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ADM. - GEN. - DEVASTATED AREA TEAMS
OCT. 44 - DEC. 44

DEVASTATED AREAS.

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b) attached.

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| 1. Officers. | a) | Lt Col Craig
Jun Comd Proby |
| | b) | Lt Col Andrews |
| 2. EL/OR | b) | Pte Bath dvr |
| 3. Tot | b) | one 15 cwt |

Teams.Trieste

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| 1. Officers | a) | Lt Col Ainslie
" Fletcher
Major Ranforth
" Henshaw
" Kinsella
Capt Hanbury |
| | b) | |

Fiume

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| a) | Lt Col Armstrong
Major Snee
1st Lt Lillich |
| b) | Capt Cobb |

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| 2. EL/OR | a) | S/Egt Bishop clerk
Cdm Priestley dvr
Pte Smith CD
Pte Whitehead CD | a) | Pte Poli clerk |
| | b) | Dvr Sackett dvr
Pte Friedman | b) | Dvr Podley dvr |

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Date Rec'd.	Particulars of Document Notes & Instructions.	No.
7 Nov 44	To Venezia Region signal	1
10 " "	Note re signal requesting H. Col Craig go to Rome	2.
30 Oct "	Proposals re devastated areas	3.
8 Nov "	from AC - questionnaire re devastated areas	4
14 " "	To Lt Col Craig D/O	5
	Note re additional personnel available	6.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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Rev. Gen. S.

File Ref:

INTC/15/3

Date:

12 Nov 44.

SUBJECT:

Demarcated Areas - Initial Information.

TO :

RO's - ~~GRAND O.~~
~~SINAI.~~
~~LEVANT.~~
~~ARMENIA.~~

1. Copy of HQ, AG letter ref 4/SLA/CA dated 8 Nov 44, is forwarded.

2. Although it is realized that the provisions of this a/w letter will apply on first priority to SYRIAN, LEVANT-ARMENIA and ARMENIA-ARMENIA Regions, and that a copy only has been sent to TOSKANA Region, it is the RO's wish that you complete the proforma on reverse for his information and consideration as to whether help should be requested under the scheme proposed.

3. This being the case, you will be given a month to compile the information required. Please forward completed proforma to reach this HQ by 15 Dec 44.



By ORDER of Colonel. KINGSBORN:

J. Howard Quinn
 J. HOWARD QUINN,
 Major RA,
 Adjutant.

Copy to: HQ, AG (Civil Affairs Section) • Reference your 4/SLA/CA dated 8 Nov 44.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ARC 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : TRI/12/2

28 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Stolen car recovered

TO : Requisitioning Officer, Venezia Region (AFC)

- 1 Car Fiat 508-3 convertible, Targa Roma 70020, AC registration No 151, has been recovered.
- 2 The wires on the wheels had not been removed, nor the motor stripped; the repair work needed appears to be only to the steering wheel, which was broken by the thieves in order evidently to free it from the chain which prevented its being turned. This repair is in progress and the car will again be on the road.

Paul Shipman Andrews
Paul Shipman Andrews Lt Col,
Devestated Areas

Matter settled between Mr Cols Anichie
+ Beard 16/12. M.P.

To: Lt. Col. Paul S Andrews
H.Q. A.C. Abruzzi - Marche Region

From: Lt. Col. G.G. V. Anichie, Sulmona.

1. Reference attached RSAQ/1491 dtd 10.12.44 from P.C. L' Aquila Province which should I think have been sent through you.
2. This seems to be a matter for attention by Provincial Office, Sulmona but I shall be glad of your instructions.
3. This detachment cannot supply transport for any extra work. If therefore you wish it to make these payments it will be necessary for Italian authorities to warn claimants to come in to Sulmona as Province H.Q. should supply a car for use of the detachment.
4. One of my vehicles now operates in the Commune of Pescara + Anichie assigned to the 1st Bn. and, as explained before, the transport is quite inadequate for what we have to do. Very soon it will be engaged on moving

clothing for the distressed communities,
and for inspections of the local
distributions at which time I may
have again to apply for more
vehicles.

13 Dec. 44

G. G. T. Ainslie.
Lt. Col.
(G. G. T. AINSLIE)

ALLIED COMMISSION

AQUILA PROVINCE,

TO: Officer in Charge, Trieste Province Detachment
SULMONA.

FROM: Provincial Commissioner, L'AQUILA Province.

SUBJECT: Payment of claims.

REF: R5AQ/1791

DATE: 10.12.44.

Information has been received from the Regional Finance Officer that many of the Sulmona District claims for aid to Allied Prisoners of war have been authorized and payment may commence at once.

After discussion with the Regional Commissioner and the Regional Finance Officer it is suggested that the payments be made by your team.

Capt Forster from Regional Finance Office will be glad to visit Sulmona and discuss plans with you at an early date.

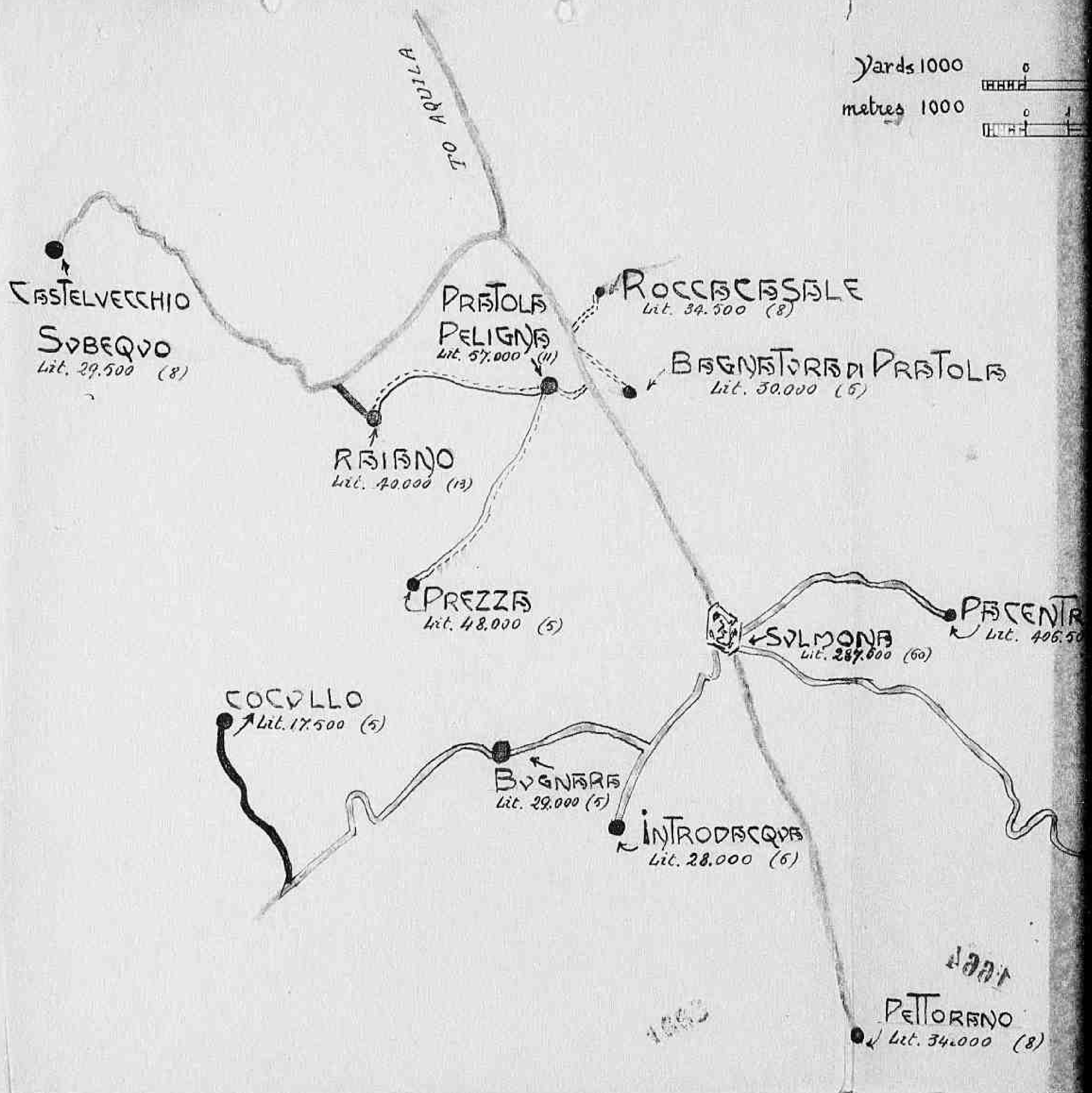
A sketch map showing the Communes and the amount of money to be paid in each is attached for your information.

H.M. FIORE
H.M. FIORE,
Major, USA.
Provincial Commissioner
L'AQUILA PROVINCE,

DEC 1944

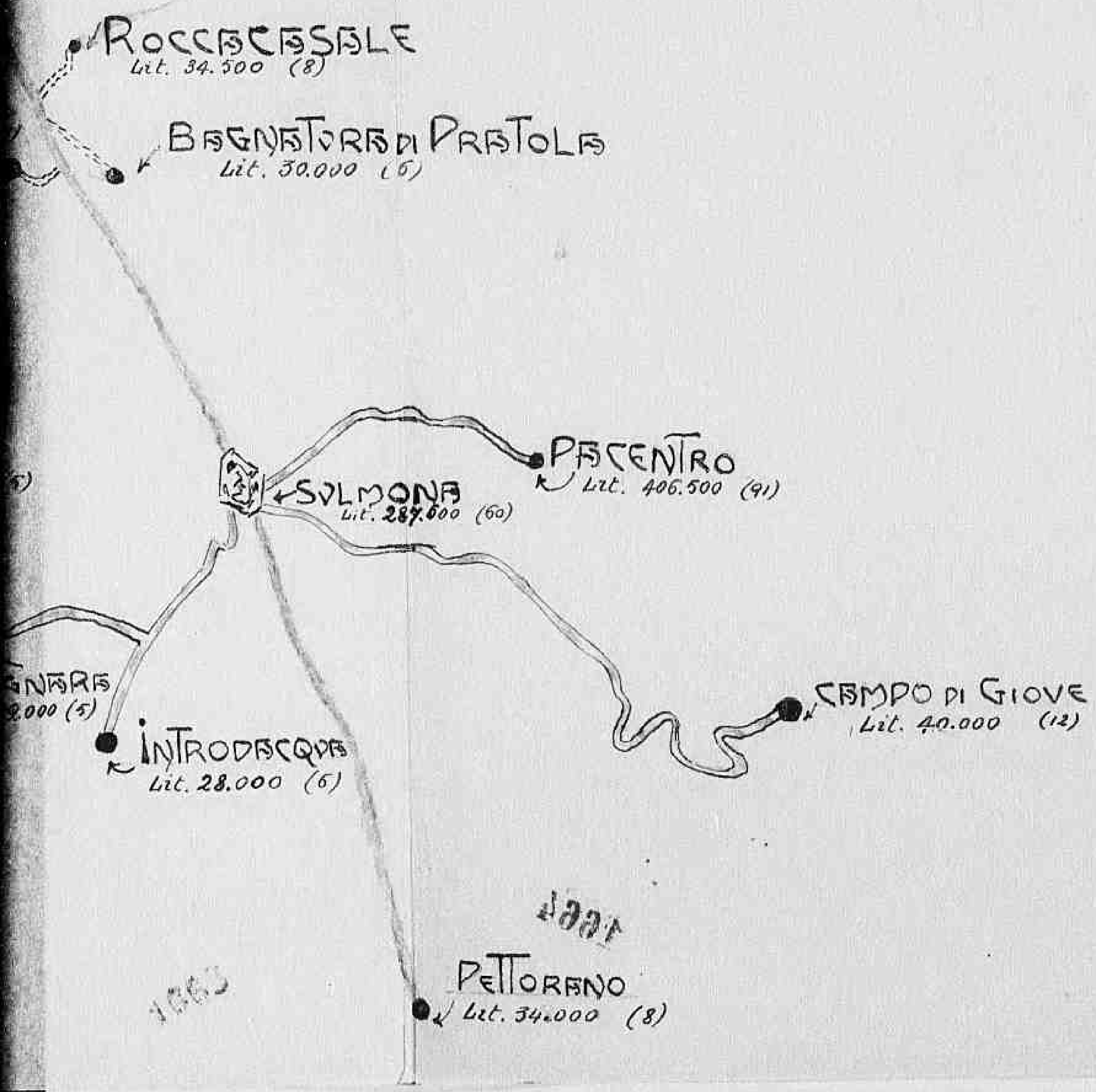
Copy to: HQ/ AM/AC Abruzzi Marche Region
Regional Finance Officer.

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Scale = 1:100,000



ALLIED COMMISSION
Prime Province
AWO 594

AC/PW/720

31 Dec. 1944.

SUBJECT: Personal Mail.

TO : Regional Commissioner
HQ. A.C., Venezia Region.

1. On 17 Nov. last, I reported to Lt. Col. Craig, then (I thought) at HQ. A.C., Abruzzi-Marche Region, upon the irrevocable arrangements made to forward the personal mail of my Officers and EW/ORs.
2. I said then that only one delivery of personal mail had been made (by Col. Craig's own hand on 14 Nov.) between the 5th and 17th Nov.
3. The position has not improved: Our last mail was collected at the A.F.O., OSTIA, on 27 Nov. and the mail then collected was obviously many days overdue. The most recent air mail letter received by any of my officers or EW/ORs was posted in the U.K. on 12 Nov.
4. Yesterday I paid a personal visit to the A.P.O. at OSTIA and saw there air mail letters posted in the U.K. on 27, 28 and 29 Nov. awaiting collection.
5. It seems clear that somewhere between A.C. HQ., Rome and my HQ., personal mail is being held up, and I say, emphatically that this is not good enough at this critical stage of the war when every possible attention should be given to such matters as the personal mail of Officers and EW/OR.
6. I shall be glad to be advised of what is being done to remedy this unsatisfactory state of affairs.

PJA/gf

Copy to Lt. Col. P.S. Andrews
HQ. A.C., Abruzzi-Marche Region.

J. J. Andrews
J. J. ANDREWS
Lt. Colonel
Provincial Commissioner
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Note Venezia Region asked to
send PWOR to
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Lt. Colonel
Provincial Commissioner
W.M.S.

FJA/gf

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HQ. A.C., Abruzzi-Marche Region.

*Note - Venegia Region asked to
send Fiume Mail*

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ENGINEERING DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS
AMG/AC
ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.

TO : Ispettore Generale del Genio Civile, Aquila.
FROM : The Regional Engineer.
SUBJECT : Glass for Hospitals and Schools.
DATE : 7 December 1944.

1. Your attention is directed to a communication directed to you, under date 3 December 1944, Subject, Glass for Hospitals and Schools.

2. Paragraph "6" requested the courtesy of an acknowledgement.

3. The information requested in basic letter of 23 November 1944 and referred to in letter dated 3 November 1944 has not been received.

4. Acknowledgement of communication, dated 3 December has not been received.

C.H.
C.A. LATIMER
Lt. Col. C.E.
Regional Engineer

↙
c.c. Col. Andrew C.A.
File/ Des. Areas.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 594
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 4/51.5/0a

30 Nov 44

SUBJECT: Devastated Areas.

10 : See Distribution.

1. A rapid survey has been made of the devastated communes of Abruzzo, Marche and Lazio-Umbria Regions.
2. Reports have come from many sources and vary according to the temperament and experience of the reporter. Although the accuracy, of course, is unguaranteed, nevertheless, the figures for material are considered sufficiently reliable to form the basis for the allocation of such material for emergency repairs.
3. The damage varies from 75 to 90% but it should be noted that in most cases, streets, houses and the foundations of houses remain intact.
4. Mines are confined generally to tracks, roads and fields.
5. It will be seen, however, that the most effective policy is to re-open cement factories, lime, brick and roof tiling works, but to do this the immediate demands for coal must be met.
6. On cement factory alone in Pescara Province is capable of supplying sufficient cement for the devastated areas in the Provinces of Chieti, Teramo and Pescara. It has also the merit of being close to the sites where repairs are urgently needed.
7. A Decree - which must be brought home to the people - is about to be passed conferring financial benefits on owners of damaged houses. This Decree will be used to hurry on repairs. The condensed version of the benefits is as follows:-
Where the owners do the work - projects not exceeding 150,000 lire cost - the Govt. subsidy equals $\frac{1}{2}$ of the first 75,000 lire cost plus $\frac{1}{3}$ of balance of cost and if projects finish prior to 30 June 45 - 50% of maximum is given, the amount not to exceed 10% of total cost or where projects cost over 150,000 lire the Govt will help owner to secure the first (or equal) loans - the Govt will pay $\frac{1}{4}$ of the annual amortisation (on $\frac{1}{3}$ of loan, the owner repays two thirds).
Where the Govt does the work, due to inability or unwillingness of owner to do it himself - the Govt charges two thirds cost against owner (Govt pays $\frac{1}{3}$) and owner has 20 years to pay the Govt plus legal interest rates.
The effects of this Decree when fully publicised will make the demands for material doubly urgent.

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2. Reports have come from many sources and vary according to the temperament and experience of the reporter. Although the accuracy cannot, of course, be guaranteed, nevertheless, the figures for material are considered sufficiently reliable to form the basis for the allocation of such material for emergency repairs.

3. The damage varies from 1% to 20% but it should be noted that in some cases, streets, drains and the foundations of houses remain intact.

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8. The following information has been received:-

a) The total number of consumers in the devastated communes is now 652,554 of which there are 357,355 Nursing and Pregnant mothers and 147,775 school children.

b) The average number of hospital patients is 3224 for whom there is accommodation for 1539 only.

c) Doctors remaining in the devastated areas number 286. Midwives total 14 and ambulances 6.

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- 6 The quantities and types of material which are usually required are listed as follows:

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

E.N.D.S.I. Organization for relief

and clothing distribution in Italy

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Clothing distribution and relief for devastated areas and for the poor in Italy, has been handed to E.N.D.S.I. (Ente Nazionale per la Distribuzione dei Soccorsi in Italia).

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A representative of the Italian Government
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The E.N.D.S.I. Provincial Committee will be therefore formed by the Prefect, the Bishop and the President of the Prov.Com.IRC.

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These Committees are allowed to ask, if necessary, the collaboration of other members belonging to local similar organizations.

The Prefect of Naples will have a Meeting of the above mentioned Committee in these next days.

Maj. Mac Sweeney, Regional Welfare Officer, will be asked to give his precious collaboration.

Considering that the Italian Red Cross will have the responsibility for the clothes distribution and relief in Italy, being in direct connection with E.N.D.S.I. it is necessary to reorganize the Communal Committees which have been dispelled in consequence of recent war events.

Count G. Caracciolo has been charged for this inspection by the Central Italian Red Cross Committee. He will at the same time, collect informations about the real necessities of the population in the Provinces of : Naples - Benevento - Avellino and Salerno, with a special consideration for the devastated areas. He will draw up a list of all villages where clothes must be distributed, taking care of the more urgent necessities in view that clothes will not be sent all at once.

A second list will include all the other villages left
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Therefore, we ask the Allied Commission to help Count Caracciolo,

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Therefore, we ask the Allied Commission to help Count Caracciolo, providing for him transport. A car has been recently requisitioned by the Prefect. It is necessary to get a special petrol allowance which cannot be provided by the Italian Red Cross.

As soon as the President of the Italian Red Cross, Doctor Rollinò, will get from Count Caracciolo the informations, he will suggest them to Maj. Mac Sweeney.

It would be appreciated if the Allied Welfare Office would mention to the E.N.D.S.I. the regions which he considers the poorest at the purpose of collaborating for the distribution organization.

A first lot of 1.500 tons clothing is supposed to arrive in Naples by ships in about 10 days.

Storehouses and security service have been provided.

A second lot of nearly the same weight will arrive in about 20 days.

The first lot will be distributed in the 5th Region (Abruzzi and Molise) in consideration of the very urgent necessities and the severe climate.

The second lot (and probably a third one) will be distributed in the 4th and South Region.

The Province of Campobasso, in consideration of her extremely bad condition, will be included in the first lot.

The Provincial Commissioner of Campobasso has promised Mrs Battisti, representative of the Italian Red Cross Central Committee, to provide transport by lorries for the clothes to be sent in that province.

Transport must be arranged from Naples to Isernia, which will be the Distribution Center.

E.N.D.S.I. would like to get confirmed in the shortest time (5 days).

TRANSPORTS

Transport problem is the most difficult to solve.

E.N.D.S.I. asks to be assisted with particular interest in this branch.

TRANSPORTS PROGRAM

Naples to :	PESCARA - AQUILA (Sulmona) - CHIETI
BY TRAIN to the station of S.VITO LANCIANO, farther transport by lorry.	
Naples to :	AVEZZANO : By TRAIN to ROME - farther transport by lorry.
Naples to :	ISERNIA (Campobasso) - BY TRAIN or LORRY.
Naples to :	FROSINONE and LITTORIA - BY TRAIN.
Naples to :	BENEVENTO - AVELLINO - SALERNO etc. not yet fixed.

AQUILA WELFARE COMMITTEES

translation of the circular letter sent by the Prefect of Aquila for the constitution of Welfare Committees - Nov. 5th 1944 -

As regards to the "elfare Committees to be constituted for the distribution of relief supplies to Italy, from U.S.", each Committee will be constituted as follows:

Provincial Welfare Committee:
Prefect - Archbishop - Provincial Commissioner I.R.C.

There will be three other consulting members:
Medico Provinciale - Ispettore Provinciale of the Prefecture -
President of Opera nazionale maternità infanzia - Patroness of I.R.C.
The provincial welfare Committee will meet every

second Thursday at 3.30 p.m. First meeting Nov. 16th. Mrs. Small A.R.C. E.R. will attend the meeting.

Communal Welfare Committee:
Sindaco - parish - Comm. I.R.C. - Consulting members: Medico Comunale - President of E.M.A. - local representative of C.N.M.I.
Meetings same dates -

For all the devastated Communes the distribution will take place in the two centres of Sulmona and Avezzano - Therefore, every commune has to provide with their own means for the transport of the relief supplies - In case of absolute impossibility for a commune of finding the means of transport, the Welfare Committee will provide for it.

It is therefore necessary that the Communal Welfare Committee compile a statistic as regards the persons in need of shoes, clothing and blankets (age and sex) stating also the distance from the commune to the centre of distribution (Avezzano or Sulmona) and routes to follow.

Notice is made that after the distribution, a list signed by the three responsible members of the Committee, will be compiled, stating the names of the persons having received the relief supplies and the number of garments, the list will be posted in every commune at the municipio, the church or any central places, one copy of which will be sent to the Welfare Committee in Rome and one to the provincial Welfare Committee.

Further on, there will be a distribution of medicines - In the meantime, the medico provinciale will give dispositions for the free distribution of the drugs sent to hospitals, clinics etc. The sindacos are begged to send the informations not later than the 15th inst.

Memo to Mr. Craig. Rm 15-5 fl.

Condensed Version of
financial benefits to owners - Decree
(Prepared by Holman - 27/11/44)

Where Owners do the work -

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and

if projects finish prior to June 30/45 - added
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or

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loans -

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Where

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pay Govt + legal interest rates. (RS)

H E A D Q U A R T E R S
ABRUZZI MARCHE - REGION

Ref : A X II/TRI/1/1
Subject : DEVASTATED AREAS - ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
To : Lt. Col. F. CRAIG OBE. A e
HQ. AC.

1. The reports as under submitted by Fiume Trieste Provincial Teams forwarded herewith.

- A) Chieti Province (47 communes)
- B) Pescara Province (6 communes)
- C) Aquila Province (46 reports only received to date)

The reports on the remainder of the communes in Aquila Province & on Teramo Province will be forwarded as soon as ~~received~~ received.

2. The following reports ect. from other sources are also forwarded.

- E) Report from CE showing the percentage of devastation throughout the Region.
- F) Report from Italian Welfare Committee per province of Aquila
 - 1) General survey ~~xxx~~ & summary
 - 2) Estimate of no of houses and blankets required
 - 3) Estimate of medical supplies required
 - 4) General report by the Archbishop
- G) Estimate of no of houses required, submitted by CE
- H) Plan showing devastated communes in Aquila province
- I) " " " in Chieti province
- J) Circular letter from the Prefect of Aquila province are the organization of Welfare Committees & distribution of supplies

3. Ref F. (III) Reports for medical supplies have already been submitted.

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Jun Comd
att Trieste Provincial team

ALLIED COMMISSION
Piume Province

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17 Nov. 1944.

SUBJECT: MAIL

TO : Lt. Col. F. Craig,
HQ., A.C., Abruzzi-Marche Region.

1. I draw your attention to the fact that since we came here on 5 Nov., we have received only one delivery of mail - on the 11th Nov., by your own hand.
2. This is not good enough in this, the fifth winter of war. I have no doubt that if orders had to be sent here, the necessary arrangements would be made. It is just as important at this stage of the war that the personal mail of Officers and men should receive the same consideration, and I request that this complaint be forwarded to Regional HQ., so that attention be given to the matter, and a regular delivery of mail arranged.

F. J. ARMSTRONG
Lt. Colonel
Provincial Commissioner
PIUME.

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Spoke Chieti a wrote Col Armstrong
Chieti sends mail to APO Datorato be collected

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1. Officers earmarked for duty with Lt Col Craig in Abruzzi-Marche Region and still at HQ:-

Col T.N. Page (A) Public Health
 Maj R. Kenny (A) Public Health
 Maj M.O. Wooster (A) Public Works
 Capt B. Marriott (B) Monuments & Fine Arts

2. Officers of Verona Province who will be available for temporary duty with Lt Col Craig:-

Maj T.N. Blackwell (A) Prov Commissioner
 Maj E.W.J. Horrell (B) Prov Officer
 Capt M. Short (B) Prov Officer
 Capt S. Bean (B) Prov Pub Safety Offr
 1st Lt S.R. Condict (A) Food

Maj F.R.I. Williams (B), Provincial Officer, is at present at HQ awaiting admission to hospital for a few days. It is expected that he will be available on discharge.

Capt B.S. Alper (A), Prov officer, is undergoing medical treatment in Rome and is not at present available.

3. The following EM/OR will also be available for duty:

Clerks

Pfc W.A. Lanni (A)
 Pfc D.A. Fium (A)

General Duty

Pte T. Mulcairn (B)

4. Vehicles belonging to Verona Province as under will also be available with British drivers:

P.U. M.4779735
 1/4 ton 4x4 M.4923002
 15 cwt Z.5626344

W. J. B. Latt
 12 Nov 44

HEADQUARTERS REGION 4
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A. P. O. 394

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c/o HQ Abruzzi-Marche Region.

14th Nov 44.

Dear Colonel Craig,

Colonel Gevers has been down for the night for the purpose of seeing you, and has asked me to communicate with you about the Verona team, which is being withdrawn from its present occupation, and which it is suggested should come and join the party in the devastated areas.

The team is composed as follows:-

Officers;	Major Blackwell (A)	P.C.
	" Horrell (B)	Provincial Officer
	Capt Short (B)	" "
	" Bean (B)	Public Safety
	1st Lt Condict (A)	Food.

In addition there are two more Provincial Officers, at present sick; one is likely to return to duty in the near future, but the ~~the~~ other is a very doubtful starter.

OR (British) 2 clerks
1 General dutyman
3 drivers

Tpt one P.U.
one 4 tonner
one 15 cwt.

In addition to this team you are offered one (or possibly two) good Public Works officers, and some Red Cross personnel, if you want them.

As the Verona team has transport it would appear that they could not fail to be useful in the immediate future, though whether they could be kept employed here for any length of time would presumably depend on whether we are required to do any further work in connection with the devastated areas after the initial survey is completed

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I told Colonel Gevers that if they come I thought you would probably send them down to Lianciano to take over a certain portion of Colonel Armstrong's area, and I will try to get down there as soon as possible and find out the latter's views on the proposition.

Colonel Gevers would like a signal on the subject, but there are certain points here in reports etc which you would probably like to see before coming to a decision, or at any rate before refusing the offer. The team is expected to be ~~ready~~ ready to move on Sat, and unless you signal to the contrary it will probably be despatched to report to you here on that day, but the public works officers and Red Cross ~~people~~ people will not move unless you notify Region that you want them.

Colonel Gevers is going to send us a motor-bicycle; unfortunately it has no driver attached, but I thought it was a good offer, as it would be a very useful means of communication, and we should surely be able to raise someone who can ride such a thing. Perhaps Major Henshaw, with his knowledge of horses, would make a good D.R.!

Colonel Gevers himself returns to Region today; he will be in Siena for a conference on Friday, returning to Region on Sat. On Mon or Tues he plans to go to Bari, probably returning via Brig Dunlop, and will call in here on his way back to Region if he has anything to discuss with you.

I am afraid that you must have had a chilly drive. It has been pretty cold here, but is raining hard to night. I went up onto the hill to the south of the town this morning, and saw what might be a very good walk along that very cold looking ridge, if time and weather would ever permit such a thing.

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PROVINCE OF.....

Date.....

SUBJECT : Devastated Area Return

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section.

- I. Name of Commune
- II. Total Normal Consumers
- III. Nursing and Pregnant Mothers, Infants C-3 (Numbers)
- IV. School Children (Numbers)
- V. Hospital Patients (Average Numbers)
- VI. Hospital Accomodation
- VII. Number of Doctors, Surgeons
- VIII. Ambulances
- IX. Number Roofless
- X. Houses which could be made inhabitable if improvised roofing material were available. State number of persons who could be so housed
- XI. Clothing required
- XII. Is the Commune likely to be isolated by bad weather or lack of bridges, etc. if so when
- XIII. Mines situation
- XIV. Fuel situation - wood, charcoal, Kerosene
- XV. Condition of water, electricity, gas and milling facilities
- XVI. What AMG/ACC personnel have you available. Are they adequate?
- XVII. Roughly what transport is there? Can general needs be covered from one of your central pools?
- XVIII. A brief summary of any local resources or work in hand.

TO : H.S. Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section .

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- IV. School Children (Numbers)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APC 392

8 November 1944.

Ref: 4/31.4/CA

SUBJECT: Devastated Areas. Initial Information.

TO: T.C. Southern Region (6)
R.C. Lazio-Umbria (6)
R.C. Abruzzi-Marche (8)

1. An office has now been established at HQ AG to deal with the immediate problems of the Devastated Areas.
2. This office is working under the direction of R.C.O.S. Ch. Sec. and is located in Room 15 on the fifth floor of AG Building.
3. While it is appreciated to the full that action - and very quick action - is the only way by which the new office can justify its existence, it is essential that some information be requested from Regional Commissioners before action begins.
4. It is proposed to limit initial activities to the belt of country in which the opposing armies were static during the winter of 1943-4. It is felt that any other badly damaged area is sufficiently local to require no additional attention outside the Regional resources and normal channels. This means Lazio-Umbria, Abruzzi-Marche, and (possibly) Southern Region to a very limited extent. Should Regional Commissioners feel very strongly that other areas should be considered, they are of course at liberty to put forward proposals but priority will be given to the Winter Line.
5. The attached pro-forma will supply enough information on which activity can start. For the sake of speed please make a first return of approximate accuracy, following up with a more concrete statement as soon as possible. It will be appreciated that this return will establish the limits of Devastated Area and enable an estimate to be made of what is required.
6. Once more it is requested that the first return be made as quickly as possible. If it only gives a rough summary it will help us enormously, details can follow.
7. All communications relating to this subject will be clearly marked in red "DEVASTATED AREA".

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* Overleaf

G.P. OFFICE. BRIG.
 VP CA Sec.
 D.C.O.S.

Copy to:- R.C. Toscana Region. (3)
 Public Health S/C (2)

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

30 Oct '44

PROPOSALS IN DEVASTATED AREAS IN PROVINCES FROSINONE, CHIETI, PESCARA & AQUILA

1. From reports of Regional Commissioners and two meetings held by the Minister of Interior to investigate these matters, it is apparent that there is every likelihood of a large number of residents in these areas becoming homeless, without food or clothing, and unable to live in their present locations.
2. While Prefects concerned are aware of the situation and are making some preparations to alleviate the situation they make demands on the Allies for assistance in providing or releasing building material, for houses and bridges, transportation, medical supplies, temporary shelter in the way of tentage and canvas, in addition fuel has been requested mainly in order to put into operation cement, brick and tile works. It will be seen that although if it is necessary to make mass movements of population, the problem becomes one of administration, most aspects of the problem are those of economics and matters connected with sub-commissions of this Headquarters which deal with economic problems.

3. Action taken by Italian Government.

- i) A housing decree is under consideration. (it is anticipated that the earliest time which any results would be seen from this would be Feb. '45).
- ii) The Italian Ministry of Interior have appointed a committee to deal with the problems arising in these areas to sit once weekly. (At the first sitting of which on Monday, 30 Oct it was agreed the normal Italian Government administration channels would be maintained for the purpose of dealing with the problem. It was also agreed in the field of welfare that AGAS and the provincial and communal committees for refugees would work in conjunction with one another.
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ii) An immediate survey of the ground should be made.

iii) Any organization in this Headquarters should be through the normal Provincial and Regional set up, in order to parallel Italian Government channels.

6. Proposals.

i) That an officer be appointed temporarily for the whole time duties of dealing with matters connected with the devastated areas and immediate emergency relief.

ii) That the normal channels of communication be observed under any demands connected with, or arising from winter conditions in the devastated areas be marked boldly in red ink and directed to the officer mentioned in 5(i) above.

iii) The two provincial teams from Venezia Region be allotted to Region IV for work in Aquila and Chieti provinces.

iv) That an officer from the Econ. Sec be appointed as Deputy in this HQ to the officer enumerated in 6(i) above.

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Note.

Following message received by phone from HQ at 15.00 hrs 9 Nov 44,
and signalled to HQ Venezia Region 08.30hrs 10 Nov 44.

" for Craig. Lt Col Shipp requests you proceed Rome immediately.
report to Chief Clerk on arrival. "

M.P.

10 Nov 44.

Confirmed N.R. 1014 10 Nov/44

At Col Craig should report this H.Q. to
Chief of Staff E.H. 1014

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TO HEADQUARTERS of
 1MG (VENEZIA) PESARE

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 TO YOUR HQ TO DISCUSS AND ARRANGE
 TRANSPORT FACILITIES (1) MEANWHILE
 MY HQ LOCATED WITH HQ REGION 1

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FROM	P. C TRIESTE
TIME	0830/33 a.m. 0815 apm
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• VENEZIA REGION -

For COL GEVERS (C)

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