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HEADQUARTERS
GROSSETO PROVINCE - TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Local Law Sec

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Ref : GO/22/23

4 November 1944

SUBJECT : Sitrep Report.

TO : Regional Commissioner - Toscana Region,

Grosseto Sitrep William.

One - General opposition to Communists on part of other parties led to dismissal of Communist President of C.L.N. by general vote. Provincial C.L.N. is in state of confusion. Exclusion from National C.L.N. Rome of Republican party, the second strongest here after the Communists, leaves Parties without leadership. Anticipate result of this will be a Prov. C.L.N. more nearly representative of public opinion. Republican Party state they will conform with Rome and leave C.L.N. This is against desire of other parties.

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Tragedy due to large clay piers of route I bridge South of Grosseto blocking passage of flood caused by 10 hours rain.

Bridge itself severely damaged. Railway bridge totally destroyed and 300 yards of railway embankment demolished. Other incidental damage very considerable. P.C. was cut off South of Ombrone and P.P.S.O. assumed command on 2.11.44. Disaster was sudden and overwhelming. Effort to block south gate of city proved futile. P.P.S.O. authorities, with exception of Prefect who presented memorandum on Public Safety and than stayed at home. P.C. arrived on foot 11.00 hrs 3.II.44 and took charge of excellent arrangements made by P.P.S.O., official of A.R.C. and Provincial team. All military units, many in bad trouble themselves, rendered assistance to best of ability. Reconnaissance by duck left Grosseto 13.00 hrs 3.11.44 to report situation on N. banks of mouth of Ombrone, under P.P.S.O. accompanied by V. Prefect Ispettore and Partisan representatives. Reconnaissance showed flood here rose comparatively slowly, much stock saved but all lower storeys of farms inundated. Aircraft landing ground suffered by flooding and consequent disorganisation. In city good order prevailed,

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small isolated incidents of looting are reported and under investigation. After first sudden flood situation was well in hand and the people have behaved splendidly, in particular the Sindaco, showing a healthy Provincial and Communal Administration proving its worth by clear orders briskly obeyed. I am very well content with work done by all hands. Work continues with a fleet of six ducks and many small boats and six bulldozers. Tragedy to the people exceeds in extent that caused by all previous air bombardments combined. Bridge (Ponte Mussolini) still stands and is in use but is dangerous and unlikely to last while continuing height of water makes repair almost impossible. Second flood at 1500 hrs 3.II.44 was diverted in part to DIVERSIVO canal and spent itself through gaps already made, doing no further damage, except to foundations of bridge.

R.A.B. HAMILTON
Lt. Col. P.C.
Grosseto Province
Toscana Region

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SUBJECT : Sitrep Report H IV. 10 Sep 44

29 SEP 1944

TO : Public Health
Public Safety
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POLITICAL	No strong trends
FOOD	Causing anxiety
SUPPLY	Causing anxiety
CRIME	No change
HEALTH	Causing anxiety
PERSONNEL	Slight improvement
POWERS	Satisfactory
PRICES	Continue upwards
GENERALLY	Causing anxiety due to approach of winter and food shortages. Grain report attached...

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/109/51/CA

29 June 1944

SUBJECT: Sitreps, AMG 8th Army.

TO : Admin. Section

There is forwarded for your information copies of
Sitrep by 8th Army of 21 June 44.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Planned Power Summary

60 JUN 1944

SITUATION REPORT UP TO MIDNIGHT 21 JUNE 1944

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1. Small towns will not be reported on as these are too numerous. The following more important cities are now in our hand namely, TODI, MONTEFALCONE, FOLIGNO all in PERUGIA Province, and AMELIA in TERNI PROVINCE, ASSISI, MARSCIANO and DEVAGNA.

(a) TODI

Normal population 20,000 and 23,500 in the city. The city is practically undamaged. Six doctors are available but very few Carabinieri. The banks are Banca Popolare, Casa di Risparmio and Monte dei Paschi di Siena with Lit. 50,000, 120,000, and 164,000 respectively. The Post Office has Lit. 35,000 and the Communal deficit is Lit. 400,000. There is a 50 bed hospital. The water supply is good but the electricity is destroyed. There are 6 electric mills and 7 water mills. There is available altogether some 7000 quintals of grain stored.

(b) MONTEFALCONE.

Normal population 8,000 with 10,000 in the town. The 2,000 refugees are mostly from FOLIGNO. There are two doctors and about 7 Carabinieri. The town is undamaged. Casa di Risparmio is the only bank. The water supply is in good order. There is a civil hospital with 20 beds. Arrangements are being made for some of the electric mills to be driven by motor power. Food was distributed up to 25th June, and there are 20 quintals available. No trouble in the town.

(c) FOLIGNO.

Normal population 38,000 but only 150 present. The city is only 10% destroyed and 10% damaged, but there has been a good deal of bombing round this district and the population has been pressed themselves in surrounding hills and villages. They are certain to return soon and there will then arise a food problem as there is now in the town. All banks have been damaged, and the Banca di Roma destroyed. The civil hospital with 250 beds is closed, and is only slightly damaged. Electricity is off but only slightly damaged, and the aqueduct is broken. There is only one electric mill left which is in good order with a capacity of 60 quintals daily. The

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(d) AMELIA

Normal population 11,500, present 12,500. The town is practically undamaged. There are available two doctors. The banks are Banca di Monte dei Paschi di Siena, Casa di risparmio and Banca Popolare Copp di Spoleto with a negligible amount of cash in each. The electricity supply and water are off but should be repaired in three and two days respectively. There are 4 electric mills.

(c) ASSISI

Normal population 25,000 but there are 32,000 people in the City. This city was declared an open hospital town by the Germans and no buildings whatsoever have been damaged. A Fine Arts officer has gone up there. The ration situation is alright until the end of

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June, but there are no reserves available in the commune: 500 head of mixed cattle have been abandoned by the Germans in the commune, and an order has been issued for them to be collected and kept under the authorities at the Municipio.

About 40 tons of various medical equipment were consigned by the German authorities to the Bishop and the representative of the Italian Red Cross for use in the Civilian hospitals, of which there is one with a capacity of 110 beds. The three German military hospitals all had their equipment removed.

(f) MARSCIANO (Perugia Province)

The population is 18,000 and they are all in the town, which is practically undamaged. It is understood that there are 6,000 quintals of grain there but the water situation is not too good, as only well water is available, the main supply being destroyed.

(g) BEVAGNA

Normal population 5,700 and 7300 present. The town is untouched. There are two water mills which are available. The town has 200 quintals of grain on hand which should last them until the end of July.

3. SUPPLIES.

A certain volume of grain is now available and will be seen from the above reports, but the movement of this grain owing to demolitions is not going to be very easy, and the position of PERUGIA is still unknown as no report has yet arrived. A signal has been received as regards the intention to put in supplies through PIOMBINO, arrangements having been made through 5 Army, but the question of internal stockpiles for the Eighth Army axes has not yet materialised, and it would be appreciated is this G.Q.s could be informed as to whether there is any chance of this being activated.

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5. REFUGEES

Figures for refugees are not yet available as from 7th June, but the problem is one which is now affecting more the back area. Arrangements have been made for Refugees Camps to move up to 13 Corps and 10 Corps axes, but there does not appear at the moment to be a serious refugee problem in that part of Italy which we have now reached.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY



28 June 1944

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2 - JUL 1944

SUBJECT : Situation Report.

TO : HQ, ACC., (RC & MGS)

Enclosed herewith is situation report for period of 25-27
June 1944.

For the Commanding General:

S/B/ WAYNE
Colonel, UDF,
Chief of Staff,
AMG 5th Army.

Copy to: Brigadier General Hume
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Sitrep for period 25 - 27 June 19441. Extension of Military Government.

The occupation of Grosseto Province has been completed and all ~~communes~~ visited by the end of the period under review. Several Communes in Livorno Province have been occupied and visited by CAO's. The leading troops are now well into Pisa Province but no reports have as yet been received on any communes in this Province. Further communes have been occupied in Siena Province.

With the exception of Roccastrada, Montieri and Massa Maritima, the physical condition on newly occupied communes is fairly good and those are the only three in which emergency measures similar to those employed in Southern Littoria and Frosinone have had to be applied.

The only important town occupied is Piombino. Preliminary reports are that there are 7000 people in the town and 14,000 in the fractions making a total of 21,000 out of the normal 30,000. The ~~export~~ and steel works are heavily damaged but many houses are habitable and people are returning home. There is grain in the town but electric power is badly needed for the large mills. In view of the importance of the port (which will be open on June 30th) civilians in the area are being frozen so as not to impede operations.

The forward areas contain several mining villages and in several places large quantities of ore are lying about awaiting transport. Many mines are destroyed or damaged but some could be put back into operation very soon after restoration of electric power. These cases are reported as discovered to the Region and HQ, AGC, as this Headquarters is not equipped to tackle such long-term problems.

2. Viterbo Province.

The Province is being turned over to Region IV w.e.f. midday 29 June. It is ⁱⁿ much better condition than the other Provinces so far turned over to Regional control. Little further progress can be made in reorganising the Italian Administration until the new Prefect arrives. He was nominated some days ago and his delay in making this short journey from his home in Rome is not understood.

Every commune in the Province has 7/10 days food supply on hand.

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3. Grosseto Province.

Grosseto itself and two other communes covering large areas have been turned over to the Provincial Commissioner.

Progress in reorganizing the Italian Administration is slow: records disappeared when the Prefect ordered the evacuation of the town in November and we await the arrival of the team of senior officials now being concentrated by the Interior Sub-Commission.

No report is yet available from the second expedition to the Isola del Giglio.

Harvesting operations are proceeding satisfactorily on the farms. In the absence of records, officials and adequate transport, considerable difficulty is foreseen in getting the crop properly collected.

4. Siena Province.

Near officers from the Provincial team are now operating in communes in the Province under the appropriate Corps SCAG. Provincial Hq. remains at Montefiascone for the time being.

5. Region VIII.

Officers from the Livorno and Pisa teams are now at work. The Lucca and Pistoia teams have arrived and are being concentrated at Grosseto. At the risk of being tedious attention is again drawn to the limited use which can be made of officers without transport.

Great anxiety is caused by the weakness of the Florence team. seventy percent of the 500,000 population of the Province who live outside the city of Firenze itself are in what will be the Fifth Army area, including one town of 75,000 people and a dozen towns of 10,000 or more. For this important area the Provincial Commissioner can only offer one CAO and one CAPO from his slender resources if he is to take care of his other obligations. This is manifestly inadequate in the early stages.

6. Supplies.

This week for the first time since the crossing of the Garigliano some orders for food supplies for newly liberated communes could not be delivered owing to the depots being empty. It is hoped that this situation will not recur if the plans that exist on paper can be fully implemented.

The six MI first asked for six weeks ago have not yet reported. Without them a serious strain is being imposed on the Economics and Supply Section who have opened eleven new mobile depots and closed down eight in the 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks since the advance started. To help them out drivers have had to be taken off vehicles.

7. Finances.

The Banca d'Italia Royal Treasury Section has been ordered to reopen in Viterbo and Grosseto. First phase financing has been completed in Viterbo Province except for a small strip in the Eighth Army area. The Grosseto and Siena P.F.Os. are working with Fifth Army P.Os. covering their respective Provinces. The Livorno P.F.O. will begin work on Livorno Province communes as soon as conditions permit.

8. Comm trouble.

Unchanged since last report.

9. Partisans.

There is little fresh to report. Bands of Partisans of varying size and quality are found in almost all communes. A meeting of Corps HQs is being held at this HQ on 28th June to discuss details arising out of directives received from HQ AAI and HQ ACC. It is hoped to be able to render a fuller report thereafter. The matter is being discussed with AME 8th Army on the same day.

10. Miscellaneous.

(a) This HQ is moving forward some 80 miles on Friday.

(b) The island of Elba lies outside Fifth Army area although its eight communes are part of Livorno Province, and is therefore not being touched. In due course however a Provincial officer will be sent across to make contact with the AMG team which is understood to have landed with the occupying forces.

(c) The Interior Sub-Commission has been requested to get teams of officials nominated for the six Provinces that lie a short distance ahead in case they are wanted.

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AMG 8TH ARMY SITUATION REPORT. PERUGIA 100,000 INHABITANTS
TOWN INTACT BUT STILL UNDER SHELL FIRE. RATIONED UNTIL 7TH JULY.
NO MILLING FACILITIES DUE TO LACK OF ELECTRICITY. WATER CUT BUT
BEING REPAIRED. 300 INTERNEES FOUND OF ALL NATIONALITIES. CASH
IN BANK OF ITALY 52 MILLION LIRE.

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