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PART I

9 September 1944.

GENERAL REMARKS.

1. ~~On August 26th Campobasso Province was handed over to AGC.~~ On August 31 ~~it was~~ divorced from Region V and taken under the wing of the newly formed Southern Region. ~~Although~~ Campobasso is ~~not~~ now in this Region reports ~~have reached us that~~ already the old type of intrigue and backstairs influence are being used in the making of Provincial appointments. Macerata was handed over to the Region by AMG 8th Army on 19th August. At the beginning of August the Ancona team was set up, and during the last few days of August the Pesaro team was also in operation. The last two provinces are, of course, still under the jurisdiction of 8 Army AMG.

2. The main activity in the Region during the month has been the harvest. This is coming in faster than ~~we~~ can deal with ~~it~~. Already over 1,000,000 quintali have been collected and there is every hope ~~that we shall reach~~ our target during the next few weeks, always providing that Ancona - Pesaro collections have not been destroyed by the incidence of war.

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B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL.

7. Excellent progress has been made in this direction, particularly in the provinces of Aquila, Pescara and Chieti. Teramo is a little backward in this respect, but this will be remedied this month.

C. ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY.

8. Results continue to be reasonably satisfactory despite difficulties of POL and the shortage of civilian transport. The running of industrial concerns is hampered by the lack of electrical power, but deposits of lignite (formerly worked in Pescara and Aquila Provinces) could be developed. One particular industry - boot and shoe manufacture - in Chieti could be very valuable if reopened.

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Provinces Aquila and Chieti - are deficiency provinces in grain, but these deficiencies are being met from Ascoli-Piceno and Campobasso. Very considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at the fact that provinces such as Macerata should be placed on a lower flour and grain ration than certain deficiency provinces in the South of Italy. It has been quite impossible to enforce this lower ration and is a source of considerable embarassment to AMG Officers

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10. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.

Throughout the month harvesting has been the main preoccupation. Without any imported labour, despite the frightful lack of transport, collection of grain has proceeded more rapidly than it can be disposed of to the food centres. Although complete figures are not yet available, well over a million quintals of grain is in the warehouses, and warehouse space in Macerata Province, for instance, is very short.

The Chief of the Forestry for the Abruzzi and Marche - Sig. Michaelangelo - is an ardent Fascist and has been suspended, and it is expected that he will be dismissed his post. Unfortunately it is difficult to replace him.

E. LABOUR.

12. Offices have been opened in Aquila, Teramo and Ascoli-Piceno. There is dissatisfaction with the ratio of wages to the cost of living, a possible contribution to this feeling being the absence of olive oil and the low ration of cereals.

13. There is very little surplus of labour and no large problems to contend with.

F. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

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18. Prisons. Rapid improvement in the conditions at Ascoli and Fermo is taking place, and proper guards are being maintained there. Prisons at Chieti, Lanciano and Vasto are in very good condition and are well staffed.

19. Patriots. Representatives of the Patriot Sub-Commission are now in the Region and an endeavour is being made to organise true patriots. Progress is being made, arms are being surrendered and efforts to find employment for these people are being made.

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20. Italian Courts. Most of the Italian Courts are functioning, but only slowly owing to the reduction of staff and shortage of transport. Efforts, however, are being made to get the officials back into the provinces. The Ancona Court of Appeal, which is situated at Tolentino, is very backward in its work, and the Procurature Generale has been asked for an explanation, which so far has not been received. The position is:

(a) Penal Courts - 517 cases. The oldest dated 13.3.39.
(b) Civil Courts - 255 cases. The oldest dated 27.7.42.

21. Most of the members of the Court appear to be present. The whole situation in Ancona is difficult as the Italian Civil Administration has been removed from the town on military orders. The Palace of Justice is about one third destroyed, the military being most anxious to requisition it. However, a vigorous defence against this was put up and a verbal assurance received that this would not be done.

H. PUBLIC HEALTH.

22. General health throughout the Region is good. No epidemics have been reported and hospital accommodation is sufficient for present needs. Medical supplies on hand are sufficient at present. Large supplies of German drugs are available in forward provinces.

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23. Provveditori Agli Studi have been appointed in Aquila, Chieti, Pescara, Teramo and Ascoli-Piceno. It is hoped to get schools opened by the beginning of September in order to make up for time lost owing to military activity.

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The Patriot bands, made up of many shades of political opinion, were handled considerately but firmly and are now generally dispersed. The people were not particularly impressed by the bands and welcomed their disarmament.

Generally, after the first wild enthusiasm had subsided, the population is very favourable to the Allies and appreciates the problems which AMG faces in the new provinces.

The prospect of a splendid harvest has in no small measure contributed to the general content.

B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL.

2. Foggia and Campobasso Provinces reverted to the Italian Government on July 20, while Macerata and Ancona remain under AMG Eighth Army, operationally.

On the whole, the Italian provincial government has been able to take over administration to a reasonably satisfying extent. Some changes of Prefects and heads of departments have been necessary and others may be anticipated from time to time.

C. ECONOMICS AND SUPPLY.

3. The newly occupied provinces presented grave problems of supply, but it was possible to distribute commodities in fair quantity. These supplies were either railed from BARI to ORTONA (the present Hd) or drawn from former Eighth Army AMG stockpiles.

ASCOLI-PICENO, MACERATA and TERAMO proved self-sufficient in grain; the other provinces had to import, but will, with the exception of AQUILA, be self-sufficient after the harvest is completed.

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4. The physical handling of AMG supplies has been committed to the Consorzio Agrario in most provinces, and distribution in accordance with Food Sub-Commission ration scales is handled by the S.P. Alimentazio, under the supervision of F.S.Os.

It is felt that the rationing system is more rigid than is necessary or practical. CAMPOBASSO is on a higher cereal ration than the other provinces, which are all grain producers, and this discrimination is likely to affect the collection of grain and to render cereal rationing more difficult in the other provinces.

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5. The POL situation continues to be unsatisfactory, partly through failure of supplies and partly through lack of transport. A substantial portion of the supplies obtained were either begged from Army or salvaged from captured enemy stocks.

It is expected that the rationing scheme will be ready to be put into operation in all provinces by 1st Sept 44.

6. The extending of L of C ahead of the Rad at ORTONA creates a big transport problem which is gradually being solved by the creation of additional Transport Pools and by the provision of schooner traffic along the Adriatic Coast.

Inadequacy of communications entails a very considerable time lag between the issue of important instructions and their receipt. This condition has added considerably to the feeding problem, but is expected to ease as work now in progress on roads and telecommunications approaches completion.

D. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.

7. Despite gloomy prophecies by farmers and officials alike, the harvest proceeded quite satisfactorily in spite of irregular and inadequate supplies of POL from Allied sources. Threshing operations were hampered by lack of POL, but it is expected that the availability of the new grain will only be delayed, and that the total will not be greatly below the potential.

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9. The reopening of fishing is hampered by the presence of mines and by demolitions at Adriatic ports, but limited supplies are being landed.

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Harvest labour has been ample, but recent wage increases were not applied in all cases.

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In those cases where extensive repairs are necessary, it is imperative that these shall be completed before winter sets in. Repairs to sanitary services are proceeding satisfactorily.

12. Limited electricity facilities have been restored in the larger centers for urgent needs only. The demands for grain milling are being met as quickly as possible. No restoration of gas supply services has been undertaken or contemplated.

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6. PUBLIC SAFETY.

13. The CC.RR had in some cases become demoralised through action of self-dissent patriots, but this was speedily put right, and conditions are now satisfactory throughout the Force. Lack of communications and transport hampered greater efficiency, and these aspects required immediate attention.

Apart from two murders and minor freebooting by so-called patriot bands, there was no serious crime. Black Market activities continue on a reduced scale, but give no serious cause for present anxiety.

With the onward sweep of the zone of operations, the Italians are clamouring for unrestricted travel. Control imposes a heavy strain on police officers.

14. Fire services were almost universally without workable equipment, but the personnel was generally efficient. The absence of equipment in many cases was due to lack of tires for the vehicles.

15. All courts are being reduced to a minimum, and up to date in the forward provinces it has been unnecessary to assemble courts on more than a few occasions.

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The only General Court was held in CAMPOBASSO, and it resulted in the conviction of the three accused persons on a charge of espionage. The respective sentences were death, life imprisonment and 15 years imprisonment.

16. The Italian courts are functioning in most Regional territory, but there is a general lack of sufficient Pretori and Carabinieri. This lack may become more pronounced in the new provinces when screening has been carried out.

The Court of Appeal sat in CAMPOBASSO and will sit in AQUILA during August.

Damage to courts has in some instances delayed the opening of Tribunali, but the Pretura courts have nevertheless functioned in the Tribunali.

H. PUBLIC HEALTH.

17. The general health of the population is very satisfactory, and there is no appreciable deterioration due to the ravages of war or from lack of foodstuffs.

The hospitals in practically all the main centers are functioning satisfactorily; where a small hospital in a commune has been damaged every endeavour is made to find a building suitable for resuming work as quickly as possible.

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18. Reports received from new provinces as to the incidence of V.D. are as yet too inconclusive to form a basis for competent judgment. Special Treatment Centers are available and PWBOs have been instructed to see that the Public Health Sub-Commission's instructions are carried out re examination and treatment. Prostitution has been brought under control by the police authorities.

19. No extensive area of mosquito infestation. An Italian malariologist has been appointed to the Region and is expected to arrive at an early date.

20. A very satisfactory position in regard to Welfare is reported in all provinces. The old Italian organisations have been revived and are generally functioning in a satisfactory manner. The Regional Welfare Officer is touring the Region and dealing with details.

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I. EDUCATION.

21. It is planned to reopen schools generally on 1 September. Shortage of approved textbooks may limit such opening for the present to central locations.

J. REFUGEES.

22. To care for the increasing number of refugees passing through, refugee camps under Region V were opened during the month at Ascoli, Teramo and Chieti. Two Army camps, 3 and 13, were also operating at San Giorgio and San Vito respectively. On 22 Jul 44 the combined camps 14 and 15 were moved forward from Termoli and Campobasso to Ortona to establish a railhead camp in a building, which on previous reconnaissance was considered suitable and opened on 30 July for reception.

23. The problem of refugees in this Region has been somewhat serious; they appear to be moving without authority from all directions. Orders from AMG Army and IRB appear to be conflicting and do not help solve the problem. A plan for billetting in the communes, which, when functioning, should help to relieve the movement south, is approaching completion.

It is strongly recommended that, at the present time, no movement from south to north for repatriation should be allowed.

K. COMMUNICATIONS.

24. In Foggia and Campobasso routine maintenance of roads and reconstruction of bridges proceeded.

In the newly occupied provinces, despite the ravages of war, practically all roads are open to traffic, limited however in some instances. The Italian civil engineering organization is being reorganized, and priorities of work are being indicated and controlled.

25. The only railway repairs being undertaken are from Ancona northwards, and the Termoli - Campobasso line.

Telegraph lines generally were found substantially damaged or non-existent; post-offices and exchanges were damaged at three provincial centers. Limited local telephone communications have been restored in many cases, but long-distance telephone and telegraph communications cannot be completely restored for many months to come.

26. Postal services of a limited nature are operating or in readiness in five provinces; lack of suitable transportation restricts operation in two provinces.

L. PROPERTY CONTROL.

27 Church properties belonging to the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society of London were brought under control. Similarly, certain properties of American citizens were controlled and others are being dealt with as quickly as possible.

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30 July for reception.

25. The problem of refugees in the Region has been somewhat serious; they appear to be moving without authority from all directions. Orders from AMG Army and IGS appear to be conflicting and do not help solve the problem. A plan for billetting in the communes, which, when functioning, should help to relieve the movement south, is approaching completion.

It is strongly recommended that, at the present time, no movement from south to north for repatriation should be allowed.

K. COMMUNICATIONS.

26. In Foggia and Campobasso routine maintenance of roads and reconstruction of bridges proceeded.

In the newly occupied provinces, despite the ravages of war, practically all roads are open to traffic, limited however in some instances. The Italian civil engineering organisation is being reorganised, and priorities of work are being indicated and controlled.

27. The only railway repairs being undertaken are from Ancona northwards, and the Termoli - Campobasso line.

Telegraph lines generally were found substantially damaged or non-existent; post-offices and exchanges were damaged at three provincial centers. Limited local telephone communications have been restored in many cases, but long-distance telephone and telegraph communications cannot be completely restored for many months to come.

28. Postal services of a limited nature are operating or in readiness in five provinces; lack of suitable transportation restricts operation in two provinces.

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M. FINANCE.

28. The majority of the banks have been reopened and are functioning. Communes have been advanced funds, steps have been taken to bring social insurance benefits to the level of the rates obtaining in King's Italy, and post-offices are slowly returning to normal functioning.

Substantial payments have been made to A Force, but no advances of A.F.A. funds have been made in AMG territory.

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The position regarding reverse in Campobasso has improved.

Aquila is being dealt with now, and each province will be covered in turn. Apathy and inefficiency is too generally prevalent among Italian officials, but with the establishment of a pool in Rome it is to be hoped that more suitable officials may be found.

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TO: Executive Commissioner. 8 July 1944. 105

1. Here is the Regional report of Region V. There are two points in particular which you might like to comment on.

(A) On page 103 where marked in blue. If you think there is anything in this scheme we can ask R.C. Region V to expand. Personally I do not think that it is worth following up.

9 agree

(B) On page 97 statement is made in the report on the Province of FOGGIA that if the Regional Staff had been consulted on the question of harvest it would not have been necessary to import 25,000 Italian Army. I do not understand this statement.

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G. W. I. SHIPP,
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This report is divided into two parts:
I - Brief, main report
II - Appendices A, B, C, etc, brief reports on the provinces.

I

1. GENERAL SITUATION - The destruction in forward areas other than roads is small except at Avezzano.
   a. Entry of Regional teams into provinces
   b. Plans for release of needed officers
   c. Italian army troop units in new provinces.

a. Entry of Regional teams into provinces. During the month of June Region V, which for five months had lavished its attention on Foggia Province, its two foster provinces of Campobasso and Chieti shielded from Regional control by AMG 5th Army by a "noli me tangere" policy, suddenly found five squawking infant provinces dumped in her lap with what seemed the rather laconic delivery of, "Madam, they are yours! We are off to Rome!"

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c. Italian army troop units in new provinces. These began moving into the principal cities of the new provinces shortly after Region V took over. The entry has upset local conditions, causing unnecessary movement and blocking essential traffic on the roads by much vehicle movement and by joy-riding with female elements of the towns. Also the presence of Italian troops has increased housing problems and in one capital they appropriated civilian officials' transportation to their own use.

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a. General conditions. The Region's territory is quiet politically. Many fascist officials of the new provinces fled with the enemy and new officials are being placed temporarily in the vacated posts.

b. National Committee of Liberation. In the new provinces, the Comitato Nazionale di Liberazione formed by representatives of the Communists, the Socialists, the Democrats, the Actionists and the Liberals took active political control upon the departure of the Germans and issued proclamations and set up a temporary civil

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government until the AMG officials arrived, when they retired. Leading Fascists who were found were jailed and new officials were named in their places.

b. Partisans. These elements are active in the new areas. The people are orderly and are returning to usual civilian occupations. While it has not been shown that the partisans exerted any combat pressure against the enemy, their influence upon the morale of the people was of value.

2. ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY

The supply plan as set up by 5th Army AMG for the large western province of Aquila was interrupted due to breaks in all communication arteries from their southwest stockpiles, to provincial distribution points. Therefore areas of Aquila were without sufficient food for a few days. The other new provinces were provided from the railhead at Ortona and the dump at Lanciano. Present operating plans are now feeding all people requiring food and no further difficulties are anticipated for the two remaining provinces to be turned over shortly upon departure of the Germans.

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   b. The granary of Aquila province.

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5. LABOR
   a. New Provinces.
   b. Foggia Province.

a. In the new provinces, labor is being employed to the fullest extent and the principal handicap has been lack of tools - shovels, picks and carts or barrows - for workmen now engaged in rehabilitating destroyed or damaged towns.

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b. In Foggia, there is an excess of labor. The surplus is due to the excessive number of soldiers sent to that province for the harvest. This matter is covered in more detail under Appendix A - Foggia. Regional staff officers for labor and agriculture had recommended a maximum of 10,000 soldiers. However, independent action by the provinces obtained some 15,000 additional.

6. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
   a. Utilities
   b. Roads

a. Utilities. The services of this section are in demand in all new provinces. All water, sewage, light and power units have been destroyed or badly damaged and one of the greatest problems of the region at present is restoring or repairing these essential items of public services. Mills have been destroyed or are without power to drive them.

b. Roads. All main roads and several secondary routes have been interrupted by blown bridges or vital breaks at critical points in their course. The transverse roads from western Italy into Region V's new territory have been interrupted both at the western entrances and at those to the south.

(1) The main transmountain highway, No. 5, from Rome to Avezzano, Aquila Province, is badly damaged by precision bombing by the Allied air forces at critical points along its course with numerous close misses which dug enormous craters in the nearby fields. This bombing also accounted for six to ten direct hits of large bombs on the beautiful Cathedral of Avezzano and its surrounding piazza. Some local wagswaid it must have been mistaken for a monastery. No. 5 between Rome and Avezzano is interrupted by heavy bomb craters in the regions of Arsoli, Carsoli and Tagliacozzo. This road is not passable for heavy road transport. Repairs will be undertaken by Region V.

(2) South roads into Aquila Province have been interrupted by blown bridges, by Army's removal of bridges and by mined sections. Details are cited in Appendix B, Aquila Province.

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(5) Interior roads from north to south within the provinces have been interrupted by bombing and blown bridges, but passable detours exist and travel is possible in military vehicles of power, not overloaded.

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CIVIL TRANSPORT - ICM.
a. Road transport.
b. Schooner transport needed.

a. During the month of June, Region V received 108 one and one-half ton U.S. trucks and 100 trailers and eight 10-ton Diesel trucks. These allotments were divided as follows: Teramo Province received one half of the number and the remainder were apportioned, 15 to Chieti, 10 to Pescara, 10 to Aquila, 4 to Teramo and 16 to the truckhead company at Pescara. With full usage, these should meet the present needs of these provinces. New provinces yet to be provided with vehicles will require approximately 45 more, as follows: Teramo 6, Ascoli 10, Macerata 10, Ancona 10, Pesaro 10. These may be drawn from Foggia, provided the harvest does not require all of them. Maintenance is improving as a result of the Region's taking over its own repairs. The greatest shortage now is individual sets of tools for the vehicles. Tires are badly worn and replacements will soon be required.

b. Schooner transport needed. Sea traffic on the Adriatic will materially help Region V meet its supply problems and lessen the heavy demand on rails and trucks to and from Ortona, the railhead. Arrangements are in progress for opening the following ports: San Benedetto, for traffic to the north - this harbor has been dragged of mines and will not be required by the Navy - and Pescara for the central area. The latter harbor is now blocked by a sunken dredge which should be pulled out into deeper water or salvaged by raising it. Either method would open the channel entrance. The Region also has under plan the matter of raising some 37 small power schooners and fishing vessels in addition to some 15 other sunken sailing schooners, the bulk of which can be repaired for sea service. Region V can employ two full-time power schooners of 150 to 300 tons and three smaller ones to meet its supply needs at this stage of operations. All staples from southern Italy - salt, fertilizer, flour, oil, gas, petrol and lubricants - can readily be transported by schooner.

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b. Theft of military vehicles.
c. Italian police.
d. Crime.
e. Civil defense
f. Italian courts.

a. Black market activities are receiving less attention by police due to the reduction in police officers. Totally inadequate sentences by military courts for soldiers and officers convicted of long-time operations tends to create in soldiers a lack of appreciation of the gravity of these offenses. Vehicles from Rome Province have been apprehended in Region V, making purchases of food and other items without authority of AC.

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c. Italian police are improving in the manner of performance of their duties directly in proportion to the interest, inspection and attention to duty held by the Allied military police - officers and men. For general police and guard duty, they are superior to the Italian army troops

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f. d. Crime among civilians is below normal. Black market crime continues at a high level. There have been incidents reported of partisans engaging in crime; one British officer has been reported killed and another robbed of personal possessions and his arms.

e. Civil Defence system instituted in Foggia Province will be extended to other provinces by setting up a force of marines, rescue squads and F.S.P.'s.

f. Italian courts. This subject is covered in a special report of the Legal section.

9. PUBLIC HEALTH
a. General conditions
b. Hospital admissions system.

a. General. Health throughout the Region is generally good. Special matters are covered in Appendices A to F on each Province. One case of small-pox has been reported in Campobasso Province and measures have been taken by the region to prevent spread of the contagion.

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10. EDUCATION

(See appendices for activity in each province)

11. REFUGEES AND PRISONERS OF WAR
a. Refugees
b. Prisoners of War
c. Visitors

a. Refugees. The number of refugees passing through the various centers has been far less than anticipated. Consequently a number of the collecting points should be closed. At Foggia the main camp handled approximately 5000 during the month. Maj White has been sent to Ferma with a view to recommending a location for new forward collecting points. Campobasso stations will be reduced; the number now passing through is about four a day. In the forward areas the Region will set up at least one station for each province, generally at the provincial capital - Chieti, Pescara, Teramo, Ascoli and Macerata. Many persons who reach the present camps are really not refugees but Italians who use this means to travel to other places in Italy and to obtain food and transport en route. A more careful screening forward should be enforced by persons in control.

b. Prisoners of War. Large numbers of prisoners of war are filtering south into Regional territory from enemy lines. No adequate provisions have been made for these, who seek out AMG C.A.O.'s for

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a. Refugees
b. Prisoners of War
c. Visitors

a. Refugees. The number of refugees passing through the various centers has been far less than anticipated. Consequently a number of the collecting points should be closed. At Foggia the main camp handled approximately 8000 during the month. Maj White has been sent to Termo with a view to recommending a location for new forward collecting points. Campobasso stations will be reduced; the number now passing through is about four a day. In the forward areas the Region will set up at least one station for each province, generally at the provincial capital - Chieti, Pescara, Teramo, Ascoli and Macerata. Many persons who reach the present camps are really not refugees but Italians who use this means to travel to other places in Italy and to obtain food and transport en route. A more careful screening forward should be enforced by persons in control.

b. Prisoners of War. Large numbers of prisoners of war are filtering south into Regional territory from enemy lines. No adequate preparations have been made for these, who seek out AMG c.A.O.'s for food and lodging. I have authorized Provincial commissioners to draw up to 1000 rations to meet demands on them for feeding prisoners of war. Transportation to vetting points also becomes a problem for the provinces.

c. Visitors in forward areas. Numbers of military visitors on sight-seeing trips and "old-home week" journeys are causing C.A.O.'s in advanced areas considerable anxiety. Most visitors are principally soldiers in military cars with passes from unit commanders for week-end visits to alleged friends in nearby areas but find themselves

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strict in remote areas at scores or hundreds of kilometers distant for the point controlled. They arrive without gas and food and have to be serviced by G.A.O.'s from the Region's very meagre gas supply and fed from rations that the G.A.O's can ill afford to give. Troop organization commanders should be asked to co-operate in this problem of civil administration by not giving passes for overnight stays or long journeys into unauthorized territory.

12. COMMUNICATIONS.
a. Wire
b. Postal

a. Wire communications are generally inadequate except for purest military necessities. Additional lines and "cut ins" can be constructed only after a long period has been spent in the territory. At present communications can be had from Naples to Campobasso to Vasto to Pescara and Chieti in the Region. From these points communication is by motorcycle messenger or supply transport.

b. Postal service for official civilian mail and bank service has been in operation in Foggia Provinces for some time; this service has now been extended to Campobasso and will be set up shortly in Chieti. The Region now has a postal officer on temporary duty working on this plan.

13. FINANCE.

(See special report of Finance Section)

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APPENDIX A - Report on Province of Foggia

Politically, the status is quiet, there are no disturbances or unrest.

Weather continues good for harvesting, which is progressing at a satisfactory rate.

Supplies - Forty thousand sacks of 150,000 have arrived; more are needed.

Personnel - Additional officers for help in harvest promised by AMG failed to materialize.

Labor - There is an excess of from 8000 to 9000 civilian laborers now in Foggia Province, due to the excess number of soldiers sent to the province. Soldiers have arrived in more than sufficient numbers; many farmers are satisfied but some farmers resent the orders of the Provincial Commissioner to employ soldiers. In any event, soldier labor has prevented excessive demands of labor which might hamstring the farmer during the harvest. The region had originally recommended that 10,000 soldiers be brought in; this estimate was based on the best available advice. But the Provincial Commissioner by special arrangement with AMG had this raised to 25,000. Had the regional staff been consulted on this matter, a better solution could have been obtained. Cancellation of the leave of the excess number of soldiers will be taken up at once.

Transport - The truck company at Foggia now has 100 vehicles. While this number is less than one-half of the number requested, by working the transport on a 24-hour basis and using grain ships for export, the harvest can be collected. The farmers feel that AMG transportation costs are excessive, especially the charge for return of empties, and are reluctant to call for this transport. The cost of threshing grain is about 80 lire a quintale, while transport costs per quintale are reported to amount to 40 lire. Adjustment of the charges by reduction of the rate or having the consortia bear a portion of the cost as an expense charge is under consideration and is so recommended to higher authority.

Education - All schools which have been opened are now functioning. They are progressing satisfactorily.

APPENDIX B - Report on Campobasso Province

Political - No requests have yet been received for political meetings or for formation of political organizations. This province has been static for eight months under army control and has been only this month released to the Region. A giunta comunale will be formed promptly in each of the important towns.

Food Supply - The supply has been satisfactory. However, failure of the railroad - due to Army demands - to deliver any supplies to Termoli railhead during the first 15 days of the month cut

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Industry - Fishing has been put into operation and daily deliveries of fish are made to Campobasso town. One schooner and crew were lost during the month as a result of an explosion when a fuel tank was inspected with a lighted candle.

Police - The recent appointment of a new questore has made marked improvement in the public safety services of the province.

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Appendix I - Cam- bases Provinces (continued)

Health is good. Malaria is under control. There was one case of smallpox during the month at Lourenco Marques; proper measures were taken.

Education - Schools have been opened in half of the communes. The remaining communes will have schools as soon as P. I. D. E. completes its survey. The summer vacation continues the long period of absence from school of children in the forward provinces.

Refugees - There continue to trickle through Vanduzi, Inhamitanga and Espungabera, which cleared about 200 during June. Additional stations will be set up forward, at Vanduzi, Inhamitanga and Macequi, and the nearer ones closed or reduced.

Property Control - Only minor holdings are located in Gaza-Lourenco Marques; they present no problems of consequence.

APPENDIX G - Report on Province of Chibi

Political - This province, like that of Gaza-Lourenco, has been static for eight months under PIDE & Army control. Three communes are in the process of being formed.

Food supply - satisfactory.

Agricultural Supply - Gas, oil and petrol and lubricants are urgently needed for harvesting.

Health - Good.

Industry - Harvesting is continuing at a good rate. The bulk of the work is being done by hand and the yield is estimated as adequate to needs, provided threshing can be done at an early date.

Public Utilities - Light and power are out and efforts will be made at once to put some power into the province.

Roads - The main roads damaged by shells and bombs are being repaired and alternate routes constructed around destroyed bridges and culverts. The coast road is bad at river crossings, causing long delays in movements.

Railroad - No rail movement can be made above Grimm. It is impossible to replace all the destroyed bridges and culverts on the Grimm-Lourenco line within a year.

Police - No problems are presented at present.

Prisoners of War and Refugees - Large numbers of prisoners of war are coming through the enemy lines. Inadequate preparation has been made for these, who are thrown on the mercy of the province to care for and to transport.

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Property Control - Only minor holdings are located in Campobasso Province; they present no problems of consequence.

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Food supply - Satisfactory.

Economic Supply - Gas, oil and petrol and lubricants are urgently needed for harvesting.

Health - Good.

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Public Utilities - Light and power are out and efforts will be made at once to put some power into the province.

Roads - The main roads damaged by shells and bombs are being repaired and alternate routes constructed around destroyed bridges and culverts. The coast road is bad at river crossings, causing long delays in movements.

Railroad - No rail movement can be made above Ortona. It is impossible to replace all the destroyed bridges and culverts on the Ortona-Pescara line within a year.

Police - No problems are presented at present.

Prisoners of War and Refugees - Large numbers of prisoners of war are coming through the enemy lines. Inadequate preparation has been made for these, who are thrown on the AMG of the provinces to care for and to transport.

APPENDIX D - Report on Province of Aquila

General - After the Aquila team entered its provinces, the army moved out its bridges on the main roads, so that the province was cut off from its main supply dumps at Venafro, Isernia and Sora. At Sora, the AMG dump was not approachable when the bridge at that point was removed.

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Appendix 5 - Aquila Province (continued)

Political - The present acting Prefect is unsatisfactory and a request has been made to have one furnished from the Prefecture at Palermo.

Roads - No arterial highway was available for entry into the province from the south, where supply dumps were located. The Castel di Sangro-Sulmona road is impassable as bridges are out and road is mined throughout. Mule pack trains have been organized by the provincial AMG to carry in essential supplies for the area south of Sulmona. The Aso- Venzone road is impassable; essential bridges were removed by the Army. Construction of bypasses is going on and will be completed by the first week of July. The east-west road, Sulmona- Venzone, is interrupted by blown-out bridges.

Supply problems are now being handled by the Region from the Pescara trailhead, with supplies transported direct to Sulmona and Aquila and to Venzone by way of Aquila. Railhead supplies arrive at Cretone and are moved forward to trailhead points.

Health - Good.

Public Safety - No problems.

APPENDIX E - Report on Province of Pescara

General - The province team took over promptly upon departure of the enemy. Pescara city is badly shot up. Cellars were flooded by the enemy, then the water was cut off. Streets and roads were impassable with debris. There was no light nor power. Only a few refugees remained in the town. The roads and the beach were mined. Since arrival of the AMG team, streets have been opened, bomb holes are being filled, cellars drained and the city cleaned. Inhabitants are returning at the rate of 100 to 500 daily.

Food supply - This represents no problem. As all persons arriving in town know that they have no authority to be there, they have their food and take care of themselves.

Harvest - Appears good. Threshers are needed. There are no machines in the province. All grain cutting is by hand.

Health - There are two typhoid cases in the hospital. The principal type of cases handled are injuries from bombs or mines and accidents.

Road clearing tools - One thousand shovels, 400 picks and 400 wheelbarrows to clean the city. 11 basements of buildings are flooded and the stagnant water presents a problem for control

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Supply problems are now being handled by the Region from the Peneors trunkhead, with supplies transported direct to Salmone and Aquila and to Versuno by way of Aquila. Railhead supplies arrive at Orium and are moved forward to trunkhead points.

Health - Good.

Public Safety - No problems.

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Harvest - Appears good. Threshers are wanted. There are no machines in the province. All grain cutting is by hand.

Health - There are two typhoid cases in the hospital. The principal type of cases handled are injuries from bombs or mines and accidents.

Construction Needs - One thousand shovels, 400 picks and 400 wheelbarrows to clean the city. All basements of buildings are flooded and the stagnant water presents a problem for control of mosquito breeding.

Power - All cut off. A 110-kw generator has been found and will be set up for AMG and civil government use.

Warehousing - A good storage building for from 2000 to 3000 tons of grain has been found.

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APPENDIX F - Report on Province of Teramo

General - This province was occupied by the province town on 18 June, prior to the entry of spearhead officers and two days prior to the army's arrival. The enemy had evacuated the town on 15 June and the provincial officers fled with the enemy. The Committee of National Liberation had taken over and put their president, Giovanni Iervasini, in as acting prefect. He was appointed temporarily and directed to submit a list of recommendations for provincial officers.

Public Safety - The partisans have been active in this province and are being disarmed and sent to their homes. Bands of partisans in the hills have collected some 4000 head of cattle which the enemy had driven north as he retreated. These are being sold to farmers and the money appropriated by the partisan group. The CC. RR. will be sent out to stop this practice and return the cattle to their rightful owners.

Harvest is coming on very well. There is an urgent need for petrol, benzine and lubricants.

Food - There is enough flour, pasta and grain to feed the people until the new harvest is in. There are no fats or oil in the province. A proper quota of these should be sent in when allocated.

Public Utilities - Mills are generally operated by electricity, so strong efforts are being made to get power operating. Repairs are being made to water mains. These should be completed by the end of the first week of July.

Port - Civil news can be put into operation and a schooner traffic opened.

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1. POLITICAL - situation

Politically, the region is quiet; infiltration of political entities from Bari has occurred, but leaders have found little support. A request has been received for permission to reconstitute the Catholic youth organization. The petitioners were advised that the matter would be taken under study after a full report is received of the aims of the organization, the names of the proposed leaders and the sponsors.

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c. Sacks continue to be an important item which must be met. For simple turnover needs, Foggia Province will require

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a quarter of a million sacks. Foggia will need a minimum of 25,000 sacks a day to collect the grain during the harvest period. Allowing a maximum of 7 or 8 days for turnover, the whole quarter of a million sacks will be used in a little over a week.

d. Grain ship. I wish again to urge the use of from two to four 5000-ton ships to take grain from Manfredonia during the later part of June and July.

4. INDUSTRY.
a. Agriculture
b. Communal Committees

a. Agriculture.

(1) Foggia. With excellent prospects for a good harvest estimated at 350,000 tons of wheat and barley, of which approximately 180,000 tons will be collected for the consorzio, Foggia granaries should be filling shortly.

(2) In Campobasso, conditions of harvesting are somewhat different, since over half of the threshing is done by hand work and the grain is brought to the warehouses in small quantities. Storage space has been located for 35,000 of the estimated 86,000 tons estimated provincial production. This should be sufficient on a 40% basis of collection. The Army still occupies needed consorzio warehouses, especially at Venafro and Termoli. Labor will be no great problem, provided the 10-kilometer limit of movement in the Army area is extended for harvest workers who move from the high areas to the low during the harvest season. I recommend accordingly that the Army extend the pass privilege to harvest workers to move within 40 kilometers from home inside the province. Two thousand outside laborers can be used for a six-weeks period beginning about 20 June.

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5. LABOR

a. Foggia harvest labor
   (1) Arrival
   (2) Plan
   (3) Discipline
   (4) Records

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harvesting has begun to arrive in Foggia city, of whom 1000 arrived on 26 May with corresponding numbers arriving on the succeeding days to meet the initial quota.

(2) Plan. On arrival at the farms, the soldiers will be turned over to the farm operator for work and the soldier's harvest leave begins. During this period he will receive civilian pay and rations. For administration an Italian army control commission composed of Italian army personnel will sit at Lucera to handle registration of soldiers, their movement and the collection and return of the men upon completion of their leave of forty days.

(3) Discipline. The CC.RR. will handle misdemeanors and cases of soldiers' failure to work, with the power to detain violators and return them to their organizations.

(4) Records. A general harvester's work book will be issued to each harvest worker and soldier, wherein will be entered pertinent data concerning his status--such as leave, dates, destination, record of employment, pay and rations. Pay will be 65 lire per 8-hour day, 50 for women and 35 for minors, with time and a half for overtime. Rations will be 400 grams of bread, 50 of pasta, 20 of oil, 60 of meat and 100 of cheese daily.

6. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

These matters have been handled under separate reports to chiefs of sub-commissions.

7. CIVIL TRANSPORT
   a. Civil Transport for harvest
      (1) Foggia
      (2) Campobasso and Chieti

a. Harvest. The civil transport of the Region is operating and preparing itself for the task of transporting the harvested grain in the three provinces of the Region.

(1) Foggia, with only 70 trucks, will not be able to handle the 3000 to 4000 tons of grain daily which it is estimated will be required to be moved from the harvesting machines to the granaries. Trucks will be worked on a 24-hour basis and it is estimated that each 3-ton vehicle will haul a maximum of 30 tons daily at an estimated 10 round trips during 24 hours. Fifty additional serviceable vehicles will be required for the peak of the season.

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8. PUBLIC SAFETY

This matter has been covered in special reports.

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9. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

Health continues good throughout the Region and there is no epidemic of infectious diseases in the Region. No cases of epizootic lymphangitis have been reported and swine fever has abated.

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   b. Popular opinion

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b. Amassing food. Plans are already prepared for proper checking and recording of the amounts of grain and oil produced and for fixing the amount to be amassed. It is estimated that between 40 and 45 per cent of the grain produced will be amassed. During April 750 tons of last year's wheat, barley, oats and beans were amassed. This high figure shows the results of the effective work of A.M.G. police in curbing the Black Market. The urgent need for warehouses occupied by the Army in all provinces is again brought forth. Failure to recover them will mean the failure of our amassing program. Big warehouses at Lucera, Foggia, Manfredonia and other points are now occupied by the Army.

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c. Fisheries. During April, by a decree of the Prefect, the fishing industry of Foggia Province has been placed on a uniform basis. The following amounts of fish catch at Manfredonia are reported:

Sales within province	- 67 tons)	
Sales outside province	- 51 ")	
Allocated to hospital	- 1 ")	Total - 214 tons
Seppia (cuttlefish)	- 95 ")	

5. LABOR
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a. Organization. In accord with the plan for organization of labor (as cited in March report Par 4 a), labor offices were set up during April in 41 communes; the remaining 19 communes will be provided with representatives forthwith. Fifty-three labor disputes were adjusted and 69 cases -- all minor -- are awaiting adjudication. Regulations for maverick labor organizations and guilds are required as a number of these unbranded cells are "mushrooming" throughout the province.

b. Harvest labor. Labor for the coming harvest continues to be a paramount problem in Foggia province. Adjustment of the wage scale should be made at once in order that available labor in Foggia and Campobasso Provinces may be drawn in at an early date. With the proposed basic wage scale for harvesters of 100 L. a day or 700 L. a week as the equivalent price recommended for a quintal of grain, being twice that of last year; the 8th Army labor in Campobasso and Chieti provinces, as well as Army labor in Foggia Province, will be adversely affected by this scale, since the Army labor pay scale is only 50 L. per day with the recent proviso for rations being added. However, full consideration should be given to the fact that harvest labor is highly seasonal (40 to 60 days only) with a peak period of 40 days from about June 20th to August 1st - so short as to warrant at least a 50 per cent increase in the wage scale for harvesters. Since the army is of the opinion that the increased pay may draw off essential labor from Army projects, I suggest that the scale be set at the maximum (100 L.) for a 40-day period only, with the army pay scale of 50-60 L. and rations for the remaining 40 days of the period between June 15th and September 5th.

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6. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
   a. Utilities.
   b. Civil Transport.

a. Utilities. A survey of electrical installations in Campobasso Province has been made and the water supply of Campobasso Town has been restored to normal output. (See special report attached - Appendix B).

b. Civil Transport is handled through Truck Pool No. 1 at Foggia, with 31 serviceable vehicles, and Truck Pool No. 2 at Campobasso using part of the 53 vehicles received April 30. During the height of the harvest season, 40 to 50 ten-ton lorries could be used in Foggia province if made available from June 1st. An additional 150 three-ton trucks (inclusive of the serviceable number of trucks furnished during April) should be provided for the civilian transportation units of Region V. The plan is to provide truck hauling for grain direct from the harvesting machine area to the amassi of the percentage of grain to be amassed. This will limit Black Market operations to grain which has been allocated to the individual farmers as the authorized amount to feed his family and farm labor personnel. This allotment is high, but it is an old Italian custom that even the Fascist regime was unable to overcome.

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c. Cattle Rustling. A new racket has developed in the Black Market operations in Foggia Province, reminiscent of the like in the Far West of the United States. The CC. RR. apprehended several rustlers with 16 head of cattle.

d. Italian Police. The following table shows strength of Italian police in Foggia Province:

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GG. Municipali	358
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GG. Forestali	54
Agenti P. S.	135
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e. Prisons. The conditions of prisons and the sanitation in them are being constantly improved. The prison population is at present 555; there are 76 guards. When the amassing of grain begins in June an additional prison will be needed for early violators in order to create the proper effect in farm areas by the incarceration of persons convicted of breaking the amassing laws. Recommend that the San Severo prison be returned to the province at an early date. The U.S. troops at Foggia should provide a prison enclosure for military convicts and this should present no difficulty during the summer weather which will prevail for the ensuing six months.

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Superior courts sat during the month for the trial of less serious cases: rioting, possession of firearms, Black Market offenses and violations of Proclamation 8 - Italian Law - with sentences upon conviction ranging from 1 year to 10 years, with three cases having awards of fines in addition. The convictions and sentences for rioting and black market dealing have been publicized.

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8. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE
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Schools have been opened in Campobasso Province for the elementary grades. In Foggia Province, 1,230,000 L. have been requested for repair of schools. A small number of school books have been received in Foggia.

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TO : Execu[illegible] Officer Region 5 AMG.

FROM : Agri. Region 5 AMG.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report

REF. : 515/15

DATE : 4/5/44

Potatoes: 1500 tons of seed potatoes had been asked for by Region 4 for Campobasso Province. These arrived in Bari and were railed in large quantities to Lucera without previous notice to Region 5. ACC. had stated that Region 5 would be informed daily of number of trucks leaving Bari. This never happened and much congestion was caused at Lucera. Region 5 transport was totally inadequate to handle this large quantity. When the potatoes began to arrive in Campobasso the Italian Officials concerned stated that a mistake had been made and they only required 700 tons. On enquiry being made, it was discovered that the Accertamenti Official concerned had made a guess at the figure, reason given being lack of transport and communications. The whole Italian Provincial Agricultural set up was warned that we could not accept these mistakes involving unnecessary use of shipping.

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Rope has been sent to Vasto for the 40 boats operating there. Cotton for net repairs has been promised by ACC. but has not arrived.

General: At conference with 8th Army AMG. on 5 April 1944 it was decided that Region 5 should handle all long term requisitions for what will eventually be Region 5 Provinces, Lt.Col. Middlewood to go to Naples and endeavour to find out what was coming forward (see Appendix A attached).

Binder twine is arriving in Foggia Province.

There is 100 tons of farm rope available for Region 5 at Naples.

There is in Bari 25 tons of Vegetable seed.

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Nicotine sulphate is available in Bari.
List of Veterinary Vaccines and Serums with location has been circulated to all concerned.
Scheme for sack control to prevent Black Market has been submitted to ACC. (see MS/515/22 of 13/4/44)

The following will be main work for May.
Distribution Sulphur and Copper Sulphate.
Transport of Binder twine, farm rope.
Harvesting and threshing arrangements including Harvest Labour.
Transport arrangements from threshers to Ammasi .
Visit Tremiti Islands if possible and organise transport of fish from Islands to Termoli for Campobasso Province.

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H.MIDDLEWOOD Lt.Col.
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APPENDIX A P. 1

COMMODITY	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS										
Superphosphate						60370	120740	60370		10593
Ammonium sulphate	22195	15315				10196				
Copper Sulphate	10000	4800								6050
Elemental sulphur	5000	5000								
Lead Arsenate	68	68								
Sodium Arsenite	50									
Zinc Phosphide										
Nicotine sulphate, 40%	15	15				1½				
Petroleum Oil		200								
AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES										
Binder twine		481	962	481						
Baling Wire				161	164	161				
Hemp sacks		240	160	320						
Grating Nails				25			25			
Plowshare steel				25						
Wagon tire steel				10			10			
Belting				50		25				
Farm machinery and parts				500	250	250				
Seed Potatoes										20000
FORESTRY SUPPLIES										
Hand saws		25		25		25				
Gang saws		½		½		½				
Circular Saws		37½		37½		37½				
Felling axes		5		5		5				
Files		7		7		7				
Axes		1½		1½		1½				
Belting		11½		11½		11½				
Belt Clips		2		2		2				
WINTERIZE REQUIREMENTS										
Pick handles	½	½	½							½
Rifle	20	10	10							10
Shot	350	350								300
Cotton twine	300	300								300
Bailcloth	10	10	10		10		10		10	
Steel cable	42	42								

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APR.	MAY	JUN	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	TOTAL		
					60370	120740	60370		16593	30185	10595	301851	1000	boxes
					10196					22193	31070	110963	"	"
22153	13315								6050	6900	4550	52300	"	"
10000	18803									7000	5000	22000	"	"
3000	5000										68	204	"	"
68	66										50	100	"	"
50					1½							1½	"	"
											15	45	"	"
15	15											200	"	"
	200													
												1924	"	"
	481	962	481									1532	"	"
			465	464	464							930	"	"
	240	300	240									90	"	"
			25			25						25	"	"
			25									20	"	"
			10			10						75	"	"
			20		25							1000	"	"
			500	250	250				20000	20000		40000	"	"
										25		100	"	"
	25		25		25					25		1	"	"
	5		5		5					37½		150	"	"
	37½		37½		37½					5		20	"	"
	5		5		5					7		28	"	"
	7		7		7					1½		6	"	"
	1½		1½		1½					14½		58	"	"
	14½		14½		14½					2		8	"	"
	2		2		2									
½	½	½							½	½	½			
20	10	10							10	10	10	3	"	"
250	350								300	300	221	70	"	"
30	300								300	307		1521	"	"
10	10	10		10		10		10				1207	"	"
2	42											60	"	"
												84	"	"

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TO : Executive Officer Region 5 AMG.
FROM : Agr.Region 5 AMG
SUBJECT : Notes on Chieti and Campobasso Provinces.
REF. : 515/15
DATE : 11 May 1944

CAMPOBASSO

The Inspector of Agriculture has stressed the urgent need of Copper Sulphate, even if only a small quantity can be obtained.

He has requested that 10 q.ls at least be made available for his Provincial Experimental Establishment for Vine culture.

ACC has put Copper Sulphate on a low priority, but every endeavour is being made by this Special Division to obtain a small supply. The Inspector stresses that we do not realise the disasterous effect caused by this shortage. Possibly he is right, but Copper Sulphate is almost unobtainable even in U.S.A.

Wheat in the Province is much more backward than in Foggia and on the thin mountain soil does not look like producing a high yield, but this is probably normal for Campobasso.

The Volturno Valley and Coastal stretch are the most promising parts of the Province.

5 or 6 motor fishing boats have arrived in Termoli which is the only fishing port of the Province. Lt.Commander Mullieri of Agri.Sub-Commission (Fisheries Branch) wishes to visit the Region in the near future and I propose to go round the coast with him and also visit the Tremiti Islands with a view to getting an estimate of their possibilities of exporting fish to Campobasso Province.

Owing to the extremely low fixed price of Fish in Foggia Province and the high price of fuel, the motor boats in Manfredonia are laid up. If Foggia fish prices are not raised to permit of these boats operating, it might be advisable to transfer them to Termoli where the higher prices operating in 8th Army Area might permit of their working at a profit.

Swine fever has been very bad but the Provincial Veterinary informs me that it is being brought under control.

A serum supply centre is being started in Foggia Province.

CHIETI

Chieti Province is very much better from an Agricultural point of view than Campobasso. Much of the wheat looks as good as the wheat of Foggia Plain. If Region 5 takes over this Province before harvest I foresee the need for every possible Agricultural Officer being sent into this Province as there is at present no Italian Agricultural set up. It might be advisable to borrow some Italian Officials from the Campobasso set up.

The question of troops in the Amanzi Warehouses was brought up at the recent Agricultural Conference in Naples but nothing has

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yet been heard of any Action. This is a point that should be stressed at the highest le( )possible if we are to g n the wheat from the threshing machines before it is hidden away.

Very little can be done in the way of fixing wages and conditions for harvest labour until the price of wheat is divulged.

LABOUR

The Region Labour Officer left for Lucera on 10 May 1944 without leaving his report.

It is known that Provincial Commissioner Foggia has stated that he will not have women and children imported for the harvest this year. In war conditions existing at present it is felt that the Foggia farmers would be very pleased to make use of any kind of labour whatsoever and this restriction will probably have the effect of keeping out a great numbers of workers who would otherwise come.

Added to which, the women always appear to be harder workers than the men. If sufficient Italian soldiers can be obtained this will provide a solution but from my own experience of Army labour I think that the Italian farmers would prefer civilian help where possible.

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Capt.Lockwood's memo. on Foggia attached.

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Memorandum to Lt.C... Middlewood
FROM:Capt.Lockwood
SUBJECT: Agricultural Inspection of Foggia Province.
DATE: 10/5/44.

1. I left this headquarters 5/5/44 in order to:
(a) Inspect the development of crops of Foggia Province.
(b) Discuss and plan with the Provincial Commissioner staff requisitions for the first half of 1945 and which are due May 20.
(c) Acquaint the Italian Agricultural Officials of this requisition and methods used in making it up.
(d) Expedite the return of forms required by ACC relative to Agriculture of that Province.

2. The following deals with the above.
(a) Inspections in the vicinity of Foggia,Lucera,San Severo, Torre Maggiore,east of St.Nicola and Volturara showed very little difference in grain crop on the floor of the Foggia Plain, however, there is now considerable irregularity in growth in different fields.Conditions at present indicate a variance of from three weeks to a month in harvest of wheat within the same Comunes.

A considerable part of the best wheat is now blooming.Development ranges downward to fields where the crop is less than 8 inches high.

Approximately 5% of the wheat crop is so retarded that production will be short.Unless the weather is favorable harvest of wheat will not start much before the 10th of June, but the barley crop may be ready by June 1st.

Harvest will probably be in full swing by the middle of June for Barley,Wheat, and Oats and should continue until the middle of July with activity continuing into August.

Very little disease was seen in the wheat crop.Some fields of Barley were smutted but the total reduction from this should be little.

It is early for an accurate estimate of the yield to be made but the Chief Inspector of Agriculture for that Province informed me that these should be the following:

Wheat.	250000	metric tons
Oats	40000	" "
Barley	10000	" "

It is his opinion that 400 tons of binder twine will handle the grain crop this year. On the other hand the Chief of the Consorzio Agrario believes that from 600 to 700 tons of twine will be used and that 300000 sacks will be needed to handle the crop, but that fewer may be required; the actual amount depending on the rapidity of movement to mills and return of the empty sacks for refilling.

The Consorzio Agrario had storage capacity for 120000 metric tons of grain but troops are now in their large warehouses at Lucera, Manfredonia and Foggia.

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Further that the warehouse of Foggia has b[illegible] so altered that Dr.Nucci do[illegible]s not believ[illegible] can be used. Because o[illegible]is occupation by troops storage capacity has been cut to 80000 metric tons.
Potatoes are now growing near Foggia, Torremaggiore and San Severo.
The almond crop over the area is irregular and probably below the average harvest. Frost of April 15 killed the bloom on many of the trees in bloom at that time.

(b) Plans were made with Capt. Sinclair to expedite the requisition of needs for 1945. It is understood that spare parts will not be asked for in advance of anticipated needs but will be requisitioned on an actual need basis.

Belting for the 1944 harvest is to be given priority and should be given in length, width and number of plies of fabricated belts as well as the weights of the different widths if this is possible.

(c) Visits were made to the Office of the Provincial Agricultural Inspector, and Consorzio Agrario and they understand these requisitions are to be ready by May 18. Further that or before that date an agricultural Officer will discuss these requisitions in order that a clear, working understanding may be maintained.

(d) Information was obtained to aid in filling out forms required by ACC.AGR. Sub-Comaission

A.T.S. Lockwood

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Arg.Region 5 AMG.

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TO : Col. F.L. MILLER - Regional Commissioner - Region 5.

FROM : Maj. C.A. LATIMER - Regional Engineer.

SUBJECT : Activities Report - April 1944.

DATE : 5 May 1944.

1. In this Report of the Engineering Section I have extracted the salient points of the Communications, Transportation, and Public Utilities divisional reports annexing copies of these reports in full. Copies of these reports (in duplicate) have been sent to the interested Sub-Commissions, A.C.C.

2. The purpose of this summary is to furnish the basis for the appropriate sections in the Regional Report.

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b. In FOGGIA Province, the results are not quite so gratifying. Telephone and Telegraph instruments have been pretty well destroyed or removed, the buildings occupied by military installations and all operating lines in possession of the Army and Air Force. The Air Force has refused all permission for reconnaissance and repair of any lines in their area which includes all the important towns in this Province.

c. As noted in Post Report the Post Offices are open in all Provinces for certain financial transactions. In CAMPOBASSO and FOGGIA a mail service is in operation for Official Mail including that of banks (carried in FOGGIA by Carabinieri motor cyclists.)

4. CIVIL TRANSPORTATION

a. Truck pool No. 1 has been located at FOGGIA City, FOGGIA. A walled enclosure with included machine shop and storage buildings has been procured. The organization is being perfected and instructions have been prepared. This pool was somewhat embarrassed by the unexpected arrival of numerous freight cars of potatoes in FOGGIA which called for emergency transportation to CAMPOBASSO before the trucks had been made roadworthy but the matter was handled satisfactorily. There are at present 20 of the 26 trucks (assigned to Truck Pool 1) on the road plus 11 delivered to VASTO which are at present operating under the supply officer of CHIETI Province. The R.C.S.O. of Region 5 was in NAPLES April 30th accepting delivery of 51 additional trucks. Preliminary arrangements have been made to install Truck Pool No. 2 in CAMPOBASSO Town, CAMPOBASSO. The detailed reports of business done will be included in next Monthly (May) report. A transportation Survey of CAMPOBASSO has been prepared and a copy is included herewith.

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c. Railroad transportation in FOGGIA PROVINCE has been correlated with motor transportation and arrangements made for the cooperation of Mil. and Provincial Officers.

5. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

a. Electrical

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The region has had representation on the 2 District Electricity Control Committee being present at all meetings and presenting the needs of this Area. A survey of the electrical situation in CAMPANIA Province has been made and a report on that area in the vicinity of CASERTA TOWN is included in this report. This area, the limits of which are shown in a map accompanying the report, is completely cut off and independent of the general power supply at this time.

b. Water Supply .....

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Water supply in CAMPOBASSO TOWN has been restored to normal condition from 0700 to 2100 hours daily. Barbed wire has been provided to protect one of the sources against pollution. A drive has been made to prevent wastage, having in view a much reduced supply this summer. In TERMOLI the R.Es. are maintaining water service.

c. Railways

A survey of the railway line from TERMOLI has been made and is submitted with the Div. P.W. report. It is believed that the section from CAMPOBASSO to TERMOLI might be repaired within six months from start of operation and that this line might be of some value to us in supply and administration. That section from CAMPOBASSO to BENEVENTO is in much worse condition and is believed beyond repair in time to be of value to us.

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Regional Engineer

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Annex 6

A.M.G. Region 5. Posts & Tele-communications.

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Campobasso Province.

Telegraphs & Telephones.

Campobasso Town. T.I.M.O. magneto switchboard has been repaired, so far as parts were available, and there is now a two-position 12b-line board ready for service, minus battery. many cables to DPs have been repaired, and the remainder should be repaired in two weeks. It has been proposed to CSO 2 Dist that the switchboard should be taken over in situ by Signals as the Area exchange, that Signals should provide a battery, and that subscribers' locals should be routed through the civil DPs. A 60-line switchboard has been installed in the TIMO building, with a tie-line to the Area board, giving connection to the Carabinieri, Fire Brigade and air-raid sirens. This exchange will be available for connection to the civil administration when such service is permitted. The 80-line board removed by Signals some time ago has been returned to Campobasso in excellent condition. A small PBX has been installed at Provincial HQ, AMG, by TIMO.

Campolieto. 20-line switchboard damaged- removed to Campobasso for repair. Telegraph instruments are assessed beyond repair.

Isernia. Telephone building badly damaged. 100-line switchboard recovered- removed to Campobasso, and is now in good order. A quantity of 50-pair cable has been recovered, and is being used in repairs in Campobasso. Post and telegraph office completely destroyed.

Larino. 50-line switchboard removed by Eighth Army Signals in December last. It's return has been requested. The test frame is in good order as is the HF apparatus for the Campobasso-Pescara line. Telegraph instruments (five morse) are in good order. The test frame is damaged but reparable. Battery OK.

Termoli. The 50-line telephone switchboard and test frame have vanished - said to have been removed by an unknown Signal unit some months ago. HF equipment OK. The five morse telegraph instruments are OK, but the battery is destroyed.

General. Many small villages have been visited. In those on the main roads, telephone and telegraph instruments have been systematically destroyed. In other villages, both installations, usually a 3 or 6-line exchange and one or two morse instruments are intact. On the whole, sufficient morse instruments are available in the Province to provide a telegraph service to all towns and villages of any size.

Lines. Ing. Caldarola, Director of the Circolo for Foggia and Campobasso Provinces has agreed that Sig. Virgili (Director TIMO, Campobasso Province) should act on his behalf in this Province, and has placed the Circolo linemen at Virgili's disposal. Two projects are under way - first, the recce of routes radiating from Campobasso in the area now under 2 Dist, the other is the rehabilitation of some circuits on the main route following the railway between Campobasso and Termoli. Signals use four wires on this route, but the CSO 2 Dist has given permission for other circuits, mostly telegraph, to be rehabilitated. The Circolo linemen who are stationed at various points in the Province are concentrating at Campobasso to begin the above job in a few days. Sig. Virgili is doing excellent work, and I am receiving the maximum co-operation from Signals.

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Posts. As stated in my last report, a mail service is in operation for use by the civil administration and banks. Enclosed are copies of circulars issued by the Post Office regarding financial business. The Finance Officer of the Province tells me that he has made several applications to AMG to be allowed to commence the sale of Buoni Postale Fruttieri, without result. There are ample stock of forms in the Post Offices of the Province, and people want to invest. The only question is, what is to be the rate of interest, which was previously as high as 6%.

Stocks of stamps. Exact figures are not yet available, but from observation at various Post Offices, they are small. There are, however, good stocks of stamped postcards.

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Foggia Province.

Telegraphs and telephones.

Foggia Town. The upper portion of the Post & Telegraph building has been destroyed. The ground floor is habitable and is in use as an Army store, but a few rooms are available which would be sufficient for the telegraph and telephone office. No telegraph equipment remains. S.E.T. can instal a switchboard for civilian use. CSO 2 Dist can produce a telephone circuit for civil use between Bari and Foggia, and has asked permission to do so from Air Force HQ.

Lucera. No telegraph or telephone equipment left. SET have a loc-line mag. switchboard which they can instal in the old telephone building. They have been told to get on with it. A PBX has been installed at the AMG Provincial HQ, but 60 x-cells are required before it can function. Various sources have been explored without result so far.

S. n Severo. All telegraph and telephone equipment gone. The Post building is use as an Army P.O. The telephone building is unoccupied, and SET have a 200-line C.B. board which they can instal.

Cerignola and Troia. All telegraph and telephone equipment is gone.

Lines. A recce programme was arranged for all Circolo and SET lines in the Province. The proposal was put up to Air Force HQ, but the reply received was "Not favourably considered at this time". The proposal will be put forward again in a few weeks.

General. Carabinieri. A scheme has been submitted to Garrison Cmd for connection of local carabinieri to the Signals exchanges at Lucera, Foggia, Manfredonia, Cerignola and San Severo.
Acquedotto. Their 2-pair route San Severo-Torremaggiore is in use by the Army. I have asked permission for Acquedotto to put another pair on the same route, using their own stores.
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Carcolo. Transport was provided for the removal of the Circol records and office equipment from Bovino, where they had taken refuge, to Lucera.

Posts. Offices for certain financial transactions. Official mail only carried by Carabinieri motor-cyclists.

Campobasso Province.

Town. The telegraph room which contained seven morse instruments has been knocked about a bit. Using bits and pieces, four of these are reparable. The test plant is broken but reparable. No battery. The 100-line switchboard is damaged, but can be repaired sufficiently to provide a 40-50 line board. There is no battery, and many of the subscribers' instruments are missing.

Lines. In a very bad state. Miles of route have vanished. For example, the 4-wire VIBO Termoli-Vasto route is almost intact between Termoli and the Provincial boundary, but from there to Vasto, there is only an odd pole at intervals of several hundred yards.

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Chieti Province.

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Lines. In a very bad state. Miles of route have vanished. For example, the 4-wire TIMO Teramoli-Vasto route is almost intact between Teramoli and the Provincial boundary, but from there to Vasto, there is only an odd pole at intervals of several hundred yards.

Posts. No mail. Open for sussidi payments.

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REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION

Month of April - 1944.

REGIONAL TRANSPORT

During the month, Truck Pool No. 1 located at Foggia has been busy getting located and organized. They have obtained a walled enclosure, complete shop and equipment and an office in adjoining apartment building, thus centralizing all activities. Telephones have been installed, an Italian clerical staff installed and the owner of the shop hired as shop superintendent. His mechanics were also hired by the Truck Pool.

The vehicles were placed in an embarrassing position upon their arrival due to the urgent necessity of transporting potatoes from Lucera to Campobasso. This necessitated putting the vehicles on the road without proper servicing immediately upon their arrival in Foggia. However, this emergency was overcome and the damage done has been gradually repaired. At present 20 out of 28 vehicles are on the road.

On April 7, eleven trucks were transferred to Vasto on orders of the Provincial Commissioner. Arrangements were made there to service the trucks at R.E.M.E. and Italian drivers were hired. The operation of the trucks were placed temporarily in the hands of the Provincial Supply Officer. (It is intended to activate a truck pool there and take over the operation under direct command of Region V.).

A transportation survey was made on Campobasso Province and report rendered to the Provincial Commissioner. On the basis of this report, it is expected that A.C.C. will issue additional trucks to fulfill these requirements.

Instructions, orders, blank contracts and other pertinent data have been devised by this office for the organization, operation and general conduct of Truck Pools during the month. Direct help has been rendered Truck Pool No. 1 in setting up their organization and complete plans are now developed for the Regional Transportation set-up as well as the individual pools.

Contacts have been made with British Ordnance so that parts and supplies may be issued to the ED vehicles in the pools.

Additional trucks have been furnished by A.C.C. and Truck Pools Nos. 2 and 3, located at Campobasso and Chieti, are contemplated in the near future. Considerable work must be done to correlate the inter-provincial movements but through good cooperation with Supply Officers, this feature is being made workable. Additional transportation officers should be obtained and trained in our methods.

WATER TRANSPORT

The three schooners at Manfredonia are now set up so that they may be at the service of Regional Supply Officer for transport of goods between Bari and Termoli. An agreement was reached with 8th Army A.M.G. for the use of these crafts.

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Regional Engr.
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TO : Major G.A. LATIMER, C.E. Regional Engineer, Reg 5 AMG

FROM : Major [redacted] POWER, Regional P.W. & U. Offr.

SUBJECT : Report on Activities of Public Works & Utilities Section, Engineering Division, for April 1944.

DATE : 1 May 1944

1. WATER SUPPLIES. Further attention has been given to improving the water supply in Campobasso city. Arrangements were made for the Water Engineer to visit Naples where he was able to procure piping and fittings for use on repairs. A drive has been made to remove wastage from free running faucets. Both pumping sets in the pump house are working satisfactorily after the starter of the Foggia motor had been re-wired for the local ~~mixture~~ voltage.

Water is now normally available from 0700 hrs until 2100 hrs and any interruptions to supply are usually local and due to repairs to mains.

Barbed wire has been provided for the protection of one of the intake points against pollution.

2. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

a. Power Generation. The inspection of power stations on the Biferno river has been completed and embodied in a seperate report of which a copy is attached.

b. Power Consumption. In Campobasso Province, south - eastern district, power supply is meeting the demand reasonably well.

This Region was represented by Maj. J.H. Bennett at the meeting of No. 2 District Electricity Control Committee held on 14 April. It was then agreed that economy measures already instituted in Foggia Province should be allowed to continue without alteration for the present: also that Campobasso Province S-E district, which is independent of the pool, should make its own regulations for controlling consumption of power as circumstances demand.

Classified data regarding power users in Campobasso Province, north and west districts, is being collected and submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the committee.

3. ITALIAN FACILITIES. There has been delay in moving over the workshop referred to in the March report due to the difficulty of finding alternative accomodation for NAAFI stores in the building. Arrangements were made to move NAAFI to another building but have had to be deferred owing to combatant troops passing through taking over. Latest information is that it is expected to be possible to move NAAFI in the near future. Meanwhile it is not possible to overhaul the equipment owing to the congested state of the store.

4. RAILWAYS. A survey has been made of the Termoli - Campobasso railway and findings have been incorporated in a separate report. This indicates the nature and extent of damage due to enemy action and outlines proposals for putting the line into operation again.

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3. PUBLIC BUILDINGS. There has been delay in taking over the workshop referred to in the March report due to the difficulty of finding alternative accomodation for MAAF stores in the building. Arrangements were made to move MAAF to another building but have had to be deferred owing to combatant troops passing through taking over. Latest information is that it is expected to be possible to move MAAF in the near future. Meanwhile it is not possible to overhaul the equipment owing to the congested state of the store.

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5. AMG CENTRAL STORE DEPT, CAMPOBASSO. Plans, specifications & contract for adaptation of the Ente Nazionale della Cerealicoltura, Campobasso, as a central store depot for AMG purposes have been approved. Release of materials not otherwise available to the contractors has been obtained from R.E. stocks.

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To : Major C.A. LATIMER, C.E., Regional Engineer, Region 5, A.M.G.

From : Maj. J.K[illegible]EN, Regional P.W. & U. Offic[illegible]gion 5, A.M.G.

Subject : TERMOLI-CAMPOBASSO-BENEVENTO Railway.

Reference : R5/917/3.

Date : 27 Apr 44.

I. INTRODUCTION.

1. The TERMOLI-BENEVENTO line is a link in the Italian State Railway System providing a connection with the NAPLES-FOGGIA line at BENEVENTO and the main East coast route at TERMOLI. It is a single line track of standard guage for steam operation, no sections being electrified.

2. The northern section of the line, from TERMOLI to [illegible]ETANO, and comprising approximately two thirds of its length, lies in CAMPOBASSO Province.

3. In view of the importance to A.M.G. of exploring all means of transportation an investigation has been made of the extent of the damage done to this line and repairs required to restore it.

4. The official responsible for engineering work on the line is Dott. Ing. ANTONIO CARLUCCIO of CAMPOBASSO who has provided much valuable detailed information which has been of great assistance in compiling this report.

GENERAL.

II. CONDITION OF LINE.

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6. Apart from damage to the permanent way, including torn up and twisted rails, removal of fish-plates and sleepers etc. which can be replaced with little difficulty, the more serious aspect of reconstruction concerns damage to bridges and tunnels.

7. The relative position in the two sections of line as regards damaged bridges and tunnels is as follows :

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CAMPOBASSO - BENEVENTO	1	-	9	1	2	6	3	1	4	-	2	-	29

Tunnels.

TERMOLI - CAMPOBASSO, 5.
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8. Between CAMPOBASSO and BENEVENTO demolition of bridges has been thorough and little more than piles of rubble remain to mark their position. Between CAMPOBASSO and TERMOLI destruction in the majority of cases has been partial only. The same general characteristic applies to tunnels.

9. In view of the foregoing broad survey it was considered that re-building of the CAMPOBASSO-BENEVENTO section could not be completed in time to serve A.M.G. purposes and attention has been concentrated on the CAMPOBASSO-TERMOLI section.

10. The greater part of the latter section has been surveyed personally and the observations which follow combine the results of the survey and information supplied by Dott. Ing. CARLAGCIO.

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11. Map references, ITALY 1:100,000 sheet 155 S. SEVERO.
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12. Starting in TERMOLI station the first two kilometers of line run parallel with the main TERMOLI-BARI coast line.

13. At M837753 the track turns NNE and crosses the TERMOLI-FOGGIA road by a single span overbridge at M835748. This bridge is carried on brick abutments and the decking consists of heavy RSJs placed side by side and filled in between with concrete. Attempted destruction by the enemy blew out the three outside joists and the fourth joist is distorted. The remainder of the decking and the abutments are sound and the bridge takes rail traffic which is able to get as far south as GUGLIONESI. Thorough overhaul of the decking and repairs to the side of the bridge are necessary and should be completed in 30 days.

14. At M822698 the combined rail and road bridge over the BIFERNO river adjacent to GUGLIONESI station is blown and road traffic is carried on a 250 ft Bailey. It is understood that a scheme for a new permanent bridge is under consideration as part of the road-bridge re-building programme and provision for running a single line track over it as before should present no difficulties.

15. South of the BIFERNO river the fish-plates have been removed from both rails for a distance of approx. 1 km.

16. At M812675 a single arch brick bridge over the TERMOLI-CAMPOBASSO road has been blown. The abutments are sound and re-construction of the arch is estimated at 40 days work.

17. At M803652 the track has been mined and both rails slightly bent for a length of 20 ft.

18. From M794563 to M794560 both rails have been torn up and are lying at the side of the track. Fish plates and sleepers are missing and the ballast has been disturbed. This length has the appearance of having been used as a M.T. park. Relaying of the track is a straight forward platelaying job.

19. From M794560 to LARINO station (M764555) the track is in good condition. For about 0.5 km around the loop at M779556 the track appears to have been relaid with new rails quite recently. Old rails are lying alongside the track and there is [redacted] also a 0.5 km run of contractor's tramway 0.5 m gauge.

20. At M709494 a ten span brick arch bridge across a stream bed had been partially demolished. Three arches are affected but piers and abutments are sound and it is estimated that rebuilding could be completed in 50 days.

21. At M703407 a three span brick arch bridge over the TERMOLI - CAMPOBASSO road had been completely demolished. It is considered that in rebuilding the two end arches could be dispensed with by extending the embankment to each end of a single brick arch of 8.0 m span. The time required for construction of the new bridge is estimated at 70 days.

22. Three arches of 12, 12 & 6 m span of the 15 arch brick bridge at M643538 have been demolished together with 2 piers. The remaining arches and piers are sound and it is estimated that reconstruction could be completed in 70 days.

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18. From MJ34568 to MJ34560 both rails have been torn up and are lying at the side of the track. Fish plates and sleepers are missing and the ballast has been disturbed. This length has the appearance of having been used as a M.T. park. Relaying of the track is a straight forward platelaying job.

19. From MJ34560 to [illegible] station (MJ64555) the track is in good condition. For about 0.5 km around the loop at MJ79536 the track appears to have been relaid with new rails quite recently. Old rails are lying alongside the track and there is [illegible] also a 0.5 km run of contractor's tramway 0.5 m gauge.

20. At MJ03494 a ten span brick arch bridge across a stream bed had been partially demolished. Three arches are affected but piers and abutments are sound and it is estimated that rebuilding could be completed in 50 days.

21. At MJ03407 a three span brick arch bridge over the [illegible] - CAMPOBASSO road had been completely demolished. It is considered that in rebuilding the two end arches could be dispensed with by extending the embankment to each end of a single brick arch of 8.0 m span. The time required for construction of the new bridge is estimated at 70 days.

22. Three arches of 12, 12 & 6 m span of the 13 arch brick bridge at MH4538 have been demolished together with 2 piers. The remaining arches and piers are sound and it is estimated that reconstruction could be completed in 70 days.

23. At MH43383 a tunnel 68 m long has been damaged for a length of 19 m at the CAMPOBASSO end. The CAMPOBASSO - [illegible] road passed over the damaged portion and has already been diverted. Time for clearing debris and rebuilding is estimated at 60 days.

24. A five arch brick bridge at MJ95378 has been completely demolished. In the reconstruction scheme it is proposed to reduce the bridge to one of three arches, each of 8 m span, and replace the end arches by an earth embankment. Time for rebuilding estimated at 90 days.

25. At MJ94377 a tunnel 65.5 m long has been damaged at the ends for distances of 20 and 12 m respectively and also a centre portion 12 m long. It is estimated rebuilding could be completed in 90 days.

26. At MJ79325 at tunnel/.....

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26. At [illegible] of tunnel 201.6 m long has [illegible] damaged at the ends and in the centre for [illegible]ances of 15, 30 and 15 m respectively. The earth cover over the tunnel is shallow and in rebuilding the portals would be set back from their original positions. To complete the work is estimated to require 100 days.

27. Eight arches and seven piers of the 9 arch brick bridge at M572327, where the track crosses a stream bed, have been destroyed. The reconstruction scheme provides for rebuilding 4 arches and replacing the remainder by an earth embankment using material available through partial demolition of the tunnel at the CASTELNUOVO end of the bridge. Work involved is estimated to require 90 days for completion.

28. The 195 m long tunnel at M571327 has been damaged at both ends and in the centre for distances of approximately 12 m in each case. The earth cover is shallow and in reconstructing the tunnel the portals would be set back from their original positions. It is estimated that rebuilding could be completed in 95 days.

29. The 85 m long tunnel at M567328 has been completely demolished. As the earth cover is only 2.5 m thick it would be reconstructed as a cutting. Time required estimated at 80 days.

30. The 7 arch bridge across a depression at M567328 has been completely demolished. It is proposed to reconstruct it as a single arch of 8 m span with embankments at either end, using material from the demolished tunnel at M567328 for the purpose. Estimated time for completion 70 days.

31. At M566327 the line crosses a two arch brick culvert which has been demolished. Each arch has a span of 3 m and it is estimated that rebuilding could be completed in 40 days.

32. From the above culvert to CASTELNUOVO station the track requires only general overhaul.

33. Points in the station yards at MIRABOTTONI (M704441), CASTELLERO (M657380), MATTEUCCI (M668358), MIRALDESCHI (M564325) and CASTELNUOVO (M553284) have been damaged. At other stations in the section the points are intact.

34. Water towers at CASTELNUOVO and CASTELLERO stations have been destroyed but those at UNURI (M794558), S. MARTINO (M818643), LARINO (M764555) and CASACALENDA (M706487) are in good order.

35. All rolling stock and locomotives seen in the section have been destroyed, the former generally by fire and the latter by explosives. Some salvage of rolling stock is possible but locomotives have been damaged beyond repair.

36. Station buildings are generally in a fair state and many are at present in use for military purposes. Renovations for essential needs would be a small part of the reconstruction programme.

37. Signalling apparatus has been put out of action throughout the section and requires replacing.

38. Much of the foregoing work could proceed simultaneously and assuming materials to be delivered as required the total time for completion of the rebuilding programme is estimated at 180 days.

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original positions. It is estimated that rebuilding could be completed in 35 days.

29. The 65 m long tunnel at M967328 has been completely demolished. As the earth cover is only 2.5 m thick it would be reconstructed as a cutting. Time required estimated at 30 days.

30. The 7 arch bridge across a depression at M967328 has been completely demolished. It is proposed to reconstruct it as a single arch of 8 m span with embankments at either end, using material from the demolished tunnel at M967328 for the purpose. Estimated time for completion 70 days.

31. At M966327 the line crosses a two arch brick culvert which has been demolished. Each arch has a span of 3 m and it is estimated that rebuilding could be completed in 40 days.

32. Both the above culvert to CASTIGLIONE station the track requires only general overhaul.

33. Points in the station yards at MINABONTONI (M784411), CAMPOLIETO (M957500), MARTINO (M982956), MINALENDARO (M964325) and CASTIGLIONE (M953284) have been damaged. At other stations in the section the points are intact.

34. Water towers at CASTIGLIONE and CAMPOLIETO stations have been destroyed but those at UNDRI (M794558), S. MARTINO (M918643), LARINO (M764555) and CASACALENDA (M706487) are in good order.

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39. LOCALLY AVAILABLE MATERIALS/.....

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IV. LOCAL AVAILABLE MATERIALS FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

39. Local resources require further investigation. Indications are that the bulk of materials required are to be found in the vicinity of the railway or within reasonable transport distance.

a. Stone for Construction and Ballast. Quarries in CAMPOBASSO and VINCHIATURO. There is also a railway quarry at [illegible].

b. Bricks. Brickworks near CAMPOBASSO and LUCERA.

c. Lime. There are limekilns at S. [illegible] in PERRILLI 16 km. south of TERMOLI and limestone is understood to be found in the valley of the river CITTO nearby.

d. Sand. From the river CITTO and other sources along the route.

e. Cement. (pozzolano) from AVELLINO.

40. It is estimated that approx. 300,000 bricks will be required for the reconstruction of arches. Piers and abutments would be reconstructed of stone quarried near the track or salvaged. Cement would amount to about 3000 quintals but could be reduced to half or less by the use of lime mortar for which the local lime kilns would provide the lime.

41. It is understood that there are in CAMPOBASSO and district a number of railway employes with the necessary experience for this work and that a number of others have found employment elsewhere and could be recalled.

V. GENERAL.

42. The immediate interest of this line to AMG lies in the facilities it would provide for direct transportation by rail of civilian supplies from NAPLES and BARI to CAMPOBASSO, an important distribution centre. It would also prove valuable for the transportation of agricultural products from the farming districts through which the line passes.

43. Taking a longer view it appears probable that the BENEVENTO - TERMOLI line as a whole will prove to be the easiest to reconstruct to provide and additional standard gauge rail link between the main east and west coast routes. Alternative standard gauge routes to the north pass through territory where heavy fighting has taken and is taking place and much more ~~damage~~ demolition can be expected, eg. the VAIRANO - ISERNIA - CAROVILLI - CASTEL di SANGRO line joining the main east coast line at PESCARA.

44. Reinstatement of the TERMOLI - CAMPOBASSO line in the near future would serve an immediate useful purpose and also reduce the amount of work to be done to restore the TERMOLI - BENEVENTO connection.

45. There is evidence that ballast is being removed from the track here and there for road repairs and this and similar petty diversions of railway property likely to continue so long as it remains derelict, all add to the work of reconstruction.

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43. Taking a longer view it appears probable that the BENEVENTO - TERMOLI line as a whole will prove to be the easiest to reconstruct to provide any additional standard gauge rail link between the main east and west coast routes. Alternative standard gauge routes to the north pass through territory where heavy fighting has taken and is taking place and much more [redacted] demolition can be expected, eg. the VAIRANO - ISERNIA - CASTEL di SANGRO line joining the main east coast line at PESCARA.

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To : Maj. C.A. LATTNER, C.E., Regional Engineer, Region 5 A.M.G.

From : Maj. J.E. [redacted], Regional P.W. & U. Officer, Region 5 A.M.G.

Subject : Electrical Power Generation and Distribution in Campobasso Province; South-eastern District.

Reference : R5/516/2.

Date : 26 Apr 44.

I. INTRODUCTION.

1. The generation and distribution of electrical energy in Campobasso Province falls into three distinct districts :

(a). North and North-east along the valley of the river TRIGNO and South-east along the coast from VASTO to the CAMPOBASSO-FOGGIA boundary extending inland as far as LARINO forming part of the UNRRA system.

(b). South-east centred on ISERNIA and VENAFRO and forming part of the SME system.

(c). South-east centred on CAMPOBASSO and extending along the valley of the river BIFERNO from its source to the UNRRA boundary. Part of the SME system.

2. This report deals with the 3rd district which is self-contained and self-supporting, neither taking power from nor, at the present time, feeding into the national grid.

3. Power is generated in 16 stations, all hydro-electric and operating on low heads, and located on the BIFERNO river. Capacities vary from 60 to 880 KVA but there is no standardisation of voltage, either of generation or distribution. Frequency is standardised at 45 cycles but is not always closely regulated and varies between 45 and 50 cycles.

4. Each power station has been inspected to determine the damage done by enemy action, the present generating capacity and the possibility of increasing output by reasonable repairs.

5. The majority of the stations are owned and operated by the Societa Elettrica della Campagna of the SME group which company also purchases and controls the distribution of power from most/the remaining privately owned stations. The senior official of S.E. della C. responsible for this district is Ing. Enzo PUGLO whose headquarters are in CAMPOBASSO.

6. Prior to Region 5 taking over Ing. PUGLO had already completed numerous repairs and improved power generation and distribution in the district. These and subsequent repairs make further possible improvements in the near future relatively small. The stage has almost been reached where repairs to damaged plant as distinct from the re-building of completely demolished stations have been completed.

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7. Power generation is seasonal and influenced by the flow of water in the

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7. Power generation is seasonal and influenced by the flow of water in the BIFERNO which falls off to a considerable extent during the summer months. The influence is least felt in the stations nearest the source of the river which is fed by perpetual springs and melting snow from the Monti del Matese above BOJANO. Taking the district as a whole output is reduced to about two thirds of the winter output.

8. A list of the 17 power stations with particulars of installed capacity present state and summer and winter output is given in Appendix "A". It will be seen that five installations, DR ANGELIS, ISERNIA, GUARDI, GUERRINO & S. MASSIMO have been completely destroyed, i.e. nothing short of re-building and re-equipping from the foundations upwards will see them in operations again. 6357

9. BIVARO has suffered considerable damage to the fabric of the powerhouse and to the mechanical and electrical equipment. One modern turbine has escaped damage however and an alternator from the BIFERNO station can be made available for coupling to it. As this would make another 215 KVA available in the immediate vicinity of CAMPOBASSO town the S.E. della C. engineer has been instructed to

prepare a scheme/.....

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prepare a scheme involving the minimum of re-building to house one set - the original station housed two .

10. The BIOVRENDO station suffered considerable damage to the fabric of the power house and to the control panel and turbine governors. A temporary brick structure has been built to protect the plant and repairs to the governors are being made locally. Lack of instruments is holding up repairs to the control panel and a list of those required has been passed to P.W. & U. Subcommission, A.C.C., with a request that they be obtained through SME head office in NAPLES. This is one of the stations least affected by seasonal variations in the water flow and the additional summer/winter output of 200/280 KVA in the BOLANO district which would become available are considered justification for giving all possible assistance. It is also possible that the greater part of this output could be diverted to the BENEVENTO area if required.

11. Uncompleted repairs at the remaining damaged stations are small and their completion depends only upon minor items for the release of which applications has been made.

12. The S. MASSIMO installations is the only one in CAMPOBASSO district operating under a high head, viz 736 metres. In summer the water supply dries up completely and the plant is closed down. The fact that the plant has been demolished does not therefore adversely affect the normal summer contribution of this station to the system as a whole.

13. The 4 undamaged stations are in good condition and have been well maintained by the resident plant attendants. In one case only, COLLEMANCHISE, was the plant found in a dirty condition and appropriate action was taken with the plant attendant responsible.

14. Power stations are in telephonic communication with one another and with the head office of S.E. della C. in CAMPOBASSO. Owing to the remote location of most of the stations and difficulties of travel it has not been possible for the engineer-manager of S.E. della C. to visit his installations at frequent intervals and their high standard of upkeep reflects credit on his local staffs.

15. Dams, flumes and tail races are in good condition and normal maintenance work is proceeding.

16. Much of the repair work carried out to date is the result of improvisation and the use of materials in the possession of S.E. della C. Requests for assistance have been negligible.

III. TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION.

17. All communes in the district covered by this report are receiving power for industrial and lighting purposes. Arrangements have been made with power users - flour and pasta mills etc. - in different villages to stagger their hours or days of working to ease peak loads and no excessive hardships have been inflicted.

18. It should be possible to meet summer power demands as output falls by extending hours of working as the need for lighting decreases.

19. The transmission system is shown on the map, Appendix 'B'.

20. The bulk of the power is transmitted to sub-stations at 20, 11 or 9 KV, two small areas being fed at 3 and 4 KV respectively. Transmission lines are in [illegible] generally been due to combined snow and wind [illegible] no interference with

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21. The important 60 KV grid line from CAMPOBASSO to BENEVENTO is out of action on account of damage to the line itself between these towns. The main 60 KV transformer sub-station (SMK) in CAMPOBASSO is also completely destroyed. This isolates CAMPOBASSO from the south and effectively prevents any interchange of current.

22. The practicability of the suggestion in para 10 depends upon the installation of a 9/60 KV step-up transformer at RICCIARDI and repairs to the CAMPOBASSO-BENEVENTO line, although, for the power available, it might be found possible to transmit as far as BENEVENTO at 9 KV without excessive losses.

23. The 20 KV line/.....

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23. The 20 KV [illegible] between PORTOBO and CASAMICO [illegible]oggia Provinces) is also out of action on account of damage further isolating the MANFREDONIA district.

IV. CONCLUSIONS.

24. Repairs to power plants and transmission lines already affected have cleared most of the work which can be done short of re-building demolished stations. It is recommended that assistance be given to complete remaining items outlined above as soon as possible.

25. There is a reasonable balance between supply and demand and no serious rationing hardships have been imposed.

26. Possibilities of export of power to outside districts are limited and in amount and dependent upon transmission line and transformer repairs.

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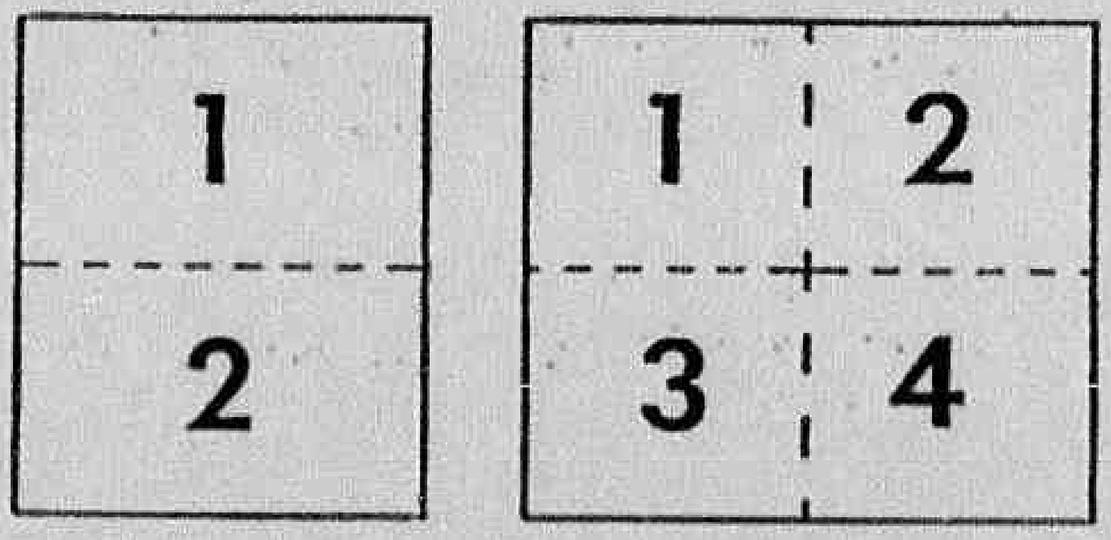

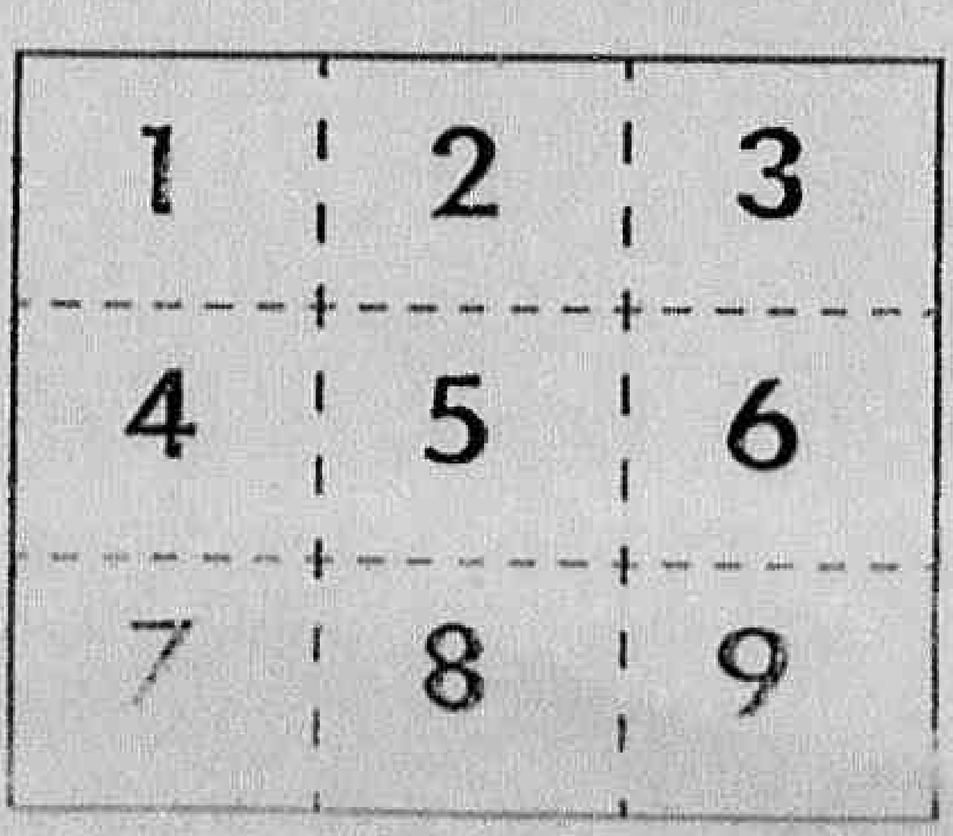

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[redacted] CASTELMASSO PORTION - [redacted]

1. Name of Power Station.
2. Owner.
3. Operated by
4. Area served
5. Generating Capacity, pre Sept 1943.
6. " " at 1.5.44.
7. Stand by plant additional to 6 (cannot be operated concurrently with 6 as max. under flow limitation.
8. Capacity additional to 6 expected to be available at 1.6.44 through completion of repairs.
9. Total generating capacity expected to be available at 1.6.44 (6 plus 8).
10. Estimated summer output from plant operating at 1.5.44.
11. Estimated additional summer output from plant brought into operation subsequent to 1.5.44 including partial re-building of REVANO.
12. Estimated total summer generating capacity (10 plus 11).
13. Remarks.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
VALLECUPA	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	CASTELMASSO TOWN via FOSSOMBRONE	300	300	300	-
IN CORSO	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	MONDAVIO to VOLTURARA via CERRETO VALFORTORE.	285	-	-	285
CASTELBOTTACCIO	Soc. Anon. Idroelettrica di Castelbottaccio.		40 % output to CASTELBOTTACCIO. 60 % " " CASTELMASSO TOWN.	640	640	640	-
FOSSOMBRONE	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	CASTELMASSO TOWN.	550	300	-	250
GOVANZA	Private.	S.E. della C.	90 % output to CASTELMASSO TOWN. 10 % " " LUCETO.	670	670	-	-
DE ANGELIS	Private	S.E. della C.	-	150	-	-	-
DIFESO	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	S. ELIA, FIUMICARA, CASTELTIERA	600	385	215	-
ESCHIA	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	-	150	-	-	-
GRACCI	Private.	Private.	-	350	-	-	-
REVANO	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	-	800	-	-	-
ATESSENSE	Private.	Private.	S. ELIA, ATESSENSE, DIFESO and CASTELMASSO TOWN.	250	250	250	-
GIORGIO	Private.	Private.	DIFESO, ESCHIA, DIANO.	535	535	-	-
COLLEGAMENTO	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	COLLEMAGGIO, BARANELLO, VILLETTA	65	65	-	-
QUERCIA	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	-	50	-	-	-
COLLEGAMENTO	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	MORRO, CASTELLERO, CASTELFRANCO	75	75	-	-
LICHETTO	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	-	200	-	-	-
S. MARINO	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	-	1500	-	-	-
			TOTAL.	7540	3430	1005	535

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CAMPEGANDO PROVINCE - [redacted] ( )

ANNEX [redacted]

with 6 on rem. water flow insufficient.
rough completion of repairs. } winter.
plus 6).

tion subsequent to 1.5.44 indicting } summer.

	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
[redacted]	500	300	300	-	300	250	-	250	Steady plant out of action due to damaged turbine runners.
[redacted]	225	-	-	225	225	-	150	150	Minor repairs to exciter and control panel in hand.
[redacted]	240	240	240	-	240	250	-	250	Plant in first class condition.
[redacted]	250	300	-	250	250	300	-	300	Materials ordered to enable repairs to transformer of 2nd set to be completed.
[redacted]	670	670	-	-	670	335	-	335	Plant in good condition.
	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Plant completely demolished.
[redacted]	600	385	215	-	385	385	-	385	215 KVA alternator to be transferred to KIVARO.
	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Plant completely demolished.
	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" " "
	650	-	-	-	-	-	215	215	Summer output depends upon completion of re-building scheme.
[redacted]	250	250	250	-	250	250	-	250	Plant in first class condition.
[redacted]	595	595	-	-	595	300	-	300	Plant in first class condition.
[redacted]	65	65	-	-	65	50	-	50	Plant in good condition.
	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Plant completely demolished.
[redacted]	75	75	-	-	75	60	-	60	Plant in good condition.
	250	-	-	-	-	-	200	200	Summer output depends upon completion of repairs in hand.
	1500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Plant completely demolished.
TOTAL.	7500	3400	1600	535	4015	2230	565	2795	

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[illegible]	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	[illegible]	65	65	-	-	65
[illegible]	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	-	90	-	-	-	-
[illegible]	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	[illegible]	75	75	-	-	75
[illegible]	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	-	200	-	-	-	-
S. [illegible]	S.E. della C.	S.E. della C.	-	1500	-	-	-	-
			TOTAL	7540	3400	1625	535	4015

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[illegible], VIRGINIA	60	60	-	-	60	50	-	50	Plant in good condition.
	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Plant completely demolished.
[illegible], CALIFORNIA	75	75	-	-	75	60	-	60	Plant in good condition.
	200	-	-	-	-	-	200	200	Summer output depends upon completion of repairs in hand.
	1500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Plant completely demolished.
TOTAL.	7540	3480	1605	535	4015	1830	965	2795	

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Annex IV

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TO : Major L.A. [illegible], C.E. Eng Div Region V.

FROM : Major J.S. BENNETT.

SUBJECT : Report for April 1944.

DATE : 2 May 1944.

I met with the Electricity Control Committee in Bari April 14th. Brig. Dixon stated that it was necessary to reduce the amount of electricity still further. He stated that a decree was being printed to accomplish this. You have a copy of this decree.

I asked that Foggia Province be allowed to continue on its present curtailed basis because no electricity would be saved and it would be confusing to change the regulations just when the other regulations were functioning so well. This was done with the understanding that we would collect data on the power used in this province showing how and by whom it is used.

All of the electricity used in Campobasso Province is generated in the province except a portion of the North and West (which we do not control yet) and this cannot be used in other areas except by using equipment that is not available. In view of this I asked that this area be excluded from the decree and this was granted.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION V A.M.G.
Public Health Division

SUBJECT: -Monthly Report (April)
Ref 319/3/11 Date 10 May 1944
TO : -Regional Commissioner Region V

Herewith Copy of report by R.P.H.O., original has been forwarded to Public Health Sub Commission A.C.C.

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Lt.Col.
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H E A D Q U A R T E R S
REGION V A.M.G.
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

Monthly report by Regional Public Health Officer,
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During the month under review Public Health and Welfare have continued to function satisfactory in areas under the control of the Region. Activities at Headquarters have been confined to dealing with inquiries and problems by letter or phone, and coordination with A.M.G. 8th Army.

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The health of the people is very good, the sickness encountered being of the type encountered in a normal practice. The incident of scabies is slowly being reduced.

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Malaria Control:

The work in connection with Malaria Control in Foggia Province is proceeding very satisfactorily, see Appendix (B) attached.

A survey of Campobasso North has been made by Lt.Col.Spencer and is attached (Appendix C.) A satisfactory supply of oil has now been made available.

Welfare:

Information has been gathered to date that there are 19,828 refugees living in the communes of Foggia Province. Arrangements have been made for two No I Officers (Female) one British one American to enquire into the living conditions.

Clothing received from A.M.G. has been received and distibuted, also soap, baby clothes, and food have been given to Maternity Hospitals at Lucera Prefetroglio San Severo and O.N.M.I. Lucera.

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All Welfare work is being done by Red Cross under supervision of P.P.R.O. and Director of Education Region V (Major Birt).

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Appendix D. gives list of Veterinary infectious diseases.

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FOGGIA PROVINCE

Cases of infected diseases reported during the month of April 44

Measles	3
Typhoid fever	8
Para-typhoid fever	1
Diphteria	1
Whooping Cough	3
Pulmonary T.B.	13
Influenza Epid	2
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	2
Rabies	1
Mediterranean fever	30
Typhus	1

Appendix D.

Veterinary Infectious Diseases. Foggia Province

Swine Fever	12 cases
Contagious Agalaxium (Milk Fev	2 "
(Milk Fever)	
Rabies	1
Anthrax	1
Mange	4

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION V
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

3 May 1944

SUBJECT: Special Report, Antimalaria Work, Foggia Province.

TO: The P.W.B.O., Region V

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1. Canale di PONTONICCHIO (INCOMA)	30,000	50%
2. Torrente SALSOLA	60,000	started
3. Torrente VELGARO	60,000	started
4. Canale dell'AGRO	50,000	started
5. Torrente CELONE	132,000	10%
6. Canale CELSO	32,000	finished
7. Canale SALICE	60,000	50%
8. Canale PARANTELLO [illegible]	77,000	finished
9. Canale PARANTELLO DI CASTIGLIONE	48,000	90%

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3. Torrente VULGANO	40,000	started
4. Canale dell'ACCIO	50,000	started
5. Torrente CELONE	139,000	10%
6. Canale CELSO	32,000	finished
7. Canale SALICE	60,000	50%
8. Canale PANANIELLO MORONE	77,000	finished
9. Canale PANANIELLO DI CASTIGLIONE	45,000	90%
10. Canale di TRINITAPOLI	20,000	finished
11. Canale di ORTANOVA	28,000	finished
12. Canale di LA VOLLA	32,000	finished
13. Canale MARANA PIDOCCHIOSA	56,000	50%

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14.	Canali MORANO S. GIOVANNI CASTELLO	999000	started
15.	Canale MARINA CAPACCIOTTI	44,000	started
16.	Fosso di Secolo CERTOSELLA	2,000	started
17.	Canale delle acque alte di SIPONTO	24,000	started
18.	Canale delle basse acque di SIPONTO	25,600	finished
19.	Canali transversali della PALUDE DI SIPONTO	36,000	50%

These nineteen projects involve cleaning and degrassing of about 855,600 square meters of ditch, canal, and streambed, obligating a sum of 21,400,000 lire. On May 1 six of the nineteen projects had been completely finished, and with the completed sections of the other projects approximately 362,000 square meters were cleaned, or about 42 percent of the program. Since the nineteenth project two additional projects have been recommended and two more are under consideration, but these are small and there is every expectation that all of the degrassing will be finished by 30May. The Consorzio deserves high praise for the expeditious handling of this antimalaria work.

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HEADQUARTERS
A. M. G.
REGION V

28 April 1944

SUBJECT: -Malaria Survey, North Campobasso Provinces.
TO : -A.F.H.Q. -Region V A.M.G.

1. On Tuesday 25 April I went to LARINO to make a survey of Campobasso Province malaria communes, to the north and east.

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4. Facilities for treatment: Each Commune has a condotto or Ufficiale Sanitario and an ambulatorio (clinic) in which first aid and malaria treatments may be obtained. In Larino the Uff.Sanitario dispenses 10 kg. of quinine per year, has none at present, and wants about 2000 to 3000 tablets of atebrine for the season. He furnished antimalarials to the condotto and to the three pharmacies, which have tried unsuccessfully to obtain stocks of this and other drugs in Campobasso. The Uff.Sanitario in Termoli has on hand 300 tablets of atebrine but has not obtained any A.M.G., drug supplies, although he has tried to do so. The anti-malarial station in CAMPOMARINO is closed, for lack of suitable personnel.

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5. Prevention of Malaria: The antimalarial squads of civilians, which clean canals and ditches and spread larvicides to kill mosquitoes, under supervision of the anabotti, either do not exists or are inactive. The Italian doctors which were found and interviewed seemed to have no interests in such means of prevention, but rater depended on giving drugs to the cases which developed. Around [illegible], many ditches had been cleaned, but not by sanitary squads, but rather by road-repair crews. Some few ditches had been cleaned also by farmers. The area [illegible] has been mined heavily, and is very dangerous for workers, and probably cannot be ditched this year.

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3. INDUSTRY

a. Forestry (timber and wood product). The Bosco d'Umbra is found in the central wooded Gargano promontory of eastern Foggia province. Cartographically, it is represented by the spur above the heel of the Italian peninsula. This area is the only sizeable forest in the territory now comprising Region V.

At present there is a company of New Zealanders logging in the forest with a sawmill unit at Vieste. The forestry service functions under a forest guard party headed by Lt. Cucci. This party marks trees for cutting and supervises the guarding of the forest and protects the wild life; which latter, incidentally, has been eliminated as far as deer and some goats and cattle are concerned by US soldier recreation parties armed with tommy guns.

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Production of Grain. The estimates on production of grain --wheat, barley, oats and maize (except for spring wheat in Foggia)--show an increase in both Foggia and Campobasso provinces for 1944. The following tables were furnished by the inspectors of agriculture:

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the prices be adjusted. The matter of adjusting the price of fish has already been presented and it is urged that steps be taken at once with the Italian ministry to arrive at a fair price for fish in each market. Foggia at present is fixing an export tariff on fish by holding the price for local consumption lower than that for export. For example: Seppia, one of the prized fish food, sell locally for 26 L the kilogram and export to Bari at 45 L. This fish brings 70 to 80 L. a kilo in Naples. Inequalities such as these favor only Black Market deals.

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(4) Cannae. An item of historical interest to the Monuments section if not to Fine Arts is an area about 7 miles south of Margherita. Here is said to be the site of the famous battle field of Cannae, where Hannibal by a double envelopment annihilated the Romans. This tactical principle was revised by Gen. Von Schliffen, the great pre-World War tactician and strategist, who drew up the plan used in the 1914 envelopment of Paris. Poor liaison between the armies and failure of the commanders to direct their armies on the proper objective resulted in the folding up of the German right flank, followed by the retreat from the Marne.

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b. Farm Labor. Normally, Foggia Province alone employs from 20,000 to 22,000 men for harvest labor; much of this labor came from Campobasso Province, where the harvest is later. The present status of labor in Foggia indicates that the next harvest will require an additional 20,000 for harvesting in 1944. Should Italian soldiers be released for this work, approximately 10,000 could be used and the required 10,000 remainder can be recruited from local manpower. Campobasso can not be counted on to provide labor for Foggia, since its surplus is now employed by the Army. Notwithstanding the fact that Air Corps fields and other military installations in Foggia have removed about 10,000 to 12,000 acres from cultivation in Foggia Province, requirements of labor will not be materially affected by the withdrawal from cultivation of these tracts.

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5. CIVILIAN SUPPLIES

a. Amassed products.

b. Fuel.

c. Vehicle Fuel and Permits for.

d. Soap.

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Salt	---	---	---	---	100	315
Olive oil	580	1,350	---	6,000	---	---

There is sufficient grain and barley to tide the province over to the next harvest.

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It is estimated that in Foggia Province alone, 40 per cent of the total production of grain will be amassed, or approximately 85,000 tons, and that 15 or 20 per cent of the products in Campobasso Province will be amassed.

Campobasso Province (as of 1 February 1944)

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Wheat	92,050	13,000	14	103,000	28,600	28
Barley	650	---	--	600	---	--
Maize	---	---	--	---	---	--
Oats	9,600	---	--	10,000	---	--
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Data for Chieti province is not available.

Shortage of Food. Aquila Province, next to be acquired, will be short of nearly all classes of food and it is estimated that the population will have to be fed from the time of entrance into this territory. The AMG 5th Region Aquila team is organized and prepared to proceed on orders.

b. Fuel. Coal. During February, 100 tons of coal were received in Foggia Province of the 500 tons alloted. Deliveries were made to bakeries and pasta factories only. The price was 150 L. per quintale or 5/7 cent US a pound.

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d. Soap. A factory for the manufacturing of soap has been set up and is operating in Foggia city, producing an olive oil base product. Present output, at the end of March, is 7000 kg., which may be stepped up to 25,000 kg. per month if caustic soda is made available at 6000 kg. per month.

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a. General.

b. Vehicles.

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b. Vehicles. Vehicles for civilian supply movements. On March 24, Region V was allocated 70 3-ton British trucks for the movement of civilian supplies. Of this number, 37 were able to leave Naples under their own power. Some had defective batteries and could not start without being towed. Of the 37, all but one arrived at Foggia, although about one-

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6. JUSTICE.

a. Courts

(1) General and superior courts

(2) Summary courts

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In general, legal matters are being carried on quite satisfactorily. Efforts are continuing to effect uniformity in sentences awarded, cut out legal minutiae and speed up administering of justice.

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7. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Black Market

b. Italian police

c. Traffic

d. Prisons

e. Crime.

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b. Italian Police. Italian civil police (CC. RR.) in Foggia Province number 931. This total is to be increased shortly by 30, making a total of 961.

A Land Patrol is maintained during the fishing season along the coastal area of the Gulf of Manfredonia to prevent the illegal entry or persons or unauthorized landing of the fish catch.

c. Traffic Control continues of the greatest importance in expediting vehicular movement and curtailing road accidents. A drive is being carried on to improve the road discipline of animal-drawn vehicles. The need for more traffic M.P.'s to control traffic at important road centers deserves attention throughout Italy.

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d. Prisons. The Lucera prison, capacity 250 men 50 women, has been carefully inspected by the Regional Prison Officer, as has also the one in Manfredonia. Some 26 other and smaller prisons are now being inspected. Upon the completion of this work, the Regional Prisons Officer, Lt. Comdr. Hilmer Gellein, may be released for service elsewhere.

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The San Severo prison was taken over in February by US troops in Foggia Province.

Prison Inclosures. A prison inclosure to house 60 prisoners has been approved for construction by the Italian local government in Foggia; cost of construction will be 210,000 Lire. It is requested that the funds be made available and that the project be approved. Lt. Comdr. Gellein, prisons officer, recommends approval of the project.

e. Crime. Civilian crime remains at a low level. Military police are co-operating with AMG police officers in the entire area.

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8. ENGINEERING

a. Roads.

b. New Military Installation in Foggia.

c. Civilian transport.

d. Communications, public utilities, electric power and light.

a. Roads. The present programme of road reconstruction and repair in the territory under the Region is as follows: Army has turned s[illegible]over to No. 2 District, based at Bari. No. 2 District in turn has turned a large part of this work over to Region V's Road Engineering Section, with the No. 2 District rendering certain assistance. Superimposed on this setup is an ACC operating group of 4 to 6 officers, working independently and without co-ordination with the Region. While the Region appreciates the assistance of the ACC Engineering Section, it is believed that ACC operations should be co-ordinated through the Engineering Section of Region V.

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b. New Military Installation in Foggia Province. An artillery target range in the Deliceto S. Agata region, about 7 miles north of Serracapriola, occupies about 4000 hectares of farm land. Arrangements are being made to save the crops and control movements in the range area during firing.

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c. Civilian Transport. The civil transport of Region V, consisting of one truck company unit at Foggia, is operated under the Engineering Section. One transport section of 12 trucks has been sent to Chieti Province to haul the civilian supplies there. (See Item 6 - Civilian Transport)

In order that civil transport units be available to the Region in running order, it is recommended that before delivery the 1st to 3rd echelon of motor maintenance work be done and a check be completed of battery serviceability, engine and brake operation and of greasing and oiling, and that vehicles be repaired and made serviceable before turning over to the Region. It is almost impossible to get work done on AMG trucks in army repair shops on account of the lack of spare parts and facilities. Trucks with worthless batteries cannot be operated. The region's repair section can make repairs if spare parts are made available.

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d. Communications, public utilities, electric light and power. A survey is being made in the area of communication lines and of useful material on the lines. Telephone exchange sets, etc., have been salvaged in Foggia Province. The air corps operate telephone lines in Foggia city and Manfredonia for military service. Civil electric power utilities have operating telephone lines.

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9. PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND EDUCATION.

a. Sanitation.

b. Health.

c. Medical Stores.

d. Welfare Stores.

e. Hospitals.

f. Education

a. Sanitation. Foggia sewers were completed by the end of March and now are in operation, but the old Italian system of open street drains continues to be a menace to health.

Anti-malarial operations in respect of drainage and ditch clearing ran into difficulties in the matter of the labor pay scale. The old rate of 1½ L. per square meter of area cleared was claimed by labor to be too low, so the scale was raised to 25 per sq.m., the figure which labor demanded. The Consorzio agreed to this on 27 March and contracts were drawn for the clearing of specified watercourses and ditches in Foggia Province. Recent rains have delayed the programme in certain areas, where men cannot work on account of high water, but the programme will continue as rapidly as possible. The army's program of malarial control is covered by the A.A.F. area command bulletin No. 2, dated 21 March 1944. The army proposes to have two malarial survey and control units operate in Foggia instead of one. AMG is in charge of the Italian land reclama-

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b. Health is good throughout the Region's provinces, both in respect of the military and the civilians. No report has been received of typhus in any area, although scabies are widespread. Mild influenza existed during March throughout the area due to the unusual cold spell this year.

c. Medical Stores. The Region medical officer has received 5 medical units, general medical supplies, which will be distributed as provided in the ACC directive. Six C.A.D. units were received in Foggia, but some necessary items such as quinine, atabrine and morphia had been removed.

d. Welfare Supplies. In Foggia, 31,000 items of ARC clothing were distributed during February and March. About 50,000 additional items have been requested, mainly for children. Shoes are most needed by young and old. All milk and sugar received have been distributed.

e. Funds are now available to rebuild the Cerignola hospital. Building material is short but efforts are being made to get releases for the necessary items. Brick factories in Lucera and San Severo are planned to be put in operation for the making of brick, tile for floors and roofs, etc.

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10. FINANCE.

(See Part B, Pages 1 and 2 for details)

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11. ADMINISTRATION.

(Chart of Region V organization of personnel of Region is furnished in Appendix A. A chart showing the organization of Regional Headquarters and Special Staff Divisions is shown in Appendix B)

12. REFUGEES.

Chieti Province - The army has agreed to the return of from 3000 to 6000 refugees to Vasto and vicinity. Three thousand of these were reported as having moved south into the King's Italy, while the remaining 3000 were dispersed into surrounding territory. Request that the matter be cleared through the Italian ministry for return of natives to their homes, as soon as civilian movement is authorized by the army.

Campobasso Province - The flow of refugees through Campobasso has reduced greatly during the month. The bulk have been moved out of the province through the Isernia gateway. Campobasso town refugee center is cleared and it is about to be closed for the time being.

Foggia Province - No comment.

13. GENERAL COMMENT. (Plan for taking over additional provinces

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shown in Appendix B)

12. REFUGEES.

Chieti Province - The army has agreed to the return of from 3000 to 6000 refugees to Vasto and vicinity. Three thousand of these were reported as having moved south into the King's Italy, while the remaining 3000 were dispersed into surrounding territory. Request that the matter be cleared through the Italian ministry for return of natives to their homes, as soon as civilian movement is authorized by the army.

Campobasso Province - The flow of refugees through Campobasso has reduced greatly during the month. The bulk have been moved out of the province through the Isernia gateway. Campobasso town refugee center is cleared and it is about to be closed for the time being.

Foggia Province - No comment.

13. GENERAL COMMENT. (Plan for taking over additional provinces when cleared of enemy)

Sufficient personnel from existing provinces' set-up have been told off for new teams to follow the advance of the army.

Province teams for the three proximate provinces; viz., Aquila, Teramo and Pescara, have been organized and are prepared to move into their new provinces upon 48 hours' notice

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from the army that the AMG echelon is desired. Light transportation is needed for these at a minimum of 3 additional vehicles - 2 jeeps and one 15-cwt. - for each.

The following named officers have been selected as S.C.A.O.s for the prospective provinces:

Aquila - Lt. Col. W. G. Smith (B)

Pescara - Major C. O. Sturgis (B)

Teramo - Major J. D. Scholtz (A)

14. RECOMMENDATION

That additional civil transport units to the amount of 50 serviceable vehicles be provided for distribution. These, together with the 24 units now in serviceable condition, will give the Region a total of 74 vehicles, to be distributed - 30 to Foggia, 10 to Campobasso, 20 to Chieti, 14 in Regional pool for general use and checkup.

Fifteen light vehicles - jeeps, Austins and 15-cwt. or weapons carriers - are needed to complete at once transportation for the advance province teams and Regional Headquarters Reserve.

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F. L. WHITLEY,
Colonel, GSC,
Regional Commissioner.

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APPENDIX "[illegible] Table of Officers of Reg V and [illegible]e Provinces.

Reg V H.Q. at Campobasso.

Col. F.L. WHITLEY	A.	R.C.	
Lt. Col. G.C. PEASEY	B.	Exec. Offr.	
Capt. E.A. HEASSLER	A.	Adjt.	
Capt. D.J. MAHONEY	A.	H.Q. Comdt.	
Capt. R.C. ROBINSON	A.	Supply	
Capt. J.H.C. WOMERSLEY	B.	Admin.	
Lieut. T.M.D. HATT	B.	Asst. HQ Comdt.	
2/lt. C.W. HOUSTON	A.	Transport O.	

Regional MT Pool.

Jeeps	2.
P.Us.	7.
15 cwt.	5.
3 tonners	5.
W/Carriers	3.
C & R Cars	2.
M/C.	4.

Agriculture and Labour.

Lt. Col. H. MIDDLEWOOD	B.	Chief of Sec. (Agric)
Capt. A.T.S. LOCKWOOD	A.	Asst Chief of Sec. (Agric)
Maj. T.R. FISHER	A.	Chief of Sec. (Labour)

Economics and Supply.

Capt. A.M. WRIGHT	B.	Chief of Sec.
Capt. H.C. MC DANIEL	A.	Civilian Supply Accounting

Finance.

Maj. N.T. BEARD	B.	Chief of Sec.
Capt. L.F. ALDIS	B.	Asst Chief of Sec.
Lieut. F.B. FORSTER	B.	

Legal.

Lt. Col. W.E. BENNETT	B.	Chief of Sec.
Maj. A.R. TRUSKELL	A.	Asst Chief of Sec.
Capt. F.C. BADER	A.	Detailed for Aquila.

Public Health and Welfare.

Lt. Col. C. MARSHALL	B.	Chief of Sec.

Public Safety.

Maj. G.G. JACKSON	B.	Acting Chief of Sec.

Regional Engineering Section.

Maj. C.A. LATIMER	A.	Chief of Sec.
Maj. M. HARRIS	A.	Civil Transport Div.
Maj. G.W. CUMMING	B.	Communications Div.
Maj. J.E. FODEN	B.	Engineering Div.
Maj. J.S. BENNETT	A.	Power & Light Div.

Civil Transport (Foggia Company).

1st Lt. R.O. BISSEY (Foggia)	A.	Future permanent station not decided: Now organising truck pool for Foggia Province.

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Capt. A.T.S. LOCKWOOD	A.	Asst Chief of Sec. (Agric)
Maj. T.R. FISHER	A.	Chief of Sec. (Labour)

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Capt. A.M. WRIGHT	B.	Chief of Sec.
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Lieut. F.B. FORSTER	B.	

Legal.

Lt. Col. W.E. BEHRENS	B.	Chief of Sec.
Maj. A.R. TROKELL	A.	Asst Chief of Sec.
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Maj. M. MARKUS	A.	Civil Transport Div.
Maj. G.W. CUMMING	B.	Communications Div.
Maj. J.E. FORDEN	B.	Engineering Div.
Maj. J.S. BENNETT	A.	Power & Light Div.

Civil Transport (Foggia Company).

1st Lt. R.C. BISSEY (Foggia)	A.	Future permanent station not decided: Now organising truck pool for Foggia Province.

Total 26 - Reg H.Q. & Staff
" 28 - Campobasso
" 23 - Chieti
" 37 - Foggia

Total 114

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FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Provincial Headquarters.

Lt. Col. C.E. TEMPERLEY	B.	P.C.	Jeeps	2.
Maj. E. TYSON	B.	P. Finance C.	15 cwts.	2.
Maj G.W. MANIFOLD	B.	Asst C.A.P.C.	3 tonners	2.
Maj. W.H. LEVIT	A.	P. Legal C.	W/Truck	1.
2/Lt. I. MANCK	A.	Pty Cont & C.S.	M/C	1.
			Requisitioned.	
Capt. J.D. SINCLAIR	B.	Civil Supply	4 str sedans	5.
Capt. M.T. COURDUIS	A.	Finance.	15 cwt. Ford Tr.	1.
Lieut. T.C. HOLLADAY	A.	Civil Supply		
Capt. L.H. BAILEY	A.	" " " (Labour)		
Lieut. J.W. WALSH	A.	Roads		
Lt. Col. C.R. BRIGGS	B.	S.P.P.C.		
Lt. Comdr. H. GELLEIN	A.	Prisons. (Service Reg V completed, awaiting orders)		
Maj. L. MONTAGUE	B.	Civil Defence.		
Lieut. T.W.M. GREENHILL	B.	P.P.O.		
Lieut. G.H. BURROWS	B.	P.P.O.		
Capt. W.V.W. MANN	B.	P.O.		
Lt. Col. E.C. DALZIEL	B.	Public Health & Welfare		
Maj. C. BIRT	A.	Education & P.H. & W.		
Capt. V.H. WILLOUGHBY	B.	Admin.		
1st Lt. F.J. PALACIO	A.	Censorship FCCO (Attached).		

Foggia District.

Maj. J.D. SCHOLTZ	A.	P.O.	15 cwt.	1.
Capt. R.E. GARRIGAN	A.	P.O.	Jeep	1.
Capt. A.A. GRANITZ	A.	P.P.O.		
Capt. R.G. HILLS	B.	P.P.O.		
Capt. J. O'NEILL	A.	P.O.		
Capt. J.W. HICKEY	A.	Fin. (From Reg. H.Q.)		

Lucera District.

2/Lt. M.E. ARONOFF	A.	P.O.	Jeep	1.

Cerignola District.

Capt. J.V. ELLIOTT	A.	P.O.	Jeep	1.
1st Lt. J.C. BIGHAM	A.	P.O.		
Capt. S. BEATTY	A.	P.P.O.		

San Severo District.

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[illegible] BARRY	A.	"	"	
		" (Labour)		
Lieut. J.W. WALSH	A.	Roads		
Lt. Col. C.R. BRIGGS	B.	S.P.P.O.		
Lt. Comdr. H. GELLEIN	A.	Prisons. (Service Reg V completed, awaiting orders)		
Maj. L. MONTAGUE	B.	Civil Defence.		
Lieut. T.N.M. GREENHILL	B.	P.P.O.		
Lieut. G.H. BURROWS	B.	P.P.O.		
Capt. W.V.W. MANN	B.	P.O.		
Lt. Col. E.G. DALZIEL	B.	Public Health & Welfare		
Maj. C. BIRT	A.	Education & P.H. & W.		
Capt. V.H. WILLOUGHBY	B.	Admin.		
1st Lt. F.J. PALACIO	A.	Censorship FCCO (Attached).		
<u>Foggia District</u>.				
Maj. J.D. SCHOLTZ	A.	P.O.	15 cwt.	1.
Capt. R.E. GARRIGAN	A.	P.O.	Jeep	1.
Capt. A.A. GRANITZ	A.	P.P.O.		
Capt. R.G. HILLS	B.	P.P.O.		
Capt. J. O'NEILL	A.	P.O.		
Capt. J.W. HICKEY	A.	Fin. (From Reg. H.Q.)		
<u>Lucera District</u>.				
2/Lt. M.E. ARCHOFF	A.	P.O.	Jeep	1.
<u>Cerignola District</u>.				
Capt. J.V. ELLIOTT	A.	P.O.	Jeep	1.
1st Lt. J.C. BIGHAM	A.	P.O.		
Capt. S. BEATTY	A.	P.P.O.		
<u>San Severo District</u>.				
Maj. H. MICHALL	B.	P.P.O.		
<u>Manfredonia District</u>.				
Capt. M.C. RICHARDS	B.	P.O.	15 cwt.	1.
1st Lt. J.C. DAVENPORT	A.	P.O. (T.D. Co "C")		
Capt. W. GREENHOUGH	B.	P.P.O.		
<u>Attached Officers</u>.				
				Detailed for
Lieut. E.P. BOLTER	B.	P.P.O. (with 1 Jeep from Reg. H.Q.)		Aquila
Lieut. T. MARSH	B.	P.P.O. (" " 15 cwt " " ")		Teramo
1st Lieut. R.O. BISSEY	A.	Civil transport		

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CHIETI PROVINCE.

Provincial Headquarters.

Lt. Col. J.W. HOLMES	B.	S.C.A.O.	Jeeps	2.
			15 cwt	1.
Maj. G.M. WELSFORD	B.	P. Legal O.	M/C	1.
			From Reg. Pool.	
Capt. G. FORSTER	A.	Fin. O.	15 cwt	1.
Capt. W.C.J. HALL	B.	Fin. O. (Hosp)	P.U.	1.
Capt. T.P. COTTON	B.	S.C.A.P.O.	M/C	1.
2/Lt. E.N. AMYOT	A.	C.A.O.		

Vasto Town.

Maj. W.L. HENDERSON	A.	C.A.O.		
Lieut. J.H. DOBRIDGE	B.	C.A.P.O.		
2/Lt. J.G. DAVIS	A.	C.A.O.		

Casalbordino.

Maj. L.W. MC INTYRE	A.	C.A.O.	Jeep	1.
Capt. S.D. DECKER	A.	C.A.P.O.		

Cissi.

1st Lt. A.L. BERNARD	A.	C.A.O.	P.U. (Army)	1.
2/Lt. W.T. MAYO	A.	C.A.P.O.		

Carunchio.

Maj. A.S. CLINESCALES	A.	C.A.O.	Jeep	1.
2/Lt. A.L. DE GAETANO	A.	C.A.O.		

Atessa.

Maj. F.J. BURNS	A.	C.A.O.	15 cwt	1.
1st Lt. A.A. THOMPSON	A.	C.A.P.O.(Hosp-not available for duty)		

San Salvo.

Capt. J.F. SEQUIN	Cdn.	C.A.O.

Lanciano.

Capt. A.E.P. SECKER	B.	C.A.O.
Lieut. T. Bellamy	B.	C.A.P.O.
Capt. F. TURNER	B.	Supply O. (Provincial).

S. Vito.

Capt. T.G. MACKENZIE	B.	C.A.P.O.

Ortona S. Leonardo.

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Maj. W.L. HENDERSON	A. C.A.C.		
Lieut. J.H. DOBRIDGE	B. C.A.P.C.		
2/Lt. J.C. DAVIS	A. C.A.C.		
Casalbordino.			
Maj. L.W. MC INTYRE	A. C.A.C.	Jeep	1.
Capt. S.D. DECKER	A. C.A.P.C.		
Cisai.			
1st Lt. A.L. BERNARD	A. C.A.C.	P.U. (Army)	1.
2/Lt. W.T. MAYO	A. C.A.P.C.		
Carunchio.			
Maj. A.S. GLENNSCALES	A. C.A.C.	Jeep	1.
2/Lt. A.L. DE GAETANO	A. C.A.C.		
Atessa.			
Maj. F.J. BURNS	A. C.A.C.	15 cwt	1.
1st Lt. A.A. THOMPSON	A. C.A.P.C.(Hosp-not available for duty)		
San Salvo.			
Capt. J.F. SEQUIN	Cdn. C.A.C.		
Lanciano.			
Capt. A.E.P. SECKER	B. C.A.C.		
Lieut. T. Bellamy	B. C.A.P.C.		
Capt. F. TURNER	B. Supply C. (Provincial).		
S. Vito.			
Capt. T.C. MACKENZIE	B. C.A.P.C.		
Ortona S. Leonardo.			
Capt. T.S. WILSON	B. C.A.C.		

Maj. C.C. STURGIS	B. S.C.A.C.		

Total 23 (Not including 1st Lt. A.A. THOMPSON)

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CAMPOBASSO PROVINCE.

Provincial Headquarters.

Lt. Col. H.K. PARSONS	A.	S.C.A.O.	Jeep Willys
Capt. H.S. POLLARD	A.	Exec Offr.	15 cwt Dodge
2/Lt. G.L. BORDEN	A.	Admin	15 cwt Ford (8th Army loan)
Lieut. E.F. COCKS	B.	C.A.P.O.	M/C Matchless
Maj. D.M. RALSTON	B.	P. Fin. O.	
Capt. T.G. EVANS	B.	Fin. O.	
Maj. BOYD-CARPENTER	B.	P. Legal O.	
Capt. A.P. MC NULTY	A.	P. " O.	
Capt. B.C. WALSH	B.	Civil Supplies O.	3 ton Austin
2/Lt. K.A. ASH	A.	A/C.S.O.	
Maj. L.C. DENDO	A.	Refugee Centre	
1st Lt. B.R. JOHNSON	A.	" "	
Maj. H.B. REILLY	A.	C.A.O. (C.A.P.O.)	

Requisitioned.
Sedans 3.

Campobasso Town Area.

Maj. H.P. KUCERA	A.	C.A.O.	Jeep Willys
1st Lt. H. LANDESMAN	A.	A/C.A.O.	
Lieut. G.H.O. LIDDLE	B.	C.A.P.O.	

Vinchiaturo Dist. of Campobasso Town Area.

Capt. O.H. MATHIS	A.	C.A.O.

Trivento Area.

Capt. J.J. KEEGAN	A.	C.A.O.	Jeep Willys
1st Lt. G.M. MARINKOV	A.	A/C.A.O.	

Larino Area.

Lt. Col. W.G. SMITH	B.	P.C. (Campobasso Reg V)	1 P.U. from Reg. Pool
1st Lt. F.C. STILES	A.	C.A.P.O.	P.U. Hillman(8 Army loan)
Maj. F.J. WILSON	B.	P.P.O.(Campobasso Reg V)	2 Requisitioned Sedans

Termoli Area.

Capt. L.P. COLLINS	B.	C.A.O.	15 cwt Dodge
Capt. L.R. ASHTON	B.	C.A.P.O.	

Isernia Area.

1st Lt. C.S. ANDERSON	A.	C.A.P.O.

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		A. P. • O.	
Capt. B.C. NALSH 2/Lt. K.A. ASH		B. Civil Supplies O. A. A/C.S.O.	3 ton Austin
Maj. L.C. DEWING 1st Lt. B.R. JOHNSON		A. Refugee Centre A. • •	
Maj. H.B. REILLY		A. C.A.O. (C.A.P.O.)	
			Requisitioned. Sedans 3.
Campobasso Town Area.			
Maj. H.P. KUCERA 1st Lt. H. LANDESMAN Lieut. G.H.O. LIDDLE		A. C.A.O. A. A/C.A.O. B. C.A.P.O.	Jeep Willys
Vinchiaturo Dist. of Campobasso Town Area.			
Capt. C.H. MATHIS		A. C.A.O.	
Trivento Area.			
Capt. J.J. KEEGAN 1st Lt. C.M. MARINKOV		A. C.A.O. A. A/C.A.O.	Jeep Willys
Larino Area.			
Lt. Col. W.G. SMITH 1st Lt. F.C. STILES Maj. F.J. WILSON		B. P.C. (Campobasso Reg V) 1 P.U. from Reg. Pool A. C.A.P.O. P.U. Hillman(8 Army loan) B. P.P.O.(Campobasso Reg V)2 Requisitioned Sedans	
Termoli Area.			
Capt. L.P. COLLINS Capt. L.R. ASHTON		B. C.A.O. B. C.A.P.O.	15 cwt Dodge
Isernia Area.			
1st Lt. C.S. ANDERSON		A. C.A.P.O.	
Cantalupo Area.			
Capt. F.A.B. BORAK		A. C.A.O.	
Agnone Area.			
Lieut. H.R. HANBURY		B. A/C.A.O.	
Forli Area.			
Capt. C. PAINTER		A. C.A.O.	

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Table of Tentative Provincial Teams.

New Provinces Forward Area.

Aquila Team.			Now In.
Lt. Col. W.G. SMITH	(B)	(PC)	Campobasso Province (Larino)
Maj. H.T. REILLY	(A)		" "
Maj. F.J. WILSON	(B)		" " (Larino)
Capt. H.S. POLLARD	(A)		" "
Capt. L.R. ASHTON	(B)		" "
Capt. T.G. EVANS	(B)		" "
Capt. R.E. CARRIGAN	(A)		Foggia "
Capt. F.C. BADER	(A)		Reg. H.Q.
Capt. RUTSTON	(B)		To be reserved for Campobasso Prov in rear of 5th Army
1st Lt. F.C. STILES	(A)		Campobasso Province
Lieut. E.F. COCKS	(B)		" "
Lieut. E.P. BOLTER	(B)		Reg. H.Q. (now T.D. Foggia)
2/Lt. I. MANCK	(A)		Foggia Province (now T.D. Reg. H.Q.)

Teramo Team.			Now In.
Maj. J.D. SCHOLTZ	(A)	(PC)	Foggia Province
Maj. H. MIGHALL	(B)		" "
Capt. G. FORSTER	(A)		Chieti "
Capt. J.Y. ELLIOT	(A)		Foggia "
Lieut. H.R. HANBURY	(B)		Campobasso Province
Lieut. T. MARSH	(B)		Reg. H.Q. (T.D. Foggia)
1st Lt. T.C. HOLLADAY	(A)		Foggia Province

Pescara Team.			Now In.
Maj. C.C. STURGIS	(B)	(PC)	Chieti Province
Maj. C.W. MANIFOLD	(B)		Foggia "
Capt. M.C. RICHARDS	(B)		" "
Capt. T.C. MAC KENZIE	(B)		Chieti "
2/Lt. E.H. AMYOT	(A)		" "

The following officers are required for service in Reg V. They belong to Reg V and are now serving in Region set opposite their names.

Lt. Col. L.E. KELLY	(A)	Region II
Lt. Col. E.C.V. BUTTER	(B)	" "
Maj. C. CARTER	(A)	" "
(Shown in Appendix F)		So 59, Hq. ACC)
Maj. A.C. NEWELL	(A)	" "
Capt. H.E. HUDSON	(A)	" "
Capt. D.A. ROGERS	(A)	" "
Capt. W.J. OATES	(A)	DISPER

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Capt. H.E. CARRIGAN	(A)		Foggia "
Capt. F.C. BADER	(A)		Reg. H.Q.
Capt. ROYSTON	(B)	To be reserved for Campobasso Prov in rear of 5th Army	
1st Lt. F.C. STILES	(A)		Campobasso Province
Lieut. K.F. COCKS	(B)		" "
Lieut. E.P. BOLTER	(B)		Reg. H.Q. (now T.D. Foggia)
2/Lt. I. MANCK	(A)		Foggia Province (now T.D. Reg. H.Q.)

Teramo Team.		Now In.	
Maj. J.D. SCHOLTZ	(A)	(PC)	Foggia Province
Maj. H. MICHALL	(B)		" "
Capt. G. FORSTER	(A)		Chieti "
Capt. J.Y. ELLIOT	(A)		Foggia "
Lieut. H.R. HANBURY	(B)		Campobasso Province
Lieut. T. MARSH	(B)		Reg. H.Q. (T.D. Foggia)
1st Lt. T.C. HOLLADAY	(A)		Foggia Province

Pescara Team.		Now In.	
Maj. C.O. STURGIS	(B)	(PC)	Chieti Province
Maj. G.W. MANIFOLD	(B)		Foggia "
Capt. M.G. RICHARDS	(B)		" "
Capt. T.G. MAC KENZIE	(B)		Chieti "
2/Lt. E.H. AMYOT	(A)		" "

The following officers are required for service in Reg V. They belong to Reg V and are now serving in Region set opposite their names.

Lt. Col. L.R. KELLY	(A)	Region II " "
Lt. Col. E.C.V. RUTTER	(B)	" "
Maj. C. CARTER	(A)	" "
(Shown in Appendix #3 SO 59, Hq AC		
Maj. A.C. NEWELL	(A)	" "
Capt. H.E. HUDSON	(A)	" "
Capt. D.A. ROGERS	(A)	" "
Capt. W.J. OATES	(A)	DISPER

2nd Lt. G. DIAMANT (A) was ordered to return to duty with Reg V per SO# 51 par 1 Hq ACC, 24 March 1944. This officer has not yet reported.

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PART B

FINANCE

1. CONTROL OF BUDGET EXPENDITURE & METHOD OF MAKING ADVANCES.

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2. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. BANKS

Banks are functioning normally. The Bank of Italy has been cooperating with Provincial Finance Officers. An investigation is being carried out into Banks and other Financial Institutions and further reference will be made to this in my next report. The situation regarding blocked accounts and safe deposit boxes in Foggia is not satisfactory, but an Officer is now making investigations.

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Post Offices appear to be becoming more normal where their financial activities are concerned, and there has been an increase in their turnover. Post Offices too will be the subject of investigations during the month of April.

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	FOGGIA TOWN	CERIGNOLA
Postponement of payment	1,300,000	400,000
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The Foggia remission is approximately 11% of the total tax due, a not unreasonable figure in view of the damage suffered.

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9. MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FOGGIA PROVINCE.

In Lits. 1,000's

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Opening balance	-	52,243	45,270	40,991
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- Sale of AMG supplies	-	370	-	1,618
- General - Fines, etc	56	418	870	796
	101,319	53,031	46,140	43,405
EXPENDITURES:				
Extra work on roads & Cantonieri	3,988	1,450	900	510
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- CERIGNOLA Commune	-	-	60	-
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Charter of Coastal Vessels	-	-	-	100
General Expenses	158	61	96	122
Transfers to AMG a/cs	16,030	35	-	-
	49,076	7,761	5,149	732
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10. PERSONNEL.

Lt. Col. Vetch, RFC, was posted away on 27 March. Major M. T. Beard, his deputy, was appointed to act in his place.

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11. ALLIED MILITARY COURTS.

Two general court cases were heard in Foggia Province during the month. A member of the CC.RR was acquitted on a charge of killing an Allied soldier; a carter was convicted of wire-cutting and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. In addition two peasants (ex-soldiers) were formally acquitted by a General Court, to which they had been remanded, as the prosecution could produce no evidence in support of a charge of sniping at Allied troops.

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17. ITALIAN COURTS.

The Court of Appeal opens in Lucera 1 April 1944.

The Court of Assize completed its first session in Lucera on 21 March 1944, having disposed of 9 cases. The next session is fixed for 1 May 1944, and it is estimated that this session will suffice to clear off existing arrears. Arrangements are being made for a Court of Assize from the Naples circuit to open in Campobasso.

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The wheat and cereal position is satisfactory, and the ration scale has been lowered in Campobasso to conform to that in other provinces.

24. SALT

Present supply of this commodity unsatisfactory; transport is required to move large stocks from Margherita di Savoia to the provinces.

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25. OLIVE OIL

There is an acute shortage of olive oil in the provinces, despite every effort on the part of the Provinicial Supply Officers to get it amassed. This has been taken up with ACC Food Sub-Commission, and their report is awaited.

26. FRUIT & VEGETABLES

There appears to be plenty of these commodities, but local Army purchasing Officers take most of them.

27. SOAP

Small quantities are now being manufactured in Campobasso, and once Caustic Soda is available, production will increase.

28. WAREHOUSING

Suitable storage space has been occured in Campobasso, where all civil supplies can be housed.

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Salt		315	
Wine	40	167	207

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32. GENERAL

Road conditions and inadequate transport has prevented the creation of safety-margin stocks of essential commodities, but essential foods have been provided for the population. There is still great shortage of clothing and boots. A large consignment of the latter arrived in Campobasso, but the price was prohibitive. Stocks were frozen pending investigation into the question of wholesale prices.

There has been no alteration of general prices during the month under review.

33. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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38. HOSPITALS

Hospitalization in the area at present under Region V is satisfactory, with the exception of Cerignola and Foggia City. Arrangements have now been made for Ospedali Riuniti Foggia to be handed back for civilian use, and finance have made available money for rebuilding at Cerignola, but materials are in short supply. This latter question is being taken up by Supply Division.

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39. MEDICAL SUPPLIES

A Regional Warehouse has been opened in Campobasso and at present four C.A.D. Units are held for distribution as required. The building is not considered very suitable owing to lack of space; another has been surveyed and should be available by the end of April, this latter will allow of racks being installed which when requisitions are requested item by item will be very beneficial and a saving in labour.

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45. BLACK MARKET

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46. Energetic steps have been taken to combat this black spot in the province by instituting from time to time at Bovino, on the main Foggia-Naples road, a 24-hour post which has operated for as long as 14 days on end. This post is manned by PPOs, US and British CMP, CC.RR, and CG.FF. Results have been good and very considerable quantities of contraband foodstuffs have been seized and directed into the Amassi. Full statistical reports for the month are not yet ready, but will be forwarded under separate cover when they have been prepared.

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52. CONDUCT OF TROOPS

In this province there is an improvement. There are still cases being reported of troops interfering with the home life of Italians by demanding wine, etc., and when refused, threatening violence. All such cases reported are passed on to the competent military authorities.

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53. PRISONS

The Regional prison inspector has been attached to Foggia Province, and has devoted his entire time to visiting the prisons in the province with a view to their improvement.

At Manfredonia prison certain able-bodies prisoners were taken, under guard, outside the prison and put to work on clearing a refuse dump. The fact of being able to do some work appeared to be appreciated by the prisoners, and the possibility of extending this to other prisons is being explored.

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54. C.D.

In Manfredonia, this question has been taken seriously in hand, and there are now 200 wardens who mostly respond very well to warnings, of which there are many. Those who fail to report have been taken to task by the PPSO, who personally inspected the arrangements of town during the month.

55. In Foggia City, there are 71 wardens under the City Engineer. There is room for improvement in Foggia and this is being actively looked into.

The arrangements in the town of San Severo are also being overhauled.

Repairs and maintenance of shelters in the above localities are being taken in hand.

56. FIRE BRIGADE

The Brigade in Foggia is working efficiently, but is still handicapped by lack of equipment.

57. PUBLIC MORALE

This appears to be good and there is no apparent criticism of AMG. The disrupting agent is the prevalence of the black market, which is being tackled.

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In Manfredonia, this question has been taken seriously in hand, and there are now 200 wardens who mostly respond very well to warnings, of which there are many. Those who fail to report have been taken to task by the PPSO, who personally inspected the arrangements of town during the month.

55. In Foggia City, there are 71 wardens under the City Engineer. There is room for improvement in Foggia and this is being actively looked into.

The arrangements in the town of San Severo are also being overhauled.

Repairs and maintenance of shelters in the above localities are being taken in hand.

56. FIRE BRIGADE

The Brigade in Foggia is working efficiently, but is still handicapped by lack of equipment.

57. PUBLIC MORALE

This appears to be good and there is no apparent criticism of AMG. The disrupting agent is the prevalence of the black market, which is being tackled.

58. INDUSTRIAL

The industrial situation in the province is good. There are from time to time wage disputes, which in any case do not amount to strikes and cause lockouts. These are settled forthwith.

The main difficulty is caused by the marked difference between the fixed civilian rates and those paid by the Army.

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59. TRANSPORT

The report made on the regional requirements for civil transport was approved and a civil transport company authorized; this is now functioning after considerable labour pains. It was confidently expected that 70 trucks were to be made available; but disillusionment came swiftly, and out of the 58 produced only 36 - manned by Italian drivers and mechanics - were able to make the journey to Region V. 21 had to be left at the starting point and one fell by the wayside.

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62. An Italian military truck company has been promised in the near future. This will operate immediately behind the Army rear boundaries, is self-contained and mobile.

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66. They stated that they have had no programme submitted to them regarding future requirements of ACC-AMG, and that notice of these would enable these requirements to be embodied in building programmes. So far as it is possible, they wish so to arrange their construction and use of line plant that it will be suitable for conversion to civil use, at some future date, with the minimum of dislocation.

67. They stated also that they had been reluctant to give general permission for repair of any lines by civil authorities, because parts of some routes have been joined to parts of others, and on large routes, which are in partial use by the Allies, the numbering system has been altered.

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i. The route was wholly in use by the Allies and could not be touched, or

ii. Was partially in use, and certain specified wires could be repaired, or

iii. The route was not in use at all, and repairs could be carried out freely.

They stated that line stores were in very short supply, and that none could be provided from Army sources for civil repairs. It is considered, therefore, that any stores required will have to be salvaged from less important routes.

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Inspections of hydro-electric power plants on the Biferno are being made and action taken to restore all possible generating capacity. This will amount to 637 K.V.A. added output from 8 powerhouses already inspected.

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72. Some interruptions to power supply in this area have been occasioned by breakdowns in the 9 K.V. line due to the failure under ice and snow loads of the light constructions of the transmission line support. This line is being put on wooden poles as these failures occur and weak spots being corrected. Major Bennett is representing the Region on Power consumption committees set up in the 2nd District, and studies of needs and consumption in this area are being made.

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The repair and reopening of Gasworks is not contemplated at this time. They have, however, been inspected.

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76. FOGGIA TOWN

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78. Labor offices have been created in Foggia Province, prov. Director located at Lucera, Field offices at Foggia town, Cerignola, Lucera, Manfredonia, S. Severo, Troia, Candela, Vico Gragnico and Torremaggiore.

79. There has been but little labor unrest in the Region this month such that did occur was settled, if not immediately, the same day.

80. The difference in wages paid by the Army, and civilian employers has created very great potential problems. This has been reported to ACC, and is being dealt with.

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81. The registration of labor is going forward in Foggia Province.

The Regional Labor director put the following problems to ACC, and received the following answers:

1. Request authority to institute the following:

   a) Register all labor for Region V.

   b) Make it possible to create labor unions in Foggia Province.

2. Request ACC to rule on the following:

   a) Standard price for labor, also for horse-drawn carts.

   b) Does the wage increase apply to family allowance for government employees?

1. a) Approved as an emergency measure.
   b) Approved, as discussed it is better to have Unions in the open rather than drive them underground.

2. a) In hand. Final decisions will be sent as soon as possible.
   b) Yes.

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84. METHODS

The fishing is all net fishing from boats. The Otter trawl is used by the motor boats and by some of the small sailing boats, and a type of Seine net is also used. The greatest number of the sailing boats, however, have a very fine cotton drift net for sardines. Drag nets are worked from the beach and umbrella nets in the harbour. The sardine season is now over, and the general opinion is that it has been a bad one. Seppia (cuttle fish) fishing has started: this is the chief harvest of the year and finishes about the end of May. The fish is sold in the Municipal fish market which has good storage space and refrigeration. The refrigerator is not in action at present owing to lack of ammonia; but efforts are being made to obtain supplies. Records of fish sales are available at the Market Office.

85. AMG has fixed fish prices in the Province both for the producer and the consumer. The system is rather complicated as a very large number of species is caught, and each species has been given a price, a new system is being prepared giving five grades only, each species being placed in one or other of these grades and prices fixed according to grades. Present prices to the public are from 44 per kilo for the best down to 16.5 lire per kilo for sardines and lower still for a nondescript mixture of small fish which usually forms part of the catch. There is apparently no law about returning immature fish to the sea, everything is landed including soles two inches long. High priced fish is only about five percent of the total. Current landings total under ten quintals a day; but this could be increased to twenty when proper repairs to nets are carried out. There is no organization corresponding to the "Fisheries Protection" which could police the Adriatic, though it might be possible to get Italian Naval craft for the purpose. The matter is being taken up with the Navy.

86. Three tons of Hemp rope and lines have arrived in Campobasso and will be distributed to fishermen through their Co-operatives as soon as price lists are received. Discussions between representatives of Agriculture Sub-Commission ACC and Provincial Supply Officer of Foggia have taken place to arrange contracts for surplus fish for Naples.

87. POTATOES

After all requirements of Foggia Province had been met, there is a surplus of 300 tons of seed. This will be brought to Campobasso Province where planting can continue to the third week in April. Road transportation will be required to bring in a further 1500 tons of seed from Lucera expected to arrive

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88. <u>WHEAT</u>

About 50 tons of Spring wheat could still be sown in Campobasso Province and small quantities are being collected but owing to extremely difficult weather conditions and transport shortage it is doubtful if all demands will be met before it is too late to sow.

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89. BLACK MARKET

Operations in grain - a report was sent to HQ, ACC, RC & MC Section under this office ref R5/515/44, dated 21 March 1944.

90. GENERAL

Statistical matters dealing with price fixing for 1944 harvest pass from Italian Ministry ofAgriculture via ACC and this HQ to Chief Inspector Provinces. A system of sack control is being worked out to combat Black Market; prior to the arrival of grain sacks from ACC.

91. As shown by experience in Foggia and Campobasso Provinces, Proclamations and rules published in early stages of occupation may require modification on being taken over by the Region, by this means conformity with other provinces would be achieved in such matters as Fish prices, etc.

EDUCATION

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Monthly Report for February 1944
(Situation as of 29 Feb. 1944)

PART A

1. Political: Situation good throughout region: some anxiety in political circle due to Bari-Badoglio party - radio programme in announcing what is being done for people in "FREE" Italy in respect of liberty of speech, movement and governmental assistance.

Recommend that political programmes which insinuate that "Kings" Italy has more advantages for Italians living there than do those living under Army control be curtailed as inimical to the interests of Allied Military control.

2. Food Situation: Good. There is sufficient food in each province to more than meet the needs of the Nation. Fresh vegetables of local production supply market demands daily.

Items affecting civilian food supply: French troops in Army area are allowed 5 Lire per man per day to make local purchases. Such concession not allowed British and American troops. Corrections should be made to provide equal advantages in local purchases for all Allied troops.

Black market operations: Black market deals are gradually reducing with the increased supply of local green foods. Black market operatives are now being harassed by our roving patrol check stations which move from one point to another each day. (See Appendix "A") Operations will gradually be surpressed as movement of civilians in Army areas are reduced to only essential needs.

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AMG Officer furthers black market operations (case investigated by Chief C.A.P.C., Col. Rawlins). A C.A.C. of Vico Equense, Naples Province, Lt. Com. Musumano, gave verbal permission to a black market operative to make purchases of 37 quintals of grain and oil in Bari and Foggia provinces. Our police trailed trucks and arrested drivers in Lucera district and sequestered cargo of grain and oil and some 44,845 Lire paid for grain and oil. The C.A.C. had previously been successful since other cargoes of similar nature had gone through without detection. When the C.A.C. learned of arrests he went personally to Foggia Province and pleaded for release, stating he had given verbal authority to make deal, as his commune needed more food. Merchant on lorry was known as black market operative and police were ready for him. It is not known whether C.A.C. received any personal benefit for his assistance in the deals. Case was ready for trial February 25-26 and was called off on direction of the P.C.A.C. on grounds undesirable to involve AMG officer, since he would be called as defense witness.

Recommend that the C.A.C., Vico Equense, be removed from his present duty and ordered elsewhere for violation of AMG-ACC orders in authorizing travel into military area without consulting either his immediate Province Commissioner, Hq ACC or the Provincial Commissioner of Foggia and also to offset bad effect on R.R.C.C. and other Italians for nolle prossing the case when a known black market merchant was involved.

Should not form part of a report of this kind - Col. Whitley has been ordered - 13/7

3. Supply: Satisfactory. Shortage of trucks prevents amassing supplies beyond day to day needs. Improving weather conditions will favor longer transport journeys. Imperative that Econ. Transport vehicles be furnished Region V at earliest date. Plans are completed and were delivered to Executive for

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Executive Commissioner on March 1. Immediate need - 125 trucks and lorries on basis of 40 for Foggia, 50 for Campobasso and 35 for Chieti Province.

4. Crime: Less than normal among civilians. Troop crimes usual rate, but high for disciplined troops.

5. Health: Foggia City continues to be a sensitive spot in view of amassed filth in streets, lack of operating sewer lines and total want of sewer system in one third of older dwellings where fecal matter and urine is passed out between outer walls of dwellings and streets or passages.

Flies have already made their appearance and greater demands are being made on 12th Air Force for assistance with trucks and bulldozzers for street cleaning of thick muck composed of manure, fecal matter, urine and mud. 50 oil sprays are needed to combat mosquito breeding areas in vicinity of city. 5 tons of lime are needed to disinfect walls and passages cited above. No reports of typhus or malaria as yet in Foggia.

6. a. Administration: Region V took over operation of provinces of Region IV in its territory on February 15 in accord in telegraphic authority from Regional Control and MG Section, ACC.

b. Personnel: Officers: Officer personnel in Region V now stands as follows: Received from Region IV in provinces of

Foggia, Campobasso and Chieti - total:	66
Region IV Hq in Campobasso	23
Region V personnel in provinces . . .	9
	98
Short in accordance with approved table:	67
Total:	165

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Six officers were withdrawn from Region V by name during the month, viz: Lts. Rochnus, Theodore, Rohr; Capts. Shaw-Walker and Creamer and W.O. Bonfiglio.

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8th Army - Immediate need: 15 officers are needed for 8th Army in Chieti Province, viz: 2 Supply Officers, 1 Executive Officer, 1 Legal Officer, 1 Medical Officer and 10 C.A.O.s and C.A.P.O.s. It is recommended that these be furnished from Region V officers loaned to Regions II and III. Lists are prepared for approval.

OR/ and Enlisted personnel: Region V loaned Col. Kirkwood upon its arrival in Italy, approximately 60 Enlisted Men, comprising drivers, clerks, typists, interpreters, cooks and general duty men. At least 14 of these should be returned to Region V in order that Region V may have the minimum of EM/ORs to properly function. At present there are 8 vehicles without military drivers. Hq is without Enlisted interpreters and insufficient EM/OR clerks. Minimum requirements for return of Region V EM/ORs have already been submitted and it is urged that 1/4th of our EM personnel be returned.

7. Refugees: Satisfactory, same being handled by Army in Army area.

8. Price Tendencies: No marked change.

9. General Comment:

Civilian travel. In view of military restrictions on civilian travel in army area and in Foggia Province, requests to visit these provinces should be honored for most urgent necessity only. Road traffic now exceeds that of need for expeditious and safe military movements.

Truck Traffic. Proper control and movement on roads requires more exacting control and instruction of drivers. Drivers are generally below par but British-Indian drivers are exceptionally bad; they drive in center of road and are re-

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luctant to move over to proper side of road on signal and are responsible for many accidents and damage.

Work of Road Repair - is proceeding satisfactorily. Italian road repairers work well although slowly. Bridges are being replaced by commendable cut stone structures and many will be ready for use within this month.

PART "B"

No Special Staff division reports are submitted in view of short period that Region V has been in its territory. Full reports will be submitted for March 1944.

PART "C"

1. None

2. Recommendations - see Part "A".

3. Request favorable action in recommendation for promotion of Junior Officers, Region V, submitted recently.

X Notify Col. Ticke when promotions have been published

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. WHITLEY
Colonel, GSC
Regional Commissioner.

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