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FLORENCE, OP. SITREPS
(EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER)
AUG. 1944

Main Q.2., A.M.C.
Eighth Army

TOP SECRET
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23 Aug 44.

Dear Brigadier.

I am sending you a very brief report on the more important aspects of the position in FLORENCE as it was when I handed over to 5 Army on 21st August. This report is not for circulation and has gone only to you personally and Brigadier 'A/C' Main Eighth Army.

The arrangements enforced still in FLORENCE is that sitrops go out as from Eighth Army and presumably this will continue until there is no further need for security.

Yours sincerely,

Refers.

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
R.C. & M.C. Section,
H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.

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SITUATION REPORT ON FLORENCE.

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FLORENCE City and the provinces of FLORENCE and SIENA were handed over to 5 Army on August 24th. 1944. The position in the city at that date was as follows:

1. COMPLAINTS

All the city up to and roughly bounded by the ARNO Canal was in Allied hands and sniping in that confine had ceased.

2. SUPPLIES

(a) Food had been brought into FLORENCE in sufficient quantities to ensure the daily supply at a rate of 200 grammes for the total population within the confines given in (1) above. In addition an initial ration of sugar and soap has been distributed.

(b) Arrangements have been made by which food can be got to civilians in German territory - particularly on the N.E. corner, by means of lanes through which women are allowed into our lines to take out food.

(c) In the area South of the river ARNO a temporary organisation for the distribution of food had been set up, which is working extremely smoothly under Italian direction.

(d) The above organisation was not continued N. of the ARNO, where the regular Consorzio system was adopted and is working smoothly, under arrangements made with the Committee of Liberation, to which reference will be made later.

(e) Arrangements for the continuance of supplies into FLORENCE have been satisfactorily worked out with 5 Army. Eighth Army leaves 1 platoon of its 1004 C.T. Company in SIENA, under command 13 Corps and at disposal of Col. Toscani, Supply Officer of Fifth Army. Col. Toscani has already arranged for the necessary additional transport from 5 Army to be provided in SIENA for the maintenance of supplies into the City. I wish to put on record my appreciation of the help and cooperation given by Col. Toscani in working out the rather intricate handover which has taken place.

(f) During the first few days of occupation, that is until the crossing of the ARNO, it proved impossible to obtain fresh vegetables etc. from outside. Since the river was crossed a good flow of these has started and the city is not short.

(g) Water is still being distributed from water points and the repair to the pipeline is taking longer than was originally anticipated. There is not a shortage of water, but obviously there is only sufficient for drinking and cooking. At the time these notes were written there was a possibility that these

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3. PERSONNEL.

All the Allied Provincial officers are established in the Prefettura under Lt-Col. Rolph, with the Florence Town officers, established in the Municipio in the PIAZZA VECCHIO. The latter are under command of Col. Michie of 5 Army A.M.G., so as to relieve Col. Rolph of the responsibility of the administration of the city during the period when the city is still under shell fire, and army control. A large number of Region VIII officers are cooperating in helping during this period, and I wish to thank the Reg. Comm. of Region VIII and all his officers for their cooperation they have given in unstinted measure. Region VIII officers now in FLORENCE consist, amongst others, of

Controller of Property.
Public Safety (coordinating the rear area)
S.P.M.O.
Transport and registration of vehicles.

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3. PERSONNEL (Contd)

S.S.S.O. Colonel Merrill, in charge of Florence City supplies.
Prisoners officer
and others.

I cannot speak too highly of the help given by Region VIII in this rather difficult period.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY.

(a) Some 350 Carabinieri are now in FLORENCE and a further 100 are in process of being brought in, when possible. At the moment 60 of the 100 available are sick and ROM has been asked to help in finding a further contingent.

(b) 1 General, 2 Lt-Colts and 2 Captains of Carabinieri are at present in FLORENCE reorganising the Florence legion, and collecting such Carabinieri as are coming back. These will be vetted and reequipped and put to operational use as soon as possible.

(c) More Carabinieri are needed at the moment, but the number will decrease as the city becomes more under Allied control and further from enemy lines.

5. PUBLIC HEALTH.

Three tons of medical supplies have been put into the city and the health of the population is on the whole good. The chief difficulty lies in the evacuation of wounded civilians. There are practically no ambulances available, but the problem is being tackled with the help of D.D.M.S. 15 Corps Brigadier Gordon Meyne, who is rendering the utmost help.

6. COMMITTEE OF LIBERATION.

This Committee is proving of the utmost assistance. It is composed of practically all parties and is working in the closest cooperation with A.M.G. It expresses its desire to cooperate with A.M.G. in every way, and has no wish to be administrative. It has put forward names of individuals suitable to fill civic posts, the majority of which are acceptable to A.M.G. Names of the principle nominations such as Sindaco and Prefect have already been sent to A.C.C. for approval. If the Committee of Liberation in other cities in Italy further north proves as efficient and cooperative as that we have found in FLORENCE, I shall be extremely satisfied and very relieved.

7. PATRIOTS.

Some 1500 patriots have been operating in the city, and are still employed by the army in mopping up snipers and clearing fresh portions of the city. They have done excellent work and are well disciplined, under their own leaders and under Major Macintosh. No attempt had been made up to the handover to list them or to issue certificates, as they were still in the operational stage. They had however had explained to them the policy of A.M.G. which would be brought

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8. FINANCE.

Preliminary reports show that the cash position in all the banks amounts to only 117,000,000 lire with assigned in circulation of 400,000,000 lire, nearly all drawn on Florentine banks. It is impossible to open the banks under these conditions, although it is probable that should this be done a large amount of assigned would be deposited and so increase the ratio of cash. Cash is needed as a safeguard, and the S.F.O. of 5 Army, Col. Menapace has been asked to go into Florence, and is there now, to investigate the position and take necessary measures. Perhaps a lesson can be learnt from FLORENCE as to what may be expected further

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8. FLORENCE (Contd.)

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north, but it is certainly interesting to note that a comparatively small amount of money, was found there (and this included what had ostensibly been brought from LEXINGTON) where one expected to find a considerable quantity.

This report is not intended to be a detailed one, but only to give the position in the broad as it obtained, on the morning of August 21st 1944, when command passed over to 5 Army. It is regretted that time did not allow for a more tidy handover to have been made, but it is felt that the ground work has been well laid and saving unknown operational situations which may affect the position, there should be no difficulty in getting the city back to normal in a reasonably short time.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

There have, of course, been certain misunderstandings between I.M.G. and military authorities. In a situation as confused as FLORENCE, where snipers were shooting out of windows and the town was being spasmodically shelled, this was inevitable. Today FLORENCE is not captured in its entirety and this must be remembered. It is a city over which both Allied and German guns are firing at each others gun positions. There is no clearly defined position in the city for the enemy are still there, though probably in small numbers. But they can and do infiltrate at night into the streets and they still drop shells of small calibre into the middle of the city.

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DISPLACED PERSONS STAFF FOR FLORENCE AS OF 18 AUG 44

21 Aug 44

On 18 Aug 44, the office and affairs of I. & D. P. S. C. for FLORENCE were turned over to Major Gansson. The following things had been done:

1. The Swiss Consular staff had prepared a list of all Allied Nationals under Swiss jurisdiction, giving essential data. A similar list was being prepared by the Swedish Consulate.
2. The above Consulates had agreed to continue subsidy payments until the arrival of national representation. The finance division was arranging for the payment of ex-internees.
3. Some 250 Allied Nationals and ex-internees had been interviewed and arrangements made for the evacuation of about 75 persons.
4. Provisions for nations had been arranged through regular supply channels.
5. National group leaders - representatives Red Cross and ex Camp Officials had been interviewed toward coordinating work as pertained to subject persons.

W. H. H. H.
HENRY E. HEDSON, Capt.
I. & D. P. S. C.
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PRIORITY

Civil Affairs Branch

SITREP FLORENCE POSITION AT 1700 HRS 19 AUG 44 PD ~~DATA~~ 30 AFHQ FOR
 GEORGE FIVE FROM AGC HQ PAREN ONE PD CITY ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWS PD CITY
 HOSPITALS NEARLY ALL FULL MANY INJURED FROM SNIPING SHELLING AND MINES PD
 GERMANS HAVE SHELLED FLORENCE CITY INTERMITTENTLY SINCE FRIDAY NIGHT INJURING
 AND KILLING MANY AND HITTING STROZZI PALACE SAN LORENZO UFFIZI GALLERY
 SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE AND SANTO SPIRO TO PD TWO PD SUPPLIES SEEN CERTAIN PROVINCE
 HAS SUFFICIENT WHEAT CROP IF DISTRIBUTION POSSIBLE PD 200 GRAMS UNIVERSAL
 RATION PD BIGGEST PROBLEM IS POLYMERAL PD THROUGHOUT LIBERATED PORTION OF PD
 PROVINCE FOOD POSITION AND ORGANIZATION BETTER THAN EXPECTED PD ABUNDANT FRUIT
 AND VEGETABLES ENTERING THE CITY PRICES REASONABLE PD SUPPLIES CONTINUE AT
 90 TONS A DAY PD RECORDI MILL CAPACITY ONE HUNDRED TONS DAILY IN GOOD ORDER ONLY
 NEEDS ELECTRICITY EXPECTED IN TEN DAYS PD PRESENT POSITION GOOD 100 TONS SOUTH
 OF ARNO 200 TONS NORTH AND 100 TONS IN CARRIAGE PD THREE PD GENERAL ORDER 20
 AND SUPPLEMENTARY
 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER POSTED CMA ORGANIZATION/PROCEEDING PD FOUR PD BRITISH
 INSTITUTE IN CONTACT WITH FORTIFICATIONS AND TWENTY THOUSAND VOLUME LIBRARY CMA FILE

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WAR SECRETARY STILL. THERE PD FIVE PD PUBLIC SAFETY PD LOCAL AGENTI FORCE NEARLY
UP TO STRENGTH PD BROTHELS AND WINE SHOPS CLOSED SINCE FIRST DAY PD GUARDIA
FINANZA GENERAL CONTI COMMANDER OF FLORENCE ROSE AND SARDINIA LEGIONS FOUND
HERE PD PARTISANS CLEARED FROM OFFICIAL BUILDINGS PD FIRE STATION IN POOR
CONDITION MUCH EQUIPMENT GONE OR DISMANTLED THROUGH LOST OF STAFF PD ARE
BRINGING IN FIVE PUMPS AND WILL REORGANIZE DEPARTMENT PD SIX PD FINANCE PD
FIVE LARGER BANKS EXAMINED AND LIQUID POSITION SEEMS ADEQUATE EXCEPT FASOIST
BANCA DEL LAVORO PD ALL ASSETS BANCA D'ITALIA LIVORNO FOUND IN FLORENCE PD \$
ELEVEN MILLION LIRE FOUND IN NIGHT-DEPOTS FINE SILVER PD SWISS CONSUL MAKING
PAYMENTS AT 25 lire TO THE DOLLAR

PD SEVEN PD MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONING
ING NORMALLY PD SUFFICIENT CITY FUNDS ON HAND UNTIL BANKS REOPEN PD BURIAL OF
DEAD CONTINUING PD MUNICIPAL ENGINEER REPORTING SOON ON AUXILIARY ELECTRIC PLANT PD
SOME TRAMS RUN FROM BATTERIES CAN PERHAPS BE USED FOR HAULAGE PD WATER SITUATION
FAIR STILL LARGE BREAKS IN MAINS AWAITING MINE CLEARING FOR REPAIRS PD

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SUBJECT THREE

OF FUEL BEING MET BY CONTROLLED CUTTING OF BRANCHES AND TREES ON PUBLIC
DOMAIN IF NECESSARY WILL CUT ON PRIVATE GROUNDS PAYING COMPENSATION WHILE
SCHEME BEING SUPERVISED VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE PD CITY ENGINEERS WILL CLEAR
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LAND BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE ARMY

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L. T. MONTANT JR
1st Lt AGC
ADJUTANT.

CAB

• Precie to AFHQ quick especially
about the shelling of the Hfrye.

PRO to take this up (mind security)

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ROME AREA COMMAND FOR ACC FOR RC & IG SECTION

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CITE: NONE

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DEPARTMENT. FIVE. GENERAL ORDER 20 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER POSTED, ORGANIZATION OF TRANSPORT PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN, PROSPECTS FAIR. SIX. AGRICULTURE. ACUTE SHORTAGE OF ANIMALS PARTICULARLY WORK ANIMALS BUT SOME MAY BE FOUND FURTHER NORTH. SEVEN. MAJOR SAMSON DISPLACED PERSONS ARRIVED 18 AUG 44 RELIEVING CAPT HUDSON. EIGHT. LT COL MICHIE TOOK OVER AS SCAO FLORENCE CITY WEF 0800 HRS 18 AUG 44 AND OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY OF PROVINCE THIS IS AND EIGHTH ARMY SCHEME AND WHEN ARMY MOVES FORWARD FLORENCE FALLS UNDER PROVINCE. TEN. SUPPLIES CONTINUE AT 90 TONS A DAY. BIONDI MILL CAPACITY ONE HUNDRED TONS DAILY IN GOOD ORDER ONLY NEEDS ELECTRICITY EXPECTED IN TEN DAYS. PRESENT POSITION GOOD 100 TONS SOUTH OF ARNO 200 TONS NORTH AND 100 TONS IN CERTAIDO. ELEVEN. CITY ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWS. CITY HOSPITALS NEARLY ALL FULL MANY INJURED FROM SNIPING, SHELLING AND MINES. GERMANS HAVE SHELLED FLORENCE PROPER INTERMITTENTLY SINCE FRIDAY NIGHT INJURING AND KILLING MANY AND HITTING STROZZI PALACE, SAN LORENZO, UFFIZI GALLERY, SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE AND SANTO SPIRITO. VITAL STATISTICS RELIABLE TO 8 AUG 44 LATER FIGURES OF KILLED AND WOUNDED NOW BEING COMPILED. SANTA MARIA H SPITAL 300 BEDS IS FULL AS ARE TWO SURGERIES, MATERNITY HOSPITAL WITH 70 BEDS AND HAS 20 WOUNDED AND OTHER PLACES BEING USED. REPORTED AT OSPEDALE INNOCENTI SOME CHILDREN DIED OF HUNGER. STREET CLEARING COMPLETED. MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONING NORMALLY. SUFFICIENT CITY FUNDS ON HAND UNTIL BANKS REOPEN. BURIAL OF DEAD CONTINUING. MUNICIPAL ENGINEER REPORTING SOON ON AUXILIARY ELECTRIC PLANT, SOME TRAMWAYS FROM BATTERIES CAN PERHAPS BE USED FOR HAULAGE. WATER SITUATION FAIR STILL LARGE BREAKS IN MAINS AWAITING MINE CLEARING FOR REPAIRS. SHORTAGE OF FUEL BEING MET BY CONTROLLED CUTTING OF BRANCHES AND TREES ON PUBLIC DOMAIN IF NECESSARY WILL CUT ON PRIVATE GROUNDS PAYING COMPENSATION WHOLE SCHEME BEING SUPERVISED VOLUNTEER

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○ FLORENCE

P.A. to Exec Com.

1. Ref Exec Com's memo at p 11, an understandable and readable edition of 11 & 12 is at 13.
2. 13 is the latest news from Florence and is the first report from the Provincial Communities.

E. 18/8.

Thank you - Admin of course
to see. W. 18/8
copy with Admin
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ORIGINAL AT 12

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FROM : PC FLORENCE

TO : ADC HQ

Position FLORENCE at 1900 hrs 14 Aug.

Provincial administration established PALAZZO MEDICI noon today. P.C. met Comitato and heard views representing all parties, professions and classes. Examined credential of members and nominations for admin. offices. No name yet proposed for Prefect, names for Deputazioni Comunali suggested and discussed, Giunta Provinciale Administration also discussed and P.C. indicated all must work toward Government by those bodies which will be partly appointed and then filled up as more of Province liberated.

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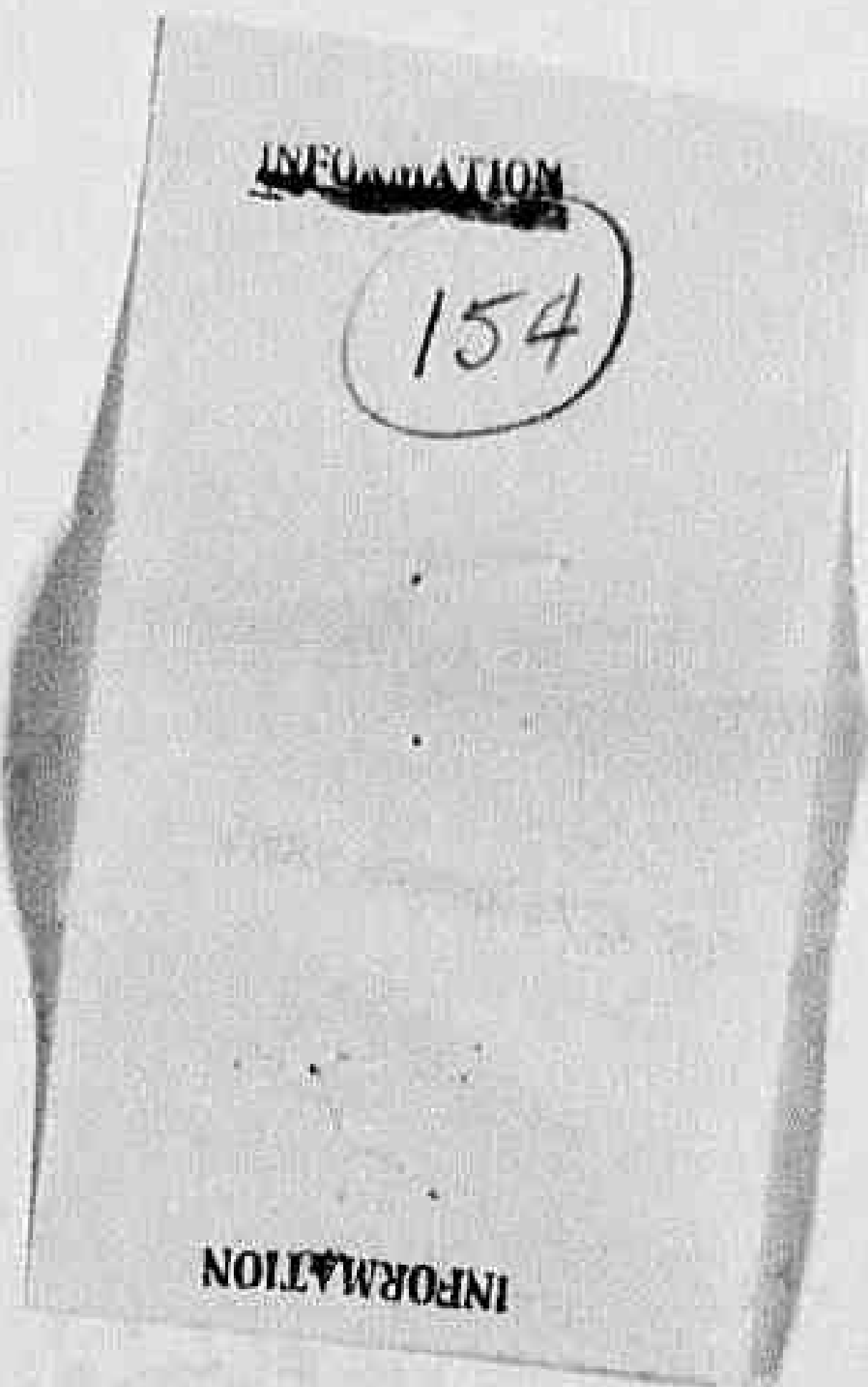
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POSITION FLORENCE AT 1964 HRS 14 AUG 44

PROVINCIAL AUSTIN DETAILLED PALAZO KENNOT NOOT TODAY.

PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER MET OCTIARO AND HEARD VLES YIENS

RE TERMINING ALL PARTIES CMA PROFESSIONS AND CLASSES

ELABORATED ORIENTAL OF MEMBERS AND INFORMATION FOR AMIN OFFICES.

NO NAMES NOT PROPOSED FOR MEMOT.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ROME AREA COMMAND FOR AGO HQ FOR RG & MG SECTION
FROM: MAIN AMG 8TH ARMY

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HEADQUARTERS
15 AUG 1944
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SITREP FIRENZE. POSITION 1030 HRS AUGUST 16TH.

(THIS IS PARAPHRASE OF OUR MSG NR 500 DTC 141100B. PARA NINE IS EXCLUDED IN ORIGINAL MSG. IN ANSWER TO YOU SVC 561)

PARA 1. PRESIDENT OF CREDITATOKCUA CAPO DI CABINETTO AND VICE SINDICADO WERE MET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER WHO ENTERED FIRENZE WALKING.

PARA 2. HQ WILL MOVE INTO PREFETTURA TODAY.

PARA 3. UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES IN ALL FIRENZE TOTAL 210 TONS. LITTLE STOCK PILE NORTH OF RIVER ARNO STARTED.

PARA 4. 100 CARABINIERI TRANSPORTED ACROSS RIVER TO 2 STATIONS.

PARA 5. NOW PREPARING REVISED PRICE LIST.

PARA 6. LAST NIGHT RECEIVED 2000 POUNDS CLOTHING.

PARA 7. BEGINNING TODAY COMMUNAL KITCHEN WILL BE IN OPERATION.

PARA 8. MINE EXPLOSION AT 1515 HRS YESTERDAY WOUNDED MANY AND KILLED SEVEN. INTERRUPTED CLEARING OF PONTE VECCHIO.

PARA 10. LAST NIGHT SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE SHELLING.

(NOTE:

This is a Service of cable 431 dated 14 Aug 44 from AMG 8 ARMY requested by Secretary General)

Seen by Ex Command

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SITUATION REPORT PLAZA DE LUPO 20.00 HRS. 11 AUGUST 44. 14 AUG RECD

1. Other than what has been reported in the various signals sent off, there is little to say. The general situation is as follows:

The Germans have withdrawn to the line of the River AUGWOLFE which is roughly the northern outskirts of PLAZA DE LUPO City, but the position in the northern part of the city is still obscure and up to date no A.M.G. Officers have crossed.

2. It would appear that the water position north of the river is not as serious as the food position, and the water position can and probably will be put right, to a point where it will not cause any trouble. The food position, however, is more serious, in that there is the physical difficulty of getting supplies across the ARVO. No roads have been found and the only alternative is a bridge. This is being repaired by 43 teams and it is hoped that a bridge will be put across the river. What reaction this may have on the Germans it is impossible yet to say. In the meantime, teams are being taken to get supplies into the northern part of the town by night, but at the cost it will not be possible to do more than 20 tons a day, a quantity which will be insufficient to adequately feed the population. On the basis of there being 400,000 heads of the river, and only 20 tons a day, it is taken that a reserve, 200 tons a day requires 20 tons.

3. The German inventory of the food and trailers are being put at the disposal of the A.M.G. The British Army and these will be of unshakable assistance in getting supplies across. Water trucks are also available should they be needed, but at the moment they cannot be used.

4. This report should be read as a preliminary survey of the position, covering forth the factual details. In view of the Sitreps which are sent in covering the whole ground, it is not intended to send further written reports for the time being, except where information is received and is worth passing on, which has not already been covered by the Sitreps. Attached to this report is a copy of an interview with the Ambassador of SWILL which is of interest, as having the trend of thought in the future administration of SWILL.

5. Report which has just come in states that as between 16.00 hrs today and midnight, 9 tons and possibly 12 tons of supplies will have been sent across the river. These will include medical supplies, milk and sugar.

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3. The main quantity of loaded trailers are being put at the disposal of the 1st Airborne Division and these will be of undoubted assistance in getting supplies across the river. Motor trucks are also available should they be needed, but at the moment they cannot be used.

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Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
A.O., A.O.C. Eighth Army Main.

In the Field,
12 August 44.

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Seen by Colonel
2 Capt. Stone
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Report on Visit to H.E. Cora and on afternoon of 6 August
via del Bobolingo, A. PIERACINI.

Pieracini visited H.E. Cora and on afternoon of 6 August
told him that Prince Visconti Vercelli wished him to join COME at
candidate for members representing the Italian Government. Cora said he
would be ready to leave at shortest notice. Discussed persons who could
be chosen to fill prominent positions in municipal and provincial adminis-
trations in Florence. H.E. Cora considers that Paolo GUICCIARDINI is the
man to be chosen; he has administrative ability and is well liked by the
Florentine population of all strata. When Prince Francesco OLIVIERI was mentioned
he said that this man too would be a very good choice as being representative
of Florentine life and ideas but he thinks that the former is more energetic.
The latter has more interest in matters of the kind than in FLORENCE city.
On the afternoon of the 6th August a see and visit was paid to Mr. CORA and
Lt-Col. Gaston Jans and Major Fuller were also present. When it was pointed
out to him that the conditions of the Party of Liberation for Sinalco was poor.
Gastone PIERACINI he said that this man was an excellent element too. He
was also a Socialist leader, it is an extremely popular old man in FLORENCE.
But CORA still prefers GUICCIARDINI and he stresses a great importance to
the name factor. Both the GUICCIARDINI and CORA are old Florentines.
Persons who have played a very prominent part in the life of the town and
TUSCANY.

Both Paolo GUICCIARDINI and Don Tomaso CORA have been suggested
as candidates to be by the Florentine constituency not up to date, and either
one of them would be a regular member amongst the major classes. Both these men
have always been recent anti-Fascists.

Prof. Gastone PIERACINI appears on our white list where he is
described as very popular and the Grand Old Man of Socialism.

The above tentative candidates for Sinalco are all now on the
Northern list of the AMIO, it is believed.

The new sector advocated by H.E. CORA should not be overlooked as
MONT, PIERACINI and others have already attached a great importance in the
past (A. CORA in Rome, PAUL GUICCIARDINI in Florence, VISCONTI in
Milan) to having the names of their town representatives. However, the
state of war and the difficulties that will probably be encountered in
organizing any more it is necessary to appoint a different type of person. A
person, of course, on the municipal administration which will
first of all be put to the PIAZZA VALLINO; it is a smoothly running
administration and the Municipal Secretary is efficient the choice of a
person of the administrative type with the sufficient amount of administrative
experience and popularity will be better than if we find an administration
which has entirely new ideas, it is likely.

Mr. CORA himself was considering PIERACINI for a few months 2202
before the advent of the fascist-regime. It should not be
expected to remain with the Government in 1945 it would appear to be a likely
choice as subject of the CORA Province. He raised the vice-question
of PIERACINI who during the fascist-regime had everything in his
power to reach the people who were being persecuted by the authorities and
to have had a direct contact with the arrested political prisoners of war.

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10 August 44.

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MAIN AND 8TH ARMY

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CITE: NONE

STREET FLORENCE. POSITION AT 1600 HOURS 13 AUG 44.

ONE. SCAC FLORENCE HAS TURNED OVER TO FC FLORENCE.

TWO. 50 TONS SUPPLIES INCLUDING 4 TONS MILK ACROSS ARNO AT 0001 HOURS TODAY FLOW
CONTINUED OVER PONTE VECCHIO AT RATE NEARLY 40 TONS DAILY.THREE. CONDITIONS NORTH FLORENCE LESS SERIOUS THAN ANTICIPATED GERMANS DISTRIBUTED 200
GRS DAILY UNTIL 5 DAYS AGO THEN 100 GRS AND LEFT 22 DAYS SUPPLIES. ONLY DESTITUTE
WERE PERSONS AFRAID TO VENTURE OUTDOORS.

FOUR. DRINK WATER SITUATION ALL RIGHT.

FIVE. TOTAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES SOUTH OF ARNO SINCE OUR ARRIVAL 200 INCLUDING 50 KILLED.

SIX. 5 HUNDRED HERE LAST (36?) HOURS.

SEVEN. 5 PARTISANS ARRESTED ATTEMPTING MURDER GMP LIEUT.

EIGHT. ALIMENTIONE ORGANIZATION ESTIMATE 410,000 PERSONS IN FLORENCE NORTH OF ARNO.

NINE. WE ISSUE 200 GRS ALL FLORENCE BEGINNING TOMORROW.

TEN. GERMANS UNDER CONSTANT SHELLFIRE PROBLEMS BURIALS MET BY CORRELATING PORTION
OF BOBOLI GARDENS.

ELEVEN. G(OL) ITALIAN KILLED YESTERDAY NO G(OL) NOW LEFT.

TWELVE. POTENTI DECEASED PARTISAN COMMANDER GIVEN PUBLIC FUNERAL YESTERDAY FULL BRITISH
AND PARTISAN MILITARY HONOURS.**SECRET**QUARTERS
14 AUG 1944
A. C. C.Seen 28/08/44
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- THIRTEEN. 4 NEWSPAPERS HAVE APPEARED NORTH FLORENCE SITUATION BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY AGREEMENT PENDING OUR CROSSING TO POST ORDERS.
- FOURTEEN. RACHIONTE HEAD OF CONTATO ALL FLORENCE SENDS ELOQUENT PLEA FOR INCLUSION TUSCANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS I GOVERNMENT OF FLORENCE.
- FIFTEEN. HAVE FOUND STOCKS OF UPDATED GERMAN PROCLAMATIONS TO OUR TROOPS DECLARING FLORENCE OPEN CITY NO EVIDENCE OF POSTING OR DISTRIBUTION.
- SIXTEEN. HEAVY GERMAN SHELLING LAST NIGHT HIT WITHIN 50 YARDS PISTI PALACE AND STRUCK MANY BUILDINGS AREA VIALE MACHIAVELLI.
- SEVENTEEN. POLITICAL NOTE DURING POTENTI FUNERAL ORATION ONE SPEAKER MENTIONED PROLETARIAT. CROWD HOWLED "NOT PROLETARIAT BUT POPOLI".
- EIGHTEEN. AS OF 2030 HOURS TODAY ALL PARTISANS SOUTH OF ARNO AND ALL PARTISANS ENTERING THIS AREA WILL BE DISARMED. 19 JEPS AND TRAILERS WITH SUPPLIES WILL BEGIN CROSSING PONTE VECCHIO AT 2030 HOURS TODAY.

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TO: ROME AREA COMMAND FOR ACC ID FOR HC & IG SECTION
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FROM: MAIN AND EIGHTH ARMY
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SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 0930 HRS 11 AUG 44.

1. RUNNER FROM COMITATO REPORTS GERMANS HAVE PULLED BACK BEYOND PUGNONE RIVER AND COMITATO HAS OCCUPIED PALAZZO VECCHIO, PREFETTURA AND CUESDORF.
2. FIGHTING BELIEVED GOING ON ON NORTHERN OUTSKIRTS.
3. PARTISANS UNDER ICG COMMAND MOPPING UP SNIPERS AND PROSPECTING FOR ROADS.
4. PONTE VECCHIO BLOCKED AND HEAVILY MINED.
5. WORK CHECKING ON WATER MAINS ACROSS RIVER NINE CLEARING PERHAPS NECESSARY BEFORE REPAIRS BEGIN.
6. HEAVY SHELLING AND MORTARING DURING NIGHT DIRECT HIT ON BRAC VILLA

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SITUATION REPORT FLORENCE UP TO MIDNIGHT 7TH AUGUST, 57.

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1. There is very little further news to give as the operational position is still the same as before, namely Allies in southern part of the town up to the ARNO and the enemy across the river to the north.
2. WATER SUPPLY. It will not be possible to repair the water supply until the northern portion of the city has been captured. The water pipes run along the edge of the ARNO on the south side, and the whole of the south is supplied from these pipes. They were broken at the POME VECCHIO when this bridge was blown up. They cannot be repaired therefore, until such time as the north side of the town is captured, as the place where the break is is under machine gun fire from across the river.
3. ELECTRICITY. There is no question of being able to restore electricity to FLORENCE at this stage.
4. POPULATION. No further information on this other than the fact that there are found about 80,000 on the south side of the river.
5. SUPPLIES. All our information shows that the northern part of the town still in enemy hands is in a very poor way as regards food. It is essential, therefore, to build up stocks on the south side so as to start distribution immediately the rest of the city is captured, and to try and avoid any rush of hungry people crossing the river. To meet this situation stocks are being slowly built up by doubling the number of trucks going in each night in convoy. As from the night of August 7/8th, 20 trucks as against 10 are delivering supplies. This should give a build up of at any rate a minimum of 30 tons per day of food surplus to requirements south of the river.
6. PARTISANS. The best relations exist with the partisans and everything is working smoothly. There are as previously reported some 800 in two bands, 4 band is extremely well organised under Italian officers, and is giving the utmost assistance in every way, and is very well disciplined. They number about 600. The remainder are the usual type who have taken up arms at the last minute when fighting was over, and claim to be "liberators". They are under control.
7. MEDICAL. 3 tons of medical supplies have now been put into the city and the hospital side is functioning.
8. REFUGEES. Altogether there are some 8,000 refugees who are being looked after and kept in the city. They are nearly all Florentines and come from the strip of the city north and south of the river, which was evacuated by the Germans. Once the whole of FLORENCE is in our hands it will be possible to return them to their homes which at present are under machine gun fire, though how much damage may be done before this is possible, no man can say.
9. PERSONNEL. S.O.A.O., Lt-Col. Benton Jones, S.C.A.P.O., Major Pullen, C.A.O., Major Zervudacki with 80 Carabinieri and two A.M.G. Police officers are in the town as reported. The balance of the carabinieri, namely 100 together with the two other A.M.G. Police Officers are now being held in and about Fort... it is also...

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10. FINANCE. There is only one bank south of the river which is closed. Up to date food supplies have been paid for, but there is a shortage of small denomination lire. In fact nearly all the money in the town at the moment seems to be in assegni, nearly all bankers drafts on Florentine banks. Capt. Whalen, Eighth Army Senior Finance Officer is going to FLORENCE today with 2,000,000 Allied Military lire in small denominations to investigate the possibility of opening the bank and deal with the position as regards assegni.

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11. ADMINISTRATION. It is intended to set up a separate administration for southern FIUMENE, but only to organize it in such a way that it will blend into the final administration once the town is captured. In this respect the representatives of the Comitato di Liberazione are being extremely helpful and co-operative, and in fact are really acting under A.M.G. and setting up the organization required on the proper lines. Relationship is first-class.

12. DISARMED PERSONS. There is no problem here at all. There are of course a certain number of allied people, mostly married to Italians. There is no destitution at all, and all the people of allied nationality and indeed of any other nationality are being of the utmost help.

13. CASE. There is in effect none, and action is being well maintained. In so far as Fascists are concerned, there is very little to do on this line as rather naturally they are all on the northern side.

14. GENERAL. A considerable quantity of shelling goes on at night, mostly counter-battery work on the part of the enemy, and this is bound to do a certain amount of damage to the houses, villas and buildings in the suburbs on the hills around. There is no shelling of the town proper. There is, however, a lot of machine gun fire across the river which will do damage to houses along the river front.

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13. CRIME. There is in effect none, and curfew is being well maintained. In so far as fascists are concerned, there is very little to do on this line as rather naturally they are all on the northern side.

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