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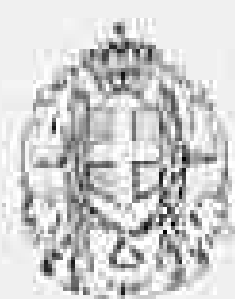
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8th September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for AUGUST, 1944.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Ho. ACC.

PART I - GENERAL.

1. Up to the end of August only one of the nine Provinces which make up this Region had passed to Region control. This was the Province of CROSSETO which was handed over by Fifth Army in the night of August 8/9. This report is confined, generally speaking, to that Province as the remaining territory is presumably covered by the SCAC's of the two Armies.

Most of the Specialist Divisions of this Headquarters have been allowed more scope in assisting the Provincial teams already functioning under Army control. All Provincial teams, except the CROSSETO one, are under Army AMG control. Two Provinces, PISTOIA and APUANIA, have not yet moved from their initial positions of readiness.

PART II - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

1. POLITICAL FUNCTIONS.

Territory under Regional control remains quiet; the trend is anti-monarchist. The Provincial C.I.N. in CROSSETO is working efficiently.

Public morale is good and while it is not easy to sense the drift of public opinion there appears a general feeling of relief that "the war has passed". If the food problem is successfully solved there is unlikely to be much difficulty in TUSCANY.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Within CROSSETO Province every commune with the exception of CIGLIO 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.

3. ECONOMICS & SUPPLY. - *Indy C*

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Fuel supplies in CROSSETO, other than wood and charcoal, are inadequate; there is a shortage of Naphta. *if 110*

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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 scale and the labour of less a day continues; a demand for at least 1,500 a day is supported by the Camera 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 RIBOCCA coal mine was completed by 26 AUGUST 1944 after working day and night shifts. Bridges over the ARBENIA river (Route 1) and at VANCINO and PIGLIANO (Route 74) are in hand.

It appears that the ANSS organization at PRUGIA and ROME 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 AVG 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 fellow up echelons of AVG.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY.

Both AVG 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 FSO'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 communes where damage have been excessive.

9. EDUCATION.

All schools will be ready to function for the regular autumn session. The de-fascistization is practically completed. The printing of text-books has been interrupted because of the largest printing works in SIENA 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.

Post surfaces are generally good. PONTE MUSCOLINI (Route 1), just SOUTH of TROCIETO, is likely to fail in the first flood, while the bridges over the CANALE DI TERZIO and the ALPONA are not well constructed. If any of these continued.....

bridges go the only alternative to heavy trucks is the bridge at ISTA and difficulties in its construction are being very rapid. If Route 1 is cut the shortest way to POLIGNICA and the north would be via Route 74 and via SCAISANO - both narrow hilly detours.

Rail has passed GROSSETO.

Postal services are expected to start almost immediately in the Province.

Inter-communal 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 pilfering. 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. Banks are operating normally in Grosseto Province. The financing of the municipality 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 AMG for parts of TOSCANA under army control. Other regional specialists have, at the request or with the approval of Army SMO's, assisted AMG of the Fifth and Eighth Armies, particularly in Grosseto 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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