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LIVORNO ZONE, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIAISON OFFICER, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TOSCANA

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SUBJECT : REPORT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1945

TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394

THE SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE THE USUAL "ON THE SPOT" INQUIRIES IN THE VARIOUS TOSCANA PROVINCES, AND SO CONSEQUENTLY THIS REPORT WILL NOT BE FOUND TO BE AS INFORMATIVE, NOR AS COMPREHENSIVE, AS WE HAVE ENDEAVORED TO MAKE THOSE COVERING PREVIOUS MONTHS.

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THE ONLY IMMEDIATE ANSWERS TO UNEMPLOYMENT ARE PUBLIC WORKS AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING, BUT FUNDS, IN SUFFICIENT AMOUNTS, ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS REPAVING AREA.

FLANGE:

COMPLAINTS ARE RAMPANT THROUGHOUT THE REGION AGAINST THE SLOWNESS OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE IN PROVIDING FUNDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

5. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES:

APPROVED PUBLIC WORKS ARE PROGRESSING, BUT SLOWLY.

P.D.S. WILL SOON CEASE TO PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE TO THE RECONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAYS.

REPRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

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ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICES CONTINUE SATISFACTORILY.
THE RECENT RAIN² HAS HELPED THE WATER SITUATION TREMENDOUSLY, ESPECIALLY IN LIVORNO AND PISA.

H. LEGAL:

ALL CASES AFFECTING ALLIED INTERESTS - AND THERE ARE MANY IN THIS ZONE - ARE NOW, NECESSARILY, BEING REFERRED TO THE ITALIAN COURTS. THIS A.M.G. ZONE IS WITHOUT A LEGAL OFFICER, ALTHOUGH LIEUT ERIC FELDMAN, (YUGO-SLAV), A LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, IS RENDERING YEOMAN SERVICE IN THE HANDLING OF ADMINISTRATIVE LEGAL AFFAIRS AND IN LIAISON WORK WITH ITALIAN TRIBUNALS. THE ITALIAN COURTS ARE SLOW, AND A.M.G. CASES DO PILE UP, BUT TWO NEW PRETORI HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO LIVORNO, PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF THIS HQ, WHICH SHOULD EXPEDITE MATTERS. WE HOPE!!

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The Provveditori agli Studi have been instructed to take over the distribution of the quaderni and to get the necessary advance of money from the Provincial Finance Officers.

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9. YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

a. A Jamboree has been held in FLORENCE under the leadership of the Commissary of the TOSCANA Group of Boy Scouts on the occasion of the Saint George's holiday.

The Boy Scout movement is quite active and some Boy Scouts dressed in the regular uniform can be seen walking in the City.

b. It is remarkable the lack of any active Student Association of the secondary level here in FLORENCE and throughout TOSCANA Region, whereas it might help the scholastic authorities in some instances as orders for examinations and reactions from the students, celebration of the end of war in ITALY, political interferences among students, etc.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. An experimental Theatre which was before Fascism under the management of the Conservatorium of Music of FLORENCE and which was used by the Fascist Association of GUF, had been given back to the Conservatorium of Music on the first days of the liberation of the city. Following an agreement between the old Council of Administration of the Conservatorium and a private business man, the Theatre was rent on partial time basis for movie picture performances of a didactical and artistical value. Since this agreement was not duly approved by AMG authorities and since the original form of the contract was not complied with against the educational interests of the Conservatorium, this office ordered the Pro-Rector of such an Institute to have the contract repealed immediately. At the present time, the concerned business man is making hell on the order received by the Pro-Rector and through the intervention of two lieutenants of PNB is menacing the requisitioning of the Theatre as an alternate solution if the order given by this office will not be withdrawn.

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c. This office is, at present, without Education Officers and it seems that the Regional Headquarters of TOSCANA Region will not continue to run it out. Apart from several administrative details, as distribution of quadri, administration of the paper arrived here in FLORENCE from Education Subcommissions, appointment of a new Council of Administration of the Conservatorium of Music, etc., it is necessary to point out that this delicate branch of AMG has still to face important problems, first of all the organization of the educational activities of APUANIA Province which has been liberated recently and for which this office should be supposed to send all the educational directives and Ministerial Circulars received in the past months. The lack of Educational Officers in the Provinces of TOSCANA Region and the absolute necessity for the nine Provveditori agli Studi and for the three Rectors of Universities still under AMG control to have a central authority to which address themselves for all the administrative details of their work, make it top necessary that this office be allowed to keep on its activity, even if on a reduced scale.

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LUCCA Province	50,000	quaderni
FLORENCE Province	142,500	"
GROSSETO Province	38,000	"
AREZZO Province	63,000	"
PISA Province	64,000	"
PISTOIA Province	39,000	"
SIENA Province	50,000	"
LIVORNO Province	53,500	"

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The Provveditori agli Studi have been instructed to take over the distribution of the quaderni and to get the necessary advance of money from the Provincial Finance Officers.

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9. YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

a. A Jamboree has been held in FLORENCE under the leadership of the Commissary of the TOSCANA Group of Boy Scouts on the occasion of the Saint George's holiday.

The Boy Scout movement is quite active and some Boy Scouts dressed in the regular uniform can be seen walking in the City.

b. It is remarkable the lack of any active Student Association of the secondary level here in FLORENCE and throughout TOSCANA Region, whereas it might help the scholastic authorities in some instances, as orders for examinations and reactions from the students, celebration of the end of war in ITALY, political interferences among students, etc.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. An experimental Theatre which was before Fascism under the management of the Conservatorium of Music of FLORENCE and which was used by the Fascist Association of GUF, had been given back to the Conservatorium of Music on the first days of the liberation of the city. Following an agreement between the old Council of Administration of the Conservatorium and a private business man, the Theatre was rent on partial time basis for movie picture performances of a didactical and artistical value. Since this agreement was not duly approved by AMG authorities and since the original form of the contract was not complied with against the educational interests of the Conservatorium, this office ordered the Pro-Rector of such an Institute to have the contract repealed immediately. At the present time, the concerned business man is making hell on the order received by the Pro-Rector and through the intervention of two lieutenants of PWB, is menacing the requisitioning of the Theatre as an alternate solution, if the order given by this office will not be withdrawn.

b. During an inspection of the Provveditore agli Studi of PISA in SAN MINIATO (PISA Province), he found that an Italian nun, who was in charge of the principalship of the local Conservatorium, had enrolled herself in the Republican Fascist Government Party and was, therefore, suspended by the Council of Administration of the Conservatorium. The Provveditore agli Studi has promised a more complete report on this subject.

c. This office is, at present, without Education Officers and it seems that the Regional Headquarters of TOSCANA Region will not continue to run it out. Apart from several administrative details, as distribution of quadri, administration of the paper arrived here in FLORENCE from Education Subcommissions, appointment of a new Council of Administration of the Conservatorium of Music, etc., it is necessary to point out that this delicate branch of AMG has still to face important problems, first of all the organization of the educational activities of APUANIA Province which has been liberated recently and for which this office should be supposed to send all the educational directives and Ministerial Circulars received in the past months. The lack of Educational Officers in the Provinces of TOSCANA Region, and the absolute necessity for the nine Provveditori agli Studi and for the three Rectors of Universities, still under AMG control, to have a central authority to which address themselves for all the administrative details of their work make it top necessary that this office be allowed to keep on its activity even if on a reduced scale.

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- b. The Director of the Education Subcommission visited each Province in the Region with the Regional Education Officer during the week of 19-24 March. Many schools were visited and conferences were held with the Provveditori agli Studi and with the Rectors of the Universities.
- c. An all day conference with all the Headquarters Provveditori agli Studi of the Region was held at this Headquarters on 29 March, afforded this office an opportunity to clarify a number of administrative procedures, and to answer numerous questions. The more important topics discussed dealt with Expiration, Examinations, Transfer of Teachers, Teacher Personnel Problems, Text-books and Note-books Lack of Transportation.

- d. The lack of transportation is still the greatest problem facing the Provveditori. It is impossible without some means of transportation for them or their inspectors to know the true conditions in their schools. Although the prefects have been told it is their responsibility to requisition transportation for their Provincial officials, todate they have not done so.

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c. There is a great unrest among the suspended teachers concerning their status. The appointment of the Committees of Judgement by the Minister should be done without further delay and these committees should begin their work as soon as possible.

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A gradual improvement is being reported throughout the Region. No new requisitions have been made and some buildings have been returned.

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The repair of buildings continue. Because of the difficulties in obtaining the needed materials some of the work is going very slowly but many minor repair jobs have been completed and a building here and a classroom there have been returned for school purposes.

6. TEXT-BOOKS

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b. 207 tons of text-book paper has been received in FLORENCE from the United States.

c. One ton of binding thread has been received.

d. The Provveditori report that the distribution of the text-books is progressing slowly but surely. In the larger towns capital centers practically all pupils and all schools are supplied with the new books but in the more remote centers the distribution has been irregular. Where it has been impossible for the pupils to obtain the new books, the old ones, purged in accordance with our directives, are being used.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SOME SCHOOLS VISITED DURING THE MONTH.

1. The Elementary School at Castellina in Chianti - SIENA - Province.

The elementary building in this Comune consists of three rooms. Two of which have been occupied by British troops, and later by Italian troops. Two teachers with five classes and 87 pupils have been using the third room. Now the Italian troops have gone but so are all the benches, used perhaps for firewood. The teachers report that the Sindaco has done very little to help them and has done nothing towards repairing the building. They continue to use only the one room with double sessions. Each class continues to receive only 8 hours of instruction per week.

Although it is a very prosperous Community, little effort has been made to buy new books for the children and the teachers must improvise as best they can with the old books and the few new ones scattered among the classes.

It is this type of school that needs the personal assistance of the Provveditori and his Director. Too often they do not know the situation because they lack the means of transportation to visit them.

2. Opening Schools under difficulties.

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3. At Pesole is located an excellent Agriculture Institute. The building and equipment are quite modern and a well rounded course in general agriculture is offered. Olive Culture is emphasized.

4. The "Pestalozzi School City", Piazza S. Croce in FIORINCE is an interesting experiment in a more modern type of education intended to develop citizenship of a democratic nature and to equip children for their responsibilities through the election of their own leaders, participation in the work of the school, and selection of activities to be pursued.

5. The situation in S. CASCIANO.

When the writer visited the Comune of S. Casciano in October the situation in the town looked pretty hopeless because of the widespread destruction caused by the war. When a return visit was made in March the situation was quite changed. The classes of the public elementary school are now housed in an old monastery which has been reconditioned and repaired. The sanitary conditions are good. The teachers are especially interested in the appearance of their "new" school. The rooms were attractive with pictures and flowers and many teaching aids were in evidence. ~~Disgusting~~ school lunch equipment had been secured. All pupils were supplied with new text-books and note-books. We left this school with the feeling that more than the ordinary initiative had been exercised.

6. The regular building of the Istituto Tecnico, LEONARDO da VINCI has been and is occupied by a Military Unit. This school which has a normal attendance of over 2000 is now operating in an elementary school building at Via Felice Cavallotti 4. All available space is being used, including hallways, the forces being set up under a shed in the court. About 700 student now attend.

Bathes, drills, forges, electrical instruments, etc have been transported across the city in sufficient quantities to take care of the present number of students. Classes in metal, machine shop, and electricity are conducted as well as classes in the necessary related subjects such as mathematics and physics are being conducted. The work of the school is greatly handicapped by the lack of electricity and some materials.

The loss of the electricity is a recent one brought about by the failure of the school to abide by the ordinance concerning the use of electricity.

This school is one of the special ~~school~~ schools of FLORENCE conducted and supported by the Comune.

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1. CONTACTS OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE WITH THE FIELD.

The Education Officers have been in weekly contact with each Province and with every Provveditore agli Studi during the month. The work during the month has been largely of a routine nature. With the change of the weather school attendance improved. Extraordinary sessions of examinations for students who were unable to take them in the Fall were held in all the Provinces during the month. Also the Provveditori agli Studi of AREZZO, LUCCA, and SIENA have secured automobiles for their official use.

2. IMPORTANT CHANGES IN PERSONNEL.

a. There has been no change in Italian personnel.

b. All three Education Officers of the Region have been assigned to other Regions and attached to present Region subject to recall on 48 hours notice.

3. PROGRESS OF DEFASCISM.

In all but the Corps Areas of the Region the program of defascism has been virtually completed. The local Committees have without exception done an excellent job. The Provveditori agli Studi and the suspended personnel are now awaiting the decision by the Ministry as to how final judgment on their status will be given.

4. BUILDING REQUISITIONING, DEREQUISITIONING, & OCCUPANCY

There has been no change from last month except a very few cases of occupancy by Italian troops. The building situation continues to be good in the light of the present military situation.

5. BUILDING REPAIRS AND NEEDS.

This office has furnished lists of priority ratings for repair of school buildings from all Provinces to the Regional Public Works and Utilities Section.

During the month of February the Regional Public Works and Utilities Section approved 16 projects for repair of school buildings for a total of 6,878,700 lire. Up to and including 31 January 1945, 27 projects had been approved for a total of 7,655,141 lire.

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A request for a large sum for repair of University of PISA buildings has been forwarded to the Minister.

The release of glass is progressing favorably except in PISA and AREZZO. 786 square meters of glass has been released to secondary schools of FLORENCE City during the last week of February and, during the first week in March, 1714.66 square meters will be released for elementary schools. In PISTOIA, out of 1307,874 square meters of glass requested, 1208,5649 square meters have been placed in the windows of scholastic buildings.

6. TEXT-BOOKS.

The second printing of 98,000 State text-books has been completed and turned over to the MESSAGGERIE. This makes a total of 238,000 State text-books printed to date.

LE MONNIER Printing House has completed the printing of 11,000 copies of 3rd class VOCE SERENA except for covers and others are nearly completed.

MARZOCCO Printing House has completed the printing of 30,000 copies of 1st Class Sillabario "IL PRIMO LIBRO DI PINOCCHIO" except for covers.

Both LE MONNIER and MARZOCCO are awaiting reply to their requests to the Education Subcommission for increase in price before printing the covers.

7. SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.

a. Janitor supplies are very difficult to secure.

b. There is an urgent need throughout the Region for notebooks and tablets.

c. Supplies of chalk are becoming very limited.

8. SCHOOL LUNCHES.

School Lunches have been approved for 66,557 children of the Region. To date 90 out of a possible 263 communes are serving school lunches with food provided by AMG.

These figures do not include the Asili (Kindergartens) which are provided with food through the Public Health and Welfare Division.

9. Youth ACTIVITIES.

a. Interest in student activities is beginning to appear

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with the organization of sports teams, recreation clubs, orchestras, and student councils.

b. University groups especially are becoming quite active.

c. Catholic Boy Scout groups are becoming more numerous.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. The University of FLORENCE reported the beginning of another series of evening courses for Allied personnel on 26 Feb with an initial enrollment of 342. The courses are : Elementary Italian, Advanced Italian, and History of Italian Art and culture. These have been arranged by the 5th Army Education & Information Office, and are similar to those being offered to English and Canadian personnel.

b. A report from the Rector of the University of SIENA is attached as Appendix I.

c. A report from the Rector of the University of PISA is attached as Appendix II.

d. Attached is a circular from the Provveditore agli Studi of SIENA which is of interest in that it is an indication of the type of leadership the Italian school officials are giving to their communities. Appendix III.

e. Captain TILROE and the Regional Education Officer made a three day inspection of the schools on the Island of ELBA. While there were many administrative details to handle due to the lack of communication and contacts with the Italian Officials on the mainland the schools in general were functioning quite well. Since our return their budgets have been approved, salaries adjusted, and text-books shipped to them. Arrangements have also been made for the Provveditore agli Studi of LIVORNO to make an inspection trip to the island.

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1. CONTACTS OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER WITH THE FIELD.

- a. One or more of the Education Officers of this Region are in weekly contact with every Provveditore agli Studi and every Rector of Higher Institutes of Learning. These weekly visits may include on-ly an office conference but usually include trips to various parts of the Province to assist the authorities in solving such problems as distribution of text-books, making repairs on buildings, finding al-ternate accommodations for classrooms, etc.
- b. On 12 Jan we held a conference with all the Provveditori agli Studi of the Region in this Headquarters. To do this it was necessary for us to furnish transportation, food, and lodging. The conference was unusually successful and helpful according to the reports of all the Provveditori.

2. IMPORTANT CHANGES IN SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

- a. The most important change has been the loss of Lt. CRICHTON from PISA Province who has been transferred to assist the Regional Education Officer in EMILIA Region. Lt CRICHTON's work in PISA was very satisfac-tory and under his direction the work of rehabilitation of schools went forward rapidly.
- b. Prof. Piero CALAMANDREI was elected Rector of the University of FLORENCE by the members of the various Faculties in accordance with the AMG directive. He received 61 of the 74 votes cast which was a splendid vote of confidence for his administrative ability, leadership and personal integrity. This Officer considers Prof. CALAMANDREI to be one of the truly great leaders of ITALY.
- c. Prof. Mario SALMI was named Commissario Straordinario of the COLON-NARIA Academy.
- d. Dr. Carlo RAGGHIANI has been named Commissario of the Istituto del Rinascimento and is proposing some interesting changes for this im-portant institution.

3. PROGRESS OF DEFEASISM.

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or Institutes of Learning. These weekly visits may include only an office conference but usually include trips to various parts of the Province to assist the authorities in solving such problems as distribution of text-books, making repairs on buildings, finding alternate accommodations for classrooms, etc.

b. On 12 Jan we held a conference with all the Provveditori agli Studi of the Region in this Headquarters. To do this it was necessary for us to furnish transportation, food, and lodging. The conference was unusually successful and helpful according to the reports of all the Provveditori.

2. IMPORTANT CHANGES IN SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

a. The most important change has been the loss of Lt. CRIGNON from PISA Province who has been transferred to assist the Regional Education Officer in EMILIA Region. Lt CRIGNON's work in PISA was very satisfactory and under his direction the work of rehabilitation of schools went forward rapidly.

b. Prof. Piero CALAMANDREI was elected Rector of the University of FLORENCE by the members of the various Faculties in accordance with the AMG directive. He received 61 of the 74 votes cast which was a splendid vote of confidence for his administrative ability, leadership and personal integrity. This Officer considers Prof. CALAMANDREI to be one of the truly great leaders of ITALY.

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b. The University of PISA expects to have all of its work of defascism completed on 5 February 1945.

4. BUILDING REQUISITIONS, DEREGISISTRATIONS & OCCUPANCY.

- a. The most important development during the month has been the return of the Medical and Veterinary Buildings to the University of PISA. Credit for this has been due in large measure to the work of Captain TILMCE. This has greatly increased the morale of the whole University.
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- e. The Printing House of MARZOCCHI has made the following distribution of its elementary series throughout the Region:

PAOLETTI	Sillabario di Pinocchio	30.700
FANCIULLI	A series of four books	5.400
BALDASSERONI	Grammatica	200
BRUOLLI	A series of five books	2.650
CREMASCHI	A series of three books	1.800
GIROMINI	A series of two books	1.450
ORNELLA	MEo quaderno	100
Totale		42.200

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- f. This office has received much praise for its assistance in establishing the extension courses of Engineering in FLORENCE and the

Economics courses in PISA. It was instrumental in securing transportation for the professors concerned.

g. The 5 Army Labor Officer had arranged for a train to carry workmen from FLORENCE to SIENA & PRATO and this office had arranged for teachers to ride this train. However, on its initial trip the train was "mashed" by Italians with and without passes and so great was the ensuing confusion that it was temporarily cancelled until such time as the Italian Labor officials can assure proper conduct.

h. The Regional Transportation Officer allotted twelve trucks to the University of SIENA to haul lignite.

i. As of this late date only one Provveditore agli Studi has been able to secure an automobile for his official use.

j. 4539 students have been enrolled for this new school year in the University of PISA.

k. The University of FLORENCE reports and enrollment of 5,118 students for the new year.

l. The University of SIENA reports the largest enrollment in years.

m. Prof. Foscolo BENVENUTO was appointed as Commissario Streordinario of the CRUSCA Academy. Two professors, Attilio DOMIGLIANO and Bruno MIGLIORINI, were also appointed as technical consultants for the scientific work of re-organizing the same Academy.

11. PERSONNEL.

Capt. Paul	L.	HEILMAN	- Education Officer
Capt. Dexter	G.	TILROE	- Education Officer
Capt. Sam	V.	NOE	- Regional Education Officer
Pfc. W.C.		CARTER	- Driver
Dr. Plinio		PAGNI	- Secretary

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SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER 1944.TO : HQ, AG.
(Thru: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, TOSCANA REGION)

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 11. CHRISTMAS PARTY.
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S U M M A R Y1. UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER INSTITUTES OF LEARNING.

a. The most serious problem affecting all three Universities in the Region is the one of requisitioning of buildings for use by military personnel. Recently the University of FLORENCE has had to surrender buildings occupied by six Faculties. It will be extremely difficult for them to present any program approximating even remotely a normal one at the beginning of the new school year in January.

b. It should be pointed out however that the Rectors have a sympathetic understanding of the military situation and deserve most commendation for the way in which they are striving to keep their Universities functioning.

2. FLORENCE PROVINCE.

a. The chief work of the Provveditorato has been with teacher personnel. With such a large surplus of teachers to deal with, this has been quite a problem.

b. The Provveditore agli Studi states: "one can say that the situation of the schools is becoming normal in the town of FLORENCE and in the Region south of the Arno. The continual requisition of buildings is naturally of greatest detriment to the schools."

3. PISTOLA PROVINCE.

a. The results of the examinations were very satisfactory according to the report of the Provveditore agli Studi.

b. Appointment of provisional teachers is practically completed and all teaching positions in the Province have been filled.

c. The work of the Epuration Committee is practically completed.

d. Local resources are providing glass for buildings.

e. Lack of heat is a very serious problem and may cause the closing of schools.

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4. LUCCA PROVINCE.

a. General situation as of 25 December was very good.

b. Lack of glass and heat are the main building problems.

c. Text-books expected from FLORENCE had not been delivered.

5. PISA PROVINCE.

a. All schools are functioning but with as many hours per week as the building situation will allow. The lack of glass rooms in PISA City is as serious as ever.

b. Separation of teaching personnel is practically completed.

c. All provisional teachers have been selected.

d. The administrative staff after visits to the various communes is convinced that the schools are functioning in a satisfactory manner.

6. LIVORNO PROVINCE.

a. Schools are in general functioning thruout the Province, altho with reduced hours in some localities.

b. Glass is still needed.

c. A project to use some of the excess labor in PIOMBINO in repairing schools there would welcomed if the financial picture could be arranged satisfactorily. Many schools outside LIVORNO are occupied by Allied and Italian troops and refugees, but in most places other rooms have been found.

7. Grosseto PROVINCE.

a. More buildings have been requisitioned but all but two schools in the province are functioning.

b. Repair of buildings is progressing.

c. Text-books are needed.

8. SIENA PROVINCE.

a. General situation improved during the month.

b. Urgent repairs to a number of buildings have been made.

c. Some buildings have been derequisitioned.

d. Some glass has been procured.

e. The situation in SIENA City in regard to buildings continues

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to be very bad.

f. All teaching positions have been filled.

9. ANZEO PROVINCE.

a. Teachers did not receive their November salaries on time. This has caused great hardships.

b. All teaching positions have been filled.

c. All but one secondary school are functioning.

d. Epuration work continues.

e. Provveditore greatly handicapped by lack of an automobile.

10. TEXT-BOOKS.

The text-book situation is very good. Some books have been sent to every Province in the Region.

11. CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Education Office has assisted with programs for the various Christmas parties for poor children.

12. PERSONNEL.

Capt. Paul L. REILMAN

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Dr. Plinio PARNI, secretary and educational consultant.

Pio E. C. CANTER, 130666A, (A), who has been hospitalized for all the month.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE NORTH OF
OCTOBER 1944

1. UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER INSTITUTES OF LEARNING.

a. University of FLORENCE.

(1). The completed report of the Epuration Committee of the University of FLORENCE has been received and approved by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, FLORENCE City. The Committee recommended that 17 professors, assistants and administrative personnel be suspended immediately and the cases of 25 others be referred without immediate suspension to the National Committee.

(2). The approval of a "di ruolo" chair of English, a "provisional" chair of Greek and Roman Antiquities, and a "provisional" chair of Russian Language and Literature in the University of FLORENCE have been given by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, FLORENCE City at the request of the University.

(3). Two well known Jewish professors, Prof. Attilio MOMIGLIANO and Prof. Enrico FINKEL, have been reinstated in their former positions at the University of FLORENCE.

(4). The most important problem dealt with during the month was the proposed requisitioning of the main administrative building of the University by the 15th Army Group. After numerous conferences with the military and University officials, other quarters were proposed by the University and accepted. The University has now given up its Hygiene, Pharmacology, Physiology buildings, parts of the University Hospital and of the Agricultural Institute.

b. University of PISA.

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The Rector has presented the following:

" The new term will commence 15 January. There are 4537 students enrolled in the University at present.
Buildings. No new requisitions have been made lately. It is still

hoped that the Scuola Medica, not yet occupied, will be released. Repairs. Repairs are progressing better at present. The Aula Magna is almost completely repaired. Scuola Normale. The Scuola Normale is functioning in another locality. The dormitory is set up and a mess for the students is also arranged. School of Engineering. Transportation has been secured, temporarily at least, for the Professors to travel to and from FLORENCE. Details have been satisfactorily worked out. Student Activity. Students of the University are quite active in their attempt to form clubs and societies as of old. Some organization has been effected under the strict supervision of the University authorities.

c. University of SIENA.

(1). It is hoped that with the removal of AAI from SIENA, the University buildings will be returned. This Officer has promises of assistance in this matter but as yet nothing has been done.

(2). The Rector is trying very hard to establish a cooperative mess for students.

(3). The University has made arrangements for a Committee of professors from the University of FLORENCE to hold examinations in SIENA for a large number of students who are refugees in SIENA.

d. Istituto Italiano di Paleontologia.

Prof. Piero CALAMANDREI has been appointed Commissario Straordinario of the Istituto Italiano di Paleontologia by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, FLORENCE City.

e. Accademia dei Georgofili.

Prof. Alberto REPELLO of the University of FLORENCE has been named Commissario Straordinario of the Accademia dei Georgofili by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, FLORENCE City.

f. Istituto Italiano di Ottica.

Prof. Giorgio ABETTI of the R. Osservatorio Astrofisico has been named Commissario Straordinario for the Istituto di Ottica by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, FLORENCE City.

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5. Accademia delle Belle Arti.

(1). Prof. COLAUSCHI has been unanimously elected Rector of the Academy of Fine Arts in accordance with the directive concerning such elections.

(2). The Academy has also admitted free of all charges a number of Allied military personnel to its various classes.

The following reports on the conditions of the schools in the Province have been submitted by the Provveditori agli Studi:

2. FLORENCE PROVINCE.

a. Teaching Personnel. During the month of December the question of the teachers in the elementary and secondary schools of FLORENCE and Province has been settled. This has been the chief part of the work of this office since it was necessary to balance the requests from the refugees teachers and from those who made application as substitute teachers.

b. Elementary Schools. A priority list for the substitute and provisional teachers composed with some 900 names has been formed and appointments were carried out on the basis of it. Nominations for the whole school year 1944-45 are as follows:

In the Comune of FLORENCE	43 men and 35 women
In the Province of FLORENCE	30 men and 125 women
Total	73 men and 160 women

Besides these there are about 150 temporary teachers in service in FLORENCE and Province. The total number of substitute and provisional elementary school teachers in service amounts to about 400 of the 900 on the gradulatory list. More than half of the qualified elementary school teachers have not been able to find a position even in the most uncomfortable circumstances. The following temporary transfers have been made:

(1) from the Province of FLORENCE to the town: 20 teachers in place of 20 others who have asked to be transferred from FLORENCE into the Province (these transfers from parts of the Province to the town of FLORENCE are to be considered abnormal in relation to the dispositions in force up till now). They have been allowed this year in consideration of the present difficulties but only to teachers of more than 30 years of service.

(2). from one part of the Province to another: No 277.

Besides these, 118 teachers of other provinces who had come to this Province for reasons of stollamento or who had remained here because unable to report at the end of the holidays, were engaged up to the beginning of December 1944. They were distributed: No 80 in FLORENCE and No 38 in the Province. 34 of the 80 teachers in FLORENCE come from Northern Italy, 45 from the territory of the AMG or Southern Italy.

The latter have received the collective order to return to their places of residence by January 7th. 20 of them have received the order personally. The others will receive it soon.

g. Media Schools. 220 "incaricati" and assistant teachers have been appointed on the basis of a gradatory list of qualified teachers and of graduates compiled for every school by the apposite commission. These teachers are distributed in the following manner:

Licei Ginnasi	17	Scuola Professionale per la Donna	1
Licei Scientifici	21	Scuole Media Inferiore	57
Istituti Magistrali	13	Scuole di avviamento e tecnico	78
Istituti Tecnici	33		

Totale 220

It is to be noted that no one of the lists of the graduates has been exhausted and that for the media inferiore schools not even the list of the qualified teachers has been exhausted. The same phenomenon is to be noted in philosophy and history in the Licei, in which subjects even a few prize-winners have found it difficult to find a position. 33 teachers who come from Northern Provinces have been appointed and distributed as follows:

Licei Ginnasi	6	Scuola Professionale per la Donna	1
Licei Scientifici	3	Scuole Media Inferiori	11
Istituti Magistrali	3	Scuole Media Inferiori	11
Istituti Tecnici	6	Scuole Avviamento e tecnica	3

Totale No 33

68 teachers have been transferred with the nulla osta of the local Provveditori from the territory of the AMG for the school year 1944-45:

Licei Ginnasi	9	Scuole Media Inferiore	23
Licei Scientifici	8	Scuole Avviamento e Tecnica	10
Istituti Tecnici	9		
Istituti Magistrali	11		

Totale 70

Further 5 teachers have received temporary appointments while awaiting for their position to be defined: these teachers have been informed of their transfer by the Ministry without this transfer having been recognized as valid. These teachers are already in FLORENCE. If their position cannot be regulated they will have to leave this place on Jan 31st 1945.

106 teachers di ruolo have thus been appointed as against 220 assistants. 2933

It was our intention to divide the positions equally between both. The numbers given may make it seem that this intention has not been realized. But the impression is false if one makes the following considerations:

(1). a large number of the "incaricati" and assistants are destined to teach subject which are only given as "incarico", i.e. Religion, History of Art, Domestic Economy in all the institutes and the Natural Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematics, Drawing, Writing, Short-hand in several institutes (Scuole Media Inferiori, Scuole di Avviamento).

(2). This year, contrary to the normal rule of administration this office has taken the responsibility (always with prudence and in certain limits) to divide the "incarichi" so that the number of hours normally given by one teacher are given by two or three. The social necessity

to give work to a certain number of assistants has forced us to overlook the fact that the school budget is overcharged owing to the fact that e.g. whereas one assistant teacher with 18 hours work only receives one indemnity for increased cost of living, two teachers with 9 hours work for each receive half the wages but two indemnities for increased cost of living.

This office thinks it can justify this exceptional conduct - which by the way does not lie in contradiction with the fees, but only with a general rule of economy by the consideration that if it had acted differently it would have to have left without work a large number of graduated and qualified teachers, depriving them not only of their salary but also of a year service which is useful to their career. The assistant teachers are therefore double the number of the teachers di ruolo but the number of hours they give is little higher than those of the teachers di ruolo for whom the number of hours could not be reduced because they are not paid by hour.

All this work of settling the teachers has been guided by the need of not increasing the heavy difficulties of the teachers. We have tried to let them teach in the places where they live moderating this necessity with the necessity of evicting an enormous amount of unemployment among the teachers and with the general economic necessities and above all with good teaching work.

It is clear that the solution of such a complicated problem could not be easy and cannot content the needs of every single teacher.

In trying to resolve it we have noted that the most difficult problems for the schools at the moment are the the lack of regular means of communication and the impossibility of leading a regular school life in some centres of the Province and of the neighbouring provinces.

This office has need to obtain help from some of the Sindaci (Prato, Empoli, Montelupo) from the C.F.L.N. and from the ANI to resolve or to help to resolve this problem. It has been helped by the Inspectors and Directors and by single teachers. Despite the good will of all the problem is still far from solution.

For the moment it has been necessary, with the consent of this office of the ANI to resort to two administrative measures:

(1). to fix a limit of 2 months (expiring on Jan 31st 1945) during which time the teachers whose places of work are in the territories passed over to the administrative of the Italian Government must return to that place.

(2). to fix the limit of Jan 7th during which time the teachers within the territory of the ANI must return to their place of residence.

After these measures which may seem hard it will at any rate be necessary to think of the most painful conditions of many teachers and not only humanly to apply these measures carefully and but also to study a general measure which may help the teachers to return to their places of residence e.g. paying their journeys or better still paying them a daily sum for going back to live in uncomfortable conditions.

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We know that an indemnity of this type (L.50 per days) has been fixed by the Ministry. To apply it in this province, as to resolve many other problems - we believe it urgently necessary to have a reunion of the Provveditori agli Studi.

To mitigate the difficulties of communication for pupils and teachers detached sections of the Scuola Media Inferiore have been instituted at Peretola (comune of FLORENCE), Montelupo, Castelfiorentino, Certaldo. Summing up : one can say that the situation of the Scuola is becoming normal in the town of FLORENCE and in the regions south of the Arno, as could be proved by means of inspections carried through by this office (e.g. Vicchio, Pontassieve, Figline).

The continual requisition of buildings is naturally of greatest detriment to the schools. In some places schools have been forced to leave the temporary buildings which they had taken great trouble to find. This is the case e.g. at Prato with the Scuola Media Inferiore which does not work and with all the elementary schools which are reduced from 30 to 7 rooms. Every thing that the ANO can do to alleviate these conditions will be a great help for the schools and will be accepted gratefully.

d. Text-Books. During the month of December the Commission for the revision of text-books for the media, elementary schools has finished the work it began on Oct 9th. This Commission has examined 2300 volumes sent in by the publishing houses and more than 70 volumes sent in by the presidences of some of the schools with following results:

Approved	1800	
Approved with reserve	510	Total 2315
To be confiscated	5	
The remaining volumes (55) are :		
Intentionally ignored by the Commission		30
(these books are not in the lists and cannot therefore be used)		
Already confiscated by other commissions		5
Of non school character		10
Still to be examined		<u>10</u>

e. Physical Education. A commissary in the person of Prof. Attilio Magnelli, preside incaricato of the R. Istituto Regiatale Pascoli has been appointed by this office to open the course of gymnastics. The commissary has been ordered to revise the positions of all the physical education teachers which depended on the GIL in the past and to reassume the few which are politically possible in the present conditions and to add a number of new incaricati to them. 2981

During the month of December the Commissioner of Education nominated by this office has begun its work. The results of this work will be presented to the Commissione Istruttoria, presided by Consigliere Dott. Gabrielli. This office has arranged for the necessary measures to be taken to confer temporary pensions to dependents of the Ministers of the Public Instruction.

This office has collaborated with the American Red Cross to distribute Christmas gift to 500 poor children in homes and schools. The festival

took place on Dec 31st 44 in 10 schools with the aid of the teachers staff and with the help of artists sent by the PWB. This office has further collaborated with the AMG and with the Commune of FLORENCE for the institution of a school lunch program. Alfredo Becattini, a didactical director, has been appointed Director of this undertaking.

Two visits of inspection have been made by the head of this office in the Province (Montelupo, Empoli, Prato) and 8 inspections have been made in the Commune by the staff of the Provveditorato, all in the car at the disposition of this office.

This office wishes to thank the staff of the Regional Education Officer for the practical and continual help it has received from it.

3. PISTOIA PROVINCE.

The schools of the province having opened during the month of November, the examinations were held during the month of December. The provveditore agli Studi reports that the results of the examinations were very satisfactory. The schools to the North in the San Marcello region have not opened during this period but it is hoped they may begin during the month of January.

Appointment of provisional teachers is practically completed, 120 appointments for elementary positions and 30 for secondary positions having been made. The Provveditore agli Studi expects to have all positions filled when schools reconvene on January 8 after the holidays.

The suspension of Fascist personnel has continued and is nearly completed. The situation regarding window glass has greatly improved in this province. Local supplies will apparently take care of the most urgent minimum needs. The matter of heating continues to be a grave problem. If the present sub-freezing temperature continues, the functioning of classes will no doubt be interrupted.

Since our last report the building situation has improved slightly, one large elementary school building in one of the important communes having been released by a military unit for school use.

4. LUCCA PROVINCE.

a. General Situation. Schools for the term 1944-45 in Communes of Lucca Capannori, Porcari, Altopascio, Montecatini, Massarosa, Viareggio will in general resume on 4 January 1945 with the term divided into trimestres as follows: I. 4 January to 15 March. II. 16 March to 31 May. III. 1 June to 31 July. Schools in Camaiore will reopen shortly after 4 January. Some buildings have been requisitioned but other buildings have been found. Repairs and disinfection are progressing altho glass is still lacking in some places. There is a surplus of teachers. Salaries are insufficient. Request for wood for heating schools has been made but none has been delivered to date. 2930

b. Books and Quadersni. Elementary text books have not yet been delivered to the Province. Quadersni are being printed in Lucca. Secondary school books are needed from FLORENCE.

c. School Lunches. Forms sent to Sindaci concerning provision for school lunches, quantities of food involved, and means of preparation, have not yet been returned.

d. Enrollments - School Year 1944-45. Latest available figures show the enrollment to date as follows:

	<u>No Schools</u>		<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>No Teachers</u>
	<u>Norm.</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Norm.</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Asili	27	27	2122	1536	56
Elem.	155	149	15657	13963	399
Avv.	6	6	2237	1264	74
Media	4	4	911	685	44
Sup.	8	8	963	680	87
Total	200	194	21890	18128	660

e. Buildings. Use of school plant is as follows:

482	- Classrooms functioning
25	- Classrooms occupied by Allied Troops
11	- Classrooms occupied by Italian Troops
13	- Classrooms occupied by Carabinieri
23	- Classrooms occupied by Refugees.
4	- Classrooms occupied by other agencies
5	- Classrooms awaiting minor repairs.
48	- Classrooms seriously damaged
9	- Classrooms not functioning for other reasons.

f. Special Points. Eight(8) new classes (elementary) have been authorized due to increased enrollments. English classes (extra-curricular) have been approved for public school pupils, to be held after regular hours in the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale, and for adults to be held in scuola Media "Corte Portici". Temporary occupation by troops in Lucca has taken 5 buildings, but other quarters have been found.

5. PISA PROVINCE.

a. During the month of December the schools of every type and grade have worked regularly in all the centres of the Province in relation to the number of rooms available. This problem is still grave because they have been damaged or because they are occupied by Allied troops, with the one exception of the Istituto Magistrale in which all the secondary schools of the town work at the moment. 2979

b. The elementary schools of the town of PISA have only one room in the building "Fabio Filzi", three in the School "Guglielmo Oberdan" and, for the quarters south of the Arno, a few rooms in the palace Del Borge (Via S. Martino) which however has no windows. The situation of the

elementary schools in the Province is better with the exception of Pontedera where it is hoped to find a building for the imminent reopening of the school.

g. The sections detached from the Scuola Media Inferiore have begun to work at Calci, Bagni di S. Giuliano, Cascina, Bientina, Marina di Pisa while it has been planned to reopen a section at Gappanoli.

h. All the assistant teachers have been nominated in the Middle and Elementary Schools. The work of epuration is almost at an end. The lists of the teachers suspended from service and of a good number of those examined but not suspended have been sent to the Provincial Education Officer. The Commissione di Appello is continuing the examination of the claims and has already decided on many of them.

i. The Fall session of examinations in the schools of every type and grade has taken place regularly.

j. According to the dispositions received from the Comando Alleato measures have been taken to verify and later to take over all the movable and immovable possessions of the ex-GIL, of which the R. Provveditore has been temporarily appointed guardian.

k. This office has been particularly interested in the institution of school lunch in the homes and in the elementary schools of the Province and is getting in touch with all the Syndicates so that this important measure may be taken as soon as possible.

l. The R. Provveditore and in his place the two Vice Provveditori have continued their visits to the various centres of the Province to assure themselves personally of the way the schools are working, and have ascertained that the results up to now are to be considered satisfactorily.

6. LIVORNO PROVINCE.

a. General Situation. Schools are in general functioning thruout the Province, altho with reduced hours in some localities. Glass is still needed. A project to use some of the excess labor in piombino in repairing schools there would be welcomed if the financial picture could be arranged satisfactorily. Many schools outside Livorno are occupied by Allied and Italian troops and refugees but in most places other rooms have been found.

b. School Enrollment. The following are the figures available but they are not exact as registration is not yet complete, and inspectors have not been able to communicate all their reports to the Provveditore:

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	<u>No Schools.</u>		<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>No Teachers</u>	
	Normal	Actual	Normal	Actual		
Asili	55	(figures not available at this date)				
Klem.	127	107	14579	6963	285	
Avv.	12	10	2230	857	44	
Media	5	5	1455	836	38	
Sup.	10	10	1658	981	95	

N.B. (Figures given above are not exact as registration is not yet complete, and inspectors have not been able to communicate all their reports to the Provveditore.)

c. Buildings.

Use of school plant is as follows:

Classrooms functioning	-233
" occupied by Allied Troops	- 96
" " " refugees	- 54
" awaiting disinfection	- 39
" " minor repairs	-138
" badly damaged	- 67
" destroyed	- 71
" not functioning -other reasons	- 56

d. Special Points.

No elementary textbooks yet available in Livorno, and quaderni are scarce.

Appeal Commission is functioning satisfactorily.

Report on glass are coming in slowly.

The Sindaco of Livorno City feels that the lunch program is too big a task at this time and brings up all the objections he can think of to its operation at this time. No reports have been turned in from other Sindaci.

The Provveditore agli Studi has received a congratulatory letter from the Prefect thanking him for his fine work in getting schools started in the face of a difficult situation. This would seem to indicate a healthy spirit in local cooperation.

7. GROSSETO PROVINCE.

a. Allied troops have occupied all the school buildings of Viale Porciatti and Piazza Umberto I, excluding the buildings of the Istituto Magistrale and the Liceo Classico which have continued to work regularly. The building of the Porta Vecchia has been occupied by sinistrati with exception of the rooms of the Istituto Tecnico Agrario which are being used as laboratories. The schools which were in the buildings of the Porta Vecchia have been opened with two days interruption as follows:

(1) The Istituto Agrario has remained in its own building and adopts alternate hours of work because two of the rooms are used by the scuola

di Avviamento.

(2). The Scuola di Avviamento Industriale e Commerciale and the Scuola Tecnica have transferred the Director's and Secretary's offices into the two rooms of the Istituto Agrario and I have arranged for lessons to be held temporarily in the buildings designated as laboratories and in the Aula Magna of the same building.

(3). The Scuola Media Inferiore has been divided as follows:

aa. at the Istituto Commerciale 2 classes in the morning and five classes in the afternoon.

bb. at the Istituto Magistrale one class in the afternoon.

cc. at the Liceo Scientifico two classes in the morning and two in the afternoon.

(4). The classes of the elementary schools of the capital have been divided as follows and work in four turns daily every other day:

aa. 24 classes in 3 rooms at the Istituto Commerciale.

bb. 8 classes in one room in the Casa del Cooperatore.

cc. 32 classes in 4 rooms of the Orphanage of S. Lorenzo.

Result: there are very few rooms available and these are indispensable if the schools are to continue to work. To this end I am trying to obtain the help of the local authorities and of the Allied Command. For the elementary schools I have been able to use one in the parish of S. Giuseppe and shall probably be able to use one room in the Franciscan Convent. In this way the hours of the lessons can be arranged better and the children have not too far to go to school.

c. Building Work. The School in Via Mazzini should be ready in about one month. At Orbetello the schools have been reopened on Dec 15th (the elementary schools on Dec 4th) alternating the use of the available rooms. In the whole of the Province only the elementary schools of Porto S. Stefano- Capital are still closed down. But the Sindaco has promised me that the necessary rooms will be ready by January 1st.

d. Text-books. This question has been resolved for the Secondary and upper schools. It is more difficult for the elementary schools for which there are fewer books.

6. SIENA PROVINCE.

a. General Situation. The situation has improved still more this last month owing to the improvement of the atmospheric conditions, it has been possible to make the most urgent repairs and a number of school buildings have been left free from refugees who have returned to their own homes or by troops transferred into other parts and have been given to the schools administration. A certain quantity of glass for windows has been procured and in some parts also some means of heating; so that almost everywhere the schools have begun to work regularly. the few buildings completely destroyed have been temporarily substituted by others not too distant which have been conceded by the generous help of parishes and farms.

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The general conditions of the school buildings have been given in the statistical table added to this report.

As regards the buildings of the capital of the Province things are still at the same point, the greater part of them being occupied by Allied troops. The elementary and medie schools have to give lessons in turns in the only two buildings freed in a third which is half-empty so that lessons can only be given on a reduced scale. Everything however gives cause to think that this situation will also improve soon in SIENA.

b. Christmas Holidays. My proposal was to grant a long period of winter holidays i.e. from December 15th to the end of February, but, because the lessons did not take place normally, I reduced the winter holidays to Christmas holidays: from December 18th to January 14th for the medie schools: from December 22nd to the end of January for the elementary schools.

c. Functioning of Schools. Schools would have worked almost normally, as I said above, if there had not been some difficulties with the teachers incaricati and assistants. Numerous applications, 600 in all: owing to the difficulties of communication the greater part has not been able to accept or refuse in the time limit fixed: therefore a lot of precious time was lost in renewing the invitations: lost, that is, up to a certain point because the Presidi and Directors rapidly provided for substitute teachers who lived nearby.

d. Institution of New Schools. As I mentioned in my last report I had intended to found Istituto Tecnico Industriale a State, or at any rate, a parificato institute at SIENA. There is great need for such a school as the local authorities have demonstrated. And since the Regional Commissioner for Education in the 8th zone has nothing against it, I have asked for the opinion of the Ministry of public Instruction. There is equal need to parificare the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale of Montepulciano. This Institute was founded specially in the interest of the R. Con servatorio which helps the orphans of the railway-employees. It is already fairly prosperous in its 4th year and would almost be sure to flourish still more if, instead of being a town school, it could be parificato. For this Institute too, I have asked the Ministry for its opinion. The commissario Prefettizio of Sinalunga having prospected and demonstrated the necessity of a Scuola Media Inferiore of Sinalunga since the difficulties of communication between Sinalunga and Siena and Montepulciano have been increasing every day and the number of scholars unable to attend a medie school being considerable, I have decided to detach a section from Montepulciano which would absorb the scholars of the municipal medie schools of Torrita and Bettelle. This is necessarily a temporary arrangement and is in any case subject to the approval of the Ministry. In other zones there is urgent need of some new elementary classes: after having verified the necessity and the opportunity I have given my consent to the opening of some subsidized schools.

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c. School Lunches. Almost all the Sindaci have replied to my invitation and promised to pay the expense for the school lunches until the School Patronages have been reconstituted. In the next few days I will present an estimate of the amount of food required to the Allied Authorities and will begin to draw it as soon as possible.

d. Teachers Sfolleti in the Province. This is one of the most difficult problem to be solved. More than 200 had sought refuge in the Province of Siena. Presidi, Inspectors, Directors and medie and elementary school teachers had come from all parts of Italy, especially from the South. A lot of them were engaged at once in useful positions. The greater part has received their salary remaining, though it was not their fault, without work. When the order of the Ministry came for these to return to their own residences by the end of September some of them left. Others proved that it was impossible for them to leave either because of the lack of means of transport or because they would not have found any of their belongings in the places they had come from. This problem was put before the Allied Authorities who decided to put off the date of return until October 31st. Later on they generously put it off again until November 30th. From this date on all were informed that they would not receive any more salary. An exception was made for those who having found useful occupation in the vacant positions of the Province, has already applied to the Provveditorati for a temporary transfer to the district of Siena. About 30 teachers are in this condition, sfolleti from Sicily, Sardegna, from the island of Giglio, from the Agro Romano and from the Provinces north of the line Pisa-Lucca-Firenze-Arezzo.

e. Text-books and copy books. The necessary books have been supplied to all the schools of the Province. In some elementary schools the reading books have not arrived as they are being reprinted.

f. Physical Instruction. All the teachers whose Fascist records have been cleared have been called to service as "incaricati" until their position has been defined. They earn the salary of the incaricati of the staff of the Medie Superiori for the first 12 hours and for the next 12 hours the salary of the incaricati of the staff of the Medie Inferiori. This rule has been followed, taking this Provveditorato as example, by other Provveditorati in Tuscany. In almost all the schools the pupils who are capable as regard age and physical condition, take part in the civil works of reconstruction. This will be done on a larger scale when good weather returns.

g. Eguration. Despite the uncertainty as regards the rules to be followed the Provincial Commission is continuing its work in exemplary manner so that everybody recognizes that the schools can, in this regard, be taken as a model of seriousness, of rigor, and at the same time, of human comprehension. During the month of December 15 cases have been examined and three suspended. I have reason to hope that when further

school buildings have been left free and others repaired things may go out still better than in last months.

9. AREZZO PROVINCE.

a. Salaries to elementary school teachers. A good many elementary school teachers of the Province have not yet received the salary for the month of November, since the Finance Office of the Allied Command has not yet issued the necessary orders of payment. Pressures were made toward having the matter handled quickly and it is hoped that a decision will be reached shortly. Unfortunately it is likely that the payments will not be made before the Christmas holidays, while, on the opposite side, there are about one thousand teachers who are in very hard situation with their families and many of whom are almost in a state of starvation. A representative group of the teachers called on the Prefect in order to give out the dissatisfaction of the teachers in this regard.

b. Functioning of the elementary schools. All appointments for the filling of 445 vacant positions were made. Therefore all elementary schools of the Province, excepting those which were entirely destroyed or were occupied by military units or by refugees, are supposed to function regularly. The didactical directors were instructed to check into the actual attendance of the teachers and to report their findings to this office. However, I am under no illusion as to the possibility for each village and communal fractions, especially those located in mountainous zones, to have its teacher. Therefore, I gave authorization to the didactical directors to use local substitute teachers when the regularly appointed teachers will not be present.

c. Secondary School Functioning. The Royal Training School of Sansepolcro reopened on 9 December. Therefore all secondary schools reopened with the only exception of the Agrarian Technical Institute Vegai located at the Capesaine which will be opened within the month of January or February. The make-up courses got an end on 2 December. Examinations were held between 4 and 12 December. On 18 December the inauguration of the scholastic year 1944-45 took place and lessons were resumed immediately. In accordance with dispositions issued by the Minister of Public Instruction and accepted here the Christmas holidays were established to take place between 23 December and 7 January. Instructions were given to the didactical directors as to the use of text-books and as to the application of the new programs. The situation of the scholastic premises is very difficult almost in all the Institutes on account of the lack of space and for the impossibility of heating. However, four rooms in Arezzo City were obtained for scholastic purposes in the Archbishop's Palace.

d. Expulsion. Some more elementary school teachers were suspended.

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The Epuration Committee continued to go on its work and a decision was issued in regard to 19 suspended teachers: 9 were proposed for the reinstatement, 7 were proposed for the continuance of the suspension and 3 were proposed for the reinstatement provided new investigations be made or for the transfer to other places.

e. Statistical Data. Still now good many data are lacking from the Communes and other agencies. Therefore the attached statistical data are partial.

f. Car for the Provveditorato. Despite the repeated requests forwarded to the Prefect's office, this office is still without a car and such a fact makes it impossible to carry out inspection trips in the Province. A badly arranged car was put at our disposal toward the end of November, but it was useless before the beginning of a single trip. This situation is absolutely humiliating. In order to make acquaintance with the scholastic situation of the Province and to take the necessary steps it is necessary to visit the communes, to deal with the authorities and to make all the places feel the presence of a central authority. Without a car, the work of this office is confined to a simply bureaucratic activity.

10. TEXT-BOOKS.

a. Elementary School Text-Books. The printing of the whole set of State elementary text-books with the exception of the Sillabario was made by the Consorzio with the number of copies for each book ranging from 10,000 to 25,000 copies. However, only four of the above books were put on sale at the "Messaggerie", since a final decision on the price of the remaining five books is being awaited. The problem of the Sillabario is also pending and, unless a prompt reply as to the possibility of having the necessary material here from Rome arrives in proper time, it will be necessary to make use of the private production Sillabari, like the "Primo Libro di Pinocchio" by Paoletti, of which 20,000 copies were available. Some other text-books available in appreciable quantity are those of the "Albertoni-Bartoli" set printed by the Le Monnier printing house, of which some 7,000 copies are available. In addition to these two sets which will likely find favour with the teachers, there are 50,000 copies of a Sillabario printed by Sandron and some 13,000 copies of second and third elementary classes books by Panciulli (already approved by the Consorzio). It is difficult to say to what extent the now existing books are meeting the necessities of the scholastic population, since the total figures of this latter cannot be ascertained well on account of the difficulties of communication and also because of the great number of students attending private schools and for whom it is not possible to make any estimate, at this time.

b. Secondary School Text-books. With the books now available and with the books now being printed the Secondary School text-book situation is very good. The problem of transporting these books to the various

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provinces is still a serious one.

11. CHRISTMAS PARTY.

This office cooperated in the plans for Christmas Parties for over 5000 underprivileged children, which were held at 10 centres in the City of Florence on Sunday 31 December. Through the Provveditore agli Studi the most needy centers were selected, programs by children were planned to supplement programs furnished through P.W.B., and general direction was given from the school standpoint by this office. In addition to the entertainment features of these parties, sweets and toys were distributed to each child from contributions of the Allied Forces and local citizens.

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SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE
MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944.TO : Education Sub-Commission, Allied Commission
(Through: Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region).

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S U M M A R Y

UNIVERSITIES.

The University of FLORENCE continues to function with integrative courses. Several administrative matters have been handled.

The formal opening of the University of PISA was held 25 November.

The formal opening of the University of SIENA was held 26 November.

SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCES.

Schools have opened and are in operation in GROSSETO, SIENA, AREZZO, FLORENCE, PISA, LIVORNO, PISTOIA, AND LUCCA Provinces.

In all Provinces, except GROSSETO, there is a large occupation of school buildings by military units. Many buildings are also occupied by refugees.

Lack of window glass continues to be a major problem. Lack of fuel for heating is also causing a hardship for teachers and pupils.

The problem of suspending Fascist personnel continues to proceed well. Reviewing committees are functioning.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

1944

1. UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER INSTITUTES OF LEARNING.

a. University of FLORENCE.

The old Council of Administration has been dissolved by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, FLORENCE City, and the Rector has been instructed to nominate a new Council in accordance with Italian law.

This office assisted the Economo of the University to work out an agreement with an Engineering Unit whereby the latter agreed to take over the work of finishing the construction of one of the University buildings which it desired to occupy and to furnish trucks for the transportation of lignite for the central heating system not only of this building but also of the various medical clinics of the University. Since the University had made a request for a daily need of 250 quintals of lignite in addition to the request already made for the CAREGGI Hospitals, this office feels that the University has profited greatly.

The Rector of the University has submitted a plan to offer courses in beginning and advanced Italian Language and in History, Literature, and Art of Italy for Allied personnel. This plan has been submitted to the British Education Officer and to the American Special Service Officer. Both are interested and as soon as the latter receives approval from the Commanding General, details of the plan will be worked out by them and the Rector.

The Rector has been very helpful to the officials of the University of PISA Engineering School and this office in assisting them with their plan to establish a branch of this school in FLORENCE, to take care of the large number of Engineering students living in and near FLORENCE and who can not return to PISA because the building there has been requisitioned, its equipment carried away by the Germans, and because of a lack of living accommodations for outside students.

A member of this office accompanied the Economo of the University to Villa Medici, CAVAGGIOLO (FLORENCE Province) where large collections of botanical specimens belonging to the University are stored for safe-keeping. These collections are said to be some of the most valuable in the world. The University authorities desire the return of these collections to FLORENCE but the problem of transportation is difficult, there being several truck loads of material. The building in which these collections are stored is in good condition and the collection would appear safe except that the custodian reports danger of damage from rats and mice.

The University of FLORENCE has established courses in Italian Literature, History, Language, Art, and Politics for Canadian Troops in this area. It holds 3 classes daily for 3 consecutive days. Each soldier is given nine lessons.

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b. University of PISA.

The University of PISA held its formal reopening on the 25 November. The Senior Civil Affairs Officer, 5th Army, Allied Military Government was the official spokesman for the Allied Military Government and presented the Pro-Rector to the audience. Because of the lack of a sufficiently large hall to seat the large number in attendance the ceremony was held under difficulties. The lack of seats and crowded standing conditions made for a bad audience situation. A minimum amount of "heckling" by a few students and the "long winded" discourse of the Pro-Rector did not help the situation any.

The reception for which the 5th Army furnished the materials for the food was very nice.

The press coverage was excellent.

This office assisted in the University officials in arriving at a plan whereby the University will offer extension courses in FLORENCE for Engineering students of PISA, BOLOGNA, and other Northern Universities, who are now in or near FLORENCE and who can not attend classes in PISA.

This office has been notified that the Medical College of the University has been requisitioned. This is most unfortunate and the competent officials have been asked to intercede.

Despite all of its difficulties, the University is making a determined effort to function as normally as it is possible to do.

c. University of SIENA.

On 26 November the University of SIENA held its formal reopening in the great hall of the Communal Palace. The ceremony was attended by a large number of civilians and Allied personnel. It was a very impressive and colorful ceremony. Col. Robert G. KIRKWOOD, the Regional Commissioner of TOSCANA Region, spoke in behalf of the Allies and presented Dr. Mario BRACCI as the newly elected Rector of the University. He also expressed the appreciation of the Allies for the work done by the Pro-Rector Prof. CICONA. The speech of Prof. BRACCI was an excellent one. The Press and photographic services were well represented and gave excellent publicity to the event. Another significant feature of the ceremony was the ringing of the ancient bell of the Palace which is rung only to announce events of great happiness and which had not sounded since before the beginning of the war.

The report of the Epuration Committee was approved by the Regional Commissioner and it has been forwarded to the Sub-Commission.

2. FLORENCE PROVINCE.

With the coming of Winter the number of requests for school buildings for military units has greatly increased. The Provveditorato reports

that to date 42 buildings have been requisitioned. It is to be added, however, that the requisitioning authorities have shown great willingness to cooperate with this office and in a number of cases have agreed to compromises and alternative accommodations.

A large number of teachers continue to come to this office for recommendations for passes to get to their teaching positions.

The schools south of the Arno are functioning rather well but little attempt has been made up to now to do much about reopening schools in Northern part of the Province because of the military situation.

The monthly report of the Provveditorato follows:

a.	<u>Building situation.</u>	
	No of secondary school buildings	29
	No of secondary schools functioning in their own building	11
	No of secondary schools functioning in the premises of other schools	14
	No of schools at secondary level without buildings	2
	No of elementary school buildings	86
	Elementary Schools now in function	45
	Elementary schools the building of which have been requisitioned	41
	Elementary Schools without buildings	3
	The number of available buildings is more than the number of those requisitioned. The first number is 45 and the second number is 41. However, if we will take into account the number of classrooms and not the number of buildings, it will appear that the 2/3 of the school premises have been requisitioned.	

b.	<u>Personnel Situation.</u>	
	No of Elementary School Teachers for FLORENCE City	782
	No of Elementary School Teachers for FLORENCE Province	1850
	No of Kindergarten Teachers for FLORENCE City	65
	No of Kindergarten Teachers for FLORENCE Province	120
	No of Secondary School Teachers for FLORENCE City	780
	No of Secondary School Teachers for FLORENCE Province	200
	No of Presidi, Directors, Inspectors, and other school-heads who have been suspended from service	17
	No of Elementary School Teachers who have been suspended from service	81
	No of Secondary School Teachers who have been suspended from service	35

c. Examinations.
In all schools examinations took place between 6 and 11 November for admission, idoneousness, and promotion: the students met only oral examinations.

Graduation examinations took place between 13 and 25 November: the students met with oral and written examinations in Italian. The themes

were proposed by University teachers.

d. Students Enrollment.

No of Kindergarten pupils in FLORENCE City	650
No of Kindergarten pupils in FLORENCE Province	1500
No of Elementary School pupils in FLORENCE City	12800
No of Elementary School pupils in FLORENCE Province	40000
No of Secondary School students in FLORENCE City	7480
No of Secondary School students in FLORENCE Province	2200

e. Time-Schedule.

Generally speaking, more than one school is functioning in one building. The elementary classes are functioning with a time-schedule of two or three hours daily, in the morning or in the evening. AFTERNOON

f. Teacher Position.

The following teachers are living here in FLORENCE as refugees from Southern Provinces of Italy :

Elementary School Teachers	31
Secondary School Teachers	25

They have been notified that they must return to their proper stations or suffer loss of salary.

The following teachers are living in FLORENCE as refugees from Northern Provinces of Italy:

Elementary School Teachers	20
Secondary School Teachers	33

The following teachers are living in FLORENCE as refugees from other Provinces of TOSCANA :

Elementary School Teachers	39
Secondary School Teachers	95

The following transfers were made with the approval of both the Provveditori concerned and with the approval of A.M.G. authorities:

Elementary School Teachers	24
Secondary School Teachers	11

The following Jewish teachers were reinstated in service:

Elementary School Teachers	5
Secondary School Teachers	11

g. Foreign Language.

The organization of the Scuola Media Inferiore was carried out in compliance with the received dispositions.

h. Epuration Committee:

It is formed with five members: two professors of secondary schools, one female teacher for the substitute and provisional teachers of secondary schools and two teachers for elementary schools.

k. Pensioning Allowances.

For the personnel entitled to be given the regular pensioning allowance proper arrangements were made with the Intendente di Finanza in order to have a first instalment of their allowances.

i. Car for the Provveditore.

The use of a car for the Provveditorato's office has been secured and is very helpful.

The Provveditore agli Studi reports that he was unable to furnish the statistical report requested by the Education Sub-commission until next month.

This office has received a report from the Director of the scholastic activities within the Comune of FLORENCE which is very interesting. Under Italian law any commune may supplement the educational activities furnished by the Province and the National Government, provided that the entire expense is borne by the Comune. In FLORENCE the Comune has provided for kindergartens, supervised play-grounds, a boarding school for pupils with trachoma, open air schools for the tubercular, an Industrial Institute on the secondary level, night schools, a Psychiatric Clinic and Heliotherapeutic grounds for small children. It seems that the Comune of FLORENCE was successful in keeping these activities under its control rather than allowing them to be transferred to such Fascist agencies as the G.I.L.

3. PISA PROVINCE.

During October and November, 83 Asili were opened in the Province using 133 teachers for 5122 children. About half of the elementary schools were opened this month with the balance planned to open on 1st December, approximately 800 teachers will be used for 22,500 pupils. Few elementary pupils are attending classes in PISA City as the schools are without buildings largely and classes have to be held in teachers' homes. VOLTERRA and POMERANCE have schools functioning. In towns like PONSACCO schools have been either destroyed or requisitioned and none have been able to open. Of the 29 media and superior schools in the Province, 19 opened in November, 7 will open on December 1st, and 3 are not yet ready to open. A total of 365 teachers will be used for 4100 pupils, approximately. There are 10 private and church schools for 523 pupils open at this date. These figures furnished by the Provveditore are not accurate as a last minute check showed some discrepancies.

Building repair is slow, little action having been accomplished. Efforts are being made to get both the Genio Civile and the Ufficio Alloggi into action to repair and clear the schools of refugees.

The Appeal Commission has been set up, approved, and is now functioning slowly and carefully.

The University of PISA inaugural ceremonies were held on 25 November, and examinations are now under way. A slight student demonstration by University students took place when the public was erroneously informed that a movement was on foot to change the School of Engineering to FLORENCE. Evacuation of University personnel is going very slowly.

The report of the Provveditore agli Studi for this month shows the building situation as follows:

Classrooms available	141
Classrooms occupied by troops	91
Classrooms occupied by refugees	204
Classrooms awaiting disinfectant	295
Classrooms awaiting minor repairs	288
Classrooms severely damaged	175
Classrooms destroyed	84

Requisitioning of buildings by the Air Corps still continues, the Scuole Medice of the University being recently taken. Efforts to free it are still in progress.

Some equipment from destroyed and requisitioned buildings has been reclaimed. Unfortunately a large part of the benches and desks in the Scuole Tecniche were cut up, used for lumber, mess tables, and fuel by the occupying military units.

Other locations for refugees must be found, disinfectant furnished and repairs made by the communes under the supervision of the Genio Civile, if satisfactory schooling is to be provided this Winter.

Of the 1575 school personnel, 50 have been confirmed in office to date, and 11 suspended. Screening of the others is in progress, and suspensions should be completed next month.

The main problems in this province are:

- a. Occupation and destruction of buildings which necessitate location of schools in temporary quarters. Finding these in PISA is most difficult.
- b. Communes do not seem to realize that building repair is their responsibility and not that of the Provveditore.
- c. Refugees in schools in 60 localities.

4. SIENA PROVINCE.

School activities in the Province were interrupted during the month by floods and by bridges being washed away.

A few buildings have been cleared of refugees, grain, and troops.

The Provveditore agli Studi in this Province has done the most thorough job of any in the Region in the matter of teacher assignments. A Committee has worked for more than a month on this difficult task of making a list of priority for provisional teachers, regular teachers and teachers from other Provinces who are refugees and can't return to their proper positions.

In SIENA City only two buildings remain for school purposes and these are being utilized to give part time instruction to all the pupils of the City.

Two lower secondary schools have been established in two communes to take care of pupils who normally could come to SIENA.

The Provveditore agli Studi is enthusiastic about an Agrarian Technical Institute which has been established at his own expense on his estate by Conte OTTIERI DELLA CIAIA. He states: "I visited the premises with the Archbishop of PIENZA and CHIUSI and the Prefect of SIENA. We inspected the scholastic equipment, program of studies, qualifications of the teaching staff and all appeared excellent. This initiative would deserve the largest encouragement and I think it opportune that this initiative be recognized by the Allies and the Minister."

42 Kindergartens are now functioning.
100,000 quaderni have been placed in the stores of the book-sellers; paper for these were furnished by the Regional Official of Industry and Commerce.

All Sindacoes have been notified about the possibility of furnishing school lunches. Replies are now being received.

The work of the Epuration is practically completed.

The statistical report requested can not be furnished until next month because of the lack of transportation and communication.

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GROSSETO PROVINCE.

Practically all schools in the province have been functioning this month. Token classes only being held in Orbetello and Montargentario, and the elementary schools in Grosseto City operating in 2 turns and on alternate days due to lack of building space. Building repair is progressing slowly. Vetting of personnel is continuing and the Appeal Commission for hearing suspended teachers is functioning.

Thirteen(13) persons have been suspended in the Provveditorato and superior schools, of whom to date ten (10) have appealed and six (6) suspensions have been revoked with two(2) sustained and two(2) pending. In the elementary and media schools, fifty-three(53) were suspended, of whom to date thirty-eight(38) have appealed, nine(9) suspensions have been revoked, eight(8) sustained, and twentyone(21) are now pending.

A tabulation of school enrollment follows:

Type of School	No	No Teachers	No Pupils	% of Normal
Asili	45	45	3900	90%
Elementary	214	583	15800	94%
Avviamento	10	59	597	89%
Media	4	81	946	105%
Superior	10	130	687	98%

Classrooms have been found in all communes to house schools.

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No buildings are occupied by Allied troops at the present writing. Four buildings are occupied by refugees, of which two are in Grosseto City. It is hoped that this situation will be relieved shortly as repairs are now completed at the Distretto Militare and refugees can move to this location. Work has finally been started to repair the buildings in Orbetello and it is hoped that they can open on 4th December.

On the 2 November due to flood conditions it was necessary to close many schools in the city, and they remained closed until the 13th of the month. On the 28th another flood hit the area and schools will again have to close. The closing of schools being due to the necessity of housing refugees, there being no other buildings available. Unless building repair proceeds more rapidly much school time will be lost this Winter as other floods are likely.

The Provveditore Dott. BERNARDINI Piero has been very much on the job and it is solely due to his efforts that school conditions in the province are in as good shape as these times will allow. He deserves much commendation.

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AREZZO PROVINCE.

All schools have reopened in the province where the building conditions permit. A detailed report from the Provveditore agli Studi shows a large majority of the schools functioning on full time or part time basis. There were some cases where schools reopened but were forced to close because of requisitioning by military units.

The problem of assigning teachers has been a difficult one due to the fact that many "di ruolo" teachers are refugees in other places and cannot return to their regular places because of lack of living accommodations. A priority list of substitute teachers has been completed and within this month all provisional and substitute teaching positions were scheduled to be filled.

The building situation throughout the Province is far from good on account of war damage and large troop occupation of buildings. In almost all localities there is a lack of glass and heating, which causes teachers and pupils to face serious handicaps.

Kindergartens have been reopened in ten localities.

Extension classes of the Liceo Classico and Liceo Scientifico of AREZZO were opened in Monteverchi on 20 November.

The work of Eputation continues, new suspensions having been made during the month. The Eputation Committee started its work on 28 October but has filed no report of decisions to date.

The office and staff of the Provveditorato has been reorganized, three members of the staff having been suspended including the head secretary. In spite of the lack of experience of the new personnel, the office is functioning regularly. Statistical reports are difficult

because of the condition of the archives, many papers having been lost or destroyed, and because of the serious lack of communication and transportation. The Provveditore agli Studi was promised the use of a car beginning the 29 November.

7. LUCCA PROVINCE.

Schools in general in the five(5) communes expected to open on 3rd November are now open. Five(5) of the fifteen(15) schools in the commune of Massarosa are also open. The Appeal Commission for hearing suspended teachers is at work. Repairs to buildings are progressing in the City of Lucca, but the work is slower outside. Teachers are available at their posts. Passes for students are being granted for University attendance. Examinations will begin on 4 December and the new school year will start (1944-45) after 1st January 1945.

The following personnel have been suspended:

Employees of the Provveditorato	1
School heads	6
Elementary Teachers	18
Media and Superiore Teachers	8

This work is still in progress according to our directives and a thoro attempt is being made to do it carefully.

The report of the Provveditore agli Studi for the month shows the following figures which I believe to be as nearly accurate as it is possible to obtain at the present date:

<u>Schools Open</u>	<u>Normal Enroll- ment</u>	<u>Actual Enroll- ment</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Asili - 25	1637	1324	59
Elementari- 145	15360	12757	379
Avviamento- 4	1337	916	66
Media - 2	834	727	35
Superiore - 5	1223	561	86

Figures on the school plant in the province show:

No of classrooms in use	315
No of classrooms occupied by Allied Troops	43
No of classrooms occupied by refugees	11
No of classrooms occupied by other agencies	11
No of classrooms awaiting minor repairs	47
No of classrooms seriously damaged	57
No of classrooms destroyed	5
No of classrooms not functioning for other reasons	23

A plan for the reorganization of the Istituto d'Arte of LUCCA has been presented by Prof. MANZINI and approved by the provveditore.

It is now awaiting further approval from the Ministry.
36 classes for refugees have been organized in 34 localities with classes ranging in size from 15 to 60.

The building situation in the commune of Massarosa is not progressing as fast as could be expected. Cleaning and minor repairs are not being provided for by the Ufficio Tecnico so as to enable schools to get started. Buildings in some cases are still occupied by refugees when other quarters are available nearby (eg. Piano di Conca). Lack of cleaning may be due to the wage rate which I was informed was at the rate of L. 10,00 per month for a one room building, and L. 90,00 in the larger building at Massarosa.

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LIVORNO PROVINCE.

Elementary, media, and superiore schools in the City of Livorno are open. Elementary schools in the rest of the province are functioning in part. Secondary and media schools in Cecina, Rosignano, and Piombino were ordered to open on 27 November. These schools have not been visited as yet. Repairs to roofs and windows are well under way in the City of Livorno. Parificate church schools are functioning. Water and electricity are not yet available in the City. Communication and transport are slow and difficult. Personnel suspended - 53. New textbooks not yet available. Appeal Commission to hear suspended teachers approved and functioning.

Enrollment in media schools is about 50% of normal, showing 872 pupils in contrast with 1656 enrolled last year. Avviamento schools also average about 50% with 1506 pupils this year as against a normal enrollment of 3103. Other types of superiore schools average 50% of normal enrollment with 923 pupils as against 1513 normally. Enrollment is not yet closed, and additions are expected, altho the enrollment in Avviamento Schools may drop off since industrial equipment is not available.

Enrollment figures in the elementary schools are not yet available completely. It is expected, however, that the pupils population will be about 50% of normal in the city of LIVORNO, normal in other parts of the Province.

Repairs to school buildings are progressing slowly, glass and tiles are the same old story - difficult to find. In the City of Livorno substitute buildings have been found to house the school population. The Church authorities have been most cooperative in offering the use of Church property to the Provveditori for the public schools. The Real Estate Section of PBS has also helped greatly by reserving requested buildings for school use. The Refugees Center is still occupying schools in Rosignano and much repair work remains to be done in Cecina and Piombino.

Suspension to date include 1 employee of the Provveditorato, 4 Presidi, 6 media and secondary teachers, and 42 elementary teachers (total - 53) or less than 1% of the total 746 di ruolo employees. The

Provveditore has prepared a questionnaire of his own which has been distributed to supervisory officials for their use in screening all teachers more thoroly.

Outstanding problems to be worked on this month are:

- a. Distribution of text-books.
- b. Building materials and repairs.
- c. School lunch program.
- d. Noon meals for teachers in City of Livorno.
- e. Sanitation facilities and disinfestation of buildings.

9. PISTOIA PROVINCE.

Except for a small number opened previously, most of the schools of the Province opened on 6 November.

Plans are under way to reopen the remaining schools, principally those located in the mountains and where buildings have been destroyed, as soon as possible after 1st December.

The problem of assigning teachers has been carried forward to completion. Appointments of substitute and provisional teachers have been made, following the listing of available applicants according to priority. Many transfers have been made within the Province and from and to other Provinces to meet the present problem of teachers who are refugees. About 55 positions made vacant by suspensions have been filled.

The building situation has grown worse during the month due to an increased use of buildings for troops. These added to the many buildings which have been occupied by refugees present an critical building problem. As in most of the Provinces of this Region, the lack of glass and the absence of fuel for heating present hardship for teachers and pupils.

Priority ratings for the repair of damaged school buildings have been filed by the Provveditore agli Studi.

Three principals of secondary schools have been suspended as well as 13 secondary teachers and 42 elementary teachers.

The office of the Provveditorato now includes 9 Didactical Directors for the Province.

10. TEXT-BOOKS.

A complete report relative to text-books was filed by Capt. H.R. BEARD of the Education Sub-Commission on the 22 November. Since the prices of the State text-books have now been fixed, the four books which have been printed will have the covers prepared and be ready for distribution in the near future. Quantities, in varying numbers, of other approved books are in stock and are available for use. Printing materials are available but the stock of paper in FLORENCE is getting low, according to P.W.B.

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11. PASSES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

This office continues to work in cooperation with the Public Safety Section in regard to passes for teachers and students. Large numbers pass through this office daily where the worthiness of each case is examined and requests are issued to the Public Safety Section.

12. VISIT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE EDUCATION SUB-COMMISSION AND THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The Acting Director of the Education Sub-Commission, Major WASHBURN and the Minister of Public Instruction Dr. DE RUGGIERO, visited this Region during the month.

In company with this officer they visited and held conferences with school officials in SIENA, FLORENCE, LUCCA, and PISA. Road conditions made it impossible to visit other provinces.

The conferences were quite informal and afforded opportunities for many questions of policy and procedures. They were quite helpful to all concerned.

13. PERSONNEL.

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Capt.	Dexter	G.	TILROE
Capt.	Sam	V.	NOE
Dr.	Plinio		PAGNI, secretary and educational consultant.
Pfc.	W.C.		CARTER, who has been hospitalized for all the month.

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In some faculties it has been necessary to reduce the number of the professors and to engage some provisional ones both by the fact of the education results and on account of the difficulty to reach FLORENCE for some professors who are refugees in other Provinces.

New provisional Faculty Deans were appointed in substitution of the ones appointed during the Republican Government. These Deans will remain in charge until the regular appointments can take place.

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It is with a great satisfaction that I can affirm that a great success has been acquired with the performance of the make-up courses. The students are crowding the University rooms more than ever and a deep interest in the studies is shown by them."

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B. UNIVERSITY OF SIENA.

The work of the Evacuation Committee has been completed except for a few professors who have not reported to the University and for whom Schedo Parmocelli are not available. The report of the Committee has been approved by the Regional Commissioner and it has been forwarded to the Education Sub-Committee.

The make-up courses are progressing very well according to the report of the Pro-Rector.

The University is planning to have its formal reopening with a communal and academic ceremony on 15 November.

The main buildings of the University is still being used by the Military Authorities.

C. University of Pisa.

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The appointment of Prof. RUSSO to both of these positions was recommended by the Minister of Public Instruction since the work of the latter institution is very closely coordinated with that of the University.

The Evacuation Committee has been approved and its initial report in which it has suspended eight professors has been received.

Prof. RUSSO has submitted the following report on the building situation:

" Central Building. The roof of the "Aula Magna" has been wrecked and the frescoes which decorated it destroyed.

Shells have smashed the roof in other three points of the building and broken right through into the apartment below.

Almost all the window panes have been broken, office locked and equipment carried off. The Observatory and the several Institutes of the Faculties of Letters, Sciences, and Law have suffered various losses.

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Faculty of Science. Roofs and outer walls have been damaged. Some of the equipment has been looted.

Institute of Mineralogy. A great part of the building and the central staircase have been wrecked. Parts of the remaining roof and outer walls have been damaged. Scientific equipment and the museum have been looted. A great number of books have been destroyed.

Faculty of Engineering. Roofs, walls, floors, and ceilings have been damaged. Windows, doors, and panes have been broken. Scientific and laboratory equipment has been destroyed and looted.

Faculty of Agriculture. Roofs, floors, ceilings have been wrecked in many places. Windows, doors, panes have been broken. Scientific and laboratory equipment has been destroyed and looted.

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. Roofs have been partially damaged. Windows, doors, and panes have been broken in almost all the buildings. Equipment has been looted.

The situation of the University has been further complicated by the fact that the following buildings have been requisitioned by the 12th Air Force:

All of the Engineering School

All of the Scuola Normale Superiore

Part of the General Chemistry Institution.

In spite of all the above difficulties the University is functioning administratively, is planning to begin its examination program on 9 November, to have a formal reopening on 25 November and to begin its new school year on 15 January 1945.

Lt. CHICHON, an officer formerly with the Education Sub-Commission, has been assigned as temporary duty from TOSCANA Region to the provincial Commissioner, PISA Province. Lt. CHICHON will serve as a provincial Education Officer in dealing with the University.

d. Academy of Fine Arts of FLORENCE.

The pro-rector has given a very encouraging report of the activities of the Academy.

The Selection Committee has furnished an excellent report of its work. It has recommended ten professors for suspension and one administrative employee. This report has been submitted to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of FLORENCE City for his approval.

Prof. COLACICCHI has also been named as Pro-rector of the Accademia delle Arti del Disegno by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, FLORENCE City.

e. Conservatorium of MUSIC.

Prof. Vito FRANCHI has been named Pro-rector of the Conservatorio di Musica di FLORENCE.

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Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. Roofs have been partially damaged. Windows, doors, and panes have been broken in almost all the buildings. Equipment has been looted.

The situation of the University has been further complicated by the fact that the following buildings have been requisitioned by the 12th Air Force:

All of the Engineering School

All of the Scuola Normale Superiore

Part of the Central Chemistry Institution.

In spite of all the above difficulties the University is functioning administratively, is planning to begin its examination program on 9 November, to have a formal reopening on 25 November and to begin its new school year on 15 January 1948.

Lt. CHICHON, an Officer formerly with the Education Sub-Commission, has been assigned on temporary duty from TOSKANA Region to the Provincial Commissioner, PISA Province. Lt. CHICHON will serve as a Provincial Education Officer in dealing with the University.

2. Academy of Fine Arts of FLORENCE.

The Pro-Rector has given a very encouraging report of the activities of the Academy.

The Spuration Committee has furnished an excellent report of its work. It has recommended ten professors for suspension and one administrative employee. This report has been submitted to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of FLORENCE City for his approval.

Prof. COLACICCHI has also been named as Pro-Rector of the Accademia delle Arti del Disegno by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, FLORENCE City.

3. Conservatorium of MUSILO.

Prof. Vito FRACCHI has been named Pro-Rector of the Conservatorio di Musica di FLORENCE.

FLORENCE PROVINCE.

a. The general building situation in Florence City is good at the present time but there is an increasing number of requests for the use of school buildings by military units. At present 10 secondary schools are functioning in their own buildings, 13 are annexed to other institutes, and 5 are without buildings. At present 36 elementary schools are functioning in their own buildings with only one shift, 23 are functioning in the buildings of other schools with two shifts, and 13 are functioning in the buildings of other schools with three shifts. Three elementary schools are without buildings, and are not functioning.

Outside of the city of FLORENCE, complete, detailed information is not at hand but at least one third of all elementary and secondary schools are functioning.

The lack of class is strongly felt.

b. There are sufficient teachers both in the city of FLORENCE and in the province for the functioning of all necessary schools of all types. In fact there is a large surplus of teachers in FLORENCE City at present as refugees.

This office is working in cooperation with the Public Safety Office for the return of these teachers to their proper posts where possible. Lack of transportation for these teachers continues to be a difficult problem.

c. The suspension of fascist personnel is progressing satisfactorily. In FLORENCE City and Province 17 inspectors, directors, and principals have been suspended. In FLORENCE City 36 elementary teachers and 28 secondary teachers have been suspended. The suspension of fascist personnel is proceeding throughout the Province but due to difficulties of communications the figures for the number of suspended teachers outside the city are not available at this time.

d. On 9 October almost all elementary and secondary schools of the city of FLORENCE were reopened and on the same date schools were opened throughout the Province where availability of personnel permitted.

e. The Providence staff study forecasts an increase in the enrollment figures of last year which are as follows:

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opening outside the City of Pisa and PONTINIA - November 15th. It may be possible to open in PONTINIA and VOLTERRA the 6th, PROVVEDITORATO is settled in Lorus Galileiana, PISA. Space for schools must be found in the city before they can re-open, as buildings not destroyed are occupied with very few exceptions. It is hoped that school space can be found south of the Arno when this area is opened for use. Repair and materials are needed throughout the province. Branch schools will be established in centers where refugees are located. Vetting of personnel is progressing, and an appeal Commission has been nominated awaiting approval. 55 of the school personnel have been vetted of whom 26 confirmed in office and 9 suspended. 2 of these have appealed.

D. Provveditorato dell' Studi. Prof. A. SALMEL appears to be an energetic and able man. He is taking hold of his job in good fashion. An opportunity to see him function on a visit to VOLTERRA when he held a conference with President there, revealed an able administrator with a good grasp of the school situation and an ability to see possibilities when things look dark. He has two assistants to take charge of elementary and middle schools respectively. Transport is available for his office.

E. Problems. They can be summarized as follows:

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The Provveditore has used all possible ingenuity in providing for two hour shifts of classes each day but the number of classrooms available does not permit even this limited schedule to function for all the pupils.

As long as SIENA continues as such an important military center this condition will not improve.

The provveditore still does not have any transportation to visit the communes of the Province.

6. CHIOSSATO PROVINCE.

The schools opened on October 16th in all communes. Buildings have been made available for all schools except in CHIOSSATO where work is still in progress on repairs.

Class and tiles are the problems. Teachers are available and at their posts. Communication is very difficult within the Province due to lack of bridges in many areas and a supplementary report on the actual number of pupils enrolled will be necessary when these figures have been received.

Text-books and Quaderpi are wanted.

The general situation in CHIOSSATO is probably the best of all provinces in this region as it is as nearly normal as can be expected.

7. AREZZO PROVINCE.

a. The Province of AREZZO was turned over to TOSCANA Region on 18 October 1944.

Prior to this date Prof. Ettore SCUCHELLI had been selected to act as Provveditore agli Studi. Also visits had been made by an Education Officer to a number of communes with the Provincial School officials.

b. Where possible elementary schools were opened on 16 October. Likewise secondary schools were opened on 30 October. Other schools will open when conditions permit.

c. The building situation is critical at present with no indications of improvement, in the near future. A report from the Provveditore agli Studi shows 26 buildings free for use and undamaged, 48 buildings free for use and slightly damaged, 52 buildings so seriously damaged that they cannot be used immediately, 55 buildings have been requisitioned for military use, and 60 buildings are occupied by refugees. In the communes schools will not be able to function even on a half day basis. Lack of plans continues to be a critical problem.

Because of fact that such a large number of military units still operate out of AREZZO it is impossible in many cases to find alternate accommodations.

d. The provveditore agli Studi also reports 230 teaching positions for which teachers are not available. Many teachers cannot return to their home cities or towns because of a lack of housing facilities. If and when the troops and refugees are moved out this condition should improve.

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Text-books and Quaderini are wanted.

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b. Where possible elementary schools were opened on 18 October. Likewise secondary schools were opened on 30 October. Other schools will open when conditions permit.

c. The building situation is critical at present with no indications of improvement, in the near future. A report from the Provveditore agli Studi shows 20 buildings free for use and undamaged, 28 buildings free for use and slightly damaged, 52 buildings so seriously damaged that they cannot be used immediately, 35 buildings have been requisitioned for military use, and 10 buildings are occupied by refugees. In total 8 communes schools will not be able to function even on a half day schedule. Lack of glass continues to be a critical problem.

Because of fact that such a large number of military units still operate out of AREMO it is impossible in many cases to find alternate accommodations.

d. The Provveditore agli Studi also reports 200 teaching positions for which teachers are not available. Many teachers cannot return to their home cities or towns because of a lack of housing facilities. If and when the troops and refugees are moved out this condition should improve.

e. It is estimated that there will be 20,000 elementary pupils and 2,000 secondary pupils enrolled during the present school year.

1. Plans are being made to establish Special Districts (Branch Schools), where practical because of the serious lack of transportation for civilians and the heavy military traffic on highways.

2. To ease the school situation and teachers have been suspended in this province.

3. The Prefect has promised at least part time transportation for the Province of Agila, beginning the first of November.

4. LUCCA PROVINCE.

1. General Situation. Schools in general in the five (5) communes under Provincial Control will open in November 1944. Proveditorato not yet settled but functioning temporarily in Istituto Tecnico, Via Filinago, LUCCA. Vetting of personnel is progressing and schemes for school heads in this area have been forwarded to PSC for further action. Appeal Commission has been nominated and schedule forwarded for approval.

2. Screening. To date, 26 of the school personnel have been screened and all of whom were suspended.

3. Elementary Schools. The elementary situation for opening on 3rd November is as follows:

1st Circolo	-	LUCCA	-	all classes will function
2nd Circolo	-	LUCCA	-	all classes will function
3rd Circolo	-	LUCCA	-	all classes will function
4th Circolo	-	LUCCA	-	all classes will not function
Circolo	-	CAPANNORI	-	all classes will function
Circolo	-	ALTOPASCIO	-	all classes will not function
Circolo	-	POGGIO	-	all classes will not function
Circolo	-	MONTECATINI	-	all classes will not function

In Circoli where schools will not function on November 3rd arrangements are in progress to secure rooms which will house these schools. These rooms should be ready within a few weeks so that all schools will function.

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3rd Circolo	-	LUCCA	-	10 classes will function
4th Circolo	-	LUCCA	-	8 classes will not function
Circolo	-	CARANNOSE	-	13 schools will function
Circolo	-	ALTOPASCIO	-	9 schools will not function
Circolo	-	POGGIO	-	20 schools will function
Circolo	-	MONTECATINI	-	10 schools will not function
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7. Media and Superior Schools. With the exception of the Istituto d'Arte all these schools can function at least in part. Class is scheduled badly but the source of supply in PISA is now blocked by Army orders, schools may get a priority after hospitals are taken care of.

g. Administration and Teachers. Examinations are postponed for a few weeks of review and will be held after schools have been opened. Presidenti and other school heads, including inspectors and directors in the communes where schools will open have been vetted and appointed pending confirmation. Teachers are for the most part present at their posts, some permits to return are needed.

f. Provveditors and Studi. Prof. Aldo MORICH appears to be a satisfactory choice for his office. He has taken hold of the situation in good fashion and is working hard.

h. Problems. They can be summarized as follows:

- (1) Repair of damaged buildings.
- (2) Location of a Provveditorato.
- (3) Source of glass supply especially for the larger technical schools.

9. LIVORNO PROVINCE.

a. General Situation. Schools not yet open. Expected date of re-opening for those buildings are available - November 15th. Provveditorato settled and functioning at 18 Via Garibaldi, in LIVORNO. School buildings in LIVORNO City are available at this date but need repairs by Genio Civile. Houses and materials are needed in PIGNONE and CARMONA, mainly glass and tiles. Vetting of personnel is progressing.

b. Examination. To date, 71 of the school personnel have been vetted of whom 22 confirmed in office and 49 suspended. 3 of these have appealed. The cases will be examined by the Appeal Commission which has been recommended for approval.

c. Administration and Teachers. Examinations have been held in all schools. Principal and other schools heads, including inspectors and directors of the elementary schools have been vetted and appointed pending confirmation. Teachers are returning to their posts with confidence for by the provveditorato, the chief problem in this respect being living accommodations in LIVORNO City. No shortage of teaching personnel exists.

d. Special Situation - Rosignano Solway - At Rosignano, a few miles from LIVORNO, is located a factory of Solway & C. which before the war had developed a very modern social policy for its employees including the addition to the community of a R. Scuola Tecnica for the

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Since the refugees have not numbered more than some 400 which could be housed in less elaborate quarters in the elementary building with the overflow in certain village huts are available in the community a recommendation has been made that steps be taken to move the Refugees Center out of the technical school building so that it could be used solely for school purposes. This is in line with the policy requested by the Solway Co. which is naturally interested in the training of its workers.

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- (2) Release of glass and tiles for schools.
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4. During the month of October a small number of Scuole Paritarie and one State school were opened. On 2nd November schools in 2 communes of the Province will open. Plans call for the opening of all other elementary and secondary schools where possible on 6 November.

2. The Education Committee has been named. If 5 primary schools were suspended and one private of a secondary school was suspended.

Complete figures of the number of teachers suspended are not available at this time.

11. NEED FOR CLASS.

The need for school places is one of the critical problems in connection with school buildings in most localities in TOSCANA Region. A nationwide survey of the need for class is under way and some of the completed forms have been returned. Partial reports have been forwarded to the Education Sub-Commission. The Economics and Supply Sections have now planned schools at the top of the priority list and promise class for schools when and if it becomes available.

12. PAYERS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

The Education Office has been called upon to make recommendations, totalling approximately 30, for many teachers so that they may return to their places of work. The Public Safety Office has been very cooperative in this matter, making it possible for schools to open when it would have otherwise been difficult.

13. TEXT-BOOKS.

The two Committees appointed to examine text-books and to make recommendations concerning the use of those available have done very good work. Since FLORENCE has been one of the centers for the publishing of text-books their work is very valuable not only for FLORENCE Province but for TOSCANA Region and for some of the other northern Regions.

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Six of the ten State elementary text-books are now being printed. Four have been completed except for the covers.

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b. UNIVERSITY OF SIENA.

The work of the Epuration Committee has been completed except for a few professors who have not reported to the University and for whom Schede Personali are not available. The report of the Committee has been approved by the Regional Commissioner and it has been forwarded to the Education Sub-Commission.

The make-up courses are progressing very well according to the report of the Pro-Rector.

The University is planning to have its formal reopening with a communal and academic ceremony on 19 November.

The main building of the University is still being used by the Military Authorities.

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Outside of the city of FLORENCE, complete, detailed information is not at hand but at least one third of all elementary and secondary schools are functioning.

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b. There are sufficient teachers both in the city of FLORENCE and in the Province for the functioning of all necessary schools of all types. In fact there is a large surplus of teachers in FLORENCE City at present as refugees.

This office is working in cooperation with the Public Safety Office for the return of these teachers to their proper posts where possible. Lack of transportation for these teachers continues to be a difficult problem.

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As long as SIENA continues as such an important military center this condition will not improve.

The Provveditore still does not have any transportation to visit the communes of the Province.

6. GROSSETO PROVINCE.

The schools opened on October 10th in all communes. Buildings have been made available for all schools except in ORTUCCIO where work is still in progress on repairs.

Glass and tiles are the problems. Teachers are available and at their posts. Communications is very difficult within the Province due to lack of bridges in many areas and a supplementary report on the actual number of pupils enrolled will be necessary when these figures have been received.

Text-Books and Quaders are awaited.

The general situation in GROSSETO is probably the best of all provinces in this region as it is as nearly normal as can be expected.

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c. The building situation is critical at present with no indications of improvement, in the near future. A report from the Provveditore agli Studi shows 26 buildings free for use and undamaged, 28 buildings free for use and slightly damaged, 52 buildings so seriously damaged that they cannot be used immediately, 35 buildings have been requisitioned for military use, and 60 buildings are occupied by refugees. In ten communes schools will not be able to function even on a half day schedule. Lack of glass continues to be a critical problem.

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Plans are being made to establish Sezioni Distaccate (Branch Schools), where practical because of the serious lack of transportation for civilians and the heavy military traffic on highways.

To date 48 school officials and teachers have been suspended in this province.

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12. PAYSES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

The Education Office has been called upon to make recommendations, totalling approximately 300, for many teachers so that they may return to their places of work. The Public Safety Office has been very cooperative in this matter, making it possible for schools to open when it would have otherwise been difficult.

13. TEXT-BOOKS.

The two Committees appointed to examine text-books and to make recommendations concerning the use of those available have done some very good work. Since FLORENCE has been one of the centers for the publishing of text-books their work is very valuable not only for FLORENCE Province but for TOSCANA Region and for some of the other northern Regions.

Prof. Giuseppe UGOLINI has been appointed as a special textbook representative. He coordinates the work of the Committees, and assists the publishing houses with their printing problems.

P.W.B. has promised all possible assistance in furnishing paper for recommended text-books.

Six of the ten State elementary text-books are now being printed. Four have been completed except for the covers.

Recommendations for permission to travel to the Provincial Capitals of the TOSCANA Region for the purpose of examining the text-books needed in the various provinces have been given to representatives of the leading publishing houses of FLORENCE.

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The Education Office has been called upon to make recommendations, totalling approximately 200, for many teachers so that they may return to their places of work. The Public Safety Office has been very cooperative in this matter, making it possible for schools to open when it would have otherwise been difficult.

13. TEXT-BOOKS.

The two Committees appointed to examine text-books and to make recommendations concerning the use of those available have done some very good work. Since FLORENCE has been one of the centers for the publishing of text-books their work is very valuable not only for FLORENCE Province but for TOSCANA Region and for some of the other northern Regions.

Prof. Giuseppe USOLINI has been appointed as a special text-book representative. He coordinates the work of the Committees, and assists the publishing houses with their printing problems.

F.W.B. has promised all possible assistance in furnishing paper for recommended text-books.

Six of the ten State elementary text-books are now being printed. Four have been completed except for the covers.

Recommendations for permission to travel to the Provincial Capitals of the TOSCANA Region for the purpose of ascertaining the text-books needed in the various provinces have been given to representatives of the leading publishing houses of FLORENCE.

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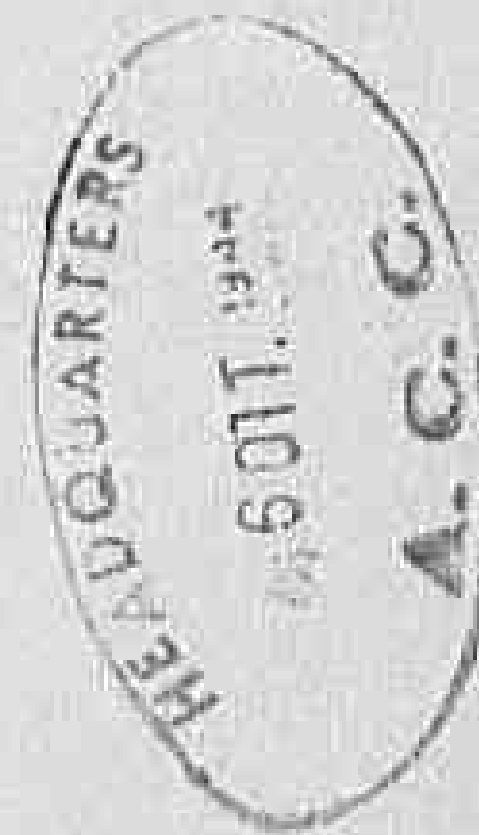
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during military operations which still continue in the northern part of the Province.

A large number of the remaining buildings are at present occupied by refugees with no indication as to when they will be vacated. There are also many buildings still occupied by troops. With the widespread destruction of buildings of all types, the matter of substitute rooms presents a difficult problem. A large amount of window glass will be needed.

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(c) On the basis of the information obtained, instructions were given both to the Sindaco and to the teaching staff to reopen schools on 9 October when the local situation permitted, and detailed advice, as to some substitutes to be applied for replacing lack of scholastic facilities and of scholastic personnel, was given.

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have been solved through instructions as to the engagement of substitute teachers and replacement of absent teachers with local personnel.

2. A survey of the most pressing problems to be coped with in regard to the schools of the Province was carried out and the following list of priority of some of them is given:

(a) Transportation and Communication Facilities. A great number of regular teachers for the Province of FLORENCE have long since been living in FLORENCE City and making use of the railway system in order to reach their places of work. Therefore, their situation, under the present condition, is difficult and will become more difficult if it will not be possible to make some arrangements in order to organize daily trips from FLORENCE around the Province. The same difficulty is to be considered in regard to the school pupils who will not be able to attend schools located far away from their communes. In this respect, the problem of establishing "sezioni distaccate" ~~of secondary schools~~ in some communes or of creating new private secondary schools has arisen and has been brought to the due consideration of the Provveditore agli Studi, who has been instructed to set forth some proposals of his own about this problem. Also, under the same heading, there is to be considered the problem of the lack of a proper mail service and of the impossibility of getting a regular stream of information and reports from the local scholastic authorities to the central authority of the Provveditorato in FLORENCE.

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(6) Books and Instructional Supplies. This problem will be coped with more easily than the others because of the appointment of two special Committees for the examination of text-books and also by the fact that FLORENCE is a centre of Printing Houses and book warehouses.

(7) Mines and Booby-Traps. In a few places mines and booby-traps were reported. Sindaci and school officials were instructed to take all necessary precautions in this respect before the opening of schools.

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11. The School Personnel on all school officials have been submitted to this office and all officials not suspended have been tentatively approved in office.

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The Minister of Public Instruction will be advised of this situation and will be asked for a recommendation.

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GROSSETO Province.

1. There is little change in the general situation from the status of last month. Most of the communes have made arrangements for their school buildings and have them in readiness for the opening of school, the date of which was postponed to 16 October to conform to normal procedure. With the authorization to move refugees from the school building in Via Doreletti to the Distretto Militare, the building situation in GROSSETO will be solved. POLIGNA needs elementary school space, but with troops moving northward, it is hoped that the elementary building there will be soon available. ORTELLO has made progress in getting building repair under way. If materials can be found to continue work the building situation will be satisfactory. Schools in all other communes will be able to start on time.

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due to racial prejudice in 1938, should be re-appointed. Upon further inquiry MENASCI was found to be acceptable by all concerned and was in addition strongly recommended by the Bishop of LIVORNO. He appears to be living up to what has been said of him and has already begun his work well.

2. A new building for the Provveditorato was assigned and arrangements were made to have it cleaned and furnished and to be ready for occupancy by the 2 October. Further arrangements were made to move the Ragionerie of the Provveditorato from SUVERATO back to LIVORNO.

3. The Provveditorato was advised of the scheme for evacuation of Fascist personnel, of the manner of procedure to secure financial assistance for his schools, and the manner in which to plan for the buildings needed to open schools.

4. Considerable time will be spent with Prof. MENASCI in the coming month and we hope to have most of the schools functioning by 1 November. It should be added however that destruction both in the City and in the Province is widespread and considerable difficulty will be faced in finding building accommodations.

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Military operations in these provinces have made it unadvisable to attempt any educational work up to the present time.

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A sufficient quantity of other text-books to supply part of the Region have been found in FLORENCE and two Committees, one for elementary and one for secondary text-books, composed of teachers and Presidi are at work examining the contents and quality of these books. They will make re-

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commendations concerning them to this office. It is expected that some of these books will be suitable for use this year.

10. HEADQUARTERS IN FLORENCE.

At the request of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Allied Military Government 5th Army, the Regional Education Officer has taken over the office in FLORENCE which was opened by Captain PRATT. He is temporarily attached to Allied Military Government FLORENCE CITY and 5th Army.

At present we are operating in this office as well as the one at Regional Headquarters in SIENA.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

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4 September 1944.

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE MONTH
OF AUGUST 1944.

TO : Education Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission
(Through Regional Commission, Region VIII)

1. PERSONNEL
2. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OF THE EDUCATION DIVISION
3. PRINTING OF TEXT-BOOKS
4. UNIVERSITY OF SIENA
5. Grosseto Province
6. SIENA Province
7. AREZZO Province

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SUMMARY1. PERSONNEL

Capt. HILLMAN
Capt. TILBOE
Capt. WOE
Dr. PARRI

2. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The personnel has assisted the Region with requisitioning, billeting, briefing of information bulletin, and acting as a CMO.

3. PRINTING OF TEXT-BOOKS

Arrangements had been practically completed for the printing of text-books in SIENA for Region VIII and IX but with the requisitioning of the largest printing plant by Army Authorities plans will have to be modified.

4. UNIVERSITY OF SIENA

Building has been requisitioned. A list of names for the University Education Committee has been submitted and the naming of the Committee awaits the authorization from the 5th Army, A.M.G.

5. GROSSETO Province

Due to the work of Capt. TILBOE with the Provveditore agli Studi, all schools will be ready to function for the regular Fall session.

Work of defascistization practically completed. To date 93 officials and teachers have been suspended.

6. SIENA Province

Prof. G. BORTONE has been appointed Provveditore agli Studi.

Capt. HILLMAN is now working in this Province and the detailed work of carrying out the Educational Directives, selection of personnel, suspension from office of Fascists, and inspection of buildings is well under way.

7. AREZZO Province

An Education Officer will report on 4 September to begin the Educational work in this Province.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1944

1. PERSONNEL

Capt. Paul L. HILMAN
Capt. Dexter G. TILGNE
Capt. Sam T. NDE
Dr. Plinio PAGNY, Civilian Consultant

2. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OF THE EDUCATION DIVISION

Many duties which have little or no connection with the usual Education activities of a Regional Education Office continue to be added to this Division. Either the personnel should consider them as flattery to its versatility and resourcefulness or as an indication that the Division has created an erroneous impression that it has few Educational functions to perform. It prefers to believe the former.

During the past month Capt. TILGNE has assisted the Company Commander in requisitioning automobiles, tires, and accessories, and performed other duties at Company Headquarters.

Capt. NDE was in charge of the moving of the officers' billet from the Hotel from which the Legion was evicted by "Higher authority". He had only two problems in this matter. One, the new quarters had previously been occupied by the Germans and the French who neglected to clean it upon their departure, to look after their sanitary arrangements, and two, all the furnishings had been removed.

At present, all officers are sleeping on comfortable beds with inner spring mattresses and sheets and practically all are in single rooms with running water and maid service.

This office has also been asked to give the Regional Commissioner our impressions of civilian conditions, attitudes, and reactions to the A.M.C. administration throughout the Region.

This office also has the responsibility for digesting and summarizing for the Regional Commissioner the various secret and confidential reports from FBI and other agencies at A.C.C. Headquarters.

Flash!! As this goes to press the Regional Commissioner has just requested this Division to aid in another emergency. Capt. TILGNE has just left to be an acting CAD for PRATO.

3. PRINTING OF TEXT-BOOKS.

Our plan for the printing of text-books for Regions VIII & IX in SIEMSA had progressed to the point where we were ready to have the competent officials of the Ministry of Public Instruction make final contract arrangements with the printers. However, we have just been informed that the largest printing plant here, and the one we were counting on to do most of the work has been requisitioned by "Higher Authority". It is now doubtful that this work can be done here.

4. UNIVERSITY OF SIEMSA

Because this office was awaiting further instructions from the Education Sub-Commission in regard to the handling of Universities, few contacts have been made with the officials of the University of SIEMSA. It was concerned with a problem of requisitioning since the same "Higher Authority" had planned with the approval of the Executive Commissioner to take over the Biological Institute which is a part of the University. A compromise was agreed to whereby this institution was allowed to continue its experiments and present operations in return for other accommodations in the University.

A list of personnel for the local Committee on Education has been furnished this office by the Provost. The actual naming of the Committee now awaits a decision to be given by 5th Army A.H.Q. as to which official shall name the committee.

The following reports on GROSSETO & SIEMSA Provinces have been prepared by Capt. TILSON & Capt. NEILMAN who have been doing extensive work with the Provveditorato agli Studi:

5. GROSSETO Province.

a. General Situation. The school situation in this province is on the whole quite good. Most of the schools in the outlying communes were open

last year, hence pupils have suffered little interruption in their schooling. In spite of war damage, severe in many spots, it has been possible to find school rooms in sufficient numbers to allow double sessions where single sessions will be impossible in practically every commune. All schools will be ready to function on a full time basis at the beginning of the regular school year. The examinations will commence on the first of September with regular sessions starting on the first of October.

The people of Tuscany appear to be more interested in their schools than were many of those farther south. For example, in FORNELLINI, a fraction of ROCCASTRADA, and a locality more than half destroyed by shelling, workers of the area offered to donate their services to prepare new school rooms, the Contessa GRANTANELLI donated L. 23,000 for repair costs, and other citizens provided much of the necessary material.

b. School Personnel - Teaching and administrative. An able Provveditore agli Studi Reggente, the former Secretary of the Provveditorato, Dott. P.M. BERNARDINI, was selected to replace Prof. LAMI, a political appointee who had been named to the position of Provveditore in 1941. He reopened the Provveditorato in Grosseto in its own building, undamaged by war, and immediately began to function.

The elementary school system of Grosseto Province consists of one "circondariano" and eight "circoli" which employed last year 1 inspector, 6 directors and 585 teachers, of whom 449 were "di ruolo" and 136 "supplenti".

There are in addition in the Province 8 superior schools, 9 music schools, and 12 "scuole di avviamento" employing 72 "di ruolo" teachers and 188 "supplenti".

Appointment of most of the Presidi and Directors of these schools have been confirmed.

To date the Provveditore has suspended 34 elementary teachers, 11 professors, and 5 other employees who fell within the categories. Further vetting is in progress and plans have been made to use the Provincial Hearing Commission, which has already been organized in the Province, to hear any appeals from suspended personnel.

The Ministry has been requested to name a secretary for the Provveditorato and Presidi for the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale and the Istituto Tecnico Agrario of Grosseto, inasmuch as no able persons satisfactory to the Provveditore are available in the Province.

c. Buildings. Visits have been made to all the communes of the Province and arrangements for school buildings have been provided by the Sindaci. Except for the difficult spots of ORBETELLO, PORTO S. STEFANO, ROCCASTRADA, and GINIGIANO, where the former buildings were destroyed, most of the schools will reopen in their own quarters, but even in the difficult spots, arrangements have been made for school living space.

d. General Organization. The Provveditore has prepared his school calendar for 1944-45.

Such programs of study as are available have been distributed to

school directors and presidi. More are needed and action is awaited from the Ministry for distribution of the approved programs which are in preparation there.

Teachers absent from their seats have been recalled.

Current budgets for the schools have been submitted and the budget for the final quarter is in preparation.

2. Text-Books and Supplies. Based on the pupil population of the Province in those schools which remained open for examinations last June (11,806), and the figures for the preceding year for those schools which were not open in June (5,261), we will need some 17,067 text-books for the elementary schools. This figure does not take into consideration the refugee population in the Province which may be quite high.

Supplies of quaterni are non-existent and other ordinary school supply are scarce.

Through the kindness of Capt. ROSSI, AGO Food Control Officer at CIVITAVECCHIA, a roll of news print was secured and delivered to the Provveditori for use in printing quaterni to be sold to children at cost.

3. Car for the Provveditori. Capt. TILLOT has arranged for a car to be requisitioned for the Provveditori.

6. SIENA Province

In last month's report the Regional Education Officer reported that there was no opposition to the incumbent Provveditore agli Studi. The partisans and other citizens must have heard of this because he received many protests, backed with documentary evidence about the unfitness of Prof. PIGNETTI. Following an investigation, PIGNETTI and his Vice Provveditore IMBENIGLIARDI were suspended.

After an exhaustive survey of the potential candidates, the Provincial Education Officer and the Regional Education Officer recommended that Prof. Giuseppe BORTONE be made the Provveditore agli Studi Reggente.

This recommendation was accepted by the Provincial Commissioner.

Prof. BORTONE, it might be added, was recommended by the Ministry of Public Instruction.

Prof. BORTONE is a man of past middle age who has spent his life as a teacher and writer of educational books. He has little experience in administrative matters and was reluctant to accept the responsibilities of Provveditore agli Studi, although he was recommended by many citizens of the Province.

Inspection trips have been made by a member of Regional Education Office with the Provveditore agli Studi to 19 of the 35 communes of the Province.

1. The building situation in general is good:

a. There has been considerable destruction in six of the communes, including the large commune of POGGIOREALE, but in every case the local authorities assure that places will be provided for the opening of schools on at least a double session basis.

b. In about one third of the communes, which were visited, some of the buildings are being used to house refugees or as a storage for grain.

c. A large number of the schools should be able to open on a normal schedule, since there has been no destruction or occupancy of buildings.

d. It is probable that the heating problem may present some difficulties, especially in the communes located at high altitudes.

e. Major repairs and rebuilding of damaged buildings cannot be expected during this school year due to the lack of certain essential materials and insufficient transportation.

Almost without exception, the Sindaco and other local authorities have the school situation well in hand and possessed complete data as to school matters.

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AREZZO Province

The Regional Education Officer has arranged with the Provincial Commissioner to have Capt. REILMAN report to him on 4 September in order to advise with him on the matter of the selection of a Provveditore agli Studi.

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Regional Education Officer

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Enclosures : Summary on personnel visited in GROSSETO Province
Summary on personnel visited in SIENA Province

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BOHOL PROVINCE

Schoolastic Officials	Vetted	Confir- ed	Suspend- ed	Appeals	Confir- ed after appeals	Suspend- ed after appeals
Provveditorato and other employees	6	1	5	-----	---	---
Inspectors	1	1	0	-----	---	---
Didactical Directors	6	6	0	-----	---	---
Presidi and other directors	17	15	2	-----	---	---
Professors	9	0	9	-----	---	---
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REGION VIII

PERSONNEL VETTER

SILMA PROVINCE

Scholastic Officials	Vetted	Confir- ed	Suspend- ed	Appeals	Confir- ed after appeals	Suspend- ed after appeals
Provosts and other employees	2	0	2	-----	-----	-----
Inspectors	0	0	0	-----	-----	-----
Directors	0	0	0	-----	-----	-----
Presidi	0	0	0	-----	-----	-----
Professors	0	0	0	-----	-----	-----
Instructors	0	0	0	-----	-----	-----

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2nd August 1944

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE
MONTH OF JULY 1944.TO : Education Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission
(Through: Regional Commissioner, Region VIII).

1. GROSSETO Province
2. SIENA province
 - a. Provveditorato of Siena
 - b. University of Siena
 - c. permission for the Education office to function
3. PRINTING OF TEXT-BOOKS.
4. OTHER DUTIES OF THE EDUCATION OFFICER.
5. PERSONNEL.

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***** MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY *****

1944

This month has been one of little activity in the Education Division because the Region has not been given any provinces in which to function. The activities have included the following :

1. GROSSETO PROVINCE.

a. By agreement with officials of the 5th Army A.M.G. we were allowed to do some preliminary work in GROSSETO Province. There the incumbent Provveditore agli Studi, Prof. Ernesto LAMA, was suspended by the Provincial Commissioner and Pietro BERNARDINI, the chief-secretary in the GROSSETO provveditorato was nominated as acting Provveditore agli Studi. This nomination has been approved by the regional commissioner.

BERNARDINI is a young man, who was enthusiastically endorsed by all the Anti-Fascist leaders in the province. He appears to be an excellent choice. The Regional Education Officer has spent some time with him, acquainting him with our directives and assisting him in returning his office staff and records from MASSA MARITTIMA to GROSSETO where they had been taken by the provveditore agli Studi.

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2. SIENA PROVINCE.

a. In SIENA Province, Lieut. CRICHTON has been designated the Education Officer for the Province. This is most fortunate because of his experience as an education officer in Sicily. He was attached for a time to the 5th Army A.M.G. when it was operating in SIENA and was able in that capacity to work with the provveditorato and the University. Since he found no agitation from the Comitato di Liberazione nor from the provincial officials for the removal of the provveditore agli Studi, Niccolo PICCININI, he has allowed him to continue in office, pending a more thorough investigation.

b. In the University of Siena, the Rettore Francesco SPIRITO, voluntarily resigned and nominated Giovanni CIOGNA as the oldest Preside of the University to be acting Rettore. This procedure we understand is according to Italian law.

c. Group Captain BENSON of the 8th Army A.M.G. on the 30th July gave this office authority to function in SIENA Province.

3. PRINTING OF TEXT-BOOKS.

The Regional Industry and Commerce Officer, Lt. CRICHTON, and ²⁰¹⁶officer on 31st July had a meeting with the leading printers of SIENA and discussed the possibilities of printing some or all the elementary text-books needed for this Region. The following facts were learned:

a. They have about 15 tons of paper suitable for text-books. This has been blocked.

b. They have plenty of ink, lead, and other necessary materials.

c. There is a paper mill, a short distance away, which is ready to operate and which has a sufficient stock of waste paper in storage in SIENA to manufacture all the paper we shall need. We would have to furnish transportation to haul this waste paper to the mill and the finished product to the printers. The Regional Industry and Commerce Officer will make a thorough investigation of these claims. The Regional Transportation Officer assures us that transportation can be supplied.

d. The Printing Establishments will need electrical power which they do not have at present. The Regional Utilities Officer is checking their needs and will let us know if power can be supplied.

4. OTHER DUTIES OF THE EDUCATION OFFICER.

The Regional Education Officer has spent a third of his time during the month as a member of the advanced party responsible for providing an office building, billets and mess for Officers, Enlisted men, and civilians, garages, etc. in connection with the removal of Regional Headquarters from ORVILLO TO SIENA.

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5. PERSONNEL.

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Captain TILLOT continues to work with Region IV on a loan basis subject to recall to this Region when his services are needed.

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30 June 1944

SUBJECT : Monthly Report of the Regional Education Officer, Region VIII

TO : Education Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission
Through Regional Commissioner, Region VIII

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