vegetables and M & V.). This was sufficient to guarantee a reasonable daily ration for the next nine months and make up, to some extent, for the reduction in their bread ration.

The figures for grain and olive oil are given under the heading of "Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries". The Island wheat/flour stock position is as follows:-

	QUINTALS (Flour Equivalent)
On hand, 30th September	93,171
From A.C. Stocks (28,811 qtls of grain)	26,218
Estimated collection in Ground during Oct.	
Wheat : 18,000 qtls.	14,580
Barley : 6,000 qtls.	4,000
	139,789
Estimated consumption, October	69,001
Estimated on hand, 31st October	70,788

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	2,761	-	-
	-	9	-
Dehydrated Soup	-	1	855
Dehydrated Vegetables	462	1	355
Milk, Evaporated	-	.2	-
Milk, Dried	90	.4	-
Beets	124	-	195
Meat & Vegetable Stew	296	1.5	-
Sugar	1.7	.5	-
Soup	1.4	.3	-

About half the amounts shown under the heading "Held for Re-export" were loading on 31st October. There are now no stocks held in A.C. warehouses for local distribution.

The change over to the authorised scale of rations was effected on 31st October and the reductions were accepted by the people with little evidence of opposition or even of dissatisfaction. Much of the credit for preparing the public for the inevitable must be attributed to the excellent Press and Radio campaign. The anticipated opposition of the miners was met by the allocation to them of 450 tons of miscellaneous food (soup, dehydrated vegetables and M & V.). This was sufficient to guarantee a reasonable daily ration for the next nine months and made up, to some extent, for the reduction in their bread ration.

The figures for grain and olive oil are given under the heading of "Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries". The Island wheat/flour stock position is as follows:-

	QUINTALS (Flour Equivalent)
On hand, 30th September	93,171
From A.C. Stocks (26,811 qtls of grain)	26,218
Estimated collection in Granai during Oct.	
Wheat : 18,000 qtls.	18,380
Barley : 5,000 qtls.	4,000
	139,769
Estimated consumption, October	63,001
Estimated on hand, 31st October	76,768

It will be seen, therefore, that based on the monthly estimated consumption of 63,000 quintals of flour we have remaining on hand on 31st October an estimated quantity of grain and flour sufficient to last just over one month.

Although the High Commissioner has taken, and is taking, vigorous action to tighten ration control, it cannot be assumed that he will be able to effect a reduction in consumption to the figures we have laid down. Even allowing for residual Granai collections in November we can only assume that the larder will be empty about the end of November. If subsequent transportation difficulties are to be avoided, the grain or flour ship should arrive at the latest by 15th November, and to further 7,000 tons of grain monthly by the 15th of each month. A part of the Island stocks is held in Communes which are virtually inaccessible and to this extent not available for the common pool. Supplies to the towns from local sources can, therefore, be expected to cease before any date calculated on an Island basis.

Apart from the food, there has again been some increase in exports from SARDINIA

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to the mainland, the following in particular being shipped in October:-

Fireclay	1,154 tons
Kaolin	650 "
Refractory Cement	200 "
Firebricks	22,000 bricks

No paint pigments have been shipped this month because of the lack of shipping. 300 tons of pigment is awaiting shipment in CAGLIARI.

A further order has been received from ILVA for the firm "S.M.A." for 400 tons of fireclay and kaolin monthly. Further orders for firebricks have also been received from USNOB, PALERMO, and PMEO, NAPLES.

Turning to civilian trade, a summary of shipments made is as follows:-

TO PALERMO:	Hides	24 tons
	Coloured Earth	50 "
	Magnesium Sulphate	62 "
TO NAPLES:	Willows	8 tons
	Skins	16 "
	Cork	24 "
	Magnesium Sulphate	499 "
	Salt	1,667 "
	Tunny liver	11 "

Civilian imports to SARDINIA:

Newsprint 1 ton (by air)

The following are also required:

69 tons of newsprint expected by steamer.

Commercial Paper. None has been received and the position is getting serious.

Caustic Soda. No caustic soda has yet arrived for soap making. SARDINIA was due to receive 32 tons for the months of November and December. The position is getting serious.

Shoes & Boots. A request to H.Q., A.C. has been made for 50,000 pairs over a period of 6 months.

Clothes. The Allied Garrison, on leaving SARDINIA have handed over for sale a small supply of used American clothing. Neither the expected used British clothing nor the Singer Sewing machines have arrived. The need of clothing is now desperate.

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The salt position at CAGLIARI is as follows:-

Kitchen and Industrial Salt.

Salt Monopoly	150,000 tons
Conti-Vecchi	700,000 "

Epsom Salt.

Conti-Vecchi 6,000 tons.

Coal. From 1st November the financing and distribution of imported coal became the responsibility of the State Railways. A shipment of 8,400 tons of coal arrived in CAGLIARI in October and it was distributed as follows:-

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1,600	tons	Navy Stock Pile
544	"	Complementary Railways
100	"	Ferrovie Meridionali, ICLESIAS
150	"	Strade Ferrate Sarde, SASSARI
700	"	Ferrovie dello Stato
370	"	Industrial (including gasworks and brickworks)
3,464	"	TOTAL

This will leave a balance of 8,065 tons to last until the next shipment comes in which is expected at the beginning of March. The railways are being instructed not to use more than 1,000 tons a month and to reduce services accordingly. This leaves 8,065 tons for industry and mining needs.

Production in Sardinian coal is dealt with separately by Major MATTHEWS. Just under 35,000 metric tons were produced and exported during the month. Local requirements for October amounted to 12,000 metric tons and were met from stocks on hand which were substantial.

Apart from firebricks and fireclay and coal, all exports from SARDINIA, namely: salt, hides, skins, cork, fibre, coloured earth, wool, etc. have only an indirect bearing on the Allied war effort. If, therefore, schooner traffic between SARDINIA and NAPLES and SARDINIA and SICILY is resumed it is suggested that trading should be in the hands of the Italians. This would mean that such controlled imports as caustic soda, newsprint and ink, hemp, and rope would have to be purchased and paid for by Sardinian firms and not by A.C.

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(4) AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.

Staff.

The Regional Agriculture Officer, Captain MARTINS, left SARDINIA on 18th Oct. and his duties were taken over by Lt.Col. CRAYTON, in charge of Food, on that date.

Professor P. PASSINO arrived on 26th October to replace Professor C. GREGORIO as Chief of the Ispettorato Agrario Compartimentale for SARDINIA.

General.

Useful rains have fallen during the month and the soil has, generally, become excellent for working. Cultivations are well forward and there is ample indication that every acre of arable land will be utilised. Barley and oats for forage, as well as other forage crops, have already been sown in many districts and the preparation of land for wheat is well forward.

Granai del Popolo.

The High Commissioner has been very active and has assisted materially in speeding up grain collection. He has spent much time during the month touring Communes and impressing on all officials the urgency of aggressive action. Recent figures show that the curve of daily collection, which had been pointing dangerously towards the zero mark, has now been twisted upwards again. Wheat collected for the week ending 7th October was just over 2,000 quintals, but for the three subsequent weekly periods the figure has exceeded 5,000 qtls. There is now reason to hope that the total Granai figure for wheat, which at one time looked as though it would finish well below the 250,000 qtls mark, may not fall far short of the 300,000 qtls hoped for.

The total collections in the Granai on 25th October were as follows:-

Wheat (hard and soft)	291,447 qtls.
Barley (both varieties)	24,697 "

Olive Oil.

The prospects for the olive crop continue to be good. Information received from the Osservatorio di Fitopatologia indicates that damage by Dacus Olearia is abnormally low. Current estimates are as follows:-

PROVINCE	CROP IN QUINTALS	OIL PRODUCTION IN QUINTALS
NUORO	68,020	10,200
SASSARI	219,400	35,000
CAGLIARI	104,272	11,300

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Wheat (hard and soft)	261,017 qtls.
Barley (both varieties)	24,637 "

Olive Oil.

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PROVINCE	CROP IN QUINTALS	OIL PRODUCTION IN QUINTALS
NUORO	68,820	10,200
SASSARI	216,400	35,000
CAGLIARI	104,632	11,300
	388,852	56,500

The quantity allowed for retention by 60,000 producers and their families amounts to 6,000 quintals leaving an estimated quantity of approximately 50,000 qtls available for distribution. This is sufficient to provide a ration of about one-third of a kilo per person per month. Steps are being taken to establish effective control of the oil mills. It is considered, however, that the prices fixed are too low and will tend to reduce the quantity of oil which will flow into controlled channels.

Fertilizers.

A shipment of 1,500 tons of North African phosphate rock scheduled to arrive in the maintenance period 15th - 25th October has not yet arrived. Preparations in anticipation are being made by the Montecatini firm in CAGLIARI for the conversion

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of the rock into superphosphates so that no time will be lost when the rock eventually becomes available.

Societa Bonifiche Sarde.

A visit was paid during the month by the Regional Commissioner and Lt. Col. CRAYTON to this area at ARBOREA (formerly MUSSOLINIA). The efficiency of the administration was good and the volume of production which has been attained from a hungry, sandy soil by good farming suitably directed and controlled, is impressive. The farming population here represents 0.2% of the agrarian population but it contributes about 7.5% of the total weight of crops collected in the Orunei. The water comes from the TIRSO dam after passing through the hydro electric turbines. The project was started in 1922 before the advent of fascism.

FORESTRY.

Nothing to report.

FISHERIES.

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(n) LANCOM

The reduction in rations affecting all labourers in LANCOMIA which came into force on 1st October has been accepted with remarkably little show of discontent.

The tobacco workers struck work and sent rather a pathetic message that they were sure the Government had forgotten them, but after being locked into their premises they soon gave up. Some agitation arose among the miners at CARBONIA but elements who tried to make trouble found themselves in difficulties and two knife wounds were reported.

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The Delegation wished to visit CARBONIA and were provided with logical facilities to go where they wanted to. The Delegation was told that we considered the miners were helping the war effort and, in consequence, it had been explained to them that strikes and unrest were detrimental to the cause of the Allied Nations. The Secretary of the Delegation asked questions on production etc. and expressed some surprise at the smallness and poor calorific value of the official ration to the miners, who were doing such heavy work.

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The public speeches were of good tone and the technique was excellent, the C.M.L.N.I. meeting being organised on Sunday evening in a square where there are always a number of people at that hour. There was a compact, well drilled group of supporters who greeted the appearance of the speakers with a concentrated burst of cheering and loud shouts. The speeches were punctuated by pauses dealt with in the same way by this group of enthusiastic supporters. The effect was to gather a fairly large crowd but the interest of the crowd was not sustained. It seems probable that the comparatively small Communist element in SARDINIA will not pass unnoticed by this Delegation. There has been little Press comment.

The new rates of pay for workers employed by the Allies authorised by A.F.H.Q. to amend, and increase the rates of pay originally given in Administrative Memorandum No.24 of 24 January 1944 do not seem to have reached all concerned. We have received wires asking for instructions from N.O.I.C. MADDALENA. No complains that trouble has arisen because local Italian labourers have received an increase of pay whereas labourers employed by the Allies have not received an increase. He is being asked why he has not put into effect the increased amended rates.

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(f) PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

The clearance of CAMPIANI is progressing slowly and repairs to schools and public buildings are in hand. The schools are being made sufficiently ready to open when the school year starts in November. Further repairs will be pushed on when the schools start. The estimated cost is about 5,000,000 Lire out of a total of 10,000,000 Lire allotted for these repairs. The Ospidali Post and Tele rank building is also under repair so as to permit the move of the Post Office from the school where it has been housed temporarily. Apart from schools repairs are being concentrated on roofs and on making reduced buildings proof against weather so that they may be habitable. The position is as follows :-

	Repairs	Weather Proofing	Estimated Cost
CAMPIANI DISTRICT	500	500	7,000,000 Lire
SASSARI PROVINCE	1,510	2,071	6,152,500 "
NUORO PROVINCE	380	1,020	5,000,000 "

The figures refer to the number of people affected in each Province.

In addition there are varied repairs in hand estimated to cost another 80,000,000 Lire, a total estimated cost of 100,152,500 Lire.

Gas mains and electric light mains are also under repair. In CAMPIANI about one-fifth of the normal gas service has been re-established. Street lighting has been improved in all three Provinces.

Road repairs are in hand and the estimated total expenditure is 15,000,000 Lire. The construction of the bridge at MELLAO on the ITALO MOSA is proceeding.

Work on the Port at S. ANTIOCO continues slowly and repairs to S. GAVINO H.E. Power Station, which was damaged by a bomb, are in hand.

Other large measures in hand include drainage and anti malaria work, including causeway repairs. Estimates for this amount to 12,000,000 Lire.

Materials are still a difficulty and the chief deficiencies mentioned by the Commissioner include wood and glass. He asks for consideration when the question of the removal of stores, building material belonging to the Allied Military Forces and the Italian Army are being considered.

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( ) PUBLIC SAFETY

As in September, 25 cases of armed robbery have again been reported in October, the value of the stolen property having increased slightly to 1,257,950 Lire. There are again five cases of homicide in the month and three of the culprit have been arrested.

Organised banditry continues in NUORO and in the second half of October armed delinquents proceeded to slaughter wantonly about 800 sheep as a result of some kind of shepherds' vendetta.

A theft of between 200 and 300 sheep from the British Depot at CAGLIARI is being investigated.

Lieut. PISCITELLI, one of the enemy agents dropped by parachute from a German aeroplane, who was mentioned in last month's report as having escaped, was rounded up in the district of SORGONI, CAGLIARI, and while being transported under guard he again attempted to escape. In the ensuing fracas he received wounds from which he died. It was established that PISCITELLI had not been in contact with the enemy whilst he was in SARDINIA.

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Increasing German resistance has loosened the hope among civilians for a quick end of the war. The Italian Military Censorship Office in CAGLIARI has submitted a report on public opinion based upon a survey of letters censored by that office for the week 7th - 13th October. The report reveals the following :-

	Favourable Content	Unfavourable Content
Food situation	77	410
Clothing	17	340
Housing	12	232
Income	20	142
Transport facilities	9	46
Italian Government	10	87
Provincial Administration	32	81
Relations with the Allies	271	13
Medicines	7	70
Present Military Situation	3	5
Black Market activities	0	6
Industrial situation	1	101

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Transport facilities	0	45
Italian Government	15	27
Provincial Administration	32	21
Relations with the Allies	271	13
Medicines	7	70
Present Military Situation	3	5
Black Market activities	0	6
Industrial situation	16	101
Agricultural situation	117	58
Employment	30	191

A Table showing the number of people held in custody is attached for reference. From this it will be seen that although the prisons are overcrowded, the various/penal settlements are relatively empty. There are apparently strong legal and financial difficulties over the transfer of prisoners from gaols to penal settlements.

Functioning of Italian Courts

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(i) Crimes against Allied Forces.

Of the total of 556 cases reported to this office, 305 have been disposed of. The total included 210 cases against known offenders, consequently 95 of these cases have been disposed of.

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During the month of October 71 new cases were received, of these 71 were against known offenders. A total of 60 cases was disposed of during October including four of the new cases. Of the 215 cases pending on 31st October the Instruction in 42 has been completed and a large proportion of these cases has already been assigned for trial during November. With numerous Allied units leaving the Island the number of new cases in November is likely to be high, but after that month new cases should be at much less and possibly diminishing.

(ii) Cases Involving Fascist Activity and Conspiracy against the Italian Government.

MARTINI Trial. This case against MARTINI who is a General of the Fascist Militia and a Major in the Italian Army, finally commenced on 25th October. The trial was held in the usual court house, a converted church in CHIESA D and is a Military Tribunal presided over by General SARDI and seven members, one of whom is a Captain in the Italian Navy. The prosecutor was Major DI GIOVANNI and the public showed fair interest in the case, two or three hundred spectators generally being present.

Proceedings have been orderly and there has been no demonstrations. There are 15 accused :-

	1. MARTINI	
F. CIALA	Lt.Col. PERSO	A.C. SCANU
T. PACCIOLONI	M. OFFEDDU	M. DIA
A. MACCARI	D. LAY	E. TOLA
R. [illegible]	L. MATSE	[illegible]
[illegible] PIRISINO	M. DE MARTIS	V. SABINO
A. [illegible]	G. [illegible]	C. SECCHI

They are charged with treason and conspiracy and MARTINI was arrested on 3rd of December 1943 at MADDALENA while attempting to cross to the mainland with a view to returning to German occupied Italy. At the trial he appears dressed as a Major in the Italian Army, his permanent army rank.

Even after months of delay the trial has experienced interruptions as the Court had to be suspended on 25th October due to the illness of Captain DE [illegible], the Judice Relatore. There are some 40 witnesses still to be heard so the trial is likely to be somewhat drawn out.

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MARINI Trial. This case against MARINI who is a General of the Fascist Militia and a Major in the Italian Army, finally commenced on 25th October. The trial was held in the usual court house, a converted church in ORISTANO and is a Military Tribunal presided over by General SARDI and seven members, one of whom is a Captain in the Italian Navy. The prosecutor was Major [illegible] and the public showed fair interest in the case, two or three hundred spectators generally being present.

Proceedings have been orderly and there has been no demonstrations. There are 15 accused :-

	T. MARINI	
F. CHIARA	Lt.Col. PASSO	A.C. SCANU
T. [illegible]ECOLOT I	M. OFFEDDU	M. SIRA
A. MACCARI	D. LAY	E. TOLA
B. [illegible]ARELLA	L. MASSE	[illegible] MARRUZZO
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SARDINIA Case. This case, involving the parachutists who have been dropped in SARDINIA, is not yet quite complete but efforts are being made to get an early transmission of all documents to the Military Tribunal.

(iii) Cases Involving the Allied Commission

S. GIOVANNI. This case involves illegal traffic in Medical Supplies supplied by the Allied Commission to [illegible] when he was Medico Provinciale of NUORO. The Prosecutor, Lott. Antonio [illegible], is also involved. Copies of the denunciation have just been received in this office.

(iv) Offences Against the Penal Code

The Courts have, so far, disposed of 93 cases out of a present total of 215 and these cases are being given special preference.

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(v) Italian Courts

Court of Assize.

The number of cases pending in this Court has increased slightly in October but the Court is keeping abreast of current business.

Court of Appeal

This Court has a good record. There were 303 cases pending on 1st January and this has now been reduced by over 200 to a total of 85 cases pending on 31st October.

Special Appeal Court for Minors.

The amount of work handled by this Court is negligible.

Tribunal for Minors.

97 cases have been disposed of since 1st January and there are still 33 cases pending. This Court is under the direct supervision of Commendatore CCCCC and is functioning efficiently.

Tribunali

The position of the Tribunali is unchanged. All Offices of Instruction show an increase in pending cases and the total number of cases pending as of 31st October is 1,[illegible] more than on 30th September. The figures were discussed with the Procuratore Generale and he agrees that our figures are approximately correct. Although nearly 1,000 were disposed of in September, by the end of September there were still 7,000 cases pending. This refers to the Sezione Penale and Pretura alone. If we include all cases pending on 30th September, that is the six Offices of Instruction and in the six Sezione Penale, there were over 16,000 cases pending at the end of September.

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JUDICIARY PRISONS

PRISON	Military Prisoners Aw trial	Under Sen	Civil Prisoners (Men) Aw trial	Under Sent	Civil Prisoners (Women) Aw trial	Under Sent	Total
CAGLIARI	60	3	812	21	35	9	940
SASSARI	72	21	262	83	14	4	456
NUORO	2	4	141	85	14	1	247
ORISTANO	35	7	169	70	10	5	296
TEMPIO	18	4	70	9	3	3	107
LANUSEI	3	0	67	6	6	4	86
Totals	190	39	1521	274	82	26	2132
PENAL COLONIES							
CASTIADAS	0	32	0	787	0	0	819
ASINARA	0	50	0	618	0	0	668
MANONE	0	57	0	257	0	0	314
TRAMARISLIO	0	61	0	159	0	0	220
ALGHERO	0	167	5	244	0	0	416
SARDICANO	0	6	5	132	0	0	143
Totals	0	373	10	2197	0	0	2570
Oristano Military	199	35	0	0	0	0	234

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35	7	169	70	10	5	296	161	+ 135
18	4	70	5	3	5	107	60	+ 47
3	0	67	6	6	4	86	80	+ 6
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0	32	0	787	0	0	819	1400	- 581
0	50	0	618	0	0	668	1400	- 732
0	57	0	257	0	0	314	550	- 236
0	61	0	159	0	0	220	406	- 186
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0	6	5	132	0	0	143	194	- 51
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(h) PUBLIC HEALTH

In conformity with Executive Memorandum No.34, all stores of the Regional Medical Supply Depot were sold with the exception of a few non-saleable items These consisted of Digitalis, Phisostigmine, etc. which, it is claimed, are available in excess on the Island. The remainder consists of broken lots of small items and, in view of the difficulty of reshipment to NAPLES, the Direct of the Medical Supply Branch was informed that these small lots will be given away free to local institutions in need of them. The Regional Medical Supply Depot closed down as from 30th October.

According to instructions received from A.C., H.Q., in future the medical supply distribution will be handled by the Italian agency known as ENDIMEA. So far this agency has, however, not been set up in SARDINIA and neither the civilian authorities nor the Allied Commission have received sufficient informa i to enable it to be set up. We require to know, for instance, what will be the status of ENDIMEA relative to the High Commissioner, to the Sovraintendente di Sanita, to the Medici Provinciale and to the Prefects. These questions are urgent since a consignment of 344 cases of medical supplies is now in transit to SARDINIA addressed to the Regional Public Health Officer.

The position is, therefore, that our warehouse has been clos ' and shipments are coming in addressed to the Allied Commission, but that no ENDIMEA agency has yet been established by the local civilian Government. This position has been represented to the Director of the Public Health Sub-Commissio A.C., H.Q.

The arrival of veterinary medical supplies was announced in a telegram dated 12th September 1944. Supplies have, however, not yet arrived.

Institutions. The 60th Station Hospital (U.S.) will be moved from SARDINIA in the next few days. This move will make available premises formerly used as a tuberculosis sanatorium in CAGLIARI Province and arrangements are in hand with the representatives of the Providenta Sociale to provide the necessary means for an early re-opening of this 250-bed sanatorium for the benefit of the large number of tuberculosis patients needing institutional care The tuberculosis rate in SARDINIA is higher than in any other Region of Italy and the return of this institution to civil use will alleviate the situation.

The civilian hospital at CAGLIARI wishes to take over part of the "old" building now occupied by 60th Station Hospital for the purpose of a contagious diseases hospital. This will limit the space available for the tuberculosis patients but the plan has been temporarily accepted. In any case the use of the main building as a sanatorium for tuberculosis patients will necessitate extensive preparation and the utilisation of the "old" buildings required by the hospital could not have begun for several months to come. In the interim, therefore, the civilian hospital will make use of the premises and search for a location for its contagious diseases.

The status of the six Italian Military Hospitals that were set aside for the care of Italian troops that remain in hospital after 30 days' illness has not yet been completely clarified. In conformity with instructions received from

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Regarding institutions in general, it may be said that a shortage of bed linen and clothing presents the most acute problem. The distribution of American Red Cross clothing (two-thirds of the garments have been released) has helped to provide for most urgent needs.

Transportation facilities are extremely limited and the one military ambulance now on loan from the Italian Army is used by the civilian hospitals for purposes for which it is not authorised, such as the transport of food. It is hoped that we may get up to five ambulances from the Italian military authorities when they move out of the Island.

Malaria. The total number of primary malaria cases reported for the Region during the month of September is 1,717 as compared with 2,187 for the same period last year. This means that the total figures up to and including September shows a decrease of over 40% on last year and the estimated decrease for the entire year is about 30% below the total of 1943. With the advent of the cold weather the larval control work has diminished considerably. A total of 13,000 kg. of diesel oil has been consumed during the season and a total of 6,200 kg. of Paris Green. The amount of oil used was below the figure estimated initially. This is due to the discovery of stores of Paris Green which were used in preference to oil, partly on account of the ease of transport and partly because local authorities were more familiar with the dusting process.

Contagious Diseases. No outbreak of contagious disease of epidemic proportions was reported during the month. The epidemic of typhoid in CROTONE, dealt with in last month's report, has subsided. The total number of cases reached 236 and in the last two weeks only two new cases were reported. Active immunisation was provided for 62% of the population. The total deaths amounted to 19. Repeated analysis of the water yielded satisfactory results since the original discovery of colon in the early part of the epidemic. Chemical treatment of the water still continues.

Venereal Disease. The rate continues at a satisfactory low level.

Water Supply. Owing to a lack of rain there is a considerable shortage of storage water in practically all the larger Communes. Rigorous restrictions are in effect to conserve existing water supplies and the CATANZARO water supply is only on for five hours out a total of 24.

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(i) EDUCATION

Work of reconstruction of damaged schools continues.

No other activity to report during the month.

(j) REFUGEES

A party of 400 refugees arrived from the Mainland on 7th October. These people come from homes in SARDINIA and the High Commissioner made efficient arrangements to meet them on arrival, provide them with essential food and distribute them to their home Communes.

On 29th October 362 time-expired prisoners from ASINARA penal settlement were brought down by special train to CAGLIARI and embarked on an Italian cruiser for the Mainland. The men were provided with a meal for the 29th and sent off with rations for three days.

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(k) COMMUNICATIONS

(i) Road

During the month progress has been made towards the establishment of a proper Italian control " A.N.A.C. " and the High Commissioner and Prefects are giving this active attention. The nominations for the necessary directors have been forwarded to the Minister of Communications by the Ispettorato della Motorizzazione but have not yet been approved.

The Ispettorato della Motorizzazione has also been authorised to employ 23 road inspectors to check vehicles on the road. They have been allotted as follows :-

CAGLIARI	Province	10
SASSARI	"	8
NUORO	"	5

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Colonel SILVERS informed the National Commissioner that he would recommend that 100 Italian military vehicles should be handed over to the control of the Allied Commission, so as to allow for 60 useable vehicles to be kept on the road.

He is also making for authority for a total of five ambulances to be left to cover civilian needs in the Island. At present the only ambulances available are Italian military ambulances.

In the meantime the withdrawal of the military trucks on 1st November has been suspended.

The suggestion made to the Implementation Sub-Commission by Sitmar Test (letter TT/S/1 dated 11 Oct '43 refers) that 14 heavy trucks were available for transfer to the mainland from this Section is the subject of a separate report. The activities of the SIM organisation in this Section are being

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The examination made to the Transportation Sub-Commission by Signor TOSI (letter TT/E/1 dated 11 Oct 44 refers) that 14 heavy trucks were available for transfer to the mainland from this Region is the subject of a separate report. The activities of the TOSI organisation in this Region are being closely watched by the High Commissioner's office and this Headquarters.

The bus services are functioning as well as tyres and spare parts will allow. Recently the S.I.T.A. bus organisation was approached and asked to buy 32 suitable tyres from Black Market sources. The tyres have been taken over through the High Commissioner's office for use on the buses. The services which have been resumed or are being resumed and which will materially assist postal services are as follows :-

CAGLIARI PROVINCE

CAGLIARI - ALES - LACONI	3rd October
LACONI - ORISTANO	1944.
ORISTANO - SORGONO	12th October
SORGONO - NUORO	1944

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SUPPLY PROVINCE

MUORO - POLOI - LAITSEI)
LAURSEI - IERSU - TERTENIA) Early 12.November.
ISERTO-CENTOCERSIAS-TERTENIA)

(ii) Rail

Referring to my last report, only four and not six engines arrived in SARDINIA from the mainland. The following rail wagons are to be shipped out of SARDINIA under orders of A.F.H.Q. :-

100 Gondolas
50 Flats
50 Box Wagons
6 Dacie Flats

In addition, the hospital train, consisting of eight cars is being put into condition for transfer to the mainland.

The allotment of coal to the railways is being reduced from 1,250 tons to 1,000 tons per month. Every effort is being made to use SARDINIAN coal and wood on the subsidiary lines to minimise the importation of Allied coal, but the coal situation is difficult.

Authority has now been received for the Allied Commission to take over control of the railways from the military authorities. Captain P.G. WATSON, who arrived in SARDINIA on 13th October, is carrying this out.

(iii) Telecommunications

Major HILLS paid a visit to SARDINIA and completed a plan for Italian personnel to take over all signals, telegraph and telephone communications when the Allied Garrison complete their move from SARDINIA.

Three Italian Warrant Officers joined the National Headquarters as a cipher unit to deal with communications to the mainland.

(iv) Post

Nothing to report.

(v) Shipping

Details of tonnage and goods shipped will be found under Part II (c), Economics Resources and Supply.
During the month of October 15 Schooners sailed from SARDINIA with 739 tons of coloured earth, hides and skins, willows, salt and ammonium sulphate.

The Salvaged S.S. CARO [illegible] sailed on 21st October with 499 tons of ammonium sulphate, 25 tons of cork and 1,200 tons of salt. Hides for the month of November amount to 200 tons of cork, 1,000 tons of salt, 200 tons of coloured earth, 120 tons of skins, 40 tons of wool and 100 tons of fibre.

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The cruiser service taking Italian Army personnel to the mainland is likely to cease during November. Regular means of communication between the Island and the mainland and between SARDINIA and SICILY will then become an urgent necessity.

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(1) PROPERTY CONTROL

The Piercy Estate was visited by the Regional Commissioner and Captain COFELAND during the month. The object of the visit was to endeavour to save some of the pine trees from being cut down in the immediate vicinity of the house. The demand for this wood comes from the Italian and American Naval authorities and, as the actual house and its neighbourhood is Italian property, the fate of these particular trees is not yet settled.

The Belgian owned premises "Per Tutto le Borse" at CARRONIA were visited by request but the shop was found to be closed with little or no stock. The Manager had been murdered and robbed a few weeks previously.

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(m) FINANCE

The establishment of Provincial Tax Commissions referred to in my last report has, on investigation, not proved to be as far forward as had been understood. Steps have been taken towards their final establishment.

Payments to Allied Nationals (U.S.) have been eight, but of these, seven will presumably cease to receive aid, as their time limit has now been reached.

Payments have been continued for exports of Sardinian coal and minerals. This activity should, however, cease shortly as Allied Commission, Finance Sub-Commission have applied pressure to the Ministry of the Treasury.

As regards Supply Accounting, the Public Health Division has now disposed of all its stocks. There are two sums due from the Opera Nazionale Maternita, SASSARI, which should be collected in the course of the next few days. When these items are cleared there will be no outstanding sums.

Turning to general finance, the outflow of currency from the Banca d'Italia continues at between 40 and 50 million Lire every ten days. The Manager of the Banca d'Italia has sent an urgent request for more funds through the Allied Commission postal system.

Difficulties arose early in the month over the financing of the mining industry. The High Commissioner asked for assistance in getting the Ministry of the Treasury in ROME to move and his letter was transmitted to H.Q., A.C., Finance Sub-Commission. The head of the Mining Division also notified the Mining Sub-Commissioner. The High Commissioner has, so far, only received notice that a credit is to be opened in "a bank" but he had no detailed instructions.

A point of some interest is the position of employees with fixed incomes and the following example is quoted for what it is worth:-

In the town of NUORO a man and his wife and small child in 1940, before Italy entered the war, fed themselves well on 15 to 20 lire a day. There was an abundance of meat, vegetables, oil, wine and fruit at NUORO. His income as an employee of the Consorzio Agrario was 1,500 lire per month so that after feeding, clothing and housing expenses had been met, he still had something in hand.

Now he earns from permanent employment and extra work about 4,500 lire per month. On this he is unable to feed his family adequately although food is still available. He makes ends meet by bartering goods he obtains from relations who are farmers and is fortunate in having this additional means of livelihood. He himself blames the difficulties on the unlimited expenditure of Allied troops and secondly, on the avarice of the farmer and grazier. Prices are, however, out of all proportion to the revaluation of the lire in terms of dollars and sterling.

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In the town of NUORO a man and his wife and small child in 1940, before Italy entered the war, had themselves well on 15 to 20 Lire a day. There was an abundance of meat, vegetables, oil, wine and fruit at NUORO. His income as an employee of the Consorzio Agrario was 1,500 Lire per month so that after feeding, clothing and housing expenses had been met, he still had something in hand.

Now he earns from permanent employment and extra work about 4,500 Lire per month. On this he is unable to feed his family adequately although food is still available. He makes ends meet by bartering goods he obtains from relations who are farmers and is fortunate in having this additional means of livelihood. He himself blames the difficulties on the unlimited expenditure of Allied troops and secondly, on the avarice of the farmer and grazier. Prices are, however, out of all proportion to the revaluation of the Lire in terms of dollars and sterling.

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1944 - COL J.A.C. PENNYCUICK
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The High Commissioner's staff is also beginning to take shape under Signor CATTENACI. It is still too early to give a considered judgment, but the changes in the administration have already been a decided help to us.

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P.W.B. under M. D'AMBROSINO have helped with a carefully worked out radio and press campaign. There were talks by four selected P.W.B. speakers, Dott. CAMPUS, Prof. IACOBELLI, Lieut. RIZZOLI and Lieut. PEZZI. In addition, Sig. G. MUSIO, Editor of the Unione Sarda, spoke on the theme that the war was in a critical stage, there was a possibility of lower rations coming and larger territories to feed, therefore the Sards must look to themselves. Signor FRONGIA, the Communist Leader said that the Sards had not lived up to their obligations in bringing in grain under the Granai del Popolo scheme. Dott. ASQUER, the head of the Consorzio Agrario also appealed for more grain to be brought in.

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Apart from the ever present food problem, the other main feature of the month has been an exodus of personnel. The 42nd Wing has quietly and suddenly moved out and now has only rear parties left in the Island. There is still, however, a large staff of Officers representing Allied Garrison Sardinia. I think there is general regret and perhaps a little uneasiness at the going of 42nd Wing and questions are coming from many quarters as to who is likely to succeed them. A strong rumour that French troops are coming here, including the Goums of well known reputation, has come up from more than one quarter.

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An additional exodus concerns the Italian Army which has been accelerated by the addition of a British Liner to the Italian cruisers taking troops to the Mainland.

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The present position is approximately as follows :

Military Headquarters	.....	150
Administrative Personnel and Services	.....	1,500
Calabria Division	.....	5,000
265 Division	.....	3,000
A.A. & C.D.	.....	5,400

In addition there are rather over 10,000 troops on the move from SARDINIA.

The final position will leave only the Calabria Division and about 1,500 administrative personnel in SARDINIA. This number, taken with 3,000 Carabinieri, will not leave any carrin for unexpected trouble over Internal Security. I do not anticipate widespread disaffection but the people are very poor and hitches over the food importation might produce a bad situation quicely, there are also numerous military institutions to be guarded all over the Island.

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Another important trial affecting Allied Interests has been dealt with at ORISTANO and the GRAUSO Brothers case has been settled. There were six accused, two GRAUSO Brothers who were wholesale distributors for the Province of CAGLIARI; two VENPA Brothers, members of the Consorzio who had the responsibility for the handling and despatching of A.C.C. food; PAGONI, a shipping clerk, and MONTALDO, head book-keeper for the Consorzio.

Both the GRAUSO Brothers, one of the VENPAS and PAGONI were sentenced, with sentences which varied from 7 to 15 years' imprisonment and fines up to 750,000 Lire. The accused were defended by an imposing array of ten Counsel who, perhaps unfortunately for them, fell out between each other, and the result is a sharp lesson for those who try to make profit out of food imported by the Allies for the local people.

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The arrival of the Italian Navy witness, COCCHINI, has been a great help to us and progress is at last possible in the case against General MARIZZI and others. His arrival showed that there was insufficient evidence against OFFEDDU the former Fascist Inspector for SARDINIA and he was released. This caused an unfortunate incident when he returned to his home in NUORO as a bomb was thrown at his house and the house of Avvocato MARTINO whose niece OFFEDDU had married.

One of the enemy agents dropped by parachute over Sardinia has escaped and one wireless transmitter has not been located. It is understood that these Conspirators are to be handed over for trial by the Italian Military Tribunal at ORISTANO, if so I feel that delay should be avoided. A ninth agent was dropped on the 27th September and fortunately rounded up at once, but the arrival of these agents by aeroplane is apparently not ended.

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PART II - SOCIALIST DIVISIONS

(a) POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

There have been few political meetings in September. The Socialist Party has increased its activities and held a Provincial Convention at ORISTANO on 11th September. On the same day there were speeches by A.S. SARAGAT, Socialist Minister without portfolio, and CONCI, Under-Secretary for Marine, both at CAGLIARI.

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Sard Agricultural Party. This Party has made slight gains but cannot be considered a major Party.

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Liberal Party. Many of the most prominent and intellectual persons in SARDINIA are members but numerically this Party is weak.

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New Italy Party. A new Party has been formed in SARDARI called the Nuova Italia (New Italy) Party. Its founders are a group of University students and University graduates and it is of a Democratic Monarchist nature. The new Party has met with favour among Italian Army Officers and Government employees, and 2,000 persons are said to have already joined it. The leader is one Dott. Leonardo CRANO of NUORO.

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Defascism. Appointment of the members of the Provincial Commission by the High Commissioner for the Defascism is still awaited. Until this is done it is impossible for these bodies to function. A table showing the selection in each Province by the Prefect and the Procuratore Generale del Regno is also given below.

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Meetings were held every Friday throughout the month. All citizen members attended regularly. Two of the citizen members however have intimated their desire to resign. 1. Avv. LUIGI (Liberal) on the grounds of old age. 2. Avv. MEREU (See) on account of his reluctance to swear allegiance to the King. Meetings are always well conducted. Agenda & important matters are communicated to the Provincial Office.	On the 1st, 5th, 12th & 22nd Sept. meetings were held. One of the chief items of interest was the suggestion to hold a joint meeting of the three Deputazione of the Island in the middle of October to discuss a policy to cover the whole Island. This body has a very important task to perform and this work is being carried out moderately well in spite of a great many personal and party interests. The Parties represented are: 1. Sard Action. 2. Italian Action. 1. Demo Christ. 1. Liberal. 1. Socialist. 1. Communist)supplem- 1. Republicam)entary	There are nine Commissario Prefettizie in the Province. Busachi, Comataci, Cabras, Sedilo, Cagliari, Carbonia, Mercnu, San Gavino, Villacidro. It is significant that the last five Communes are industrialised and there is in each a turbulent and highly critical community. One of the Vice-Prefects of CAGLIARI Province has taken over CARBONIA but he is evidently terrified of his work and the people there especially the Maffia The Com Pref of CAGLIARI is doing very well and getting things done. At IGLESIAS which is one of the four large towns of the Province a Socialist Sindaco dominates the town through the medium of a very strong progressive Giunta. This month two Sindaci have resigned and 3 have been removed. None of the Sindaci receive any pay, only out-of-pocket expenses. About half the Sindici in the Province are really effective, the others are a poor lot and have no ability. The experiment of the Giunta Communale has failed dismally. They do not intend to co-	All former Fascist officials have been removed & those who had any dealings with the Fascist Party, no matter how small, have declared themselves and their names have been submitted to the Ministry. The sooner the Provincial Comm. for Defascism are appointed and get to work the better.

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(c) ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOOD SITUATION.

There were no imports of food during the month; a small consignment of 79 tons of olive oil received in August was distributed in September. Stocks on the 30th September at E.C.C. warehouse were as follows:

Wheat	2,281	metric tons
Flour	9	" "
Soup, dehydrated	853	" "
Dried Vegetables	761	" "
Milk, evaporated	.2	" "
Milk, powdered	90	" "
Meats	329	" "
Meat and Vegetable Stew	297	" "
Sugar	2	" "
Soap	2	" "

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Supplies of ration cards were received in two shipments from NAPLES on the "Argentina" and the "Duca D'Aosta" and have been handed over to the High Commissioner's representative for distribution. The receipt of these will facilitate the long overdue attempt at improvement in rationing control.

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Statistical data was obtained from the High Commissioner's Office, on which it has been possible to form some estimate of the extent of duration of local supplies of wheat and flour. Assuming a return of 300,000 quintals of wheat is obtained from the Granai del Popolo (a total which has not been reached by a considerable margin the estimated date of complete exhaustion of available supplies is the 15th December. This date may be even sooner if measures for strict rationing control suggested to the High Commissioner are not properly enforced.

Apart from food there has been an increase in exports from SARDINIA to the mainland, the following in particular being shipped from SARDINIA in Sept.

Firewood	900 tons

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Soup, dehydrated	853	"	"
Dried Vegetables	701	"	"
Milk, evaporated	.2	"	"
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Fireclay	992	tons
Kaolin	344	"
Refractory cement	500	"
Pigments, yellow ochre	50	"
barium sulphate	100	tons
paints	114	tons
Antimony	40	"

Since the Armistice, arrived in SARDINIA exports to countries other than Italy have been:-

Coal	4,300	tons
Cadmium	3,930	"
Lead	2,561	"
Talc	65	"
Total Coal exported to Italy	146,000	"

/Imports.....

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Imports to SARDINIA during September were:-

10 rolls of sails for fishing craft.
1 ton of printer's ink.
90 million matches.

No newsprint has arrived in SARDINIA since July and stocks are exhausted. The position is serious. The promise of 42 tons per month has not been maintained.

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(d) AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.

Agriculture

Weather has not been abnormal and some preparation of land for planting of fall crops is in progress. Lack of phosphate fertilisers used for the vegetable crops will again prevent a full harvest in 1946.

The Granai del Popolo total of wheat has now passed the total of 250,000 quintals. The rate of intake is below 1,000 quintals daily and severe measures are being taken to detect cases of false declarations and illegal retentions of grain. Farmers are being charged but prosecutions have not yet been completed and we cannot say what convictions or sentences are likely to result. The High Commissioner closed the date of the harvest declaration on the 31st August and followed this by a decree granting amnesty to those farmers who willingly corrected their harvest declarations or consigned grain which had been illegally withheld.

Some grain will continue to come in for the next two months. Sources will be grain from farmers who fear detection and take advantage of the amnesty to declare retentions willingly; secondly, grain which is seized in the process of prosecuting violators of the law and, thirdly, a certain amount of grain which is included in the harvest declarations of farmers and is still stored in the good farm warehouses and at present is not included in the Consorzio totals, although it is considered as being actually brought in. This last category of grain will probably be moved direct to mills instead of through the Consorzio warehouse and will appear in the warehouse totals when moved to a mill or when the owner claims payment, whichever occurs first.

Every effort is being made to secure the highest possible amount of wheat but it is evident that the original goal of 400,000 quintals is quite unattainable. By the 30th October complete figures from UNRRA will be available of records of the total grain declared as having been harvested, with the total of legal retentions, and we shall then have a firmer idea of what we can rely on in the Granai del Popolo.

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Most of the small amount of sulphur which arrived too late for the protection of this year's crop of grapes was useful on vines to promote vigour for next year's crop. It is therefore essential that 2,000 tons of sulphur be supplied to SARDINIA for the 1946 season and this is required early in the year.

No supplies of farm necessities, such as carpenters and horseshoe nails, steel and iron for plow and machinery repairs, agricultural chemicals and fertilizers, have arrived during the month.

We received 100 quintals of white beans which are presumed to be the first shipment of 100 tons which is sufficient for the island's needs in the way of sowings.

/The allotment.....

The allotment of 1,000 tons of seed potatoes for SARDINIA noted in the August Monthly Report of the Agricultural Sub-Commission will supplement the supplies of 1944 crop potatoes stored for seed on the Island and will allow complete planting of suitable acreage in SARDINIA provided it arrives in time.

Forestry

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(e) LABOUR

Labour in SARDINIA has been in an exceptionally privileged position because all labourers, irrespective of whether they worked for the Allies or not, have hitherto enjoyed extra rations over and above the basic general ration.

The system that has been in force has been an adaptation of the Italian Government Fascist Decree of 26th July 1945, and the people were divided into four classes:-

Normal Rations	200	grams	of	bread	per	day
Lavoratori	300	"	"	"	"	"
Lavoratori Pesanti	350	"	"	"	"	"
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to which was added up to 100 grams of pasta per day.

It is very hard to say how many workers are involved, but broadly the total figures are:

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Light Workers	110,000

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B.	310	"	"	"	"	"	plus	650	"	"	"	"
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Apart from this very important question of rations there are no special labour developments except that an attempt is being made to find employment for time expired prisoners from ASTHASA.

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(f) PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

The Regional Public Works Officer, Captain SMITH, left SARDINIA on 14th September and was not replaced. Public Works now comes entirely under the supervision of Provveditorato Signor BUTTINI. Sig. BUTTINI has submitted his monthly report, a copy of which has been transmitted direct to the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

During the month the Regional Commissioner visited the four main E.L. generating plants in the Island. There are two hydro-electric plants, at COGHINAS in the North and TIRSO in central SARDINIA, and two main steam generating stations at S. GAVINA and S. GILA, both in the South near CAGLIARI.

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Both hydro-electric stations have points of great interest, COGHINAS has the turbines sunk in a rock shaft 80 metres deep and is provided with an underground rock-hewn tunnel 4 kms. long to take away the water from the turbines. TIRSO has a dam constructed of massive buttresses joined by reinforced concrete arches and is said to be the first dam of its type to have been completed in the world.

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First priority for repair material and repairs generally has been given to the schools, together with the Post Office building in CAGLIARI. Apart from this the main effort is being directed to roof repairs and clearing in CAGLIARI where bomb damage is extremely widespread and severe.

Roads and railways are in good repair on the whole and the port work at S. ANTIOCO, from where the coal is shipped, is progressing.

Signor SUTTINI is being instructed to provide a list of essential materials which are not obtainable locally, glass is one of the chief items and efforts to get a glass factory going in SARDINIA have unfortunately failed.

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(c) PUBLIC SAFETY

Twenty-five cases of armed robbery have been reported during the month, property to the value of 1,085,900 Lire being stolen, a slight decrease as compared with last month. Five homicides are reported and none of the culprits have yet been arrested.

Enemy Agents. One of the eight enemy agents dropped up to the end of August has escaped from the custody of the Italian C/I and has not been recaptured. He is Lieut. R. PISCHEDDA who dropped from a JU 88 aircraft on 27th August at ORILIASA. This agent had surrendered voluntarily on the 1st September.

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Information reached this Headquarters, from various sources, of frauds, and investigation disclosed the presence of food to the value of 725,000 Lire in the GRUSSO warehouse which could not be accounted for. PAGANI was alleged to have received 15,000 Lire to destroy shipping tickets.

The trial lasted five days and the results were as follows:

GRUSO,	Adriano	13 years and 750,000 Lire fine.
GRUSO,	Vincenzio	13 years and 750,000 Lire fine.
VESPA,	Marco	18 years and 625,000 Lire fine.
PAGANI,	Giovanni	7 years and 15,000 Lire fine.

A perpetual interdiction was placed against the above four barring them from public office or trust.

/VESPA.....

VIOLA, Luigi, and MONTALDO were acquitted.

The trial was well covered by Lieutenant SCANLAN and Officers from the Region made a point of attending each day.

Chief witness for the prosecution was Dott. COLOMBA, Acting Inspector General for the Special Police in SARDINIA. There were ten Counsel for the defence including Avv. MASTINO and Colonel SANNA, late Chief of Staff to the High Commissioner, but the defence was not well co-ordinated and the defending Counsel quarrelled in the Court.

The prosecution was carried out by Lieutenant Francesco COCO with considerable skill.

The result appears to be very satisfactory from our point of view and is a sharp lesson for those who would profit from food imported for the use of the people. Good publicity was given by radio and newspaper through the efforts of P.W.B., and the accused were widely known. The population of the Island seems very pleased over the results obtained.

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(h) PUBLIC HEALTH

Malaria Control continues normally with dusting and oiling. The prejudice of the medical profession and of the population against Atabrin is diminishing though they still clamour for quinine and appear to be unaware that their late allies, the Japanese, control the Dutch East Indies from where the quinine was imported. There was a drop in the number of primary infections which shows that the peak was passed in August.

Medical Supplies. 256 cases of medical supplies were received and distributed in the course of the month. They included greatly needed items such as rubber gloves and hypodermic needles and syringes.

A demand for medical supplies from civilian sources has been made for the six hospitals earmarked by the Italian Army for patients who are in hospital over 30 days and so become civilians. These hospitals have not been included hitherto under our returns for civilian hospitals and the case has been referred to the Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

A booklet has been completed for early publication with the co-operation of the Superintendent of Health giving information of medical supplies imported by the Allied Commission. Italian equivalents of drugs available together with details of dosage and other information is given in the booklet. Cost of drugs and conversion tables of English apothecary weights to metric weights are also given.

There has been an epidemic of typhoid in the town of CEVOLI (Pop. 5,000) which was investigated by Lt. Col. DOBOS, Major CHERRI and Dr. VALERI (Italian Health). Up to 18th September there had been 76 cases and 13 deaths. Over 3,000 vaccinations have been carried out and all possible precautions are being taken. There is no conclusive evidence that the disease is water borne as there is no sewage system and refuse is dumped indiscriminately. The 21st Regiment of the Italian Cremona Division was, however, stationed near the town from November 1943 to September 1944 and three soldiers with typhoid were noted with them or on leave in August. Latrines were dug by this unit within 16 yards above the town's water supply.

Venereal Disease at 30 per 1,000 per year with the garrison is the lowest yet reached.

The institutional care and isolation of leprosy is still unsolved. The 30-odd cases are distributed in villages living with their families. Reports have been submitted to the High Commissioner and the Public Health Sub-Commission.

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(i) EDUCATION

The lack of text books has been reported to A.C.C. and until those arrive there is not much hope of getting schools to function.

Illiteracy is exceptionally high in BARBUDA and we are making strenuous efforts to repair the many schools damaged in CARLIACU.

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(j) REFUGEES

A communication is being sent to the Refugees Sub-Commission to provide for the reception on the mainland of the 367 time expired prisoners from ASINARA penal settlement being repatriated to Southern Italy and SICILY.

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(h) COMMUNICATIONS

(i) Road

The formation of U.N.R.R.A. has not yet been completed but the Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione has received instructions to nominate for the approval of the Minister of Communications a Director for SARDINIA and for each of the three Provinces.

The new permit period for cars commenced on 1st September and there is a reduction in the number of permits as compared to June.

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The PIERCY house and land at [illegible], [illegible] is Italian property. It was given locally by Major H. PIERCY to his daughter, Vera [illegible] PIERCY in April 1940. The Sequestrator of the remainder of the PIERCY Estate, which is English property, has been instructed to obtain opinion as to the ownership of valuable cattle.

The High Commissioner has promised to help to obtain compensation for damage to roads on the Estate caused by the Italian Army.

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(n) FINANCE.

Provincial Tax Commissions are functioning in all Provinces. Communal Commissions not yet functioning in CAGLIARI.

Payments to Allied Nationals, all U.S., dropped to eight for the Island. A request under this H.Q. F/1152 of 26 September 1944 has been made for payment to be made through the Banco di Napoli.

Collections for imports from Allied Sources amount to Lire 5,391,997. The debt due from the GRAVES Brothers has now been cleared by the return of goods to the value of Lire 2,995,432 and the transfer of the balance of Lire 2,396,664 from the Procuratore del Re.

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Written in light blue ink.
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Enemy agents may also have in their possession 1,000 lira notes printed before 24 July 1943 and will indicate as their reason for travelling south as a desire to rejoin families.

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3. PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS

Only two food demonstrations took place during the month. One of these occurred at Pattada (Sassari) and the other at Castelsardo (Sassari). This represents a sharp decrease over the preceding month when eight food demonstrations occurred.

4. POLITICAL SITUATION

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Socialist Party

Has gained substantially this past month. The appearance of H.E. SARAGAT and the Hon. CORSI on the island was given wide publicity. It is expected that the Socialists will conduct an intense propaganda campaign in the future.

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Italian Action Party

Very much on the decline.

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Sard Agricultural Party

Has made slight gains although it cannot be considered a major Party.

Republican Party

Showing very few signs of life.

Liberal Party

Many of the most prominent and intellectual persons in Sardinia are among its members but numerically the Party is quite weak.

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(3) VESPA Marco - 15 years penal servitude and lire 425,000 fine.
(4) PAGANI Giovanni - 7 years penal servitude and lire 16,000 fine.

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A perpetual inderdiction was placed against all four, forever barring them from public office or public trust.

VESPA Luigi and MONTALDO Gino were absolved, there being insufficient evidence to warrant a conviction.

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6. PUBLIC MORALE

Increasing enemy resistance on the war fronts has somewhat lessened expectations of an early peace among the people. Many feel that Germany, having concentrated the greater part of her forces on her borders, is hoping to prolong the war in the hope that she will tire her adversaries and thereby obtain a conditional rather than an unconditional surrender. This trend of thought is being fostered to a high degree by former Fascist elements who still hope to salvage at least a small part of their lost cause.

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