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PART II

POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION.

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Many of the more intelligent people consider that, in numbers at least, the Christian Democratic Party is predominant, but as usual, the Communists with their more active leadership and "persuasive" propaganda give the opposite impression.

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July requests for P.O.L. were met by Petroleum Section almost in full, but because agricultural bids had been drastically reduced below the original requests submitted by the Agricultural inspectorates, it was found that allocations were insufficient to carry out essential agricultural work.

Industry.
Production of bricks, tiles, lime and cement is sufficient to cope with local demand and to leave an exportable balance, but all Sections of industry are severely handicapped by insufficient supplies of coal.

There are about 15,000 tons of salt on hand at Cervia, but difficulties are being experienced in the warehousing of this quantity.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.

There were few changes in personnel of Italian organizations during the month.

The acting director of the Bologna inter-regional Office of the Consorzio Agrario Federativo was recalled to Rome on the appointment of a permanent director: Prof. Achille Secchi.

Livestock.

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Cost of Living.

The weekly cost of living in Bologna Province has been calculated at 2,844 Lire for a family composed of a husband, wife and 3 children. This compares favourably with the weekly cost of living for the month of June, when 3,400 Lire were required for the same type of family.

The principle reason for this reduction is the fall in open market prices, which is general throughout the Region.

Strike.

There was one strike in Ferrara during June, this lasted one day only. Numerous demonstrations and parades however were reported, but these were of an orderly nature, and as usual ended with the presentation of demands to the authorities through the C.L.N.

Camera del Lavoro.

After considerable observation it is now apparent that the Camera del Lavoro is without doubt the most corrupt organization of its kind in Italy.

The Communists are using the C.D.L. as a cloak for their continuous interference in the affairs of nearly every other department. Notably in the subtle game of engineering the dismissal of certain non-communist officials, and replacing them with officials chosen by the Communist party.

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Sewer repairs in the whole Region are well in hand, and in the cities of Bologna, Rimini, Forlì and Ravenna all the main sections have been completed.

Electricity.

In spite of the many difficulties which had to be overcome, work on all the electric systems is progressing favourably, and full advantage is being taken of the summer months to effect the heavier repairs.

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During the 3.1/2 Months of A.M.G. Administration in Emilia, there have been very few serious proclamation violations. Only two cases were tried before a General Military Court. It is felt that the Region is sufficiently far advanced to enable the handover to be completed without undue complication or adverse results.

Following the A.C. directive AC/4183/L, some 5 receivers were appointed by the Regional Commissioner during A.M.G. administration in Emilia Region. Two Italian authorities have since appointed a receiver for each of the parishes in question, and the appointments of former receivers were cancelled.

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The termination of the service of all forms of auxiliary civil Police, and conversion into proper service of all recuperated CC.RR. have also increased morale to a great extent.

The total number of Police Agents for the whole Region is given below:

CC.RR.	Officers	Men
Agents of Questura	63	3296
Guardia di Finanza	75	1305
Vigili Urbani	24	1038
Corpo Forestale	13	761
	17	310

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

General.

The health position throughout the Region continues to be relatively good, and so far no unsurmountable problems have been encountered.

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REFUGEES.

Some 88,442 refugees were passed through the camps during July. This large decrease on the previous month is due mainly to the opening of the direct line South from Verona.

All camps report considerable improvement in conditions, especially on the hygiene and sanitation side, and although there are still a number of major problems to overcome such as shortage of transport, and difficulties in the procurement of rations, general progress is being maintained.

There was no serious outbreak of disease in any of the camps.

PATRIOTS.

The payment of grants and issue of Alexander certificates is progressing, although some difficulties are being encountered, the chief of which is the constant discovery of new bands of Patriots who had long since returned to their homes in the mountain areas.

3707 arms of all type were collected during July and although every effort has been made to ensure a complete hand in, it is considered that sufficient arms and ammunition have been hidden in the mountains to re-arm 50% of the Patriots.

Reports show that the various ANPI offices in the Region have been established by the staffs of the late Patriot formations, who are assuming, rather than Fascist lines, political policy and activity. Many illegal acts are committed, such as the searching of houses, arrests of individuals, and extortions etc.

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PROPERTY CONTROL.

During the month the unblocking of all accounts of Nationals of the ⁵⁵¹⁶ ~~Albanians~~ Nations and France was completed. The Regional Office records are complete and ready for transfer to Archives at Rome.

MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS AND ARCHIVES.

The inspection of all listed monuments in the Region was completed by the 18th July 1945, and estimates passed for necessary repairs. All displaced works of art have been located.

FLOYD E. THOMAS
Colonel, Infantry
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FORECAST ON FUTURE CONDITIONS
EMILIA REGION

Many conflicting reports have been received from the Provinces as to the possible political and economic future of Emilia Region.

After careful study of these reports, and independent observation, it is the opinion of this HQ, that the following conditions will prevail:

Politically:

There will be no major disturbances while Allied troops are stationed here and AMG is established in neighbouring regions.

Economically:

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These facts influence a possible change.

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- 6 - Wheat crops were estimated to be 40% - 50% down on previous yields.
- 7 - Banks report an excess of deposits over withdrawals.
- 8 - The general health of the people continues to be relatively good, with the exception of focal outbreaks of Typhoid-Para-typhoid fever in Bologna Province.
- 9 - Progress on all Public Works is seriously hampered by lack of POL for transport and critical materials.
- 10 - The number of major crimes throughout the Region has steadily decreased.
- 11 - All Patriot centres in the Region were closed on or before the 10th June 45.
- 12 - Unemployment is widespread, and the estimated number for the Region is 265,000.
- 13 - More than 140,000 refugees, both Allied and Italian, passed through the camps during the month of June.

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1. There were no major political changes during June, and on the surface at least, the political atmosphere remains calm.
2. Most people sense a deliberate policy of deferred action on the part of the more lawless elements, who are obviously awaiting eagerly the departure of the Allies. This is further borne out by the attitude of the CC.RR., who feel that any action on their part now, will be the cause of reprisals against them later.
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The reason for this action, was the need to combat all forms of economic isolationism on the part of Provinces. In this case, Modena had refused to part with surplus foodstuffs except on a barter basis. The threat was sufficient to produce prompt action on the part of the Prefect, and sanctions were postponed subject to future compliance.

TRANSPORTATION

12. The Autotrasporti now have 4912 vehicles of all sizes registered throughout the Region: 60% of these are operating.

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13. 39532 tons of various commodities were transported within the Region during the month of June.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND FISHERIES

14. Livestock - During the month about 5000 head of cattle were moved from the provinces of Parma, Reggio Emilia and Modena, to Bologna, Ferrara and Ravenna. Over 1000 head were sold to Toscana, and between 500 and 1000 to northern compartments. There is still an acute shortage of cattle fodder in all provinces.
15. Graini del popolo - Wheat crops, after first thrashing results are estimated to be 48-50% down on previous yields.
16. Crop prospects - Continuation of the drought has caused the crops to suffer badly, in areas where normally the fourth 1/4 of the hay would be seen, the second cutting is not yet made. Rice alone shows an almost normal crop.

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b. Currency movements during the month of June were:

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19. General - The health of the people continues to be relatively good, with the exception of local outbreaks of Typhoid-Paratyphoid Fever in Bologna Province. No Typhus fever has been reported.
20. There have been two outbreaks of acute dysentery occurring in very young children (all Poles) in Refugee Camps. 130 cases have so far occurred in Riccione Camp (10 deaths) and some 30 cases in Reggio (3 deaths). Suitable control measures have been taken, but the source of these infections is not yet clear.
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25. Sewer repairs at Bologna and Rimini are progressing at a pace dependent on the supply of materials and transport.

26. The Reno and Savio Canals, principal sewage collectors through Bologna City, have been repaired and are diluting the exposed solid sewage 3 kilometers north of the city. The health hazard which existed there previously, has now been eliminated.

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27. Electricity - There is now sufficient generating capacity in the North of Italy to supply all power needs in this Region. However, in localised areas some difficulties have been met due to damage to transformers, circuit breakers etc. Transmission lines have been damaged in many places, but service has been restored to all areas in the North.

PUBLIC SAFETY

28. The general situation is still far from good, although the number of major crimes committed has steadily decreased.

29. Intimidation of land-owners and even of public officials still continues in the form of anonymous threats and acts of extortion.

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35. Expiration - The work of Expiration is proceeding slowly, but not unsatisfactorily.

The total number of proposed suspensions from the 26th May to the 30th June was.....1295 and the actual number suspended was.....136.

A complete progress table is being prepared, and will be attached to the next report.

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36. Patriot Centres - All Centres in Emilia Region were closed on or before the 10th June 45. Patriots Offices are functioning in all Provinces. Patriots in transit are fed and accommodated in Refugee Centres.

37. 801 arms of various types were handed in during the month of June.

PROPERTY CONTROL

38. An additional list of 21 properties belonging to British Nationals was received from the Intendente di Finanza, Bologna Province. This makes an up-to-date total of 350 sequestered properties, and 84 blocked accounts of various types in Emilia Region.

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Bologna	-	70	80,000
Parma	-	-	15,000
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41. Wages and cost of living - In Bologna Province, industrial wage agreements are based on the 166,181,196 levels approved in the first general increase recommended by the Regional Italian Joint Advisory Committee. Regional approval has also been given to all Provincial Commissioners to approve without Regional clearance any agreements which do not exceed 150,165,180 lire including family allowances of 16,40 Lire for a notional family of husband and wife with two children. Only in exceptional cases of supervisory workers or dangerous work, have these wages exceeded in approved agreements.

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Reggio	-	-	-	Caserna del Bers.	2000
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Forli'	-	-	-	Dorchester	3000
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46. At Riccione, a new building is being prepared for use as a hospital and convalescent home. This building is expected to hold approximately 1,500.

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SECRETMINE CLEARANCE

47. The following table will show the progress made in mine clearance during June:

Work done by No I Mine Clearance Battalion	} } }	Mines neutralized and lifted " destroyed in situ Artillery shells made safe Unexploded bombs	3,183 5,920 1,200 1,562
Zone civilian scheme	}	Mines neutralized and lifted " destroyed in situ	2,157 3,211
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Reference: REX/SA/R/1/11

3 July 1945

Subject : Monthly Report - Emilia Region

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attn. Civil Affairs Section)

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1. Reference 2/13.5/CA dated 26 June, herewith copy of an amendment in regard to para 60 of Monthly Report for May.

For the Regional Commissioner:

H. H. S. HARTNEY

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5 July 1945

Reference: RLA/EM/3/V/11

Subject : Amendment to Monthly Report for May, 1945, covering the Provinces of Forli, Ravenna and Ferrara

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. Reference para 60 of the s/m Monthly Report, the first sentence should be amended to read:

"The vetting of school officials has continued under Executive Memorandum No. 67 in the provinces of FORLI and RAVENNA."

For the Regional Commissioner:

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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26 June 45

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Emilia Reg.
TO : R.C. Emilia Region.

Para 60 of your monthly report for May is not understood. By GO 76 is it intended to refer to Exco Memo 76. If so it is pointed out that this Memo does not apply to school teachers. If not, to what was it intended to refer please.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

G.R. UPJOHN Brig,
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20. A belt of devastation 10 miles wide runs through Ravenna Province on the site of the winter battle-line. At ARGENTA in Ferrara Province where the breakthrough occurred, there is an area of destruction 5 miles in width and 8 miles in length.

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PART II

GENERAL

1. These three provinces are in different stages of rehabilitation, their problems are different and they are in no way an entity. Whereas Forli was wholly liberated before Christmas, 1944, the province of Ravenna was out in two by the winter battle-line and bears a scar of devastation ten miles in width along its whole length. Its western provinces were not liberated until April, 1945. Ferrara, on the other hand, remained wholly in German hands until the April advance through the Argenta Gap, which left an area six miles wide and eight miles long in which the devastation is second only to Cassino.

2. The problems of Forli are bridge-building, the reconstruction of Rimini, and the accommodation of 130,000 surrendered German troops without undue disturbance to the population.

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10. The conduct of Allied troops has been good, with one exception. An incident occurred in Mercato Saraceno (Forli Province) between Poles and Partisans. The Poles took a Red flag from parading partisans, and during the demonstration that followed, one Polish corporal was killed and two others wounded. The feeling is becoming more intense between the Poles and the Italians, and according to information received, it is not always the fault of the Italians.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

11. The process of reorganizing the administration of Ferrara Province is progressing actively. Practically all of the provincial administrative personnel were formerly Fascist, with the result that few senior officials remained. In the prefettura, the Prefect is much hampered by lack of trained personnel. There

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is no Vice-Prefetto Vicario; the Capo Regionale is functioning also as Vice-Prefetto Ispettore; and there is only one Consigliere instead of four. A number of communes still lack secretaries. The most troublesome area is Copparo, where the administration is inadequate, and where it is impossible at the moment to find any capable persons not smelling strongly of Fascism.

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23. Grain - There is in Emilia Region an amassed exportable surplus of 50,000 tons of wheat, the greater part in Ravenna and Ferrara. Unfortunately, some of this grain is going bad. There are substantial quantities of grain not yet amassed, partly owing to lack of space. The prevailing opinion is that very little of this grain will come in at the present price of 360 lire per quintal. Milling facilities are now more than adequate.

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34. The question of converting foreign and Allied-issued occupation currencies brought into the area by refugees from internment camps in many countries is a serious one and deserves urgent consideration. The failure to convert this

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35. All Post offices are open for finance services, payment of sussidi militari, pensions and wages, and for deposits in and withdrawals from savings accounts.

PUBLIC HEALTH

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PUBLIC WORKS

43. The civil engineers of the three provinces are capable, and there is little indication of political activity on their part. The contractors also are of high standard and well organized.

44. All work is hampered by shortage of materials and transportation.

45. The work of rehabilitation in Rimini is progressing. 84 projects costing 43,200,000 lire are in progress there. Two projects amounting to an additional 94,000 lire have been completed.

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46. Flood Control - Approximately 2,000 hectares of land are under water in Ravenna province and approximately 15,000 hectares in Ferrara. Work is in progress for the necessary drainage. In Ferrara all the pumping stations received heavy damage or were destroyed. Pumps are being dismantled and the damaged parts are being shipped to Milan for repairs. Italian engineers estimate that the time for repairs and pumping the land dry will be two months. The banks of the Po River are being surveyed and projects for the urgent works are being prepared.

47. Water Supply and Sewers - Projects for the repairs to the water systems were initiated or are in progress in Ravenna town, Brisighella, Fogliano (all in Ravenna Province), and Modigliano, Predappio, Sant'Arcangelo, Rimini and Santa Sofia (all in Forli Province).

48. Sewage repairs have been completed at Forli and are in progress at Rimini, Forlimpopoli, Sant'Arcangelo and Goriano (all in Forli Province), and Ravenna, Cervia, and Alfonsini in Ravenna Province.

49. Electricity - The supply of electrical energy is still inadequate in the three provinces.

50. Miscellaneous - The following projects, among others, have been completed during the month:

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Sewer systems	4
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54. CC RR - In general the morale of the CC RR is poor, because of a lack of leadership on the part of their officers. The total number of police agents of all kinds in the three provinces is given below:

CC RR	Officers	Other Ranks
Pubblica Sicurezza	17	896
Guardie di Finanza	16	302
Guardie Municipali	7	297
Corpo Forestale	2	114
	4	79
TOTAL	46	1688

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55. There are 150 Patriots serving as auxiliary police in the province of Ravenna, 50 in Forli, and 81 in Ferrara.

56. The Carabinieri are afraid to press home inquiries, and it is difficult to bring criminals to book because the witnesses refuse to give evidence. A terrorism is thus developing in the country. The people lack security and dare not take action. They look to the Allies to take the necessary measures, but the instrument of Public Safety which the Allies have chosen to use as a matter of policy, is ineffective. The position is made still harder by the lack of arms, equipment, uniforms and even boots for this force which is supposed to keep order.

57. Prisons - *1000 pass sent June. Jpn.* There is still considerable overcrowding in the prisons, particularly in the province of Ferrara, where so many Fascists are under arrest. Forli Prison remains in the hands of the military authorities, but its release is expected shortly.

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64. Italian Courts - The general picture is good. All courts (with the exception of a few preture, which are vacant) are open and functioning. Necessarily their normal progress is retarded by difficulties of communications, lack of transport, and the absence of parties and witnesses.

65. The work of the Tribunale at Ferrara has been retarded by reason of the destruction of its premises. Alternative premises have been found and it is planned to hold the first session at an early date.

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66. Eputation - The Eputation Commission has been appointed in Ferrara, and the People's Courts are ready to begin investigations as soon as the prisoners have been screened. Delay was caused in this province by the failure of the Questore to file any Denuncio. He was relieved from office on 29 May and replaced by the Questore from Pesaro. DIL 159 has been implemented in Forli Province. DIL 142 has not been extended to Forli or Ravenna.

PATRIOTS

67. In the province of Ravenna there were 1,800 Patriots, 800 of whom fought in the 28th Garibaldi Brigade under "Colonel Bulow" with the 8th Army. Nearly all have dispersed. A "laying down of arms" ceremony was held on 20 May, and the arms belonging to 8th Army were returned. After the ceremony the Patriots returned to their homes wearing the British battle-dress in which they had fought, as no civilian clothes were available for issue.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL

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77. Postal - A postcard and letter service with a weight limit of 15 grams has been established in all three provincial capitals. All civilian censorship, except a study of a limited quantity of material, has now ceased.

78. Postal tariffs - The rates of postage in Ravenna and Forlì are higher by 50% than in the province of Ferrara.

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DISPLACED PERSONS

79. Immediately after the cessation of hostilities, a flood of refugees and displaced persons began to pour southwards and for ten days, until the closing of the Brenner Pass, the overcrowding in the camps was serious.

80. Some 40,000 refugees and displaced persons passed through the camps at Forli and Roccione during the month. The capacities of the camps are: Forli, 3000 and Roccione, 2000.

81. In addition to these two camps, each province has under Regional control a small refugee center capable of holding an average of 500 persons, under a Commissario Provinciale per Profughi e Rimpatriati.

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PART IIPOLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION.

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Hemp.

7.

Factories.

The production of industrial belting is now in full swing at the Saccoheria Ravennate. Availabilities for May have been reported to ATERS and demands are invited.

8.

Food.

Food situation improved considerably due to ample supplies of fresh vegetables and some fresh fruit. EMILIA Region being as to basic food commodities a surplus area, the principal problems relate to getting food out, so as to prevent spoilage and make use of surpluses in deficiency areas. In this the Region is definitely handicapped by an inadequate number of supply officers and by lack of POL.

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AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.

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16.

General.

The emergency firewood production project in FORLÌ and RAVENNA Provinces was completed during the month, and the responsibility turned back to the appropriate Italian Agencies.

17.

Fisheries.

A detailed survey of the fishing resources has been carried out and there are 96 motor and 284 sail fishing boats ready to fish from the 7 fishing ports of the Region. An estimated catch of 199 tons on 38 tons Nafta and $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons motor oil can be expected over next three months.

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Malaria. The most malarious areas in this Region have only just been liberated. The position regarding malaria control requires further clarification, due to the fact that malaria control work has been heretofore almost completely under the control of AMCU'S EIGHTH Army. A comprehensive survey will be available next month.

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25. Venereal Disease. The figures have shown essentially no change from month to month as regards the percentage found infected. Reports from FORLI indicate increased prostitution but with a low prevalence of VD.
26. Medical Supplies. Shortage of medical supplies is a continuing problem, as there are practically no reserve stocks on hand in RAVENNA or FORLI.
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The position in the EIGHTH Army area remains unchanged with five Provincial Teams under command ALLY EIGHTH Army. The personnel of these teams continue to be employed either as CAOs or in a specialist capacity.

Relations with the Republic of SAN MARINO are the responsibility of this HQ and Capt. COMPTON has taken up residence there as Political Liaison Officer. In practice the principal matter dealt with is one of supply. A fair share of the supplies available to the Region is allocated to the Republic and no difficulties are being experienced in this connection.

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1. The plan, under which the creation of a administration of that part of EMILIA which is in FIFTH Army Area is started out by the staff of EMILIA Region commencing effect 2339 hrs 2 Dec. This administrative HQ is under the command of SAFO FIFTH Army and while the EMILIA Region and the EMILIA Army retain their separate identity the two staffs are in effect working as one team. The EMILIA Army officers are working mainly in a liaison capacity with other branches of the Army staff and EMILIA Region officers are charged with the administration of the civilian population. By this means full use is being made of specialist officers of this HQ and an earlier start can be made on permanent rehabilitation of the area.
2. The Provincial Teams for BOLOGNA, MODENA, REGGIO EMILIA, PARMA and PLACENZA are under command of the FIFTH Army and officers of these teams are employed either as Staff or in a Specialist capacity in FIFTH Army area.
3. Responsibility for matters concerning SAN MARINO was handed over to this Region on 10 Dec 44. As SAN MARINO is an independent Republic, Allied Military Government does not apply. In area and population it approximates to a commune and so far no problem worthy of note has arisen.

PAGE II.

1. Although the staff of EMILIA Region is now actively employed in the administration of the liberated portion of EMILIA the area is not yet under Regional control and the work of the Specialist Divisions is included in the reports rendered by the FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies. There is therefore nothing to report under the standard headings.

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1. During the month further progress has been made by the armies and the whole of the Province of BOLOGNA is now in Allied hands together with a large part of the Provinces of RAVENNA and BOLOGNA. Some penetration has also been made into MODENA.

2. These areas are being administered by BIG FIFTH and SEVENTH Armies. In the EIGHTH Army sector the Provincial Commissioners of BOLOGNA and RAVENNA are controlling their Provinces under command of SCAC EIGHTH Army.

3. Following the capture of the city of BOLOGNA, Provincial HQ was established in the Prefettura on 25 Nov. '44. This is the first provincial capital of EMILIA to be liberated. The city is still being subjected to sporadic shellfire and occasional air attack, and the setting up of the HQ was marked by the shattering of the windows of the Prefettura.

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5. As forecast in the last report an additional part of RAVENNA Province has been flooded by the enemy. This has been done by breaking the banks of the FIUFI RIVER SOUTH of the town.

6. In both FIFTH and EIGHTH Army areas officers of EMILIA Region have been employed either as G.O.s or in a specialist capacity under the command of the respective SCAC.

7. In the case of EIGHTH Army a special plan has been made for the administration of the area. Under this plan the executive administration of the area will be placed under a HQ staffed by EMILIA region. This administrative HQ will be directly responsible to the SCAC.

8. The purpose of the plan is to provide the specialist staff not normally present with Army and to make an earlier start on measures of rehabilitation than would otherwise be possible. The scheme has been approved by HQ Allied Commission and will come into operation when the SCAC considers the position has become sufficiently static.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
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SUMMARY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1944

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1. The progress of the studies has been severely hampered by wet weather but by the end of October the greater part of the Province of FORLÌ had been liberated together with parts of the Provinces of RAVENNA and BOLOGNA. There is also some penetration into MODENA. So far no Provincial capitals are yet in Allied hands.

2. Since the enemy has bitterly contested our advance the liberated portion of EMILIA presents a familiar picture of devastation due to battle and deliberate devastation by the enemy. As was expected delaying action by the enemy included flooding of part of the PO valley, and it is anticipated that additional areas will be flooded as the enemy withdraws.

3. No part of EMILIA has yet been handed over to Regional control, but a number of officers of the Region are now working in their own territory. In the case of FORLÌ and RAVENNA the liberated portions of these Provinces are already being administered by the Provincial Commissioners under the direction of S.C.A.C. EMILIA Army.

4. Specialist Officers from Region Headquarters are giving assistance to A.M.G. of both Areas. The greater part of the territory so far liberated however is in the EMILIA Army area. In this sector Specialist Officers from this A.Q. are working side by side with their opposite numbers in EMILIA Army.

5. It is already apparent that enemy minefields will be one of the major obstacles to rehabilitation of the Region particularly in the case of Agriculture. The Regional Agricultural Officer has been appointed Mine Clearance Liaison Officer and, with the approval of EMILIA Army, plans are being made for an early start on mine clearance.

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(a) To use the official mine clearance squads supplied by the Italian Ministry of War as mobile squads to clear essential public works and particularly heavily infested areas.

(b) To start a mobile school to instruct farmers in the location of mines on their own land. This school will be under the command of an Italian Patriot Officer trained at an official mine clearance school and will visit each comune in rotation.

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2. (a) Political Divisions and Popular Division.
Nothing to report.
- (b) Local Government - Provincial.
Nothing to report.

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EMILIA Region Monthly Report for October 1944 (Cont'd)3. Economic Resources and Supply.

Nothing to report.

4. Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

The Regional Agricultural Officer has prepared a scheme for pooling of tractors which has been presented to the Italian Minister of Agriculture through H.Q., A.C.

With the approval of the Armies Regional Officers are beginning a detailed survey of the liberated territory.

5. Labour.

1st Lieut. CANTILLI was assigned to this Region during the month but was re-posted before he had taken up his duties, and the Region is still without a Labour Officer.

6. Public Works and Utilities.

Nothing to report.

7. Public Safety.(a) C.C.NR

The 1120 C.C.NR allocated to this Region have now all been brought forward, and are now being employed with FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies. In general their morale appears to be good and will be further improved when all have been re-equipped with adequate clothing. So far only a small part of the total clothing required has been received.

(b) Fire Services.

Two tanks and trailer pumps have been brought up to the MODENNE area from BOLOGNA ready to move into PLOEDA when required.

8. Public Health.

On the FIFTH Army side an Officer has been nominated for BOLOGNA. In EIGHTH Army area the Regional Public Health Officer has been made responsible to the S.P.H.O. for the Southern part of EMILIA Province.

9. Education.

It has been arranged that the Regional Educational Officer will act as Education Officer for both FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies.

Plans have been made for printing text books in MODENNE, and printing of one of the ten types of book required has been begun.

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10. Refugees.

Nothing to report.

11. Communications.

Plans have been made to start a Special Postcard Service in BOLOGNA City as soon as FIFTH Army occupies the area.

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12. Property Control.

At the request of BUREAU Army property in FULL Province belonging to Mr. ANTONIO of E.C., Military Commission is being investigated. It is at present in military occupation.

13. Finance.

Nothing to report.

For the Regional Commissioner.

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1944

PART I

1. The outstanding event during September was the entry of the Armies into EMILIA and SAN MARINO. While penetration has not so far been great all ranks have been encouraged by the fact that personnel of this region are now working in their own territory.

2. The Provincial Commissioner of OALLI, working under command AMG Eighth Army is taking over each commune as it is liberated. This method of working will undoubtedly be a great advantage to the Region and will facilitate the transition from immediate first aid to the phase when longer term policies can be adopted.

3. Close touch has been maintained with both Armies and Regional and Provincial Headquarters have been moved forward to keep pace with their advance. All Provincial Teams are under command AMG Armies and are assisting spearhead C.O.s until their own territory is reached. Advance Hq with Eighth Army has been renamed East Hq. Locations are given below:

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East Hq	Riccione	R 9393
Ferrara Prov	Fano	S 2176
Forli Prov	Riccione	R 9393
Ravenna Prov	Fano	S 2176
Bologna Prov	Bivigliano	Q 2583
Modena Prov	Florence	Q 7969
Reggio Emilia Prov	Florence	Q 7969
Parma Prov	Lastre a Signa	Q 6669
Piacenza Prov	Montepaldi	Q 7158

4. Personnel. During the month 26 officers and 19 EM/ORs reported for duty while 9 officers and 6 EM/ORs were reassigned to other Regions. In addition the 41 OR of Region XI who had been temporarily attached to this Region were withdrawn. Strength at 30 Sept 44 was:

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American Red Cross	10 (Including 7 ladies)
Italian Platoon	
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5. Special Divisions: Specialist Officers continued to assist AMG Armies as required. No representatives of the following Special Divisions have so far been assigned to this Region:

Labour
Commerce
Communications

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Emilia Region Monthly Report for Sept (Cont'd)

PART II

1. No part of EMILIA is as yet administered by this HQ, and there is therefore little to report under the standard headings below.

2. (a) Political reactions and Popular Opinion.

Nothing to report.

(b) Local Government - Provincial.

Under command SCLO Eighth Army the Provincial Commissioner of FORLI is now administering the liberated portion of that Province.

(c) Economic Resources and Supply with Special Reference to the Food Situation.

Nothing to report.

(d) Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Preparatory planning has now been completed.

(e) Labour:

Nothing to report.

(f) Public Works and Utilities:

Normal planning activities.

(g) Public Safety:

(i) 1120 CCNR have been attached to this Region and allocated to Provinces as shown:

Bologna	300	Perrara	150
Modena	170	Reggio Emilia	100
Forli	150	Parma	50
Ravenna	150	Piacenza	50

(ii) It has been decided that in this Region Public Safety Division will be responsible for all matters concerning Patriots.

(h) Public Health:

Nothing to Report

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Nothing to Report

(i) Education:

Regional Education Officer was attached to Florence City team for work in connection with the opening of the university.

(j) Refugees:

Nothing to report.

(k) Communications:

Nothing to report.

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Emilia Region Monthly Report for Sept (Cont'd)

(1) Property Control:

At the request of 1. MG Light Army certain allied owned property is being investigated in the Province of FGAL. No details are yet available.

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 PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE DIVISION
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SUBJECT: Report for Month of September 1944.

TO : Public Health & Welfare Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC.

COPIES FOR INFORMATION TO: Regional Commissioner, Region IX.
 Provincial Commissioner, Forlì.
 Public Health & Welfare Officer, 8th Army.
 Public Health & Welfare Officer, 5th Army.

1. General Situation:-

The military situation has only progressed to a point where a part of Forlì Province has been liberated. Along the Adriatic coast this extends slightly further North than Viserba. Nominally these parts of Forlì Province are under 8 Army control, but the Provincial Commissioner for Forlì has begun operations in this area. Public Health Division has been actively working under 8 Army since 24 September. We have three (3) Red Cross Field Representatives with British Red Cross, as well as the Regional Public Health Officer, who is responsible to the Public Health and Welfare Officer 8 Army for the towns of Cattolica, Riccione and Rimini. Local public health matters are still under officers attached to Army Corps. Capt Marzelli and Major Andersen from Region XII are working for Colonel Farinacci on a sanitary survey of Rimini, our largest sanitary problem to date.

The coastal towns from Cattolica to Viserba have suffered very severely. Water and light are still not available. Food is scarce and supplementing the basic ration with local produce is not as comparatively easy as it was in Region III.

2. Sanitation:-

The Communal water supply has not yet been restored in any town along the coast northward from Cattolica. Service will probably be possible at Riccione within the next three (3) days, now that the 56 metres of 9 inch pipe needed for repairs have been secured. Subterranean damage at Rimini to water and Sewage has not yet been determined, but it is thought to be serious.

3. Communicable Diseases:-

There are obviously no valid statistics available as to the incidence of disease. In Riccione 7 cases of Diphtheria have been hospitalized. Three require tracheotomy. The health officer has sufficient Tetoid for immunization and the hospitals have been adequately supplied with Diphtheria Antitoxin. There have been 3 cases of Tetanus in the Civil Hospital at Riccione, all post traumatic, and both curative and prophylactic antitoxin have been supplied. In addition 5 suspected cases of Typhoid are now in the lazaretto of the same hospital.

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There are no available data yet as to Venereal Disease. Canadian troops in the area now have a rate of 40/1000/ annum, refreshingly low after Naples. This will undoubtedly increase if they settle down in the area for a protracted period.

From present indications the Po Delta will not be reached in time to make Malaria Control an immediately important problem.

4. Hospitals:-

Hospitals are functioning in every town from Cattolica to Rimini. Their capacity is as follows:

<u>CATTOLICA</u>		Available Beds	Maximum Capacity
Civil Hospital		50	40
<u>RICCIONE</u>			
Civil Hospital		100	100
Pronto Soccorso		40	100
<u>RIMINI</u>			
Casa di Riposo		60	100
Casa di Maternita'		100	100
Casa di Dispersio		100	100
(These last two (2) are not yet set up. The Casa di Riposo is operating).			
<u>VISSENZA</u>			
Casa di Cura		50	75
Pronto Soccorso		20	25

Medical personnel are fulfilling regular assignments at these institutions. Their quality is superior to that encountered previously to the South. Medical supplies for the present are adequate, considering the usual difficulties with distribution. Rations have only just regularly been "laid on", and one feels that this phase of procurement might have been handled more expeditiously. A system of evacuation to rear area hospitals has begun to function and is in charge of Miss Backman of the British Red Cross.

The Ospedale Civile at Rimini and its institute for Radiology and Physical Therapy is so damaged as to be useless for several months. Considerable X-Ray apparatus including 6 X-Ray tubes have been salvaged. It is impossible at present to do more than to consider the question of repairs.

Miss Ruth Lewis is doing an excellent job in organizing and supervising the hospital facilities at Riccione, and Mr. Robert Dicke has shown great energy and ability in the way he has gone about setting up the hospital facilities in devastated Rimini. The Health Officer in Riccione, Dr. Armando Belloni, is most cooperative and effective.

5. Other Institutions:-

There is nothing to report except that Miss Carlen of American Red Cross will begin work in two days with Communal Welfare programs in Forlì Province including rejuvenation of O.M.M.I. and custodial institutions and surveillance of E.C.A.

6. Welfare:-

Civil Hospital
Pronto Soccorso

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Casa di Cura	50	75
Pronto Soccorso	20	25

Medical personnel are fulfilling regular assignments at these institutions. Their quality is superior to that encountered previously to the South. Medical supplies for the present are adequate, considering the usual difficulties with distribution. Rations have only just regularly been "laid on", and one feels that this phase of procurement might have been handled more expeditiously. A system of evacuation to rear area hospitals has begun to function and is in charge of Miss Rackham of the British Red Cross.

The Ospedale Civile at Rimini and its institute for Radiology and Physical Therapy is so damaged as to be useless for several months. Considerable X-Ray apparatus including 6 X-Ray tubes have been salvaged. It is impossible at present to do more than to consider the question of repairs.

Miss Ruth Lewis is doing an excellent job in organizing and supervising the hospital facilities at Riccione, and Mr. Robert Dickie has shown great energy and ability in the way he has gone about setting up the hospital facilities in devastated Rimini. The Health Officer in Riccione, Dr. Arnaldo Belloni, is most cooperative and effective.

5. Other Institutions:-

There is nothing to report except that Miss Carken of American Red Cross will begin work in two days with Communal Welfare programs in Forlì Province including rejuvenation of O.M.M.I. and custodial institutions and surveillance of E.C.A.

6. Welfare:-

The Provincial Commissioner of Forlì is now in process of instituting assistenza through E.C.A. and Soccorso Militari. Expedient handling should do much to reduce the number of Sfolati crowding refugee centers.

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7. Refugees:-

The refugee problem one week ago was thought to be a very serious one. 80,000 sfollati were reported in San Marino. The Political Liaison Officer in the Republic says that many rations were distributed on one day. The number is probably closer to 10,000. Piacenza was designated as a Refugee Center for their reception but so far there are only 4,000 in the town. Mr. Trevor of the British Red Cross has worked vigorously and effectively in Rimini against heavy odds and deserves much commendation. Miss Helen Corken reported to San Marino to work with Miss Bush of British Red Cross but since the number of refugees was so much smaller than anticipated she was sent back to Piacenza to help Miss Tumor of British Red Cross.

8. S Army Personnel:-

With Main Headquarters at Vallombrosa so far separated from this Advanced Headquarters, it was thought best to delegate Capt Turner as Deputy Regional Public Health Officer in our dealings with S Army. He is now working as Sanitary Officer for the City of Florence. Major Dewing is acting as Welfare Officer for that City. Lt. Winterstein is to work with Capt. Wilcock of S Army. Red Cross workers have been assigned to each of the Army Corps and are ready to be called up.

9. American Red Cross:-

Mrs Cordella W. Bellard is acting as Regional Supervisor. For the present she will be active on S Army side, and Miss Katherine Bernick will act as her assistant with S Army. The latter is due to arrive in Piacenza shortly. So far the number of Field Representatives points the assignment of one per Province.

10. Food and Nutrition:-

It is too early to essay the nutrition of the people in anything more than the most superficial way. One can say that the population seems to be no worse off than it was to the South.

On 26 September a directive from the Senior Supply Officer, S Army set the basic ration at:

Bread.....	100 Gms. daily
D. Vegetable.....	50 Gms. daily
D. Soup.....	50 Gms daily
Meat.....	13 Gms. daily

The following supplement is to be provided daily for 10% of the population:

D. Vegetable and D. Soup.....	as above
Evaporated Milk.....	100 Gms.

or

Powdered Milk.....	35 Gms.
Soup.....	50 Gms.
Salt.....	10 Gms.
Sugar.....	50 Gms.

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On 26 September a directive from the Senior Supply Officer, 8 Army set the basic ration at:

Bread.....	100 Gms. daily
D. Vegetable.....	50 Gms. daily
D. Soap.....	50 Gms daily
Meat.....	13 Gms. daily

The following supplement is to be provided daily for 10% of the population:

D. Vegetable and D. Soap.....	as above
Evaporated Milk.....	100 Gms.
or	
Powdered Milk.....	35 Gms.
Soap.....	50 Gms.
Salt.....	10 Gms.
Sugar.....	50 Gms.

The inadequacy of this ration is obvious, but in this phase of operations is the best that can be expected. It will continue in force for one month.

11. Transport:-

Inadequacy of transport being, by now, a normal condition, it merely suffices to add that the degree of devastation on the Adriatic coast is such as to make the finding and requisitioning of civilian cars very difficult. In addition San Marino has been used as a safe harbour for many otherwise procurable vehicles.

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