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FOOD SITUATION BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES.

Apart from the area immediately behind the German lines where most people have been evacuated, where little cultivation has been done and where most of the livestock have been removed by the Germans, cultivation is reported as being reasonably normal.

Peasants were able to plough and sow last October and the crops look plentiful.

Olive oil will perhaps be scarce as it is reported that last autumn, owing to labour shortage, a part of the crop was not collected and rotted on the ground.

With regard to potatoes, the large area of the FUSCINO marshes in prov. of AQUILA (ref. 250000 sheet 29) yields in normal times very large quantities of potatoes. It is reliably reported that the Germans requisitioned large quantities of potato-seed with the result that an estimate crop of about 75% of normal is reported as having been sown.

It is interesting to note that on 23 April the following poster was seen on a wall in AQLE:-

"Col primo Maggio saranno attuati miglioramenti di generi alimentari nelle altre provincie. A Roma si risulta impossibile a causa dei bombardamenti Alleati. ALUTE QUESTI INGLESI!"

In the Field.
14/5/44.

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O.C. VIII Army R.I.P.

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HQ AMG
Rear EIGHTH ARMY.

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18 May 44.

TO: Executive Commissioners Branch
HQ Allied Control Commission (3). ✓
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TO: G.S.I.(b)
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RICCIETTO-ARSOLI.

People very helpful. Signa GARIBARDI helping ally P.Ws, principally from JOURNO, Elie a French Refugee.

MILITINO GRAZIANI Province, FROSINONE.

Segretario Politico helped two British P.Ws. Priests and Monks have been generally very good. Dr. C. JORIALI, very good to all ally P.Ws. CICOLA Domenico, Segretario Comunale, described as having helped the population very much. LATINI Guiseppe, has helped British P.Ws. DELLA SSI Silverio, Fodesta, has helped British P.Ws. OTTAVINI Letino, a bootmaker who helped JOURNO Elie and British P.Ws. Inhabitants of the district have been generally very helpful to the many British P.Ws.

Sandy Intelligence

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Village priests very afraid of Germans and Fascists but has nevertheless been helpful to P.Ws. and JOURNALIST. Maresciallo of Carabinieri has been very helpful. JOURNALIST states that many people are against the King and Badoglio and want a Republic. They do not, however, want a Republic on the lines of that existing under Mussolini, but desire a Democratic one. Idea of many is that Badoglio in in declaring War on Germany has made matters worse than they were.

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VILLERBA and BARRA prov. AQUILA.

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AVV. LOBBI, via Barco.) Fascists &
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The printing works L. ZECCHI was hit by a bomb several months ago and 15 people killed. In March was working normally and is printing Italian currency notes.
Leaflets dropped by Allies are read with enthusiasm. In spite of severe penalties people listen to Allied broadcasts. Refugees from prov. AQUILA have said that the reception from New York is frequently better than that from London which tends to fade.

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