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WEEKLY SITUATION REPORTS, CONSOLIDATED
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8 March 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SUMMARY NO. 20

Political : Outstanding event of the week was escape of General BOATTA (night of 4/5 March) on trial as accomplice in ROSSINI murder and for implication in terrorist activities under Fascism, etc. Government has offered million lire reward for his capture. 6 March Leftist groups held a meeting after which greater part of demonstrators marched to the Vittoriale Palace and others, amongst whom were many hoodlums, proceeded to Quirinale where at least one person was killed and several wounded as bombs were thrown, allegedly from crowd, and Carabinieri fired. Delegation at Vittoriale asked BONCHI to resign. Elements represented in delegation included Action Party, Socialists 4072, Communists, Union of Italian Women, Partisans and Wounded Veterans. Leftist Press urges resignation of BONCHI, Communists threaten to leave Government coalition unless operative measures are made more drastic. Council meeting 7 March.

French.....

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French-Italian direct relation renewed (1 March). COURVE DE
MIRVILLE to be French Ambassador; Italian Ambassador yet to be named.
General press reaction good although it is reported that resumption of
direct relations has resulted in ITALY giving us special status of
Italians in TUNISIA.

ALGER Political Section ceased functioning as at 1 March.

Strike at mines reported at CARBONIA 3 March, virtually ended
7 March.

Food &

Supplies : ROME: Grain stocks down to 18 days owing to transport difficulties.
Fruit and vegetables imports fell to 240 tons daily.

LACIO-UGHERIA : Olive oil amassing reached 37 % of goal with
approximately further 15% blocked in mill.

ABRUZZI-MARONE: Increase in bread ration causing further difficulties
in transport situation as GT Coy unable to meet increased tonnage required
for deficiency areas. Dissatisfaction among producers caused by increas-
ing price of potatoes and not of olive oil.

AScoli and MACERATA : 54,000 eggs, 4 tons flour and pasta, 18 tons
olive oil taken at GCHQ road blocks.

SOUTHERN Region: Olive oil amassing progressing with good results.

Crime :

SARDINIA : Enemy agent dropped 21 Feb apprehended. LACIO-UGHERIA
all round reduction in crime but unfortunate incident between Allied
troops and CC.RR. led to death of one Allied soldier. Strong action
taken by military authorities.

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Ten civilians arrested in connection with the throwing of hand grenades at cinema at TORRE DEL GRECO during performance of 'Dittatore' film. No persons injured.

Health: ARSENZO: 135 typhoid cases reported SAN GIOVANNI epidemic.

Approximately 50% of population inoculated.

TERAMO Province: Eleven typhoid cases reported. Victims chiefly of one family.

MESSAGNE, SOUTHERN Region: Two cases typhus reported.

Refugees: 375 refugees arrived in ROME in the last week chiefly from the LIGUA and CHIARAVALLE areas.

Price
Tendencies: Nothing unusual to report.

Wheat
Collection: Total to-date: 10,834,736.

ANY FIFTH &
EIGHTH ABOLISH: Nothing to report.

General Remarks: The setting up of the Allied Commission Priorities Board has resulted in supplies of repaired clothing being made available to Police Agencies in addition to 2414 pairs of boots allotted previously. Total of 258,639 mines cleared in CHIETI and PESCARA Provinces and about 750 tons of explosives recovered. 4070

Control of imported supplies for fishery purposes passed to the Italian Agency FARP.

Advisory Committees on Electric Power now formed in SICILY and SARDEGNA.

Railways: new through passenger service ROME-CALABRIA commenced 5 March.

Class/.....

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Class : one more flat-glass plant in TOSCANA Region came into
production on 3 March - VANDER, SAN GIOVANNI VALDARNO, AREZZO.

D. LLEWELLYN

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 25

Political : CGIL and General Confederation of Italian Industry agreed on need for rise in wages and adjustments will be made through the Unions (24 Feb). In accordance with suggestions made by CGIL Council voted (27 Feb) to increase wages of state employees by 50 %, family allotments by 100 %.

New directive for Italy well received by press.

Food &

Supplies : Nothing unusual to report.

Crime :

SARDINIA. Enemy agent reported dropped on 21 February not yet apprehended.

LASIO-UGHERIA. Police agencies carried out three raids for arms with success. Arms still appear in high percentage of cases.

ABRUZZI-MARCHE. Serious misbehaviour of Italian Troops of SAN MARCO Battalion at TERAPO on 14 Feb. Div. Commander warned he ~~was~~ **4468** be held personally responsible for further disturbances. Two cases of railway wagons containing valuable supplies sugar and caustic soda reported missing.

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Health: AREZZO, SAN GIOVANNI, typhoid cases reported to-date 132.

Anti-typhoid vaccination has been made compulsory. 2,000 persons already vaccinated.

Slight outbreak of typhoid at CINECITTA, ROME.

Refugees: 588 Italian refugees left ROME for repatriation to homes in SICILY or the South (24 Feb.)

409 refugees arrived in ROME during the week mostly from CHIARAVALLE and CASTIGLION FIORENTINO areas.

Prior Tendencies: No unusual trend.

Wheat Collection: Total to-date: 10,809,203 quintals.

ARMY FIFTH ARMY: Nothing to report.

ARMY EIGHTH ARMY: No change in territory but latest items included below.

General Remarks: Communist literature printed in ROME was found in a civilian car seized in FIMINI. Arms and ammunition discovered by F.S.I. in a house in SAN MARTINO FORLÌ Province, included 23 German and Italian rifles.

Three arrests have been made, others are expected.

The water supply of FORLÌ City which gave some cause for anxiety has been improved and will shortly reach 120,000 gallons per day.

Two pumps have been activated for drainage work in the area east of RAVENNA.

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LAZIO UMBRIA, Region: Salt for chlorine for ROME water supply still delayed but serious crisis postponed by discovery of small hitherto unrevealed supply.

Problem of prison population grows daily more acute with courts failing to keep pace with arrests.

Further shipment of livestock arrived from BARDINIA.

Total/.....

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Total of 3,800 blankets distributed in TRIESTE and adjacent communes by welfare organizations.

PIEMONTE : Two temporary wooden quays, each about 15 metres long, with draft of 2.5 metres now available for use; no warehouses are at present available. A dredge, 3 tugs, about 20 schooners and several fishing boats are still submerged in harbour. Dredge blocks mouth of canal, leaving only a 7 metres width for the channel.

TRIESTE : 100 metres of quay are now available for schooners, but port has no cranes or gear of any type and is badly in need for dredging. Maximum capacity likely to be achieved by repairs would be 1000 tons. Anchorage for about 12 schooners available.

Fisheries : Permission granted to fish within seven miles area round Island of PANTERIA and present naval regulations granting further relaxations revised for Northern Mediterranean.

Work on the double circuit 150,000 volt line between TRIESTE and CRTE finished during week. Will be utilized later in the transmission of power northwards from TRIESTE.

The 120,000 volt TRIESTE - REPERDI line also finished. Will serve as a supply towards BOLOGNA.

Arrangements have been made to adjust Armed Forces wage scale to correspond approximately with the caropane bonus for the higher cost of bread.

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D. L. WILSON

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,

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PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 27.

Political : Council meeting on 16 February abolished political price of bread and approved a number of financial-economic measures. A commission to reduce state expenses and local committees to assist in tax estimates were set up. Also planned special price control committees with representatives of CLN and Unions. Broad powers over markets given to Food Commissariat. Increase in pay of state employees as from 15 February; similar increases to workers in private industry to be worked out between Unions and employers.

Soldiers pay doubled.

Day of the soldier and the Partisan celebrated 18 February with parade and speeches by BONOMI, CASATI, SCOCCIMARRO.

Six Roman dailies suspended because of paper shortage (19 February). Italian Press Commission has been criticized for lack of foresight and arbitrary action. Suspension revoked the following day.

BARDINIA: The estimated figure of 10,000 men for the military call-up has already been set.

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Food and Supplies: Increase in bread ration to equivalent of 300 grams per day as from 1 March announced 21 February.

The first shipment of oranges this season (1625 tons) was made to UK.

Total olive oil amassed 26,000 tons, an increase of 3,000 tons over previous week.

TOSSANA Region salt position improved.

ROME : Drop in grain imports from North reduced reserve to 25 days but fruit and vegetable imports rose to 442 tons daily average.

ASCOLI and MACERATA: 4% of meat animals slaughtered in Provinces will be consigned to ROME. ANCONA made 2% meat slaughter concession to PESARO Province.

Crime :

Incidents involving throwing of hand-grenades or firing of shots have been reported from NAPLES, PISA and NUORO. One British soldier shot at PISA and one arrest made.

SICILY: Crime rates continue high.

LAZIO-UMBRIA: One new forged currency case.

Health:

AREZZO: 63 typhoid cases. Enter tests being made.

Personnel :

Brig. Gen. Edward S. MCKINLEY (A) appointed Acting Vice ~~4003~~ ⁴⁰⁰³ Agent

Economic Section.

Mr. G. Stewart BROWN (A) appointed Director of Public Relations Branch.

LAZIO-UMBRIA Region: Colonel Charles POLETTI (A) has resumed the duties of Regional Commissioner.

Major Carleton F. WARRHURNE (A) appointed Director Education Sub Commission.

Refugees/.....

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Refugees: No unusual trend.Price Tendencies: Generally reported still increasing.Wheat Collection: Total to-date : 10,535,885 qtls.AMG Fifth and

Nothing to report.

Eighth Armies:General Remarks: Total of 3,627 mines cleared from ORTONA-PESCARA railway.

Trunk now clear.

GROSSETO: Troops behaviour excellent.

MARCHE : Soap, shoes, and copper sulphate are most pressing need of this Region.

Arrangements have been completed for the Italian Government to take over responsibility for allocation of POL in LAZIO and ABRUZZI w.e.f. 1 March.

On 16 February the NERA MONTORO Plant at TERNI was re-activated for a production of approximately four tons of ammonia daily for the preparation of nitrogenous fertilizers.

SARDINIA: 9379 tons of coal were produced last week and the production rate is slowly improving.

Steps are being taken to increase the number of coal miners in SARDINIA by exempting miners from call-up and giving an option to non-miners to work in the mines instead of serving in the ~~Armed~~ ⁴⁰⁰² Forces.

Capt. E. S. Hutton

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ITALY SITREP NO. 26

Political : Government set up new Directorate for Veterans. Will take care of returning veterans, liberated civilians and patriots. GARIBOLDI named High Commissioner.

Socialist and Communist parties issued joint statement of progress (10 February) urging a national convention of C.D.F. and formation of Consultative Assembly. They announced that both parties will participate in administrative elections with common programmes and candidates, not however excluding possible agreements with other parties.

Press statement from Presidenza (14 February) says Interministerial Committee working out plans with AEGON for trade relations with SWITZERLAND: similar action to be studied for other countries.

Food &Supplies :

LARIO-JUNBERA. Oil amassed during week double previous period. Cooperation from authorities in ROMS and FROSCHONE very poor.

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Salt position generally is better but supplies of chlorine for ROMS water supply critically low. Arrangements made for 150 tons rock salt to be loaded in SICILY on 12 February for delivery to CIVITAVECCHIA to relieve shortage.

ARREDEI-MARINE. Olive oil collecting programme now under way in most important producing areas; 25% of goal amassed in Region to-date.

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BARI olive oil collection decreasing. Control officers functioning with inadequate transport.

LARIO-UMERIA. Out of total of thirty seven reported crimes attributed to civilians eleven involved arms. Four armed attacks attributed to Allied soldiers.

BOCCINIA. Shots fired at MURO train on night of 8 February. No casualties.

BARI, ANCONA, BRINDISI, LEGHES, new cases forged AM currency under investigation.

Health: Malaria control: A.C. is making available to the Italian Government 20 million atabrin tablets and all captured stocks of quinine that are on hand.

TRONARI Region. Typhoid outbreak in SAN GIOVANNI and GAVINELLA.

Refugees: Nothing unusual to report.

Price
Tendencies: LARIO-UMERIA. Bread and flour rose by 33% on black market. Rice rose 100%.

Wheat
Collection: Total to-date: 10,735,113 quintals.

General
Remarks: LARIO-UMERIA. 600 tyres will be distributed through Prefects in the Region.

ANCONA-MAORE. EMAC registration proceeding well.

Following industries have resumed production to-date, though hampered by lack of power: wool-spinning plant at AQUILA, cement and lime works at BOCCA, various brick factories, RAVOLISA plant at TERNI, shoe factory at CHIETI, MONTESATINI chemical plant at BRESSI, leather tannery at TOLLENTINO, paper mills at PIORACO and FABBIANO, silk industry at ANCONA, foundry at TOLLENTINO, match factory at JESI, producing largest number of matches of any factory in Liberated ITALY. Lignite mines at SUOPINO and BISSI, asphalt mine at SLAPA, and sulphur mines at PERTICARA and CASERHANSI are all operating.

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The PIRELLI rubber reclaiming factory at TORREBUONATA began operations and produced 3,000 kilograms of reclaimed rubber.

Permission given to ROME gas works to increase consumption of coal to 300 tons a day, which should suffice to produce gas at full pressure for seven hours a day.

ULIVIS CROCHI plant, TORREBUONATA (NINNA) began production of carbon bisulphide for olive oil refining and soap manufacture.

The plant of Officine Meccaniche e Fondarie at TERNI has been reactivated and commenced the manufacture of olive oil presses.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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WEEKLY SITREP NO. 25.Political:

CGIL congress at NAPLES closed 1 Feb with resolutions looking toward participation of workers in management of industry and urging nationalization of private monopolies and key industries. LIZZADRI, DIVITTORIO and GRAMSCI re-elected with acclamation to the segreteria generale.

Government gave figures 6 Feb on prisoners in GERMANY and in the hands of British, French and Americans, stated it was impossible to give accurate figures on those in RUSSIA. Press has been urging repatriation of prisoners in Allied hands and government pressure to clarify status of prisoners in GERMANY.

Council of Ministers announced, 7 Feb, that the political price of bread would be abolished as soon as possible.

CASERTA AFRICANA, FOGGIA, general feeling against military call-up with several demonstrations. Hand grenades thrown. No casualties but arrested conscripts released by force.

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Supplies:

A total of 4,300 tons of imported potatoes will be available for the 1945 planting season. Total seed potato movement for the 1945 season will be about one-fifth of that originally planned.

ABRUZZI-MARCHES. Olive oil collection approximately one-fifth of target.

Lazio-UMBRIA. Olive oil officers meeting difficulties owing to weakness of Italian authorities. One Sindaco threatened armed resistance to collection.

Boat position bad, only 100 grams issued in four months.

SICILIA. Food situation relieved by receipt 2735 tons wheat 7513 tons barley.

Crimes:

Two cases forged AE currency in BRINDISI Province under investigation. Work of AE court set up to deal with sabotage at RITONTO diminishing and it is believed to have served its purpose.

SICILIA Region. Two train hold-ups 27 Jan.

Health:

More than 900,000 vaccinations performed NAPLES City to-date.

Personnel:

Lazio-UMBRIA. Lt.Col. SCHOLTE appointed Acting Regional Commissioner.

Refugees:

Nothing to report.

PricesTendencies:

Nothing unusual to report.

WheatCollection:

Total to-date: 10,674,002
10,616,029 quintals.

AE Fifth andEighth Armies:

No new Communes occupied.

GeneralRemarks:

A further glass plant in TOSCANY went into production on hand-blown glass late in January. Rate of output 1,000 sq.metres per day.

The FIABRIS area was connected into the Central Italy Electrical Grid during the week, leaving only the LIVORNO area isolated. A second

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source of power supply to FLORENCE was provided when the TERNI - CHIUSI 120,000 volt transmission line was completed and put into operation during the week.

SRAC registration commencing this week in ABRUZZI Provinces. MACERATA, UMBRO and CAMERINO Universities reopened on 1 Feb.

Capt. R. S. Morley

RM Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 24.

Political: Council approved woman suffrage, 30 January. Same rules and restrictions as for male voters. Electoral lists, to be ready 10 April, will also include female voters.

General Staff brought under authority of Ministry of War 30 January.
General BORGIO named Chief.

CGIL Congress began in NAPLES 28 January. BORGIO sent message urging Unions to be above parties. 500 delegates from all over Liberated ITALY attended.

Separation. It was announced at Council meeting, 30 January, that 322 civil administration officials had been separated. Four Vice-anti Commissari for Sanctions against Fascists named: BRIGNERI (Socialist) replaces PADONE (Communist) on previous list. Others are MELAS (Liberal), MAZZOTTI (Liberal) and ITALIA (Christian Democrat).

Government announced on 31 January that it has asked counterpart ~~40~~ 95
in lire.

SICILIA Region: Political situation quiet.

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Food & Supplies:

Measures taken to increase the olive oil collection resulted in improved returns.

ARMY NORTH ARMY: Food supplies for three months ^{were} ~~have been~~ sent into 14 mountain communes likely to be isolated during the winter.

ROME: Has a 33 days' flour reserve. Fruit and vegetable situation slightly better.

Lazio-URBIA: Coal and lignite continued to improve. Shortage of salt for chlorine threatened water supply for ROME.

SICILIA Region: Flour situation tense with no reserves. Grain boats expected.

Crimes:

ROME: 1400 Carabinieri searched the offices of the Movimento Comunista d'Italia (25 January). Quantities of arms and ammunition were found behind a false wall. The premises were unoccupied and no arrests were made.

Refugees:

All civilians are being cleared from front line zone by Army order. Accommodation was arranged either by local dispersal or at AGI or AG Camps. The evacuation was proceeding smoothly.

Grain

Collection: Total to-date: 10,443,090 quintals.

General Remarks:

ABRUZZI-MARKUS Regions: Total of 155,887 mines, 600 unexploded bombs and approximately 800 tons abandoned ammunition cleared up to 31 December in CHIETI, PESCARA and TERAPO Provinces. Total of 180 Italians killed and 405 seriously wounded by mines in three provinces since Allied occupation. 4654

Larger numbers of patriots joined Italian Army due to increased efforts by recruiting agencies.

Patriots in NORTH ARMY area were fed on the Italian Army ration scale

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on authority AFHQ. FIFTH Army patriots receive the same ration as from 1 February.

The "Advisory Committee on Electric Power" was formed from representatives of the Electric Power Companies involved, the Italian Government and A.O.

The rebuilding of the second 20,000 KV transformer at TRIESTE was completed. This permitted the full output of the first 35,000 KW generator at TRIESTE to be utilized.

The North West ITALY Coordinating Committee set up by the Chief of Staff, ^{HC} commenced activities under the Joint Chairmanship of the Regional Commissioners of PIEMONTE and LIGURIA.

Capt F S Marden

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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25 Jan 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SUMMARY NO. 21.

Political: Press supports Government's mobilization decree but appeals for abolition of armistice terms and Allied status. Council meeting (18 Jan) adopted measures in favour of soldiers and their families, partisans being included in subsidy allotments. DE GASPERI reported G.L.N. message urging formation of really National Italian Army had been transmitted to United Nations leaders.

DE GASPERI announced recognition of Chiang King Government and abolition of VIENNA accord of 1940 looking instead to "friendly collaboration" with BULFAN-DAWIES States.

TAKHIAHI (Action Party) appointed Ambassador to Washington (18 Jan). SOERI (Action Party) appointed Secretary of Commissariat for Sanctions Against Fascism.

BARI Zone. Short strikes MESSAGGIO and MOLFETTA shipyards settled. Compromise reached in ROME between Government and delegation government employees from BARI, has removed possibility serious strike. Sporadic student protest against army call-up and non-publication of armistice terms indicates potential trouble probably due outside subversive elements.

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Naples/.....

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NAPLES-TARANTO. Similar protests university students but no incidents reported.

CARBONIA, Sardinia coal strike settled (17 Jan). Strike condemned by all parties.

CAGLIARI, Sardinia. Demonstrations against call-up for Italian Army 17/18 Jan. Bombs thrown on 18 Jan resulted in death of police agent. 11 persons were injured. No firing by police. Demonstrations now prohibited by order of Italian High Commissioner. City quiet and normal.

Food and Supplies :

ARONA Province. Great relief effected by arrival of salt ship of 750 tons.

LAZIO UMBRIA. Olive oil prospects in AMG territory fairly good. Elsewhere progress bad and there is very strong opposition.

ROME. 30 days grain still in the city. Fruit and vegetables are low at 350 to 400 tons daily. Fish and potatoes not available. Eggs sell for 35 lire each.

Crimes :

ROME. Important raid by police agencies resulted in 212 arrests which included 21 of "Hunchback gang". Large quantities of arms, grenades and military stores taken.

NAPLES. Italian paratroopers threw hand grenade at Allied Military Police wounding one military policeman and three civilians. Two paratroopers arrested.

FOGGIA Zone. Several cases of stealing of standing timber by Allied troops.

Health :

ARONA Zone. Shortage of medical supplies due to lack of organisation of EMSA.

NAPLES and BENEVENTO. Decline in smallpox continues.

FOGGIA Zone. Smallpox under control. Vaccination campaign very active, but 45,000 doses vaccine still required.

Personnel/.....

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Personnel : Mr. W.H. BRAINE (B) appointed Director Labour Sub-Commission.

Refugees : Twenty three Brazilians left ROME for NAPLES on 24 Jan for repatriation to BRAZIL.

Boat Collection : Total to-date : 10,340,396.

General Remarks : ROME-NAPLES passenger train service opened 22 Jan.

51,000 kilos argols, 15,000 kilos tartaric acid and 1,500 kilos onion seed were shipped to the U.S. during the week.

Reps : Reports on five plants in VERONE and RAVENNA regions have been received. One plant is in fair condition and rehabilitation is hoped for within the next two or three months.

Mining : CIRCELO coal mine resumed production. PIETRAPITTA. First lignite free mine arrived in ROME.

Capt. B. S. Morden

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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AMIR (JONES) 3-5 Section (BY HIA)

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Political: Government call to arms (of classes of 14 through 24) published 13 Jan. supported by press of all parties. On 17 Jan G.L.H. addressed message to ROOSEVELT, STALIN, CHURCHILL and DE WELLES, stating need of "strong national Army" to take its place at side of the Allies. Press has seized occasion to ask for change in attitude toward ITALY and Socialist and Action Parties have urged Army reforms at this time.

GASPARIANO named Air Minister vice BOLALOVA who resigned because of poor health (13 Jan). Four "Deputy Assistant High Commissioners" for sanctions against Fascism named: ITALIA, MILAS, KALAYTI, PAME.

At press conference on 16 Jan. Government spokesman said Council is planning to improve situation of soldiers' families; surveyed recent disorder in SICILY and stated serious trouble now past.

Private news agencies allowed to service Italian papers as from 15 Jan.

RENARDI formally installed on 16 Jan. as Governor of Bank of ITALY in presence of BUNGEI and Admiral STONE.

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Short strikes/.....

Two bombs, possibly set by disgruntled students, exploded in front of
two principal schools of TIANJIN, ANHUI-CHINA region.

BOVENHOF Region. Snow GAZDARCO seriously interrupting movement grain and flour. Poor irregularities affecting alimentation. LANTO-TOBOLA Region. Grain position remains satisfactory compared with earlier reports. RSE has twenty days in hand. Sugar distribution well advanced. General supplies into the market show slight sensible fall. ARHUSI-MAHNE Region. Deep ration of 100 grams per person monthly allocated to all Provinces. Food for CASTLE DI SAKIRO, snowbound for week, dropped by plane 15 Jan. TOGANA Region. Expecting trouble LIVURO if bread ration not raised to 300 grams. ARHED shortage of salt. PISA position improved.

An increase of forged Allied Military Currency in TOSCANIA Region and
ROMANIA is causing concern. SICILIA Region. Serious disorders Province
RAGUSA brought under control. Special reports rendered. TOSCANA Region.
CRISTOFORO Communists raided by Mps. Five ring leaders arrested. Haul of
gasoline, arms and ammunition. General reaction by populace is one of
relief. Investigations proceeding.

Conference held this Headquarters on small pox situation at BANGOR
with Assistant Director of Hygiene, 3 District.

SOUTHERN Region. Slight decrease ^{smallpox} Naples City and Province, considerable decrease ~~ENOSVISED~~. Typhoid static, low incidence all Provinces. SICILIA Region. Smallpox total 43 cases. TUNISIA Region. Scabies still most serious problem.

The UNRRA teams loaned for temporary work with Italian refugees have

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Some excellent work at the PORT ANSELIA Camp is being done during last two weeks.

The numbers of refugees for repatriation to SUDAN and SOUTHERN Regions have been diminishing noticeably.

TUGGANA Region. GORRISO will concentrate up to 500 refugees at FULJANCA Camp on receipt of blankets.

Price
Tendencies: Rice prices still rising.

Wheat
Collection: Total to-date: 10,319,408 lbs.

General
Remarks: Heavy amphibious raiding party blew up three bridges near PORTO SAR CIOBIO, ARBURI-HANDES Region, night of 9-10 Jan. but failed to halt traffic on highway.

Prince NGORRO toured ARBURI Province 14 Jan. Well received.

1,500 complete sets of clothing for patriots have now been delivered to FIFTH Army and 500 complete sets of clothing to NINTH Army. 74,000 sq. metres of hemp have also been delivered to FIFTH Army for making into mattress covers.

350 Patriots fully clothed have been sent to the South African Division as additional labour gang.

Movement has begun of armoured vehicles for the two mobile Battalions in SUDAN. 12 light tanks have been loaded at CAELIARI, SARDINIA, and will arrive at PALORIO on 21 Jan.

Application has been made for a mobile battalion in SARDINIA. 14 trucks and 12 armoured vehicles will be required.

New batch production at SAFFA, BASIN, already 70,000 packets a day. Ceiling production estimated at 200,000 a day.

77 boxes silk worm seeds arrived NAPLES by a. from N.H. for silk cocoon production.

1025 tons lemons, 1050 tons sulphur and 298 tons wine lees were exported during the week. An export availability of 6406 tons sulphur for a six-month period reported to AMHQ.

Cristalleria Nazionale at NAPLES has completed production of 30 tons neutral glass and 30 tons normal glass for pharmaceutical and chemical purposes.

The S.S. MONT EVEREST arrived at CIVITAVECCHIA on 11 Jan. with 70 head of cattle, first instalment of animals from SARDINIA for re-stocking LARIO-ABRUZIA Region.

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REUTERS REPORT NO. 21

Political : Council meeting 5 Jan approved new temporary housing program, allotting 5 billion lire for repairs to buildings (3 billions for public buildings, 2 for private). Special committees have been formed in all provinces to give immediate attention to shelterless. Council accepted SPORSA's resignation, thanked him for his work, stressed urgency of situation. No successor to SPORSA named; the President of the Council will preside over work of the four Altì Commissari Regionali.

At Press Conference 9 Jan Government spokesman expressed pleasure at KAMILLAR's statement of Allied plans for ITALY looking to progressive restitution to Government of political and administrative responsibility. Spokesman admitted numerous disorders in SICILY caused, he said, by current rumors that ITALY is to be sacrificed for the benefit of other countries. Also said Italian Government has no objection to publication of Armistice Terms.

9 January Interministerial Committee, headed CROCCO, drew up plan to control prices and fight black market.

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BARI. -tant strike of statal and pu -tal employees temporarily averted pending presentation of demands to Government. General meeting called for 25 January to decide. If no satisfaction obtained, general strike all Government employees anticipated throughout Bari Zone. Marxist Posters displayed BARRICADE, no further information. New Sindaco, **FRANCESCO**, installed in BARRICADE City 8 January.

CHERCHI. British Foreign policy still adversely criticized although Mr. CHURCHILL's visit to ALGERIA caused expression of admiration. War news did not cause loss of public confidence.

FISA. No further action by young Communists. All quiet.

Food and
Supplies:

ANTONIO Region. Distribution sugar begun, much appreciated by population. All movements grain and flour in CARBONARO held up by snow. Food supply difficult in mountainous regions BARRICADE and dislocated by constant interruption power supply. Olive oil collection still falling, sowing late Spring wheat delayed due non-arrival seed. **CHERCHI** no sugar.

LUNGO-CHERCHI Region. Grain stocks of twenty three days in BARRICADE show slight increase on previous week. Salt position is becoming more satisfactory. Pasta is sufficient for full month's issue of 600 grams. Arrangements are in hand for further wine supplies. Potatoes still very unsatisfactory average one four tons a day into BARRICADE. Fresh meat supplies short and uncertain. Fresh fruit and vegetables are in good supply.

ANTONIO-CHERCHI Region. Non-arrival of scheduled schooner shipments caused acute shortage of salt at BARRICADE.

CHERCHI Region. Supply greatly improved in LUNGO. **CHERCHI** supplies sufficient for next week except salt.

Conferences with Italian Government officials are being held, personnel being re-assigned and plans made to develop effective support of the olive oil collection program.

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Weld by Western Agents in SALER on black market racketeers failed by 15 Italian carabinieri several of whom have been arrested.

Theo breaking still goes on in SALER but several arrests have been made. Last motor vehicle being stolen and quite a number recovered.

Disturbances occurred SALER 3 January as result of Army call-up. Disturbances known to have occurred in SALER, VITTORIA, POMIG, and MONTA. See special wires. At latest reports any SALER and MONTA quiet, fighting in progress VITTORIA. Possibility of unrest spreading to CATANIA.

Transport for the two Mobile Battalions in SALER has been allotted. 24 3-ton trucks made available from Italian Army and proceeded from SALER to MONTA during past week. 12 armored vehicles being supplied from SALER and 12 from MONTA. Movement of these vehicles not yet completed but being expedited by AFM.

Health: Five cases smallpox. Position static in SALER City and Province. Vaccination teams functioning daily having vaccinated 33,415 persons during week. SALER experiencing difficulty in eradication smallpox. 20 vaccination teams working. Allied officers posted SALER by COMUSM Region HQ, and Area HQ to cooperate and to further activate preventive programs. SALER City seven cases smallpox. Emergency supply vaccine received by SALER.

Smallpox in SALER and POMIG Provinces increasing.

Refugees: One train reconstituted 843 Italian refugees to the North this week. 200 Balkans and Greeks sent to AVIGRA Camp near SALER for eventual repatriation to GREECE and TURKEY.

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Imminent loss of SALER Italian Refugee Camp due to Italian Ministry of War having to re-occupy it for essential training will crowd refugee camps. 2000 as 1,200 must be accommodated in camps already full. It is hoped that new camp near AVIGRA near SALER for 1,500 will be completed beginning February.

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ALBA 440 refugees dispersed in province. Food and blankets provided.

Price No change SALERNO, NARZI, TARANTO, CATANIA. Mining TREVISO, VIGGIA, REGGIO
Tendencias: Region.

Boat
Collection: Total to-date: 10,249,000 quintals.

AND FIFTH Army: Nothing new/report.

AND EIGHTH Army: Nothing new to report.

General Remarks: Numbers of captives held remain static around the 1,000 mark in FIFTH

Army area. No report has been received from EIGHTH Army.

The Minister of Public Instruction has agreed to distribute the new school supplies, requisitioned from the UNITED STATES, to schools in Italian Territory and arrange for payment. A joint conference was held with the Minister of Public Instruction, representatives of the Minister of Public Works, and the corresponding Sub-Commission heads to consider the repair and reconstruction of school buildings throughout ITALY.

An All Priorities Board has been set up within the Allied Commission for allocation of GI and civil supplies and their movement and to arbitrate between conflicting interests of Sub-Commissions. Allocation will include salvage, scrap and excess war material and Board will decide priorities on movement of persons where it affects movement of supplies.

Approximately 1500 new jeep tyres and tubes and a small number of G.I. truck tyres and tubes received. 63 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks arrived 24/12.

At ALBONA an additional 5000 tons of space obtained by acquisition of new warehouses. 4642

In about a month's time the power plants and main transmission lines of Electric Utility Companies in CENTRAL ITALY will be combined into one feeder system at a frequency of 45 cycles, which will result in more efficient use of the available generating capacity.

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The first 35,000 Kw unit of the GULATO Power Plant at TCHU began operation under test conditions.

Export shipment to US, UK and FRANCE composed of 7 1/2 tons vegetable seeds, 3930 tons sulphur, 147 tons hemp, 538 tons wine lees, and 206 tons wine. All lemon purchases for export suspended owing to prohibitive increase in freight rates on timber for box making.

Industrial Gases. Arrangements made for repair and testing of 500 gas cylinders in the Centro Uniao Militar, ROME. These will be taken over by Fido and enable them to double their oxygen output. Oxygen output for Fido is now 20,000 cylinders per month of which UNIC and UNB take 15,000 leaving 5,000 for civilian requirements.

Production of cement at GULATON continues at a satisfactory rate of 60 tons a day. This will be increased when allocated coal arrives. Heavy snowfall in east of UNIC-UNB Region. All roads except No. 16 closed for varying lengths of time during week. Practically all truck and vehicles kept off road by impassable roads and lack of chains. TCHU Region. GULATON over 1500 children spent Christmas Day with UNIC and UNB. TCHU Region. GULATON found for refugees. 60 pairs shoes purchased and cake and wine added to ration. TCHU Region. GULATON labour conditions greatly improved, and midday meal provided by Armed Forces for their employees which caused favorable comment.

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PRIORITY

Foreign Affairs No. 20

Political: At Press Conference of Ufficio Stampa della Presidenza 27 Dec the following statements were made: Italians were hopeful of soon renewing diplomatic relations with USSR; aspiration would go on though USSR wished to resign and would probably be succeeded by a legislature; administrative elections would be held in spring; the Government is determined to increase war effort.

At meeting of Council 30 December President announced message from COMAI affirming solidarity in fight for reconstruction. Also stated Allies have agreed with COMAI on military measures but have given no political recognition; however, Italian Government has recognized COMAI as representative organ of anti-fascism. Supporting War Ministry's removal of Gen. ALESSI (who had suggested change in formula of oath and other Army reforms) Government said officers and soldiers must maintain strict discipline. Government also drafted law for bettering economic condition of State pensioners. 29 Dec Gen. Luigi BRATTIAN named Undersecretary for War. 2 Jan Luigi Einaudi made Director of Bank of Italy; Introna to be General Manager.

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Situation satisfactory SOUTHERN Region except where possible strike legal and other employees may involve all Government services with repercussions public utilities.

PIDA young Communists active in connection with GEMEX situation. Said to involve kidnapping of Allied officers. Investigations in hand.

Food and Supplies:

MOGIA grain and flour shipments 1930 tons rail 126 sea. Power supply irregularities dislocating Alimentation MOGIA Province.

Supply situation bad in BARI Zone, olive oil collection failing especially BUNDELI and LUGGS, lack of fertilizers for vegetables general.

YANETO ship loading 1500 tons provisions for CIVITAVECCHIA.

2,500 tons sugar arrived at CIVITAVECCHIA for ROME and BATH on 31 Dec.

Ships have been sent to lift 4,000 tons of citrus fruit from SICILY for ROME area with expected deliveries after 10 Jan.

LUGGS-MOGIA grain position with twenty one days supply in ROME is unchanged. Salt although much improved is still grave. December requirements being distributed this week. Sugar improved with arrival of one month's supply. Wine is coming slowly but future prospects are good.

ARUNDELI-BATHEN olive oil collection in TEGANO Province going fairly well; more oil confiscated in other Provinces than voluntarily assessed. Grain collection target now exceeded by more than 12,000 tons.

LIVORNO supply situation improving.

Lack of wagons hinders movement citrus fruits crop in CALABRIA and heavy losses are feared.

CRIME:

Shop-breaking ROME remains high but arrests generally are good a feature in a number of cases.

SIRNA investigations counterfeit currency in SIRNA resulted in arrest in ROME.

No further disturbances SICILY but Director General of Public Security/.....

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Security, Ministry of the Interior and General Commanding the Carabinieri are ~~to~~ investigate thoroughly conduct of Carabinieri during riots. This HQ expressed concern to Italian Prime Minister at inability of Italian Police to quell disturbances and asked what measures taken to prevent recurrence. Suggested that Government announce intention to preserve order by force if necessary.

APHC agreed formation of mobile battalions of G.I. in SICILY and transport for Battalions at PALERMO and MESSINA now made available from Italian Army. These two mobile Battalions each of 500 men should help greatly to keep order.

Health: 7 new cases smallpox SICILIA, total 12.

3 smallpox centres of infection MESSINA and PALERMO, active vaccination programme both cities but due many factors vaccination rate low. Four cases smallpox PALERMO City, all preventive measures taken. Typhoid low incidence rate and not major health problem. Contagious hospitalization has presented many difficulties at some large centres without these facilities and ambulance service to the larger localities does not exist. Typhus only two cases during month both PALERMO Province.

Lazio-UMBRIA Region outbreak of Typhoid in FROSINONE due to bad sanitary conditions under control.

Refugees: One train for repatriation to SOUTHERN and SICILIA Regions during week.

Departed FROSINONE Station with over 1,000 repatriates.

Price

Foodstuffs: Price trend still upward in SICILIA and SOUTHERN Region. Slight fall in prices Lazio-UMBRIA Region after the holiday peak but still high. Prices high ABRUZZO and rising PISA.

Heat

Collection: Total to-date : 10,094,458 quintals.

ANG FIFTH ARMY: Nothing new to report.

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AND EIGHTH ARMY : Nothing new to report.

General Remarks : Some SALSANO schools considering closing due cold weather and lack of glass.

Considerable assistance given to poor and state officials Christmas 1944. Nothing and boats urgently needed BOGIA Province. Serious shortage of fuel owing to lack of rail transport from GALLERIA. Signs of improvement in morale of G.I.s. in GENE.

SENA 900 attended Christmas party for children. Sweets and toys distributed to hospitals. SENSIO newspaper being established. GMA taken over by TUSA Region effective 30 Dec.

A SENA-BOGIA and SENA-BOGIA roads blocked by snow. SENA and SENA roads to GENE still passable and plowing under way.

The new ration scale for prisoners of 250 grams of bread and 50 grams of pasta a day and 100 grams of tinned meat a week went into effect on 1 Jan 1945.

Cork contract for 300,000 corks for fishing nets for SALSANO has been placed.

Repairing and dyeing of salvaged army clothing is proceeding successfully at SENSIO with considerable quantities soon available with expanding production.

Plano della Morsa plant has had one unit restored to operation this week with a capacity of 14,000 Kw which is now limited to 2,000 Kw owing to shortage of water, the reservoirs being still in ~~open~~ hands.

The Italian Government with approval of AO have fixed prices for imported and nationally produced coal and lignite. Landed cost of imported coal is 3,000 lire per ton and Salsano coal, 4,500 lire per ton. SENSIO mine is to be opened with a daily production of 700 tons lignite.

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ROME SITREP NO. 19.

Political: Council of Ministers, meeting on 23 Dec, dealt principally with financial matters. Treasury budget approved; payment of 13th month's subsidy to workers sanctioned as well as additional indemnity to inhabitants of large cities. Minister of Public Works charged to prepare special programs to check unemployment. Part payment on subsidies to be given "pensionati" while final programs for this category is being worked out.

Generals PENTIMILLI and DEL TETTO found guilty of abandoning post in NAPLES and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment.

Pope's Christmas speech widely discussed in press; general lines met with approval.

Threatened strike BARI registrars and clerks over low salaries. Generally no further reaction over new government among population.

Local Communists rallied ~~strongly~~ during last fortnight in TOGIANA region. ARSIZO and EISMA party active.

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Food and
Supplies:~~DECEMBER 1941 withdrawal all olive oil control officers considered fatal.~~

MASSIMO import of wheat less than requirement, Medico Provinciale comments shortage of soap. MASSIMA wheat export programme maintained with difficulty owing to shortage road transport and occasionally rail wagons; charcoal and wood situation still difficult, clothing and boots most urgent, Dislocation of fish market due to MASSIMA Prefects excessive price decree. TARSUS shortage of soap.

Hundred trucks of 1902 GT Company on 27 Dec began movement of grain from MACERATA, ASCOLI and TERAMO to deficient portions of AQUILA Province. Olive oil collection continues bad in ARRUZZI-MARONE Region.

Grain and flour position in LARIO UMBRIA better than ever before but drop expected as a result of Christmas break in loading. General food supplies over Christmas good.

Food still most important and critical item in UMBRIA Region.

Crimes:

Order now restored in SICILY after a week of demonstrations against the military call-up. Only 1000 men have so far reported of the anticipated 5,000. To combat resistance Military Commander proposed suspension of further call-up and trial of delinquents by Military Tribunals, and after sentence offer of service by Minister of War in lieu of sentence.

Situation SAN GIORGIO, SALERNO Province, now quiet. Wood stealing UMBRIA forest by Allied troops affecting normal supplies. Midnight 16 Dec 17 GSP raided farm at ARIMO. American Major and one civilian killed; woman, girl and child seriously injured.

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In LARIO-UMBRIA crimes involving Allied Military are still fairly high. Civilian shopbreaking as yet unchecked.

Health:

Smallpox static in MARISE. No new epidemics in evidence. Reports from some Commissioners indicate general health conditions satisfactory.

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Typhoid in ASIA COLLE SALVETTI under control. Only one case reported from there this week. Two cases in LIVORNO.

No new cases smallpox SICILIA. Total old cases 35.

Refugees:

On 23 Dec a special train left ROME for REGGIO CALABRIA and PUGLIA with 1200 Italian Refugees for repatriation. One train arrived during the week with 730 refugees from the NORTH, of which 614 were Roman. ABOUT 1,000 refugees returned from North to command of STAFF SAN STEFANO. ABOUT 1,800 BOLOGNA refugees dispersed to command. Food and blankets distributed.

No large movement in LARIO-GENOVA and Christmas arrangements in camps good.

Advance party of three teams on temporary loan to help reorganise existing Italian Refugee Camps and set up the new camp being opened near ROME.

Price

Tendencies:

Prices rising NAPLES, FOGGIA; no change BARI, SALERNO and TARANTO zones except reasonable increases.

Wheat

Collection:

Total to-date: 10,258,501 quintals.

AND FIFTH ARMY

Nothing new to report.

AND NINTH

ARMY

ARM officers entered PUGLIA 18 Dec but unable to remain in town. Situation sufficiently secure permit them to remain 20 Dec.

Flour and medical supplies delivered to cover immediate shortages.

Ample grain in town and command but NO milling facilities workable yet.

Town badly damaged estimated 90% destroyed or irreparably damaged.

About 5000 civilians in town but still living in cellars including few partisans. Two hospitals, one functioning in basement, other has been evacuated to safer area. NO water or power.

General Remarks/.....

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General Remarks:

2,000 overcoats, 2,000 sweaters, 2,500 pairs of socks and 2,500 shirts have been delivered to ELGIN for the Patriots.

A complete organization has been set up in SOUTHERN Region for the repair and dyeing of Army salvaged clothing. Commencing output 2,000 garments a day. Garments are distributed to Italian civilians and special groups like Patriots and Public Safety agents.

Position regarding clothing for CO.EL steadily improving.

CO.EL successfully raided some houses in ELGI for illegal stores of arms and ammunition. 22 persons were arrested and charged and enquiries are proceeding against 27 others.

Public Safety Sub-Commission notified that Carabinieri road-blocks in GENOVA Province have found evidence such wheat is moving on military vehicles.

Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission compiled report on damage to FUSI with recommendations and documented list of works of art missing from TUSCAN deposits. Important collection of paintings missing in FUSI.

The Minister of Education activating separation of school personnel and pressing derequisition of school buildings in ELGI.

Class requirements for schools hard to meet in TOSCANA Region.

GRASSANO overcrowding causing anxiety.

Deep dissatisfaction at continued prevention of housing in TOSCANA Region.

A survey of sugar beet processing plants has been completed for SOUTHERN Region; a similar survey is now being made for Central ITALY.

The Ministry of the Treasury has presented the revised budget for the current financial year to 30 June 1945, covering the 16 Provinces now under Italian Administration. Total expenditure, including Lit. 17 milliards for interest on state debt, is estimated at Lit. 73 milliards/.....

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milliards and total revenue at Lit. 13 milliards.

Italian Government informed that the aggregate amount of L.I. lire outstanding in the hands of banks and public at 31 Oct last was approx. Lit. 44 milliards, of which Lit. 6 milliards had been advanced by AG/ASG for purposes of Italian civil administration.

A generating unit at the GORUSSO plant, which was recently repaired, developed a short circuit and damaged the plant to such an extent that at least three months will be required for repairs.

At GENOVA, in Central ITALY, a 1600 Kw unit, damaged by the enemy was restored to service after five months work.

Further supplies Red Cross clothing landed for ANCONA and PESARO. 40 housing projects, involving 266 houses with 1358 rooms and costing 19½ million lire, under way in devastated area North of LIGURO River.

Total of 497 major military road and bridge repairs completed under supervision of Regional Engineer during last six months of this year.

5300 children entertained in cinema Christmas party by Provincial Officers AVELLA Province and 1800 Christmas packages distributed.

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PRIORITY

~~SECRET.~~WEEKLY SITREP NO. 16.

Political: Council meeting on 20 Dec BONCHI stressed desire of all Italians to participate in war, pointed out importance of decision of C.I.N. - to cooperate with Government in war effort and reconstruction of the country and maintenance of liaison between component political parties. The Italian Government had delegated to C.I.N.A.I. direction of patriots action against Fascists and Nazis. Consultative organs to be set up by the council and hope was expressed for administrative elections in Spring. Creation of interministerial Committee to coordinate economic reconstruction approved. Further grants to SICILY and SARDEGNA for economic rehabilitation. Both islands to have advisory bodies to assist High Commissioners, but Council made strong statement against separatism. Also approved various relief measures giving new Food Commissariat wide powers.

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Food and Supplies: Shortage of flour in CATANZARO and REGGIO due to interruption of both road and rail services. Some Communes without bread for four days. Export of flour from FOGGIA to COSENZA temporarily stopped owing to interruption of railway line beyond BARI.

General report that olive oil is not being amassed, but is nevertheless moving on the roads in large quantities. It is the view of SOUTHERN Region that the amassing decree is useless without the control of large numbers of Allied officers.

Petrol is in short supply in CANTORASCO.

The shipment of citrus from PALERMO, mentioned in last week's sitrep, arrived at CIVITAVECCHIA. Of the 23,000 cases on board 1,500 were reported stolen between CIVITAVECCHIA and ROME.

Crimes:

Series of disturbances have taken place in SICILY since 11 Dec, reported to you separately. Origin is given as protest against military call-up. The move to the Island of two Bns Italian Army troops when completed will strengthen confidence in ability to deal with untoward events. Also moving to the Island is Montegrano Bn as re-inforcement for Carabinieri.

An armed robbery by Allied troops is reported from SAN SEVERO, FOGGIA. No identification so far.

BITONTO (BARI Zone) still quiet.

Rioting reported from SAN GREGORIO, SALERNO Province, over new wine tax and olive oil amassing. Seven arrests by Carabinieri.

Small demonstration outside CASERMA at BUTI (TOSCANA). Shots were fired, two persons wounded, twelve arrested. 4-31

Health:

Smallpox in SOUTHERN Region is reported static in NAPLES City and a slight decrease in NAPLES Province. Vaccination programme proceeds energetically. No evidence of typhoid becoming epidemic. Typhus

Control/.....

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Control Unit now operating ten distilling stations NAPLES City. No evidence of the disease becoming epidemic.

In LIVERNO outbreak of typhoid at COLLE SALVATORE is under control.

From PTSA an increase in scabies is reported but a decrease in diphtheria and typhoid.

Refugees: 2,200 refugees from the North are expected to arrive in ROME within the next seven days.

Price Tendencies: Reports of rises in prices are general.

Wheat Collection: Total to-date: 3,923,034 quintals.

ARM FIFTH ARMY: Nothing new to report.

ARM EIGHTH ARMY: Latest report dated midnight 11 Dec deals with entry into RAVENNA. No serious damage. At that time there were 25,000 inhabitants with an estimated 20,000 in surrounding neighbourhood. Power supply was destroyed and serious interruption of water supply.

350 patriots were found in the city and are being gradually disarmed. They are well disciplined and doing excellent work.

The Prefect had fled and the prison contained 95 alleged fascists imprisoned by patriots.

All of the important mosaics in SAN VITALE, SANTA PLACIDIA, S. APOLLINARE NUOVO, S. APOLLINARE IN CLASSE, THE ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE, the ARIAN BAPTISTERY and the ORTHODOX BAPTISTERY are practically intact. The sixth century ivory throne of BISHOP MAXIMIANUS is also safe.

General Remarks: In GROSSETO City there is a serious accommodation problem due to influx of troops, aggravated by recent flood conditions.

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A strike of employees at NAPLES waterworks was ended after 12 hours by arbitration.

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The bid for electric power to reactivate the FRANO Industries has not been accepted on account of military requirements. The situation remains therefore that six small firms are working with their own power.

During the week 3,500 Kw of generating capacity was restored at ACQUORIA HYDRO Plant. This unit was transferred from CAPRANO HYDRO Plant and considered an important achievement in restoration work. Offsetting this was the loss of 1,500 Kw and 3,000 Kw generating capacity at TERNI Plate Mill and LARDERELLO respectively, due to breakdown.

There has been an acute shortage of rail cars in CALABRIA Division due to difficulties created by wash outs following heavy rains. All repairs have been effected except at TUSI, where the connection to METAPONTO is likely to be out of action until end of Jan 1945.

A bid was accepted by AFM for the movement of 500 head of cattle, 300 horses and 2,000 sheep from SARDINIA for the re-stocking of LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

One further lemon shipment made during week - making a total of 254,000 boxes (10,193 tons) of lemons shipped to UK this season.

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WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER 17.

POLITICAL: On evening of 7 Dec BONOMI formally accepted charge of forming new Government. List of Ministers prepared two days later: see letter of 12 Dec from Chief Commissioner to Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ. Occupied ITALY is new Ministry and former Communications has been made into two Ministries as indicated. On 12 Dec Government took oath following formula of last June. BONOMI reminded Ministers of truce on institutional question and obligations of armistice terms. Expressed gratitude to Commodore STONE for tact and understanding. Undersecretaries were then formally named: see letter of 12 Dec from Chief Commissioner to Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ. Old Undersecretariat of Press and Information has changed its name as indicated. Meeting set up special Food Commissariat, Gino BERGAMI to head it.

FOOD AND
SUPPLIES;

SALENO serious shortage milk also sugar and preserved meat. FOGGIA export flour interrupted owing to electricity failure, sugar for Dec and Jan has arrived.

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Olive Oil/.....

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Olive Oil. Collection unsatisfactory in nearly all districts: latest collection 44,151 quintals of which BARI Province shows 32,305 quintals. Discussions are now proceeding on the degree of control which should be exercised by the Government over its collection.

23,000 cases of citrus loaded at PALERMO for CIVITAVECCHIA - first of a series of shipments designed to export surplus to areas short of fruit, coasters being used to avoid delay and waste. Lack of available shipping in the MEDITERRANEAN is holding up exports, but the fourth cargo of lemons left SICILY for UK during the week.

Owing to the acute food situation in SICILY it became necessary at very short notice to divert two cereal ships there.

CRIME:

438 civilian prisoners escaped GATTOLASSO prison 7-8 Dec. Investigations proceeding. No further trouble BITONTO (BARI Zone). No further news POTENZA gang. All Courts BARI in full operation, arrears in civil courts decreasing.

Trouble anticipated in SICILIA Region on account of threatened food shortage.

HEALTH:

In SOUTHERN Region smallpox vaccination programmes continuing in all Provinces where disease manifested. Disease still present but static in incidence. Elimination of diseases being accomplished entirely by vaccination as no remedy yet provided for overcrowding, inadequate hospitalization, or lack of ambulances and other transport, all of which are in preventive programmes. Typhoid has apparently reached a reasonable static condition. No evidence of epidemic. Meeting called TARANTO by ADM 52 Area 8 Dec attended by representatives Allied Forces and Italian Forces and civilian Administration to coordinate anti-typhus in Provinces.

A conference has been held to plan for the 1945 Malarial Campaign. Sufficient vaccines and serums for veterinary purposes are now either in stock or in sight.

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PERSONNEL: The President's nomination of Commodore STONE to be Rear Admiral has been confirmed by the Senate.

REFUGEES: The High Commissioner for Italian Refugees has two refugee camps in preparation at SABAUDIA and GASTA both in LITTORIA to hold respectively 500 and 1000.

The total number of Partisan Yugoslavs repatriated by 4 Dec was 4,685. At the request of the Yugoslav Government no further shipments have taken place and about 1300 Partisan Yugoslavs remain in the camps in Southern ITALY.

PRICE TENDENCIES: Nothing special to report.

WHEAT COLLECTION: Total to-date: 9,858,944 quintals.

AMG FIFTH ARMY: No reports since last sitrep.

AMG EIGHTH ARMY: No reports since last sitrep.

GENERAL REMARKS: A second shipment of rock phosphate unloaded MONTECATINI (Southern Region). Chemical fertilizers beginning to arrive in ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region and are being distributed to various Provinces.

A greater part of the 5000 soldiers to be attached to the CC.RR have reached their stations.

A new overall scale of rations for prisoners has been approved with the following changes. Bread is increased from 300 grams to 350 grams a day and 100 grams of tinned meat a week is now added. Other changes are anticipated.

Monuments and Fine Arts. Forward officers have been informed of probable deposit at CAMPO TURES (Province BOLZANO) of sculptures removed by Germans from deposit at POGGIO A CAIANO (Province FIRENZE).

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ABRUZZI MARCHE Region Labour Office is now functioning in ASCOLI PICENO under Avv. ALFONSO RUO formerly of FOGGIA Province.

ANCONA postal service is to open 18 Dec.

MAGERATA schools including University requisitioned for use of troops; numerous schools in ASCOLI TERMO and GIBITI also requisitioned.

Joint programming on First Aid rehabilitation against American dollar credits. A deadline of January 1st, 1945, has been set with the Italian Government as the date for submission of basic requirements by individual Ministries. The Ministries concerned are now working with the appropriate Sub-Commissions of Economic Section on these programmes.

The power transmission line serving all East ITALY "APULIA AREA" was repaired and put back into operation after being out of service for about two weeks. Only 30% of normal power was available during this period. Damage was caused by flood waters washing out three transmission towers.

An additional 3000 Kw of generating capacity made available in Central ITALY by the installation of additional transformers at the CEFANO HYDRO plant. Present availability of this plant now 9000 KW. - the result of five months intensive work.

The rate of discharge of the first collier at CIVITAVECCHIA averaged 500 tons a day. The port of FIUMICINO is reported ready to receive coal-laden barges drawing not more than 2.4 metres.

The first part of the Census of Liberated ITALY has been prepared by the Istituto Centrale di Statistica and sent to WASHINGTON.

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PRIORITY

ITALY: SITING NO. 16.

POLITICAL:

During the week parties have taken fairly clear positions. Action Party wants SPURZA as Foreign Minister, will not collaborate with BOSCHI. Socialists also unwilling to accept BOSCHI, claiming he has not been faithful to C.L.N. Communists more conciliatory in tone but follow same line. Statement of SPETTINUS has stiffened the Leftist parties' attitude. Liberals and Labour Democrats still willing to serve with BOSCHI but anxious not to hear of six party unity. Week's discussion has not substantially altered the position. BOSCHI still trying to form government; on 4 Dec asked collaboration of DE GASPERI, NORZI and TOGLIATTI but only the first gave unqualified assent.

At GENOVA general re-shuffle in C.L.N. continued. Communists attempted to prevent legal aid for 14 criminals at Tribunal trials. At PIOMBINO 60 women demonstrated asking for bread and removal of Sindaco. Unemployment at LIVORNO and PIOMBINO causing increased Communist activity.

Southern Region. Short strikes BARIETTA and GANDSA settled. Two communist leaders summoned to ROME 29 December.

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FOOD AND
SUPPLIES

Salt urgently required VULturna and SALTINA (GROSSETO Province). Big demand for meat at ARZENO, where shortage of tyres and spare parts causing distribution difficulties. Sugar urgently required in hospitals at LIVORNO.

Reserve of increased rations and special Christmas ration current LAKIO-UMERIA Region.

Food and supplies position causing anxiety BARI, TARANTO and CATANZARO. Interference electric supply handicapping flour mills and olive presses at FOGGIA. 500 tons bean seed exported from FOGGIA to BARI. Oil collection at BARI reasonable but export warehouse storage difficult.

Fresh fish transport service by fishing schooners from BARDINIA to mainland to be started.

Nearly 10 days' coal supply now in hand at ROME steam plants.

Weekly wine trains from BARI to NAPLES now operating. First train left BARI 29 November.

Two shipments of lemons left for UK last week. Regular shipments to follow.

Decision on 300 grams bread ration delayed pending concurrence of CCS.

CRIME

Slight increase in LAKIO-UMERIA Region but no major crime.

270 prisoners from ROME jail arrived CASERCHIO jail. Caused minor trouble on arrival but now quiet. On 3 December at BITONTO (BARI zone) 2 British OR's assaulted and wounded 5 Italian civilians, one of whom died. Situation now quiet.

HEALTH

Lectures and demonstrations on Typhus Control held 2 and 3 December in LAKIO-UMERIA Region. Plans being made to hold similar lectures in Northernly Regions. 422

Slight smallpox outbreak in BARI under control and subsiding.

Smallpox showing gradual decline most areas of Southern Region.

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27 cases in NAPLES City and 29 in NAPLES Province during week.
28,173 vaccinations carried out this period. Gradual decline of
typhoid noted. 17 cases NAPLES City and 10 NAPLES Province during week.

PERSONNEL:

Col. LEOG, Director of Food Sub-Commission, returned 29 November
from visit to UK and US.

REFUGES:

Following numbers of Partisan Yugoslavs have left ITALY to date:
On 28 November 900; 1 December 2,500; 4 December 1,200. Total 4,600.

PRICEINDEX:

Slow rises reported in GROSSETO and AREZZO.
Slight but general fall reported LARIO-UGETTA Region.
Still rising CATANZARO.

GRAIN COLLECTION: Total to date: ^{9,818,174} 13,480,174 quintals.

AND FIFTH AREA:

PIA Province was handed over to TOSCANA Region 25 November.

Considerable underground Left-wing activity reported in towns in
the ARNO valley and ARE consider trouble is likely if food situation
does not soon improve.

New Centre opened at LUCCA for Partisans pending their employment on
road maintenance by Army Engineers.

Total grain collection for TOSCANA as at 23 November was about equal
to 1943 collection, i.e. 92% of estimate, but North of ARNO only quarter
of usual amount has been collected.

Mine clearance is improving.

Editors of an anarchist journal in FLORENCE traced and arrested
by Provincial Police Officer. Elsewhere distributors of paper caught.

S.E.F. 25 November free circulation permitted within FLORENCE Province,
South of ARNO. Postal services expanded in same area.

Typhoid spreading in PRATO, where main water supply cannot be
restored yet until large railway viaduct is reconstructed.

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Red Cross field representatives doing outstandingly good work in reorganizing local hospitals in forward areas.

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See our signal 7778 of today which is paraphrase of Army sitrep on occupation of RAVENNA.

ORIGINAL
REMARKS

Patriot Reception Centres and Reception Points to be established in Army areas.

4% of men accepted into the Italian Army in each district to be enrolled as Carabinieri. Estimated that 1000 recruits for Carabinieri will be obtained by this scheme in period December/January. 17. Carabinieri awaiting employment in territory not yet liberated to assist GHI(b) RIGHT Army in control of civilian movement in interim.

Responsibility for distribution of coal in SASSUOLA passed to Italian Government.

Present effective generating capacity in Central ITALY is 97,530 kilowatts and ~~more~~ one-third increase since 1 November.

Pool system now in operation for HQ Allied Commission area.

Joint programme for essential imports now agreed with Italian Government.

1/Col. M. HOPKINS-RABULOVIC.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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WEEKLY SITREP NO. 15.POLITICAL: Council of Ministers met 22 Nov, dealt with control of radio and films.

Also made provisions for SARDINIA, setting up SARDINIAN Council and Bank and approving 1,000,000,000 lire for agriculture and industry on Island.

Crisis in government began Sunday, 26 Nov with resignation of BONOMI Ministry. In past few days Lieutenant General has conferred with political leaders of all important parties including those not in government. C.I.N. has met and attempted to choose coalition candidate to succeed BONOMI. Action Party has indicated it would not participate in government unless SPURZA is Foreign Minister; Socialists reluctant to collaborate again with BONOMI.

FOOD AND SUPPLIES:

Position SICILY still causing anxiety.

Salt arriving in Provinces ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region but distribution to Communes still bad, owing to inefficiency of monopoly agents. 30% of wheat crop at PERANO, spoiled due to lack of storage, has been fed to livestock. About 30,000 hectares of maize ready for collection at MACERATA when warehouses are available.

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Flour supply LAZIO-UMBRIA Region satisfactory ^{for} 12 days. Other foods and supply situation causing anxiety.

Position generally satisfactory in SOUTHERN Region subject to distribution difficulties. Wagon supply short as ever. SALERNO Medico Provinciale emphasizes shortage of sugar, disinfectants and soap. FOGGIA sent 600 tons of grain to ROME in special train. Olive oil control officers working well but numbers insufficient. 2 Public Safety officers assigned to SOUTHERN Region for work connected with enforcement Olive oil harvest law.

CRIME:

On the decline LAZIO-UMBRIA Region. Civil arrests in last four weeks dropped from 75 to 42.

Gang reported operating POTENZA and district rounded up. At FOGGIA 60 forged 1000 lire notes received and seizure of contraband olive oil continued. AMG courts opened BARI and BITONTO 24 Nov.

HEALTH:

16 new cases smallpox reported SICILY, making total of 26 cases.

Decline in ~~the~~ incidence smallpox noted in all areas SOUTHERN Region. Vaccination programs still active. Typhoid rate also declining progressively. 2 cases typhus verified at CARDITO. All ^{counter} active measures taken by Typhus Control Section of Commission. One case cerebro spinal meningitis reported at IRBINA (BARI zone). Enquiries being made.

Refugees:

All refugees in SICILY except 48 returned to mainland.

Blankets still needed LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

2100 passed through SALERNO bound for REGGIO and 800 passed north bound for ROME.

PRICE

PRODUCES: General trend in SICILY still upward.

Higher in LAZIO-UMBRIA Region. Ordinary civilian suit costs 30,000 ^{lire} Rising CATANZARO.

Wheat Collection/.....

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ROME COLLECTION: Total so-far: 9,734,695 quintals.

AND FIFTH ARMY: No change to report.

AND EIGHTH ARMY: No change to report.

GENERAL REMARKS: Afternoon 20 Nov in S. GIORGIO (VILLAPUTRU district SARDINIA) small radio transmitter landed attached to an American parachute. Immediate search organized for 2 parachutists who civilians report also landed. Transmitter found.

Truck pool No.7 activated at ANCONA. Possibly the only electric traffic signal in ITALY now operating in AQUILA City.

An emergency supply of clothing for patriots sent to FLORENCE.

First fruit ship of the season now loading citrus fruits in SICILY for U.K.

Pietrafitta Mine, only large stripping lignite mine in Central Italy, commenced limited operations on 27 Nov. Has daily potential of 1500 tons if power and other supplies available.

First coal laden steamer, carrying 1,800 tons, arrived CIVITAVECCHIA.

Two more Q.M. Coys (M.T.) now operating.

Rail line No.50 (LIVENOR - ROMA) re-opened 26 Nov.

Italian steamship ABALIA nominated for passenger service between SARDINIA and mainland (CAGLIARI - NAPLES) commencing about 26 Dec.

Rear Army security control line adjusted w.e.f. 25 Nov to following: PANO - URSINO - SANSEPOLCRO - ARNANO - SIENA - COLLE DI VAL D'ELSA - GROSSETO. Check line to be just north of these towns.

Two-day hunger strike in AQUILA prison believed ended. Grievance was fact that prisoners were getting 300 gram bread ration while ~~400~~ 7 prisoners had 525 grams.

Short strike MIST ALBAIO (BARI Zone) settled. Judge Counsellor of Reputation Committee NAPLES reported 22 Nov.

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WEEKLY SITREP No. 14.

PRESIDENT: Announcement was made in AFHQ General Order No. 27 dated 18 November of the delegation by the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theater, of his functions as President of the Allied Commission to the Right Honorable HAKIM HACHILLAR, M.P., British Resident Minister AFHQ, in addition to his other duties, effective 10 November 1944.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT,
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
& C.O.A.O.

Announcement was made in AFHQ General Order No. 27 dated 18 November of the appointment of Commodore ELMER W. STODOL, USNR, effective 10 November 1944, as Deputy President of the Allied Commission, and in addition to serve as Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission and Chief Civil Affairs Officer of Occupied Territory under Allied Military Government in Italy vice Lieutenant General FRANK W. NASON MACPARDANE, K.C.B., D.S.O., MC., relieved.

POLITICAL: Council of Ministers heard reports from High Commissioner of Sicily and Sardinia; declared, on investigation that recent violence (19 Oct) in Palermo was "A crime of the people" and not instigated by any individual or group. The Council also approved decrees to speed reconstruction and increase the war effort.

General Roatta, ex-chief of stato maggiore has been arrested as also his assistant Col. Bertolini.

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Count Carandini, Italy's emissary to England, left for London on 20th November.

Renni, Socialist leader, visited ARSIZO 18th November but held no meetings.

Two short strikes BARI and CAROTA over carovita both settled. Small Partito Agrario formed LECCE, consisting of anti-Communist landowners. Disturbances at CATANZARO where peasants invading land under Italian Government control. First meeting new cooperative society at TARANTO 19th November.

Secretary Communist Party and G.L.N. causing trouble against Sindaco of FICCHINO, situation under control.

Food & Supplies:

Grave shortage freight cars adversely affects transport and supplies to BENE and wheat from surplus areas. Good expectancy olive oil crops LIVORNO.

Stockpiles ARBIZZI-MARONE provinces to be enlarged to provide for 300 grams bread ration if ordered.

Grain amassed ARSIZO province spoiled by damaged warehouses.

Regularity of flour delivered LECCE-BARRIA Region slightly ⁴³¹⁵ improved, but general position causing anxiety.

Sugar and olive oil in particular demand SALERNO. Olive oil collection started at BARI - 8989 quintals collected. Serious lack

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of rail cars at CATANIA.

P.W.B. producing film on massing of olive oil.

Two Woolien Textile firms commenced work at PRATO. Further 23 will start when electric power available.

Ration scales for food and petrol for SAN MARINO same as for Liberated Italy.

General issue soup and dehydrated vegetables suspended as from 1st December (except in Army areas) owing uncertainty future supplies. All supplementary rations continued.

CRIME:

Improved LARIO-UMERIA Region since apprehension of gangs of deserters.

Gang of Canadian deserters now less active; military police operating several squads. Much contraband oil seized at FUGGIA and TARANTO.

HEALTH:

Generally satisfactory but 6 fresh cases smallpox in Sicily.

Southern Region: Incidence smallpox NAPLES City and province declining. Approx 3000 vaccinations in week NAPLES province.

No area showing active epidemic stage. Typhoid not public health threat now.

PERSONNEL:

Brigadier M.S. Lush, Chief of Staff, returned 16th November from visit to LONDON.

The Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan, Acting President, left 21st November for LONDON and WASHINGTON.

REFUGEES:

2000 repatriated from SICILY to date.

BARI prefects report inability to accept any more refugees.

GRANISATO: FOLLONICA camp extended to receive additional 100.

PRICE TENDENCIES:

Still increasing SUESS province where fixed prices for wood and charcoal extremely high.

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LAZIO-UMBRIA Region; continued rise for luxury goods; rationed goods again rising in Black Market.

Fresh fish and meat prices SIXTY much lower following prohibition against preserving fish.

WHEAT COLLECTION

Total to date: 9,692,170 quintals, 72% of target figure.

AND 5 ARMY:

Two small communes in FURLI occupied and one more in LROCCA province. Considerable surplus of grain found in a town in FURLI Province. Florence Deputazioni Provinciali officially appointed.

Reformed administrative agencies making progress.

Wheat crop being too damp to be stored in some areas, distributed in bulk to families on basis of 200 grams ration and milling card substituted for bread Tesseré.

Deployment en bloc with Army formation found for Patriots held in Florence. Arrangement very satisfactory so far.

AND 8 ARMY:

Part of EMILIA Region provincial team working in FURLI which is still under enemy shell fire.

In RAVENNA enemy has broken banks of river south of town, adding to flooded area of province.

GENERAL REMARKS:

Dr. SMILJANIC, member of Yugoslav mission to Advisory Council, replaced 16th November by Dr. SMURJAKA.

Lt-Col Verley arrived 20th November from C.A. BERMA. To spend short time as observer with Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

Reference penultimate para. Sitrep No. 13 please read "East Africa" for "North Africa".

First repairs to CAMPOBASSO FISA reputed now completed.

Special office set up by Minister of Interior to investigate complaints of public against Public Security agents. "Order of

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the day" issued by Italian Director Public Security Corps calling for increased efficiency.

All Italian military prisoners serving ~~more~~ over 30 days to be transferred to Italian military prisons now under jurisdiction of Minister of Grace and Justice.

Unemployment rising ABRUZZO-MARKIS Region.

Mining supplies and equipment sunk LIVORNO harbour to be salvaged.

Regional engineers instructed to place more work and responsibility on Italian Ministry of Public Works.

Deaths in CROCIATO flood 13. Nameless over 600.

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Brigadier,
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16 Nov

WEEKLY SITREP No. 13.

Political:

Council of Ministers met on 15 Nov and 16 Nov and heard reports of High Commissioners for SICILY and SARDEGNA. Discussion of political situation deferred pending further meetings of Ministers without portfolio. Communist Party issued manifesto 11 Nov calling for (a) relaxation of Allied control; (b) swifter defascistisation; (c) immediate municipal elections; (d) increased powers for C.L.N.; and (e) greater war effort. Communists and Socialists held mass meeting ROME 12 Nov which, although attended by 15,000, passed off quietly. Tuscan C.L.N. visited ROME 9 Nov to demand right of choosing Prefects. Growing newspaper agitation on non-fulfilment of promise of 300 gram ration made by President Roosevelt.

Southern Region reports political activity reviving in NAPLES.

Labour Democrat Party leader at TARANTO working for creation of cooperative society, open to all. Hand grenades thrown at Communist gathering NAPLES zone, causing slight damage to property.

Food and
Supplies:

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Food and Supplies: LAZIO-UMBRIA Region report food position in provinces fairly good but only three days rations in ROME. No improvement in supply situation.

NAPLES consignment of olive oil arrived ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region where food and supply position satisfactory. Greater quantity of supplies available NAPLES and in SALERNO distribution improved by transport situation. At TARANTO 50% W.D. trucks off road due to lack of tyres and tubes.

Movement of seed wheat to devastated areas improved. Up to 30 cars a day moving through RME to LITTORIA, FOSSIMONE, NAPLES and SALERNO districts.

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Crime:

Pew-hold-ups and thefts by deserters. Two gangs apprehended.

Explosion across street from ARRUZZI-MARCHI Region HQ being

investigated. Many HQ windows smashed.

Six men arrested NAPLES zone for hold-up of train. Extra Military Police arrived RARI to deal with gang of Canadian deserters now believed to number 20. Three Canadian and one American deserter reported arrested by Allied Commission personnel at CATANZARO.

Health:

Only five smallpox cases in SICILY. 250,000 inoculations reported PALERMO city.

Slight increase of smallpox NAPLES city and small epidemic (35 cases) in SALVO VESUVIANA. 6,000 vaccinations carried out in past three weeks and epidemic under control.

Two new cases anthrax reported FOGGIA. At SALERNO 29 cases typhus and acute shortage smallpox vaccine.

Personnel:

New appointments of Acting President and Chief Commissioner of Allied Commission duly put into effect.

Refugees:

Situation in ROME improved since recent start of trains to South. 600 repatriated from SICILY.

Approximately 300 arrived RARI zone by sea and were dispersed in IERRE area. Train arrived SALERNO with 1100 refugees from RARE for SICILY.

Price
Tendencies:

Higher for luxury goods, slightly lower for controlled and rationed foods on Black Market - Lazio-Umbria Region.

Continued rise in SICILY.

Southern Region report rise at FOGGIA and CATANZARO, otherwise

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Situation in RMZ improved since recent start of trainings to South. 600 repatriated from SICILY.

Approximately 500 arrived RARI zone by sea and were dispersed in LECCE area. Train arrived SALERNO with 1100 refugees from RMZ for SICILY.

Higher for luxury goods, slightly lower for controlled and rationed foods on Black Market - Lazio-Umbria Region.

Continued rise in SICILY.

Southern Region report rise at PUGLIA and GALIZIANO, otherwise no change.

Total to date: 9,362,867 quintals. 71% of target figure.

Public morale improved in FLORENCE by prospect of better food rations.

Increased flow of refugees expected in near future.

Not reported last Sitrep: On 2 Nov River ARNO rose quickly, water entered streets of PISA and continued to rise until morning of 3 Nov. City was at one time out off. Water then subsided slowly and most streets now drying out. Workmen broken banks of river recommenced.

Price
Tendencies:

Wheat
Collections:

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3. rep dated 14 Nov just received reports:

Two simultaneous minor demonstrations in FLORIAN 10 Nov, ostensibly for more food but probably for political motives. AMG consider C.T.I.N. probably behind them. A deputation presented a petition for more food with 2000 signatures.

With Army at saturation point 2000 refugees evacuated South.

Similar number will probably be evacuated this week.

Civil Affairs Officers arrived FURLI 10 Nov. Reported that so far town has suffered slight damage but was still under mortar and shell fire. Patriots reported 2000 civilians living in cellars.

Nothing else from Eighth Army.

Tenth enemy agent with portable wireless set dropped from enemy aeroplane by parachute 9 Nov near PULIS, CRISTANO area, SARDINIA. Man named TRINIAS taken into custody by local Italian police.

ABRUZZO-MARCHE Region. Plans for reconstruction devastated areas being prepared. Branch truck pool opened at ENNO. Armistice Day ceremony held at graves of 96 Allied soldiers.

Distribution of 15,000 tons imported nitrogen fertilisers in

Southern Region completed.

Constitution and terms of reference of the Industrial Coordination Committee now approved.

Arrangements in progress for handing over to Italian G. ~~4000~~

SARDINIA coal mines, agreed to by ANQ.

700 Yugoslav agriculturists repatriated on 6 Nov.

A number of officer and AM CO. RR and Pioneer Guards, former PW in North Africa, repatriated and attached to BARI Region. After

AMG Eighth
Army:

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Day ceremony held at graves of 96 Allied soldiers.

Distribution of 15,000 tons imported nitrogen fertilisers in
Southern Region completed.

Constitution and terms of reference of the Industrial Coordination
Committee now approved.

Arrangements in progress for handing over to Italian C. ~~4000~~
SARDINIA coal mines, agreed to by ARHQ. 4-18

700 Yugoslav agriculturists repatriated on 6 Nov.

A number of officer and EM C.A.P.R. and Finance Guards, former PW
in North Africa, repatriated and attached to RAPI Region. After
training they will be distributed throughout Southern Italy.

Patriot representatives with Armies, Regions and Provinces now
being paid by Italian authorities through Allied agencies. System
is working well.

JOHN M. HOPKINS-RADWIG, JR.
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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VERELY SITREP No. 12.

Political : Council of Ministers met twice during week. On 3 Nov abolition of the General Staff was decreed and operation tightened by giving more initiative to High Commissioner. On 7 Nov Council reasserted that the six parties of the coalition are the expression of the will of the people and that the constitutional question will be solved by a constituent assembly. This was an answer to implications in Lieutenant General's interview with Matthews of "TIMES" in which the Prince indicated a plebiscite should come before the constituent assembly and gave the impression he thought parties did not fully represent people.

Meeting of 7 Nov approved liquidation of Fascist federale and confederale (parastatal) organisations. Among other decrees touching reconstruction is creation of Sottosegretariato (Under Secretariat) for Food.

Communist President of G.L.N. GROSSETO Province (TOSCANA Region) dismissed by general vote due to opposition to Communists by other parties.

Formation reported in LIGURIA of Union of Independent Democrats.

Fusion of Liberal and Democratic Parties reported at TARANTO.

Food & Supplies :

Charcoal Production GROSSETO Province going well.

Food situation SICILIA Region reported bad.

All Public Safety agencies ROME area placed on increased ration scale equivalent to that of Italian Army.

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Wheat position NATURE serious and flour issues exceed wheat intakes.

Shortage rail wagons still handicapping export grain and flour from PUGLIA.

Olive oil campaign proceeding well.

Position serious CATANIA due to lack of rail cars for grain distribution.

200 tons of clothes provided for CANTONALDO.

Plans made to aid fishing industry and discipline marketing of fish.

Crime : Number of hold-ups by deserters in 1943 much reduced.

Two bombs exploded PUGLIA on demonstration against C.C.M. No damage caused.

Health : Tuberculosis GROSSETO Province: increase over last year estimated at 50%

Few cases swillpox in CALABRO. Increase in NAPLES City and Province. Stable at BENEVENTO. Otherwise no outbreaks this disease experienced except in CANTIERA (AVELLINO Province).

Personnel : Brigadier J.S. BURMAN took over temporary command Southern Region 6 November replacing Colonel TROPERNY : Colonel G.M. GIVERS Acting Regional Commissioner Venetia Region.

Refugees : Movement from SICILY to ITALY begun.

400 in transit through CALABRO zone and 550 arriving Southern Region by train from ROMA.

Approx. 900 expected at BARI from CORFU.

Price

Flour : Continue upwards in SICILY.

Wheat

Collection : Total to date 2,193,790 quintals, 70% of target figure.

Ang. 5 Army : Provinces of MODENA entered by Fifth Army and further advances made in Provinces of FORLI, RAVENNA and BOLOGNA.

Many bridges washed out and all but a few main roads made impassable by heavy rains.

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Problem of finding shelter for troops now acute.

Food and medical supplies everywhere being distributed. Morale in VERONA and PISA improved by increase of bread ration of 200 grams.

LUCCA tobacco factory reopened 26 October.

Reported improvement in efficiency of G.S.R. reported in FLORENCE. Transportation difficulties add considerably to main problem of supply.

US 8 Army: Reports received on 3 large towns liberated recently. VERONA only 10 % destroyed and about 15,000 out of normal 25,000 population in the city. Supplies present no immediate problem. In GORIZIA about 25 % of buildings destroyed and many damaged but public services only partially disrupted. VERONA is first town to be captured in RIVIERA Province. Town practically undamaged.

All military billeted in SAN MARINO have left Republic and only service units under canvas remain.

General Remarks: Serious flood GROSSETO caused by River ARNO bursting its banks on 2 Nov. 11 dead, 400 homeless and much loss of cattle. Considerable damage in town. Energetic action taken by Provincial Commissioner who reports flood now subsided and local situation normal. Communications disrupted temporarily and only slowly being restored.

Appointment approved by Italian Minister of Public Instruction of a committee to organize teachers throughout ITALY into small groups with general object of despoiling whole educational system of ITALY.

Red Cross week in RSE (extended to 12 days owing to bad weather) collected 100 tons of clothing and supplies and over 1 million lire in cash. 4406

Allowances to be paid all fighting patriots, indemnities and pension equivalent to those of Italian Army to be paid to families of wounded and dead.

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1 Jan 45 is target date for assumption of responsibility by UNRRA of South-East Italy Accommodation Centres.

Meetings held between Economic Section and UNRRA representatives on question of loan of supplies to enable UNRRA to function. Referred to AFPS for decision.

Increase as from 16 Nov in Italian Armed Forces wage scale (grant of 40 to 60 lire a day in addition to present wage) approved by AFPS.

SATAP plant PALERMO has resumed operations with a monthly output of 2500 tons superphosphates. About 300 tons a month of Carbon Bitalphide will be produced by IMILANO plant at CATANIA, recently opened.

Italian Government financial mission (3 Italian officials accompanied by Lt. Col. G. J. Taylor of Finance Sub-Commission) left for US on 3 Nov. Half of new Italian Government currency to be printed in US and the other half in ITALY.

3 of Trust Coys now formed. Other 5 still in process of formation.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Summary Report No. 11

Political: Description of diplomatic relations between Italy and Sicily, Sicily and American Nations was critical item in foreign affairs. MINISTERS, now Minister without Portfolio in Government, is to be Italian representative in 1955. General issued statement saying Italy trusted in sense of justice of United Nations based to be made 1954. He added Italy needed all kinds of aid and reconstruction program would have priority over social and political reforms.

General approved recommendation of UNIL for immediate distribution of lands to peasants. Orders have been issued to Provincial Commissions to begin distribution 5 Nov.

Council of Ministers meeting 27 October made plans for attacking Sicilian question. A "Comitato" is to be set up on the island, made up of representative Sicilians and funds were set aside for Sicilian industrial development. Situation in ASILA Province returned to normal. Additional Carabinieri brought in.

No repercussions followed PASERO incident on 19 Oct and situation normal, though Separatists are seeking to exploit incident.

Discontent reported at Caltanissetta over non-payment of promised advance on pay increase.

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Food and
Fertilizers

Issue of 300 tons of wheat fortnightly agreed. It is from 5 Nov for TORONTO, MONTREAL and QUEBEC Regions, also Fifth and Eighth Army 250 acres. Olive oil harvest beginning at 200L.

Good position of potatoes ordered to 2000 and Provinces from MONTREAL-QUEBEC Region.

Look of rail cars still wintering deliveries to LITHUANIA and POLAND. Delivery of flour to 2000 slightly improved. Agreement made with 2000 on terms of reference for the Industrial Co-ordination Committee.

Italian Government to take over distribution of food in liberated territory. Discussions in progress with new Order Secretary for Food on mechanics of the change-over.

Police

Situation satisfactory most Regions.

Arrested by Allied Despatchers and Italian troops in Allied uniforms reported MONTREAL-QUEBEC Region, also very few thefts. Canadian Despatchers going still active MONTREAL and QUEBEC but no arrests reported.

Health

Quelques decreasing MONTREAL and Provinces. Slight in QUEBEC. No new threat to public health in other Provinces, Southern Region. Typhoid declining in QUEBEC, elsewhere more or less static.

Quelques shortage acute in MONTREAL Provinces.

Personnel

Mr. H.A. Garcia, British Vice-President of the Political Section, transferred by Foreign Office to Greece.

Major Grahame appointed Acting Director Education Sub-Commission.

Refugees

Evacuation of 2000 area will probably mean 500 people a week leaving in 1945.

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Prices of wheat-milled and unrefined feeds slightly higher MONTREAL-QUEBEC Region. Some rise in parts of Southern Region.

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Food
Allocation

Total to-date 1,174,850 quintals. 69% of target figure.

Food
Supply

Food supply adequate except sugar, olive oil and tinned meats. Problem is transport particularly for grain from SOUTHERN and WESTERN areas to forward areas. Considerable improvement reported in administration PROVINCE.

Food
Shortage

No serious shortage of food in PROVINCE as reported in previous reports. No serious shortage of food in PROVINCE as reported in previous reports. No serious shortage of food in PROVINCE as reported in previous reports.

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Remarks

General remarks: Region reports civil telegraph service from AVELLA to TIRANO, VIGILI, GUSTI and TIRANO. Also to TIRANO this week. (Provinces recently handed back to Italian Government). Connection with ROME via telegraph service between TIRANO and ROME.

The new designation Allied Commission came into effect 27 Oct. Districts under the 12th Army are now under the 12th Army. Districts under the 12th Army are now under the 12th Army. Districts under the 12th Army are now under the 12th Army.

225 Specialist professional appointments are to be established and the vacancies filled by competitive test.

Strength of Carabinieri being increased by transfer of 2000 Italian troops. Also for their return to military duties under discipline with ARN.

Exhibitions of works of art at AVELLA and at TIRANO are being arranged.

1st, 2nd and 3rd C.S. Truck Corps newly ready. Monthly training proceeding with all possible speed.

New electricity rationing plan for civilian population at ROME announced this week. Will take about 3 weeks before complete.

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REPLY LETTER NUMBER 10.

Political : Riot in Palermo 19 October, 26 killed 156 wounded when soldiers fired on mob. Council of Ministers, meeting following day, heard Alcide's report on Sicilian situation, ordered full investigation. Council also ratified workers' subsidy measure, prepared additional ones for state employees, gave special attention to rules for reporting press. 21 October BORGESI sent circular to Prefects explaining Agrarian legislation in preparation and stressing that pending its application no illegal or violent action should be tolerated.

Southern Region reports "Recent announcements regarding withdrawal of AGO from Southern Italy viewed with great concern by all responsible Italians". Incidents in two provinces AGRIGENTO and MESSINA on day of turnover to Italian Government. In AGRIGENTO about 300 persons attempted to occupy uncultivated private land. Carabinieri and other police agents fired on crowd. One peasant killed, 6 wounded. Full investigation being made and Italian political leaders warned of their responsibility. Incident same day at MESSINA.

Sicilian Separatists attempting to exploit incident on 19 October. 2000 youths held anti-commercial demonstration at MESSINA.

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Communist influence SARD and SICI increased, particularly since visit of Soviet Delegates. Recent strike at PUGLIA alleged to be engineered by Communists. Discontent at paper factories SARD promoted by Communist leaders.

Food and Supplies

Generally no change. Salt arriving in more adequate quantities ASUR and SARD Region. Urgent need for tanning materials in SARD. New flour mill at LIVORNO to start working 25 October.

Arrangements made for rations of all Italian public safety organizations to be increased from heavy workers to Italian Army ration scale w.e.f. 1 November Olive Oil harvest beginning in Southern Region. Soap ration being distributed at SARD. 360 tons fertilizer arrived SARD. Shortage of rail cars for distribution of supplies reported in Southern Region.

Crime

Central directorate of prisons at SARD to be abolished on 15 November. Gang of alleged Canadian deserters reported operating at SARD and CORNELIA.

Health

Mainly satisfactory. Anterior poliomyelitis decreasing in SARD Region. Representatives Public Health Sub-Commission (Typhus Control Unit) began tour of Southern Italy and SARD to instruct medical provincial in fighting techniques for typhus control.

Approximately 100% increase in smallpox in SARD Province. Mainly in commune of SAN ARSIZO. 21701 vaccinations SARD Province. Quarantine declared for all unvaccinated. Slight increase in SARD. Vaccination continuing. Active steps in general being taken. Foot and mouth disease LATINA (TAR NTG Province).

Personnel

Brig. R.E. Parkinson, Director of Public Health Sub-Commission, left on a visit of approximately 10 days to S.F. in connection with public health activities, particularly work in connection with malaria.

Col. R.E.P. Spicer, C.B.C., is to replace Col. McCarthy as Director of

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Patriots Branch, retaining his present duties as Director of Local Government Sub-Commission. Col. McCarthy appointed to M.E.

Refugees Red Cross distributions at GROGNETO continue. Arrangements being attempted to repatriate 11,745 agricultural refugees from SICILIA and Southern Region to North, where they are needed to cultivate their land. 1250 passed through SALERNO Province.

Prices
Temperatures: Continued upward SICILY Region. Rising at NAPLES, PUGLIA, CATANZARO. Watch Committee formed at BARI, as experiment.

Wheat
Collection: Total to date 8,356,413 quintals -- 68% of target figure.

AMG Fifth
Army Work in newly liberated communes very difficult, as all towns badly damaged and uninhabitable and scattered population usually inaccessible due to bad roads. Housing shortage in PISA acute. Danger of floods causing apprehension. Communists exploiting food shortage PISA and circulating pamphlets. Bread ration at LUCCA increased. 40 % of wheat still in the fields unthreshed in front line areas and much of it sprouting. Weather conditions will prevent more than half being saved. Abundant chestnuts help out grain supply.

AMG Eighth
Army: Control of AREZZO passed to TOSCANA Region w.e.f. 18 Oct otherwise nothing to report.

General
Remarks: Housing and food in devastated areas LAZIO-UMBRIA Region causing great anxiety. Rehabilitation work at GROGNETO sanctioned and commenced. Rector for ROMA University to be elected in about 3 weeks time. Secondary school to open where available first week in November. School for instructing Italians in mine clearance opened at PISA and 2 more being opened at SPOLETO and ORIST. Appointment of Italian experts in soap manufacture and paper industry approved

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in connection with transfer of control of these industries to Italian Government. 100% G.T. Coy made available to AGO for work in conjunction with F of Sub-Commission for forward hauls for AME EIGHTH Army and wheel hauls in VIGORATA.

American Truck Bn and Quartermaster Truck Coys being formed for forward areas.

Meeting held in RHE with Ministry of Interior on rehabilitation in devastated areas.

NAPLES Housing Commission and Genio Civile commencing repair of war damaged houses.

Vine ship sailed from TARANTO with cargo of 4300 tons.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER NINE

Political:

~~Reported strike among black coat and other workers in TARANTO due to failure of Italian Government to implement its promises of increased pay.~~ Reported unrest among black coat and other workers in TARANTO due to failure of Italian Government to implement its promises of increased pay. Details of a subsidy to meet increased cost of living were announced on 13 October after conference between GRONCHI and representatives of employers. Basic figures are 35 lire per day for heads of family resident in big cities and 30 lire per day for those in smaller towns. Smaller sums will be granted to those with income greater than 3600 lire per month. AZEGLINI, one time Director of the Bank of Italy, received sentence of thirty years for handing over gold reserve of the Bank of Italy to the enemy. In CROSETTO the leader of the Communist Party was discovered to be a fascist journalist. He was prefect for some years in MUSSOLINI's staff and responsible for drafting anti-~~political~~ laws.

Food & Supplies:

Generally no change.

Crim:

Occasional incidents at BRINDISI involving Allied troops. Seven arrests in REGGIO for counterfeiting; printing presses seized. In ABRUZZI death sentence on Riccardo DE BRUJINIS for espionage.

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has been confirmed.

Health:

Generally satisfactory. Cases of smallpox continue to be reported from Naples City and Naples Province. Typhoid at Benevento still declining.

Personnel:

Nothing special to report.

Refugees:

Nothing unusual to report. UNRRA has agreed in principle to taking over Southern Refugee camps, with the exception of BARI.

Price Tendencies:

SICILY, ROSSI and CATANZARO report prices rising. In NAPLES there is a general increase.

FoodCollection:

Total to date 8,676,425 quintals -- 67% of target figure.

AMC Fifth Army:

From PISA, LUCCA and PISTOIA it was reported that there is a serious shortage of food, which is being dealt with by the transfer of grain. The last information we have is contained in Sitrep dated 9 Oct (copy to you).

AMC Eighth Army:

Little fresh to report from the operational zone. SAN ARMANDO captured. Progress made in ANCONA and PESARO Provinces, but situation in FORLI Province has been complicated by the large number of troops requiring accommodation. This has necessitated some evacuation and a good deal of movement of civilians in coast towns to the country districts outside. The badly devastated area of CORIANO and in the neighbourhood round about, gradually being re-populated under the personal supervision of the Prefect of FORLI. About 1,000 people are now in the town.

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Communes in the hills in Western ~~PESARO~~ Province through which troops have not passed and which are inaccessible in the normal way by road, are being gradually visited by GACs on foot or on mule, over mountain tracks known to peasants who are acting as guides where necessary. Most of the roads to these communes are either mined or have been cratered. In San Marino the situation continues satisfactory, and the new Captains Regent are being very helpful in all respects. One battalion has been ^{billeted} in the town of SAN MARINO, on their invitation, but early evacuation of Republic by troops is planned.

GeneralRemarks.

The Germans are removing many art treasures as they move northwards. Mr. LOGAN, representative of the International Boy Scout Organisation has come to Italy to effect a federation between the non-consecutional boy scouts and the catholic boy scouts for the purpose of contact with other nations, while leaving each with autonomy in Italy. Serious explosion and fire at Italian ammunition depot near CAPRI 11 Oct caused casualties and some deaths. Enemy agent FISCHETTA dropped in SARDINIA on 27 August has died of wounds sustained during capture. Postal service opened in ASCOLI and MACERATA provinces. Provinces of Rieti, Teramo, Aquila, Pescara, Viterbo, Chieti handed over to Italian Government on 16 Oct 44.

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WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER EIGHT.

Political : The council of ministers met twice during the week. On the sixth the most important measures were the presentation by Siglienti and approval by the Council of new taxes, aimed at raising the state revenue and progressive if not radical in nature, and a draft decree for turning over uncultivated land on large estates to peasants cooperatives. The latter measure is surrounded with many reservations and the land is not to be given outright but only for limited time. The meeting of the eleventh took note of the hand over of six more provinces (L'Aquila, Teramo, Viterbo, Chieti, Pescara and Rieti) to the government which is to take place officially on the 16th. Provision was also made for setting up a Sottosegretariato per l'Alimentazione (under the Ministry of Agriculture) and the question of the workers' living indemnity was postponed again to allow for discussion among interested organisations.

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The press has been much concerned with the delay in issuing the decree on the subsidies for workers and has also followed the Assolini trial (beginning the 9th) with interest. Southern Region report increased Communist activity.

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Food & Supplies : Generally no change. Situation Littoria bad. Salt arrivals Abruzzi Marche improved. 5th Army area: food just sufficient for day to day consumption but no building up of stocks. Some disturbance Salerno due to grain shortage. Otherwise mainly satisfactory Southern Region. Much Black Market by rail from Foggia.

Crime : Regina Coeli prison. New director being appointed, entire staff to be changed and central prison directory disbanded. 1 civilian shot dead by unknown Allied soldier Foggia Province. In Naples Italian policeman killed British sailor who assaulted him.

Health : Generally satisfactory. Italian Port Sanitary officers taking precautionary measures against bubonic plague reported Algiers. Smallpox increase ^{City} Naples and Atella; decrease Foggia and other Naples communes. ~~3393~~ still declining Benevento. Epidemic Anterior Polioarthritis reported Sicily Region.

Personnel. Notification received of Acting Chief Commissioner's promotion to Commodore R.e.f. 30 September.

All provincial teams Emilia Region gone forward under command 5th and 8th Armies. Sir Frank Brook, Inspector of Constabulary and Advisor to Civil Affairs Directorate, touring Regions to visit British Police Office

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Refugees: Only 100 passed through Salerno province. Need for blankets Bari zone for refugees reported. Italian Army still bring refugees from South.

Price Tendencies: Continue upward Sicily Region. Otherwise no change reported.

Wheat Collection: Total to date 8,553,511 quintals. 65 % of target figure.

AMG 5th Army: In central area communes very heavily damaged and their chief centres completely destroyed. Less destruction on west but much displacement of population. Conditions in Florence improved except for food. Repairs to Pisa Cathedral carried out by Army engineers.

AMG 8th Army: Nothing new received since Rimini report. Latest San Marino reports forwarded separately.

General remarks: 2 day dock strike Sardinia ended. Italian Red Cross week postponed until 22 October. Forms and approx. 200 demographic, industrial and agricultural census ~~forms~~ now in the field, including Sardinia and Sicily. First reports expected in about a fortnight. 4 unknown men raided communist club Taranto ~~at 11~~; known fascists arrested. Italian relief organisations Southern Region being organised for better distribution of supplies.

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WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER SEVEN.

Political: Discussion of Roosevelt-Churchill message continued in press; towards the end of the week the possible participation of Italians in war against Japan came to the foreground. Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Visconti Venosta, said at Press Conference that Italy was anxious to collaborate fully but there was as yet no state of war existent between Italy and Japan. In general, Leftist press view the possibility with some diffidence, the conservative parties see in it an opportunity for political reinstatement. All groups feel that Italy should be given Allied status as minimum prerequisite to any such enterprise.

On home front most important matter was report of Soleri, Minister of Treasury at Council Meeting September 29. He gave a detailed report of Italian financial position, which is not good. Made a guess at amount of AMG lire in circulation and stated the public debt could be roughly estimated at 653 billion lire.

Earlier in the week the government observed the anniversary of the Munich Pact by declaring it null and void.

Food and Supplies

No important change. Reduction of rations in Sardinia to ACC scale has caused some dissatisfaction as was expected. Situation not serious. Soap factory at BARI now producing 300 tons per month for British Forces.

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Crime: Position generally satisfactory. 8 persons arrested REGGIO for forgery of AME currency. 30,000 lire seized 40,000, believed still in circulation. Gang of 16 dealing in eggs, wheat, flour, olive oil, cigarettes and salt prosecuted at TERAMO and 21,000 eggs confiscated.

Health: Generally satisfactory. Typhoid continues to decrease in BENEVENTO city but persists in neighbouring provinces. Smallpox now reported on the increase in BENEVENTO and FERTILLIA (NAPLES Province). About 100 cases infantile paralysis in Sicily.

PERSONNEL: Lt.Col.KESSNER, AMIA, and Major KNAUER, Communications this HQ, reported missing following crashing of plane off SARDINIA on 19 Sept. Brig.G.S.Parkinson Director of Public Health Sub-Commission appointed AOC liaison officer between Allied Red Cross organisations and the Italian Red Cross; also appointed liaison officer between AOC, AFHQ and the National Agency for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy.

Col. Adams and Mr. Villa, Economic Section, and Director General State Railways, have left for LONDON to represent AOC at European International Transport Organisation Conference.

Refugees: Unauthorized movement in South continues.

Price Tendencies: General upward tendency.

Wheat Collection: Total to date 8,070,941 quintals. 62% of target figure.

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AME NIGHTH Army: ROMINI is reported very seriously damaged. On entry there were no civilians but there is now a daily inflow of 4/500 - normal population 64,000. Unlikely that more than 20,000 can be allowed in the town owing occupation of habitable buildings by large numbers of troops. There is no electricity but some water on the outskirts of the town. Water and sewage system not yet inspected but it is anticipated badly damaged. All civilians being provided with regular rations. Bakeries were established on 28 Sept and communal feeding centres set up.

Greek troops are cause of unpleasant incidents with civilians.

General Remarks: Reorganisation HQ ACC on agreed lines put into effect 2 Oct.

Basic wage scale of civilian employees of Allied Forces increased by 12 - 40% on 1 Oct.

AMIA has agreed to issue clothing and equipment sufficient for 43,000 Carabinieri. Italian Red Cross organising a Red Cross week commencing 15 Oct. to collect clothing, blankets etc for refugees.

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One enemy agent dropped in SARDINIA 27 Sept apprehended on 29 Sept 9988

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USUAL SITUATION IN THE AREA

Political: There were a number of reports of Communist activities in particular from HUNGARY where a number of Communist groups are being formed in the country. Population at HUNGARY was somewhat upset by the HUNGARY trial otherwise situation was normal.

Food & Fuel

No important change. HUNGARY reports that the grain harvest is in full swing. In Region 7 there is a shortage of food for grain. In HUNGARY the last remaining warehouses will be turned over to the HUNGARY authorities in mid October.

C.F.A.M.S.I.

Position satisfactory. A certain amount of unrest developed on the night of the 23rd in the Region 7 area in HUNGARY. Situation is now under control. A Communist was shot dead by a British soldier at HUNGARY. Communist was arrested. HUNGARY reports occasional outbreaks of violence and looting. In HUNGARY armed bands are showing a tendency to increase.

Health

Generally satisfactory. Increasing T.B. in HUNGARY. Typhoid epidemic is decreasing in HUNGARY.

Refugees

Nothing of importance to report. 2000 persons are stranded at HUNGARY station but arrangements are being made for them.

Price Information

No change.

Steel Collection

7,450,000 quanta to date. This is 57.4 % of target.

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ending. In Region V there is a shortage of funds for food. In VIII the last remaining warehouses will be turned over to the Italian authorities in mid October.

C.I.M.B.I. Position satisfactory. A certain amount of recent developments on the night of the 23rd in the Region could reflect in 1944. Situation is now under control. A Carabinieri was shot dead by a British soldier at 11.00.00. Casualties are arrested. 1944 reports occasional outbreaks of violence and looting. In VIII armed bands are showing a tendency to increase.

Health: Generally satisfactory. Increasing T.B. in 1944. Typhoid incidence is decreasing in 1944.

Refugees: Nothing of importance to report. 200 persons are detained at 7000. Station has arrangements are being made for them.

Prison Detention: No change.

Food Collection: 7,400,000 dollars to date. This is 57.4% of target.

All 9th A.I. Units: Full reports for this period have been sent to you (1944 of the 25th September and 1947 of the 17th September).

General Remarks: Threatened strikes amongst Italian against company workers in

1944 were not settled by 1944. There was also a dispute involving the total telephone employees over wages. National State registered motor vehicles will have a special certificate of registration related in the 1944 column.

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At the opening of the trial of CHURCH, former Vice Consul of Mexico, the chief prosecution witness, LAWSON, former Director of Mexican Coast Prison, was lynched by mob. Trial is proceeding and result expected today. At a Communist meeting at London (California) had speeches were given. Detailed report omitted. In Detroit there was a demonstration by Communists against a strike. Apart from this situation is normal.

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position generally satisfactory. An aerial party is engaged operating in Bush. Paratroops. Action to round up military deserters in Calabaca is proceeding. In England V. HERRING is mentioned has been tried by court martial for espionage and sentenced to death.

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Refugees: Unauthorized movement in Southern Region continues but organized repatriation which commenced this week is proceeding satisfactorily.

1659 refugees were returned to SICILY and REGION CALABRIA.

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The Guelph Tower, Florence, was demolished for safety reasons by the Royal Engineers. Hoaxing by ex Patriots is reported.

AND 5th APRIL: Nothing new to report. The new charges completed.

General
Report

: Set down strikes by electricity and gas workers in 1973 for
higher wages. Strikers returned to work when ordered. 1
Military hardware, 10000, now all delivered and only about
77,000 pounds being distributed by Red Cross in Moscow &
this week.

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... would like to report. For now continue occupied.

General
McGuire

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higher wages. Machines returned to work when opened. 1
Military hardware, M100A, has all destroyed and only closed.
77,000 documents being distributed by Red Cross in Region 7
this week.

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L. E. BURMAN, JR.
1st Lt., MED.
AD VENT.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Executive Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Sitrep.

FILE No

15th Sept 1944.

TO: Civil Affairs Branch.

I still do not like Political and Food paragraphs in the sitrep of 14th September. Were these cleared with the Political and Economic Sections respectively? They do not to my mind give a balanced picture.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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14 Sept. 44

CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

GENERAL SITUATION NUMBER FOUR

Political: Anglo-American Trade Union delegates enthusiastically received at BARI and TARANTO. Italian High Commissioner for Espionage addressed 15,000 at GROSSETO on 3rd September making a plea for hard work and unity. He praised the work the Allies are doing.

Food and Supplies:

Food is a very serious problem. A committee comprising HQ and Region IV staff meets daily to consider the RMC situation which shows little improvement. A daily target of 14,000 tons of meat, potatoes, vegetables, fruit and other unrationed food-stuffs has been set which if achieved would ameliorate the situation but daily average of official deliveries is only 666 tons. New populous areas occupied by 5 Army are giving cause for anxiety whilst Region V has serious misgiving over distribution in the winter due to transport shortage.

Food for northern Regions still under consideration as you know.

C r i m e: Southern Region reports less black market activity. Robberies and hold-ups by troops continue. Number of arrests have been made

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Health: Small pox in NAPLES continues to decrease but there is some typhoid both here and at SALERNO. The typhoid epidemic in BENEVENTO city shows some improvement. In Region V typhoid is on the increase but some cases have been traced to infected milk others to uncooked vegetables.

Refugees: Northward movement of refugees in Southern Region is again reported.

Wheat collection: 6,057,651 quintals to date. AVERSA Province has reached the target figure. BENEVENTO, SALERNO and TARANTO within easy reach, NAPLES has collected 75%.

A. M. G.
5 Army: The following places have been entered:

LUCCA. Very little damage. Has a population of 40,000. Food is a serious problem.

PRATO. Not greatly damaged though the water supply is badly smashed. Population 23,000 plus 10,000 refugees out of 75,000 named. 400 cases of typhoid since July 15th. No bread since 22nd August.

PIOLI. Extensively damaged including water supply. Normal population 26,000 but only a small number present.

PISA. Shelling continued until 10th September. Rubble is full of booby traps and many land mines. Aqueduct intact but pump at the main source of supply for both PISA and LIVORNO has

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been destroyed. This series of populous towns is proving
a severe strain on food distribution which is causing great
anxiety.

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8 Army

latest situation report despatched to you yesterday.

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WEEKLY SITREP BARBER TROOP 5

Political: Anti-monarchical feelings reported strong in Region VIII (CASSINO Province). In NAPLES Unione Femminile Italiana has been formed with the purpose of furthering the welfare and political rights of women. This is the first organization of its kind in Italy.

Food and Supplies: In SICILY the sugar supply has now been distributed. Food and supplies generally in ROM are still causing anxiety. Coal is urgently required for paper mills and caustic soda for soap factory in FOGGIA. A shortage of naphtha exists in CASSINO Province and limits the threshing of wheat.

Crim: No important change. In SICILY police activity in connection with grain collection continues and there is some increase of serious crime.

Health: Smallpox epidemic in NAPLES area decreasing. Typhoid is now reported epidemic in ROVERETO City and there is also a sharp seasonal increase in SICILY together with typhus. In ROM the health standard is low due to malnutrition.

Refugees: No important change.

Grain Collection: 5,555,206 quintals to date.

Personnel: Region X is redesignated LIGURIA Region to administer Department of same name. Effective 4 Sep PISTOIA Region is activated and Col. Robert P. MARSHALL assigned Regional Commissioner. Lt.Col.C.H.A. FRENCH is appointed Regional Commissioner Region V effective 4 Sep vice Col. MARSHALL.

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AME Fifth
Army:

Preliminary report PIRA. AME took control 2 September. Population 15,000 all north of river. Water critical, food and medical supplies assured. Hospital capacity 700, patients 1,400. No untoward incidents. Patriots few and disarming completed. Cathedral no great damage. Tower intact. Archives and University library in good order. Considerable damage to half of listed churches. King's Palace received direct hit.

AME Eighth
Army:

AME representative in PIZZANO 3 September. Considerable damage but not as great as feared. Germans evacuated civilians from the town August 6 after which considerable looting took place. Only about 200 people in city normal population 30/40,000. Do not anticipate serious refugee problem. No light, water disrupted but believed easily repairable, investigation proceeding. Sufficient food. Water and electric still available the latter imperative but can be adapted to tractors. 250 bed hospital intact and believed well stocked with drugs, about 50 patients. Industrial plants including pottery works and cycle factory understood to have been destroyed by Germans before leaving. Unable to give definite information owing to absence of population.

General
Comments:

Provincial local government in ORGASTO Province complete and functioning on 3rd September. Some wage unrest among unskilled labour in this Province. Railway from PALERMO to MESSINA, MESSINA to CATANIA and CATANIA to PALERMO

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opened 28th August. Augmented passenger service for civilian freight and military travel commenced 1st September. Serious beach fire occurred MURO district, SARDINIA - now under control. Italian troops assisted to extinguish fire and two officers lost their lives.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

Capt. E. S. Gordon

URGENT CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH TWO TO BUREAU TO ADVISE FOR DISCUSS FIVE MORE ADDITIONAL BUREAU

Food & Supplies:

There is no change in the situation which is generally satisfactory except for RUM. Everything possible is being done to increase RUM's supplies and it is hoped that the situation will shortly be materially improved; potato ration to be considered pending arrival of potatoes.

Crimes:

No important change. Approximately 10,000 persons now denounced for violations of grain laws in Sicily and 22,000 quintals grain have been confiscated. 11 road blocks are being operated in the Province of APUZIA to check black market in potatoes.

Disease:

No further developments in outbreak of typhoid. Scallipox continues to abate.

Refugees:

The situation reported last week is now under control. RUM is becoming very crowded.

Personnel:

The following Regional Commissioners and Acting Regional Commissioners appointed: Region X - Lt. Col. G. C. FRASEY; Region XI - Col. A. N. HANCOCK; Region XII - Brig. J. K. DUNLOP; Col. C. E. TEMPERLEY - Southern Region.

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PHASE 2.General
Comments:

Southern Region comprising Regions II, III and VII came into operation on 28th August. 100 bridges have now been built in CAMPOBAGO Province under the supervision of AMH. Civilian postal service operates AGUILA, ACOPI, CHIRI, ENCOARA and PERUCH.

Bus service of 1 1/2 hours daily has commenced in ENCO bringing favourable press comment. Little to report from Arica.

Latest MARQUESE nitrep sent to you on 26 August. No change reported by Fifth Army AMH. The situation at LIVORNO is still unsatisfactory from AMH point of view owing to military restrictions preventing the reoccupation of a large part of the city.

Grain collection 4,537,434 quintals total to date. PUGLIA Province has collected 1,200,000 quintals of this total which is the full quota for export and estimates another 200,000 quintals.

Personnel Section Press Conference held 29 Aug which received local publicity.

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1st Lt. AGH
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Civil Affairs Branch

Capt. G. S. No. 100

Now series weekly sitrep requested your letter 1 Aug begins :-

Political: Continued resistance to grain collection in SICILY has a background of political agitation and unrest but Separatism is subdued. Socialist-Communist influence in PUGLIA is noticeable.

Food & Supplies: Distribution is the main problem and is likely to be with us continually due to shortages of transport. Chief difficulty at present is to be found in Southern Italy (Region II). ROME also not up to its ration scale because supplies have not reached the city in sufficient quantity. SICILY has been short of sugar for some time but arrangements have now been made for a three months supply.

Crime: Shows no unusual trend except in SICILY where violations of grain laws continue. Nearly 9000 persons have now been denounced and 1900... of grain confiscated. The whole effort of the Carabinieri is focussed on grain collection. Evasion of grain laws is by no means non-existent elsewhere but it is only in SICILY that it approaches to organised resistance. The trouble has been recognised for some time and all... measures to cope with the situation have been taken.

Health: The outbreaks of smallpox are abating but typhoid has appeared in... City and elsewhere. Water and milk supplies not incriminated and the outbreak is believed to be due to insanitary conditions and flies.

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Reported to be under control as result of countermeasures but situation being watched. No exceptional increase of malaria is reported. PORTUGAL MARCHES area being sprayed weekly from the air.

Refugees.

There has been considerable trouble recently due to a spontaneous movement of refugees in parts of Italian Government Territory. These are people who have attempted to return to their homes without authorization and communications are in no state to deal with them yet. A firm directive has been issued to the Regions concerned to ensure through the medium of Italian officials that this does not recur.

Personnel.

Brig. M. GARR has relieved Col. A. H. RANDOCH Region I. Col.

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J.T. HILLARY Region II returned USA and in view of impending reorganization of AOC control of Southern Italy no new appointment made.

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Col. J.A.C. Pomyouick relieved Brig. M. GARR Region VI.

General Comments.

MACHINATA Province passed to control Region V on 19 Aug. In Region V an average of 18 people are being killed or injured daily as a result of mine explosions. Two Italian Mine Clearing Coys are operating in the Region. Very successful conference with Regional Commissioners and Staffs held 22 and 23 Aug. Full report in preparation. Activities

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SUBJECT 1.

Activities of Army MED's not included in this sitrep as you have been kept fully informed and little is happening at the moment. Purpose of this sitrep explained at Regional Commissioners Conference and it is hoped to make it increasingly comprehensive and interesting as a result.

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L. T. MURKIN, Jr.
1st Lt. MED,
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