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Weekly Sitreps

Feb. 1944 - Mar. 1945

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8 March 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 29.Political :

Outstanding event of the week was escape of General ROATTA (night of 4/5 March) on trial as accomplice in ROSSIINI murder and for implication in terrorist activities under Fascism, etc. Government has offered million lire reward for his capture. 6 March Leftist groups held protest meeting after which greater part of demonstrators marched to the Viminale Palace and others, amongst whom were many hoodlums, proceeded to Quadrana where at least one person was killed and several wounded as bombs were thrown, allegedly from crowd, and Carabinieri fired. Delegation at Viminale asked BORGHI to resign. Elements represented in delegation included Action Party, Socialists, Communists, Union of Italian Women, Partisans and Wounded Veterans. Leftist Press urges resignation of BORGHI, Communists threaten to leave Government coalition unless operative measures are made more drastic. Council meeting 7 March.

French.....

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French-Italian direct relation renewed (1 March). CRUVE DE
MURVILLE to be French Ambassador; Italian Ambassador yet to be named.
General press reaction good although it is reported that resumption of
direct relations has resulted in ITALY giving up special status of
Italians in TUNISIA.

ALCOM Political Section ceased functioning as at 1 March.

Strike at mines reported at GARDONIA 3 March, virtually ended
7 March.

Food &

Supplies :

ROME: Grain stocks down to 15 days owing to transport difficulties.
Fruit and vegetables imports fell to 240 tons daily.

LAZIO-UMBRIA : Olive Oil amassing reached 37 % of goal with
approximately further 15% blocked in mill.

ABRUZZO-MARCHE: Increase in bread ration causing further difficulties
in transport situation as OT Coy unable to meet increased tonnage required
for deficiency areas. Dissatisfaction among producers caused by increas-
ing price of potatoes and not of olive oil.

ABRUZZO and MARCHES : 54,000 eggs, 4 tons flour and pasta, 18 tons
olive oil taken at OT road blocks.

SOUTHERN Region: Olive oil amassing progressing with good results.

Crime :

SARDINIA : Enemy agent dropped 21 Feb apprehended. LAZIO-UMBRIA
all round reduction in crime but unfortunate incident between Allied
troops and CC.FR. led to death of one Allied soldier. Strong action
taken by military authorities.

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Ten civilians arrested in connection with the throwing of hand grenades at cinema at TORRE DEL GRECO during performance of 'Dittatore' film. No persons injured.

Health: ANESZO: 135 typhoid cases reported SAN GIOVANNI epidemic. Approximately 50 % of population inoculated.

TERAMO Province: Eleven typhoid cases reported. Victims chiefly of one family.

MESSINA, Southern Region: Two cases typhus reported.

Refugees: 375 refugees arrived in ROME in the last week chiefly from the NUBIA and CHIARAVALLE areas.

Price
Tendancies: Nothing unusual to report.

Wheat
Collection: Total to-date: 10,834,736.

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AMP FIFTH &
SIXTH AGENCIES: Nothing to report.

General Remarks: The setting up of the Allied Commission Priorities Board has resulted in supplies of repaired clothing being made available to Police Agencies in addition to 244 pairs of boots allotted previously. Total of 258,639 mines cleared in SICILY and PUGLIA Provinces and about 750 tons of explosives recovered.

Control of imported supplies for fishery purposes passed to the Italian Agency FAEP.

Advisory Committee on Electric Power now formed in SICILY and SARDINIA.

Railways: new through passenger service ROME-CALABRIA commenced 5 March.

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Class : one more flat-glass plant in TOSCANA Region came into
production on 3 March - TANDI, SAN GIOVANNI VALDARNO, AREZZO.

D. LLEWELLYN

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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AFHQ, C-5 (BY ELS)

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1 Mar 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 28

Political: CGIL and General Confederation of Italian Industry agreed on need for rise in wages and adjustments will be made through the Unions (24 Feb). In accordance with suggestions made by CGIL Council voted (27 Feb) to increase wages of state employees by 50 %, family allotments by 100 %.

New Directive for Italy will received by press.

Food & Supplies: Nothing unusual to report.

Crime: GARDINIA. Enemy agent reported dropped on 21 February not yet apprehended.

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ITALIO-TERIA. Police agencies carried out three raids for arms with success. Arms still appear in high percentage of cases.

AB-UEZI-MASCHER. Serious misbehaviour of Italian Troops of SAN MARCO Battalion at TIRANO on 11 Feb. Div. Commander warned he would be held personally responsible for further disturbances. Two cases of railway wagons containing valuable supplies sugar and caustic soda reported missing.

Health/.....

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Health: ARREZZO, SAN GIOVANNI, typhoid cases reported -date 132.

Anti-typhoid vaccination has been made compulsory. 2,000 persons already vaccinated.

Slight outbreak of typhoid at GIBBUTTIA, ROMS.

Refugees: 583 Italian refugees left ROMS for repatriation to homes in SICILY or the South (24 Feb.)

409 refugees arrived in ROMS during the week mostly from CHIARAVALLE and CASTIGLIONE FIORENTINO areas.

Price
Tendencies: No unusual trend.

Wheat
Collection: Total to-date : 10,809,208 quintals.

ARMY FIFTH ARMY: Nothing to report.

ARMY EIGHTH ARMY: No change in territory but latest items included below.

General Remarks: Communist literature printed in ROMS was found in a civilian car seized in RIMINI. Arms and ammunition discovered by F.S.S. in a house in SAN MARTINO, FORLI Province, included 23 German and Italian rifles.

Three arrests have been made, others are expected.

The water supply of FORLI City which gave some cause for ~~anxiety~~ ³⁹²⁰ has been improved and will shortly reach 120,000 gallons per day.

Two pumps have been activated for drainage work in the area east of RAVENNA.

LAZIO UMBRIA, Region : Salt for chlorine for ROMS water supply still delayed but serious crisis postponed by discovery of small hitherto unrevealed supply.

Problem of prison population grown daily more acute with courts failing to keep pace with arrests.

Further shipment of livestock arrived from BARDINIA.

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Total of 3,800 blankets distributed in SUIVANA and adjacent communes by welfare organizations.

PESCARA : Two temporary wooden quays, each about 15 metres long, with draft of 2.5 metres now available for use; no warehouses are at present available. A dredge, 3 tugs, about 20 schooners and several fishing boats are still submerged in harbour. Dredge blocks mouth of canal, leaving only a 7 metres width for the channel.

CESTINA : 100 metres of quay are now available for schooners, but port has no cranes or gear of any type and is badly in need for dredging. Maximum capacity likely to be achieved by repairs would be 1000 tons. Anchorage for about 12 schooners available.

Fisheries : Permission granted to fish within seven miles area round Island of PANTILLERIA and present naval regulations granting further relaxations revised for Northern Mediterranean.

Work on the double circuit 150,000 volt line between TERNI and ORTE finished during week. Will be utilized later in the transmission of power northwards from TERNI.

The 120,000 volt TAVERNESE - REPERDI line also finished. Will serve as a supply towards BOLOGNA.

Arrangements have been made to adjust Armed Forces wage scale to correspond approximately with the caropane bonus for the higher cost of bread.

D. LLEWELLYN

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,

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23 Feb 45

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Political

AFHQ, G-3 (BY ELS)

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22 Feb 45

PRIORITY

NEWLY SITREP NO. 27.

Political : Council meeting on 16 February abolished political price of bread and approved a number of financial-economic measures. A commission to reduce state expenses and local committees to assist in tax estimates were set up. Also planned special price control committees with representatives of OLI and Unions. Broad powers over markets given to Food Commissariat. Increase in pay of state employees as from 15 February; similar increases to workers in private industry to be worked out between Unions and employers.

Soldiers pay doubled.

Day of the soldier and the Partisan celebrated 18 February with parade and speeches by BONOMI, CASATI, SCOCIMARRO.

Six Roman dailies suspended because of paper shortage (19 February). Italian Press Commission has been criticized for lack of foresight and arbitrary action. Suspension revoked the following day.

SARDINIA: The estimated figure of 40,000 men for the military call-up has already been met.

Food and Supplies/.....

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Food and Supplies: Increase in bread ration to equivalent of 300 grams per day as from 1 March announced 21 February.

The first shipment of oranges this season (1625 tons) was sent to UK.

Total olive oil assessed 26,000 tons, an increase of 3,000 tons over previous week.

TOSCANA Region salt position improved.

ROME : Drop in grain imports from North reduced reserve to 25 days but fruit and vegetable imports rose to 442 tons daily average.

ASCOLI and MACERATA: 4% of meat animals slaughtered in Provinces will be consigned to ROME. ANCONA made 2% meat slaughter concession to PESARO Province.

Crime : Incidents involving throwing of hand-grenades or firing of shots have been reported from VARESE, PISA and VIGGO. One British soldier shot at PISA and one arrest made.

SICILY: Crime rates continue high.

LAZIO-UMERIA: One new forged currency case.

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Health:

AREZZO: 63 typhoid cases. Water tests being made.

Personnel :

Brig. Gen. Edward B. MCKINLEY (A) appointed Acting Vice President Economic Section.

Mr. G. Stewart BROWN (A) appointed Director ^{of Public} Relations Branch.

LAZIO-UMERIA Region: Colonel Charles POLETTI (A) has resumed the duties of Regional Commissioner.

Major Carleton W. WARRBURNE (A) appointed Director Education Sub Commission.

Refugees/.....

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Refugees: No unusual trend.

Price Tendencies: Generally reported still increasing.

Wheat Collection: Total to-date : 10,535,835 qtls.

AMI: Fifth and

Eighth Armies: Nothing to report.

General Remarks: Total of 3,627 mines cleared from CORTONA-PESCARA railway.

Trunk now clear.

GROSSETO: Troops behaviour excellent.

MARCHE : Soap, shoes, and copper sulphate are most pressing need of this Region.

Arrangements have been completed for the Italian Government to take over responsibility for allocation of POL in LAZIO and ABRUZZI w.o.f. 1 March.

On 16 February the NERA MONTORO Plant at TRENTI was re-activated for a production of approximately four tons of ammonia daily for the preparation of nitrogenous fertilizers.

SARDINIA: 9379 tons of coal were produced last week and the production rate is slowly improving.

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Steps are being taken to increase the number of coal miners in SARDINIA by exempting miners from call-up and giving an option to non-miners to work in the mines instead of serving in the Armed Forces.

Capt. R. S. Morden

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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AFHQ, G-5 (BY ELS)

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15 Feb 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 26

Political : Government set up new Commissariato for Veterans. Will take care of returning veterans, liberated civilians and patriots. GASPAROTTO named High Commissioner.

Socialist and Communist parties issued joint statement of programme (10 February) urging a national convention of C.L.N. and formation of Consultiva Assembly. They announced that both parties will participate in administrative elections with common programmes and candidates, not however excluding possible agreements with other parties.

Press statement from Presidenza (14 February) says Interministerial Committee working out plans with ALCOM for trade relations with SWITZERLAND: similar action to be studied for other countries.

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Food & Supplies :

LAZIO-UMERIA. Oil amassed during week double previous period. Cooperation from authorities in ROME and FROSINONE very poor.

Salt position generally is better but supplies of chlorine for ROME water supply critically low. Arrangements made for 130 tons rock salt to be loaded in SICILY on 12 February for delivery to CIVITAVECCHIA to relieve shortage.

ABRUZZI-MARCHE. Olive oil collecting programme now under way in most important producing areas; 25% of goal amassed in Region to-date.

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BARI olive oil collection decreasing. Control officers functioning ~~with~~ with inadequate transport.

LAZIO-UMBRIA. Out of total of thirty seven reported crimes attributed to civilians eleven involved arms. Four armed attacks attributed to Allied soldiers.

SARDINIA. Shots fired at NUORO train on night of 8 February.
No casualties.

BARI, ANDRIA, BRINDISI, LECCE, new cases forged AM currency under investigation.

Health: Malaria control: A.C. is making available to the Italian Government 20 million atabrin tablets and all captured stocks of quinine that are on hand.

TOSCANA Region. Typhoid outbreak in SAN GIOVANNI and CAVRIGLIA.

Refugees: Nothing unusual to report.

Price

Tendencies: LAZIO-UMBRIA. Bread and flour rose by 33% on black market. Rice rose 100%

Wheat

Collection : Total to-date: 10,735,113 quintals.

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General

Remarks : LAZIO-UMBRIA. 600 tyres will be distributed through Prefects in the Region.

ABRUZZI-MARCHE. ENAC registration proceeding well.

Following industries have resumed production to-date, though hampered by lack of power: wool-spinning plant at AQUILA, cement and lime works at BOMBA, various brick factories, MAJOLICA plant at TERAMO, shoe factory at CHIETI, MONTECATINI chemical plant at BUSSI, leather tannery at TOLENTINO, paper mills at PIORACO and FABRIANO, silk industry at ANCONA, foundry at TOLENTINO, match factory at JESI, producing largest number of matches of any factory in Liberated ITALY. Lignite mines at SCOPPITO and BUSSI, asphalt mine at SCAFA, and sulphur mines at PERTICARA and CABERNARDI are all operating.

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The PIRELLI rubber reclaiming factory at TORRESPACATA began operations and produced 3,000 kilograms of reclaimed rubber.

Permission given to ROME gas works to increase consumption of coal to 300 tons a day, which should suffice to produce gas at full pressure for seven hours a day.

ULISSE CROGCHI plant, TORRENTIERI (SIENA) began production of carbon bisulphide for olive oil refining and soap manufacture.

The plant of Officine Meccaniche e Fonderie at TERNI has been reactivated and commenced the manufacture of olive oil presses.

Capt. E. S. Morgan

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Political

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3 Feb 45

PRIORITY

TELETYPE NO. 29

Political : CGIL congress at NAPLES closed 1 Feb with resolutions looking toward participation of workers in management of industry and urging nationalization of private monopolies and key industries. LIZZARDI, DIVITTORIO, and GRADINI re-elected with acclamation to the segreteria generale.

Government gave figures 6 Feb on prisoners in GERMANY and in the hands of British, French and Americans, stated it was impossible to give accurate figures on those in RUSSIA. Press has been urging repatriation of prisoners in Allied hands and government pressure to clarify status of prisoners in GERMANY.

Council of Ministers announced, 7 Feb, that the political price of bread would be abolished as soon as possible. 3911

CAMERA AFRICA, ROME, general feeling against military call-up with several demonstrations. Hand grenades thrown. No casualties but arrested conscripts released by force.

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Food & Supplies :

A total of 4,300 tons of imported potatoes will be available for the 1945 planting season. Total seed potato movement for the 1945 season will be about one-fifth of that originally planned.

ABRUZZI-MARCHE. Olive oil collection approximately one-fifth of target.

LATIO-UMBRIA. Olive oil officers meeting difficulties owing to weakness of Italian authorities. One Biadace threatened armed resistance to collection.

Seap position bad, only 100 grams issued in four months.

SICILIA. Food situation relieved by receipt 2755 tons wheat 7513 tons barley.

Crime :

Two cases forged AM currency in BRINDISI Province under investigation. Work of AM court set up to deal with sabotage at RIVOTTO diminishing and it is believed to have served its purpose.

SICILIA Region. Two train hold-ups 27 Jan.

Health:

More than 900,000 vaccinations performed NAPLES City to-date.

Personnel :

LATIO-UMBRIA. Lt. Col. BOHOLTA appointed Acting Regional Commissioner.

Refugees:

Nothing to report.

PricesTendencies :

Nothing unusual to report.

WheatCollection:

Total to-date : ^{10,674,002} ~~10,674,002~~ quintals.

AMT Fifth and Eighth Armies :

No new Communists occupied.

General Remarks :

A further glass plant in TUSCANY went into production on hand-blown glass late in January. Rate of output 1,000 sq. metres per day.

The FLORENCE area was connected into the Central Italy Electrical Grid during the week, leaving only the LIVORNO area isolated. A second

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source of power supply to FLORENCE was provided when the TERNI-CHIUSI 120,000 volt transmission line was completed and put into operation during the week.

ENAD registration commencing this week in ABRUZZI Province, MATERATA, URBINO and CASSINO Universities reopened on 1 Feb.

Capt. B. S. Morán

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 24.

Political: Council approved women suffrage, 30 January. Same rules and restrictions as for male voters. Electoral lists, to be ready 10 April, will also include female voters.

General staff brought under authority of Ministry of War 30 January. General BONOMO named Chief.

CGEL Congress began in NAPLES 28 January. BONOMI sent message urging Unions to be above parties. 500 delegates from all over Liberated ITALY attended.

Expiration. It was announced at Council meeting, 30 January, that 322 civil administration officials had been exonerated. Four Vice-Altì Commissari for Sanctions against Fascism named: BERNARDI (Socialist) replaces PACINI (Communist) on previous list. Others are MURARI (Liberal), MARZOTTI (Liberal) and ITALIA (Christian Democrat).

Government announced on 31 January that it has asked counterpart for all AM live.

SICILIA Region: Political situation quiet.

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Food & Supplies:

Measures taken to increase the olive oil collection resulted in improved returns.

ALL EIGHTH ARMY: Food supplies for three months were sent into 14 mountain communes likely to be isolated during the winter.

ROME: has a 33 days' flour reserve. Fruit and vegetable situation slightly better.

LATIO-UMBRIA: Coal and lignite continued to improve. Shortage of salt for chlorine threatened water supply for ROME.

SICILIA Region: Flour situation tense with no reserves. Grain boats expected.

Crimes:

ROME: Carabinieri searched the offices of the Movimento Comunista d'Italia (25 January). Quantities of arms and ammunition were found behind a false wall. The premises were unoccupied and no arrests were made.

Refugees:

All civilians are being cleared from front line zone by Army order. Accommodation was arranged either by local dispersal or at AMG or AG Camps. The evacuation was proceeding smoothly.

Wheat Collection:

AG Total to-date: 10,443,090 quintals.

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General Remarks:

ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region: Total of 153,887 mines, 600 unexploded bombs and approximately 800 tons abandoned ammunition cleared up to 31 December in CHIETI, PESCARA and TERAPO Provinces. Total of 180 Italians killed and 405 seriously wounded by mines in three provinces since Allied occupation.

Larger numbers of patriots joined Italian Army due to increased efforts by recruiting agencies.

Patriots in EIGHTH ARMY area were fed on the Italian Army ration scale

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on authority of AFHQ. FIFTH Army patriots will receive the same ration as from 1 February.

The "Advisory Committee on Electric Power" was formed from representatives of the Electric Power Companies involved, the Italian Government and A.C.

The rebuilding of the second 20,000 KV transformer at TERNI was completed. This permitted the full output of the first 35,000 KV generator at GALLISTO to be utilized.

The North West ITALY Coordinating Committee set up by the Chief of Staff AG commenced activities under the Joint Chairmanship of the Regional Commissioners of PIEMONTE and LIGURIA.

Capt. E S Morden

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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25 Jan 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 23.

Political : Press supports Government's mobilization decree but appeals for abolition of armistice terms and Allied status. Council meeting (18 Jan) adopted measures in favour of soldiers and their families, partisans being included in subsidy allotments. DE GASPERI reported C.I.N. message urging formation of really National Italian Army had been transmitted to United Nations leaders.

DE GASPERI announced recognition of Chiang King Government and abolition of VIENNA accord of 1940 looking instead to "friendly ³⁹⁰⁵ collaboration" with BALKAN-DANUBE States.

TARCHIANI (Action Party) appointed Ambassador to Washington (18 Jan). BOERI (Action Party) appointed Secretary of Commissariat for Sanctions Against Fascism.

BARI Zone. Short strikes MESSAGNE and POLIGNA shipyards settled. Compromise reached in ROME between Government and delegation government employees from BARI, has removed possibility serious strike. Sporadic student protest against army call-up and non-publication of armistice terms indicates potential trouble probably due outside subversive elements.

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NAPLES-TARANTO. Similar protests university students but no incidents reported.

CARBONIA, Sardinia coal strike settled (17 Jan). Strike condemned by all parties.

CAGLIARI, Sardinia. Demonstrations against call-up for Italian Army 17/18 Jan. Bombs thrown on 18 Jan resulted in death of police agent. 11 persons were injured. No firing by police. Demonstrations now prohibited by order of Italian High Commissioner. City quiet and normal.

Food and Supplies :

ANCONA Province. Great relief effected by arrival of salt ship of 750 tons.

LAZIO UMBRIA. Olive oil prospects in AMG territory fairly good. Elsewhere progress bad and there is very strong opposition.

ROME. 30 days grain still in the city. Fruit and vegetables are low at 350 to 400 tons daily. Fish and potatoes not available. Eggs sell for 35 lire each. 3904

Crime :

ROME. Important raid by police agencies resulted in 212 arrests which included 21 of "Hushback gang". Large quantities of arms, grenades and military stores taken.

NAPLES. Italian paratroopers threw hand grenade at Allied Military Police wounding one military policeman and three civilians. Two paratroopers arrested.

FOGGIA Zone. Several cases of stealing of standing timber by Allied troops.

Health :

ANCONA Zone. Shortage of medicines 3804 due to lack of organisation of ERDINA.

NAPLES and BENEVENTO. Decline in smallpox continues.

FOGGIA Zone. Smallpox under control. Vaccination campaign very active, but 45,000 doses vaccine still required.

Personal/.....

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Personnel : Mr. W.H. BRAINS (B) appointed Director Labour Sub-Commission.

Refugees : Twenty three Brazilians left ROME for NAPLES on 21 Jan for repatriation to BRAZIL.

Wheat Collection : Total to-date : 10,340,394.

General Remarks: ROME-NAPLES passenger train service opened 22 Jan.

51,000 kilos argols, 15,000 kilos tartaric acid and 1,500 kilos onion seed were shipped to the U.S. during the week.

Hemp: Reports on five plants in RIMINI and RAVENNA regions have been received. One plant is in fair condition and rehabilitation is hoped for within the next two or three months.

Mining: RIBOLLO coal mine resumed production. PIETRAPITTA. First lignite from mine arrived in ROME.

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Capt. E.S. Morden

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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18 Jan 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 22

Political : Government call to arms (of classes of 14 through 24) published 13 Jan. Supported by press of all parties. On 17 Jan C.L.A. addressed message to ROOSEVELT, STALIN, CHURCHILL and DE GAULLE, stating need of "strong national Army" to take its place at side of the Allies. Press has seized occasion to ask for change in attitude toward ITALY and Socialist and Action Parties have urged Army reforms at this time.

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GASPAROTTO named Air Minister vice SCIALOJA who resigned because of poor health (13 Jan). Four "Deputy Assistant High Commissioners" for sanctions against Fascism named: ITALIA, LULAS, MAZZOTTI, PAONE. At press conference on 16 Jan Government spokesman said Council is planning to improve situation of soldiers' families; surveyed recent disorder in SICILY and stated serious trouble now past.

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Private news agencies allowed to service Italian papers as from 15 Jan.

EINAUDI formally installed on 16 Jan. as Governor of Bank of ITALY in presence of BONOMI and Admiral STONE.

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Short strikes/.....

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Short strikes, BRINDISI Naval workshops, MOLISE forest workers, BISCEGLIE tobacco workers, all settled. Grave dissatisfaction all state employees FOGGIA Zone. Coal strike at CARBONIA, SARDEGNA Region still unsettled.

Two bombs, possibly set by disgruntled students, exploded in front of two principal schools of TERAMO, ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region.

Food &
Supplies:

SOUTHERN Region. Snow CAMPOBASSO seriously interrupting movement grain and flour. Power irregularities affecting alimentation. LAZIO-UMBRIA Region. Grain position remains satisfactory compared with earlier reports. ROME has twenty days in hand. Sugar distribution well advanced. General supplies into the market show slight seasonable fall. ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region. Soap ration of 100 grams per person monthly allocated to all Provinces. Food for CASTEL DI STABIA, snowbound for week, dropped by plane 15 Jan. TOSCANA Region. Expecting trouble LIVORNO if bread ration not raised to 300 grams. AREZZO shortage of salt. PISA position improved.

Crime:

An increase of forged Allied Military Currency in TOSCANA Region and FLORENCE is causing concern. SICILIA Region. Serious disorders Province RAGUSA brought under control. Special reports rendered. TOSCANA Region. GROSSETO Communists raided by MP's. Five ring leaders arrested. Haul of gasoline, arms and ammunition. General reaction by populace is one of relief. Investigations proceeding.

Health:

Conference held this Headquarters on small pox situation at BENEVENTO with Assistant Director of Hygiene, 3 District.

SOUTHERN Region. Slight decreases smallpox NAPLES City and Province, considerable decrease BENEVENTO. Typhoid static, low incidence all Provinces. SICILIA Region. Smallpox total 43 cases. TOSCANA Region. Babies still most serious problem.

Refugees:

The UNRRA teams loaned for temporary work with Italian refugees have

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Boys excellent work at the PORT AURELIA Camp near JME during last two weeks.

The numbers of refugees for repatriation to SICILY and SOUTHERN Regions have been diminishing noticeably.

TOGGIANA Region. GROSETO will concentrate up to 500 refugees at FOLLONICA Camp on receipt of blankets.

PricesTendencies:

PTSA prices still rising.

WheatCollection:

Total to date: 10,319,408 qtrs.

GeneralRemarks:

Enemy amphibious raiding party blew up three bridges near PORTO SAN GIORGIO, ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region, night of 9-10 Jan. but failed to halt traffic on highway.

Prince UMBERTO toured ABRUZZO Province 14 Jan. Well received.

1,500 complete sets of clothing for patriots have now been delivered to FIFTH Army and 500 complete sets of clothing to EIGHTH Army. 74,000 ~~expansions~~ sq. metres of hemp have also been delivered to FIFTH Army for making into mattress covers.

330 Patriots fully clothed have been sent to the South African Division as additional labour gang. 43930

Movement has begun of armoured vehicles for the two mobile Battalions in SICILY, 12 light tanks have been loaded at CAGLIARI, SARDINIA, and will arrive at PALERMO on 21 Jan.

Application has been made for a mobile Battalion in SARDINIA. 12 three-ton trucks and 12 armoured vehicles will be required. 3700

New match production at SANTA, NAPLES, already 70,000 packets a day. Ceiling production estimated at 200,000 a day.

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77 boxes silk worm seeds arrived NAPLES by air from M.Z. for silk cocoon production.

1025 tons lemons, 1050 tons sulphur and 298 tons wine lees were exported during the week. An export availability of 6406 tons sulphur for a six-month period reported to ANHQ.

Cristalleria Nazionale at NAPLES has completed production of 30 tons neutral glass and 30 tons normal glass for pharmaceutical and chemical purposes.

The S.S. MOUNT EVEREST arrived at CIVITAVECCHIA on 11 Jan. with 70 head of cattle, first instalment of animals from SARDINIA for re-stocking LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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*Political Section**PH*HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AC PRIORITIES BOARDMinutes 1

14 January 1945

MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF AC PRIORITIES BOARD
held 13 January 1945PRESIDENT:Chairman

Col. L. D. Delarosa, Acting Vice President, Economic Section

MembersCol. R. E. Grims, Chief Staff Officer, Civil Affairs Section
Lt. Col. C. W. T. Shaw, Chief Staff Officer to Chief of Staff
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Sub-Commission
Col. W. P. Evans, Director, Commerce Sub-Commission
Mr. L. White, Commerce Sub-Commission
Col. M. B. Thomas, Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Commission
Lt. Col. Siew, Transportation Sub-Commission

1. The meeting opened with the review of Executive Order No. 3898 of 3 January 1945, and a reading of a suggested draft procedure (copy of which is part of these minutes).

2. It was pointed out by Transportation Sub-Commission that Paragraph 4 of Executive Order No. 4 might be interpreted to mean that claims should be sent directly to the Priorities Board, whereas the procedure proposed stipulated that all claims should be filed with designated Allocating Sub-Commissions. It was agreed that claims should be filed with Allocating Sub-Commissions and that care would be exercised to circulate the procedure embodying this decision to the same list who received the Executive Order so there would be no confusion as to the place to file claims for movement of materials.

3. The draft procedure was reviewed and discussed. The Board agreed that it should be rewritten to incorporate the suggestions brought forth in the meeting, and re-circulated to all Allocating Sub-Commissions for further comments before final acceptance as governing.

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4. It was agreed that special meetings of the Board would be called by the Secretariat, and that any Allocating Sub-Commission could request the Secretariat to call a meeting.

5. It was agreed to hold a regular monthly meeting of the Board on the third "on" of each month.

6. Record keeping for the purpose of judging the effectiveness of each priority and allocation program was regarded as too voluminous for centralization in the Secretariat. It was agreed that the Allocating Sub-Commissions themselves would maintain the records necessary to ascertain that movements actually followed allocations or that priority ratings actually had the desired effect on movement trends; and that periodic progress reports should be rendered to the Board based on such records.

7. It was agreed that the Secretariat would develop necessary forms in consultation with Allocating Sub-Commissions. Forms immediately required were agreed to be the applications on which claimants file requests for materials with Allocating Sub-Commissions and the forms on which Allocating Sub-Commissions will present cases to the Board through the Secretariat. 3200

8. Paragraph 5 of the draft procedure will be re-written to permit continued functioning of the present procedure whereby civilian claims for movements are routed and screened. It is desired to preserve the basic procedure but to have Government do some screening and present all civilian claims to appropriate sub-commissions.

9. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the draft procedure will be re-written in consultation with the Transportation Sub-Commission and Mr. Cleveland.

10. Some doubt was expressed as to whether AFTR can give a three-month-forecast of rail facilities available for AG; however, Transportation Sub-Commission will see if this can be arranged.

11. The Board called a special meeting at 10:00 hours Monday, 15 January 1945 to consider allocation of availabilities of salvage clothing which will be presented by the Commerce Sub-Commission. Col. Evans stated that all relevant data would be prepared for presentation to the Board at that time.

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11 Jan 45

PRIORITY

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WEEKLY SITREP NO. 21

Political : Council meeting 5 Jan approved new temporary housing programme, allotting 5 billion lire for repairs to buildings (3 billions for public buildings, 2 for private). Special committees have been formed in all communes to give immediate attention to shelterless. Council accepted SFORZA's resignation, thanked him for his work, stressed urgency of expiation. No successor to SFORZA named; the President of the Council will preside over work of the four Alti Commissari Aggiunti.

At Press Conference 9 Jan Government spokesman expressed pleasure at MACMILLAN's statement of Allied plans for ITALY looking to progress restitution to Government of political and administrative responsibility. Spokesman admitted numerous disorders in SICILY caused, by current rumours that ITALY is to be sacrificed for the benefit of other countries. Also said Italian Government has no objection to publication of Armistice Terms.

9 January Interministerial Committee, headed GRONCHI, drew up plan to control prices and fight black market.

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BARI. Important strike of statal and parastatal employees temporarily averted pending presentation of demands to Government. General meeting called for 25 January to decide. If no satisfaction obtained, general strike all Government employees anticipated throughout BARI Zone. Fascist Posters displayed BONIFELLI, no further information. New Sindaco, FERRARIELLO, installed in NARLES City 8 January.

GROSSETO. British Foreign policy still adversely criticised although Mr. CHURCHILL's visit to ATHENS caused expression of admiration. War news did not cause loss of public confidence.

FISA. No further action by young Communists. All quiet.

Food and
Supplies:

SOUTHERN Region. SALERNO distribution sugar begun, much appreciated by population. All movements grain and flour in CAMPOBASSO held up by snow. Food supply difficult in mountain communes FOCCAIA and dislocated by constant interruption power supply. Olive oil collection still falling, sowing late Spring wheat delayed due non-arrival seed. CATANZARO no sugar.

LAZIO-UMBRIA Region. Grain stocks of twenty three days in ROME show slight increase on previous week. Salt position is becoming more satisfactory. Pasta is sufficient for full month's issue of 600 grams. Arrangements are in hand for further wine supplies. Potatoes still very unsatisfactory average one four tons a day into ROME. Fresh meat supplies short and uncertain. Fresh fruit and vegetables are in good supply.

ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region. Non-arrival of scheduled schooner shipments caused acute shortage of salt at ANCONA.

TOSCANA Region. Supply greatly improved in LIVORNO. AREZZO supplies sufficient for next week except salt.

Conferences with Italian Government officials are being held, personnel being re-assigned and plans made to develop effective support of the olive oil collection programme.

Crime/.....

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Crime :

Held by Questura Agents in NAPLES on black m. racketeers foiled by 16 Italian paratroopers several of whom have been arrested.

Shop breaking still goes on in ROME but several arrests have been made. Less motor vehicles being stolen and quite a number recovered.

Disorders occurred SICILY 3 January as result of Army call-up.

Disturbances known to have occurred in RAGUSA, VITTORIA, COMISO, and MODICA. See special sitreps. But latest reports say RAGUSA and MODICA quiet, fighting in progress VITTORIA. Possibility of unrest spreading to CATANIA.

Transport for the two Mobile Battalions in SICILY has been allotted. 24 3-ton trucks made available from Italian Army and proceeded from NAPLES to SICILY during past week. 12 armored vehicles being supplied from SARDINIA and 12 from LEBE. Movement of these vehicles not yet completed but being expedited by AFM.

Health:

Five cases smallpox. Position static in NAPLES City and Province.

Vaccination teams functioning daily having vaccinated 20,419 persons during week. BENEVENTO experiencing difficulty in eradication smallpox, 20 vaccination teams working. Allied officers posted BENEVENTO by SOUTHERN Region HQ, and Area HQ to cooperate and to further activate preventive programs. FOGGIA City seven cases smallpox. Emergency supply vaccine received by FOGGIA.

Scabies in CHIETI and PESCARA Provinces increasing.

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Refugees:

One train repatriated 848 Italian refugees to the South this week. 200 Maltese and Greeks sent to AVERSA Camp near NAPLES for eventual repatriation to CYRENATIA and TRIPOLI.

Imminent loss of URSANO Italian Refugee Camp due to 2795 Ministry of War having to re-occupy it for essential training will crowd refugee camps. ROME as 1,200 must be accommodated in camps already full. It is hoped that new camp FORT AURELIA near ROME for 1,500 will be completed beginning

February.

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SICILIA 140 refugees dispersed in province. Food and blankets provided.

Price

Tendencies:

No change SALERNO, BARI, TARANTO, CATANZARO. Rising NAPLES, FOGGIA, SICILIA Region.

Wheat

Collection: Total to-date : 10,249,069 quintals.

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AMG FIFTH Army: Nothing new/report.

AMG EIGHTH Army: Nothing new to report.

General Remarks: Numbers of patriots held remain static round the 1,000 mark in FIFTH

Army area. No report has been received from EIGHTH Army.

The Minister of Public Instruction has agreed to distribute the new school supplies, requisitioned from the UNITED STATES, to schools in Italian Territory and arrange for payment. A joint conference was held with the Minister of Public Instruction, representatives of the Minister of Public Works, and the corresponding Sub-Commission heads to consider the repair and reconstruction of school building throughout ITALY.

An AJ Priorities Board has been set up within the Allied Commission for allocation of AJ and civil supplies and their movement and to arbitrate between conflicting interests of Sub-Commissions. Allocation will include salvage, scrap and excess war material and Board will decide priorities on movement of persons where it effects movement of supplies.

Approximately 1500 new jeep tyres and tubes and a small number of G.M. truck tyres and tubes received. 62 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks arrived **3894**

At ANCONA an additional 5000 tons of space obtained by acquisition of new warehouse.

In about a month's time the power plants and **37194** transmission lines of Electric Utility Companies in CENTRAL ITALY will be combined into one feeder system at a frequency of 45 cycles, which will result in more efficient use of the available generating capacity.

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The first 35,000 Kw unit of the GARIBOLDI Power Plant at TRAMI began operation under test conditions.

Export shipment to US, UK and FRANCE composed of 7- $\frac{1}{2}$ tons vegetable seeds, 3580 tons sulphur, 147 tons hemp, 538 tons wine lees, and 206 tons wine. All lemon purchases for export suspended owing to prohibitive increase in freight rates on timber for box making.

Industrial Gases. Arrangements made for repair and testing of 500 gas cylinders in the Centro Chimico Militare, ROME. These will be taken over by Fido and enable them to double their oxygen output. Oxygen output for Fido is now 20,000 cu. metres per month of which ADOS and PBI take 15,000 leaving 5,000 for civilian requirements.

Production of cement at COLLEFERRO continues at a satisfactory rate of 60 tons a day. This will be increased when allocated coal arrives. Heavy snowfall in most of ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region. All roads except No. 16 closed for varying lengths of time during week. Practically all truck pool vehicles kept off road by impassable roads and lack of chains. TOSCANA Region. GROSSETO over 1500 children spent Christmas Day with Units and ASD. MOLLONICA commune raised funds for refugees. 60 pairs shoes purchased and cake and wine added to ration. LIVORNO labour conditions greatly improved, and midday meal provided by Armed Forces for their employees which caused favourable comment.

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Capt. E. S. Morden

Brigadier,
Chief 3793

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AFHQ G-5 Section (BY WLS)

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4 Jan 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SETREP No. 20

Political: At Press Conference of Ufficio Stampa della Presidenza 27 Dec the following statements were made: Italians were hopeful of soon renewing diplomatic relations with FRANCE; operation would go on though SPORZA wished to resign and would probably be succeeded by a magistrate; administrative elections would be held in Spring; the Government is determined to increase war effort.

At meeting of Council 30 December President announced message from CENAI affirming solidarity in fight for reconstruction. Also stated Allies have agreed with CENAI on military measures but have given no political recognition; however, Italian Government has recognised CENAI as representative organ of anti-fascism. Supporting War Ministry's removal of Gen. AZZI (who had suggested change in formula of oath and other Army reforms) Government said officers and soldiers must maintain strict discipline. Government also drafted law for bettering economic position of State pensioners. 29 Dec Gen. Luigi CHATRIAN named Undersecretary for War. 2 Jan Luigi Einaudi made director of Bank of Italy; Introna to be General Manager.

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Situation/.....

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Situation satisfactory SOUTHERN Region except BARI where possible strike legal and other employees may involve all Government services with repercussions public utilities.

PISA young Communists active in connection with GREEK situation. Said to involve kidnapping of Allied officers. Investigations in hand. FOGGIA grain and flour shipments 1930 tons rail 128 sea. Power supply irregularities dislocating alimentation FOGGIA Province.

Food and Supplies:

Supply situation bad in BARI Zone, olive oil collection failing especially BRINDISI and LECCE, lack of fertilisers for vegetables general.

TARANTO ship loading 1500 tons provisions for CIVITAVECCHIA.

2,500 tons sugar arrived at CIVITAVECCHIA for ROME and NORTH on 31 Dec.

Ships have been sent to lift 4,000 tons of citrus fruit from SICILY for ROME area with expected deliveries after 10 Jan.

LAZIO-UMBRIA grain position with twenty one days supply in ROME is unchanged. Salt although much improved is still grave. December requirements being distributed this week. Sugar improved with arrival of one month's supply. Wine is coming slowly but future prospects are good.

ABRUZZI-MARCHE olive oil collection in TERAMO Province going fairly well; more oil confiscated in other Provinces than voluntarily 3591 Grain collection target now exceeded by more than 12,000 tons.

LIVORNO supply situation improving.

Lack of wagons hinders movement citrus fruits crop in CALABRIA and heavy losses are feared.

CRIME:

Shop-breaking ROME remains high but arrests generally are good. ARMS a feature in a number of cases. 3791

SIENA investigations counterfeit currency in SIENA resulted in arrest in ROME.

No further disturbances SICILY but Director General of Public Security/.....

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Security, Ministry of the Interior and General Commanding the Carabinieri are to investigate thoroughly conduct of Carabinieri during riots. This HQ expressed concern to Italian Prime Minister at inability of Italian Police to quell disturbances and asked what measures taken to prevent recurrence. Suggested that Government announce intention to preserve order by force if necessary.

AFHQ agreed formation of mobile battalions of CC.RR. in SICILY and transport for Battalions at PALERMO and MESSINA now made available from Italian Army. These two mobile Battalions each of 500 men should help greatly to keep order.

Health: 7 new cases smallpox SICILIA, total 42.

5 smallpox centres of infection BENEVENTO and NAPLES, active vaccination programmes both cities but due many factors vaccination rate low. Four cases smallpox POGGIA City, all preventive measures taken. Typhoid low incidence rate and not major health problem. Contagious hospitalization has presented many difficulties in some large centres without these facilities and ambulance service to the larger localities does not exist. Typhus only two cases during month both NAPLES Province.

LAZIO- UMBRIA Region outbreak of Typhoid in PROSECCO due to bad sanitary conditions under control.

Refugees: One train for repatriation to SOUTHERN and SICILIA Regions during week.

Departed PERUSINA Station with over 1,000 repatriates.

Price

Foodstuffs: Price trend still upward in SICILIA and SOUTHERN Region. Slight fall in prices LAZIO UMBRIA Region after the holiday peak but still high. high AREZZO and rising PISA.

Wheat

Collection: Total to-date : 10,094,438 quintals.

ANG FIFTH ARMY: Nothing new to report.

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ANG EIGHTH ARMY : Nothing new to report.

General Remarks: Some SALSING schools considering closing due cold weather and lack of glass.

Considerable assistance given to poor and state officials Christmas POGGIA. Clothing and boots urgently awaited POGGIA Province. Serious shortage of fuel owing to lack of rail transport from CALABRIA.

Signs of improvement in morale of G.V.R.R. in ROME.

SIENA 900 attended Christmas party for children. Sweets and toys distributed to hospitals. LIVORNO newspaper being established. EIRA taken over by TOSCANA Region effective 20 Dec.

AQUILA-POZZOLI and ASSOLI-AMATRICE roads blocked by snow. AQUILA and ASSOLI roads to ROMA still passable and plowing under way.

The new ration scale for prisoners of 250 grams of bread and 80 grammes of pasta a day and 100 grammes of tinned meat a week went into effect on 1 Jan 1945.

Cork contract for 360,000 corks for fishing nets for BALKANS has been placed.

Repairing and dyeing of salvaged Army clothing is proceeding 3889
ly at NAHLES with considerable quantities soon available with expanding production.

Piana della Rocca plant has had one unit restored to operation this week with a capacity of 14,000 Kw which is now limited to 2,000 Kw owing 3789
to shortage of water, the reservoirs being still in enemy hands.

The Italian Government with approval of AG have fixed prices for imported and naturally produced coal and lignite. Landed cost of imported coal is 2,000 lire per ton and Sardinia coal, 1650 lire per ton. PIETRANFITA

Mine is to be opened with a daily production of 700 tons lignite.

Capt. E S Morden

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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29 Dec 44

PRIORITY

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REFERENCE WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER NINETEEN DATED TWO EIGHT DECEMBER PD

PAREN TO AMHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM PARENADDEND QUOTE INHABITANTS OF UNQUOTE IN THIRD LINE TO READ QUOTE STATE EMPLOYEES
LIVING IN UNQUOTE

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Capt. B. S. Marden

Office Chief of Staff

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W.W. DRAGHETT
Major, AGD
ADJUTANT 3788

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21 Dec 44

PRIORITY

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WEEKLY SITING NO. 18.

Political: Council meeting on 20 Dec 1944 stressed desire of all Italians to participate in war, pointed out importance of decision of C.I.N. - to cooperate with Government in war effort and reconstruction of the country and maintenance of liaison between component political parties. The Italian Government had delegated to C.I.N.A.I. direction of patriotic action against Fascists and Nazis. Consultative organs to be set up by the council and hope was expressed for administrative elections in Spring. Creation of interministerial Committee to coordinate economic reconstruction approved. Further grants to SICILY and SARDINIA for economic rehabilitation, both islands to have advisory bodies to assist High Commissioners, but Council made strong statement against separatism. Also approved various relief measures giving new Food Commissariat wide powers. 3887

Food and Supplies/.....

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Food and Supplies: Shortage of flour in CATANZARO and REGGIO due to interruption of both road and rail services. Some Communes without bread for four days. Export of flour from REGGIO to CORFINA temporarily stopped owing to interruption of railway line beyond BARI.

General report that olive oil is not being amassed, but is nevertheless moving on the roads in large quantities. It is the view of SOUTHERN Region that the amassing decree is useless without the control of large numbers of Allied officers.

Petrol is in short supply in CANTONABARO.

The shipment of citrus from PALERMO, mentioned in last week's sitrep, arrived at CIVITAVECCHIA. Of the 23,000 cases on board 1,500 were reported stolen between CIVITAVECCHIA and ROMA.

Crime:

Series of disturbances have taken place in SICILY since 12 Dec, reported to you separately. Origin is given as protest against military call-up. The move to the island of two new Italian Army troops when completed will strengthen confidence in ability to deal with untoward events. Also moving to the island is Montegrone as re-inforcement for Carabinieri.

An armed robbery by Allied troops is reported from SAN SEVERO, 3886
REGGIO. No identification so far.

BRINDISI (MARE MARE) still quiet.

Shooting reported from SAN GIORGIO, SALERNO Province, over new wine tax and olive oil amassing. Seven arrests by Carabinieri.

Small demonstration outside CASERTA at BUTI (TOSCANA). Shots were fired, two persons wounded, twelve arrested.

Health:

Smallpox in SOUTHERN Region is reported static in 3786
a slight decrease in NAPLES Province. Vaccination programme proceeds energetically. No evidence of typhoid becoming epidemic. Typhus

Control/.....

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Control Unit now operating ten dusting stations NAPLES City. No evidence of the disease becoming epidemic.

In LIVORNO outbreak of typhoid at GELIA SALVETTI is under control.

From FIRA an increase in scabies is reported but a decrease in diphtheria and typhoid.

Refugees:

2,200 refugees from the North are expected to arrive in ROME within the next seven days.

Price Tendencies: Reports of rises in prices are general.

Wheat Collection: Total to-date: 9,938,034 quintals.

ANC FIFTH ARMY: Nothing new to report.

ANC EIGHTH ARMY: Latest report dated midnight 11 Dec deals with entry into RAVENNA. No serious damage. At that time there were 25,000 inhabitants with an estimated 20,000 in surrounding neighbourhood. Power supply was destroyed and serious interruption of water supply.

350 patriots were found in the city and are being gradually released. They are well disciplined and doing excellent work.

The Prefect fled and the prison contained 95 alleged fascists imprisoned by patriots.

All of the important monasteries in SAN VITALE, GALLA MARCILLA, 3885
APOLLINARE MONO, S. APOLLINARE IN CLASSE, THE ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE,
the ARIAN BAPTISTERY and the ORTHODOX BAPTISTERY are practically intact.
The sixth century ivory throne of BISHOP MAXIMIANUS is also safe.

General Remarks: In GENOVA City there is a serious accommodation problem due to influx of troops, aggravated by recent flood conditions.

A strike of employees at NAPLES waterworks was ended 3785 12 hours by arbitration.

The bid/.....

The bid for electric power to reactivate the PRATO Industries has not been accepted on account of military requirements. The situation remains therefore that six small firms are working with their own power.

During the week 3,500 kw of generating capacity was restored at MONDRIA HYDRO Plant. This unit was transferred from CASANO HYDRO Plant and considered an important achievement in restoration work. Offsetting this was the loss of 1,500 kw and 3,000 kw generating capacity at TURBI Plate Mill and LARBERG respectively, due to breakdown.

There has been an acute shortage of rail cars in CALABRIA Division due to difficulties created by wash outs following heavy rains. All repairs have been effected except at TURBI, where the connection to MONDRIA is likely to be out of action until end of Jan 1945.

A bid was accepted by ARMY for the movement of 500 head of cattle, 300 horses and 2,000 sheep from BARDINIA for the re-stocking of LARBERG region.

One further lemon shipment made during week - making a total of 254,000 boxes (10,198 tons) of lemons shipped to UK this season.

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Capt. B. S. Morden

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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AFHQ G-5 Section (BY HES)

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28 Dec 44

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO.19.

Political: Council of Ministers, meeting on 23 Dec, dealt principally with financial matters. Treasury budget approved; payment of "13th month" subsidy to workers sanctioned as well as additional indemnity to inhabitants of large cities. Minister of Public Works charged to prepare special programme to check unemployment. Part Payment on subsidies to be given "pensionati" while final programme for this category is being worked out.

Generals PENTIMALLI and DEL TETTO found guilty of abandoning post in NAPLES and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment.

Pope's Christmas speech widely discussed in press; general lines meet with approval.

Threatened strike BARI magistrates and clerks over low salaries. Generally no further reaction over new government among population.

Local Communists rallied during last fortnight in TOSCANA Region. AREZZO and SIENA party active.

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Food and Supply 37/83

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Food and
Supplies:

SALERNO import of wheat less than requirement, Medico Provinciale comments shortage of soap. FOGGIA wheat export programme maintained with difficulty owing to shortage road transport and occasionally rail wagons; charcoal and wood situation still difficult, clothing and boots most urgent, dislocation of fish market due to FOGGIA Prefects excessive price decree. TARANTO shortage of soap.

Hundred trucks of 1002 GT Company on 27 Dec began movement of grain from MACERATA, ASCOLI and TERAMO to deficient portions of AQUILA Province. Olive Oil collection continues bad in ANCONA-MARCHE Region.

Grain and flour position in LAZIO-UMBRIA better than ever before but drop expected as a result of Christmas break in loading. General food supplies over Christmas good.

Food still most important and critical item in TOSCANA Region.

Crime:

Order now restored in SICILY after a week of demonstrations against the military call-up. Only 1000 men have so far reported of the anticipated 8,000. To combat resistance Military Commander proposed suspension of further call-up and trial of delinquents by Military Tribunals, and after sentence offer of service by Minister of War in lieu of sentence. 3582

Situation SAN GREGORIO, SALERNO Province, now quiet. Wood stealing UMBRIA forest by Allied troops affecting normal supplies. Midnight 16 Dec 17 OMP raided farm at ARIANO. American Major and one civilian killed; women, girl and child seriously injured.

In LAZIO-UMBRIA crimes involving Allied Military are still fairly high. Civilian shopbreaking as yet unchecked. 3782

Health:

Smallpox static in NAPLES. No new epidemics in evidence. Reports from Zone Commissioners indicate general health conditions satisfactory.

Typhoid/.....

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Typhoid epidemic COLLE SALVETTI under control. Only one case reported from there this week. Two cases in LIVORNO.

No new cases smallpox SICILIA. Total old cases 35.

Refugees:

On 23 Dec a special train left ROME for REGGIO CALABRIA and PUGLIE with 1200 Italian refugees for repatriation. One train arrived during the week with 730 refugees from the North, of which 614 were Romans. AREZZO 1,000 refugees returned from North to Comune of PIEVE SAN STEFANO. SIENA 1,800 BOLOGNA refugees dispersed to communes. Food and blankets distributed.

No large movement in LAZIO-UMERIA and Christmas arrangements in camps good.

Advance party of three teams on temporary loan to help reorganise existing Italian refugee camps and set up the new camp being opened near ROME.

Price

Tendencies:

Prices rising NAPLES, FOGGIA; no change BARI, SALERNO and TARANTO Zones except seasonable increases.

Wheat

Collection:

Total to-date: 10,058,501 quintals.

AMG FIFTH Army:

Nothing new to report.

AMG EIGHTH

Army:

AMG officers entered FAENZA 18 Dec but unable to remain in town. Situation sufficiently secure permit them to remain 20 Dec.

Flour and medical supplies delivered to cover immediate shortages. Ample grain in town and commune but NO milling facilities workable yet.

Town badly damaged estimated 50% destroyed or irreparably damaged. About 5000 civilians in town but still living in cellars including few partisans. Two hospitals, one functioning in basement, other has been evacuated to safer area. NO water or power.

General Remarks/.....

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General Remarks: 2,000 overalls, 2,000 sweaters, 2,500 pairs of socks and 2,500 shirts have been delivered to FLORENCE for the Patriots.

A complete organization has been set up in SOUTHERN Region for the repair and dyeing of Army salvaged clothing. Commencing output 2,000 garments a day. Garments are distributed to Italian civilians and special groups like Patriots and Public Safety agents.

Position regarding clothing for CC.RR steadily improving.

CC.RR successfully raided some houses in ROME for illegal stores of arms and ammunition. 22 persons were arrested and charged and enquiries are proceeding against 27 others.

Public Safety Sub-Commission notified that Carabinieri road-blocks in CHIETI Province have found evidence much wheat is moving on military vehicles.

Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission compiled report on damage to FORLI with recommendations and documented list of works of art missing from TUSCAN deposits. Important collection of paintings missing in FORLI.

The Minister of Education activating epuration of school personnel and pressing derequisition of school buildings in ROME.

Glass requirements for schools hard to meet in TOSCANA Region.

GROSSETO overcrowding causing anxiety.

Deep dissatisfaction at continued prevention of hunting in TOSCANA Region.

A survey of sugar beet processing plants has been completed for SOUTHERN Region; a similar survey is now being made for Central ITALY.

The Ministry of the Treasury has presented the revised Budget for the current financial year to 30 June 1945, covering the 36 Provinces now under Italian Administration. Total expenditure, including Lit. 17 milliards for interest on State debt, is estimated at Lit. 73 milliards/....

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milliards and total revenue at lit. 13 milliards.

Italian Government informed that the aggregate amount of A.M. lire outstanding in the hands of banks and public at 31 Oct last was approx. Lit. 44 milliards, of which Lit. 6 milliards had been advanced by AC/AMG for purposes of Italian civil administration.

A generating unit at the CEFRANO plant, which was recently repaired, developed a short circuit and damaged the plant to such an extent that at least three months will be required for repairs.

At CERVARA, in Central ITALY, a 1600 KW unit, damaged by the enemy was restored to service after five months work.

Further supplies Red Cross clothing landed for ANCONA and PESARO. 40 housing projects, involving 266 houses with 1358 rooms and costing 19½ million lire, under way in devastated area North of SANERO River.

Total of 497 major military road and bridge repairs completed under supervision of Regional Engineer during last six months of this year,

5300 children entertained in cinema Christmas party by Provincial Officers AQUILA Province and 1800 Christmas packages distributed.

Capt. E S. Warden

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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PRIORITY

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WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER SEVENTEEN DATED FOURTEEN DECEMBER IS SUBJECT PD

PARAGRAPH TO AMHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCON PARACH

PARAGRAPH ON CRIME FIRST LINE DELETES FOUR THREE EIGHT CIVILIAN PRISONERS

AND SUBSTITUTE THREE EIGHT REPEAT THREE EIGHT CIVILIAN PRISONERS

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14 Dec 44

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WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER 17.POLITICAL:

On evening of 7 Dec BONOMI formally accepted charge of forming new Government. List of Ministers prepared two days later: see letter of 12 Dec from Chief Commissioner to Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ. Occupied ITALY is new Ministry and former Communications has been made into two Ministries as indicated. On 12 Dec Government took oath following formula of last June. BONOMI reminded Ministers of truce on institutional question and obligations of armistice terms. Expressed gratitude to Commodore STONE for tact and understanding. Undersecretaries were then formally named: see letter of 12 Dec from Chief Commissioner to Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ. Old Undersecretariat of Press and Information has changed its name as indicated. Meeting set up special Food Commissariat, Gino BERGAMI to head it.

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FOOD AND SUPPLIES:

SALERNO serious shortage milk also sugar and preserved meat. FOGGIA export flour interrupted owing to electricity failure, sugar for Dec and Jan has arrived.

Olive Oil/.....

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Olive Oil. Collection unsatisfactory in nearly all districts: latest collection 44,151 quintals of which BARI Province shows 32,303 quintals. Discussions are now proceeding on the degree of control which should be exercised by the Government over its collection.

23,000 cases of citrus loaded at PALERMO for CIVITAVECCHIA - first of a series of shipments designed to export surplus to areas short of fruit, coasters being used to avoid delay and waste. Lack of available shipping in the MEDITERRANEAN is holding up exports, but the fourth cargo of lemons left SICILY for UK during the week.

Owing to the acute food situation in SICILY it became necessary at very short notice to divert two cereal ships there.

CRIME:

438 civilian prisoners escaped CAMPOBASSO prison 7-8 Dec. Investigations proceeding. No further trouble BITONTO (BARI Zone). No further news POTENZA gang. AMF Courts BARI in full operation, arrests in civil courts decreasing.

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Trouble anticipated in SICILIA Region on account of threatened food shortage.

HEALTH:

In SOUTHERN Region smallpox vaccination programmes continuing in all Provinces where disease manifested. Disease still present but static in incidence. Elimination of diseases being accomplished entirely by vaccination as no remedy yet provided for overcrowding, inadequate hospitalisation, or lack of ambulances and other transport, all essential in preventive programme. Typhoid has apparently reached a reasonable static condition. No evidence of epidemic. Meeting called TARANTO by ADMS 52 Area 8 Dec attended by representatives Allied Forces 37 and Italian Forces and civilian Administration to coordinate anti-typhus in Province.

A conference has been held to plan for the 1945 Malarial Campaign. Sufficient vaccines and serums for veterinary purposes are now either in stock or in sight.

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PERSONNEL:

The President's nomination of Commodore STONE to be Rear Admiral has been confirmed by the Senate.

REFUGEES:

The High Commissioner for Italian Refugees has two refugee camps in preparation at SABAUDIA and GABIA both in LITTORIA to hold respectively 500 and 1000.

The total number of Partisan Yugoslavs repatriated by 4 Dec was 4,685. At the request of the Yugoslav Government no further shipments have taken place and about 1500 Partisan Yugoslavs remain in the camps in Southern ITALY.

PRICETENDENCIES:

Nothing special to report.

WHEATCOLLECTION:

Total to date: 9,858,944 quintals.

ANG FIFTHARMY:

No reports since last sitrep.

ANG EIGHTHARMY:

No reports since last sitrep.

GENERAL
REMARKS:

A second shipment of rock phosphate unloaded MONTECATINI (Southern Region). Chemical fertilizers beginning to arrive in ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region and are being distributed to various Provinces.

A greater part of the 5000 soldiers to be attached to the CC.RR. have reached their stations.

A new overall scale of rations for prisoners has been approved with the following changes. Bread is increased from 300 grams to 350 grams a day and 100 grams of tinned meat a week is now added. Other changes are anticipated.

Monuments and Fine Arts. Forward officers have been informed of probable deposit at CAMPO TURES (Province BOLZANO) of sculptures removed by Germans from deposit at POGGIO A CALANO (Province FIRENZE).

ABRUZZI-MARCHE/.....

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ABRUZZI MARCHE Region Labour Office is now functioning in ASCOLI PICENO under Avv. ALFONSO RUO formerly of FOGGIA Province.

ANCONA postal service is to open 18 Dec.

MACERATA schools including University requisitioned for use of troops; numerous schools in ASCOLI TERAMO and CHIETI also requisitioned.

Joint programming on First Aid rehabilitation against American dollar credits. A deadline of January 1st, 1945, has been set with the Italian Government as the date for submission of basic requirements by individual Ministries. The Ministries concerned are now working with the appropriate Sub-Commissions of Economic Section on these programmes.

The power transmission line serving all East ITALY "APULIA AREA" was repaired and put back into operation after being out of service for about two weeks. Only 30% of normal power was available during this period. Damage was caused by flood waters washing out three transmission towers.

An additional 3000 Kw of generating capacity made available in Central ITALY by the installation of additional transformers at the GEFANO HYDRO plant. Present availability of this plant now 9000 KW. - the result of five months intensive work.

The rate of discharge of the first collier at CIVITAVECCHIA averaged 500 tons a day. The port of FIUMICINO is reported ready to receive coal-laden barges drawing not more than 2.4 metres.

The first part of the Census of Liberated ITALY has been prepared by the Istituto Centrale di Statistica and sent to WASHINGTON.

Capt. E. S. Morden

Brigadier,
3074 of Staff.

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WEEKLY SITREP NO. 16.POLITICAL:

During the week parties have taken fairly clear positions. Action Party wants BONORA as Foreign Minister, will not collaborate with BONOMI. Socialists also unwilling to accept BONOMI, claiming he has not been faithful to C.L.N. Communists more conciliatory in tone but follow same line. Statement of SPETTINUS has stiffened the Leftist parties' attitude. Liberals and Labour Democrats still willing to serve with BONOMI but anxious not to hear of a six party unity. Week's discussion has not substantially altered the position. BONOMI still trying to form government; on 4 Dec asked collaboration of DE GASPERI, Nenni and TOGLIATTI but only the first gave unqualified assent.

At GROSSETO general re-shuffle in C.L.N. continued. Communists attempted to prevent legal aid for 14 criminals at Tribunal trials. At PIERBINO 60 women demonstrated asking for bread and removal of Sindaco. Unemployment at LIVORNO and PIERBINO causing increased Communist activity.

Southern Region. Short strikes BARILETTA and CANOSA settled. Two communist leaders summoned to ROME 29 December.

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FOOD AND SUPPLIES:

Salt urgently required VOLATERRA and SALINE (GROSSETO Province).
Big demand for meat at AREZZO, where shortage of tyres and spare parts causing distribution difficulties. Sugar urgently required in hospitals at LIVORNO.

Reports of increased rations and special Christmas ration current LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

Food and supplies position causing anxiety BARI, TARANTO and GALLIPOLI. Interference electric supply handicapping flour mills and olive presses at FOGGIA. 500 tons bean seed exported from FOGGIA to BARI. Oil collection at BARI reasonable but export warehouse storage difficult.

Fresh fish transport service by fishing schooners from BARI to mainland to be started.

Nearly 10 days' coal supply now in hand at ROME steam plants.

Weekly wine trains from BARI to NAPLES now operating. First train left BARI 29 November.

Two shipments of lemons left for UK last week. Regular shipments to follow.

Decision on 300 gramme bread ration delayed pending concurrence of CGS.

Slight increase in LAZIO-UMBRIA Region but no major crisis.

270 prisoners from ROME jail arrived CARPOBASSO jail. Caused minor trouble on arrival but now quiet. On 3 Dec at BITONTO (BARI Zone) 2 British OR's assaulted and wounded 5 Italian civilians, one of whom died. Situation now quiet.

CRIMES:HEALTH:

Lectures and demonstrations on Typhus Control held 2 and 3 December in LAZIO-UMBRIA Region. Plans being made to hold similar lectures in more Northerly Regions.

Slight smallpox outbreak in TERNI under control and subsiding.

Smallpox/.....

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Smallpox showing gradual decline most areas of Southern Region.
27 cases in NAPLES City and 29 in NAPLES Province during week.
26,173 vaccinations carried out this period. Gradual decline of
typhoid noted. 17 cases NAPLES City and 10 NAPLES Province during week.

PERSONNEL:

Col. LEGG, Director of Food Sub-Commission, returned 29 November
from visit to UK and US.

REFUGEES:

Following numbers of Partisan Yugoslavs have left ITALY to date:
On 28 November 900; 1 December 2,500; 4 December 1200; Total 4,600.

PRICEFLUCTUATION:

Slow rises reported in GROSSETO and AREZZO.
Slight but general fall reported LAZIO-ABRUZZA Region.
Still rising CATANZARO.

WHEAT COLLECTION: Total to date: 9,813,774 quintals.

ARMY FIFTH ARMY:

PISA Province was handed over to TOSCANA Region 25 November.

Considerable underground Left-Wing activity reported in towns in
the ARNO valley and AMB consider trouble is likely if food situation
does not soon improve.

New Centre opened at LUOGA for Partisans pending their employment
on road maintenance by Army Engineers.

Total grain collection for TUSCANY as at 25 November was about
equal to 1943 collection, i.e. 92% of estimate, but North of ARNO
only quarter of usual amount has been collected.

Rine clearance is improving.

Editors of an anarchist journal in FLORENCE traced and arrested
by Provincial Police Officer. Elsewhere distributors of paper caught.

W.e.f. 25 November free circulation permitted within FLORENCE
Province, South of ARNO. Postal services extended in same area.

Typhoid spreading in PRATO, where main water supply cannot be
restored until large railway viaduct is reconstructed.

Red Cross/.....

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Red Cross field representatives doing outstandingly good work in reorganising local hospitals in forward areas.

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ARMY:

See our signal 7776 of today which is paraphrase of Army nitrep on occupation of RAVENNA.

GENERAL
REMARKS:

Patriot Reception Centres and Reception Points to be established in Army areas.

4% of men accepted into the Italian Army in each district to be enrolled as Carabinieri. Estimated that 1000 recruits for Carabinieri will be obtained by this scheme in period December/January. 17% Carabinieri awaiting employment in territory not yet liberated to assist GHI(b) HIGHCOM Army in control of civilian movement in interim.

Responsibility for distribution of coal in SARDINIA passed to Italian Government.

Present effective generating capacity in Central ITALY is 97,330 kilowatts, a one third increase since 1 November.

Pool system now in operation for HQ Allied Commission cars.

Joint programmes for essential imports now agreed with Italian Government.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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WEEKLY SITREP NO. 15.POLITICAL: Council of Ministers met 22 Nov, dealt with control of radio and films.

Also made provisions for SARDINIA, setting up SARDINIAN Council and Bank and approving 1,000,000,000 lire for agriculture and industry on island.

Crisis in government began Sunday, 26 Nov with resignation of DEBONI Ministry. In past few days Lieutenant General has conferred with political leaders of all important parties including those not in government. C.I.N. has met and attempted to choose coalition candidate to succeed DEBONI. Action Party has indicated it would not participate in government unless SPURZA is Foreign Minister; Socialists reluctant to collaborate again with DEBONI.

FOOD AND SUPPLIES:

Position SICILY still causing anxiety.

Salt arriving in Provinces ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region but distribution to Communes still bad, owing to inefficiency of monopoly agents. 30% of wheat crop at PESARO, spoiled due to lack of storage, has been fed to livestock. About 30,000 hectares of maize ready for collection at MACERATA when warehouses are available.

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Flour supply/.....

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Flour supply LIO-UMERIA Region satisfactory ^{for} days. Other foods and supply situation causing anxiety.

Position generally satisfactory in SOUTHERN Region subject to distribution difficulties. Sagon supply short as ever. SALERNO Medico Provinciale emphasises shortage of sugar, disinfectants and soap. FOGGIA sent 600 tons of grain to ROMA in special train. Olive oil control officers working well but numbers insufficient. 2 Public Safety officers assigned to SOUTHERN Region for work connected with enforcement Olive oil harvest law.

CRIME:

On the decline LAZIO-UMERIA Region. Civil arrests in last four weeks dropped from 75 to 42.

Gang reported operating POTENZA and district rounded up. At FOGGIA 60 forged 1000 lire notes received and seizure of contraband olive oil continued. AMI courts opened BARI and BUDENGO 24 Nov.

HEALTH:

16 new cases smallpox reported SICILY, making total of 26 cases.

Decline in incidence smallpox noted in all areas SOUTHERN Region. Vaccination programmes still active. Typhoid rate also declining progressively. 2 cases typhus verified at CARRITO. All ^{counter} ~~active~~ measures taken by Typhus Control Section of Commission. One case cerebro spinal meningitis reported at IRINA (BARI zone). Enquiries being made.

Refugees:

All refugees in SICILY except 48 returned to mainland.

Blankets still needed LAZIO-UMERIA Region.

2100 passed through SALERNO bound for REGGIO and 800 passed North bound for ROMA.

PRICETENDENCIES:

General trend in SICILY still upward.

Higher in LAZIO-UMERIA Region. Ordinary civilian suit costs 30,000 lire. Rising CATANZARO.

Wheat Collection/.....

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WHEAT COLLECTION: Total to date: 9,734,695 quintals.

ARMY FIFTH ARMY: No change to report.

ARMY EIGHTH ARMY: No change to report.

GENERAL REMARKS: Afternoon 20 Nov in S. GIORGIO (VILLAFUTTU district SARDINIA) small radio transmitter landed attached to an American parachute. Immediate search organized for 2 parachutists who civilians report also landed. Transmitter found.

Truck pool No.7 activated at ANCONA. Possibly the only electric traffic signal in ITALY now operating in AQUILA City.

An emergency supply of clothing for patriots sent to FLORENCE. First fruit ship of the season now loading citrus fruits in SICILY for U.K.

Pietrafitta Mine, only large stripping lignite mine in Central Italy, commenced limited operations on 27 Nov. Has daily potential of 1500 tons if power and other supplies available.

First coal laden steamer, carrying 4800 tons, arrived CIVITAVECCHIA.

Two more Q.M. Coys (M.T.) now operating.

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Rail line No.50 (LEGNANO - ROME) re-opened 26 Nov.

Italian steamship ABATIA nominated for passenger service between SARDINIA and mainland (CAGLIARI - NAPLES) commencing about 26 Dec.

Rear Army security control line adjusted w.c.f. 25 Nov to following: PIANO - URBINO - SANSEPOLCRO - ARREDO - SIERA - COLLE DI VAL D'ELSA - CROCIERA. Check line to be just north of these towns.

Two-day hunger strike in AQUILA prison believed ended. Grievance was fact that prisoners were getting 300 gram bread ration while HOME prisoners had 525 grams.

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Short strike MONT ALBANE (BARI Zone) settled. Judge Councillor of Reputation Committee NAPLES reported 22 Nov.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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CHIEF OF STAFF

WEEKLY SITREP No. 14.PRESIDENT:

Announcement was made in AFHQ General Order No. 27 dated 18 November of the delegation by the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theater, of his functions as President of the Allied Commission to the Right Honorable HAROLD MACMILLAN, R.P., British Resident Minister AFHQ, in addition to his other duties, effective 10 November 1944.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT,
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
A.C.C.A.C.

Announcement was made in AFHQ General Order No. 27 dated 18 November of the appointment of Commodore HARRY W. STONE, USNR, effective 10 November 1944, as Deputy President of the Allied Commission, and in addition to serve as Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission and Chief Civil Affairs Officer of Occupied Territory under Allied Military Government in Italy vice Lieutenant General FRANK N. MARSH MACFARLANE, R.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., relieved.

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POLITICAL:

Council of Ministers heard reports from High Commissioner of Sicily and Sardinia; declared, on investigation that recent violence (19 Oct) in Palermo was "a crime of the people" and not instigated by any individual or group. The Council also approved decrees to speed reconstruction and increase the war effort.

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General Roatta, ex-chief of stato maggiore has been arrested as also his assistant Col. Bertolini.

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Several parties have made declarations; the Socialists have asked annulment of the September armistice and restriction of AD powers to a purely military sphere. Other parties have stressed need of unity and working with C.L.N. The position of the partisans has been the object of sympathetic discussion by all sections of the press; it is pointed out that they cannot simply disperse during the winter since it would be suicidal.

Count Carandini, Italy's emissary to England, left for London on 20th November.

Menni, Socialist leader, visited AREZZO 18th November but held no meetings.

Two short strikes RARI and CAROTA over carovita both settled. Small Partito Agrario formed LECCE, consisting of anti-Communist landowners. Disturbances at CATANZARO where peasants invading land under Italian Government control. First meeting new cooperative society at TARANTO 19th November.

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Secretary Communist Party and C.N.L. causing trouble against Sindaco of FLORENCE, situation under control.

Food & Supplies:

Grave shortage freight cars adversely affects transport and supplies to ROME and wheat from surplus areas. Good expectancy olive oil crops LIVORNO.

Stockpiles AREZZO-SARDE provinces to be enlarged to provide for 300 grams bread ration if ordered.

Grain amassed AREZZO province spoiled by damaged warehouses.

Regularity of flour delivered LARIO-UGHELLA Region slightly improved, but general position causing anxiety.

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Sugar and olive oil in particular demand SALERNO. Olive Oil collection started at RARI - 8989 quintals collected. Serious lack

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of rail cars at CATANZARO.

P.W.B. producing film on amassing of olive oil.

Two Spollen Textile firms commenced work at PRATO. Further 23 will start when electric power available.

Ration scales for food and petrol for SAN MARINO same as for Liberated Italy.

General issue soup and dehydrated vegetables suspended as from 1st December (except in Army areas) owing uncertainty future supplies. All supplementary rations continued.

CRIME:

Improved LARIO-VERBA Region since apprehension of gangs of deserters.

Gang of Canadian deserters now less active; military police operating several squads. Much contraband oil seized at FUGGIA and TARANTO.

HEALTH:

Generally satisfactory but 6 fresh cases smallpox in Sicily.

Southern Region: Incidence smallpox NAPLES City and province declining. Approx 3000 vaccinations in week NAPLES province.

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No area showing active epidemic stage. Typhoid not public health threat now.

PERSONNEL:

Brigadier M.S. Lush, Chief of Staff, returned 16th November from visit to LONDON.

The Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan, Acting President, left 21st November for LONDON and WASHINGTON.

REFUGEES:

2000 repatriated from SICILY to date.

BARI prefects report inability to accept many more refugees.

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GRANDITO: RELICONCA camp extended to receive additional 100.

PRICE TECHNIQUES:

Still increasing ABRUZZO province where fixed prices for wood and charcoal extremely high.

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LARIO-EMERIA Region; continued rise for luxury goods; rationed goods again rising in Black Market.

Fresh fish and meat prices SLIGHTLY much lower following prohibition against preserving fish.

WHEAT COLLECTION

Total to date: 9,692,170 quintals, 72% of target figure.

ANG 5 ARMY:

Two small commandos in FOMI occupied and one more in LUCCA province. Considerable surplus of grain found in a town in FOMI Province. Florence Delegations Provinciale officially appointed.

Reformed administrative agencies making progress.

Wheat crop being too damp to be stored in some areas, distributed in bulk to families on basis of 200 grams ration and milling card substituted for bread Tessera.

Employment on bloc with Army formation found for Patriots held in Florence. Arrangement very satisfactory so far.

ANG 8 ARMY:

Part of EMILIA Region provincial team working in FOMI which is still under enemy shell fire.

In RAVENNA enemy has broken banks of river south of town, adding to flooded area of province.

GENERAL REMARKS:

Dr. SMILJANIC, member of Yugoslav mission to Advisory Council, replaced 16th November by Dr. SMILJAKA.

Lt-Col Verley arrived 20th November from C.A. BURMA. To spend short time as observer with Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

Reference penultimate para. Sitrep No.15 please read "East Africa" for "North Africa".

First repairs to CAMPOBASSO PISA reputed now completed.

Special office set up by Minister of Interior to investigate complaints of public against Public Security agents. "Order of

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the day" issued by Italian Director Public Security Corps calling for increased efficiency.

All Italian military prisoners serving more than 30 days to be transferred to Italian military prisons now under jurisdiction of Minister of Grace and Justice.

Unemployment rising ANCONA-BOLOGNA Region.

Mining supplies and equipment sunk LIVORNO harbour to be salvaged.

Regional engineers instructed to place more work and responsibility on Italian Ministry of Public Works.

Deaths in CARRARA flood 15. Homes lost over 600.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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16 Nov

CHIEF OF STAFF

WEEKLY SITREP No. 13.

Political:

Council of Ministers met on 15 Nov and heard reports of High Commissioners for SICILY and SARDINIA. Discussion of political situation deferred pending further meetings of Ministers without portfolio. Communist party issued manifesto 14 Nov calling for (a) relaxation of Allied control; (b) swift defascistisation; (c) immediate municipal elections; (d) increased powers for C.L.N.; and (e) greater war effort. Communists and Socialists held mass meeting RME 12 Nov which, although attended by 15,000, passed off quietly. Tuscan C.L.N. visited RME 9 Nov to demand right of choosing Prefects. Growing newspaper agitation on non-fulfilment of promise of 300 gram ration made by President Roosevelt.

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Greater quantity of supplies available NAPLES and in SALERNO
distribution improved by transport situation. At TARANTO 50% W.D.
trucks off road due to lack of tyres and tubes.

Movement of seed wheat to devastated areas improved. Up to
30 cars a day moving through RME to LITTORIA, FROSINONE, NAPLES and
SALERNO districts.

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Crime:

Few kid-ups and thefts by deserters. Two gangs apprehended.

Explosion across street from ABRUZZO I-MARCHE Region HQ being investigated. Many HQ windows smashed.

Six men arrested NEAPLES zone for hold-up of train. Extra Military Police arrived BARI to deal with gang of Canadian deserters now believed to number 20. Three Canadian and one American deserter reported arrested by Allied Commission personnel at CATANZARO.

Health:

Only five smallpox cases in SICILY. 250,000 inoculations reported PALERMO City.

Slight increase of smallpox NEAPLES city and small epidemic (35 cases) in SALERMO VESUVIUM. 6,000 vaccinations carried out in past three weeks and epidemic under control.

Two new cases anthrax reported FOGGIA. At SALERMO 29 cases typhus and acute shortage smallpox vaccine.

Personnel:

New appointments of Acting President and Chief Commissioner of Allied Commission duly put into effect.

Refugees:

Situation in ROME improved since recent start of trains to South.

600 repatriated from SICILY.

Approximately 300 arrived BARI zone by sea and were distributed in LECCE area. Train arrived SALERMO with 1100 refugees from ROME for SICILY.

Price
Tendencies:

Higher for luxury goods, slightly lower for controlled and rationed foods on Black Market - LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

Continued rise in SICILY.

Southern Region report rise at FOGGIA and CATANZARO otherwise no change.

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Total to date: 9,382,967 quintals. 71% of target figure.

Wheat
Collections:

ANG Fifth Army:

Public morale improved in FLORENCE by prospect of better food

rations.

Increased flow of refugees expected in near future.

Not reported last Sitrep: On 2 Nov River ARNO rose quickly,

water entered streets of FISA and continued to rise until morning

of 3 Nov. City was at one time out off. Water then subsided

slowly and most streets now drying out. Work on broken banks of

river recommenced.

Sitrep dated 14 Nov just received reports:

Two simultaneous minor demonstrations in PLUMANCE 10 Nov, ostensibly for more food but probably for political motives. ANG considers C.E.L.N. probably behind them. A deputation presented a petition for more food with 2000 signatures.

With Army at saturation point 2000 refugees evacuated South. Similar number will probably be evacuated this week.

Civil Affairs Officers arrived PULI 10 Nov. Reported that so far town has suffered slight damage but was still under mortar and shell fire. Patriots reported 2000 civilians living in cellars.

Nothing else from Eighth Army.

Tenth enemy agent with portable wireless set dropped from enemy aeroplane by parachute 9 Nov near MUIS, ORISTANO area,

SARDINIA. Men named TRINGAS taken into custody by local Italian police.

ABRUZZO-MARCHE Region. Plans for reconstruction devastated areas being prepared. Branch truck pool opened at PALO. Amnesty Day ceremony held at graves of 96 Allied soldiers.

Distribution of 15,000 tons imported nitrogen fertilizers in Southern Region completed. 3859

Constitution and terms of reference of the Industrial Coordination Committee now approved.

Arrangements in progress for handing over to Italian Government SARDINIA coal mines, agreed to by ARMA. 3759

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After training they will be distributed throughout Southern Italy.

Patriot representatives with Amies, Regions and Provinces now being sent by Italian authorities through Allied agencies. System is working well.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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CHIEF OF STAFF

WEEKLY SITREP No. 12.Political:

Council of Ministers met twice during week. On 3 Nov abolition of the General Staff was decreed and operation tightened by giving more initiative to High Commissioner. On 7 Nov ~~SENTEMENTE~~ Council reasserted that the six parties of the coalition are the expression of the will of the people and that the constitutional question will be solved by a constituent assembly. This was an answer to implications in Lieutenant General's interview with Matthews of "TIMES" in which the Prince indicated a plebiscite should come before the constituent assembly and gave the impression he thought parties did not fully represent people. 3538

Meeting of 7 Nov also approved liquidation of Fascist federale and confederale (parastatal) organisations. Among other decrees touching reconstruction is creation of Sottosegretariato (Under-Secretariat) for Food.

Communist President of C.L.N. GROSSETO Province (TOSCANA Region) dismissed by general vote due to opposition to Communists by other parties. 3758

Formation reported in LAVOR of Union of Independent Democrats. Fusion of Liberal and Democratic Parties reported at TARANTO.

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Food &
Supplies:

Charcoal Production GROSSERO Province going w
Food situation SICILIA Region reported bad.
All Public Safety agencies ROME area placed on increased ration
scale equivalent to that of Italian Army.
Wheat position NAPLES serious and flour issues exceed wheat
intakes.
Shortage rail regions still handicapping export grain and flour
from FOGGIA. Olive oil campaign proceeding well.
Position serious CATANIA due to lack of rail cars for grain
distribution.

Crime:

200 tons of clothes promised for CASERTA.
Plans made to aid fishing industry and discipline marketing of fish.
Number of hold-ups by deserters in ROME much reduced.
Two bombs exploded FOGGIA as demonstration against CO.ET. No
damage caused.

Health:

Tuberculosis GROSSERO Province: increase over last year estimated at
50%. Few cases smallpox in PALERMO. Increase in NAPLES City and
Province. Static at BENEVENTO. Otherwise no outbreaks this disease
experienced except in CREMONA (AVELLANO Province). 3857

Personnel:

Brigadier J.K. DUNLAP took over temporary command Southern Region
6 November replacing Colonel TEMPERLEY. Colonel C.M. GAYNES Acting
Regional Commissioner Venezia Region.

Refugees:

Movement from SICILY to ITALY begun.
400 in transit through SALERNO zone and 550 arriving Southern
Region by train from ROME. 3757

Approx. 900 expected at BARI from CORFU.

Price
Tendencies:

Continue upwards in SICILY.

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Wheat
Collection:

Total to date 9,193,790 quintals, 70% of target figure.

AME 5 Army:

Province of MODENA entered by Fifth Army and further advances made in Provinces of FORLI, RAVENNA and BOLOGNA.

Many bridges washed out and all but a few main roads made impassable by heavy rains.

Problem of finding shelter for troops now acute.

Food and medical supplies everywhere being distributed.

Rations in PISTOIA and PISA improved by increase of bread ration to 200 grams.

LUCCA tobacco factory reopened 26 Oct.

Marked improvement in efficiency of C.C.E.R. reported in FLORENCE.

Transportation difficulties add considerably to main problem of supply.

AME 8 Army:

Reports received on 3 large towns liberated recently. GENOVA only 10% destroyed and about 15,000 out of normal 25,000 population in the city. Supplies present no immediate problem. In GENOVA about 25% of buildings destroyed and many damaged but public services only partially disrupted. PERUGIA is first town to be captured in RAVENNA Province. Town practically undamaged.

All military billeted in SAN MARINO have left Republic and only service units under canvas remain.

General Remarks:

Serious flood GROSSETO caused by River ORTONE bursting its banks on 2 Nov. 11 dead, 400 homeless and much loss of cattle. Considerable damage in town. Energetic action taken by Provincial Committee who reports flood now subsided and local situation normal. Communications disrupted temporarily and only slowly being restored.

Appointment approved by Italian Minister of Public Instruction of

a committee to organize teachers throughout ITALY into small groups with general object of democratizing whole educational system of ITALY.

Red Cross week in ROME (extended to 12 days owing to bad weather) collected 100 tons of clothing and supplies and over 4 million lire in cash.

Allowances to be paid to all fighting patriots; indemnities and pensions equivalent to those of Italian Army to be paid to families of wounded and dead.

1 Jan 45 is target date for assumption of responsibility by UNRRA of South-East Italy Accommodation Centres.

Meetings held between Economic Section and UNRRA representatives on question of loan of supplies to enable UNRRA to function. Referred to AMPS for decision.

Increase as from 16 Nov in Italian Armed Forces wage scale (grant of 40 to 60 lire a day in addition to present wage) approved by AMPS.

ITALIA plant PIEMONTE has resumed operations with a monthly output of 2500 tons superphosphates. About 300 tons a month of Carbon Disulphide will be produced by INSULARE plant at GALLERIA, recently opened.

Italian Government financial mission (3 Italian officials accompanied by Lt. Gen. J.J. Leader of Finance Sub-Commission) left for US on 3 Nov.

Half of new Italian Government currency to be printed in US and the other half in ITALY.

3 QM Truck Coye now formed. Other 3 still in process of formation.

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WEEKLY SITREP No. 11.

Political: Resumption of diplomatic relations between Italy and England, Russia and American Nations was principal item in foreign affairs. CARANDINI, now Minister without Portfolio in Government, is to be Italian representative in LONDON. Bonomi issued statement saying Italy trusted in sense of justice of United Nations and hoped to be made Ally. He added Italy needed all kinds of aid and reconstruction problems would have priority over social and political reforms.

Bonomi approved recommendation of CGH. for immediate distribution of lands to peasants. Orders have been issued to Provincial Commissions to begin distribution 5 Nov. 3554

Council of Ministers meeting 27 Oct made plans for attacking Sicilian question. A "Consulta" is to be set up on the island, made up of representative Sicilians and funds were set aside for Sicilian industrial development.

Situation in AQUIA Province returned to normal. Additional Carabinieri brought in.

No repercussions followed PALERMO incident on 19 Oct and situation is now normal, though Separatists are seeking to exploit incident. 3754

Discontent reported at Dockyard TARANTO over non-payment of promised advance on pay increase.

Food and Supplies/.....

Food and
Supplies:

Issue of 300 grams of pasta fortnightly authorized as from 5 Nov for TOSCANA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE and LAZIO-UMBRIA Regions, also FIFTH and EIGHTH Army and areas.

Olive oil harvest beginning at BARI.

Good quantities of potatoes shipped to ROME and Provinces from ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region.

Lack of rail cars still hindering deliveries to LATINA and FROSINONE. Deliveries of flour to ROME slightly improved.

Agreement made with APLS on terms of reference for the Industrial Co-ordination Committee.

Italian Government to take over distribution of food in liberated territory. Discussions in progress with new Under Secretary for Food on mechanics of the change-over.

Crim:

Situation satisfactory most Regions.

Robberies by Allied deserters and Italians dressed in Allied uniforms reported LAZIO-UMBRIA Region, also many car thefts.

Canadian deserters gang still active MARCHE and ROMANA but no arrests reported.

Health:

Smallpox decreasing NAPLES and Province. Static in ~~ABRUZZO~~ ³⁸⁵³
Does not present threat to public health in other Provinces, Southern Region. Typhoid declining in ~~ABRUZZO~~, elsewhere more or less static.

Ambulance shortage acute in NAPLES Province.

Personnel:

Mr. H. A. Caccia, British Vice-President of the Political Section, transferred by Foreign Office to Greece. ³⁷⁵³

Major Wankburne appointed Acting Director Education Sub-Commission.

Refugees:

Evacuation of ANCONA area will probably mean 3000 people a week arriving in ROME.

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Prices
Tendencias:

Prices of uncoated rolled and unrationed foods slightly higher

LAZIO-UMBRIA Regions

Some rise in parts of Southern Region.

Wheat
Collection:

Total to-date 8,974,850 quintals. 69% of target figure.

AND FIFTH
Army:

Food supply adequate except sugar, olive oil and tinned meats. Problem in transport particularly for grain from CROCIERO and SIENA areas to forward areas.

Considerable improvement reported in administration FLORENCE Province.

New series of spy trials in FLORENCE has resulted in convictions in each case.

AND EIGHTH
Army:

VENETIA Province team came under orders EIGHTH Army. Otherwise nothing new to report.

General
Remarks:

ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region reports civil telegraph opened from AQUILA to TIRANO, ASSOLI, CHIETI and RISTI. Open to PERCORA this week. (Provinces recently handed back to Italian Government). Connection with ROME awaits repairs between RISTI and ROME.

The new designation Allied Commission came into effect 27 C. 3852

Patriots Branch, though placed under Local Government Sub-Commission, will function as a separate entity.

225 Fascist professional appointments are to be invalidated and the vacancies filled by competitive test. 3752

Strength of Carabinieri being increased by transfer of 5000 Italian troops. Date for their return to military duties under discussion with ANZI.

Exhibitions/.....

Exhibitions of works of art at SIENA and at FLORENCE are being arranged.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Q.M. Truck Coys nearly ready. Meanwhile training proceeding with all possible speed.

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URGENT SECRET NUMBER 10.Political:

Riot in PALERMO 19 October, ~~severely damaged property and buildings~~
~~severely~~ 26 killed 156 wounded when soldiers fired on mob.

Council of Ministers, meeting following day, heard ALIBIO's report on
 Sicilian situation, ordered full investigation. Council also ratified
 workers' subsidy measures, prepared additional ones for state employees,
 gave special attention to rules for operating press.

21 October ROMMI sent circular to Prefects explaining agrarian legislation
 in preparation and stressing that pending its application no illegal or
 violent action should be tolerated.

Southern Region reports "Recent announcements regarding withdrawal of ³⁸⁵⁰
 from Southern Italy viewed with great concern by all responsible Italians".
 Incidents in two communes AQUILA Provinces on day of turnover to Italian
 Government. In ORTUCCIO about 500 persons attempted to occupy uncultiv-
 ated private land. Carabinieri and other police agents fired on crowd.
 One peasant killed, 6 wounded. Full investigation being made and Italian
 political leaders warned of their responsibility. Minor incident same day
 at SILEMA. ³⁷⁵⁰

Sicilian Separatists attempting to exploit incident on 19 October.
 CDS youths held anti-monarchist demonstration at GROSSANO.

Communist/.....

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Communist influence BARI and FOGGIA increased, particularly since visit of Soviet Delegates. Recent strike at FOGGIA alleged to be engineered by Communists. Discontent at paper factories FOGGIA fomented by Communist leaders.

Food and Supplies:

Generally no change. Salt arriving in more adequate quantities ABRUZZO-MARCHE Region. Urgent need for tanning materials in SICILY. New flour mill at LIVORNO to start working 25 October. Arrangements made for rations of all Italian Public Safety organisation to be increased from heavy workers to Italian Army ration scale w.e.f. 1 Nov. Olive oil harvest beginning in Southern Region. Soap ration being distributed at SALERNO. 360 tons fertilizer arrived BARI. Shortage of rail cars for distribution of supplies reported in Southern Region.

Crime:

Central Directorate of prisons at NAPLES to be abolished on 15 November. Gang of alleged Canadian deserters reported operating at MATERA and CORMERA.

Health:

Mainly satisfactory. Anterior Poliomyelitis decreasing in SICILY Region. Representatives Public Health Sub-Commission (Typhus Control Unit) began tour of Southern Italy and SICILY to instruct medical provinciali in dusting technique for typhus control.

Approximately 100% increase in smallpox in NAPLES Province. Mainly in comune of SAN ARMANDO. 21701 vaccinations NAPLES Province. Quarantine declared for all unvaccinated. Slight increase in BENEVENTO. Vaccination continuing. Active steps in general being taken. Foot and mouth disease MATERA (TARANTO Province).

Personnel: Brig. G. B. Parkinson, Director of Public Health Sub-Commission, left for a visit of approximately 10 days to U.S. in connection with public health activities, particularly with work in connection with malaria.

Col. R. G. P. ~~Cooper~~, C.M.G., is to replace Col. McCarthy as Director of Patriots Branch, retaining his present duties as Director of Local Government Sub-Commission. Col. McCarthy appointed to M.E. Refugees/.....

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Refugees: Red Cross distributions at CROSSINO continue. Arrangements being attempted to repatriate 11,745 agricultural refugees from SICILIA and Southern Region to North, where they are needed to cultivate their land. 1230 passed through SALERNO Province.

Price
Tenderness: Continued upward SICILY Region. Rising at NAPLES, PUGLIA, CATANIA.
Watch Committee formed at BARI, an experiment.

Wheat
Collection: Total to date 8,856,438 quintals -- 68% of target figure.

THE FIFTH
AREA Work in newly liberated areas very difficult, as all towns badly damaged and uninhabitable and scattered population usually inaccessible due to bad roads.

Housing shortage in FISA acute. Danger of floods causing apprehension. Communists exploiting food shortage FISA and circulating pamphlets. Bread ration at LUGIA increased.

40% of wheat still in the fields unthreshed in front line areas and much of it sprouting. Weather conditions will prevent more than half being saved.

Abundant chestnuts help out grain supply.

THE FIFTH
AREA Control of APUZIA passed to TOSCANA Region w.e.f. 18 Oct otherwise nothing to report.

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General
Remarks: Housing and food in devastated areas LAZIO-UMBRIA Region causing great anxiety. Rehabilitation work at CROSSINO sanctioned and commenced. Rector for ROMA University to be elected in about 3 weeks time. Secondary schools to open where available first week in November. School for instructing Italians in mine clearance opened at FISA and 2 more being opened at SPOLTO and CHIETI.

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Appointment of Italian experts in soap manufacture and paper industry approved in connection with transfer of control of these industries to

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Italian Government.

100th C.T. Coy made available to AGC for work in conjunction with Food Sub-Commission for forward hauls for AMG NINETEEN Army and wheat hauls in MACERATA.

American Truck Bn and Quartermaster Truck Coys being formed for forward areas.

Meeting held in ROMA with Ministry of Interior on rehabilitation in devastated areas.

NAVAL Housing Commission and Genio Civile commencing repair of war damaged houses.

Wine ship sailed from TARENTO with cargo of 1,300 tons.

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19 October 44

WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER FIVE

Political : Reported unrest among black coat and other workers in TARANTO due to failure of Italian Government to implement its promises of increased pay. Details of a subsidy to meet increased cost of living were announced on 13 October after conference between GROSSI and representatives of employers. Basic figures are 35 lire per day for heads of family resident in big cities and 30 lire per day for those in smaller towns. Smaller sums will be granted to those with incomes greater than 36000 lire per month. ARZUFFI, one time Director of the Bank of Italy, received sentence of thirty years for handing over gold reserve of the Bank of Italy to the enemy. In GROSETO the leader of the Communist Party was discovered to be a fascist journalist. He was prefect for some years in MURROLI's staff and responsible for drafting anti-racial laws.

Food & Supplies: Generally no change.

Crime: Occasional incidents at BRINDISI involving Allied troops. Seven arrests in REGGIO for counterfeiting; printing presses seized. In ARRUZZI death sentence on Riccardo DE BERGAMINI for espionage has been confirmed.

Health : Generally satisfactory. Cases of smallpox continue to be reported from Naples City and Naples Province. Typhoid at Benevento still declining.

Personnel : Nothing special to report.

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Refugees : Nothing unusual to report. UNRRA has agreed in principle to taking over Southern Refugee camps, with the exception of BARI.

Price
Tendancies : SICILY, EMER and CATANZARO report prices rising. In NAPLES there is a general increase.

Wheat
Collection : Total to date 8,676,425 quintals -- 67% of target figure.

ANG Fifth
ARMY : From PISA, LUGGA and PISTOIA it was reported that there is a serious shortage of food, which is being dealt with by the transfer of grain. The last information we have is contained in Sitrep dated 9 Oct (copy to you.)

ANG Eighth
ARMY : Little fresh to report from the operational zone. SAN ARCADELO captured. Progress made in AREZZO and PISTOIA Provinces, but situation in FORLI Province has been complicated by the large number of troops requiring accommodation. This has necessitated some evacuation and a good deal of movement of civilians in coast towns to the country districts outside. The badly devastated area of GORIANO, and in the neighbourhood round about, gradually being re-populated under the personal supervision of the Prefect of FORLI. About 1,000 people are now in the town. Communes in the hills in Western PISTOIA Province through which troops have not passed and which are inaccessible in the normal way by road, are being gradually visited by GACs on foot or on mule, over mountain tracks known to peasants who are acting as guides where necessary. Most of the roads to these communes are either mined or have been cratered. In San Marino the situation continues satisfactory, and the new Capitano Regent are being very helpful in all respects. One battalion has been temporarily billeted in the town of SAN MARINO, on their invitation, but early evacuation of Republic by troops is planned.

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General Remarks : The Germans are removing many art treasures as they move northwards. Mr. LOGAN, representative of the International Boy Scout Organisation has come to Italy to effect a federation between the non-consecutional boy scouts and the catholic boy scouts for the purpose of contact with other nations., while leaving each with autonomy in Italy. Serious explosion and fire at Italian ammunition depot near GARA 11 October caused casualties and some deaths. Heavy agent PISCHENKA dropped in SARDINIA on 27 August has died of wounds sustained during capture. Postal service opened in ASUNI and MASSARA provinces. Provinces of RIETI, TERNI, ANCONA, PESCARA, VITERBO, CHIETI, handed over to Italian Government on 15 October 44.

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VEGETABLE SITUATION SUMMARY.

Political : The council of ministers met twice during the week. On the sixth the most important measures were the presentation by Siglienti and approval by the Council of new taxes, aimed at raising the state revenue and progressive if not radical in nature, and a draft decree for turning over uncultivated land on large estates to peasants cooperatives. The latter measure is surrounded with many reservations and the land is not to be given outright but only for limited time. The meeting of the eleventh took note of the hand over of six more provinces (L'Aquila, Teramo, Viterbo, Chieti, Pescara and Rieti) to the government which is to take place officially on the 16th. Provision was also made for setting up a Sottosegretariato per l'Alimentazione (under the Ministry of Agriculture) and the question of the workers' living indemnity was posed again to allow for discussion among interested organizations. The press has been much concerned with the delay in issuing the decree on the subsidies for workers and has also followed the Anselmi trial (beginning the 9th) with interest. Southern Region report increased Communist activity.

Food & Supplies :

Generally no change. Situation Frosinone Littoria bad. Arrivals Abruzzi Marche improved. 5th Army area : food just sufficient for day to day consumption but no building up of stocks. Some disturbance Salerno

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due to grain shortage. Otherwise mainly satisfactory Southern Region.
 Much Black Market by rail from Foggia.

Crim:

Regina Coeli prison. New director being appointed, entire staff to be
 changed and central prison directory disbanded. 1 civilian shot dead
 by unknown Allied ^{soldier}/Foggia Province. In Naples Italian policeman killed
 British sailor who assaulted him.

Health:

Generally satisfactory. Italian Port Sanitary officers taking precaution-
 ary measures against bubonic plague reported Algiers. Smallpox increase
 Naples City and Atella; decrease Sorrento and other Naples communes.
 Typhoid still declining Benevento. Epidemic Anterior Poliovirus
 reported Sicily Region.

Personnel:

Notification received of Acting Chief Commissioner's protection to Commanders
 W.C.F. 30 September.

All provincial teams Emilia Region gone forward under command 5th and 8th
 Armies. Sir Frank Brock, Inspector of Constabulary and Advisor to Civil
 Affairs Directorate, touring Regions to visit British Police Officers.

Refugees:

Only 100 passed through Salerno province. Need for blankets still some
 for refugees reported. Italian Army still bring refugees from South.

Price Tendencies: Continue upward Sicily Region. Otherwise no change reported. 3842

Wheat Collection: Total to date 8,553,511 quintals. 55 % of target figure.

AMG 5th Army:

In central area communes very heavily damaged and their chief centres
 completely destroyed. Less destruction on west but much displacement of
 population. Conditions in Florence improved except for food. Repairs
 to Pisa Cathedral carried out by Army engineers. 3742

AMG 8th Army/.....

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Army

Nothing new received since Rimini report. Latest San Marino reports forwarded separately.

General
Memorandum

: 2 day dock strike Sardinia ended.

Italian Red Cross work postponed until 22 October.

census and approx. 200 demographic, industrial and agricultural census takers now in the field, including Sardinia and Sicily. First reports expected in about a fortnight. 4 unknown men raided communist club Taranto and 13 known fascists arrested. Italian relief organizations Southern Region being organized for better distribution of supplies.

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WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER SEVEN.

Political: Discussion of Roosevelt-Churchill message continued in press; towards the end of the week the possible participation of Italians in war against Japan came to the foreground. Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Visconti Venosta, said at Press Conference that Italy was anxious to collaborate fully but there was as yet no state of war existent between Italy and Japan. In general, Leftist press view the possibility with some diffidence, the conservative parties see in it an opportunity for political reinstatement. All groups feel that Italy should be given Allied status as minimum prerequisite to any such enterprise.

On home front most important matter was report of Solari, Minister of Treasury at Council Meeting September 29. He gave a detailed report of Italian financial position, which is not good. Made a guess at amount of AMG lire in circulation and stated the public debt could be roughly estimated at 653 billion lire.

Earlier in the week the government observed the anniversary of the Munich Pact by declaring it null and void.

Food and Supplies

No important change. Reduction of rations in Sardinia to 30% scale has caused some dissatisfaction as was expected. Situation not serious. Soap factory at BARI now producing 300 tons per month for British Forces.

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SHEET 2Crim:

Position generally satisfactory. 8 persons arrested REGGIO for forgery of AMI currency. 30,000 lire seized 40,000, believed still in circulation. Gang of 16 dealing in eggs, wheat, flour, olive oil, cigarettes and salt prosecuted at TERAMO and 21,000 eggs confiscated.

Health:

Generally satisfactory. Typhoid continues to decrease in BENEVENTO city but persists in neighbouring provinces. Smallpox now reported on the increase in BENEVENTO and PERTILIA (NAPLES Province). About 100 cases infantile paralysis in Sicily.

PERSONNEL:

Lt.Col. KESNER, IMIA, and Major KRAUER, Communications this HQ, reported missing following crashing of plane off SARDINIA on 19 Sept. Brig. G.S. Parkinson Director of Public Health Sub-Commission appointed AGC liaison officer between Allied Red Cross organisations and the Italian Red Cross; also appointed liaison officer between AGC, AMIQ and the National Agency for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy.

Col. Adams and Mr. Villa, Economic Section, and Director General Italian State Railways, have left for LONDON to represent AGC at European International Transport Organisation Conference.

Refugees:

Unauthorized movement in South continues.

Price Tendencies:

General upward tendency.

Wheat Collection:

Total to date 8,070,941 quintals. 62% of target figure.

AMG FIFTH Army:

Copy of sitrep for period 25 - 30 Sept has been sent to you.

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AMT NINTH Army: RIMINI is reported very seriously damaged. On entry there were no civilians but there is now a daily inflow of 4/500 - normal population 64,000. Unlikely that more than 20,000 can be allowed in the town owing occupation of habitable buildings by large numbers of troops. There is no electricity but some water on the outskirts of the town. Water and sewage system not yet inspected but it is anticipated badly damaged. All civilians being provided with regular rations. Bakeries were established on 28 Sept and communal feeding centres set up.

Greek troops are cause of unpleasant incidents with civilians.

General Remarks: Reorganisation HQ AGO on agreed lines put into effect 2 Oct.

Basic wage scale of civilian employees of Allied Forces increased by 12 - 40% on 1 Oct.

MMIA has agreed to issue clothing and equipment sufficient for 43,000 Carabinieri. Italian Red Cross organising a Red Cross week commencing 15 Oct. to collect clothing, blankets etc for refugees.

One enemy agent dropped in SARDINIA 27 Sept apprehended on 29 Sept.

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28 Sept 44

WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER SIX

Political: There were a number of reports of Communist activities in particular from SICILIA where a number of Communist groups are being formed in the communes. Population at RARI was somewhat upset by the RARI trial otherwise situation was normal.

No important change. RARI reports that the grain harvest is in full swing. In Region V there is a shortage of sacks for grain. In SICILIA the last remaining warehouse will be turned over to the Italian authorities in mid October.

C r i m e: Position satisfactory. A certain amount of unrest developed on the night of the 23rd in the Regina Coeli prison in ROME. Situation is now under control. A Carabinieri was shot dead by a British soldier at SALERNO. Assault was arrested. GROSSETO reports occasional outbreaks of violence and looting. In SICILY armed bands are showing a tendency to increase.

Health: Generally satisfactory. Increasing T.B. in GROSSETO. Typhoid epidemic, 3537 924.2
is decreasing in BENEVENTO.

Refugees: Nothing of importance to report. 2000 persons are stranded at FUCILIA Station but arrangements are being made for them.

Price Tenderings: No change.

Wheat Collection: 7,490,000 quintals to date. This is 57.4 % of target. 3737

ANG 5th & 8 Armies: Full sitreps for this period have been sent to you (2005 of the

28th September and 3967 of the 27th September).

Food & Supplies:

No important change. ENI reports that the grain harvest is in full swing. In Region V there is a shortage of sacks for grain. In SICILY the last remaining warehouse will be turned over to the Italian authorities in mid October.

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Health:

Generally satisfactory. Increasing T.B. in GROSSETO. Typhoid endemic. 3537 924.2

Refugees:

Nothing of importance to report. 2000 persons are stranded at PUGLIA Station but arrangements are being made for them.

Price Tendencies: No change.

Wheat Collection: 7,490,000 quintals to date. This is 57.4 % of target. 3737
AMR 5th & 8 Armies: Full sitreps for this period have been sent to you (4005 of the 28th September and 3967 of the 27th September).

General Remarks: Threatened strikes amongst Aprilian aqueduct company workers in

RAVI zone was settled by Prefect. There was also a dispute involving the Postal Telegraph employees over wages. Vatican State registered motor vehicles will have a special certificate of registration printed in the Papal colours.

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REMARKS: SUBJECT REPORTED THAT DURING FOURTEEN SEPTEMBER TO RAISE TO AID FOR CHINESE
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 VEGETABLES FRUIT AND OTHER UNRATIONS FOOD SUPPLY IS PROHIBITED PERMITTED TO BE FOR
 FOURTEEN THIRTEEN DAYS

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URGENT MESSAGE NUMBER FIVE

Political : At the opening of the trial of CARUSO, former Rome Chief of Police, the chief prosecution witness, CARUSO, former Director of Regime Coeli Prison, was lynched by mob. Trial is proceeding and result expected today. At a Communist meeting at Lioausi (Galtanise) hand grenades were thrown. Detailed report omitted. In Brindisi there was a demonstration by Communists against a Sindaco. Apart from this situation is normal.

Food & Supplies

No important change. ~~The future situation of food supplies in Sicily is reported to be bad.~~ Region V report discontent over non arrival of salt, and present lack of olive oil. At Matera over-issue by CIP of POLI stocks has been authorised to avoid complete breakdown of threshing and movement of grain to railheads.

Crime

Position generally satisfactory. An armed gang is reported operating in Bari Province. Action to round up military deserters in Calabria is proceeding. In Region V RICCARDO DI NERUNDES has been tried by general court for espionage and sentenced to death.

Health

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Health There is an new outbreak of smallpox in Naples Province. Investigation of water supply in Benevento City following ~~epidemic~~ typhoid epidemic shows water polluted. Public instructed on preventative measures.

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Refugees: Unauthorized movement in Southern Region continues but organized repatriation which commenced this week is proceeding satisfactorily.

1859 refugees were returned to SUMMIT and BERNARD CALLEJA.

Prices

Foodstuffs: Prices are rising appreciably in Naples and Salerno zones.

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Collection: 7,143,000 quintals to date. This is 54.7% of target.

ANG 5th Army: The following places have been entered:

PINELLA. Damage is considerable. Population was 7000 out of normal 75,000. Water supplies broken but pumps are intact. The local residents property hostilities between Pistoia districts and those in the nearby Comune of ROVERETO.

Montecorvino Terme. This resort with its splendid hotels is intact except for water and electricity.

Further news from LUCCA is scanty. Long range shelling of LUCCA took place on 14 Sept. It is said that the absence of water and the onset of mines will paralyze the city for some time. In

FIORINCA Province the civilian transport organization has approximately

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Price

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Wheat

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PISUNIA. Damage is considerable. Population was 7000 out of normal 75,000. Water supplies broken but pumps are intact. The local residents profess hostility between Pistoia patriots and those in the nearby Coasts of Montemurro.

Montecorvino Terme. This resort with its splendid hotels is intact except for water and electricity.

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Further news from Lucce is scanty. Long range shelling of PISA took place on 14 Sept. It is said that the absence of water and presence of mines will paralyze the city for some time. In FLORENCE Province the civilian transport organization has approximately 300 vehicles on the road. Many of these will soon be laid up ^{as they are now} 3734 tyres can be obtained.

The Gualph Tower, Florence, was demolished for safety reasons by the Royal Engineers. No information by as patriots is reported.

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SUPPLY TRENDS

ANG 8th Army : Nothing new to report. Few new communes occupied.

General
Remarks.

: Sit down strike by electricity and gas workers in MARLES for higher wages. Strikers returned to work when ordered. Military harvesters, HOGUEA, now all dispersed and camp closed. 27,000 garments being distributed by Red Cross in Region V this week.

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SIXTH THREE

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General

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CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER FOUR

Political: Anglo-American Trade Union delegates enthusiastically received at BARI and TARANTO. Italian High Commissioner for Epurazione addressed 15,000 at GROSETO on 3rd September making a plea for hard work and unity. He praised the work the Allies are doing.

Food and Supplies:

Food is a very serious problem. A committee comprising HQ and Region IV staff meets daily to consider the ROME situation which shows little improvement. A daily target of 14,000 tons of meat, potatoes, vegetables, fruit and other unrationed food-stuffs has been set which if achieved would ameliorate the position but daily average of official deliveries is only 666 tons. New populous areas occupied by 5 Army are giving cause for anxiety whilst Region V has serious misgiving over distribution in the winter due to transport shortage.

Food for northern Regions still under consideration as you know.

C r i m e:

Southern Region reports less black market activity. Robberies and hold-ups by troops continue. Number of arrests have been made

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Health: Small pox in NAPLES continues to decrease but there is some typhoid both here and at SALERNO. The typhoid epidemic in BENEVENTO city shows some improvement. In Region V typhoid is on the increase but some cases have been traced to infected milk others to uncooked vegetables.

Refugees: North^{ca}ly movement of refugees in Southern Region is again reported.

Wheat collection: 6,057,654 quintals to date. AVELLINO Province has reached the target figure. BENEVENTO, SALERNO and TARANTO within easy reach, NAPLES has collected 75%.

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5 Army: The following places have been entered:

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LUCCA. Very little damage. Has a population of 40,000..

Food is a serious problem.

PRATO. Not greatly damaged though the water supply is badly smashed. Population 23,000 plus 10,000 refugees out of 75,000 normal. 400 cases of typhoid since July 15th. No bread since 22nd August.

EMPOLI. Extensively damaged including water supply. Normal population 26,000 but only a small number present.

P I S A. Shelling continued until 10th September. Rubble is full of booby traps and many land mines. Aqueduct intact but pump at the main source of supply for both PISA and LIVORNO has

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been destroyed. This series of populous towns is proving a severe strain on food distribution which is causing great anxiety.

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8 Army:

Latest situation report despatched to you yesterday.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

Aug 31 1944

URGENT SIPREP NUMBER TWO TO BUREAU TO AFHQ FOR OFFICE FIVE FROM AGO HQ BUREAU

Food & Fuel:

There is no change in the situation which is generally satisfactory except for ROME. Everything possible is being done to increase ROME's supplies and it is hoped that the situation will shortly be materially improved; pasta ration to be considered pending arrival of potatoes.

Criminal:

No important change. Approximately 10,000 persons now denounced for violations of grain laws in Sicily and 22,000 quintals grain have been confiscated. 11 road blocks are being operated in the Province of AQUILA to check black market in potatoes.

Health:

No further developments in outbreak of typhoid. Shellpox continues to abate.

Refugees:

The situation reported last week is now under control. ROME is becoming very crowded.

Personnel:

The following Regional Commissioners and Acting Regional Commissioners appointed: Region I - Lt. Col. FRASER; Region II - Col. A.M. HANCOCK; Region III - Brig. J.E. DUNLAP; Col. C.E. TEMPERLEY - Southern Region.

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SHEET 2.General
Comments:

Southern Region comprising Regions II, III, and VII come into operation on 28th August. 100 bridges have now been built in CAMPOBASSO Province under the supervision of AMG. Civilian postal service operates AQUILA, ASCOLI, CHIETI, PESCARA and PERAMA.

Gas service of 1½ hours daily has commenced in ROSS bringing favourable press comment. Little to report from Amies.

Latest FLORENCE sitrep sent to you on 26 August. No change reported by Fifth Army AMG. The situation at LIVORNO is still unsatisfactory from AMG point of view owing to military restrictions preventing the reoccupation of a large part of the city.

Grain collection 4,537,494 quintals total to date. FOGGIA Province has collected 1,200,000 quintals of this total which is the full quota for export and estimates another 200,000 quintals.

Economic Section Press Conference held 29 Aug which received local publicity.

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WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER THREE:

Political : Anti-masarcheal feelings reported strong in Region VIII (Grosseto Province)
In Naples Unione Femminile Italiana has been formed with the purpose of
furthering the welfare and political rights of women. This is the first
organization of its kind in Italy.

Food and Supplies : In Sicily the sugar supply has now been distributed. Food and supplies
I generally in Rome are still causing anxiety. Coal is urgently required
for paper mills and caustic soda for soap factory in BOLOGNA. A shortage
of naptha exists in GROSSETO Province and limits the threshing of wheat.

Crime : No important change. In SICILY police activity in connection with grain
collection continues and there is some increase of serious crime.

Health : Smallpox epidemic in NAPLES area decreasing. Typhoid is now reported
epidemic in BENEVENTO City and there is also a sharp seasonal increase in
SICILY together with typhus. In ROME the health standard is low due to
malnutrition.

Refugees : No important change.

Grain Collection : 5,555,283 quintals to date.

Personnel : Region X is redesignated LIGURIA Region to administer Department of same
name. Effective 4 Sep PLEMONTE Region is activated and Col. *3727* P.
MARSHALL assigned Regional Commissioner. Lt. Col. C.M.A. FRENCH is
appointed Regional Commissioner Region V effective 4 Sep vice Col. MARSHALL

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Preliminary report FIS A. AMG took control 2 September. Population 15,000 all north of river. Water critical, food and medical supplies assured. Hospital capacity 700, patients 1,400. No untoward incidents. Patriots few and disarming completed. Cathedral no great damage. Tower intact. Archives and University library in good order. Considerable damage to half of listed Churches. King's Palace received direct hit.

AMG Eighth
Army

AMG representative in MESSINA 3 September. Considerable damage but not as great as feared. Germans evacuated civilians from the town August 6 after which considerable looting took place. Only about 200 people in city normal population 30/40,000. Do not anticipate serious refugees problem. No light, water disrupted but believed easily repairable, investigation proceeding. Sufficient food. Water and electric mill available the latter inoperative but can be adapted to tractors. 250 bed hospital intact and believed well stocked with drugs, about 50 patients. Industrial plants including pottery works and cycle factory understood to have been destroyed by Germans before leaving. Unable to give definite information owing to absence of population.

General
Comments;

Provincial local government in MESSINA Province complete and functioning on 3rd September. Some wage unrest among unskilled labour in this Province. Railway from PALERMO to Messina, MESSINA to CATANIA and CATANIA to PALERMO opened 28th August. Augmented passenger service for civilian and military travel commenced 1st September. Serious beach fire occurred in district, SARDINIA - now control. Italian troops assisted to extinguish fire and two officers lost their lives.

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Civil Affairs Branch

24 Aug 44

New series weekly sitrep requested your letter 1 Aug begins :-

Political : Continued resistance to grain collection in SICILY has a background of political agitation and unrest but Separatism is subdued. Socialist-Communist influence in FOGGIA is noticeable.

Food & Supplies.

Distribution is the main problem and is likely to be with us continually due to shortages of transport. Chief difficulty at present is to be found in Southern Italy (Region II). ROME also not up to its ration scale because supplies have not reached the city in sufficient quantity. SICILY has been short of sugar for some time but arrangements have now been made for a three months supply.

Crime.

Shows no unusual trend except in SICILY where violations of grain laws continues. Nearly 9000 persons have now been denounced and 15000 quintals of grain confiscated. The whole effort of the Carabinieri is focussed on grain collection. Evasion of grain laws is by no means non-existent elsewhere but it is only in SICILY that it approximates to organised resistance. The trouble has been recognised for some time and all possible measures to cope with the situation have been taken.

Health.

The outbreaks of smallpox are abating but typhoid has appeared in City and elsewhere. Water and milk supplies not incriminated and the outbreak is believed to be due to insanitary conditions and flies.

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Reported to be under control as result of countermeasures but situation being watched. No exceptional increase of malaria is reported. PONTINE MARSHES area being sprayed weekly from the air.

Refugees. There has been considerable trouble recently due to a spontaneous movement of refugees in parts of Italian Government Territory. These are people who have attempted to return to their homes without authorization and communications are in no state to deal with them yet. A firm directive has been issued to the Regions concerned to ensure through the medium of Italian officials that this does not recur.

Personnel. Brig. M. CARR has relieved Col. A.N. HANCOCK Region I. Col. J.T. ZELANS Region II returned USA and in view of impending reorganisation of AGC control of Southern Italy no new appointment made. Col. J.A.C. Pennycuik relieved Brig. M. CARR Region VI.

General Comments. MACERATA Province passed to control Region V on 19 Aug. In Region V an average of 18 people are being killed or injured daily as a result of mine explosions. Two Italian Mine Clearing Coys are operating in the Region. Very successful conference with Regional Commissioners and Staffs held 22 and 23 Aug. Full report in preparation. Activities of Army AMGs not included in this sitrep as you have been kept fully informed and little is happening at the moment.

Purpose of this sitrep explained at Regional Commissioners Conference and it is hoped to make it increasingly comprehensive and interesting as a result.

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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF AUGUST TO FIFTEEN AUGUST. TO PART TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE
 FROM ACC HQ PART POLITICAL TO CENTRAL SATISFACTORY TO NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER
 BIRTH ASSIGNED OFFICE ON SIX AUGUST TO FOOD TO SATISFACTORY BUT SOME SOUTHERN PRO-
 VINCES ARIQUE OULG TO SHORTAGE OF TRANSPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SUPPLY TO NO
 IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ORDER TO IN REGION ONE POLICE SHALL CONCENTRATING ON VIOLATORS
 PART GRAHAI BEN PORTO PART TO FOURTH THIRTEEN PERSONS DEPOSED AND ONE EIGHT
 FIVE ZERO ZERO CIVILIAN GRAHAI DEPOSED TO IN REGION TWO TARANTO HAD OWING TO
 TEMPORARILY DIFFERENCES OF FRENCH AND ITALIAN TO PART NUMBER OF ASSAULTS ON
 ARMED TROOPS USUALLY INVOLVING OR CAUSED BY ITALIAN FORCES TO ORDER REGION NORMAL
 TO HEALTH TO GENERALLY SATISFACTORY EXCEPT REGION FOUR CAUSING SOME ANXIETY TO REGION
 THREE SITUATION IMPROVED TO PERSONNEL TO NOTHING TO REPORT TO REGION FIVE
 ARRIVALS FROM FORWARD AREAS PERIOD THIRTY JULY TO TWELVE AUGUST ONE SIX FOUR SEVEN
 DISPERALS ONE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN TO PRICES TO NO IMPORTANT CHANGE TO LOWER THROUGH
 REGION SEVEN DUE FIRST ISSUE NEW RATION SCALE TO GENERAL COMMENTS TO VIOLATORS IN
 HONORARY PROVIDORS SUFFERED GREATLY BUT GRADUALLY COMING INTO SERVICE TO COLONEL
 PRODUCTION TAKEN OVER BY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REGION SIX FROM THIRTEEN

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PORTNIGHTLY SITREP ONE SIX JULY TO THREE ONE JULY PD PAREN TO AFHQ
ADV FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM ACC HQ PAREN POLITICAL PD SEPARITISTS IN
 SICILY LESS ACTIVE PD COMMUNIST GROUP ACTIVE BRINDISI PD NO IMPORTANT
 CHANGE ELSEWHERE PD FOOD PD SATISFACTORY PD SUPPLIES PD DIFFICULTIES
 WITH RAIL TRANSPORTATION REGIONS TWO AND SEVEN HAVE CAUSED ANXIETY
 SATISFACTORY ELSEWHERE PD CRIME PD GENERALLY SITUATION SATISFACTORY
 PD BLACK MARKET OFFENCES REGION THREE DECREASED OWING TO ABUNDANT
 SUPPLY POTATOES ORMA FRUIT AND INCREASE IN RATIONS PD REGION ONE
 CAMPAIGNING AGAINST VIOLATION GRAIN DECREES PD TWO THOUSAND PERSONS
 CHARGED AND FIVE THOUSAND QUINTALS GRAIN CONFISCATED PD HEALTH PD
 NO CHANGE PD FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE SPREADING SLIGHTLY BARI PD TER-
 MINATED AT TARAX O ORMA OUTBREAK AT MATERA PD REFUGEES PD ARRIVALS
 FROM FORWARD AREAS PERIOD NINE JULY TWO TWO JULY THREE ZERO SIX NINE
 DISPERSALS THREE NINE NINE SIX PD PRICES PD NO IMPORTANT CHANGE PD
 BLACK MARKET BREAD AND FLOUR REGION THREE LOWEST SINCE NOVEMBER PD
 GENERAL REMARKS PD WHOLE ^{EFFORT} ~~REPORT~~ GRAIN AREAS CONCENTRATED ON HARVEST
 WITH SATISFACTORY RESULTS EVERYWHERE EXCEPT SICILIAN OPPOSITION GRANAI
 DEL POPOLO PD HARVESTING COMPLETED LOWLANDS CAMPOBASSO PROVINCE

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15 July 1944

FORTNIGHTLY SINCE ONE JULY TO FIFTEEN JULY PD FAREM TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE
 FIVE FROM ACC ADV FAREM NO POLITICAL CMA REFER ACC WEEKLY BULLETIN NUMBER
 FOURTEEN PD FOOD CMA IMMEDIATE SITUATION satisfactory PD IN REGION ONE
 CONFERENCE HELD MILITARY AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES WITH VIEW TO COMPELLING
 QUOTA GRAIN DELIVERY BY FARMERS PD REGION THREE GLUT POTATOES AND APRI-
 COTS OTHER SOFT PRODUCE IN GOOD SUPPLY PD SUPPLY CMA SATISFACTORY PD ORI-
 ME CMA NO IMPORTANT CHANGE PD POLICE ACTIVITY REGION ONE INTENSIFIED
 PD OVER SEVEN HUNDRED CHARGED DEFAULTING GRAIN COLLECTION PD HEALTH ONE
 SATISFACTORY PD SMALLPOX NAPLES UNDER CONTROL PD REFUGEES PD ARRIVALS
 FROM FORWARD AREAS PERIOD SEVENTEEN JUNE TO EIGHT JULY TWO FIVE FIVE
 TWO DISPERSALS FOUR EIGHT SIX FIVE PD PRICE TENDENCIES NO CHANGE PD IN
 NAPLES BLACK MARKET PASTA FALL NEARLY SIXTY PERCENT IN ONE WEEK

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FORTNIGHTLY SITREP ONE JUNE TO ONE FIVE JUNE POLITICAL CMA BBR ACC
 WEEKLY BULLETINS NUMBER NINE AND TEN CMA SITUATION FULLY REPORTED
 RE TAKEN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM ACC MAIN PAREN PD FOOD CMA
 SATISFACTORY CMA HARVESTING IN PROGRESS PD SUPPLY GENERALLY GOOD PD
 CRIME GENERALLY NO CHANGE CMA SPY CASES DECE TRIAL CONCLUDED NINE
 FOUND GUILTY IMPRISONMENT SENTENCES SIX TO TWENTY YEARS PD HEALTH GOOD
 FIVE CASES FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE REGION TWO CONTROL MEASURES TAKEN PD
 SMALL FOX REGION THERE NOT YET ERADICATED PD CASES AVERAGE FOUR PER DAY
 CMA OVER ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND VACCINATIONS PD PERSONNEL CMA
 REDISTRIBUTION ALMOST COMPLETED PD REFUGEE CMA ARRIVALS FROM FORWARD
 AREAS PERIOD TWENTY EIGHT MAY ONE JUNE ONE THREE ONE ONE ONE PD DISPER-
 SALS REGION TWO FIVE HUNDRED PD REGION THREE NINE THREE SEVEN PD REGION
 SEVEN FIVE FOUR ZERO FOUR TO ITALIAN ARMY TWO ZERO TWO ZERO PD LOCAL
 HOMES ONE SIX SIX EIGHTH TOTAL ONE ZERO FIVE TWO NINE PD PRICE TENDEN-
 CIES NO CHANGE PD HARVESTING ARRANGEMENTS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN
 LABOUR SUPPLIES GOOD ITALIAN SOLDIERS PROGRAMME UP TO SCHEDULE PD CIVI-
 LIAN MORALE IMPROVING DUE OCCUPATION DONE CMA FRANCE INVASION AND HAN-
 VEST PROSPECTS

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 Capt, AGO
 Deputy Assistant.

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FREEDOM.

FORTNIGHTLY SINCE FIFTEEN MAY TO THIRTY ONE MAY PD PARAN TO APHA FOR
S FIVE FROM ACC MAIN PD POLITICAL CMA SEE ACC WEEKLY BULLETIN 9
 NUMBER SEVEN AND EIGHT CMA SITUATION FULLY REPORTED PD FOOD CMA SATI-
 SFACORY CMA SITUATION EASIER DUE SUPPLIES FRESH SUMMER PRODUCE PD
 SUPPLY REMAINS SATISFACTORY PD AT REGGIO OF NINE ZERO ONE TONS FIFTY
 FOUR TONS DAMAGED SEA WATER PD BEING DRIED ESTIMATED SIXTY PERCENT
 WILL BE USABLE MANUFACTURES OF STARCH PD LOCUSTS CAUSING ANXIETY FORTNA
 PD DAMAGE TO DATE NOT GREAT PD CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE PLANE THRO-
 UGH USED ALONG ROADS PD WEATHER CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR FORTH COMING
 HARVEST PD HARVESTING COMMENCED REGION TWO PD CRIME CMA NO IMPORTANT
 INCIDENTS PD SUCCESSFUL BLACK MARKET RAID ON NOTED IMPORTERS AT COSENZA
 PD HEALTH CMA SMALL POX OUTBREAKS TOTAL ONE FOUR THREE CASES REGION
 THREE CONTROLLED ONE AREA NAPLES PD RATE GRADUALLY FALLING PD VACCINATION
 BEING CARRIED OUT PD OTHER REGIONS SATISFACTORY PD SMALL POX QUARANTINE
 TARIFFS IMPED PD TWO CASES TERNUS AGRICULTURE PROVINCE UNDER CONTROL PD
 REFUGEES CMA AN ARGUMENTS MADE IN COSENZA FOR S. DETENTION OF TWENTY THOU-
 SAND PD REGION THREE RECEIVED FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY ONE
 CMA SHIPPED OUT FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY SIX CMA REMAINING IN
 CMA PD FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN PD REGION ONE RECEIVED
 TWO THOUSAND PD PLANE MADE DISPOSITION REFUGEES FROM FORWARD AREAS AS
 OCCUPIED PD PRICE TENDENCIES CMA UPWARD MOVEMENT HALTED IN REG

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PD SLIGHT RISE OF PRICE OF GRAIN AND WINE CORMA PD GENERAL CONDITION
SATISFACTORY PD GENERAL COMMENTS PD MOVEMENT OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS FROM
SARDINIA ON AGRICULTURAL LEAVE FOR HARVEST WORK IN PUGLIA HAS COMMENCED
PD HOUR STRIKE FIFTY DOCK LABORERS CROTONE PD RAILWAY ACCIDENT PASSENGER
TRAIN COLLIDING IN LECCE PROVINCE TWENTY FOUR MAY CMA NINE KILLED
SEVENTEEN INJURED PD NO INJURY TO ALLIED PERSONNEL OR MILITARY TRAFFIC
PD LINE CLEARED ZERO ZERO THIRTY HOURS TWENTY FIVE MAY

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WORTNIGHTLY SITREP ONE MAY TO FOURTEEN MAY PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MGS
 FROM ACC MAIN PAREN PD POLITICAL CMA SEE ACC WEEKLY BULLETIN NUMBERS
 FIVE AND SIX SITUATION FULLY REPORTED PD FOOD CMA NO CHANGE PD SUPPLY
 CMA REMAINS SATISFACTORY PD CRIME CMA NO IMPORTANT INCIDENTS MINOR CA-
 SES SUSPECTED SABOTAGE APULIA PROVINCES PD HEALTH CMA SMALL POX OUT-
 BREAKS TOTAL NINE SIX CASES REGION THREE CONFIRMED ONE AREA NAPLES VAC-
 CINATION BEING CARRIED OUT OTHER VIGOROUS MEASURES SITUATION UNDER CON-
 TROL PD OTHER REGIONS SATISFACTORILY PD PERSONNEL CMA HEATHCOTE SMITH
 IGRO IRRERMAN WAR REFUGEE COMMITTEE ARRIVED PD REFUGEE CMA PASSED
 THROUGH CAMPS FOUR EIGHT SIX SENT TO RECEPTION AREAS SEVEN EIGHT SIX
 PD PRICE TENDENCIES CMA NO CHANGE PD PRICES NINETEEN FORTY FOUR WHEAT
 GROP FIXED AT NINE HUNDRED FOR SOFT AND ONE THOUSAND FOR HARD LIRE PER
 QUINTAL PD GENERAL COMMENTS CMA PROSPECTS HARVEST REGION TWO APPEAR
 EXCELLENT PD REASONS CARBONIA STRIKES REPORTED LAST SIXTEEN APPEAR POLI-
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ARRIVAL MALARIOLOGIST OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY. PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE.
REFUGEES: NO CHANGE. PRICE TENDENCIES: NO CHANGE . GENERAL: GENERAL
PINNA NEW CIVIL HIGH COMMISSIONER EXPECTED 10 FEBRUARY.

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ACC SITREP FOR PERIOD 22 TO 31 JANUARY. COMMUNICATIONS NO CHANGE. 024
 MILITARY: ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTH FALLEN BY 10,000 SINCE 10 JANUARY DUE
 TO DEMOBILIZATION, COMMUNICATIONS OF ITALIAN SUPREME COMMAND STILL POOR,
 RATION CEILING FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES NO 500000, DIFFICULTY OBTAINING
 ARMY RATIONS FOR SICILIAN CARABINIERI. MMIA; HEEL PORT ITALIAN MILITARY
 LABOUR INCREASING IN NUMBERS. AIR; BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES SECURED IN
 NAPLES AREA TO ENABLE ITALIAN AIRFORCE TO FORM MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND
 PRODUCTION UNITS. WAR DISPOSAL; INSPECTION AND SURVEY OF ITALIAN
 DEPOTS IN APULIA AND CALABRIA COMPLETED, PLANS MADE TO INSTALL SUPERVI-
 SION AND CONTROL OF SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR ITALIAN ARMY MATERIALS IN SICILY.
 POLITICAL; SEE FARGOS NUMBER 589 AND 602; NO PUBLIC DISTURBANCES
 RESULTED FROM BARI MEETING.

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