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MONTHLY REPORT, REGION VIII
JUNE - AUG. 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY COMMAND
REGION VIII

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8th September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for AUGUST, 1944.

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TO : Executive Commissioner, Hq. ACC.

PART I - GENERAL.

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PART II - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Within GROSSETO Province every commune with the exception of GIGLIO has a properly constituted Giunta. Provincial local Government will be complete and working by the first week of September. Strong teams for the Deputazione and the Giunta have been chosen and appear to be generally approved.

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5. LABOUR.

In the Province of GROSSETO a Provincial Director of Labour has been selected and he has already got his staff together. This appointment will be made by the Prefect as soon as the General Order abolishing the Syndicate is promulgated. A translation of the new order - General Order No. 29 - is still awaited from the Sub-Commission.

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Agitation against the daily wage for an 8-hour day of 1.65 a day continues; a demand for at least 1.80 a day is supported by the "opera del lavoro". The usual 70% increase has already been granted.

Elsewhere in the Region there is evidence of political activity in newly organized trade unions. Under what authority can the cessation of such activity be enforced?

6. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

Reconstruction of the PRIMA PD bridge leading to the RIBOLLA coal mine was completed by 26 AUGUST 1944 after working day and night shifts. Bridges over the ALBIA river (Route 1) and at FANCIANO and PITTIGIANO (Route 74) are in hand.

It appears that the ANSS organization at PERUGIA and ROMA has been given the task of providing maintenance parties and given certain contracts for Bridge construction within TUSCANY.

On Route 73 it appears that civilian contractors had been given contract to build bridges and retaining walls; later on when units moved forward the contractors were informed that it was no longer an Army responsibility and that the Genio Civile must accept immediate responsibility for the work. Unless finance is arranged (an AMG responsibility) the Genio Civile will not have the necessary funds. This is an example of difficulties which could be avoided by closer contact between Armies and follow up echelons of CG.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY.

Both AMG and Italian Courts are functioning. Police Agencies are co-operating well, but many of the men sent forward from Replacement Centres have summer kit without overcoats or blankets. The control of civilian movement always presents difficulties and may become well nigh impossible when the number of PSC's is reduced in the near future. There have been some murders generally implicating Partisans and/or Fascists.

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8. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

No rabies or serious epidemics have been reported during the month. In GROSSETO Province, in spite of mines, late start and lack of transport, the anti-malarial scheme has been successful in preventing the increase in malaria. The requisite civilian welfare branches have been instituted in each Province. One of the chief welfare needs is the rehousing of the population in communities where damage has been extensive.

9. EDUCATION.

All schools will be ready to function for the regular autumn session. The defascistization is practically completed. The printing of text-books has been interrupted because of the largest printing works in SIMI being requisitioned by higher authority. The Ministry has been asked to name a secretary for the Provveditorato and Preside for the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale and Agrario for the Province of GROSSETO.

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11. COMMUNICATIONS.

Long distances are generally good. PONTE MUSEGLINI (Route 1), just SOUTH OF TREVISO, is likely to fall, in the first flood, while the bridges over the GARDA DIVISION and the ADIGE are not well constructed. If any of these

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bridges as the only alternative to FORT WASHINGTON is the bridge at LATEX and difficulties in its construction are being encountered. If Route 1 is cut, the shortest way to FLORENCE and the WEST would be via Route 74 and via SCARLEND - both narrow hilly detours.

Rail has passed GROSSETO.

Postal services are expected to start almost immediately in the Province. Inter-provincial telephone service to official offices only is nearly ready in the Province.

12. PROPERTY CONTROL.

The main activities of the division have been in the FLORENCE Area, where Property Control in the city and its environs presents considerable difficulties.

Hundreds of properties are involved and many are damaged and exposed to pillaging. The situation has been reported to all concerned by the Regional Controller of Property.

13. FINANCE.

Salt and tobacco monopolies are suffering because of lack of transport for the raw materials. Buses are operating normally in GROSSETO Province. The financing of the massing is going well. The Finance Officer in that Province states - "grain is pouring in".

14. The Regional Legal Officer has performed legal functions for both the Fifth and Eighth Army JAG for courts of TUSCANY under Army control. Other regional specialists have, at the request or with the approval of Army SCAG's, assisted AMG of the Fifth and Eighth Armies, particularly in FLORENCE and FLORENCE Province. The specialists divisions concerned are: Public Health, Agriculture, Labor, Property Control, Fine Arts, Transport, Public Works and Telecommunications.

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 Regional Commissioner.

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SECTION VIII

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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for July, 1964

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TO : Executive Commissioner, MAL

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4. Communication is maintained with HQ AM, HQ AM Fifth Army, and HQ AM Fifth Army by couriers from this Headquarters; and by motorcycle courier from HQ AM, who carries official mail only. With the limited transportation and personnel available this courier service has been a burden, but no other means were available until July 30. Telephone communication was available from Maun upon arrival; but has since been discontinued. It is anticipated that telegraph communication will be available soon.

2. SUMMARY OF SALINE ACTIVITIES - a. Political Activities and Border Control. - See reports of S&A's Fifth and Eighth Armies.

b. Local Government - Provincial. - See reports of S&A's Fifth and Eighth Armies.

c. Economic Activities and Supply. - (1) The Provincial Supply Officers all 399 work under orders of S&A's of Fifth and Eighth Armies.

(2) The Economic and Supply Division has been able with the consent of AM Fifth Army and in the area of that Army, to arrange for movement of food; to assist with the provision and distribution of POL for agriculture; to locate and report enemy stocks; and to report upon particular mills, industries, and olive oil presses.

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2. SUMMARY OF SALINE ACTIVITIES - A. Political Reactions and Popular Opinion. -

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B. Local Government - Provincial. - See reports of SCAGs Fifth and Eighth Armies.

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C. Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries. - The two Agriculture Officers assigned to this Region, and the two other officers sent to the Region for collecting grain, have all been working under Army SCAGs. For further agriculture data, see reports of SCAGs of Fifth and Eighth Armies.

D. Labor. - At the request of the Provincial Commissioner the Labor Officer investigated the mine labor situation in Grosseto Province and found no immediate cause of difficulty. He has offered his services to the SCAGs of Fifth and Eighth Armies. For further labor data, see reports of SCAGs of Fifth and Eighth Armies.

E. Public Safety. - (1) The Public Safety Division of this Headquarters has maintained close contact with Army ARF units.

(2) With the approval or at the request of the SCAGs of Fifth and Eighth

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Adrian, this Division has done much to secure, transport, and maintain Carabinieri for use by Fifth and Eighth Armies. A total of 70 officers, 900 men are in the Region, including the commanding officers of the Livorno and Firenze legions and also including 200 OCs. OCs are presently assigned to Armies. The organization and operation of the OCs are hampered and delayed by lack of telecommunications and transport. A CC.ER. Replacement Center has been established at Grosseto. 335 CC.ER have reported to the Replacement Center, of those all but 23 are being or will be issued.

(3) For further details relative to Public Safety and the functioning of courts see reports of SCAGs Fifth and Eighth Armies.

Public Health. - The personnel of the Public Health Division, including Red Cross representatives, have been engaged continuously on projects of health, sanitation and welfare, under direction of SCAGs of Fifth and Eighth Armies. Refugee matters have also been handled by this division. For further data, see reports of SCAGs Fifth and Eighth Armies.

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(b) The Region Transportation Officer has with the knowledge of Fifth Army AME assisted in the organization of civil transport, including both civil officials and vehicles.

(2) Rail. - none.

(3) Telecommunications. - No civil telecommunications are in operation in this Region. The Regional Telecommunications Officer has surveyed the damage done to telephones and telegraph system in most of the larger cities occupied and has reported upon the possibilities of repair. He awaits authority from Armies to proceed with preparations for removal of services.

(4) Postal. - Civil postal service is not operating in this Region. Preliminary preparations have been made to facilitate its early establishment.

Property Control. - The Region Property Control Division, with the approval of SCAGs of Armies, has been continuously and profitably employed. It has accomplished much especially in Siena where the records of all Allied property in Toscana, except those for the Province of Firenze, are kept. For further data see reports of SCAGs of Fifth and Eighth Armies.

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5. Finance. - Accounting forms have been furnished each provincial Sub-accountant. With the approval of SCAGs of Armies the Regional Revenue Officer is handling all matters of Italian state revenue, reporting to Army SCAGs. For further data, see reports of SCAGs Fifth and Eighth Armies.

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SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE, 1944.

10th July, 1944.

TO : Executive Command, HQ., Allied Control Commission.

1. My report for June, the first active month in the life of Region VIII, of necessity, consists more of facts connected with the starting of the Region than of those concerning the military government and administration of the people.

2. GENERAL.

At the end of June, Region VIII territory occupied by the Allies consisted of the whole of GROSSETO Province and parts of LIVORNO and SIENA Provinces, of which, 50 - 60% of GROSSETO has been handed over to this Region for administration but not for executive control. At the time of writing, the Allies have pushed on considerably further and it is hoped that more territory will be handed over shortly.

3. COMMUNICATIONS.

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b. Other means of communication are bad. Telephones is non-existent, and telegraph is very difficult now that 8th Army HQ has moved on. Couriers have, therefore, been established between Provinces and this HQ and HQ. ADC.

c. The Regional HQ has been established here at GROSSETO since 19 June, 1944, and our Rear HQ at MARZES closed down on 28 June, 1944. As more of the Region comes under Allied occupation, efforts have been made to find a more central location for Reg. HQ with correspondingly better communications, and several likely places have been reconnoitred including SIENA and MANTUA DI CHIACCIANO but so far without success.

4. PERSONNEL.

Several communications have been sent separately to you on this subject. The number of officers reported to the Region as at 30 June, 1944 was 111, and as at today, 10 July, 1944, 119. Our total allotment being 133, 16 officers are still unaccounted for. Their early presence would be welcomed, especially the two Supply Officers who are urgently required for duty as Provincial Supply Officers.

5. PROVINCIAL TEAMS.

Assignments of officer personnel to Provinces are almost completed, and all Provincial teams are now in the field forward of this HQ except the LUNDA, ARCANIA and PISANOIA teams as such, which have not yet been called for by Army; but all the officers assigned thereto are undergoing attachment to functioning teams and will be ready to move as required.

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6. Certain other Regional and Provincial officers were attached to 5th Army before entry into SIENA, and at the request of 8th Army, others have been similarly attached to them for the occupation of FLORENCE.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS.

Under the normal Monthly Report Headings I have little to add to the full reports which are sent regularly to you, copy to this HQ, from 5th & 8th Armies. Such comments as I have are as follows:

a. POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION } b. LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL

In CROCIERVO Province the situation is quiet politically. The Comitato di Liberazione Provinciale reports itself satisfactorily in touch with Comitato of other counties. Partisans are, on the whole, quiet and co-operative. No department of the Provincial government was functioning due to the fact that all senior officials except a weak Questore were absent. The Vice Prefetto reported for duty, but was imprisoned by G.I.C.

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C. ENGINEERING & SUPPLY.

A first group of 20 3-ton British military trucks with Italian drivers have been assigned to the Region. Of these 19 have been received and 10 have been sent over to CROCIATO to work under the Provincial Commissioner, CROCIATO. One is in REE workshops, SALZANO.

(1) A number of enquiries have been received from Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission concerning industries and mines located in Region VIII. Investigations are being made by the Regional Industries Officer and reports will be forwarded as ready.

(2) Some information has been gathered concerning pyrites, lignite, tin, mercury and magnesite mines within the Region. This information will be checked as soon as the opportunity offers.

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F. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

Regional Public Works Officer, Major LEE, has been permanently at CROCIATO since his arrival in the Region on 22 Jun. The situation there has improved greatly as a result of his efforts.

Water has been short, but the main aqueduct from MONTE ALICATA is little damaged - repairs in hand. Electric Power and Light - repairs are in hand to a lock gate and a has to bring back into use a small hydro-electric plant with a capacity of 70 to 100 KW. This is now almost ready and will produce power for two Flour Mills.

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Great help has been given by IVth Corps Engineers of the 5th Army.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY.

Little information of value is available except in the case of GROSETO Province where the situation at the end of June was as follows:

(1) Civil Police comprise the following: CC.RR 1 Major, 2 Capts. 2 Lieuts. 100 CC.RR.

The officers have been provisionally vetted by C.I.C. and are being allowed to carry on jobs until the arrival of new officers from ROME.

A small number of CC.RR are coming in from the country-side and are being provisionally vetted and employed. The numbers so far are very small. CASERNA is GROSETO destroyed and officers and men are being housed in the Forestale Militare building and the Casa del Pacifico.

A CC.RR Replacement Center is being opened up in GROSETO and transport left on 1 Jul. to carry the two officers concerned thereto from ROME.

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(2) ARMY A.S.

Present strength 1 Questore, 40 Agenti, all located in GROSSETO. Have been vetted by C.I.C. and are performing duty. In addition to other duties are dealing with prostitute problem. Both the C.C.E.R. and Agenti have been much over-awed by Partisans.

(3) GUARDIA DI FINANZA.

Strength - 1 Lieut. 100 CC.EE on duty in GROSSETO. Others are available for duty in other towns in the Province. Numbers are unknown. They are in process of being vetted by C.I.C. and as far as possible being employed on their normal duties. Special attention is being given to shops.

(4) MUNICIPAL GUARDS.

Many Partisans were used by Fifth Army spearhead, but as the C.C.E.R. and other Civil Police increase, their arms and armbands are being withdrawn.

(5) CRIME.

No serious crimes except looting by troops from the many unoccupied houses. No arrests. Two civilians arrested for looting. Cases of rape reported in SIVIA Province by French Colonial troops.

(6) COMMITTEE OF ALLIED TROOPS.

Improving, but insufficient M.E. available. Wine shops and restaurants placed "out of bounds", and brothels closed.

(7) COURTS.

Courts not functioning yet, but Italian Courts are expected to open very shortly.

(8) FIRE BRIGADE.

Strength - 1 Lieut. 50 Firemen. Generally in poor shape, and most appliances need repairing, and hose limited.

(9) CIVIL DEFENSE.

10 shelters in Grosseto in good condition. Capacity 5,000. Also available in other larger towns - condition doubtful. In GROSSETO complete AEW system in operation. UNRA staff limited. Day in GROSSETO which is mostly destroyed. Many bodies still to be recovered.

(10) PRISONS.

GROSSETO main prison slightly damaged. Repairs now completed. Capacity 120 men, 12 women. Staff - Marasciallo, 4 guards and same number of the Comitato di Liberazione. The Director has left town. Prisoners receive 300 grams bread, 50 grams cheese and fruit daily. Scarcity of water in prison which is dirty. Five other prisons in Province not yet inspected.

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(8) PIRS BRIGADE.

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h. PUBLIC HEALTH.

GROSSETO Province shows evidence of being clean and the people better fed than those in the South. There are no signs of septic skin conditions prevalent further South.

Five complete C.A.D. Medical Supply Units have been reserved for Region VIII and are being sent to PISGIANO with AMS 5th Army supplies. They are being stored with 5th Army Medical Supplies until a Regional Medical Warehouse can be established.

The civilian hospital at GROSSETO which had been closed down, was opened on 27 Jun. 44. It will take 60/70 beds and 20 patients from MONTESPESCHI have been transferred to GROSSETO.

The coastal region between GROSSETO and GROSSETO is highly malarious - supplies of MARS GREEN havey however, been found. Houses in the PISGIANA district have been sprayed by the Army with D.D.F. and anti-anophelenic work will be commenced on the canals and flooded areas, as these are cleared of mines.

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I. EDUCATION.

A new Acting Provveditore agli Studi has been appointed for Grosseto Province by the Provincial Commissioner with the approval of the Regional Education Officer.

All records for this Province are intact, having been sealed in some basement walls. Many school buildings have been damaged and most are being used at present for military purposes.

The schools have, for the most part, not functioned since April, 1943. The Acting Provveditore agli Studi has been instructed not to attempt a summer school session but to make plans for the regular Autumnal opening.

Detailed instructions in the form of Education Directives which have been approved by the Education Sub-Commission will shortly be forwarded to the Provveditore agli Studi through the Provincial Commissioner.

J. PURPOSES.

Nothing to report at this stage.

K. COMMUNICATIONS.

Nothing of interest to report except that the telephone exchange at Grosseto is undamaged. Telephone communications are being re-established in the town, but the installation of the existing equipment is being deferred temporarily.

L. PROPERTY CONTROL.

Contact was made by the Regional Property Controller, Lt. Col. A. LEALINI, TD, with the CAPO UFFICIO of the BANCA d'ITALIA and the DIRETTORE of the "BANCA del MARCHI di SIENA" for the Province of Grosseto.

Information was elicited that:

- (1) The number of blocked allied accounts in the Province is small.
- (2) Allied owned property is limited and no Allied National or

concern were carrying on business of any scale in the Province. Instructions were issued to the DIRETTORE of the BANCA d'ITALIA to prepare lists by nationalities of Allied accounts and with the INGENUERE di PIOMBA to forward to the Controller of Property via ABC channels, all details of sequestered allied properties.

Information concerning all classes of property in the Region is understood to be available at the office of the DIRETTORE of the MONTE dei PASCHI di SIENA, located at PIAZZA SALINIERI, SIENA.

In Grosseto, two Chinese "venditori ambulanti" were discovered, whose interests have been investigated. As they are present and their property was not sequestered, no action is being taken beyond noting a claim by one of the Chinese on account of looting by the retreating enemy. Loss, approximately 120,000 lire.

M. FINANCE.

Detailed reports have been submitted by 5th Army with regard to Grosseto Province and it would seem that the financial position there is reasonably good. The Banca d'Italia, the Provincial Post Office and all the other banks in Grosseto town are intact and their personnel available; the BANCA d'ITALIA reports holding some 9,000,000 lire and the Post Office some 3,000,000 lire. Reports on cash holdings of the other banks have not yet been received, but it is understood that only small sums are on hand.

The immediate major problem to be faced is the financing of the GRAIN at PORTO; the harvest is in progress and a very heavy crop is reported from Grosseto Province. On the basis of the 1936/38 average, the wheat crop from this

1. REMARKS.

Nothing to report at this stage.

2. COMMENTS.

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No estimate has yet been received of how much wheat will be assessed, nor as to how much will, in fact, have to be met in new cash money. The S.P.O. 5th Army has applied to Rome for 50,000,000 lire to meet the immediate needs of the situation, but this, obviously, will cover only a small part of what might be required and it is essential that normal banking conditions be restored at the earliest possible date.

5. MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS.

Lists of the hidden deposits of works of art in TUSCANY have been obtained from the DIRETTORE GENERALE di BELLE ARTI in Rome and communicated to the Fine Arts Officers of the 8th Army and the 5th Army.

Complete lists of monuments and works of art in TUSCANY, outside of museum inventories, are in preparation, for distribution to Provincial Commissioners.

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Contact has been made with Major MERTON, Pine Arts Officer,
8th Army and guards are being arranged for ten principal monuments in
FLORENCE.

An annotated map of FLORENCE, with a list of 150 monuments
has been submitted to S-Force, 8th Army.

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