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84.

Ex Comm.

80-83 is Monthly Report for April Liguria Liaison Group. This is a good report. The unemployment situation is rather gloomy.

G. McM. 9/5 H.S. 9/5 WW/46

88.

Ex Comm.

85-87 is Monthly Report for May Liguria Liaison Group. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McM. 11/6 - H.S. 12/6 WW/11/6

94.

Ex Comm.

89-93. is Monthly Report for June Liguria Liaison Group. Passages of interest have been marked. Jim Durel para 4 page one has made Col. T.C. happy!

G. McM. 15/7 H.S. 16/7

98.

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WW/18/7.

Ex Comm. 98.

95-97 is Monthly Report for July Liguria Region

G. McM. 21/8 H.S. 21/8

WW/21/8

All documents in this

88.

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G. McM. 11/6. H.S. 12/6 WR 12/6

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G. McM. 15/7 H.S. 1617

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WR 18/7

Ex Comm. 98.

95-97 is Monthly Report for July Liguria Region

G. McM. 21/8 H.S. 21/8 1981

WR 21/8

All documents on this file now considered

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Fr Comm: 62.

Letter at 61 submitted for signature – 60 refers.

H.S. 26/2 26/2. 4/10

As amended W/2/12

Fr Comm: 68.

Please see monthly report from Liguria at 64 –
67. Passages of interest have been marked.

H.S. 6/2

69.

7. Why evacuated.

29 What an Officer's reactions?

A good refusal W/2/4.

Fr Comm 70.

A/C.S.O Ref. m. 69 - Officers do not agree that another camp is necessary in Piemonte as it is possible for refugees to be dispersed to other camps in Italy where there is accommodation. They consider it extremely unlikely that another camp will be opened in Piemonte or Liguria

G.M.C.M. 2/4. H.S. 4/4

71.

Bt Hd Qrs C.C.O Liguria for info. D.S. 4/4

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A/C.S.O. H.S. 5/4 72.

Ref. m. 71. Information as at m. 70. forwarded to C.C.O. Liguria

G.M.C.M. 4/4.

A/C.C. 79

A/C.S.O Monthly report for March from Liguria is at 75-78. Passages of interest have been marked.

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N.S. 6/2

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G.McM. 11/4. N.S. 11/4

DV 12/4

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Gr. Commissioner

Please see monthly report from Liguria at 37. Passages of interest have been marked.

F-Sec. 16/10. BS 16/10.

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C.S.O. F-Sec. 21/11 65.

Please see monthly report from Liguria at 59 - 64. Passages of interest are marked.

BS. 21/11.

Ex.Com. 49.

C.S.O. Please see monthly report from Liguria at pb - 48. Passages of interest are marked.

BS 22/12.

467.

F-Sec. 23/12.

Ex.C. 53.

F-Sec. 16/1

C.S.O. Please see monthly repat from Liguria at 50 - 52. Passages of interest are marked.

BS 4/1

A/C.S.O. 59.

Monthly report from Liguria is at 54-58. Passages of interest have been marked. All seems to be proceeding well there. BS 4/2.

60.

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CSO 21/11 45.

Please see monthly report from Liguria at 59-44. Passages of interest are marked.

BS. 20/4.

Ex. Com. 49.

CSO

Please see monthly report from Liguria at 46-48. Passages of interest are marked.

BS 22/12.

1-M. 23/12.

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C&C. P.M. 16/1

CSO 53.

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2. Watch the CCRR refusal from Liguria in February.

BS/25/2 Noted HB.

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Executive Commissioner

A good concise report full of interest. (See 15)
Passages of interest have been marked although most of the information contained in them is not new to you.

[illegible]. 22/7/43.

A

1. I should like an explanation of F from Treasury Sec.

[illegible]

B.

Captain Arnoldy

Please see E.C's Minute 17. referring to para F at folio 16.

[illegible] 30/7.

24.

Executive Commissioner.

Report for Liguria for July is at folio 23. Pl. see passages marked 5178

[illegible] 10/8.

25.

Executive Commissioner

Repot for Liguria for August is at folios 24-31. Passages of interest are marked A.

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TTV/26/7

B.

Captain Arnoldy

Please see E.C's Minute 17. referring to para F at folio 14.

JLL 30/7.

24.

Executive Communications.

Report for Liguria for July is at folio 23- Pl. see passages marked 5178 (611)

24/16/8 G. 18/8.

25.

Executive Communications

Report for Liguria for August is at folios 21- 31. Passages of interest are marked. An interesting & clearly written report.

FNEC 4/10. BD 2/10.

Seeing comments — Bologna reports 2/10 TTV/26/7 BD. 4/10. FNEC 4/10.

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CSO

2.

With the present state of affairs is it desired to pursue 2nd part of para 2 folio 1 with Estab Sec? Liguria should by now have names if not bodies.

14 Oct 44

Capt

3.

No. 2a. Ee 15/10

Col G see

Ee 27/10

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25/5/45

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP

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8 August 46

REFERENCE: AO/14

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT - JULY 46.

TO : See distribution.

A. GENERAL.

1. The main concern of the population is the draft of the Peace Treaty, especially in regard to TRIESTE and the re-adjustment of the Franco-Italian border. The question of the pre-Fascist colonies is also causing grave disquiet, whilst a much more lenient view is shown regarding the disposition of the territory acquired during the Fascist Regime.

2. From a political point of view, there is little change in the attitude of the masses who are still awaiting some signs on the part of the Government that they are really taking up the reins of office and getting down to concrete plans for the well-being of Italy, particularly regarding the unemployment problem and the high cost of living.

3. A meeting was held recently at the Prefettura requesting the enforcement of the Government's decision regarding the employment of Reduci by Private Firms. They demanded that a local bye-law be brought into effect to ensure such employment. There was considerable opposition to this by the owners of Private Firms. As is usual at such meetings, no definite decision was arrived at.

4. The status of Allied Merchant Seamen is one which is still causing great confusion. Cases occur almost daily of smuggling by Allied seamen, who, if fined by the Italian Authorities, refuse to pay such fines, and the matter then becomes one of adjustment between the Master of the ship and the Italian Authorities. A definite ruling from Higher Authority is very urgently needed.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY. 5776

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6. The Carabinieri have been issued with summer uniform which is ill fitting and made of extremely poor quality khaki material, and as it will not stand up to washing, it is futile and an eyesore. The building up of the Carabinieri now under the Republican Govt. is one of the most important factors in the Public Safety of this country, and the issue of such indifferent uniform cannot tend to uplift their morale or esprit de corps. Having examined this uniform it would appear to be a complete waste of Government funds.

7. Law and Order. The position remains satisfactory.

8. Security. No security problems.

9. Prisons As satisfactory as the overcrowding allows.

10. A.C. Personnel. The departure of Capt. Tough to TRIESTE and of Major Kane to the U.K. on release caused very real and deep regret amongst all branches of the Italian Police Agencies as well as the Allied Forces with whom they had been in touch.

C. ECONOMIC SITUATION. No change.

D. FOOD SITUATION.

11. Complaints have been made all over Liguria Region regarding the poor quality of bread issued. A slight reduction in the rate of extraction has been made. Fruit plentiful but expensive. Sugar and fats still in short supply.

E. AGRICULTURE.

12. The weather during the month was very temperate for the time of year. This has affected agriculture generally satisfactorily. Farmers, "always with a grievance"; are still crying out for fertilizers.

F. DISPLACED PERSONS. Nothing to report.

G. PUBLIC HEALTH.

13. In the Province of IMPERIA there has been an outbreak which at first was thought to be dysentry but later found to be Tifo Addominale. The epedemic was investigated by the Medico Provinciale and is now under control. No further cases have been reported.

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15. Connections between S. BENIGNO and CAMPASSO through MOLO NUOVO and BIAGIO ASSERETO TUNNELS. Digging and masonry work proceeding to open the tunnels.

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6. TORTONA-ARQUATA LINE. Progress in opening the double line between STAZZANO and ARQUATA is now approx 50% complete.

17. The laying of the second line between RECCO and S. MARGHERITA and of the siding at MULINETTI have been completed.

18. Table showing tonnage loaded for A.C. and civilians in the Stations of GENOVA, SAVONA and IMPERIA (exclusive of Maritime Platforms).

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C.M.F.

CONFIDENTIAL.

1st July 1946.

JUL 11 1946

REFERENCE : AC/14

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE 1946.

TO : See distribution.

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2. The official procession to acclaim the Republic was held on the morning of the 8th. Mechanised units of the Italian Army, Police, Civil dignitaries all took part and the orderly crowd who lined the streets showed little, if any enthusiasm.

3. Following the elections, the general feeling amongst the population was the desire to get together and work towards reconstruction. This laudible sentiment received a severe set-back by the decision of the 4 Powers in PARIS regarding the Italian frontier.

4. At long last the Italian Government have issued orders that clandestine Casinos are to be closed forthwith. This has caused howls of anguish from the Black Marketeers who were running these "joints". They are urging that they may be allowed to remain open as they are giving so much employment to the Reduci and also giving considerable financial assistance to the local Municipal authorities. In fact, to close down these clandestine Casinos would, in their opinion, be a sad day in the history of the Country.

5. On 4th June the M/V. "EMANUELA IC" of 820 tons (somewhat resembling a corvette), flying the flag of the Panama Republic, arrived in GENOVA from NEW YORK, with a crew of 31. The vessel, commanded by Jerry LICHTMAN, called in GENOVA to put ashore a member of the crew who was sick. She then sailed to SAVONA. The firm of Messrs. GULLANI carried out certain work on board.

6. Reports from eye witnesses state that nightly, trucks with civilian drivers came alongside the vessel and the loads were placed on board. These proceedings aroused the suspicion on the authorities of SAVONA who believed that the ship was about to embark clandestine passengers.

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7. On 18th June, the Captain of the vessel asked the Harbour Master of SAVONA for sailing orders to PORT SAID and at 2100 hrs. that day the ship left SAVONA. P.S. Agents noticed, however, that the vessel, instead of sailing due South for PORT SAID, took a westerly course and anchored soon afterwards off the shore of VADO LIGURE. The Officers immediately left for

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8. These Jews had no documents and declared that they were coming from the various Concentration Camps. The P.S. officers, together with a few agents of the Guardia di Finanza, tried to prevent the Jews from going on board, but on account of their small numbers, they were unable to do so. Consequently, the Jews got safety aboard, whereupon the crew of the vessel cut the moorings and the vessel sailed.

9. An American Journalist, Mr. J.F. Stone, reported to be a former War Correspondent,, stated that he should have accompanied the Jews, but missed the ship.

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b) Armed robbery in the LA SPEZIA area, on 30th May, MARCCO locality, by three masked individuals, who stole 25,000 Lire from BONGAIO barrio. No arrests yet effected.

c) Armed robbery in the LA SPEZIA, MARCCO locality on 13 June 46 by masked individuals, who stole 260,000 lire from a motor car, the property of the "Societa" Italstrade". Efficient action by CC.RR. caused the arrest of two well-known criminals for the offence.

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16. Italo-French Border. In the Ligurian section of the Zone, little apparent partisanship is being effected. It is known to be generally accepted that France will receive cession of the [illegible] Area.

17. Prisons. All Provincial post the situation satisfactory.

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18. The general picture from the angle of Public Safety is satisfactory.

C. SOCIAL SITUATION.

19. The following are the latest available figures. All classes show an increase:-

a) Port Workers - 850, an increase of 81.
b) Industrial Workers - 16,394 an increase of 1,250.
c) Marine Workers - 11,525, an increase of 521.
d) Office Workers - 3,954, an increase of 422.
e) Tradesmen - 3,952, an increase of 371.
f) Unclassified - 7,792, an increase of 1,236.

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D. FOOD SITUATION.

20. Little change is to be reported in the general outlook. Fruit still remains plentiful. Fresh fish supplies are still maintained. The cost of living has increased slightly.

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	SAVONA.	LA SPEZIA.
Bread.	200 grs	200 grs
Rice.	500 "	500 "
Sugar.	100 "	100 "
Olive Oil.	100 "	--
Evap. Milk.	411 " (to all)	--
" "	822 " (0-3 yrs)	--
Dried Soup.	-	500 "
Jam.	-	200 "

	GENOVA.	LA SPEZIA.
Bread.	200 grs.	200 grs.
Stockfish.	150 "	170 "
Dried Peas.	250 "	--
Olive Oil.	100 "	100 "
Sugar.	100 "	100 "
Sugar.	--	80 " (remainder from
Rice.	--	500 " previous issue)
Evap. Milk.	--	2 tins (0-13 & over 65)
" "		1 " (to all)

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b) Industrial Workers - 10,394 an increase of 1,259.

c) Maritime Workers - 11,525, an increase of 521.

d) Office Workers - 3,954, an increase of 422.

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" "	322 " (0-5 yrs)	---
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Jam.	-	200 "

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Bread.	200 grs.	200 grs.
Stockfish.	150 "	170 "
Dried Peas.	250 "	---
Olive Oil.	100 "	100 "
Sugar.	100 "	100 "
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Rice.	---	500 " previous issue)
Evap. Milk.	---	2 tins (0-18 & over 65)
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All GENOVA has sufficient flour to maintain the bread ration until 12th July. A small lorry with flour is expected on 7th July. This will enable 2 kgs of flour to be distributed per head in July.

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E. AGRICULTURE.

23. The weather has remained very cold, windy and with considerable rains. These conditions have benefited the Maize and Bean crops. Potatoes have been damaged by a fungus (Peronospera) and the excessive moisture. This applies particularly to the Home grown potatoes from England, the Dutch imports having resisted the conditions better. The hay cutting has been held up by the weather. Fruit crops are normal but not of good quality. There is still a great need for concentrated fodder. Part of the Iran allocation was diverted to Sardinia to help in the fight against the locusts there, as a result there has been no distribution this month. Fertilisers allocated for the month were as follows:-

Perphosphate 250 tons.
Ammonium Sulphate 50 tons.
Ammonium Nitrate 105 tons.

24. The price of fodder is from 600 to 700 lire per quintal, From 45 lire per Kg.

25. The general agriculture situation continues to improve. Harvesting has already begun in the coastal areas. Small outbreaks of cattle disease (Afta Epizootica) are reported, they are sporadic and not serious. The same remarks apply to outbreaks of a throat complaint among poultry (Laringotracheite).

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H. TRANSPORTATION.

26. The following figures show the tonnages that passed through the principal ports and stations during the month;-

Ports.	GENOA.	SAVONA.	OTHERS.
A.C.	184,288	18,846	1,956
Civilian.	20,024	2,435	131,630
Rail.			
A.C.	625	103	-
Civilian	54,624	5,486	3,121

27. Figures for shipping using the port of GENOVA.

All vessels including 19 towing barges 170

Of the above 102 schooners.

28. The total of goods unloaded in the Port was 311,684 tons. 5769

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d) The work of doubling the track at VRAINIA Station was finished on 23rd June. Similar work at DEIVA Station is expected to finish by 5th July. Work on the doubling of the track between RECCO and S.MARGHERITA was commenced on 3rd June. To date some 1,200 metres have been laid.

I. WELCOME.

30. The Welcome position is good and improving daily. Repairs are being carried out wherever labour and materials permit.

W. TURNER-COLES
Lt-Col.
Chief Liaison Officer.

Distribution as usual.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
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CONFIDENTIAL.

1st June 1946.

REFERENCE : AO/14

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TO : See Distribution.

JUN 11 1946

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6. There was a holdup by 15 armed men at the Clandestine Casino at NERVI on the night of 31 May. The patrons lost all their money and valuables, and the management were "milked" of 2 million lire. (Who said "Dog don't eat Dog" ?)

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7. The fishermen complain of the lack of fuel for their fishing craft and quote the number of luxury cars and diesel driven motor coaches which come considerable distances to serve the Casinos only.

8. Unless some definite action is taken by the Italian authorities to close all clandestine Casinos, a public scandal will ensue. To far, repeated reports to the competent Italian Authorities have had no effect.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY.

9. Conditions for the Region can be considered fairly satisfactory, in view of the many ~~failing~~ difficulties, and Police Agencies are functioning well against the obstacles of political interference and the lack of public faith. The chief points relating to each agency are as follows:-

a) Carabinieri Reali. Efficiently equipped, better disciplined than any of the other agencies, and performing excellent work. The retention of the term "REALI" is however, an obstacle to popularity in Northern Italy, where the mentality of the working class still imagines they are the special Police of the Royal Household.

b) Pubblica Sicurezza. During the past two months the Questura service in each Province has received valuable additions to their transport in the form of "DODGE" and "JEEP" vehicles, assigned to them by the Military. Unfortunately the Military omitted to consign with the vehicles any spare parts, tools etc., which caused the vehicles to become quickly immobile. The procedure to obtain spare parts is too slow, and steps should be taken by the Military to solve the problem. As previously reported in March and April, elimination of undesirable elements of the alleged partisan type in SAVONA and GENOVA Provinces, is not being effected, owing to Ministerial ~~op~~ and local political influences.

c) GC.RE. This service is performing excellent service, although handicapped by lack of Motor Patrol boats for work in the harbours of SAVONA, GENOVA, LA SPEZIA, as previously reported. It is still not clearly realised by Allied Ships' Masters that members of crews ashore who commit offences against Italian law, are liable to normal Italian procedure. This has caused some difficulty to the GC.RE. but Consular services of the Nations concerned have been most co-operative and the difficulties surmounted.

d) Vigili Urbani. Well uniformed, efficient, and performing good work in larger cities in traffic regulation and control of crowds.

e) Vigili and Fuoco. Well equipped and efficient. The dissatisfaction about their present control by the Ministry of the Interior is still a disturbing feature, and efforts are still being made to have the administration placed in the hands of the Municipality.

10. a) Law and Order. General situation is satisfactory. Crimes, violence and serious offences less than for the month of April. A serious crime occurred in LA SPEZIA on 24 May 45, when four armed men, three with Sten guns and small arms, stopped the motor truck of the "S.o. Nazionale Portuale", and removed from the custody of the Vigili Guards some 200,000 lire, intended for the workers' pay bill

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In CICAGNA (Genoa) on 1 May 46, a crowd of 150 persons invaded the Municipio, and closed down the office administration, after handing the keys to the CC.RR. This was due to the action of the Prefect in dismissing the Sindaco, for municipal election mal-administration; the demonstration being a protest in his favour by sympathisers. A solution was effected by the Prefect the following day, and the situation stabilised.

b) Security. No problems apparent.

11. Political. All political parties are behaving excellently, the probable endeavour being to impress the electorate prior to the elections. All Parties have had many electoral speeches in each Province, and no public disorder has resulted. Since the abdication of V.E. and the assumption of the crown by the REGENT, it is apparent the Monarchist Section is showing greater signs of activity. Informed circles predict a disappointment to Communist prospects at the election.

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13. Prisons. Conditions satisfactory in all Provinces, - no incidents.

14. Conclusion. Satisfactory, but is anticipated by the Italian Authorities that should the Constituent election result show a "right" swing, there will be demonstrations and strikes organised by the "left" group. Arrangements are in hand to deal with the problem should it arise.

C. ECONOMIC SITUATION.

15. The following are the latest available figures, the general trend being towards increased unemployment.

a) Farm Workers - 169, an increase of 156.

b) Industrial Workers - 15,144, an increase of 2,849

c) Marine Workers - 10,905, an increase of 93.

d) Office Workers - 3,512, an increase of 721.

e) Tradesmen - 3581, an increase of 845.

f) Unclassified - 6,556.

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N.B. The figures for unemployed Marine Workers include those who may have found temporary employment ashore.

The total registered unemployed are 39,867 of whom 5,943 are women. The total shows an increase of 6,502. There are several thousand non-registered unemployed as well.

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17. The following items have been distributed during the month:-

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	SAVONA.		IMPERIA.
Bread.	200 grs.		200 grs.
Pasta.	250 "		-
Sugar.	100 "		100 "
Lard.	100 "	(45 communes)	-
	65 "	(remainder)	
Stockfish. 1st issue	100 "	(4 communes)	300 "
	65 "	(remainder)	
Stockfish 2nd issue	200 "	(4 communes)	
	150 "	(remainder)	
Condensed Milk	-		100 (Coastal areas)
Dried Soup	-		500 grs
Maize	-		500 "

	GENOA.		LA SPEZIA.
Bread.	200 grs		200 grs
Jam.	100 "		500 "
Stockfish.	200 "		1[illegible] "
Lard.	100 "		15[illegible] "
Oil.	1 decilitre.		-
Sugar.	-		100 "
Dried Soup.	-		500 " *
Maize.	-		350 " (special issue to avoid being spoilt)
Condensed Milk	-		1 tin ++

++ To children and old people.

18. Flour stocks are as follows:-

Genoa has sufficient to maintain the bread ration until					12 June 46.
Imperia	"	"	"	"	12 June 46.
Savona	"	"	"	"	11 June 46.
La Spezia	"	"	"	"	11 June 46.

A grain ship is expected to arrive about 10 June 46.

E. AGRICULTURE.

19. The excessive rainfall of the past few weeks has only been of benefit to the vegetable and forage crops. Grain crops, except those on the high ground have been beaten down, a fact which will increase harvesting difficulties.

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Stockfish	50 " (remainder)	
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Dried Soup	-	500 grs
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23. The cattle situation is approaching normal, but concentrated fodders remain very scarce. Distributions of bran at 20 kgs per head of cattle continue.

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F. DISPLACED PERSONS.

24. The handover of 71 Camp in GENOVA to U.N.R.R.A. has been completed.

G. PUBLIC HEALTH.

25. The general health of the public in LIGURIA can be considered extremely good, the only instance of prevalent disease is one of a number of measles cases. Typhus has not as yet been encountered, possibly due to the low temperature of the last few weeks.

H. TRANSPORTATION.

26. As from 1 June 46 the Transportation Office of this H.Q. will close down. All the staff have been dismissed and Capt. E.G. TOOMER will deal with all problems arising.

27. Rail. Once again movements for the month dropped below those of April, partly due to the diminished number of vessel arrivals. Movements into 13th Corps area and the rest of Italy were not successfully with no difficulties arising.

28. Reconstruction. Work on the doubling of the line between Divio POLCEVERA and MIGNANEGO was commenced on 5 May. This is one of the most important lines leading to the North. Work on the galleries leading to the port which are as yet blocked continues and consists largely of clearing rubble and constructing new walls.

29. On 6 May part of the line CVADA and ALESSANDRIA was opened, and transportation now exists between CA TELLAZZO, CASALCERMELLE and ALESSANDRIA.

30. On the line GENOA - LA SPEZIA, the doubling of the track has been completed between LAVAGNA and RIVA TRIGOSO. Contracts for the doubling of the line between PECCO and SANTA MARGHERITA have been drawn up and will be signed in the near future. Work on this part of the track is most essential, as traffic between these two seaports is always heavy.

31. Rail loads from the Ports of GENOA, SAVONA and others during May 46.

	GENOVA.	SAVONA.	OTHERS.
A.C.	36,327	22,544	2,327
Civilian	25,847	4,858	144,015

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Bids accepted and moved.

	GENOVA.	SAVONA.	IMPERIA.
A.C.	1,938	883	-
Civilian	35,379	3,955	3,052

32. Port. During the first 20 days of May only 6 colliers arrived in the port of GENOVA and SAVONA carrying a total of 49,051 tons of U.N.R.R.A. coal. This resulted in practically a complete stoppage of labour; the stevedores in GENOVA being idle since 10 May, as SAVONA has precedence of coal.

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Civilian	25,047	4,538	144,016

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Bids accepted and moved.

	GENOVA.	SAVONA.	LIVERNA.
A.C.	1,938	888	-
Civilian	95,379	3,955	3,052

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8. Prisons. No problems have arisen from prisons in the Region. Following the revolt in S.Vittore Prison, MILAN, more stringent security measures have been taken by Italian Prison Authorities.

9. Jews - La Spezia. The arrival of 1,014 refugees by Army Lorries at LA SPEZIA on 4th April 46, has caused considerable interest. The party consisted of 611 men, 400 women and 3 children, who, on arrival, boarded a small coastal vessel named "FEDE", which had been partially converted to take passengers, and in which a considerable quantity of rations had been stored. Enquiries are proceeding regarding the illegal use of W.D. transport and concerningthe origin of these rations.

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16. General. The total of unemployed in the Region is approaching 60,000. They feel that the Government are not paying enough attention to the unemployment problem. At the moment there is no great danger of trouble, due to the fact that the unemployed are not organized. When they are organized, there is every possibility of disturbances.

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1/10th Lit Olive Oil

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1 kg Condensed Milk (Sick)
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IMPERIA

500 grs Pasta
75 grs Sugar (IMPERIA & SAN REMO only)
100 grs Stockfish (IMPERIA & SAN REMO only)

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30. The following are the main items discharged in April at the ports of GENOVA and SAVONA.

Coal, Grain, P.C.L. Nitrates, Salt, Cotton, Pyrites, Steel, Metals and Sulphur.

31. Cargoes for Switzerland numbered 28 vessels.

32. Road. As from 1 April, EMAC in GENOVA officially closed down; haulage by road is now uncontrolled, trip tickets having been abolished. The head offices of EMAC in ROME hope to close on 15 May. P.C.L. is however, still issued to trucks by EMAC on a basis of litres per carrying capacity. The distribution of tyres is also carried out by EMAC in the case of trucks and for these purposes a skeleton staff is still employed.

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9. Police organization. All Agencies of the Italian Police service are functioning fairly efficiently in view of the difficulties of the present time. Points of particular interest in respect of individual services are as follows:-

(i) Carabinieri. Due to the efforts of M.M.I.A. they are now fairly well equipped from the very important standpoint of transport. They are efficiently administered, and are rapidly becoming the only arm of Police in whom the Public have confidence.

(ii) Pubblica Sicurezza. The efforts of this branch are sadly hampered by lack of arms and means of transport, as already reported to Public Safety Sub Commission. In GENOA and SAVONA Provinces there is still a prevalence of "Partisans" Police in these two "questure" which is undesirable, owing to their inexperience and unlawful tendencies. Local Prefettos, "questores, are afraid to take the necessary action to eliminate these elements, owing to the fact that most of them are Communists and are supported by the Party. It is recommended that an efficient fearless Inspector General of P.S. be sent from ROME to put into action the necessary steps for elimination.

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11. Security. No evidence of any forces operating that can be considered a threat to Allied security.

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D. ELECTIONS.

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" " Venice	75	"
" " Treviso	20	"
" " Udine	10	"
Railway line Udine-Tarvisio	35	"

46. Loads from the ports of GENOA and SAVONA from February 26th. to March 26th., 1946

PORT OF DISCHARGE - GENOA AND SAVONA.

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BIDS ACCEPTED AND MOVED.

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Genova.	324,095	tons.	94,743	tons.
Savona	15,315	"	9,267	"
Imperia	-----		4,378	"

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46. Loads from the ports of GENOA and SAVONA from February 26th. to March 26th., 1946

PORT CLEARANCE - GENOA AND SAVONA.

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BIDS ACCEPTED AND MOVED.

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GENOA	-	Vessels arrived	93
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		Coastwise traffic	19,800

Total tonnage arrived.....407,602 tons.

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Total tonnage arrived.....205,484 tons.

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SECRET

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months cargoes have been limited to bulk such as coal and grain. The reason for the increase of tonnage is as follows:-

a) A.C. and UNRRA cargoes.
b) Transit Traffic to Switzerland.
c) Commercial cargoes, mainly cotton to be manufactured in Italy and exported to Sweden and Norway.

20. Reconstruction. GENOA. Mine sweeping in the port has now been completed, making available additional berths. A fourth sucker has been repaired on the Grain Elevators pier and 4,000 tons per day can now be unloaded. An additional berth equipped with four overhead travelling cranes has been repaired at PONTE RUBATTINO. This quay is unloading colliers up to 5,000 tons. Repairs on a berth equipped with three cranes for Liberty ships carrying general cargo having been completed. The Darsena dry dock which was urgently needed for schooners and small coasters is now functioning.

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24. The following are the main figures for the period 1-28 Feb 46:-

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G. FEEDING OF PEOPLE.

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H. DISPLACED PERSONS.

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35. The strike of the State and Local Govt. personnel in IMPERIA which began on 11 Feb 46 ended on the 15th Feb. A meeting was held in the IMPERIA Town Hall and a lively discussion followed, which brought to light two opposite tendencies, one, to go on with the strike, and the other to get back to work. Later the State personnel were informed that their request (an increase of the bonus for high cost of living similar to the one granted to larger cities) would be satisfied at the end of the month. It was then decided that the strikers would return to work. On the afternoon of the 15th Feb all personnel returned to their offices and schools opened on the 16th Feb.

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C.I.P. that tankers had arrived at NAPLES and all the reserve stock at C.I.P's disposal was issued. Despite this drawback, the situation returned to normal and by the end of the month there were no outstanding bids in all the four provinces.

43. The Italian Government Truck Pool "ASAL" was fortunately able to carry out port clearance in spite of the P.O.L. shortage. The Sub-Pool at LA SPEZIA is encountering all manner of difficulties from the local truckers who strongly object to the idea of trucks drawing tyres and P.O.L. from the Italian Government. This has caused truckers amalgamated to the Ufficio Trasporti to carry out trips at a cheaper rate than laid down in table A of Executive Order No. 42. The matter has been dealt with by the Directors of A.S.A.L. and L.N.A.C. and it is felt that there is a great deal of smoke but little fire in the accusations and counter accusations of the bodies concerned. The situation is not serious and will resolve itself.

Rail.

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M. FRONTIER REPORTS.

48. On 1 Feb 46 the first train from MENTONE arrived at VENTIMIGLIA with several French Authorities aboard. They were received by the local authorities and speeches were made mostly concerning Italian-French friendship.

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49. During the night of 2/3 Feb, inscriptions were made on the houses in the main streets of DOLCEACQUA and CAMPOROSSO. Small French flags were hoisted in the main squares of both places. During the same period a similar event took place in PIGNA and BUSCHO where a French flag was placed on the War Memorial. On 6 Feb propaganda leaflets were alleged to have been posted on the walls in S. BIAGIO CIMA Commune (IMPERIA). In all instances these were removed by the Carabinieri early the following day, without incident.

50. It has been impossible to obtain copies of the alleged leaflets and it is considered that most of the French propaganda is verbal e.g. cost of living will be cheaper under the French, there will be more food etc. etc.

51. Taken "bye and large" the general situation is calm.

R. TURNER-COLES.
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Chief Liaison Officer.

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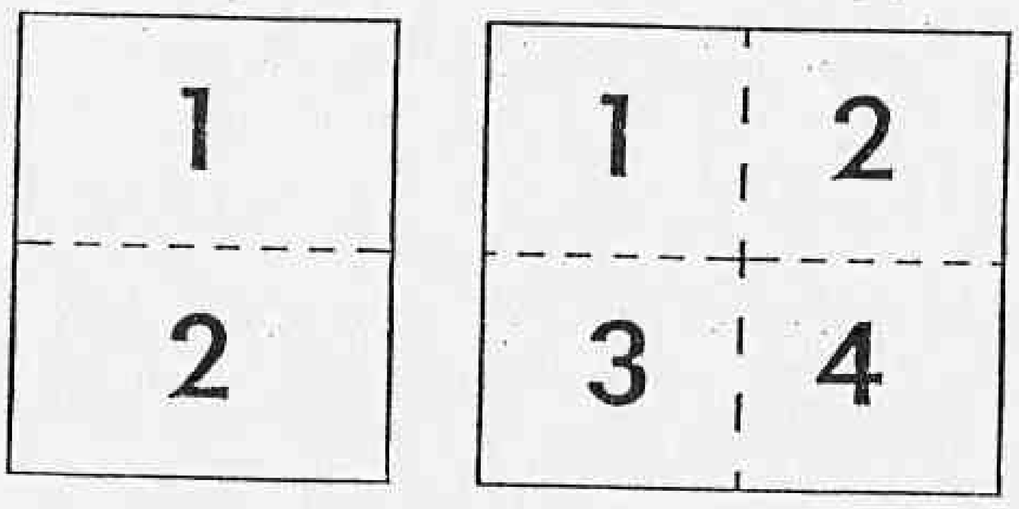
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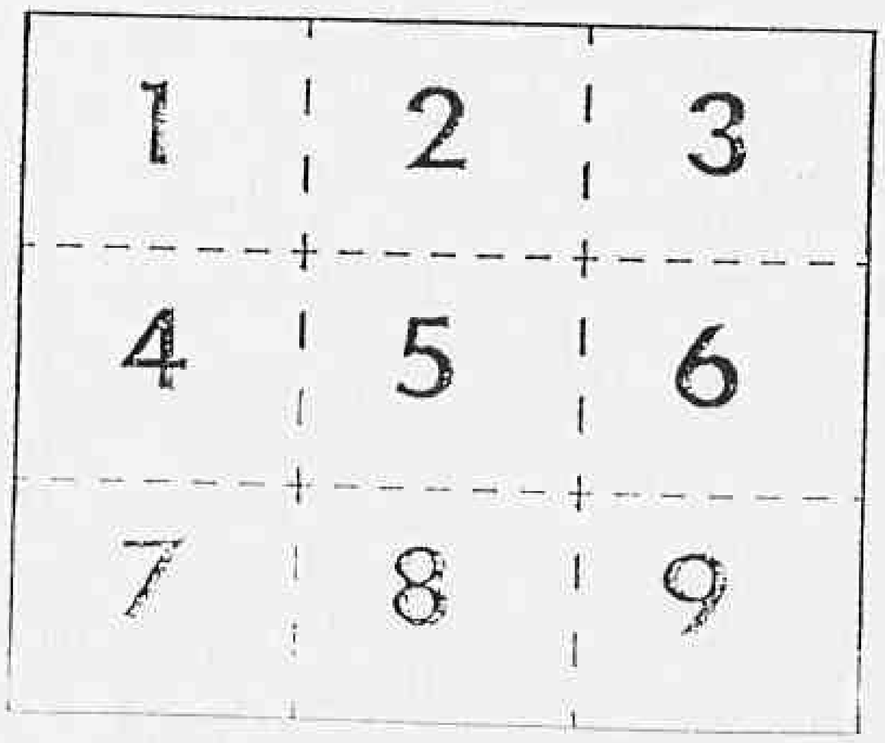
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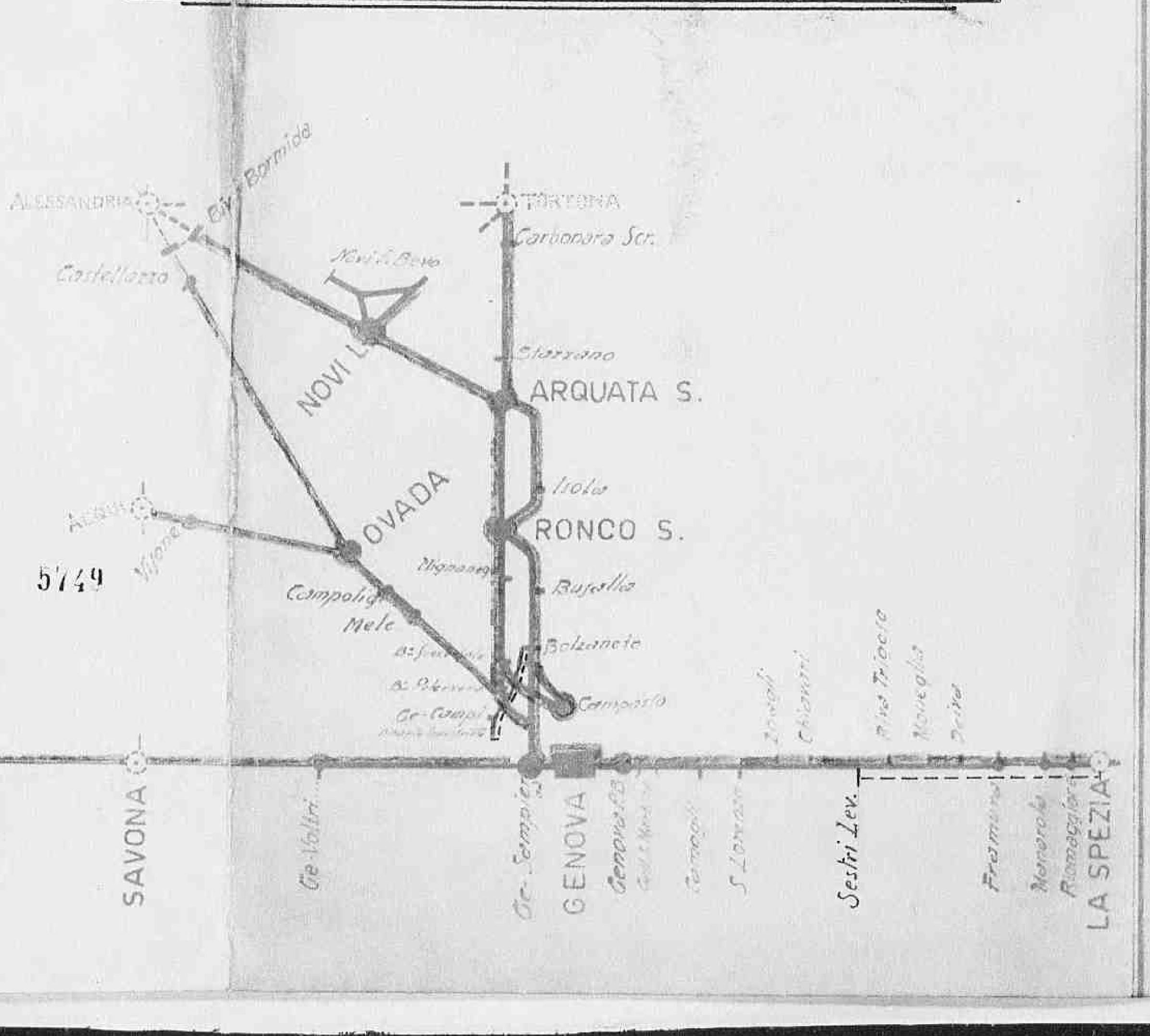
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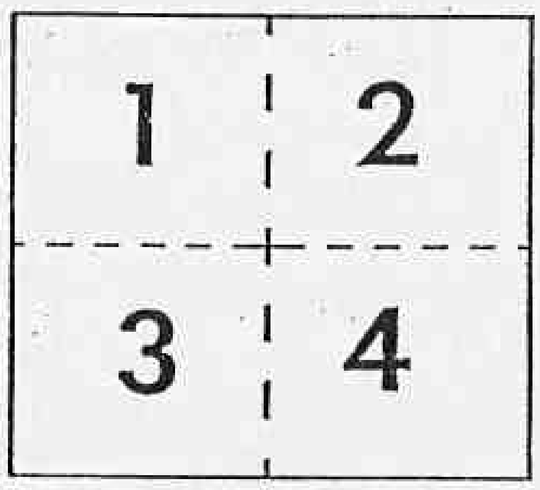
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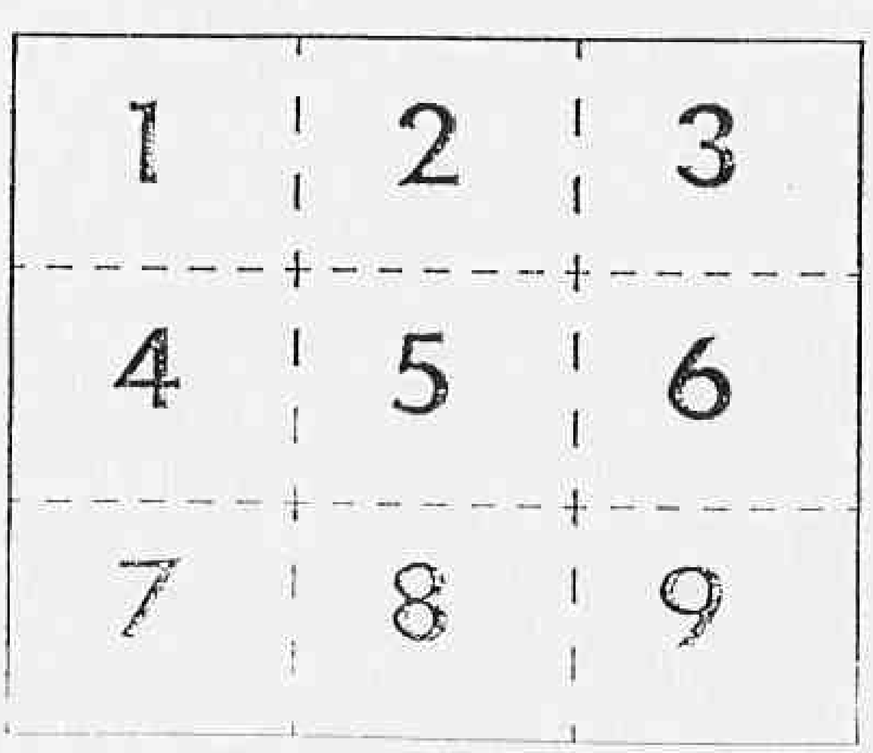
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PORTO DI GENOVA E LINEE DI ACCESSO

Situazione al 20/2/1936

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al Parco Campasso

SAMPIERDARENA

G. Sampierdarena

Linea Torino-Genova

Linea a cavalli

BIVIO S. LIMBANIA

BIVIO S. LAZZARO

QUAD. COSCIA

S. LIMBANIA

G. S. Lazzaro alta

G. S. Lazzaro bassa

G. S. Limbania

G. Biagio Asserelo

G. Mola Nuova

S. Benigno

G. Sanità

G. Ponte Nuovo

G. Romairone

Linea di allacc.to dal Bacino V. E. III

al Parco Farini

LINEA SAMPIERDARENA-VENTIMIGLIA

Stazioni Marittime

P. A. Doria

P. dei Mille

PORTO

Mola Vec

P. Pescheria

C. S. M. B. Mola Nuova

C. Bettolo

C. Dazio

Idroscalo

P. Libia

P. Somalia

P. Eritrea

P. Etiopia

P. Ruspolino

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BACINO V. EMANUELE III

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Molo Duca di Galliera

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E LINEE DI ACCESSO

20/2/1946

PORTO

STAZ. PRINCIPE

G. della Traversata

G. S. Tommaso

La Spezia

STAZ. BRIGNOLE

STAZ. PIAZZA CARICAMENTO

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C. Punto Franco

C. Limbriccata

C. Marinelli

P. Es. Mare

Molo Vecchio

C. Galata

C. Ricardo

C. delle Grazie

Galleria

Bacini di Carenaggio

Porto Duca Degli Abruzzi

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P. Cagni

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P. Paleocapa

C. Molo Nuovo

C. Bellolo

C. Canzio

P. Rubattino

BACINO V. EMANUELE III

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Settore di maggiore traversia

Settore di traversia

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63.

Ref: 820/EC. 2. March 1946.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - January.

TO : AC CIC LIGURIA.

1. I am astonished to learn, from the last three paragraphs of Part A of your monthly report of January 1946, that you are still ignorant of the causes which lead up to the newspaper article quoted. The unauthorised action of the CIC officers in SAN REMO gave abundant grounds for the report.

2. I do not understand your reference to lack of control of the Italian Press. Of course, there exists no control of the press by the Allies.

3. Try to avoid loose thinking and loose reporting in monthly reports.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M S Lidell
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF. APO 394.

SECRET.

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A. POLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION.

The outstanding impression one receives of the Ligurian situation is its calmness. Any evaluation of the effects of the changeover, however, should take into consideration the fact that Allied Officers have been in the various Provinces every day during the month of January.

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FOOD.

Importation of Allied food stocks has been turned over to UNNRA as of the end of January. The Food Liaison Officer is in daily contact and everything seems to be moving well. The Italian authorities, on the whole, appear to be capable.

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Rice is in short supply as a substitute for pasta. Sugar has been issued as per schedule. Soft cheese, powdered eggs and milk have been distributed in nearly all localities.

The Region is operating on a 6 day flour reserve

INDUSTRY & COMMERCE.

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D. AGRICULTURE.

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The season now ending has been a poor one for olive oil, but great hopes have been expressed that the crop next autumn will be good. On the whole there is a note of optimism in the expectations for the coming year. Seed planting is well forward and the weather has been mainly very favourable to good germination. Such rain as fell arrived at the ideal time and produced very beneficial results.

Apart from the oil crop the regional production is comparatively unimportant. The cattle situation shows a reduction of about 20 per cent in the number of live stock. Feeding them remains a problem. Crusca has been the mainstay of their feed and 5650 qtls have been distributed in the month, and this will be substantiated by 4000 qtls of an artificial product prepared from a residue from the production of olive oil. The price of hay has dropped in the last few days to about 2700 lire a qtl. This is a seasonable drop due to the producers desire to reduce stocks before the spring makes fresh grass again available.

E. LABOUR.- Nothing to report.

F. FINANCE.- Nothing to report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

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The season now ending has been a poor one for olive oil, but great hopes have been expressed that the crop next autumn will be good. On the whole there is a note of optimism in the expectations for the coming year. Seed planting is well forward and the weather has been mainly very favourable to good germination. Such rain as fell arrived at the ideal time and produced very beneficial results.

Apart from the oil crop the regional production is comparatively unimportant. The cattle situation shows a reduction of about 20 per cent in the number of live stock. Feeding them remains a problem. Crusca has been the mainstay of their feed and 5650 qtls have been distributed in the month, and this will be substantiated by 4000 qtls of an artificial product prepared from a residue from the production of olive oil. The price of hay has dropped in the last few days to about 2700 lire a qtl. This is a seasonable drop due to the producers desire to reduce stocks before the spring makes fresh grass again available.

E. LABOUR.- Nothing further to report.

F. FINANCE.- Nothing to report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

The decree on the rationing of electricity has been enforced. 5746

H. LEGAL. - Italian Judiciary. Functioning efficiently, but slow

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b) Crimes and Arrests.

The number of crimes for the month are less than for December and can be regarded as satisfactory. No serious crimes are reported.

c) Public Order.

The situation is generally tranquil, although each Commune is experiencing the general difficulty with "REDUCI" demanding employment and the dismissal of female employees from certain offices.

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General health throughout the Region continues to be good and welfare organizations are operating.

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Circuits have been improved by the fixing and balancing of cables and general repair work is being carried out where ever possible.

Automatic exchanges in the Western Riviera continue to be installed. From SAN REMO Exchange the trunk dialling system is now functioning with GENOA and SAVONA. BORDIGHERA Exchange will be in operation shortly.

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LA SPEZIA	"	"	"	"	2,61
IMPERIA	"	"	"	"	NIL.

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SAVONA.	147,817	"
LA SPEZIA.	110,482	"
IMPERIA.	78,783	"
Total for month -	1,272,533	quintals

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N. DISPLACED PERSONS.

During the first two weeks of January the work of "C" Group was not heavy. The number of Refugees passing through steadily declining. For the latter half of the month however the number rose considerably; this was mainly owing to the large increase in Italian Nationals previously living in Belgium having obtained visas to return.

The largest single convoy of refugees left the Camp for Nice on Wednesday 31 January when thirtyfive trucks carried 515 persons to Nice.

a) The statistics for the month of arrivals and departures are as follows:

Arrived		Departed
1141	-	1050

b) Ex prisoners of War (Italian)

The following numbers passed through the Bordighera Camp during the month:

Military	558
Civilians	104

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PART II

A POLITICAL REACTIONS.

The transition from Military Government to Italian was made, throughout Liguria with a spirit of goodwill. Genuine manifestations of this goodwill toward the work of the Allied Military Government and its officers are almost universal.

A natural feeling of relief on the part of Italian authorities, at the opportunity to conduct their own affairs, and a confidence in their ability to continue the reconstruction of Italy, have marked the utterances of Officials and the statements of the Italian Press. In each of the Provinces informal ceremonies were held at the time of the turnover, the program at Genoa being broadcasted over the local Radio Station. There is still fear of the left wing groups, on the part of many people of means and the large business interests.

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2. Commerce.

During the month the distribution commenced of the stock of clothing and other stores which have been held in the warehouses at Genoa for some time. About 10% has now been distributed.

Local UPICs have had charge of the preparation of bids and the management of monthly allocations of P.O.L. No particular difficulties have been encountered.

3. Industry.

Steel production in this Region amounted to 8646 tons for December, an increase of 2771 tons over November. The rationing of electricity has prevented the production of even a larger tonnage.

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The rail road from La Spezia to Pisa is now open and the lines to Parma and Genoa are expected to be in operation within short time. All other main rail lines are in operation.

2. Road.

Roads and highways are generally satisfactory.

3. Telecommunications.

Service is generally improving.

4. Posts.

The normal and existing conditions of transportation has been reached.

Q PROPERTY CONTROL.

This department closed as of 25 October 1945.

P MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS.

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The Italian Government crisis has been a frequent subject of adverse comment. The party newspapers have generally followed the party line.

B LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Provincial and Communal administration is generally proceeding satisfactorily, the Prefects, Questori and Sindaci lean too heavily on A.M.G. for support. There are two reasons for this. There exists uncertainty as to the amount and character of support which they will receive from their Ministeries in Rome. There are strong, local, political influences always present, particularly and specifically the C.L.N.

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Electoral lists are proceeding satisfactorily, subject to the bottleneck of the "Cassileri Giudiziari".

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The food situation for the Provinces of La Spezia, Savona and Imperia has been normal. In Genoa it has not been satisfactory. The distribution of foodstuffs has been less than the ration. There has been no distribution of many items such as pasta, rice, hard cheese, butter, oil and sugar. 80 grams of lard, being the remainder of the October ration, has been issued but no other fat ration has been available for November. No fresh milk has been available in Savona. The Swiss Gift is now making available some food to the poor people of Genoa.

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Prices on the free market are as follows:

Flour	60	=	70	liras per kg.
Bread	100	=	120	liras per kg.
Pasta	100	=	110	liras per kg.
Oil	[illegible]	=	650	liras per kg.
Butter	800	=	1000	liras per kg.
Sugar	1100	=	1250	liras per kg.
Hard Cheese	[illegible]	=	1200	liras per kg.

2. Commerce.

The distribution of Petroleum products is proceeding fairly satisfactorily under Italian agencies with some supervision by Allied Officers.

3. Industry.

In general there are too many Comitati and too many materials on the controlled lists.

Steel production is about on a parity with October but two new furnaces have been put into operations with the arrival of November coal. Cement production commenced again on 24 November after a delay of 4 weeks due to flooding of the electric plant. 8659 tons of metallurgical coke were produced during the month and the quality is generally better.

Ansaldo launched a 10.000 ton mixed cargo ship on 14 Nov., the first major launching since the war. Other yards are busy with the construction and repair of ships. Soap manufacture is proceeding well enough.

Definite price and profit factors are necessary for substantial recovery.

D AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.

The amount of grain harvested is still disappointing. Fish is still available in fair quantities.

E LABOR.

As a result of the Rome conference 24 November, industrial wages will increase about 12 %. Commercial wages have gone up about 6 % during the month.

The cost of living continues to increase sharply both in the legitimate and black markets. Fruit, vegetables, flour and meats are up from 10 to 20 %. Sugar, rationed to the young under 15 and the old over 65 is finding its way into the black market at fantastic prices. With the shop windows full of confections, at enormous prices, and workers or employees unable to buy, a potentially dangerous situation exists. Every effort is being made to stimulate more effective price controls.

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There has been a sharp increase in unrest, alarm and dissatisfaction. Some of the causes are:

1. Increase in the cost of living.
2. Increase in unemployment.
3. Large quantities of much needed food in the black market such as sugar, meat, oil, bread etc.
4. The knowledge that such food is available but at a price beyond the ability to purchase.
5. The success of strikes and labor demonstrations.
6. Inadequate housing conditions.

Two strikes have occured during this month:

C.I.P. which lasted three days, and schoolteachers, which lasted five days.

F. FINANCE.

Currency imports for the month of November amount to 9.000.000.= Liras.

Budgetary control is reasonably effective. Some supplementary requests are anticipated, due to recent increases in salaries of State employees.

The Stock Exchange is functioning satisfactorily. Customs collections are working smoothly.

G. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

The overall volume of Public works has shown a good increase, due to the large number of works projects initiated and the carrying on of bigger projects, under construction. The total number of men employed on these activities now amounts to 1552. Repair of schools and Public buildings has been given a high priority. Most of the storm damage has been dealt with.

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Work continues on the Port of Genoa with good progress noted. Repairs to cranes will increase the tonnage which can be handled. Some ships have had to stand by for several days before unloading. The Port of Savona is still without adequate docking and warehouse space. Contracts have been let during the month for the Ports of La Spezia and Imperia.

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There have been no A.M.G. courts held during the month. Decision by A.C. Hq. is still awaited on the appeal of 5 defendants charged with murder and robbery of 3 Carabinieri. All other sentences of A.M.G. courts have been dealt with by proper authority.

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From the press and from comment by individuals, it is evident that the Communist Party is indulging in more outspoken criticism of the Allies. The treatment of news is frequently colored to meet their political views. Actually the Communist Party, entrenched throughout the Provincial and Communal governments with key men and with their fairly efficient organization, is in a strong position. Nevertheless, impartial observers believe that among the rank and file there is some recession of strength.

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from time to time, but the regular distribution of bread has been maintained. Supplies of fresh fruit and vegetables have proved sufficient, except for potatoes, but at slightly increased prices. Black market prices of flour are about 60/80 liras per kilo, and fresh meat 250/400 liras per kilo. Olive oil is steady at 600 liras per kilo.

2. Industry.

There is an underlying distrust of the Northern Italy Industrial Comitati at MILAN on the part of LIGURIA. Coal allotments for October have been very disappointing to this Region and there will be some curtailment in production and employment. Every effort is being made to insure that the allocations do not feed the active "black market".

Steel production shows no material change from last month, but plans for increased production cannot be put into effect until the coal situation is clarified. Cement production has been maintained and stocks are ample for present demands. Although there are ample supplies of caustic soda, the shortage of soap oil precludes full production of soap. Production of metallurgical coke has not come up to expectations; some 3600 tons against an estimate of 5100 tons. Glass works, and brick and tile plants have been retarded by the lack of coal.

3. Commerce.

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D. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING.

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There is little labor unrest in LIGURIA although the laborer is far from contented. He doubts and distrusts his state. He will remain under control for the winter, if he has enough for his family to eat, and quarters are livable. Much damage has been done to dwellings by the recent heavy rains. No political demonstrations involving labor have been noted. A brief 3 day strike occurred, involving CIP employees.

There has been a slight decrease in unemployment because of the arrival of coal and consequent industrial activity, and the public works program.

F. FINANCE.

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Stock exchange transactions for the month indicate a general improvement over September.

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The Fire Brigade is the best equipped service. Prisons are still overcrowded, but repairs which will increase the capacity are under way.

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E. COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Road

Highways, in general, have been put into a usable condition. However, the unprecedented floods the last of October have rendered road communications difficult and virtually isolated GENOA from MILAN and the North for several days.

2. Rail

With the exception of the GENOA-LA SPEZIA line, all principal railroads are in operation. The rail lines to FRANCE, through VENTIMIGLIA, should be in operation within 30 to 60 days.

3. Telecommunications.

Telegraph & telephone service throughout the Region has attained a fair degree of efficiency.

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Postal service has for some time reached the level of the rest of ITALY.

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The work of this department has been closed, and all officers withdrawn. Care was exercised to see that all properties were in the care of a proper custodian and all emergency repair under way

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PART II

A. POLITICAL REACTIONS.

The month has been one of uncertainty. Much speculation has existed on the length of time AMG would remain.

Some activity on the part of the CLN has been noted. In May they yielded executive authority with some reluctance. On the turnover to the Italian Government, renewal of this claim to executive authority may be reasserted, either directly or by bringing pressure to bear upon local officials.

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Provincial and communal governments are functioning everywhere.

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Chemical, metallurgical, glass and ceramic plants are in operation in SAVONA PROVINCE.

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Liguria Region subscribed 5,654,678,000 liras to the new Italian Government loan, according to final figures.

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Political murders have ceased. Of the eight murders committed during the month, all of them involved personal motives. Armed robberies and thefts are abnormally high.

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The trial of five men for the murder of three Carabinieri, which occurred on 1 August 1945, took place before an AMG General Court and resulted in the conviction of all, two being given the death penalty, one life imprisonment, one twenty-one years and eight months imprisonment, and one three years in the reformatory. The trial of those charged with the counterfeiting of about 70,000,000 liras of AMG currency took place in an AMG court and resulted in the conviction of two, one being given fifteen years and one ten years in prison. Numerous raids for the recovery of hidden arms have been made with fair success.

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Schools are functioning as well as can be expected, in view of the number of buildings still occupied by the military or damaged as a result of the war. All buildings occupied by political groups have been restored to educational purposes.

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2. Rail. The main rail lines are in operation, except the line from GENOA to LA SPEZIA.

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4. Posts. Postal service, approximately at the level of the rest of Italy, is maintained.

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The uncertainty of the future, and fear of possible activity by radical groups after the withdrawal of Allied troops, is a constant topic of conversation by all property owners.

A lack of a strong national pride and the absence of confidence in the Italian Government prevents full exploitation of the natural assets of this country and this people. Considerable progress, however, in these matters can be noted during the period of occupation of this Region. As there is improvement in return to normal ways of living, as factories open and give employment, as commodities become available, confidence is slowly returning. Among all classes of people there seems to be a real appreciation of the efforts of those engaged in the work of military government and a regret at the termination thereof.

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Political activity continues to occupy much time and thought of these people.

B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Provincial and communal governments are functioning with increasing confidence and strength. In general it is believed that local officials have gained in the respect and confidence of their people.

A greater interest in housing has developed. For instance, in GENOA CITY nearly 1500 projects involving repairs to 8500 rooms costing 125,000,000 liras have been authorized and are under way.

Efforts have been made to return to school use some 60 buildings, now occupied by various political parties.

In spite of this effort in GENOA CITY, the housing situation is still critical and the schools are severely handicapped because of the non-availability of their buildings and the war damage that exists.

C. ECONOMICS, RESOURCES AND SUPPLY.

1. Food.

The food situation during August can definitely be described as good, with full distribution of all imported foodstuffs and a regular supply of fruit, vegetables and fish on the open market. Prices, however, are still fantastically high.

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IMPERIA: Still awaiting withdrawal of sugar ex BADIA POLESINE under North Italy Plan.

GENOA: Improved conditions of the port of GENOA will insure a convenient means of access to this Region.

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2. Industry.

With the regular monthly arrival of imported coal and the increased availability in August and September, there are indications everywhere that industrial reactivation is gathering momentum. With added confidence, by reason of the increase of coal reserves, the production program is assuming larger proportions. Shortages in other raw materials will require decisive action, if the industrial program is not to be adversely affected.

The Siemens-Martin furnaces located at the ports of entry for coal are well situated for economical production of steel, and with sufficient coal, will be able to make a real contribution to the economic life of this Region and North Italy.

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3. Commerce.

POL has been handled for August by each Province through its local UPIC. The distribution has proceeded well.

Foreign trade is no longer a responsibility of AMG but is now under control of ICE.

D. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING.

Grain collection has been slow and unsatisfactory and about 700 quintals have been amassed as of the end of August. Fruit and vegetable production is about up to earlier estimates. Potatoes are below normal. Livestock figures show an overall reduction of about 50% during the war period.

Some fuel wood is moving to consuming centers.

Fishing is progressing under fairly normal conditions and a regular supply is arriving at GENOA, SAVONA, CAMOGLI, S. MARGHERITA, SESTRI LEVANTE and other fishing villages.

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Wages during the past month have gone up about 15% over the Region, but SAVONA and IMPERIA Provinces are still below average. The cost of living has increased about 20 to 25% during this period. This

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has resulted in a definite strain being placed upon the low income, pension or fixed income classes. There is little effective control of prices. The black market has shown more activity. American and British cigarettes sell from 250 to 290 liras per pack of 20.

The laborer is very apprehansive about his future, especially for the coming winter. His surplus of cash, food and clothing is low or entirely exhausted.

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There has been a further increase in unemployment. At present about 65% of the working population is unemployed. There are no real labor organizations in this area. All of the functions usually performed by a labor organization have been turned over to the Camera del Lavoro, which is, in fact, a political organization.

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The subscriptions to the new loans now total about 5,500,000,000 liras, nearly four times the figure on the first of August. This amount is considered quite satisfactory. Budgets have presented no unusual difficulties. Currency in banks shows a considerable increase due to the subscriptions to the government loans.

The problem of liquid resources for industry is becoming more acute. Many of the large concerns have exhausted their credits obtained as a result of Executive Memorandum No. 73.

Revenue is coming in fairly satisfactorily under existing conditions. The Provincial Tax Commissions have been appointed in GENOA Province, but not in the other provinces. Customs duties still are non-existent, with the continued inactivity of the port of GENOA.

G. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

More than 1000 projects have been checked and approved during August.

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No change.

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PART II

A. POLITICAL REACTIONS.

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On 10 July 1945 Allied troops relieved French troops in 14 communes of Imperia Province and Allied Military Government was established. Fear of the return of the French, after the Allies leave this area, is widespread. A small French headquarters still remains at Ventimiglia and the question of its closure has been raised.

On receiving the returns of the British elections, parades by the Communist and Socialist parties were organized.

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42 out of 48 members of the Forest Guard have been suspended by the Epuration Committee.

Fishing is proving reasonably successful.

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There is little real labor unrest. The worker is apprehensive and uncertain about the future. With adequate coal for industry the labor problem would be much simplified in this area. No strikes have occurred.

About 40% of the workers are engaged at their trade. The remaining 60% are not all unemployed but many are on temporary jobs. There is no socialization of industry.

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There has been no resumption of gas service in Liguria, due to the shortage of coal. Trams and busses are operating very satisfactorily.

Electric power consumption in Liguria is 120,000 kw. There is no need for rationing at this time. Some electric current is being sold to France under an agreement reached on 20 July 1945. Restoration of power in Ventimiglia is progressing slowly due to lack of materials.

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There is a slight increase in venereal disease in Genoa.

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Social welfare agencies are running smoothly.

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The Patriot Center at Chiavari has been closed.

N. COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Road. Highway No. 1 is under the jurisdiction of P.B.S. and 10 C.R.E. (2 District) and several major projects have been completed during July. The provincial roads are being improved in order to maintain communications during winter months. Bridge projects have been carefully screened to make the best use of available materials. Many bridge projects in the Gothic Line area have been approved.

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section 15

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2. The Executive Commissioner has requested an explanation be secured of paragraph F on page 3, which is headed "Public Works and Utilities." It appears from this that public works have suffered because of frequent changes in the staff. 14

3. An early reply would be appreciated.

A. B. ARNOLDY,

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Public works in this region have suffered because of insufficient staff and frequent changes, to the extent that it presents a dark picture. In the beginning Liguria and Piemonte Regions were joined under one Regional Engineer, whose duties kept him, practically full time, in Piemonte. Liguria was left in charge of an officer who was shortly returned to the United States. After a considerable delay another officer was sent, who soon was recalled to Rome. The new Engineer, with a staff of four officers, is now present for duty--two months after operations should have commenced.

Provinces of Apuania and Lucca were a part of the Gothic Li. for a long period, and have sustained damage comparable to that at Cassino. Bridges are out, entire villages almost totally destroyed and the whole area disorganized. Public works activity is being given a high priority.

The clearance of the harbor of Genoa has met with many difficulties which, after a minesweeper was destroyed with some loss of life, have resulted in the closing of the port for an indefinite time. The work of clearing Savona Harbor was completed at the end of June, and will now provide an inlet for necessary food, coal and supplies to this Region.

Negotiations have been proceeding with the French, looking toward a settlement of the electric power situation in Imperia.

G. PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE COURTS.

The various agencies of public safety are settling into their work and there has been some improvement in morale. Progress has been made in housing and equipment of police agencies, but transportation still gives concern.

The general position affecting public safety in the Region cannot however be considered as satisfactory, as the police agencies do not yet have a sufficient control of the situation. Ex-partisans drafted into these agencies have little or no experience, but by reason of their connections wield a predominating influence. There is apprehension as to the activities of the political parties, especially the Communist group. Some trouble may well develop when the Allied Military Forces are removed.

There has been a marked decrease in the number of murders committed but the situation is still not in hand. During the month 35 cases have been reported, some of the bodies being in an advanced state of decomposition. Investigations were made in all cases but the results have been disappointing, due partly to fear of reprisals. There has been an increase in crime involving larceny but a decrease in extortion.

Prison deliveries occurred on 27 June 1945, when 12 prisoners

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of those from La Spezia. On 7 June 1945
a mass grave of Nazi/Fascist victims was found the next morning. On 7 June 1945
50 bodies were found in Savona and 9 [illegible]
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Summary of AMG Court Cases

Provinces	Arms	Miscellaneous	Treason
Genoa	22	--	22
Imperia	--	--	--
Savona	3	--	5
La Spezia	--	--	--
Apuania	--	--	--
Lucca	4	1	5
Totals	29	2	33

In addition, Genoa has disposed of 5 Superior Court cases and
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Italian Courts are functioning throughout the country, but many
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except in the provinces of Genoa, Savona, La Spezia and Apuania
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Cases Pending
1 June 1945

Province	Disposed of	July
Genoa	70	140
Imperia	227	609
Savona	43	140
La Spezia	15	19
Apuania	--	141
Lucca	--	159
Totals	365	708
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charges being filed in Genoa [illegible]
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II. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

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is no evidence of malnutrition. [illegible]
rise in the number of [illegible]
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Province	Cases pending 1 June	Disposed of	Cases pending 1 July
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Imperia	237	78	159
Savona	43	41	104
La Spezia	15	2	85
Apuania	--	--	---
Lucca	--	--	---
Totals	365	140	509

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H. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

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I. EDUCATION.

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It is anticipated that there will be unusually large enrolment in Liguria for the school year 1945-1946, and it will tax to the limit the facilities and teaching staffs.

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	1339	14639	14585	1413

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American military	74 trucks
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French military	10 trucks
Civil transport	468 trucks
French Navy	2 boats

K. PROPERTY CONTROL.

147 properties belonging to 142 owners are under the control of this department as of 30 June 1945. The activities of the Property Control staff are continuing at a satisfactory and accelerating rate of speed.

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M. PATRIOTS.

The deadline on turning in arms by the Partisans was set for 7 June 1945. Approximately one weapon per man was returned. It is the opinion, however, of this headquarters that many arms have been hidden by the Partisans.

The following table of Partisans carried as members of organized police agencies is submitted:

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Imperia	211
La Spezia	110

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Alexander certificates have been distributed. Payment of bonuses is proceeding and should be completed soon.

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Cooperation with and by the military forces in this area has been excellent.

Food remains difficult. For several days it has not been possible for landing craft to unload at the beaches. This has made a long haul from Leghorn to Genoa and has taxed severely all resources to keep abreast of the need. There are available, however, quantities of vegetables, fruit and some fish.

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The financial affairs of the metallurgical firms, which form the bulk of Ligurian industry, have been growing more precarious. These firms, after a long period of armament production, find themselves responsible for the payment of wages to large numbers of laborers, for whom they have no production employment, due in a large measure to the shortage of coal. Such payments have now reduced or soon will reduce these companies to bankruptcy. Failure to make these payments will present serious social and political consequences to the workers and the communities of this area.

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PART II

A. POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

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In the country districts arbitrary unofficial rule of Patriots or so-called Patriots continues. The majority of these are armed by reason of the fact that they were in possession of more than one weapon. They have, in general, no prospect of employment or do not want to work and continue to live by their wits and by extortion which go far beyond a celebration of liberty.

Political activity has not been great. The most prominent activities are those of the Communists.

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The CLN continues to be a strong factor in all political matters. Executive authority of the Committees has been eliminated but their membership still shows an undercurrent of resentment against the Allies for superceding this authority with the Military Government.

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B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL

Local government is still being carried on by the officials in office upon arrival of the military. Definite recommendations of the Provincial Commissioners on Prefects and Questori have gone forward

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for confirmation. In several instances minor changes in the local government are about to be made.

The Giunte Comunali of La Spezia, in most communes of Genoa Province, throughout all of Imperia and at many places in Savona have been appointed and are functioning.

C. ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY

The food situation, in parts of this Region, is precarious because of the inability to land sufficient supplies by landing craft in bad weather. A number of landing craft were damaged on the beach near Genoa. In the meantime the long supply line to Leghorn is being used with all available transport employed. La Spezia is supplied directly from Leghorn. This situation will improve when weather will permit the use of the beach, or when the Port of Genoa can be opened to traffic.

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G.O. #41 has been put into effect. This stabilizes wages at the 3 April 1945 rate. Throughout the Region the public realizes that no increase can be granted without proper authorization from AMG.

A Provincial Director of Labor for the Province of Genoa has been appointed.

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F. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Mine fields, which hampered some important electrical transmission lines, have been removed. Electrical power is satisfactory. Orders have been given to remove barricades in the cities and towns. Con-

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struction and repair projects are under consideration for approval in Genoa Province amounting to about 6,000,000 lires.

Public utilities, excepting gas, are working fairly normally. Gas must await coal. Recent rains have improved the water supply. Sufficient chlorine is now available.

Clearance of the ports of Genoa and Savona is continuing, under control of Navy. Serious difficulties have been encountered. Several port repair projects are started in Genoa. Water service, railways and roads in the Savona port area are under repair. Work at La Spezia awaits mine sweeping. Imperia is available for small craft but the channel has not been swept of mines.

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Corpo Forestale	47	5	--	12	64
Partisan Police	509	50	200	138	947
TOTALS	3664	714	984	860	6072

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Summary	--	--	3	10	2	--	5	10
TOTAL	--	2	3	10	2	--	5	12

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Provveditori have been appointed in La Spezia and Savona Provinces and are under consideration in the other Provinces. Appointment of the Pro-Rector of the University of Genoa is also under consideration.

Summer sessions of the schools are contemplated for La Spezia and Imperia.

It has been made clear to the various CLN Committees that they have no executive functions in school matters.

J. REFUGEES.

For the two-week period from 19 May to 2 June the following statistical table is submitted:

	On Hand	Arrived	Evacuated	In Camp
Italian Refugees	46	5078	3797	1193
Allied Nationals	115	308	275	148

The bottle-neck in the evacuation of refugees is the Lucca Camp, which can process 300-500 per day. There are still about 300 refugees in Genoa and they are now arriving at about 300 per day. It is expected that this number will increase rather than diminish.

K. COMMUNICATIONS.

(1.) Road. Military Highways, under control of the military, are open for travel both to La Spezia and Imperia, with two bad detours near Savona and Albenga.

(2.) Rail. Rail lines are open to Milan and Turin.

(3.) Telecommunications. Local telephone service is available in each Province and long distance service to each provincial capital. Telegraph service is open from Genoa to La Spezia, Savona and Alassio.

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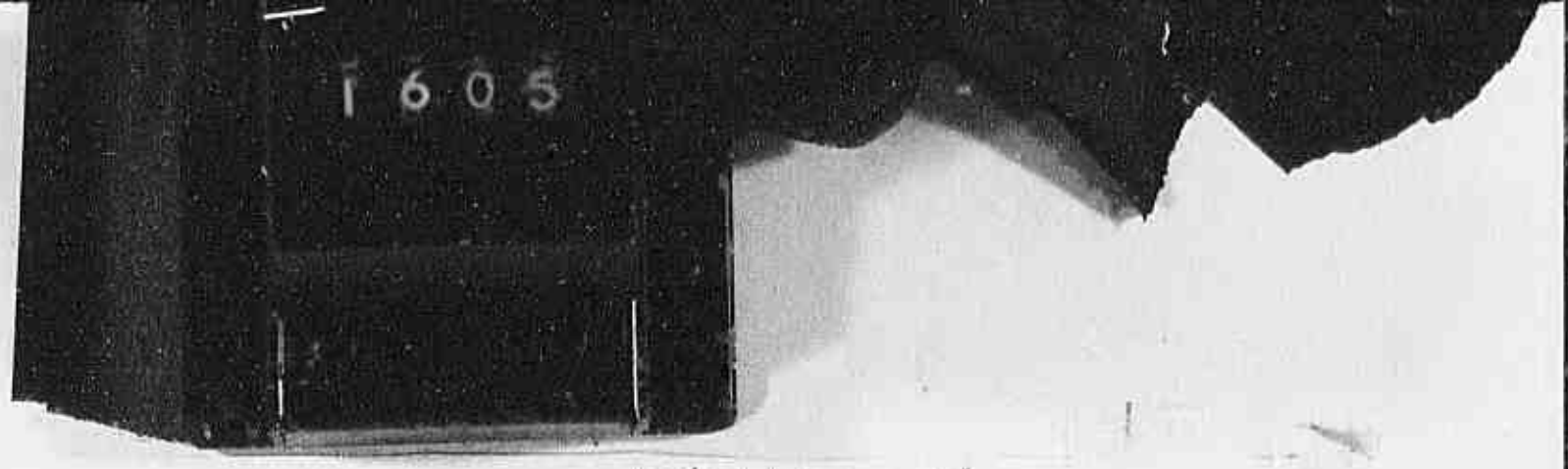
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Patriot centers are maintained at Genoa, Chiavari, La Spezia, Albiscia and Imperia.

Allotment of Italian military rations, received from IV Corps, has now been drawn and distributed to all Provinces. This is expected to supply all centers until 10 June when feeding will be from civilian sources.

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Payments are made in accordance with current directives. Alexander certificates have been issued to 2500 and arrows are on hand to [illegible] estimated requirements. About 250 patriots have been given employment in Genoa.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION
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SUBJECT: Report of Liguria Region, A.M.G.

TO : Commanding General, IV Corps.

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Outwardly these committees appear to accept Allied Military Government, but beneath the surface there is some resentment. The Italian Government is viewed with suspicion and distrust.

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Coal stocks are practically negligible, with the exception of 1000 tons of German coal at the docks, which has been placed at the disposal of S & T for railway operating.

D. Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries.

A survey of olive oil production in Imperia and Savona has been made. It is believed that a substantial amount could be amassed. There is sharp disagreement, however, with regard to price to be paid to the producer.

Fishing restrictions have been relaxed in all areas of Liguria, except in and around the port of Genoa, under safety precautions on account of the mine fields. Some fish is arriving at the markets for the benefit of the population.

E. Labor.

Rates of pay, on arrival in this Region, were fixed at the minimum, without allowances, established for Italy. Some difficulty was encountered in employing a staff for this headquarters, on this basis. Improvement was noted when it was permitted to increase up to the maximum for Italy, without allowances. However it is believed that further upward readjustment is desirable.

Lack of coal and suspension of operations by most industries have created a vast unemployment problem.

F. Public Works and Utilities.

Electricity production, transmission and distribution are practically normal. Street cars and trains are in operation. Public utilities are working fairly normally. Gas would be available, if there were coal.

G. Public Safety and the Courts.

Proclamations 1-4 and General Order No. 1 have been posted in all Provinces. Public order is satisfactory, although there have been some murders of alleged Fascists.

Very few Carabinieri were found in the Region. A total of 575 have been brought into the Region and allocated to the various Provinces. A request has been made for a further 500.

Many Partisans have been disarmed, but numbers of irregular bands have still to be accounted for. In Genoa 500 have been allowed to remain armed as a police force.

Arrangements have been made to employ 200 out of the original 400 Metropolitani. For the time being they will be in plain clothes with a "Civil Police" armband.

The force of 1000 Guardia di Finanza is functioning, as is the Fire Brigade. The prisons are functioning, but are over crowded.

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(1) ALLIED MILITARY COURTS: Those have been set up in the Province and are in operation, as is the Province of Genoa. Cases are being disposed of each day and the dockets are fully up to date.

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(J) CIVIL AFFAIRS:

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(ii) ITALIAN COURTS: These courts are functioning in the Provinces of Genoa and Savona, although those in Genoa have practically suspended hearings awaiting introduction of new legislation. Italian civil law has been implemented and was in effect in Imperia on 5 May and in other Provinces on 7 May.

(iii) SPECIAL ASSIZE COURTS: The establishment of these courts has been given special attention owing to the great number of political prisoners awaiting trial, and such courts are constituted in each Province in this Region. First trials are set for 21 May 1945. A large number of alleged Fascists are awaiting trial in each Province.

H. Public Health and Welfare.

The general situation regarding health in this Region is good. There are no epidemics and only a few scattered cases of typhoid fever, which do not exceed the normal occurrence for this time of year.

The condition of most of the hospitals is excellent. Only a few sustained minor damage and all are well staffed and have sufficient food supplies for a short period. A few items of medical supplies, including cotton, gauze, bandages, alcohol and insulin are urgently needed. The water supply is good, though, owing to the small rainfall, it is relatively limited in amount.

I. Education.

All schools in Genoa Province closed on 23 April. Eleven out of the 122 school buildings in Genoa are completely destroyed.

J. Refugees.

One Italian Refugee Camp and one Allied Nationals Camp are in operation in Genoa. Italian Refugee Camp has a population of 1000, which is full capacity. 126 Allied nationals are in the Allied Nationals Camp.

Transportation to move these Italian refugees south is the greatest problem. The average daily intake is now 300-400 and the outgo is limited by lack of transportation.

Camps at Bordighera and Ospedaletti will be in operation within a week.

K. Communications.

(i) ROAD: Military highways under the control of the military are open for travel by military vehicles and are in the process of being improved.

(ii) RAIL: Rail lines are open to Milan and Turin.

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L. Property Control. No adequate report is available.

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M. Finance.

An acute shortage of currency was found in the region due to loss of a consignment of 250 million liras from Milan in April and to 20 million liras having been removed from Banca d'Italia at Imperia by Brigata Nera. To provide for immediate requirements, 320 million AMlires were obtained from AFA, Florence, and a request has been made for 400 million Metropolitan liras. Banks in Genoa were partially reopened on 7 May, withdrawals being permitted only to the extent of 10,000 liras until lists of blocked names could be prepared. The banks in Genoa reopened fully on 14 May and in La Spezia on 11 May.

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Disarming is in progress all over the Region. In Imperia it is understood that the French troops disarmed many Partisans. With the exception of La Spezia Province, no Alexander certificates have yet been issued in the Region.

In Genoa 500 Partisans, and in Savona, 200 have been retained for Police duties. 1600 are being used by 92 Div. for mopping-up purposes.

A centre has been opened at La Spezia and one has been prepared at Chiavari, but progress has been retarded by lack of accommodation stores.

O. Monuments & Fine Arts.

The majority of important archives are safe in depositories in the country. It is reported that the depositories housing the major works of art from the Region are in excellent condition and no objects were carried away by the Germans.

All accredited Italian officials of departments of Monuments and Galleries were found at their posts and have been interviewed. Much of the damage sustained by monuments is of long standing and protective measures have already been carried out by the competent officials.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Lig/RC/26 9 October 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for the Month of September

TO : Headquarters, ACC

PART 1

1. Liguria Region came into existence on 4 September 1944. Regional Headquarters was moved from Rome to Chianciano 11 September. Up to the 30 September, forty-three officers had reported to this Region. The Imperia Provincial team was sent to Grosseto Province (Toscana Region) to assist and to study Provincial problems. Other Provincial teams are being formed and are making plans for their work.

2. Representatives of the following Technical divisions have reported and are planning along the lines of their respective fields:

Public Works & Utilities	Finance
Legal	Monuments & Fine Arts
Commerce	Public Health
Agriculture	Public Safety

The Regional Supply Officer (Major C. H. Sykes) is still with AMG 5th Army.
Representatives of the following Technical divisions have not yet reported:

Transportation	Industry
Labor	Property Control
Education	

3. The La Spezia Provincial team moved forward on 1 October to come under the direction of AMG 5th Army in preparation for later movement into its province.

Part 11

No report is submitted under Part 11, inasmuch as no part of this Region is yet freed from German control.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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