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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE
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NATURE OF THE REPORT

This report for July will consist of three separate parts. Part I will include a summary of the school situation in each province and University for July. Part II will summarize the activities of the Education Division during the period of its work in this region and will state briefly the conditions at the present time. Part III will deal with transitory problems at this time of the "turn-over" to the Italian Government.

PART I - REPORT OF PROVINCIAL
SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES FOR JULY

1. General

a) The Director of the Education SubCommission visited the Regional Education Office on 30 June - 2 July 1945. Schools and the University of Bologna were visited.

b) 65,150 quaderni were brought from Lucca and approximately 150,000 quaderni were distributed by the Messaggerie Italiane to the provinces. Payments for all textbooks printed and published by the Education Division were collected and forwarded to the proper sources. Requests for books and periodicals from America and England were collected and forwarded to the Education Sub-Commission. 2,000 more books for class II were brought from Milan for distribution in the region.

c) Window glass requests from each province were compiled and sent to the Provincial Supply Officers for transmission to U.P.I.C.

d) Requests for transfers of teachers were forwarded to the Ministry of Education for action.

2. Forlì Province

a) An investigation was made of the proposal by the Prefect and the C.L.N. to make a change in the Provveditore agli Studi. It was found that this change was desired for political purposes and all parties are now agreed to retain the present incumbent.

b) Seven more teachers were suspended under Executive Memorandum n. 87. First case of appeal to the High Commissioner was made by the Preside of the Scuola Media of Riccione and he was reinstated.

c) The school calendar has been changed to provide for the closing date on 31 July 1945. "Scrutini" will be given from this date until 14 August 1945 for internal students. Others will take examinations. Patronato Ecclesiastico is being organized.

d) All except four school buildings in the city have now been released. Communes are submitting requests for repairs to school buildings to the Genio Civile. Window glass has already been received by some schools.

3. PAVANNA PROVINCE

a) 47 additional teachers were suspended and thirty-three teachers confirmed under Executive Memorandum N. 67. Suspended teachers and school heads are awaiting opportunities to appeal.

b) The Provveditore agli Studi has made systematic visits to all Communes with Inspectors and Directors. With few exceptions all schools are now operating in all communes of the Province.

c) Some protests were made against examinations and hence "scrutini" were substituted for internal pupils.

d) Sindaci are filing reports on conditions of school buildings. The Provveditore reports that without glass and fuel it will be impossible to reopen some schools this winter.

e) During the month 1,278 more secondary textbooks were distributed in the province. However, there is still a lack of instructional materials.

f) All teachers in the province are being paid according to tri-monthly budgets which have been filed.

g) School lunches were approved for several Communes during the month. Boy-Scouts have not been organized although a Sporting-Club for young students is now in operation.

4. FERRARA PROVINCE

a) Because of the opposition of the Church and some members of the C.L.N. the Provveditore agli Studi, Prof. Antonio Villi, was requested to resign. Prof. Luigi Di Filippo was appointed in his place on 22 July 1945. He was recommended by the Minister of Education at Rome.

b) Expiration of school personnel is being carried out under General No. 55-no suspensions have been made.

c) Examinations were completed during the month and summer courses are continuing. 331

d) During the month an additional 322 secondary school books were distributed in the province.

c) Sindaci are submitting requests for building repairs to the Genio Civile. During the month projects in the amount of L. 20,000,000 were submitted by the ~~Comuni~~ ~~Comuni~~ of Calcagnini - Montalbano - Malberghetto - S. Martino - Sebato - Chiosuola - Poledrelli and Canto commune.

5. Bologna Province

c) The Commission of Epuration under General Order N. 36 has examined approximately 500 cases and made 97 suspension to date.

d) "Scrittori" and examinations are now being held in all schools. Special examinations will be given in October for those who are absent. Except in the Communes of Sasso Marconi - Pontecchio - Ozzano - Castenaso - Pianoro - Masiano and Restighino, where there has been serious destruction, schools have continued to operate. Since the 21st of April 1945 all middle and superior schools have operated at least 15 hours per week. In the City and province many elementary schools have been held in teachers' homes. Plans have been completed for holding special classes, taught by "supplenti" teachers, beginning 1st August 1945 and for evening classes for adults. A check on actual enrollment in 9 Communes reveals that 4548 of a normal 6840 students are in actual attendance in those schools.

e) The Textbooks Commission has completed the examination of all elementary and secondary textbooks for publication and sale during the coming school year. During the month 4,216 more secondary school textbooks were delivered in the province and quaderni were sent to 17 communes.

d) The occupation of school buildings in the City is a matter of great concern. Projects have been submitted for the repair of eleven school buildings here. A recent study, supplemented by visitations to schools in the city, reveals that 32 are still occupied by sinistrati, 7 by hospitals and 5 by troops. Refugee, hospital and communal Authorities are now working to return these buildings to school use. Hospitals have promised to vacate all except one building by 1st of August 1945. Two buildings were occupied temporarily by troops during the month.

e) Orders are being prepared for the payment of back salaries of teachers.

f) While the Boy-Scouts have been organized in the City, the Fronte della Gioventu' has shown great strength. The specific purposes of this group are not yet known. Plans have been arranged for a Boy-Scout Camp for the region to begin on or about 5 August 1945. A group in the Comune of Casalecchio di Reno has expressed an interest in forming a Scout Troop.

g) Italian classes for British and American troops have been arranged in the city.

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6. Modena Province

a) During the month five teachers were suspended under General Order N. 35.

b) All schools in the province have continued to function and examinations are now being held. Special summer courses for partisans were approved. These will be taught by "supplenti" teachers.

c) During the month 318 secondary school textbooks were distributed and 12,450 quaderni were taken to 4 communes.

d) A survey of occupied and damaged buildings in the city was made and military authorities were consulted about the time of their possible evacuation. Projects for repairs to school buildings are being submitted to the Genio Civile.

e) Boy-Scout Troops were organized and requests for equipment filed. School lunches were approved for ten communes.

7. Parma Province

a) Prov. Bernini Ferdinando was appointed Provveditore agli Studi to replace Prof. Romani Bruno on 25 July 1945. Prof. Romani Bruno had been appointed during the early days but left his post shortly thereafter. Prof. Bernini has been acting Provveditore agli Studi for the past three months.

b) Epuration of school personnel under General Order N. 35 is continuing and twelve suspensions have been reported to date, including four Presidi and eight teachers.

c) Examinations and scrutini have been completed after several changes had been made to meet the protests of teachers and students.

d) A Commission for the examination of textbooks has been appointed and approved. During the month 2,150 quaderni were delivered to 4 communes.

e) Many buildings are still occupied by sinistrati and the Provveditore agli Studi has brought the matter to the attention of the proper authorities. He reports that, unless building repairs are made, many schools will not open this fall. The Collegio S. Luigi is still occupied by 700 partisans.

f) A meeting was held with a group interested in Boy-Scouts among whom was Prof. Pallati who is head of the group in the northern part of the region.

8. Piacenza Province

a) The Provveditore of schools was granted a two-weeks leave of

absence on 15 July 1945. An additional three employees are requested for the Provveditorato, and in view of limited personnel this request seems justified.

b) The Provincial Epuration Commission under General Order N. 35 has been at work and has suspended to date a total of 11 persons including six school heads and five teachers.

c) Schools continued to operate regularly until 14 July 1945. Since most schools operated normally during the past year, many of them under partisan control, most students have been able to complete the normal year's work. Examinations were begun on 16 July 1945 and have just been completed.

d) 50,000 cuscerini are being delivered by the Messaggerie Italiane to the province.

e) The Communal Administration has just appropriated L.1.000.000 for the repair of school buildings in the city and frazioni. All Sindaci are submitting projects for repairs to the Genio Civile.

f) Boy-Scout material has been sent to the Provveditore agli Studi who is undertaking the organization of groups in the province. School lunch requests have been approved in three communes.

g) The Provveditore agli Studi recommends the closing of the Scuole di Avviamento at Monticelli - Castellarcuto e Certemaggiore. He also recommends the establishment of ten new elementary schools as well as a Scuola Tecnica Agraria at Piacenza, a Scuola Tecnica Commerciale at Castel S. Giovanni and Scuola Media at Bettola and Castellarcuto. Other changes are also suggested such as the establishment of a Liceo Scientifico at Piacenza.

9. Reggio Emilia Province

a) Approximately 900 schools have been submitted by the Provveditore agli Studi to the Provincial Epuration Commission under General Order N. 35. While no definite action has been taken as yet, 53 cases are being considered for suspension at the present time.

b) During the year secondary schools operated normally except at Castelnuovo. Many "classi distaccate" have been in operation because of the difficulty of transport. Most schools were suspended from 23 December 1944 until 15 February 1945 because of lack of fuel. Schools were reopened upon liberation and examinations held. Approximately 70% of pupils were in attendance. Most elementary schools were closed until 15 February 1945 and during the year attendance has approximated 55%. For this reason "supplenti" teachers have been authorized for summer sessions which are now in

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Progress. About 500 are enrolled in the City of Reggio.

c) 50,000 quaterni have been delivered for distribution in the province.

d) Almost all buildings in the city are in need of repair and projects have been submitted for this work to the Genio Civile. School buildings in the province are in serious condition. Four of the thirteen school buildings in the City are occupied by sinistrati and the Questura.

e) Teachers have been paid from 1 May 1945 and the Provveditorato is now preparing necessary documents for the payment of back salaries.

f) Several Youth Organizations have been established in the province. The O.G.I., Organizzazione Giovani Italiani, has interested itself in recreatory and sport activities, the opening of asili and private courses in Scuole Medie for students. There is some evidence that this is a "communist-controlled" group. A second organization is the C.I.S., Centro Sportivo Italiano. This organization, national in scope, is apparently established for recreatory activities for men and women. A third organization is the Fronte della Gioventu', obviously "communist-controlled", whose purposes are purported to be educational and cultural. A fourth organization is the U.S.I., Unione Studenti Italiani, which is enrolling secondary school students for cultural and recreatory activities.

g) Problems which confront schools for next year are those of repair of buildings, an adequate supply of textbooks, fuel and the provision of "classi distaccate".

10. Ferrara University

a) Prof. Giocelli Felice was elected permanent Rector at a meeting of 13 titular professors on 26 July 1945. Although the University was reopened a month ago, the election of the permanent Rector was delayed until all titular professors returned. Presidents of the faculties were also elected at this time.

b) The Epuration Commission has completed its work and no titular professor was suspended.

c) Courses have been resumed in all the faculties of the University with a present enrolment of 673 students.

d) With the exception of the science and Medical Buildings no damage was sustained. Projects for the repair of these have been submitted to the Genio Civile.

e) Needs for the coming year include the replacement of apparatus and equipment and fuel.

f) Proposals made to Ministry to increase Medical Course from four to six years and to establish agriculture centres.

11. Bologna University

a) The University was formally reopened with an appropriate ceremony on 23rd July 1945 at which Brigadier General Hume and Colonel Thomas delivered addresses.

b) In addition to the 12 titular professors suspended last month, 8 other members of the University Staff were suspended this month under Executive Memorandum N. 76. The Commission is continuing its work.

c) Courses and examinations were resumed on 23 July 1945 and 11,000 students are now enrolled.

d) Projects in the amount of L. 91,000,000 were submitted to the Genio Civile and through the Public Works Division to Rome where they have now been approved. Two additional projects in the amount of L. 25,000,000, have been submitted during the past few days.

e) The epuration of the Conservatory of Music was completed with the suspension of three members. Permanent heads were elected on 10 July 1945. The Conservatory was then reopened and examinations are now being held. Three professors were suspended by the Epuration Commission from the Accademia di Belle Arti. Prof. Giuseppe Micheli was appointed Commissioner for the "Deputazione di Storia Patria dell'Emilia" in accord with the recommendation of the Minister of Education at Rome.

12. Modena University

a) The Epuration Commission has now finished the vetting of all University personnel and a final report is expected momentarily.

b) Summer courses were finished on 30 June 1945 and examinations inaugurated on 9 July 1945. The Ministry of Education has approved examinations taken by students in the faculties of Letters and Magistero during the past year but has rejected a proposal to continue these courses at Modena during the summer months. 1435 students were enrolled. Brigadier General Hume addressed the Medical Faculty on 23 July 1945.

c) Projects for the repair of University buildings are now being prepared to submit to Genio Civile. Two buildings only have been seriously damaged: the Palazzo Universitario and the Istituto Geofisico.

d) The Administrative Council is now being reorganized.

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13. Parma University

a) Prof. Teodosio Marchi was elected permanent Rector unanimously on 20 July 1945 by 22 of the 27 titular professors. Presidents of the Faculties were also elected at this time. The University was formally reopened with an appropriate ceremony on 24 July 1945 with addresses by Brigadier General Hame and Colonel Thomas.

b) The Epuracion of the titular professors has been completed with the suspension of nine members of the Faculty. The work of the Commission is continuing under Executive Memorandum N. 76.

c) Following the reopening ceremony examinations and summer sessions were inaugurated with an enrollment of 2897 students. All Scientific Institutes have been reopened.

d) Prof. Luigi Ferrari Tracate has been appointed acting Director of the Conservatory of Music.

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PART II - PRESENT CONDITION OF THE
EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN EMILIA REGION

1. Activities of Education Division

The Education Division undertook its work early in December 1944, in the provinces of Forlì and Ravenna and reopened the schools in the liberated parts of these provinces during the winter months. At that time the Regional Education Officer served as Education Officer, 8th Army. Soon after the occupation of Bologna on 21 April 1945, schools were reopened in the other six provinces of the region and the position of Education Officer, 5th Army, was also assumed.

Since that time schools and Universities in all eight provinces have been reorganized and reopened, personnel selected and instructional supplies provided.

2. Provincial Administration

Provveditori agli Studi were selected for each of the eight provinces and provincial school offices were placed in order. During the eight months period it was necessary to replace two of those appointed, one in Ferrara Province because of objections raised by the Church and one in Parma Province because he left his post for another in Rome. At present it may be safely said that excellent Provveditori are in office in Ravenna, Modena and Reggio Emilia and satisfactory ones in the other five provinces. For a list of Provveditori and dates of appointments please see Appendix II.

In each province it has been necessary to appoint and approve elementary and secondary school heads to replace those who were absent or who had been suspended. These were appointed "incaricati" in each province as recommended by the Provveditori agli Studi.

3. Operation of Schools

During the period from December to the present time, elementary and secondary schools have been reopened in each of the eight provinces. In many cases it was necessary to utilize teachers' homes since buildings were either occupied or destroyed. According to Appendix IV.a it will be seen that approximately 68% of elementary school children and 75% of secondary school children attended school during this time. Programs of study which had Fascist materials eliminated were utilized.

School calendars varied from province to province since an attempt was made to complete the school work for the year 1944-1945 before the end of August 1945. Hence in those provinces in which schools were in operation normally during the past year, they were closed during May and June. In other provinces in or near the "winter line" schools are continuing to operate until the middle or the end of August. In spite

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of the condition of war most students in this region will have completed this school year before the beginning of the 1945-1946 year in September. For a list of Calendar dates please see Appendix I.

Examinations, an important phase of the Italian school system, varied according to conditions found in each province. Extraordinary sessions were arranged for partisans and others who could not attend on fixed dates. Because of transport difficulties "scrutini" (oral exams within each school) were substituted for the regular written examinations given by the state boards. A list of examination dates will also be found in Appendix I.

Following the close of the regular school sessions, summer schools have been provided in the provinces of Ferrara, Bologna, Reggio and Piacenza. These schools taught by "supplenti" teachers are providing for children who have been away from their homes and who wish to prepare for the fall examinations.

In some provinces as at Modena and Bologna, evening courses for adults are now getting under way. While Italian law provides for such classes little was done to implement them during these war years.

Much time has been spent in trying to bring some order out of the chaotic teacher situation. Transfers made by two or three different governments have had to be studied. Refugee teachers have had to be returned to their regular posts and Jewish teachers, suspended several years ago by the Fascists, have had their positions returned to them. "Supplenti" teachers have been appointed to provide for those who have been suspended for Fascist reasons.

The financing of schools has been resolved through the Provincial Finance Officer. Provveditori agli Studi and school heads have submitted budgets on Allied Military Government forms and teachers have been paid from the time provinces were liberated. Requests for back salaries are now being prepared by Provveditori for the payment of salaries due before the liberation of provinces.

4. Expiration

One of the primary responsibilities of this Division has been the expiration of school personnel. In the provinces of Forlì and Ravenna this vetting was accomplished by the Regional Education Officer under the provisions of Executive Memorandum No. 67. From 1 December 1944 to 31 July 1945, 128 persons were suspended and 366 persons were confirmed by this division in those two provinces. Suspensions were made on the basis of schede filed for all school heads and teachers about whom the Provveditori agli Studi were doubtful. Suspended personnel have now begun to make appeals to the High Commissioner of Expiration under D.L.B.

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In the other six provinces Epuration has been carried out under General Order No. 35. An Education Section has been appointed for each Provincial Commission. This procedure has been a much slower one and hence fewer persons have been epurated. In these six provinces a total of 665 persons have been screened, 155 of whom were suspended and 510 confirmed.

While doubtless many injustices have been done and while many school teachers and administrators with Fascist sympathies remain, it may be assumed that the large percentage of the worst Fascists have been purged. For a summary of epuration by provinces please see Appendix No. III.

5. Instructional Materials

Second only to the vetting of school personnel has come the provision of materials of instruction in carrying out the work of defascistizing the Italian schools. Before the occupation of this region approximately 100,000 elementary school textbooks were printed at Florence and brought here for distribution by military means. When Bologna was occupied approximately 50,000 additional elementary and secondary school textbooks of the non-Fascist variety were found and distributed. The distribution of these and a balance of those brought from Florence was then turned over to the Messaggerie Italiane, the normal Italian distributing agency (For the number of books printed and distributed by the Allied Military Government please see Appendix No. V). Since these books were not sufficient to provide for the needs of all pupils this year and since it was then too late to publish more, fascist books with pages removed were used in some provinces.

During the past winter paper provided from Allied sources was transported from Florence to Lucca where approximately 300,000, 48 page quaderni (copybooks) were printed at a cost of L. 3.50 and sold to students in the provinces of Forli and Ravenna at L. 3 by the Provveditore agli Studi. In the province of Ferrara 30,000 quaderni were found in the G.I.L. and these were distributed free to students after the fascist covers had been removed. When Bologna was occupied the distribution of quaderni also turned over to the Messaggerie Italiane with the stipulation that the sale price was not to exceed the L. 6. These have now been transported to each province and about 150,000 of the total of 350,000 are available for the 1945-1946 school year. The distribution of these materials helped to break the black market in which children were charged L. 40 for one quaderno (For a list of quaderni distributed please see Appendix No. V).

In each province there was appointed by the Provveditori and approved by this office a Provincial Textbook Commission for the approval of textbooks for sale or publication. The Provincial Commission at Bologna has also served as the Regional Commission which must pass on all books for publication. During the past three months these Commissions

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have approved for sale 8 elementary school textbooks and 128 secondary school textbooks.

In addition at least two series of elementary school textbooks were approved for publication and these in turn approved by the Ministry of Education at Rome. Copy for these books is now being prepared in printing establishments at Bologna, Milan and Verona and the books should be ready for distribution by September.

Many requests for books and other publications have been received from Universities, Libraries and Technical Institutes and these have been forwarded to the Education Sub-Commission for transmission to America and England. Requests have also been submitted for Scientific and technical apparatus and equipment which was lost or stolen.

6. School buildings

Since this region is one of the most devastated in all of Italy, the problem of school buildings has been and remains a very serious one. During the winter months since most school buildings in Forli and Ravenna provinces were either occupied or destroyed it was necessary to find other accommodations for pupils. In many cases teachers' homes were utilized for class rooms, since military necessity was given first consideration. As the line moved forward it was also necessary to follow this procedure in some of the other six provinces especially in the city of Bologna itself.

From Appendix IV.b it will be seen that 18% of the school buildings in the region have been damaged and destroyed. To date only a few minor repairs have been made but Sindaco have been urged to submit projects for repairs to the Genio Civile as soon as possible. At the present time about 50 Communes in the eight provinces have filed such requests.

A survey of window glass needs, one of the most serious problems, has been made in all of the provinces and requests in the amount of 30,299,34 square meters of glass have been submitted to this office. These in turn have been sent to the Provincial Supply Officers in each province for transmission to the U.P.I.C. If schools are to operate during the winter months glass or some substitute material must be found.

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School equipment, in the form of benches, blackboards, etc., lacking especially in those schools located in the southern part of the region where the line was stabilized during the past winter and many buildings were occupied by troops, is a problem which has not been resolved by this Division.

Second only to the damage and destruction of school buildings has been their occupation by troops and refugees. From Appendix IV.b it will be seen that 308 buildings are still occupied by troops, refugees and other organizations. Almost daily some buildings are being released by troops

and refugee authorities have been requested to release as many buildings as possible. Since this region is a collecting center for refugees it may be expected that some buildings may be occupied by these people for some time to come.

7. Universities

Emilia region has been one of the richest educationally, having located here four Universities. As soon as the region was liberated at the end of April, pro-rectors were appointed for each of the four Universities of Ferrara - Bologna - Modena and Parma. Epuration Commissions under Executive Memorandum 76 were then appointed for each institution. These Commissions immediately epurated the titular professors of the faculties. These Commissions are now continuing the epuration of other University personnel. Formal reopening ceremonies, some before and other actually after the Universities had been reopened, were held at each institution to emphasize the re-birth of academic freedom.

During the past year because of German occupation enrolment at universities had fallen to less than 30% of normal. To provide opportunity for students to complete the 1944-1945 school year and to provide for the return of many partisans to their studies as soon as possible, all universities have been reopened and special summer courses and examinations are now in progress. The effectiveness of this plan can be observed by referring to Appendix IV, a which shows that 16,005 students of the normal enrolment of 19,688 students are now in attendance.

A study was made of the damages and equipment sustained at each University and projects prepared for their rehabilitation. As stated before, projects in the amount of L. 91,000,000 have already been submitted and approved for the University of Bologna which itself sustained damages totalling L. 450,000,000.

8. Academies

In addition to the four Universities are located in the region eight Academies and other cultural Institutions which had been dependent upon the Ministry of Education. For each of these the acting administrative heads were appointed by this division and epuration commissions were provided for the vetting of personnel. In two of these institutions the epuration has been completed and permanent heads elected by the epurated faculties (For names of these administrative heads please see Appendix II)

9. School lunches

Since this region was situated in an area which normally has a food surplus no great interest was shown in the school lunch problem. From Appendix VI it will be seen that school lunches are now being provided for 27,359 children, elementary and secondary school children in 99 communes. Some lack of interest may be attributed to the fact that only powdered soup and vegetable rations were offered.

10. G.I.L.

The confusion which shifted the responsibility of G.I.L. property from the Provveditore agli Studi to the Intendenza di Finanza made the program which had been planned ineffective and once again most of the G.I.L. equipment has been lost. While the Provveditore of Schools appointed a Commissario of the G.I.L. in each province in accordance with our orders it was difficult for such persons to assume authority since responsibility had been turned over to the Intendenza of Finanza. Inventory reports have been received and forwarded for two of the eight provinces.

11. Youth Organization

Some progress has been made in the encouragement of the organization of Boy-Scout Troops. A Commission for the northern part of the region and one for the southern part of the region have been appointed and provincial Scout heads have been named. Most of this activity has been carried on by the Catholic Scout Group (A.S.C.I.) which has to date established about 30 troops in the region. Except for some printed materials which have been provided, this division has been able to lend little more than encouragement to these projects.

Other Youth Groups such as the Fronte della Gioventu', the O.G.I., Organizzazione della Gioventu' Italiana, C.I.S., Centro Sportivo Italiano, seem to be more active than the Boy Scout Organization and to have financial backing by what are doubtless political organizations.

12. Miscellaneous

During its incumbency this Division also carried on other activities among which were the publishing of a regional news sheet, the holding of discussion groups with enlisted men, etc. Assistance was also given to many army units in providing living quarters and instructional facilities, among which were the IV Armored Division, 29 Fighter Group and 101 Military Police.

13. Acknowledgment

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PART III - TRANSITION TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

1. Changes Which May Occur on Turn-over

The turn-over to the Italian Government will likely bring few if any changes in the educational system because of the close liaison which we have maintained with the Italian Ministry of Education through the Education Sub-Commission during these past three months. Rectors of Universities have been elected by their faculties in accordance with Italian law. Provincial School Superintendents appointed by us have for the most part been retained by the Italian Government in other provinces. All those appointed in this region also have local support, except at Forlì where the President of the C.L.N. is seeking the position. Hence little change is expected in administrative personnel.

The present school year 1944-1945 will be completed in all provinces on 1 August 1945. Programs of study which have the approval of the Minister of Education have been distributed for the school year 1945-1946. Manuscripts for textbooks for the coming school year also have Ministerial approval. Transfers of teachers in recent months have been sent to the Ministry of Education for his advice. The turn-over will likely facilitate transfers to and from regions now under the Italian Government.

The only effect of the turn-over might be a delay in the granting of approvals for repair of school buildings, the approval of textbooks for publication and sale and in the evacuation of school buildings by troops, refugees and others. These actions will depend largely on the effectiveness of individual Prefects and Sindaci.

2. Unfinished work

a) Administration

In 7 of the 9 Academies permanent Rectors and Presidents must still be elected by their faculties when the operation is completed. During our administration many Presidi, Directors and Inspectors have been appointed temporarily to fill positions left vacant by suspensions and these permanent appointments will need to be made.

b) Evacuation

Evacuation has been completed by this Division in the provinces of Forlì and Ravenna and appeals should be heard immediately by the Italian Commission. In the other six provinces evacuation under General Order No. 35 was well under way but will need to be completed under D.L.B.159. In three of the four Universities the evacuation of other than titular professors is only partially completed. Such is the case also in 7 of 9 Academies.

c) Instructional Materials

Textbooks for the coming year are being published by the Mondadori, Minerva, Zanichelli and proofs of these books must be sent to the Ministry of Education for final approval. Paper will need to be provided for an additional 300,000 quaderni for the coming school year. Supplies of

pencils, pens, ink, etc. will also be necessary.

d) Building Needs

Projects which have not been submitted for the repair of school buildings in the region should be submitted to the Genio Civile. Some arrangements should be made for the collection of surplus desks and blackboards for distribution to communes where all this equipment has been taken or destroyed.

e) Finance

The payment of teachers' salaries for the period before liberation will need to be completed since funds allocated for this purpose were blocked by the Allied Military Government upon our occupation.

f) Teachers

The cases of teachers transferred by the Republican Fascist Government will need to be clarified in a few cases. Physical Education teachers who were formerly employed by the G.I.L. were transferred by us to the Provveditorato agli Studi. Since most of these were inscribed in the Republican Fascist Party, their status will need to be clarified and definite assignments made.

g) School Lunches

Some provisions should be made by the Italian Government to carry on a program of supplementary rations for school lunches which we have initiated.

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REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER

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APPENDIX I - CALENDAR OF SCHOOLS
EMILIA REGION (REVISED)

Provinces	Date of reopening	Date of closing	Examinations 1st term		Examinations 2nd term		Date of reopening 1945/1946
			Ammissione idoneita'	Maturita' licenza	Ammissione idoneita'	Maturita' licenza	
Bologna	15.5.1945	15.7.1945	15.7.1945	15.9.1945	1.10.1945	19.10.1945	25.10.1945
Modena	1.6.1945	21.7.1945	30.7.1945	1.10.1945	30.7.1945	1.10.1945	16.10.1945
Parma	16.10.1945	30.6.1945	21.6.1945	6.7.1945	15.9.1945	10.10.1945	--
Piacenza	28.5.1945	14.7.1945	16.7.1945	23.7.1945	20.8.1945	1.10.1945	16.10.1945
Reggio Emilia	16.5.1945	3.6.1945	2.6.1945	4.6.1945	--	--	--
Ferrara	16.5.1945	31.6.1945	16.5.1945	25.6.1945	--	--	1.9.1945
Forli	23.1.1945	31.7.1945	1.8.1945	1.9.1945	16.9.1945	16.9.1945	16.10.1945
Ravenna	20.3.1945	4.8.1945	13.8.1945	12.8.1945	1.10.1945	1.10.1945	16.10.1945
<u>Universita'</u>							
Bologna	20.6.1945	--	20.6.1945	--	--	--	--
Ferrara	9.8.1945	--	--	--	--	--	--
Modena	18.6.1945	--	9.7.1945	--	--	--	--
Parma	20.6.1945	--	1.7.1945	--	--	--	--

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APPENDIX II -- ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS
OF SCHOOLS EMILIA REGION (REVISED)

a. Rectors of Universities

Name	Position	University	Date of appointment
Prof. Edoardo Volterra	Rettore	Bologna	18.6.1945
Prof. Felice Gioielli	Rettore	Ferrara	27.7.1945
Prof. Guido Carlo Mor	Rettore	Modena	2.6.1945
Prof. Teodosio Marchi	Rettore	Parma	20.7.1945

b. Provveditori agli Studi

Name	Position	Provveditorati	Date of appointment
Prof. Evangelista Valli	Provveditore	Bologna	1.5.1945
Prof. Luigi Di Filippo	Provveditore	Ferrara	23.7.1945
Prof. A. Olivieri	Provveditore	Forlì	12.1944
Prof. Umberto Fizzini	Provveditore	Modena	23.5.1945
Prof. Ferdinando Bernini	Provveditore	Parma	26.7.1945
Prof. Antonio Larosa	Provveditore	Piacenza	5.1945
Prof. Giuseppe Bertoni	Provveditore	Reggio E.	18.1944
Prof. Ettore Lindner	Provveditore	Reggio E.	5.1945

APPENDIX II - (Continued)c. Special Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Academies</u>	<u>Date of appointment</u>
Prof. Antonio Certani	Presidente R. Conservatorio "G.B. Martini"	Bologna	10.7.1945
Prof. Guido Spagnoli	Direttore R. Conservatorio "G.B. Martini"	Bologna	10.7.1945
Prof. Alfredo Barbacci	Presidente Accademia delle Belle Arti e Liceo Artistico	Bologna	9.6.1945
Prof. Ferruccio Giacomelli	Direttore Accademia delle Belle Arti e Liceo Artistico	Bologna	9.6.1945
Prof. Antonio Ciciu	Commissario Accademia della Scienza	Bologna	14.6.1945
Dott. Domenico Fava	Direttore della Biblioteca Universitaria	Bologna	6.6.1945
Prof. Giuseppe Micheli	Commissario Deputazione di Storia Patria	Bologna	25.7.1945
Prof. Guido Stendardo	Direttore della Biblioteca Estense	Modena	18.6.1945
Prof. Giuseppe Cavazzuti	Presidente R. Accademia Scienze Lettere Arti	Modena	6.6.1945
Prof. Luigi Ferrari Trecate	Direttore Conservatorio di Musica	Parma	8.7.1945
Prof. Glauco Lombardi	Presidente Istituto d'Arte	Parma	17.7.1945

APPENDIX III - EMPIRATION OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL
EMILIA REGION (REVISED)

Provinces	Total Number	Scheda Received	No. Confirmed	No. Suspended
Bologna	2,193	586	337	97
Ferrara	1,326	1,202	223	7
Forli *	2,069	198	134	64
Modena	1,744	1,744	-	4
Parma	1,556	150	-	12
Piacenza	1,305	1,243	-	35
Ravenna *	1,417	296	232	64
Reggio Emilia	1,454	1,006	-	-
<u>Universities</u>				
Bologna	84	92	72	20
Modena	23	26	17	6
Ferrara	14	39	32	7
Parma	56	36	24	12
<u>Academies</u>				
Conservatorio "G.B. Martini" Bologna	55	44	44	-
Accademia Belle Arti Bologna	34	33	30	3

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* Under General Order No. 67

APPENDIX IV.a - STATISTICAL DATA OF SCHOOLS
IN EMILIA REGION (REVISED)
a. Schools in operation

Provinces	Asili		Elementary		Secondary		Private	
	Normal	Open	Normal	Open	Normal	Open	Normal	Open
Bologna	163	80	519	370	30	21	64	55
Ferrara	69	-	229	*	25	-	10	-
Forlì	91	32	469	466	47	46	-	-
Modena	100	84	915	983	53	33	21	21
Parma	63	41	1123	1058	26	26	34	33
Piacenza	73	34	379	372	22	22	16	16
Ravenna	55	42	274	218	47	45	57	39
Reggio E.	94	83	400	302	52	34	25	16

* Summer sessions in progress.

b. School Enrollment

Provinces	Asili		Elementary		Secondary		Private	
	Normal	Pres.	Normal	Pres.	Normal	Pres.	Normal	Pres.
Bologna	10,000	5,000	67,743	28,000	11,000	5,700	1,800	1,800
Ferrara	5,315	-	37,350	38,606	3,089	1,486	386	-
Forlì	5,722	3,095	49,363	37,751	8,121	7,764	-	-
Modena	5,900	4,250	47,152	37,536	8,000	5,745	1,892	1,321
Parma	4,029	2,062	55,857	27,942	6,950	5,275	2,760	2,317
Piacenza	3,941	3,902	28,846	24,722	5,103	3,899	1,224	1,014
Ravenna	3,705	2,526	21,342	18,814	4,829	4,502	3,206	3,515
Reggio E.	6,002	5,039	39,543	22,609	7,161	6,209	751	986

APPENDIX IV.a - (Continued)c. Teachers in service

	<u>Asili</u>		<u>Elementary</u>		<u>Secondary</u>		<u>Private</u>	
	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Pres.</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Pres.</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Pres.</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Pres.</u>
Bologna	179	179	1,785	1,700	759	622	50	50
Ferrara	155	-	903	874	190	202	93	19
Forlì	156	-	1,298	1,298	637	695	-	-
Modena	153	136	1,172	1,170	531	431	131	110
Parma	102	77	1,123	1,058	370	562	196	176
Piacenza	98	117	832	836	334	324	75	70
Ravenna	135	93	827	823	525	497	182	210
Reggio E.	131	114	1,353	961	369	575	30	35

d. Universities

<u>Provinces</u>	<u>No. Enrolled</u>		<u>No. Titular Professors</u>	
	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Pres.</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Pres.</u>
Bologna	15,900	11,000	143	125
Ferrara	404	675	58	23
Modena	1,722	1,455	50	40
Parma	2,500	2,897	71	71

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APPENDIX IV.b - CONDITION OF BUILDINGS IN SCHOOLS
AND UNIVERSITIES OF EMILIA REGION

Provinces	Total No. Bldg.	No. in use	No. Occupied	No. damaged & destroyed
Bologna	543	372	55	144
Ferrara	252	171	66	67
Forlì	516	515	59	117
Modena	511	562	41	87
Parma	585	505	40	42
Piacenza	403	331	5	34
Ravenna	266	260	14	87
Reggio E.	457	352	25	43
<u>Universities</u>				
Bologna	61	32	3	15
Ferrara	12	12	(rooms) 53	15
Modena	10	10	-	1
Parma	27	27	(rooms) 4	(rooms) 11

APPENDIX V - DISTRIBUTION OF TEXTBOOKS
AND SUPPLIES (REVISED)*

a. Textbooks

	Bologna	Ferrara	Forlì	Modena	Parma	Ravenna	Reggio
Sillabario	1,556	780	11,950	1,076	200	5,510	560
Letture II	1,018	250	13,740	272	50	1,766	160
Letture III	-	-	8,480	-	-	700	-
Supplimento III	-	-	5,750	-	-	106	-
Letture IV	312	60	6,150	90	30	564	-
Religione IV	995	210	4,950	358	100	1,223	164
Aritmetica IV	941	575	6,370	300	100	556	164
Letture V	-	-	4,180	-	-	731	-
Religione V	80	-	3,900	10	-	660	-
Aritmetica V	528	10	3,200	60	10	62	-
Total	4,982	1,885	65,640	2,066	400	9,478	848

* Does not include books from local stocks. Includes only those imported by Education Division.

b. Quaderni

Bologna	51,600
Ferrara	54,200
"	60,000*
Forlì	32,500
Modena	12,450
Parma	2,150
Piacenza	50,000
Ravenna	32,700
Reggio E.	50,400
Messaggerie Italiane	23,650
Total	299,650

*Were found in the building of the ex GEL and given free to children.

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APPENDIX VI - SURVEY OF WINDOW GLASS
NEEDS IN EMILIA REGION

Provinces	No. Communes	Square meters requested	
		Elementary schools	Secondary schools
Forlì	34	6,583,87	603,61
Modena	2	1,414,81	354,58
Parma	43	7,470,28	3,163,75
Piacenza	2	183,48	—
Ravenna	13	4,486,83	967,49
Reggio E.	36	4,048,74	1,077,10
		24,132,81	6,163,53

APPENDIX VII - SCHOOL BUDGETS PROVIDED
IN EMILIA REGION

Provinces	No. communes	No. children
Modena	66	8,562
Forlì	29	8,282
Ravenna	2	8,301
Piacenza	2	2,213
	99	27,358

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30 June 1945

Subject : Report of the Regional Education Officer
for the Month of June.

To : Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region

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SUMMARY

1. ORGANIZATION

The provincial school office in each province has been placed in order and the provveditori soli studi in each one is performing his tasks satisfactorily. The only exception is at Parma where the provveditore has been absent for some time and another is acting in his place. School heads have been appointed to replace those absent or suspended. A list of provveditori will be found in Table II.

2. OPERATION

A school calendar of classes and examinations has been prepared as may be seen in Table I. During the past month schools were in operation in all the provinces except Ferrara and here summer courses were begun. During the latter part of June and July other schools will close. However summer assistance courses have been planned to assist pupils who lost time during the past school year. Incomplete data as of 20 June 1943 show that there were in operation at that time, 391 of 387 total, 2263 of 2148 elementary schools, but 309 of 304 secondary schools. A total number of 206,931 students of a normal 204,103 were enrolled. 12,820 of a normal number of 13,653 teachers have returned to their posts.

3. RECRUITING

Recruitment was continued under General Order No. 87 in Forlì and Ravenna, a total of 52 persons being enrolled. In the other provinces education sections have been appointed for each operation, examination and screening has begun. For details see Table V.

4. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Textbook commissions have now been established in six of the eight provinces, the one in Bologna acting on a regional basis. Programs of study for the 1943-44 school year have been distributed. Publication of a new series of textbooks for next year is now underway in Bologna, Verona and Milano. Textbook commissions have approved very necessary school books for immediate use. To date a total of 58,400 textbooks for elementary schools and 9,975 textbooks for secondary schools have been distributed. In addition a total of 204,300 uniforms have been distributed with an additional 100,000 to come later.

5. BUILDINGS

Many buildings in the region have been damaged or destroyed and others occupied by troops. As seen in Table IV of the 2734 buildings in operation normally, 263 are now occupied, 332 are badly damaged and 204 have been destroyed. A survey of window glass needs is now being made in each comune. Requests have been submitted by 101

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plus about
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uniforms
from Bologna

courses in 5 provinces.

6. UNIVERSITIES

The University of Bologna elected a permanent rector on 19 June 1945 and classes and examinations were resumed on 30 June 1945. 18 titular professors were suspended. Annual opening of the University will be held soon.

The University of Ferrara was formally reopened and classes began on 5 June 1945. Acquisition of faculty is continuing and permanent rector will be elected in near future.

The University of Modena elected a permanent rector on 6 June 1945 and the university formally reopened on 18 June 1945. Six titular professors were suspended. Classes are now in progress.

The University of Pavia has just completed the suspension of titular professors and the election will be held within a few days. Examinations are to begin on 2 July 1945.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE
NORTH OF JUNE 1945

1. GENERAL

a. Staff

Staff at present includes Captain Willie E. Pratt, Regional Education Officer, Captain Dexter G. Filson, Deputy Regional Education Officer and Mr. Lawrence Martini, Clerk. Weekly visits to each province are made by one of the Education Officers on the following schedule:

Monday	Perth and Ravenna
Tuesday	Ferrara
Wednesday	Bologna
Thursday	Modena
Friday	Reggio and Parma

b. Youth Organization

A regional commissioner of Boy Scouts, Mr. Maggiani Piccoli, has been appointed in Bologna. 110 scout leaders have been trained and 20 scout troops have already been formed in Bologna, Cesena, Faenza, Rimini and Castel S. Pietro. A meeting was held with an interested group in Parma. A former leader of girl guides in Modena is interested in that organization there. An investigation is underway of the Fronte di Gioventù.

c. University Classes

A survey of the facilities of the University of Bologna for possible use as a study center for American troops was made for HQUSA. Assistance has also been given to Medical Officers at the 8th General Hospital in meetings held with Italian civilian doctors.

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2. TABLE 1. - TENTATIVE CALENDAR
FOR PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES
EMILIA REGION

Province	Date of reopening	Date of closing	Examinations 1st term	Examinations 2nd term	Date of reopening 1945/1946
Bologna	15.3.1945	15.7.1945	15.8.1945	1.10.1945	15.10.1945
Modena	1.8.1945	21.7.1945	1.10.1945	1.10.1945	15.10.1945
Parma	15.10.1945	15.5.1945	16.7.1945	15.8.1945	15.10.1945
Piacenza	23.5.1945	14.7.1945	26.7.1945	20.8.1945	15.10.1945
Reggio E.	15.5.1945	5.6.1945	4.8.1945	---	---
Ravenna	15.5.1945	31.6.1945	25.8.1945	---	1.9.1945
Forlì	22.1.1945	31.7.1945	1.8.1945	15.8.1945	15.10.1945
Rovenna	23.5.1945	14.8.1945	16.8.1945	1.10.1945	15.10.1945
UNIVERSITA'					
Bologna	20.6.1945	---	20.6.1945	---	---
Ravenna	2.6.1945	---	---	---	---
Modena	15.6.1945	---	9.7.1945	---	---
Parma	20.6.1945	---	1.7.1945	---	---

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3. TABLE II. - LIST OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS APPOINTED
IN EMILIA REGION

RECTORI OF UNIVERSITIES

Name	Position	University	Date of appointment
Prof. Edoardo Volterra	Rettore	Bologna	18.5.1945
Prof. Felice Gicielli	Pro-Rettore	Ferrara	14.5.1945
Prof. Carlo Guido Mor	Rettore	Modena	2.5.1945
Prof. Teodoro Marchi	Pro-Rettore	Parma	12.5.1945

PROVEDITORI AGLI STUDI

Name	Position	Provvedi- torati	Date of appointment
Prof. Evangelista Valli	Provveditore	Bologna	1.5.1945
Prof. Antonio Villi	Provveditore	Ferrara	7.5.1945
Prof. A. Olivieri	Provveditore	Forlì	12.1944
Prof. Umberto Pizzini	Provveditore	Modena	13.5.1945
Prof. Bruno Scammi	Provveditore	Parma	14.5.1945
Prof. Antonio Larosa	Provveditore	Piacenza	5.1945
Prof. Giuseppe Bertoni	Provveditore	Ravenna	12.1944
Prof. Ettore Lindner	Provveditore	Reggio E.	5.1945

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TABLE III. - (CONTINUED)SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Name	Position	Residence	Date of Appointment
Prof. Antonio Certani	Presidente R. Conservatorio "G.B. Martini"	Bologna	6.6.1943
Prof. Guido Spagnoli	Direttore R. Conservatorio "G.B. Martini"	Bologna	6.6.1943
Prof. Alfredo Barbacci	Presidente Accademia delle Belle Arti e Museo Artistico	Bologna	9.6.1943
Prof. Ferruccio Gismondi	Direttore Accademia di Belle Arti e Museo Artistico	Bologna	9.6.1943
Prof. Antonio Cioni	Consiglierio Accademia delle Scienze	Bologna	14.6.1943
Dr. Ott. Domenico Fava	Direttore della Biblioteca "Salvadori"	Bologna	6.6.1943
Prof. Guido Stendardo	Direttore della Biblioteca "Stendardo"	Modena	18.6.1943
Prof. Giuseppe Cavazzani	Presidente R. Accademia Scienze Lettere Arti	Modena	6.6.1943

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4. TABLE III. - STATISTICAL DATA OF SCHOOLS
IN ITALY (JUNE 1946)

a. Schools in operation

Provinces	Adult		Elementary		Secondary		Totals	
	Normal	Open	Normal	Open	Normal	Open	Normal	Open
Bologna	163	82	519	370	20	21	54	53
Forlì	69	--	234	*	25	15	20	10
Modena	94	45	587	311	33	31	31	21
Piacenza	59	33	582	359	22	22	17	15
Reggio Emilia	54	46	219	204	42	41	37	33
Rovato	94	53	400	249	32	24	25	16
Verdi	61	62	463	469	47	46	--	--
Parma	61	--	571	571	24	24	--	20

* Summer sessions in progress.

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Table III. - (Continued)

b. School attendance

Province	Total		Elementary		Secondary		Tertiary	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Bolivia	10,000	8,000	23,745	45,000	11,000	5,000	1,500	1,000
Burkina	5,415	---	37,300	35,000	5,000	1,400	500	---
Madagascar	2,350	1,000	40,000	27,000	7,000	3,000	1,000	1,000
Guatemala	2,077	3,173	22,077	23,000	5,000	4,000	1,000	000
Guatemala	5,000	8,000	11,000	10,000	4,000	3,000	1,000	2,000
People's Republic of China	4,000	6,000	30,000	22,000	7,000	5,000	700	000
Formosa	5,700	3,000	45,000	37,000	6,000	7,000	---	---
Senegal	---	---	35,000	40	5,000	5,000	---	---

* Data not yet available.

TABLE III. - (CONTINUED)

C. Teachers in service

Province	Asilia		Kisumu		Secondary		Private	
	Normal	Pres.	Normal	Pres.	Normal	Pres.	Normal	Pres.
Reggio Emilia	131	114	1,157	803	357	272	31	93
Ravenna	135	57	997	621	522	420	273	196
Verona	137	97	763	573	--	--	21	24
Trieste	129	63	1,180	1,115	487	445	131	110
Modena	138	--	904	203	180	168	83	19
Parma	179	179	1,703	1,710	739	622	57	50
Bologna	153	--	1,296	1,293	650	623	--	--
Forlì	--	--	1,103	1,103	533	303	--	--

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TABLE III. - (CONTINUED)d. Universities

Provinces	No. Enrolled		No. Titular Professors	
	Normal	Spec.	Normal	Spec.
Bologna	15,000	8,000	96	84
Ferrara	404	124	14	14
Modena	1,722	1,405	33	27
Parma	2,500	2,097	32	30

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5. TABLE IV. - CONDITION OF BUILDINGS IN SCHOOLS
AND UNIVERSITIES OF EMILIA REGION

Provinces	Total No. Bldg.	No. in use	No. Occupied	No. Damaged & destroyed
Bologna	572	570	55	137
Ferrara	520	532	58	58
Fidenza	280	130	57	61
Piacenza	508	368	8	38
Ravenna	222	211	19	71
Reggio Emilia	497	299	46	77
Forlì	516	515	90	100
Parma	618	544	29	78
<u>UNIVERSITIES*</u>				
Bologna	61	32	5	18
Ferrara	12	12	(rooms) 53	15
Fidenza	10	10	—	(rooms) 8
Parma	27	27	(rooms) 4	(rooms) 11
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6. TABLE V. - SUMMARY OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Provinces	Total Number	Schools Received	No. Confirmed	No. Suspended
Bologna	2,133	89	85	4
Ferrara	1,256	230	223	7
Forlì *	2,069	192	153	39
Modena	1,744	1,744	-	-
Parma	1,556	150	-	-
Piacenza	1,136	-	-	-
Reggio Emilia	1,456	493	-	-
Ravenna *	1,417	248	214	34
<u>Universities</u>				
Bologna	34	64	22	12
Modena	33	33	17	6
Ferrara	14	-	-	-
Parma	35	-	-	-

* Under General Order No. 67.

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7. TABLE VI. - INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS DISTRIBUTEDIN SCHOOLS OF MILIA AREA *A. Textbooks

	Bologna	Ferrara	Forlì	Modena	Parma	Pesaro	Prato
Syllabus I	1,318	3,320	11,900	1,070	300	780	500
Lecture II	1,618	1,760	18,740	270	180	280	80
Lecture III	-	700	8,480	-	-	-	-
Supplements III	-	100	5,760	-	-	-	-
Lecture IV	518	364	6,150	90	-	80	50
Religione IV	988	1,220	4,960	250	164	210	100
Artistic IV	641	586	6,570	800	160	575	100
Lecture V	-	931	4,180	-	-	-	-
Religione V	80	600	3,960	10	-	-	-
Artistic V	288	68	3,200	60	-	10	10
Total	4,965	9,478	66,640	2,005	646	1,585	500

* Does not include books from local stocks. Includes only those imported by Education Division.

B. Supplies

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Bologna	32,800
Ferrara	32,800
Forlì	30,000*
Modena	32,800
Parma	107,000
Pesaro	
Prato	
Total	234,500

* Were found in the building of the ex GIL and given free to children.

B. PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS1. Forli Province

Executive Memorandum
Vetting of school officials under General Order No. 47 is continuing. Elementary and secondary schools are operating in all urban centers. 32,500 quadrants have been shipped to the province. All except 800 have been sold to date. Additional textbooks have been delivered to Cesena. School at Morciano has been approved as distaccata from Scuola Media at Rimini.

All the schools are now functioning on normal schedules according to the Provveditorato agli Studi. He urges that the Ministerial Promotion Commission be enjoined at once to hear the cases of those who have been suspended. Many buildings in Forli and Cesena are still occupied by troops. A request has been made to close the present school term on 31 July instead of 14 August as scheduled.

Present enrolment includes 53% of children in asili, 75% in elementary schools, and 90% in secondary schools. 1943 or 2091 teachers are now employed. Practically all school buildings are in operation except 5% now occupied by troops and refugees and 6% which are badly damaged and 2% which have been destroyed. Normally there is a total of 400 buildings.

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B. Havana Province

The Provveditore agli Studi is visiting all the schools of the province. He reports that the return of schools to normalcy is much more rapid than he had anticipated. To date only 14 elementary, 4 secondary schools and 6 night have not been able to reopen. 2 of the 14 elementary schools will be reopened during the month. It has been more difficult to reopen "suasidiori" and private schools.

All secondary schools have been reopened except some of the orphans schools. Those at S. Alberto and Alfonso will be reopened within a few days. Only those districts at Brighella and Casola Valmaria have had to be closed for lack of pupils and teachers.

In all schools now children attend daily although in some places the schedule is limited. Work is progressing on the reconstruction of the Patronati Ecclesiastici in the province.

Posting of school officials under General Order No. 57 is almost completed. 38,500 uniforms were delivered to the province and have been distributed. Additional textbooks delivered to Carvia.

Attendance to date is 61% in night, 75% in elementary schools, 80% in the secondary schools and 78% in the private schools. 1510 of the 1700 teachers normally employed have returned to service.

125 of the buildings now available are in use, six being occupied by troops and refugees. 135 buildings are in need of cleaning and minor repairs, 34 have been badly damaged and 37 have been destroyed.

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c. Ferrara Province

Surveys have been given in all schools which have been damaged on the Provveditorato agli Studi. Education sections of the Education Commission has not yet begun to function. Two inspectors and four directors have been asked to remain away from their posts until operation has been completed.

The Provveditorato agli Studi is now trying to visit each comune in the province to consult directly. Assistance courses have been reopened at Copparo and Codigoro.

32,500 quattrini have been distributed by the Education Division in the province as well as thirty thousand others which have been given free to children. The latter were found in the building of the ex-ML and the Fascist papers were removed before their distribution. Additional textbooks have been distributed in Ferrara.

Elementary school examinations were completed on 15 June 1943. Summer courses were begun on 20 June 1943. School lunches have been approved for Portofoglio and S. Agostino. School heads incassati have been approved to replace those absent or suspended.

51 school buildings in the province are in need of minor repairs, 24 have been badly damaged and 23 have been destroyed. 52 buildings are still occupied, 18 by Allied troops, 3 by partisans or carabinieri and 31 by refugees. A report of buildings damage in the city of Ferrara has been reported to the Genio Civile.

School lunches have been approved for Macole and Portofoglio.

d. Bologna Province

The reopening of elementary schools in many parts of the province has been difficult because of a number of devastated communes such as at Casale, Fontana, Castel d'Aiceo, Orzologione, Loieso and -caghiera. In many places it has also been difficult to persuade teachers to return to their posts where living accommodations have been hard to find. In the city, children have been attending several sessions per day.

Materials are being prepared for the Education Commission. 107,000 quadsorni have been brought to the province for distribution by the Messaggerie Italiane. The text-book commission has been functioning and has approved a number of elementary and secondary school texts.

The Provveditore agli Studi estimates attendance at the present time to be 5% in Asili, 70% in the elementary schools and 88% in secondary schools. More students are attending private schools than in normal times. 8501 of 8763 teachers employed in normal times have returned to their positions.

130 buildings are reported to be partially damaged, 70 severely damaged and 67 destroyed. 39 buildings are known to be occupied: 6 by Allied troops, 1 by Italian troops, 7 by Carabinieri and 25 by reds.

Release of some buildings has enabled the Scuole medie to resume on a full schedule.

Personal visits to all elementary and secondary school buildings are being made at present.

Current salaries are being made and arrangements have been concluded to begin payment of back salaries.

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9. Modena Province

The Provveditorato has been completely organized and is running efficiently. Pending the decision of the Operation Commission, school heads whose past political activities are questionable have been asked to remain away from their posts for the present. These include 41 persons in the elementary and secondary schools. In one school pupils left the class in Garam the first day.

During the past year many schools in the city and province did not operate for reasons of war and other causes. In some elementary schools, pupils were not even enrolled. In many schools now a regular schedule is followed daily. Schools are now operating in all communes except in those of Concordia and Cavalla di Girandola where school is filled with munitions. The schools at Casarano di Modona, Traversara di Mirandola, Pignone di Castelfranco, S. Ambrogio di S. Cesario and Alcole' di S. Cesario are closed since these buildings have been destroyed. Also not yet operating are ones at Frignano, Tolara di Prassinoro, Gombola di Polinago for lack of buildings. In the southern part of the province where the line was stabilized, it will be necessary to operate schools throughout the month of August.

The 13 physical education teachers have been put to work reclaiming the materials once held by the ex-GIL, pending their vetting by the Operation Commission. A meeting of booksellers has been held and a textbook commission of seven members has been appointed.

Quaders and textbooks are being distributed to booksellers in the province by the Messaggeria Italiana. Buildings in the city and mountain districts have been gravely damaged. Every place possible has been found for elementary schools and these are being operated in several turns per day. All scuola media are now operating on a four hour per day schedule. Adult evening classes have been approved for Solisai, Carpi and Campellioni. A commission for the GIL has been appointed.

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Summer courses at Istituto Tecnico Industriale will operate from 20 August to 29 September. Enrolled at the present time are 93% of middle children, 96% of elementary schools and 68% of private schools. 1764 of 1843 teachers have returned to their posts.

Of the 337 buildings, 320 are now in operation, 8 are occupied by troops and 20 by refugees. 40 have been badly damaged and 16 have been destroyed.

In the city 4 buildings needed for school are now occupied by American and Italian troops. Authorities have been notified.

School lunches were approved for Formigine and Vignola.

F. Reggio Province

Elementary and secondary schools which did not operate on normal schedule were reopened on 31 June 1945. Pupils who could not attend regularly during the past year will attend until September. In the secondary schools teachers will help students prepare for the fall examinations. These will especially assist partisans, refugees and others who desire to make up the year which they lost.

150 supplenti teachers for summer sessions are to be provided. Many school buildings are still occupied. School personnel have been distributed. An order for 50,000 quadranti has been placed with the Banca d'Italia which will be filled immediately.

A program of special examinations has been approved for partisans and others. Some groups are interested in the reorganization of the Boy Scouts here. The schools are progressing normally. The Provveditori agli Studi handicapped by lack of transport.

Enrollment from latest figures shows 83% in asili, 63% in elementary schools, 66% in secondary schools and 76% in private schools. 1457 of 1671 teachers normally employed have returned to their posts.

240 of the 400 buildings are in operation. 38 are occupied by troops and refugees. 27 have been totally damaged and 16 have been destroyed.

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St. James Province

The schools have been open here for the past two months, since 1 May 1945, and the work carried on during this time has seemed in great part to make up that lost during the past year. At present 1103 elementary classes, 24 secondary schools and 86 private schools are operating in the province. Teachers and professors now number 1103 in the elementary schools and 305 in the secondary schools.

Pending the decision of the education commission 5 school heads and the Rector of the Convitto have been detained from summing their posts. To date 150 school personnel have been submitted to this commission. Examination has begun.

At present schools are operating on normal schedules but will close for summer vacation. Textbooks and uniforms have not yet been distributed. Of the 821 buildings, 16 are destroyed, 29 are occupied by troops and refugees and 90 are badly damaged. Minor repairs will be needed in many schools if they are to be reopened in the fall.

No school has been held this year in the comune of S. Leonardo, Fornave di Vero, S. Maria Bagente, S. Michele Taro and Collacchio. Requests for window glass have been received from 34 communes and a total of 450 square meters been allocated to 10 of them.

The Provveditore agli Studi, Romolo Bruno, has been absent since his appointment, his office being filled by an acting Provveditore, Bernini Ferdinando. He will be notified that he must return at once or be replaced.

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B. Simoes Province

A commission for the examination of textbooks has been appointed and is now at work. Temporary appointments have been made to fill positions of school heads who are absent or who have been suspended.

The preside of the Istituto Tecnico Industriale has been appointed to head a commission to organize summer courses to assist partisans and others to prepare for the fall examinations. Schools were reopened on 1 June 1943 and have continued to operate normally. Salaries for school heads have been turned over to the provincial Education Commission. An education section of this commission has been appointed.

Requests for 50,000 quattrini will be filled soon. Examinations will be given in accord with the Ministerial decree. The provveditore agli studi is now visiting the communes of the province. Schools will continue until 26 July 1943.

Inventory at the present time shows 85% in the city, 70% in elementary schools, 80% in secondary schools and 75% in private schools. 97% of the 981 elementary school teachers have returned to their posts. Only 4 buildings in the province are said to be occupied by troops, 27 have been badly damaged and 5 have been destroyed.

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2. UNIVERSITIES

a. Ferrara University

The University was formally opened with an appropriate ceremony on 8 June 1948. During the year 464 of a normal 596 students were enrolled. The operation commission has reversed the orders of 10 of the 14 titular professors who are present. 124 students have enrolled for the summer term. Four missing professors have been recalled. Summer courses are now in operation in all the facilities.

Plans have been made to obtain scientific apparatus and materials needed for the coming year from Milan. All 12 buildings are usable in part. However a total of 50 rooms are occupied by troops and 15 others are badly damaged.

The funds of the University were blocked in the Cassa di Risparmio di Ferrara but have now been released.

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b. Bologna University and Academies

Prof. Giorgio Volterra was elected permanent Rector of the University by the separated titular professors on 19 June 1945. Sixty four professors were present and Professor Volterra received 32 votes on the first ballot. On the second ballot he received a majority of 23 votes, while his next highest opponent, Professor Battaglia, received 20 votes. On the same day, deans of the seven faculties were also elected.

The curation Commission recommended for suspension, and the Regional Commissioner, suspended 12 titular professors. Many of these have requested and have received a statement of the reasons for their suspension. This office has also transmitted appeals for six of them to the Ministerial Curation Commission at Rome.

A detailed report of the war damage has been compiled and forwarded to the Minister of Education. The financial report of the University indicates a need of 4,614,985.00 lire to pay expenses to 30 June 1945. Examinations were begun on 20 June 1945.

Presidi and Directors were appointed during the month. For personnel see Table II. In each case an Curation Commission was appointed and they are now at work.

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S. Bologna University

The Separation Commission completed the vetting of titular professors and 5 were suspended. At a meeting of the separated faculty Professor Guido Rey was elected permanent Rector, receiving the votes of 13 titular professors. The University was formally reopened with appropriate ceremony on 18 June 1943.

During the current year 1186 students have been enrolled.

During the past year the S.A.N. gave permission for the formation of a new department of Arts and Letters but this has never been confirmed by the Ministry and is violently opposed by the University of Bologna.

Financially the University has a current deficit of about 400,000 lire. The Separation Commission is now continuing with the emersion of assistant professors and other employees. Lessons were begun on 20 June 1943 and examination will be held on 8 July 1943.

Many materials are lacking for carrying on laboratory work. Especially is this shortage acute in the schools of Medicine and Pharmacy.

The Istituto Linceo has been badly damaged and some rooms in the Palazzo Universitario are in need of repair. In all, 8 rooms have been badly damaged.

Presidi and Directors were appointed for the following Academies and Libraries (See Table II. for personnel).

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S. James University

During the school year 2893 students were enrolled. Examinations will begin on 1 July 1945. The operation Commission is now completing the vetting of titular professors. The election of the permanent rector and the formal opening of the University will be held early in July.



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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

7 June 1945

Dear Colonel Washburne:

Enclosed you will please find:

- a) 2 copies of the monthly report.
- b) 1 copy of the monthly statistical report. This includes data from all eight provinces but actual data in many cases are still lacking.
- c) Copies of University report from Modena, Ferrara and Parma. A similar report will be filed soon for Bologna.

I trust you receive these in time for use in writing your report.

Sincerely,

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*P.S. Thanks for all your sympathy
your help and your kindness.
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Subject : Report of the Regional Education Officer
for the Month of May.

To : Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region

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11. PROVINCE OF REGGIO EMILIA
12. PROVINCE OF PIACENZA
13. PROVINCE OF PARMA

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S U M M A R Y

PROVINCE SCHOOLS

1. Organization

During the month Provveditori agli Studi were appointed for each of the eight provinces in the region, provincial school offices inspected and adequate staffs found. Directives for reopening of schools were distributed, new programs of study made available, and surveys of school situation in each province begun. Except possibly in Ferrara Province, all provincial school heads have proved to be satisfactory. In this one case objection has been raised by the C.S.N. on what may be personal grounds.

2. Operation

A school calendar has been prepared for each province in accord with the situation found in each one. Schools had been reopened in all provinces by 1 June 1945. In some places, attendance is quite satisfactory while in others, reopening has actually taken place only in scattered centres of each province. Incomplete data as of 30 May 1945 show that there were in operation at that time 199 of 698 still, 1961 of 3794 elementary schools, 195 of 387 secondary schools. A total enrolment of 205,000 of a normal enrolment of 318,000 is reported by Provveditori agli Studi. More accurate data will be available during the month of June.

3. Apuration

Vetting of school personnel was continued under General Order No. 76 in the provinces of Forlì and Ravenna. To date 806 schede were received of which 64 suspended and the balance confirmed. Schede were distributed in all other provinces and apuration begun under General Order No. 35. In most provinces an Education Section has been established.

4. Instructional Materials

Directives and lists of disapproved books have been distributed to all libraries. Textbook commissions have been established for the approval of new books. Publication of books for the 1945-46 school year has begun.

The Education Division has distributed to date 81,815 books for elementary schools and 9,978 books for secondary schools. Distribution has now been turned over to Messaggeria Italiana for books found locally which are approved. To date 120,000 quaderni have been brought from Lucca and 170,000 quaderni expected momentarily.

5. Buildings

Many buildings in the region have been damaged or are now occupied by troops and refugees. Latest incomplete reports show that there are in the region 2,570 buildings, of these 1247 are said to be in operation, 223 occupied by troops or refugees and 987 damaged or destroyed. The condition of many buildings has not yet been reported. In the southern part of the region much damage was sustained by school equipment.

6. University

During the month Pro-Rectors were secured for each of the four universities in the region, apuration commissions appointed and reorganization of administrative staffs completed. After suspension of 6 professors at Modena, Professor Guido mor was elected as permanent rector. Ferrara University will reopen on 8 June 1945, Modena on 11 June 1945 and Bologna and Parma on or about 20 June 1945.

University buildings were posted where necessary. Of the 84 University buildings, 47 have suffered severe damage and 6 are occupied by troops.

7. Miscellaneous

School lunches are being served to 2,888 children in 63 communes. School equipment was obtained for 79th Fighter Group at Cesena. Assistance is being given in the reorganization of Boy Scouts in the Region.

Lectures are planned for Allied personnel at Bologna University during the summer.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE
NORTH OF RAY 1945

1. GENERAL

a. Education Office

The Regional Education Office is maintained in the Municipio Building at Bologna. Staff at present includes Captain Willis E. Pratt, Regional Education Officer and Provincial Officer for Bologna, Modena, Reggio, Parma, and Piacenza; Captain Dexter C. Tilroe, Provincial Education Officer for Forli, Ravenna and Ferrara; Pfc. Lawrence C. Mantini, clerk.

b. Outcomes Sought

Since the large proportion of the Region was occupied near the close of the school term, and since hostilities had ceased, the aim of this division became less concerned with Military necessity and more with the problem of a long-term educational policy. Every attempt has been made therefore to reorganize provincial school staffs and universities with anti-Fascist personnel, purge the schools of Fascist materials and reconstitute the system on an anti-Fascist basis. To that end schools in the provinces and universities have been reopened as quickly as possible and classes resumed. To provide for many students who attended school irregularly during the past year, many schools will operate during the summer. We trust that, by the time this region is returned to the Italian Government, the school system will have been thoroughly reorganized and functioning efficiently.

c. Relations With C.L.N.

Every effort has been made to cooperate with National Committee of Liberation in the appointment of school administrative personnel and yet to insist on the retention of final authority in the hands of the Allied Military Government. We believe that most school officials feel a responsibility to us rather than to the C.L.N., as was the case during the early days.

d. Boy Scout Movement

There is considerable interest in the region in the organization of Boy Scouts and conferences have been held with Scout leaders concerning their plans and their needs. Already approximately 30 scout troops have been organized and 110 scout leaders are now completing their training. Assistance is sought in obtaining uniforms, manuals and camping equipment.

e. Miscellaneous

In addition to the regular duties, the Education Division recently assisted the 79th Fighter Group in obtaining material and equipment for the establishment of a school for officers and men.

University courses are being planned for Allied personnel during the summer months. A course of lectures by professors of several faculties is now in preparation.

2. BOLOGNA UNIVERSITY

a. Organization

Professor Volterra Edoardo was appointed Pro-Rector of the University on 5 May 1945. The administrative staff has been reorganized. A provisional administrative council has been appointed and approved.

b. Spuration

The spuration commission is functioning under Exec. Memo No. 76 and will complete its initial work within a week or ten days.

c. Operation

During the past year the University functioned on a restricted basis until the time of liberation. Only about 5000 of 13000 students were enrolled. New enrolment is estimated at seven or eight thousand. Lectures for Allied personnel are being planned for the summer. Enrolment of students is now underway for summer session. Special exams have been approved. Formal opening will be held on or about 30 June 1945.

d. Finance

A budget has been submitted for the period ending 30 June 1945. The financial condition of the institution is in serious condition. An increase of 100% in tuition rates was approved.

e. Buildings

All buildings, except four, were posted on 18 May 1945. The four excepted were already occupied by hospital units. A detailed study of war damage to buildings has been completed. An estimated damage of 251,100,000 lire has been sustained. The Industrial Chemistry and Engineering Institutes are occupied.

f. Academies

Directors and presidi of Fleming College, the Conservatory of Music and the University Library have been made. Staffs will be spured under Exec. Memo No. 76.

g. Miscellaneous

The Education Officer accompanied a group from the University to recover a gram of radium which had been hidden by a group of partisans.

2. FIRENZE UNIVERSITY

a. Organization

Prof. Felice Giocelli was appointed Pro-Rector on 14 May 1945, to replace Prof. Filippo Calzolari dismissed. A week following his appointment a protest was received from the C.I.N. who wished the appointment of Prof. Branelli. The C.I.N. appears to be satisfied now with the arrangements which have been made.

b. Reorganization

Reorganization Commission has been appointed under Exec. Memo No. 76 and is now at work. Professors have been recalled to their posts, only 4 of the 17 being present at the time of liberation.

c. Operation

Formal reopening of the University under the Pro-Rector will be held on 8 June 1945. At present students are attending informal classes to prepare for examinations. 454 of a normal 500 students were enrolled during the past year. Examinations and special courses have been scheduled for the summer.

d. Finance

Budget has been filed for period ending 30 June 1945. On hand now is amount of approximately 3,900,000 lire. Monthly expenses approximate 96,000 lire per month for salaries. Approval for 100% increase in tuition rates has been given.

e. Buildings

Some of the buildings were damaged by bombing or are now occupied by troops. Equipment from the student dormitories was taken by the Germans. Building repairs and replacement of scientific equipment is needed.

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4. PARMA UNIVERSITY

a. Organization

Professor Teodosio Marchi was appointed as Professor to replace Professor Ruggiero Bertelli, who was dismissed and jailed.

b. Expiration

Expiration Commission is now operating under Executive Memorandum No. 76. List of those to be suspended should be available within a few days.

c. Operation

Courses were operated throughout the past year. Will reopen for special courses on or about 15 June 1945. Enrollment last year was 2860 of a normal 3000.

d. Finance

Budget has been filed which shows finances of University to be in poor condition. Increase of 100% in tuition rates approved. A budgetary deficit of 709,000 lire is found at present. Monthly total of expenses equals 639,000 lire. At present the sum of 2,957,000 lire is on hand.

e. Buildings

Buildings have suffered some damage though not seriously.

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5. MODENA UNIVERSITY

a. Organization

Professor Guido Mor was appointed as Pro-Rector. Was the former Rector but a member of the C.I.H. He was then elected as permanent Rector on 2 June 1945 by the epurated faculty. 17 of the 24 titular professors were present for the election.

b. Epuration

Epuration Committee was appointed and has completed the vetting of titular professors. Work is now continuing on the epuration of other personnel. Six professors were suspended.

c. Operation

University is to formally reopen on 11 June 1945 and courses will continue throughout the summer. During the past year courses were in operation from 15 January 1945 to 21 April 1945. Enrollment during the past year was 1196 as compared to 1627 of the year before.

d. Finance

Increase of 100% in tuition rates has been approved. The financial report has not yet been filed.

e. Buildings

Buildings are not seriously damaged but window glass is lacking in many. The Museum and Zoological Institute have suffered some damage.

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6. PROVINCE OF BOLOGNAa. Organization

Professor Evangelista Velli appointed Provveditore agli Studi to replace Professor Lorenzo Caldo, dismissed. Provveditorato in good order and adequate staff employed. Directives, progress of study and report forms distributed.

b. Expiration

Expiration was begun under Executive Memorandum No. 78 but then transferred to Commissions under General Order No. 35. Education Section of this Commission has been appointed.

c. Operation

Schools operated on a restricted basis for the past two years and so were reopened in the province on 14 May 1945. Calendar calls for schools to continue until 15 July 1945 with examinations to be held from 13 July 1945 to 30 July 1945. Children in secondary schools are attending 3 or 4 sessions per week. Elementary school children attending in odd rooms and homes of teachers. Jewish teachers and scholars have been readmitted. 21 of 30 secondary schools have been reopened and 55 of 64 private schools. Data on public and elementary schools are not yet available.

d. Finance

Budget has been submitted and payment of teachers' salaries has begun.

e. Buildings

Survey of buildings in city completed. Damaged buildings reported to Genio Civile through Public Works Division. Buildings occupied by refugees now being studied. Survey of school buildings reveals the following:

Occupied by Sinistrati	23
Occupied by Hospitals	6
Occupied by Allied Command	2
Occupied by Civilian Offices	2
Damaged	32 (16 severely)
Total	65

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Of 613 elementary school rooms, only 16 are now available for school use. Of 401 secondary school rooms, 64 are available for school use. The Education Officer is bringing this matter to the attention of proper authorities. Information concerning buildings in province is now being collected. In the southern part of the province, where the line was stabilized, much school equipment is lacking.

f. Instructional Supplies

Textbooks commission has surveyed number of secondary school books which are available in the city. This Commission is also approving textbooks for publication for 1945-46 school year. Elementary school textbooks and quaderni have been imported in sufficient quantities for distribution.

7. PROVINCE OF PAVIAa. Organization

Schools generally throughout the province have been re-opened wherever it has been possible to find classrooms. "Casse distaccate" have been organized at Bassi, Sagnocavallo, Brisighella and Lugo to care for children who cannot travel to other centres.

b. Operation

Calendar calls for the operation of schools throughout the summer. The most accurate figures that are possible to obtain at this time on the school situation are as follows:

	Total No. No.	Normal Open No.	Normal Pupils Enrolled	Normal No. Pupils Enrolled	Normal Tchrs. Teaching	Tchrs. Teaching
Asili	34	22	3645	1803	135	54
Elementary	218	125	21091	11309	834	653
Avvicamento	26	13	1696	518	209	86
Media	8	7	1809	1165	167	79
Super.	11	11	1898	1648	193	114
Total	317	188	29633	15837	1478	986

c. Buildings

The building situation in such towns as Castelbolognese, Riolo Bagni, Solarolo, Cotignola, Fusignano and Alfonsine being particularly grave, it has been recommended that efforts be made to procure some of the military huts from the army which appear to have been left behind and turn them over to the communes for school buildings.

d. Instructional Supplies

Both elementary textbooks and those for the media schools have been provided but others are needed. 38,000 quaderni have been shipped this week from Lucca, and additional supplies will be available in Bologna to sell at a nominal price.

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e. Miscellaneous

To date 218 school officials have been separated under Executive Memorandum No. 78, 17 of whom were suspended and 198 confirmed.

8. PROVINCE OF FORLÌ*a. Organization

Provveditorato now completely organized. Provveditore agli Studi has moved to Forlì.

b. Operation

All media and superior schools of the province are in operation, although some media schools are functioning on alternate days. Elementary schools are functioning in the towns but some of the rural schools are not yet open due to lack of classrooms. The asili in Rimini and Cesena are functioning, some others are not yet open. Actual figures are as follows:

	Total No.	No. Open	Normal No. Pupils	Pupils Enrolled	Normal No. Tchrs.	Tchrs. Teaching
Asili	91	97	5,782	2,027	156	---
Elementary	489	486	49,363	35,735	1,298	1,298
Avvicamento	18	17	2,016	1,546	180	182
Media	14	14	2,186	1,645	177	223
Super.	15	15	2,919	2,491	280	280
Total	607	589	65,266	43,434	2,091	---
** Correct total not known						

c. Expiration

Practically complete except for final hearing by High Commission under RDL 159.

To date a total of 183 school personnel have been screened, of whom 59 have been suspended and 133 confirmed. Suspensions have been carried out under Executive Memorandum No. 76.

d. Instructional Materials

Textbooks and quaderni - Elementary textbooks are available in the province from stocks printed in Florence. Other books are beginning to arrive from Bologna. 32,500 quaderni have been shipped from Lucca, and additional supplies will be available in Bologna. 3770

Eight school buildings in Forlì are still occupied by troops.

e. Buildingsf. Miscellaneous

School lunch requests for 10 communes have been sent to the Provincial Supply Officer for implementation.

9. PROVINCE OF FORLÌ

a. Organization

Professor Antonio Villi was appointed Provveditore agli Studi to replace Professor Borsellino, dismissed. His appointment was protested by the C.I.N. and others, a substitute is now being sought. Since many school heads were inscribed in the P.F.N., it has been difficult to find a qualified person to fill this post.

Programs of study, directives and report forms were distributed in the province. The Provveditorato was found to be in good condition and the staff adequate.

b. Operation

Schools functioned in this province for a good part of the school year hence had not lost much class time prior to our arrival. Due to the excessive heat in the province during the months of June, July and August it was deemed advisable to hold examinations at the earliest possible date and close the old school year, allowing these months for building repair and thorough reparation of the teaching staffs, the latter being particularly necessary due to the strong Fascist organization in this province. Examinations commenced on 16th of May in the media and superior schools, and elementary examinations will be completed by the 15th of June.

Holding of examinations on 16 May 1945 was the signal for student protest of the appointment of Professor Villi, Provveditore agli Studi. This protest may or may not have been instigated by the C.I.N. The Provincial Commissioner acted promptly and examinations were held as scheduled. During the time of the trouble, a "flier" was published by the "Unione Studenti Italiani". A conference was held with the Secretary of the C.I.N. on 18 May 1945 and an understanding reached. Schools have now been formally closed and special courses in both elementary and secondary schools will be opened for the summer. An exception is made at Migliarino when schools will continue until 15 July 1945. 13 of the 23 secondary schools were reopened but elementary schools have not functioned since the province was liberated.

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c. Duration

Schedule have been distributed and operation will be carried out under General Order No. 35.

d. Instructional Supplies

32,000 quaderni have been delivered to the province for distribution and textbooks are being sent from Bologna.

e. Buildings

Many buildings in the province have been damaged and much equipment destroyed. A rough survey shows that of the 234 buildings in the province, 88 are damaged or destroyed and 52 are occupied by troops or refugees.

10. PROVINCE OF MODENA

a. Organization

Professor Umberto Pizzini was selected as Provveditore agli Studi to replace Pecorella Giovanni Battista. Provveditorato is in good order and adequate staff employed. Directives and Programs of Study have been distributed.

b. Operation

Elementary school reopened on 28 May 1945 and secondary school will open on 4 June 1945. Schools will close on 21 July and examinations will begin on 30 July 1945. 74% of children in asili, 40% of children in elementary schools and 59% of those in secondary schools are enrolled. Special examinations for partisans and others have been approved.

c. Evacuation

Schools have been distributed and vetting is proceeding under General Order No. 35.

d. Instructional Materials

Pending the arrival of new textbooks, presidi and directors have been instructed to use whatever Fascist text materials are available. Quaderni and new textbooks will soon be available through the Messaggerie Italiane.

e. Buildings

Many school buildings are occupied and others are damaged. Of the 346 buildings in the province, 26 are occupied by troops and refugees and 180 damaged or destroyed. Many of these have suffered only minor damage.

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11. PROVINCE OF REGGIO EMILIA

a. Organization

Professor Ettore Lindner appointed Provveditore agli Studi to replace Vittorio Sebastiano Casaccio, dismissed. New programs of study and directives were distributed. Provveditorato found in good condition and an adequate staff employed.

b. Operation

Many schools functioned almost normally throughout the year while others were closed much of the time. Schools reopened on 18 May 1945 and summer courses will be provided for the latter group. Regular school term will close on 3 June 1945 and summer term will begin on 15 June 1945 for partisans and others. 25 of the 93 asili, 192 of the 379 elementary schools, 34 of the 39 secondary schools and 18 of the 57 private schools have been reopened.

c. Security

Schede Personali have been distributed to all school officials. Vetting will be carried out under General Order No. 35. Presidi whose status was doubtful were asked to remain away from their posts until screening was completed.

d. Instructional Supplies

Textbooks and quaderni will soon be made available from sources of supply in Bologna. Directives and lists of disapproved books have been distributed to libraries.

e. Buildings

On the 379 buildings in the province 47 are occupied by troops and refugees, and 48 are damaged or destroyed according to incomplete data recently received.

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12. PROVINCE OF PIACENZA

a. Organization

Professor Antonio Larosa appointed Provveditore agli Studi to replace Professor Pantaleo Goli (killed during occupation). Provveditorato in good condition and adequate staff employed. Programs of Study and directives distributed. An advisory council of laymen has been appointed to assist the Provveditore.

b. Operation

Schools reopened on 1 June 1945 and will continue to function until 26 July 1945. Special examinations and courses approved for partisans and others. Schools which operated under partisans during German occupation have been legalized. The Provveditore reports enrollment of approximately 85% in middle and 90% in elementary schools. Exact data are not yet available.

c. Evacuation

Schede Personali have been distributed and vetting is proceeding under General Order No. 35.

d. Instructional Materials

Textbooks commission has been appointed. Lists of disapproved books have been distributed. Textbooks and quadsrni are now available from sources of supply in Bologna.

e. Buildings

On the 365 buildings in the province, 53 have been damaged or destroyed. No data are yet available concerning the number occupied although some buildings in the provincial center have been returned to school use.

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13. PROVINCE OF PARMAa. Organization

Professor Bruno Rossetti (Provveditore agli Studi before P.F.H.) appointed as Provveditore agli Studi to replace Professor Giuseppe Cantoni, dismissed. Provincial school office in order and adequate staff employed.

b. Operation

Schools in the province continued to function almost from the day of liberation; from 16 October 1944 to 23 April 1945. Will continue to operate until 20 June 1945. The Provveditore reports almost all of the 1103 elementary schools and all of the 54 secondary schools have been reopened. Examinations will be held on 3 July 1945.

c. Operation

Schede Personali have been distributed and operation is continuing under General Order No. 39.

d. Instructional Materials

Lists of disapproved books have been distributed. Textbooks and quaderni are now available at sources of supply in Bologna and will be delivered by Messaggerie Italiane.

e. Buildings

An allocation of 450 square meters of window glass has been made for the schools of the province. Many buildings in the province have been badly damaged. Classrooms have been provided in private homes.

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PART 2

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S U M M A R YPART IGENERAL

Office personnel remained the same for the month. Lt. Orichton, PEO Forli Province, has been recalled. A total of 91,593 textbooks have been distributed. 300,000 quaderni are being printed at Lucca. A school calendar provides for operation of schools throughout the summer months. School lunches will also be served to elementary children as well as those in asili and lower secondary schools. Some difficulties have been experienced with interference by National Committee of Liberation.

FORLI' PROVINCE

Provincial school office has been returned to its former location. Building situation has been eased with evacuation of troops. School enrollment now approximates 66% of normal in elementary schools, 88% in asili, 43% in Avvicamento schools, 36% in lower secondary schools, and 56% in higher secondary schools. Visits to 12 communes made by PEO during month to help in school reorganization. 162 school officials screened of whom 36 were suspended. A total of 84,086 books in province distributed. Other instructional materials also distributed. Survey of GIL properties is progressing. School lunch program implemented in 5 of 10 communes filing requests. Investigation of GIL activities made.

RAVENNA PROVINCE

Provincial school office improved and additional personnel employed. Car secured for use of Provveditore. Schools now open in more than half of the province, 13 asili, 89 elementary and 80 other schools being reopened during month. 149 school heads screened, of whom 12 were suspended. School conditions poor, 89 buildings occupied by troops and 56 severely damaged of the 240 in province. 7,505 textbooks and other instructional materials in province distributed.

REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

Visits to schools in Republic found them functioning satisfactorily. Textbooks were delivered.

VERONA PROVINCE

Directives, courses of study etc. made ready for reorganization.

PRESSENT NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS

Most urgent needs are for lime and cement for repair of school buildings. Sufficient equipment and instructional materials lacking in many places.

PART 2BOLOGNA PROVINCE

Education Office established at Bologna. Provincial School Office has begun work of reorganization. Screening of school officials has begun. Pro-Rettore of University appointed by C.L.N. visited. Screening of faculty has begun. Appointments of Provveditore agli Studi and Rettore now being considered. Survey of available texts and school supplies is underway.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE
MONTH OF APRIL 1945

As far as the AMG Eighth Army territory is concerned, all Regional Specialist Officers became in effect staff officers of AMG Eighth Army as from 9 December 1944 and all matters relating to AMG Eighth Army have been made the subject of a separate report to the S.C.A.O. It is understood that this report has been forwarded to you by the S.C.A.O.

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PART I

1. GENERAL

Office Personnel

Office personnel during the month remained the same as in March. On 29 April 1945 Lt. Orlinton was recalled from this region and his services as Provincial Education Officer, Forli Province were terminated. It is anticipated that Captain Tilroe, Provincial Education Officer, Ravenna, will be recalled during the coming month. At that time there will remain only one officer for the entire area.

Instructional Materials

During the month 11,983 additional textbooks for the elementary schools and 9,421 additional textbooks for the secondary schools were brought to the provinces of Forli and Ravenna for distribution. To date a total of 51,593 textbooks have been distributed in this area.

Arrangements were made for the printing of 300,000 quaderni at Lucca. Paper was obtained from sources of supply at Florence and shipped to Lucca for this purpose. At the close of the month 80,000 of these quaderni were ready for shipment.

Arrangements were also made for the unblocking of paper for the printing of additional textbooks at Bologna for other provinces recently liberated. These will be printed from sets which are already available.

School Calendar

Since most of the schools in this area have been closed for a year or more, a school calendar was prepared for all provinces to provide for the continuation of the 1944-45 school year throughout the summer and for beginning the 45-46 school year on 16 October 1945. The calendar which has been arranged is as follows:

1 - 2 April	- Easter Vacation
1 May	- Festa del Lavoro
10 May	- Festa Religiosa
31 May	- Festa Religiosa
	End of First Period of lessons - Oral exams
29 June	- Festa Religiosa
13-14 August	- End of 2nd Period - Final oral exams
16-31 August	- End of Year Examinations
1 - 15 October	- Examinations for Fall session
16 October	- Opening of 1945-46 School Year

School Lunches

To conform with practices in other regions, the school lunch program was expanded to include children in nelli, elementary and lower secondary schools. This change was made with permission of the Public Health Division and the Economics and Supply Division. To date only two communes have filed requests for rations. Lack of interest in this locality may be an indication of the existence of better conditions of food supply. X

C.M.M. Activities

Some difficulty is being experienced in connection with interference of the National Committee of Liberation with school personnel. Every attempt has been made to respect suggestions which this Committee has made and yet consistently there have arisen cases in which orders have been given by this group to provincial school superintendents, teachers and others and in some cases school personnel suspended from their positions. In such cases the Education Officer has attempted to handle the situation diplomatically but feels that policy should be clarified and committees instructed at a higher level what their responsibilities are in relation to Allied Military Government.

2. FORLÌ PROVINCE

Administration

Due to the large movement of troops within the last few days rapid changes have taken place within the province, many of which have not been officially reported as yet. Several buildings have been vacated by troops and a few have been returned to the civilian authorities while others are still being held for the possible advent of other troops.

Illness has prevented the Provveditore from making many trips into the Province. Until recently he maintained his office at Rimini while the actual work of the Provveditorato was done at the office in Forlì, largely by the Segretario, which gave rise to some complications. On 23 April 1945 he moved his permanent residence to Forlì.

Much trouble is still encountered in obtaining accurate and complete information concerning the communes of the province. This is due in part to the lack of communication and largely to the lack of interest by the Provveditorato. The staff of the Provveditorato has been

increased and is also open in the afternoons which should insure more of the necessary work being done.

Visits to the communes by the FMO have continued throughout the month. These trips are made, not as inspections of the classroom work, but in order to assist in the finding of "locodes" and in organizing the schools under the new conditions. These trips have proved to be most valuable.

Opening of Schools

Authority having been received from Army to open the schools in the five remaining communes, these schools were opened 23 April 1945. Schools are now operating in every commune of the province, although reports as to inscriptions, etc. have not as yet been received.

Of the total 470 elementary schools in the province, 438 are now operating with an enrolment of 52,595 which is 86% of the normal enrolment of 60,343. At least 48 of the 91 asili are functioning with an enrolment of 2,027, or 55% of the normal 3,703. Avvisamento schools show enrolment 43% of normal, inferior secondary schools 30%, and superior secondary schools 58% of the normal enrolment. Last year the total enrolment for all schools was 62,866. The present enrolment, with incomplete returns, is 53,425, or 81% of last year's.

The enrolment is still below normal to some extent due to the restrictions upon student travel which prevent many secondary students from enrolling in their schools. Classes "diastocole" have been organized at such centers as Rimini, Cesena, Savignano, etc. which take care of some of these students.

Visits were made to the following communes by the FMO during the month:

a) Bagno di Romagna - Schools were found to be functioning, the elementary with an enrolment of 100, asilo with 25. The elementary buildings badly damaged, one classroom only being usable. Consequently classes 1 and 3 are using two rooms in the asilo and classes 2, 4, 5 are using the room in the school building. No books had previously been received and both teachers and pupils (who were fortunate enough to receive any) greeted them with great delight. Materials such as blackboards, benches, etc. were sadly lacking but teachers were improvising. Elementary schools had commenced 12 March. The Asilo had been, according to the Sister, "open all winter".

b) San Piero in Bagno - Both the Avvisamento and Elementary schools had opened in March and are functioning satisfactorily. Enrolment is 200 in the elementary schools and 60 in the Avvisamento. The elementary building is partially damaged and still occupied by troops. Four rooms in a palazzo are being used for classes. Benches and tables are rickety, home made affairs as all regular ones were lost.

d) Santa Sofia - The elementary building is damaged but nevertheless is, for the most part, in excellent condition. Five rooms only are being used for the 10 classes, in two sessions per day. Fortunately the caretaker had managed to save practically all of the blackboards, benches, tables, etc. As a result this school is functioning better than most. Schools in all but one of the fractions are functioning with a total enrolment of around 1400.

e) Sevignano - Examinations and inscriptions were completed early in March. The school was severely damaged and the undamaged part was occupied by Italian troops. No classes were started as yet but permission was granted to use 3 or 4 rooms in a badly-damaged villa on the edge of town. Nicolini, Direttore, said classes would start 4 April. About 300 children are enrolled. All secondary schools were severely damaged. However three rooms were found and schools opened 12 March with 110 students enrolled.

f) San Mauro Pascoli - Classes began 3 April. About 250 students are enrolled. School is severely damaged and occupied by troops but three rooms were found.

g) Castellina - Schools began on 9 April 1945 with 300 enrolled. The building was severely damaged and occupied but 3 or 4 rooms are used provisionally.

h) Castro - Fraction Fanelli opened 12 March with 80 enrolled. Capolungo and fraction Sant'Angelo opened on 9 April 1945. Buildings all severely damaged. Sant'Angelo occupied by troops. Fanelli building destroyed.

i) Sogliano - Private school "Giovanni Pascoli" functioning since 11 December 1944 with 20 students enrolled. Asilo was open in the same building practically destroyed, but materials saved. Asilo not operating. Elementary schools opened 22 March, 200 students attend in one room only, enabling each class to meet only twice per week. At the Scuola media had three rooms and was using them only in the morning, arrangements were made to permit the elementary schools to use these rooms in the afternoon. Elementary books sold at L. 34 instead of stamped price of L. 32. School building severely damaged but repairable. Scuola media has 32 students, meeting daily in three rooms.

j) Maranto Saraceno - Elementary and secondary buildings lack only doors and windows, but have been and will again probably be occupied by troops. Some doors and windows (mostly without glass), concealed during the German occupation, will be available. The "Casa del Pasco" is now being used for both elementary and secondary schools. There are plenty of rooms and school is functioning fairly well, all having opened in February.

3) Sarsina - The asilo is functioning and children appear well fed and healthy. The Sindaco has done good job in getting the elementary school spaces and assisting schools. The schools are functioning without blackboards and other materials but are improvising with painted boards, etc. The Scuola Media is a Sezione distaccata of Mercato Saraceno. First three classes of Scuola Media are held in the morning with about 50 pupils. In the afternoon classes IV and V of Ginnasio are held as a Comunal project, but not under Provveditorato, with about 15 pupils.

4) Riccione - Various "locales" visited with view to examine the extent of overcrowding and to see what could be done.

- a - Pensione Franchini - Only one small room available here which was entirely too crowded. Three pupils to a seat and some standing.
- b - Marino Centro - Now occupied by the Refugee Camp. Director of the camp was having it cleaned up preparatory to installing the refugee school there. However, there may be a room or possibly two for elementary schools shortly.
- c - Casa Lipri - A private home with the upstairs being used as billets for officers and one small room for classes. Not satisfactory for either officers or children. Children were practically hanging out the windows.
- d - Viale Ponchielli - Troops who had occupied these two rooms were just moving out. One room might possibly be used for classes but would require much repairing.
- e - Capoluogo - School had recently been vacated by troops. With some work it could be made ready for classes within a short time. Town Major agreed to release the school.
- f - Via Diaz - A private home with two rooms upstairs being used for classes. Sufficiently large and no problems presented here.
- g - Asilo Maria Cecconi - The asilo was functioning well here. One room was being used for elementary classes. The Sister finally agreed to permit the use of another room after she and the Direttore had been convinced that three rows of chairs could be used instead of the customary benches.

5) Presepio - The R. Scuola di Avviamento has been vacated by troops. The "Comitato del Lavoro", Communist organization, had promptly moved in. CAO issued an order that the school was to be vacated and put at the disposal of the school authorities.

Statistical Data

Incomplete data show the following situation which exists in the province at the present time:

Table I - Statistical Data of Schools of Forlì Province

	Asili	Elementary schools	Secondary schools	Private & church schools
Total No. Schools	91	470	47	10
Number Open	48	438	44	10
Normal Enrollment	5782	49396	5376	469
Presently enrolled	8097*	32395*	4093*	-
Number Teachers	153	2409	879	9
Now Teaching	72	608	173	15

* Does not include all those enrolled during the latter part of the month of April.

Defascistization

To date, 132 school administrators have been screened, 36 of whom have been suspended and 126 confirmed. To date the following actions have been taken in the screening of personnel:

Table II - Vetting of School Personnel in Forlì Province

	Total No.	Schools Received	Number Suspended	Number Confirmed
Provveditorato	14	21	1	20
Inspectors	2	5	2	3
Presidi	44	17	3	12
Directors	18	33	5	23
El. Teachers	1298	64	17	37
Avv. Teachers	308	2	1	1
Media Teachers	177	24	4	20
Higher Teachers	276	6	1	5
Total	2032	162	36	126

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Building Conditions

Troop movements have resulted in the liberation of some of the schools and the following having been released for school use: 1) Predappio - Scuola di Avvicamento, 2) Riccione - Elementary school, 3) Bertinoro - Seminary. Additional rooms were also obtained in Forlì for the Istituto Professionale per le Donne.

The survey of repairs needed and the cost of such for the schools throughout the province is not yet completed. However, data collected for part of the I circoscrizione is included in Table I. Data have been completed for II circoscrizione.

In Table III will be found a summary of the conditions of buildings to date in Circoscrizioni II.

Table III - Building situation - Forlì Province

Comunes	No.	Bldg.	Bldg.	Bldg.	Cost of repa	Cost of repa	Cost		
	Bldg.	Damg.	Rep.	Non	ring rooms	ring rooms	Total		
				E.	(Comune)	(Private)	Lire		
					Rs. Lire(100)	Rs. Lire(100)	(1000)		
	1	45	45	5	143	3,000	47	1,000	4,000
Forlì	10	5	5	-	30	2,000	-	-	2,000
Malcula	-	3	3	-	13	680	-	-	680
S. Sofia	-	2	2	-	7	250	8	50	300
Sareira	1	1	1	-	6	250	3	50	300
Tredozio	-	10	10	-	14	450	16	127	577
Bertinoro	7	10	10	-	40	500	-	-	500
Fredeppio	2	2	2	-	16	950	-	-	950
Bozza -									
Cassiano									

Instructional Materials

All of the elementary books available for Forlì have been distributed. Those books not yet distributed are to be held and distributed in the northern provinces when they are opened. The number of these books being held, however, is few. To date a total of 74,110 books for elementary schools and 9,978 for secondary schools have been distributed as follows:

Table IV - Delivery of textbooks in Forlì Province

Class and Type	Number delivered to date
Class I	10,500
Class II	15,000
Class III Reading	8,450
Class III Summario	5,750
Class IV Reading	6,750
Class IV Grammar, etc.	7,080
Class IV Arithmetic, etc.	8,750
Class V Reading	4,180
Class V Grammar, etc.	4,000
Class V Arithmetic, etc.	5,600
Secondary schools	9,978

Total 64,088

While other orders for secondary books have been forwarded to Florence, it is not anticipated that many more will be available from that source.

Some of the liberal in Forlì went to Rocca S. Cassiano and Florence and brought some secondary books back with them. Some of these books were being sold in Forlì at prices above those authorized in Educational Directive No. 7. This practice has been stopped and the situation is now well in hand. However, the result is that there are few secondary books now available in the province.

All of the 4326 pencils, 1152 pens and 18,600 pen-points received from Rome have been distributed. There still exists a great shortage of these materials. However, there are some of them available in the stores but at very high prices. It is expected that some quaterni will arrive within a few days from Lucca where they are now being printed.

A large per cent of the schools of the province, especially the elementary schools, are without benches, desks and blackboards. This difficulty has been partially overcome by gathering makeshift tables and chairs from homes and offices. However, the situation is still quite difficult.

School Lunch Program

Rations for school lunches have been approved for the following ten communes: S. Giovanni in Marignano, Borghi, Civitella di Romagna, Cattolica, Coriano, Gatteo, Montescudo, Roncole Verdi, Rimini and Salsola and are now being implemented.

G.I.L.

Professor Lorenzetti, Sottosegretario Provinciale, is now working on the inventory of the G.I.L. materials and attempting to save what there is left, of which there is little.

Miscellaneous

During the past month several problems arose which necessitated several more or less detailed investigations.

- a - Preside of the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale - Reported lack of attention of duty and interest.
- b - Preside Scuole Medie A - Reported fascist misdealings and political background.
- c - CIA influence on the Provveditorato.
- d - Sale of secondary books in Forlì.
- e - Predappio. Use of school building by political parties. School has been returned to school authorities.

5. RAVENNA PROVINCE

Administration

The Provincial School office is now functioning efficiently. Additional personnel has been employed and the office more adequately furnished. A car has been obtained for the Provveditore agli Studi to enable him to visit the communes of the province. All school heads in the province have been selected including the area recently liberated.

Opening of Schools

All schools are now open in the communes of Cervia, Ravenna, Russi, Faenza and Brisighella. Except for a few localities which have been totally destroyed, others will be reopened within the coming week or

ten days. Visits have been made to all of the communes which were liberated by the Provincial Education Officer, Captain Baxter Filros. Many schools which were occupied by troops have been evacuated and are now available for school use.

Statistical Data

Incomplete data show the following situation which exists in the province at the present time:

Table V - Statistical Data of Schools of Ravenna Province

	Alli	Elementary schools	Secondary schools	Private & Church Schools
Total No. Schools	54	213	43	60
Number Open	13	88	19	1
Normal Enrollment	3612	51207	5230	2248
Recently Enrolled	457	7741*	1150*	**
Number Teachers	134	842	503	278
Now Teaching	43*	338	133	**

Data for month of April not yet available. Estimated given.

** Data not yet available.

Defascistization

To date, 149 school administrators and teachers have been screened, 12 of whom have been suspended and 137 confirmed. The low number of suspensions may be accounted for by the large number of Fascist school officials who fled at the time the province was liberated. The Provveditorato agli Studi has submitted a list of 37 school officials who are absent and will soon make recommendations for suspension of those with Fascist records. To date the following actions have been taken in the screening of personnel.

Table VI - Vetting of School Personnel in Province of Ravenna

	Total No.	Schools Received	Number Suspended	Number Confirmed
Provveditorato	24	15	2	11
Inspectors	2	2	-	2
Presidi	48	8	3	6
Directors	14	16	1	13
El. Teachers	901	69	3	87
Adv. Teachers	236	6	3	3
Media Teachers	192	19	-	19
Higher Teachers	276	15	2	14
Total	1693	149	12	137

Building Conditions

Since the removal of troops many buildings are now being cleaned and made ready for use. In the northern part of the province and that part which lies adjacent to Forlì Province, many buildings have been destroyed. Building conditions are especially poor at Solarolo, Gattignola, S. Agata and along the Senio river in General. With a provision of some lime and chalk many buildings could be repaired and made habitable. Of the 240 buildings in the province, at the close of the month, 82 were being used for school purposes and 56 were occupied by troops and other units. 56 buildings have suffered severe damage according to latest reports.

In table VII will be found a summary of the condition of buildings to date.

Table VII - Building Situation - Ravenna Province

Type of school	Normal	Now functioning	Occupied	Damaged
Elementary	213	82	66	47
Avvisamento	18	-	12	3
Media Inf.	5	1	4	-
Media Sup.	10	3	7	6
Total	240	86	89	56

Instructional Materials

To date a total of 7,505 elementary school textbooks have been distributed by the Education Division. This does not include other textbooks, without Fascist materials, which have been distributed privately. In all these have been distributed through 7 libraries in Ravenna and Rimini. Pens, pencils and pen-points shipped by this division from Rome have now been distributed.

Table VIII shows the number of each type of textbooks delivered to the province to date. Checks for payment for these have been collected for these and payment made to Messaggeria Italiana in Florence.

Table VIII - Delivery of Textbooks in Ravenna Province

Class and Type	Number delivered
Class I	2,300
Class II	1,456
Class III Reading	700
Class III Suppletorio	108
Class IV Reading	256
Class IV Grammar, etc.	650
Class IV Arithmetic, etc.	250
Class V Reading	731
Class V Grammar, etc.	650
Total	7,505

School Lunch Program

No requests have been received to date for rations for the school lunch program.

G.I.I.

The Commissario of the G.I.I. is now compiling a report of GII buildings and equipment and will submit the same during the coming month.

Miscellaneous

In some secondary schools, students have complained that other students, with Republican Fascist sympathies, reported their names to Fascist officials for draft for German labor gangs. They now complain that such students are attending classes in advance of them because they were forced to go in hiding last year and could not attend school.

4. REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

During the month members of the staff of the Education Division visited the schools of San Marino and found them to be functioning well. Textbooks and other supplies were transported to the Republic from sources of supply in Rimini.

5. FERRARA PROVINCEGeneral situation

With the liberation of Ferrara Province, arrangements have been made for the reorganization of the school system there. Directives are ready for distribution, programs of study have been prepared and lists of candidates for school positions are ready. Work will begin in this province during the first week of May.

6. PRESENT NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS

Most urgent needs are found in materials for the repair of buildings. There are sufficient teachers, instructional materials are available to meet minimum needs and some school equipment remains. In most cases building materials required include lime and cement. With these materials and the appropriation of sufficient funds for labor, sufficient school facilities could be made available within a few months to care for all children of school age.

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PART 27. BOLOGNA PROVINCEGeneral

Regional Education Officer was established in the Municipio on 24 April 1945. An interpreter has been employed.

University of Bologna

Upon arrival it was found that a Pro-Rector, appointed by the National Committee of Liberation, was in charge of the University. A conference was held with him on 25 April 1945. It was revealed that the same committee had appointed as permanent rector, Prof. Edoardo Volterra, at present living in Rome. Upon advice of General Guze, Prof. Volterra will be informed that the present pro-rector will remain in charge of the university until a new pro-rector is appointed by the Allied Military Government in conference with procedures prescribed by the Allied Commission.

Two buildings of the University are now occupied, the Engineering School by the Carabinieri and the School of Forestry by American troops. Because of the age and importance of the University it would seem desirable to prevent further occupations by troops or other units if at all possible.

The University functioned, more or less regularly, until ten days before the liberation of the city. As soon as a pro-rector is appointed and the faculty organized, it will be possible to reopen the University for the balance of the school year.

Elementary and Secondary Schools

Upon our arrival we found in charge of the Provincial Schools, the Capo segretario, Mario Santoro. He had been named commissario of the Provincial School Office by the National Committee of Liberation. He was told to continue until a new Provveditore agli Studi was appointed by the Provincial Commissioner.

The "commissario" was given schedule for all administrative officials, copies of directives for the reorganization of schools, copies of programs of study, etc.

A rough survey of the school situation revealed that the elementary schools have not functioned for a year and that the secondary schools have been in operation scarcely more than once each week during this time. The Provincial School Office is in good shape and a adequate staff is employed. Of the 515 elementary school rooms in the 47 elementary school buildings of the city, only 184 are now available for school purposes. Of the 19 secondary school buildings, 9 are wholly occupied and the other ten partially occupied by troops and

other units. By utilizing what rooms are available, it should be possible to reopen schools soon by utilizing several sessions per day.

Conferences are planned with representatives of the National Committee of Liberation and other school people concerning a possible candidate for Provveditore agli Studi to propose to the Provincial Commissioner and S.C.A.O., city of Bologna.

A survey is being conducted of the textbooks and other instructional supplies which are available in the city of Bologna at the present time. Bids have also been requested from several firms for the printing of state elementary school textbooks from texts which have been prepared.

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Subject : Report of the Regional Education Officer
for the Month of March

To : Regional Commissioner, Balia Region

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S U M M A R YGENERAL

On 29 March 1945, Capt. Dexter Tilroe was assigned to this division and attached to the provinces of Ravenna and Ferrara as Provincial Education Officer. A directive for C.A.O.'s was prepared and distributed. A tour of inspection was made of the schools by Brig. Gen. Upjohn on 5 March 1945. To date 69,692 textbooks have been prepared and distributed. Other instructional materials, (pens, pencils, etc.), have been imported from Rome. Requests for school lunches have been filed by 10 communes.

FORLÌ PROVINCE

The majority of schools have been opened in all except five of communes of the province. At present are open 42 of 87 scili. 438 of 470 elementary schools, 44 of 47 secondary schools and 10 private schools. 120 school officials have been vetted of whom 38 have been dismissed. Approximately 80% of buildings have been damaged or destroyed. 62950 textbooks for elementary schools and 557 for secondary schools have been brought to the province for distribution. Other instructional materials have been distributed. Requests for school lunches do not conform to actual number of pupils enrolled.

RAVENNA PROVINCE

Schools have been reopened in communes of Ravenna, Cervia, Castiglione and S. Pietro in Campo. 11 of 54 scili. 37 of 219 elementary schools and 3 of 43 secondary schools are now in operation. 83 school officials have been screened, 6 of whom have been suspended. 24 of 74 elementary schools and 3 of 26 secondary schools are badly damaged or destroyed. To date 6175 elementary school books have been brought to the province for distribution. Other instructional materials have been distributed. A survey of R.I.L. properties is under way.

REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

All schools have been reopened. 16 elementary and 3 secondary schools are in operation. Textbooks have been made available.

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PRESENT NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS

Visitation to all communes will soon be completed. A calendar will provide for operation of schools throughout the summer. Additional supplies are being prepared. Vetting of school officials is nearing completion.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR IEMMARCH 1945

As far as the A.M.G. Eighth Army territory is concerned, all Regional Specialist Officers became in effect staff officers of A.M.G. Eighth Army as from 9 December 1944 and all matters relating to A.M.G. Eighth Army have been made the subject of a separate report to the S.C.A.O. It is understood that this report has been forwarded to you by the S.C.A.O.

1. GENERALOffice Personnel

On 27 March Capt. Dexter G. Tilroe was assigned as education officer in this region and attached as Provincial Education Officer in the provinces of Ferrara and Ravenna. As of 1 April 1945, the staff of the Education Division consisted of the following personnel:

Capt. Willis B. Frett,	Regional Education Officer
Capt. Dexter G. Tilroe,	Provincial Education Officer, Ferrara and Ravenna
Lt. H.W. Crichton,	Provincial Education Officer, Popli'
Corp. John V. Agiusella,	Clerk.

Since both Capt. Tilroe and Lt. Crichton are assigned to northern regions, their services in this region are probably of short duration. At present the Regional Education Officer is seeking the services of a qualified Italian civilian to assist in the reorganization of the schools as army personnel is decreased.

Directives to C.A.O.'s

A directive concerning the organization and functioning of schools was prepared, approved by the S.C.A.O., and included in the 8th Army Bible. During the month letters giving a summary of the school situation in both provinces were forwarded to all C.A.O.'s and Provincial Officers. Letters gave information about Italian educational personnel in the provinces, procedures to be followed, etc.

Visit of Vice-President, Civil Affairs Section

On 3 March 1945 the Regional Education Officer accompanied Brigadier E. R. Upjohn, Vice-President Civil Affairs Section, on a tour of some of the schools in this area. Schools visited were the Scuole Medie at Riccione, the school located in the Refugee Center at Riccione, four schools located in teachers' homes at Fogliano, Riccione Marina and Riccione Adriatico. At Cattolica the elementary school, Scuola Avviamento and Scuola Media were also visited. Brig. Upjohn indicated his satisfaction with the progress of the work being done.

Instructional Materials

During the month 38,000 more textbooks were brought from Rome and Florence and distributed to booksellers in Forli and Ravenna Provinces. A total of 69,632 books for elementary and secondary schools have now been brought to this area. An additional 38,000 will be transported for storage at headquarters pending the liberation of the provinces of Bologna and Ferrara.

Other instructional materials which were brought from Rome for distribution through the Provveditori agli Studi included 7,200 pencils, 1,152 pens and 36,000 penpoints. These are being sold at cost to students by Provveditori agli Studi.

Paper has been unblocked by the Education Subcommittee for the printing of 300,000 quaderni at Florence in cooperation with Region Toscana.

School Lunch Program

Request forms have been distributed in both provinces although to date only those for 10 communes have been returned. In most cases the number of children for whom rations have been requested have far exceeded the number enrolled. Hence there has been considerable delay in implementing this program.

2. FORLÌ PROVINCEAdministration

School authorities are making strenuous efforts to find school locations, especially in urban areas where all buildings are occupied by troops. The appointment of temporary school heads has continued. The Provveditore agli Studi now has a car at his disposal and has been able to visit the various communes of the province with the Provincial Education Officer.

Some difficulty is being experienced with the National Committee of Liberation. This group has on several occasions assumed authority over local school officers and at other times has tried to influence provincial school officers.

Opening of Schools

All schools, with the exception of those located in the communes of Bertice, Castotaro, Medigliana, Dovadola and Tredoglio were ordered to open during this month of March. In most places this has been accomplished although visitation to communes has revealed, in some cases, that the actual situation existing did not verify the reports made.

Following is a report of visits made to 13 communes in the northern part of the province, where schools have only recently been ordered to reopen, by Lt. R.W. Orlenton, Provincial Education Officer:

- a) Forlignanelli - Elementary schools had begun inscriptions only, no place being available for classes. The secondary schools were using 4 rooms. It was decided that the elementary schools should also use these 4 rooms. Thus three "shifts" were arranged for Scuole Media, Istituto Magistrale and Elementary Schools.
- b) Gracchi - It was found that these schools were not open. Lt. Jannett had ordered that no schools were to open before the elementary schools were ready to open. As a result all schools were held up, but the local authorities got busy and with the aid of the C.A.G. the schools opened 26 March.
- c) Savignano - In the fractions the schools are operating. In the capoluogo it is claimed that no places have been found as yet in which to hold classes.
- d) Sanseverino - In the fractions the schools are operating. In the capoluogo it is claimed that no places have been found as yet in which to hold classes.
- e) Sogliano - In the fractions the schools are operating. In the capoluogo it is claimed that no places have been found as yet in which to hold classes.
- f) Salerno - Took Provveditori and Segretario to settle question of Preside.
- g) Valdole - Schools had opened 12 March and were apparently progressing well.
- h) Bartinoro - Schools have not as yet been able to open. The town is full to overflowing with troops and there is no room available. The seminary has been badly damaged. What is not damaged is occupied to a large extent by troops. Nevertheless it is functioning.
- i) Reggio San Cassiano - Schools have not opened. The Preside of the schools is also the Sindaco and is apparently really trying to get things going in spite of the fact that he compares the treatment of schools by Germans and Allied troops to the disparagement of the latter. Sufficient space has now been obtained in the Old Municipio and they are busy cleaning it up making ready for classes to be held there. Arrangements were made with the Commander of troops occupying the Elementary Schools to release what school material the troops were not using in their own training school.
- j) Presilacore - Schools were not open. A few days earlier, the school, a fine large building in excellent condition, had been released by troops. As a few cases of typhoid had appeared in the town they had asked the C.A.G. to postpone opening until 15 April, to which the C.A.G. had agreed. As no new cases of typhoid have appeared lately C.A.G. is agreeable to having examinations before Easter.
- k) Fredeppio - Schools in Fredeppio and 2 fractions were not open; in the 11 other fractions they were functioning.
- l) Renetice - Schools were functioning well here. Only problems were: a. More space (which is being obtained); b. Blackboards (which can be obtained); c. Notebooks.
- m) Fogli - In the city itself elementary schools are functioning. Recently lectures were found where the Scuole Media A and B and the Istituto Magistrale are operating. The Istituto Tecnico Industriale, building almost destroyed, has now been released by the Town Major and this school is now operating.

At the present time 42 of the 87 asili have been reopened with a reported enrolment of 1806 pupils. 72 of the 152 teachers normally employed are in service.

43 of the 470 elementary schools have been reopened. Of the normal enrolment of 49396, 16181 students were last reported enrolled. This does not include many for whom reports are not yet available. 508 of 1314 teachers are in service.

44 of the 47 secondary schools have been reopened including 2448 of the 8576 students normally enrolled, and 173 of the 672 teachers. Reports from some communes are not yet available.

10 private schools, enrolling 468 pupils are also in operation.

Statistical Data

Incomplete data show the following situation which exists in the province at the present time:

Table I - Statistical Data of Schools of Forlì Province

	Asili	Elementary schools	Secondary schools	Private & Church schools
Total No. Schools	87	470	47	10
Number Open	42	438	44	10
Normal Enrolment	5803	49396	8576	468
Presently enrolled	1806*	16181*	2448*	-
Number Teachers	152	1314	672	9
Now Teaching	72	508	173	15

* Does not include those enrolled during month of March.

Defascistization

To date, 120 school administrators have been screened, 28 of whom have been suspended and 92 confirmed. To date the following actions have been taken in the screening of personnel:

Table II - Screening of School Personnel in Forlì Province

	Total No.	Screened Received	Number Suspended	Number Confirmed
Provveditorato	14	12	1	11
Inspectors	2	5	2	3
Presidi	44	16	4	12
Directors	10	30	6	24
El. Teachers	1298	41	12	29
Avv. Teachers	203	3	1	2
Media Teachers	177	9	1	8
Higher Teachers	276	4	1	3
Total	2032	120	28	92

Building Conditions

A survey of building conditions in the province has been carried on by the Provincial Education Officer. Returns are incomplete and may contain some inaccuracies.

Of the 24 adult reporting, 79% are either damaged or destroyed and 95% either damaged or occupied by troops.

Of the 188 elementary schools reported to date, 81% are either damaged or destroyed and 95% damaged or occupied by troops, "sfollati" or hospital units.

Of the 19 secondary schools reported, 79% are damaged or destroyed and 95% damaged or occupied. Some of the buildings listed as damaged are occupied by troops or sfollati. This is only a partial report of the survey being conducted.

In table III will be found a summary of the condition of buildings to date.

Table III - Building Situation - Emilia Provinces

Type	Total Number	Number Reported	Number Destroyed	Number Damaged	1 Damg. & Dest.	Occ. by troops	Occ. by others	2 Occ. & Damg.
Adult	91	24	2	17	79%	4	2	95%
Element.	469	188	27	125	81%	33	28	95%
Second.	47	19	0	15	79%	21	0	95%

1-2 of reported schools.

2 - Some listed as damaged are occupied

Some not reported as to condition are reported occupied.

Instructional Materials

To date, 62950 text-books for elementary schools and 557 text-books for secondary schools have been distributed to bookshellers in Rimini, Cesena and Forlì and to the Provveditorato for distribution.

During the current month 4320 pencils, 1152 pens and 18,000 pen-points have been purchased from a supply at Rome and these are being distributed through the Provveditorato agli Studi.

The supply of 18,000 quaderni has been exhausted but arrangements are being made for the printing of 150,000 for this province on Florence.

Table IV shows the number of each type of textbooks delivered in the provinces to date:

Table IV - Delivery of textbooks in Sicily Province

<u>Class and Type</u>	<u>Number delivered to date</u>
Syllabus	1,000
Class I	7,708
Class II	9,275
Class III lecture	8,685
Class III supplementary	4,650
Class IV lecture	5,030
Class IV arithmetic	7,140
Class IV religious	7,550
Class V lecture	3,250
Class V arithmetic	4,140
Class V religious	4,300
Secondary schools	587
Total	63,507

School Lunch Program

Requests for rations for school lunches have been received from the following ten communes: S. Giovanni in Merignano, Barghi, Civitella di Romagna, Cattolica, Coriano, Gattuso, Montecarlo, Roncole Verdi, Rimini and Salsola.

In most cases it was found that requests were made for many more children than actually were enrolled and hence approval of this program has been delayed.

G.I.L.

An report has been received to date from the Commissaria concerning the property and equipment formerly held by the G.I.L.

Miscellaneous

Examinations for practically all schools were completed in March. Due to restrictions on travel many students were unable to come to centers where examinations were being given. To provide for these students two courses of action are planned: a) to hold a second session in April or when travel is permitted or b) to send commissions out to centers when the number of students warrants an examination session. 7742

"Classi distaccate" were approved during the month in the communes of Morciano, Verucchio and Cesena. These provide temporary classes for secondary school pupils.

Some schools in Verli and Predilivore have been released recently by the army.

A school was established in the refugee center at Salsomaggiore, equipment, teachers and books provided.

Assistance has been given one of the operational units in setting up a classroom for instruction here and equipment has been provided.

3. RAVENNA PROVINCE

Administration

Recently appointed Provincial Education Officer, Captain Dexter Wilcox, has established an education office at the Provveditorato in Ravenna. A car has been requisitioned for the use of the Provveditore agli Studi in visiting the schools of the province.

Since many school heads still remain in that part of the province occupied by the enemy, temporary appointments have been made to fill these vacancies.

Opening of schools

During the month of March schools were reopened in the commune of Cervia and in the southern part of Ravenna communes west of the Ravenna-Ferri road, including Castiglione and S. Pietro in Campo.

During the month, 11 of the 54 middle, 37 of the 219 elementary schools, 3 of the 43 secondary schools and 1 of the 60 private schools were reopened. Data on the number of pupils in attendance and the number of teachers employed are not yet available.

During the month, the Provincial Commissioner gave approval for the reopening of schools in the city of Ravenna. Examinations will be held and schools will open here on 9 April 1945.

Statistical Data

Table I - Statistical Data of Schools of Ravenna Province

	Middle	Elementary schools	Secondary schools	Private & Church schools
Total No. Schools	54	219	43	60
Number Open	11	37	3	1
Normal Enrollment	3542	21287	5250	3248
Presently Enrolled	**	**	**	**
Number Teachers	132	842	509	278
Now teaching	**	**	**	**

** Data for month of March not yet available.

Refascistization

To date 63 school officials in the province have been screened, 6 of

who have been suspended and 77 of whom have been confirmed. Schools have not yet been received from 37 other school officials. Some of these are still located in areas held by the enemy, some have fled north with the Germans, and the present location of others is unknown. To date the following actions have been taken in the screening of personnel:

Table VI - Listing of School Personnel in Province of Ravenna

	Total No.	Schools Received	Number Suspended	Number Confirmed
Proveditorato	24	13	1	12
Inspectors	2	2	-	2
Presidi	46	7	2	5
Directors	14	16	-	16
El. Teachers	901	16	2	14
Sec. Teachers	258	2	-	2
Media Teachers	192	13	1	12
Higher Teachers	176	14	-	14
Total	1693	83	6	77

Building Conditions

A survey of the condition of buildings in the liberated part of the province reveals that most buildings are damaged or occupied by troops. From information received of 74 elementary school buildings, 15 are occupied by troops, 1 is occupied by Italian troops and 6 are occupied by "fascisti". 20 of the buildings are slightly damaged and 24 are severely damaged or destroyed. Of the 26 secondary schools for which reports were submitted, 15 are occupied by troops, 2 are occupied by "fascisti" and 1 is occupied by a political party. 3 of the buildings have been severely damaged while 3 others are partially damaged.

Instructional Materials

To date a total of 5175 books have been delivered to booksellers in Ravenna for the elementary schools. Others will be brought soon from the sources of supply in Florence.

Other instructional materials including 18000 pen-points and 28907 pencils have been delivered to the provincial school office in Ravenna for distribution. Arrangements are now being made for the printing of 180,000 quaderni for distribution in the province.

A commission of seven members for the approval of the use and sale of textbooks has been appointed.

Table VII gives number of textbooks distributed:

Table VII - Textbooks distributed in Province of Ravenna

<u>Class and Year</u>	<u>Number Delivered</u>
I - Syllabaris	2,500
II - Lettera	1,025
III - Lettera	725
IV - Religion	640
IV - Lettera	505
V - Religion	600
Total	6,125

School Lunch Program

Request form for school lunch rations have been forwarded to sindaco but to date none has been returned.

G.I.L.

The Commissaria of the G.I.L. has begun a survey of buildings and equipment formerly held by G.I.L. in the city of Ravenna. The large G.I.L. building located there is virtually destroyed.

Miscellaneous

"Classe distaccate" at S. Pietro in Campiano and S. Pietro in Vincoli were established for students of secondary schools.

4. RETURN OF OUR WORKING

Schools in San Marino are now in full operation. Sixteen elementary schools and 3 secondary schools have been reopened. In the elementary schools 1243 students are taught by 31 teachers and in the scuola media there are enrolled 290 students under the supervision of 26 teachers.

No provisions have as yet been made for students in upper secondary schools who formerly attended schools in Rimini. Permits for travel of these students have not been granted.

Textbooks have been made available to the Republic through a bookseller in Rimini but school officials object to paying the same retail price as paid by children in other Italian communes.

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5. PRESENT NEED AND FUTURE PLANS

Visits are now being made by the Provincial Education Officer to all communes to assist school officials where schools are not yet functioning properly. A calendar is being prepared for all provinces which will provide for the operation of schools throughout the summer. The school lunch program will be implemented. Additional books for secondary schools will be brought to the provinces. Vetting of school officials will be completed.

6. VIGNETTA OF THE EDUCATION DIVISION

A School in a Teacher's Home

Along the Via Adriatica, now one of the main arteries for military traffic of the 6th Army, are tucked away, unseen, many children busy with their studies in private homes. In the case of Lignano one may discover such a home upon inquiry. To reach it, one found it necessary to go through what looked like a baryard to a little door leading to a basement. Once inside one found what was once a living room now converted to school purposes. Seemingly, badly used and in poor condition, held about 20 children ranging in ages from 6 to 11 years. The embarrassed teacher, a young chap of scarcely more than 20 years, was illustrating an arithmetic example as we entered. For a blackboard he was utilizing a little slate, perhaps a foot square suspended by a string from the ceiling.

Most of the children, the poorly-dressed off-spring of contadini, were clean of face and hands but clothes and shoes were old and worn. Only a bright ribbon on the heads of one or two of the black-haired girls gave color to the dark room. The "new" textbooks were in evidence on the desk, the teacher having purchased them for the children in a neighboring town. Parts of copy books, some with old Fascist covers obviously removed, were being fast filled with the "lessons" of the pupils. Here, and in scores of similar homes, the future of the new Italy was being formed - and along the road outside rumbled the tanks and trucks to drive the enemy from their country.

Five in One

That any school building should escape damage in the city of Rimini seems miraculous. But the Liceo Classico, shielded by other buildings on two sides had only a couple of holes in the roof. These were soon repaired and the school was ready to house five of the secondary schools of Rimini, each having use of the building 5 hours each week. Children are given much home study by their teachers to occupy their time. Amid the ruins of a once-beautiful town on the sea, preparation of Italian Youth goes on to help them rebuild a future of peace and world-cooperation.

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From Club to School

Before the war the only secondary school at Cattolica, a city of about 8000 people, was a Scuola Avviamento for sons and daughters of contadini. Other children traveled to Rimini and Pesaro when they finished their elementary school course. Travel prohibited, a scuola media was established in this city to care for the needs of secondary school children. That was formerly a Fascist Club was soon converted into a school by an energetic sindaco. Windows were replaced by requisitioning the glass from pictures in the homes of citizens. Lewd pictures which we saw had been placed on the walls by some German soldier "artist" were covered. Besides were found in the old Scuola Avviamento, now a hospital for troops, and thus within a few weeks after war had passed, a new school to care for high school children in this city was organized and in operation.

Refugees go to School

The thousand men, women and children brought from the dangers of the fighting front were housed in one of 8th Army's refugee centers not far from the front. Feeding and housing these unfortunates was speedily accomplished, but finding useful tasks for children was a problem unsolved. Most found something to do on their own account, a favorite past-time being to hang about army vehicles and kitchens.

A call for help was directed to the Education Division by the officials of the Refugee Center to provide educational facilities for 150 children between the ages of 3 and 10. Class rooms were placed in what was the lobby of the large hotel which was housing the refugees. Bunches and black-beards were found in a destroyed building in the village. Only two "di rucio" teachers were found among the refugees themselves, one an old man of 60 and another the mother of 5 small children. Some four young substitute teachers were found in the village for the kindergarten and the five elementary classes. Books and supplies were made available and purchased by the Center. Four days after the call was made, a new school was operating in the Refugee Center.

PART II1. FIFTH ARMY

A directive for C.A.C.'s was prepared and forwarded to Brig. Gen. Rums for approval and distribution.

2. Guilla Boy

Two copies of the Guilla Boy were published during the month of March. Two or three issues will be published during the month of April.

3. C.A.C. PROGRAMS

C.A.C. programs for enlisted men have been discontinued for the present. With the initiation of the training program, the provision of various recreatory activities and the advent of warm weather, interest in this activity has waned. These group meetings will be resumed when a need seems to arise.

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Organization

Lt. R.W.Crichton has been assigned as Provincial Education Officer at Forli. Transport is urgently needed both by this officer and the Education Officer, 8th Army.

Forli Province

Schools have been reopened in 44 of the 47 communes of the province. There are open at the present time 44 of 86 asili, 429 of 469 elementary schools, 43 of 46 secondary schools and 7 of 9 private schools. 30,000 textbooks and 10,000 quaderni have been distributed in the province. 91 school officials have been screened, 9 of whom have been suspended. Building surveys reveal that most undamaged buildings have been occupied by troops. The school lunch program is being organized. The provincial school office has been returned for use of the school superintendent.

Ravenna Province

The provincial school office has been reorganized and office personnel obtained. Administrative personnel has been appointed in liberated parts of the province. Directives and programs of study have been distributed. To date 43 school officials have been screened, 2 of whom have been suspended. Reopening of schools is underway in Cervia commune and the southern part of Ravenna commune. Arrangements have been made for the distribution of textbooks by booksellers in Ravenna. A Commissioner for G.I.L. property and equipment has been appointed. All undamaged buildings in Ravenna and Cervia are occupied by troops. Students will be housed in homes of teachers.

Republic of San Marino

Elementary and secondary schools are in operation. Textbooks have been provided. Classes for students in higher secondary schools will be established.

Other Activities

1,558 textbooks for secondary schools and 72,000 additional textbooks for elementary schools are awaiting shipment from Florence. Printing of quaderni is being arranged at Forli. Requests for school lunch materials have been distributed. A survey of all building facilities is partially completed. Visits to all communes is underway. Minor repairs have been made to some buildings.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 1945

1. OFFICE OF EDUCATION DIVISION

Personnel

Personnel of the Education Division has undergone some changes during the month of February. Lt.R.W.Crichton was attached to this division and assigned as Provincial Education Officer, Forli. Pfc.Frank Carollo has been transferred temporarily from this division to the Translation Pool. The Education Officer, Captain Willis E.Prett, has been hospitalized during most of this month but has continued to direct the educational program with the assistance of Lt.Crichton and Corporal John V.Apicella. Another civilian clerk was added to the staff.

Office Facilities

The main office of the Education Division is still located in the Scuola Media, Riccione. Provincial office space and equipment at Forli is inadequate. Office space at Ravenna will be required as schools there are reopened.

Transport

The civilian car assigned to the Education Officer by Forli Province has been recalled by Provincial Headquarters. Hence this division has no assigned transport at present and will be severely handicapped if such is not provided.

2. OPENING OF SCHOOLS

Permission was granted during the month to reopen schools in corps area and this is proceeding in both Forli and Ravenna Provinces. Provveditori have been instructed that no buildings now occupied by troops may be utilized and any buildings used for school purposes must be vacated immediately if requested by the armed forces. Where buildings are not available, teachers have been ordered to hold classes in their own homes. Salaries of teachers who refuse to comply with this order will be withheld.

Numerous requests have been received to allow the attendance of secondary school students in communes some distance from their present residences. To meet this problem "classe distaccate" have been opened in a number of small communities. This program enables students to continue with their studies and yet keeps civilian movement to a minimum.

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3. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Textbooks for elementary schools have been transported from Florence to Rimini for distribution in that area. To date books in the following number have been distributed:

<u>Textbooks</u>	<u>No. of copies distributed</u>
Class I Syllabario	200
Class II Reading	5,200
Class III Reading	5,200
Class III Sussidiario	4,200
Class IV Reading	4,200
Class IV Arit., Geog., Sci.,	2,200
Class IV Rel., Hist., Gr.,	2,200
Class V Reading	1,200
Class V Arit., Geog., Sci.,	2,200
Class V Rel., Hist., Gr.,	2,200
Total	30,000

Payment for books has been received by check and forwarded to Messaggerie Italiane at Florence. Orders for other elementary and secondary school texts have been obtained from booksellers and forwarded to publishers in Florence. Awaiting shipment there at present are 74,000 elementary and 1,338 secondary school textbooks.

Directives have been issued to booksellers and publishers for sale and confirmation of textbooks, and lists of approved and disapproved books have been distributed. Commissions for approval and sale of textbooks have been appointed. Propaganda materials from PWB will be distributed to schools through this office.

Some copy books have been distributed and approval granted for printing of others at Forli. Sources of other instructional materials have been found at Florence.

4. DEFASSCISTIZATION

Vetting of school personnel in both provinces is well underway. Schede are received with the recommendation of provveditori for suspension or retention. On the basis of categories for suspension, letters of suspension have been prepared for the signatures of provincial commissioners. Suspensions have been carried out under authorization given by letter of 6 January 1945 from Allied Commission pertaining to General Order No. 67.

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When schede are not filed, provveditori have been requested to prepare lists for suspension with supporting data. Suspended personnel are informed that appeals may be made to Provincial Commissions as they are appointed.

5. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Distribution of requests for materials for providing school lunches has continued. When a sufficient number of replies have been received these will be forwarded to the Economics and Supply Division for appropriate action.

6. G.I.L.

Provveditori agli Studi have been instructed to appoint Commissioners for GIL buildings and equipment in their provinces. One has been appointed and the other has just been nominated. Vetting of physical education teachers, formerly employed by GIL, but now to come under the direction of the Provveditori agli Studi, has begun. A plan for the payment of these teachers has been implemented.

7. FORLÌ PROVINCE

Administration

Most of the administrative positions left vacant by absences and suspensions have been filled by temporary appointments.

The provveditorato has been returned for use as a provincial school office. The first floor will be used to accommodate elementary school classes.

Opening of schools

During the month authorization was given to reopen all schools in the province except in the communes of Modigliano, Castrocaro e Terra del Sole, Dovadola, Tredozio and Portico S. Benedetto. These include all communes in and behind corp areas. Examinations for elementary schools in corps area were held on 26 February 1945 and for secondary schools on 19 February 1945.

Asili

In addition to the 41 asili reopened in January 45 asili were authorized to reopen during February. 87 of these asili are operated by communes and 17 by church or other private organization. To date no data are available for those reopened during the past month.

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Elementary schools

In addition to the 183 elementary schools reopened in January, 246 other schools have been reopened during the month of February in the following communes:

Bagno di Romagna	Forlì	Rocca S. Casciano
Bertinora	Forlimpopoli	S. Mauro Pascoli
Borghi	Galeata	S. Sofia
Cesena	Meldola	Sarsina
Cesenatico	Predappio	Savignano
Civitella di Romagna	Sanitignano	Verghereto

Hence 429 of the 469 elementary schools operating in normal times have been reopened. Data giving the number of pupils enrolled and teachers employed are not yet available for schools opened in February.

Secondary schools

In addition to the 14 secondary schools reopened in January, 29 secondary schools were reopened during the month of February in the following communes:

Forlì (9)	Galeata	Rocca S. Casciano (2)
Cesena (9)	Meldola	S. Sofia
Forlimpopoli (4)	Predappio	Savignano (2)

There have been reopened a total of 43 of the 46 secondary schools operating in normal times. In addition "classi distaccate" have been established at Cattolica, Bellaria, Marziano, Viserba, Riccione etc.

Other schools

In addition to the six private and church schools reopened in January, one other was reopened in Savignano during the month of February.

Statistical Data

Incomplete data show the following situation which exists in the province at the present time:

	<u>Asili</u>	<u>Elementary schools</u>	<u>Secondary schools</u>	<u>Private & Church schools</u>
Total No. Schools	86	469	46	9
Number Open	41*	429	43	7
Normal Enrollment	5603	49151	8576	-
Presently Enrolled	1682*	14083*	2723*	320*
Number Teachers	152	1204	672	0
New Teaching	71*	494*	166*	12*

*Does not include data for schools reopened during the month of February.

Screening of Personnel

Schede have been distributed to all administrative personnel, records of each made and one copy filed with the Provveditore agli Studi. On the basis of schede, suspensions have been recommended to the Provincial Commissioner. Other personnel, whose schede are clear, are confirmed in service by the Education Officer. To date the following actions have been taken in the screening of personnel:

	<u>Total No.</u>	<u>Schede received</u>	<u>Number suspended</u>	<u>Number confirmed</u>
Provveditorato	8	12	1	11
Inspectors	2	4	1	3
Presidi	44	16	2	14
Directors	18	39	5	24
El. Teachers	1227	24	-	24
Avv. Teachers	203	-	-	-
Media Teachers	172	6	-	6
Higher Teachers	216	1	-	1
Total	2010	61	9	82

School Lunch Program

Requests for school lunch materials have been sent to all sindaci through the Prefect. A sufficient number of requests have not been received as yet to implement this program through the Economics and Supply Division.

Instructional Materials

28,000 textbooks have been distributed through a bookseller in Rimini and an additional 2,000 through a bookseller in Forli. Orders for 6,000 additional books have ^{been} placed by other booksellers in Forli and these will be brought from Florence within a few days.

10,000 quaderni found in the GIL at Rimini have been distributed to students. Arrangements have also been made for the printing of 16,000-20,000 more quaderni at Forli.

It will be necessary to import other instructional materials such as pencils, paper, chalk, etc. from sources of supply in Florence.

Survey of Buildings

The survey of buildings in the province has been progressing. Information concerning window glass needs have been received from 33 communes and these are now being summarized for the Allied Commission Resources Board.

Few buildings which are undamaged are unoccupied by troops as the attached exhibits of the buildings survey in Forli will show. In Forli, however, Lt. Crichton has arranged for the use of a seminary as well as the first floor of the provveditorato so that space will be available for the accommodation of most classes.

In many other communes classes will be held in the homes of teachers. The practice of replacing windows in schools by the use of glass from pictures has been continued.

8. RAVENNA PROVINCEProvveditorato

The provveditore agli Studi, Prof. Bertoni Giuseppe, moved to Ravenna on 5 February 1945. Three rooms of the provveditorato were put in order and a staff for the provincial school office selected. All of the former staff were absent or had fled. Prof. Torre Augusto who was placed in charge of the office before our arrival was dismissed. The new provveditore has thus far proved to be both able and energetic.

Administration Personnel

Pending the reopening of schools, temporary school heads have been chosen to fill vacancies caused by absences and suspensions.

Screening Personnel

School Personnel have been distributed to all administrative personnel in liberated parts of the province. These have been screened by this division and letters of suspension prepared for the Provincial Commissioner. Notices have been sent to others who are confirmed. To date the following actions have been taken in the screening of personnel.

	<u>Total Number</u>	<u>Schools Received</u>	<u>Number Suspended</u>	<u>Number Confirmed</u>
Provveditorato	12	11	-	11
Inspectors	8	2	-	2
Presidi	46	7	2	5
Directors	14	13	-	13
El. Teachers	901	3	-	3
Avv. Teachers	253	-	-	-
Media Teachers	192	4	-	4
Higher Teachers	276	3	-	3
Total	1781	43	2	41

Directives and Programs of study

Directives have been sent to sindaco and booksellers through the Prefect and to inspectors, directors and presidi through the Provveditore agli Studi.

Programs of study for elementary and secondary schools have been distributed in all communes which have thus far been liberated.

Opening of Schools

The provveditore agli studi has been authorized to reopen schools in Cervia commune and in the southern part of Ravenna commune west of the Ravenna-Forlì road.

While no data are as yet available a survey of all schools in the province has been completed giving the following information:

	<u>Asili</u>	<u>Elementary Schools</u>	<u>Secondary Schools</u>
Total No. Schools	54	250	64
Number Open	**	**	**
Normal Enrollment	3542	20474	7515
Presently Enrolled	**	**	**
Number Teachers	132	901	533
Now Teaching	**	**	**

** Data not yet available.

A school has been reopened in the refugee center at Cervia and books are being provided.

Instructional materials

Orders for textbooks have been obtained from four booksellers in Ravenna and these have been forwarded to Florence for completion. Textbooks for Cervia can be supplied from stocks now at Rimini.

Buildings Conditions

Cervia - One elementary school building and two secondary school buildings are only slightly damaged but are occupied by troops.

Ravenna - A survey of school buildings in Ravenna reveals that 4 of the 8 asili have been slightly damaged but none are occupied by troops. In the city of Ravenna one of the four buildings is severely damaged and the other three partially damaged. One of these is occupied by troops. Of ten secondary school buildings in the city, nine are occupied by troops.

Faenza - Most of the elementary and secondary schools have been damaged and all are occupied by troops at present.

9. REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

Elementary and secondary schools are functioning. Textbooks have been provided. Arrangements will be made for "classe distaccate" for students who normally attend at Rimini.

10. PRESENT NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS

Transport is needed by both the Education Officer and the Provincial Education Officer at Forlì. Housing of students is still the most urgent problem.

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During the coming month practically all school children in Forli Province should be attending classes. The reopening of schools in Ravenna Province will be continued. The school lunch program will be implemented in both provinces. Screening of school officials will continue. Additional textbooks and instructional materials will be brought from Florence for distribution. A list of buildings housing Ferrara University has been sent to S.C.A.O. 8th Army for possible protection.

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SUMMARYOrganization

Personnel of the Education Division has remained the same for the month of January. Lt. R.W. Crichton has recently been attached to the staff and will be assigned as Provincial Education Officer at Forli. An office has been established at the Scuola Media in Riccione.

Forli Province

Provincial school office has been reorganized and school officials appointed. During the month there have been reopened in 23 communes, 41 asili, 183 elementary schools, 14 secondary schools and 8 private schools. A total of 18,770 children were attending school in the province at the close of the month. Some schools buildings are in use, while other children are attending school in homes of teachers. Textbooks and quaderni have been distributed. Textbooks commissions have been appointed. Screening of school officials has been begun.

Ravenna Province

Prof. Bertoni Giuseppe has been appointed Provveditore agli Studi. The Provveditorato is being put in order and screening of school officials has begun. Directives and programs of study have been distributed.

Republic of San Marino

Schools have been reopened and textbooks and programs of study have been provided.

Other activities

10,000 textbooks have been distributed and 10,000 quaderni (copybooks) given free to pupils. An additional 90,000 textbooks are now ready for shipment from Florence. Other instructional materials have been found at Forli. 725

Schede have been filed by 71 school officials. Suspensions have been withheld until authorization was received from Allied Commission. These will be initiated within a few days.

School lunch program has been inaugurated and commissioners for GIL will be appointed soon.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION OFFICER FOR MONTH OF
JANUARY 1945

1. OFFICE OF EDUCATION DIVISION

Personnel

Personnel of the Education Division has remained unchanged during the month. 8th Army Education Officer is Captain Willis E. Pratt, the clerk at Administrative Headquarters being Cpl. John Apicella. Pfc. Frank Carollo is serving as clerk at the Education Office in Forli. Notice has been given that Lt. Crichton has been assigned to this division. Lt. Crichton will serve as Provincial Education Officer at Forli and Pfc. Carollo will be released temporarily for other duties at Headquarters. One civilian typist is employed.

Office Location

The office of the Education Division is now located in the Scuola Media at Riccione where adequate facilities are available.

Transport

The Education Officer is now using a car assigned to him by Forli Province. When a provincial officer for Forli is assigned it will be necessary to return this car to the province and another assigned here, if possible.

2. OPENING OF SCHOOLS

During the month schools have been reopened in territory in rear of corps boundaries in accordance with instructions given. Since, in most instances, buildings were damaged, destroyed, or occupied by troops, improvisations had to be made.

Where buildings are available two or three, and sometimes four sessions are held daily in order to accommodate all pupils. Where all buildings are occupied by troops, teachers have been requested to hold classes in their homes. Such arrangements have proved satisfactory, especially with elementary school children.

In many cases it was found that secondary school students travelled several miles to attend high schools in other communities. Since travel is restricted in this area and transport non-existent, classes "distaccate" have been organized in many communities such as at Cattolica, Bellaria, Viserba and other places. These classes are under the direction of the presidi of the schools which such students formerly attended.

3. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Few textbooks have been found in that part of the area which has thus far been liberated. Hence it has been necessary to print textbooks in Florence for the Provinces of Ravenna and Forli.

At the present time 100,000 elementary school books have been printed and are ready for shipment. During the past month approximately 10,000 have been shipped and distributed in this immediate area. In addition more than 2000 secondary school books have been ordered and are being shipped. The balance of the elementary school texts will be shipped within the next week.

Arrangements have been made with Economics and Supply Division to ship these materials to Rimini and Forli within the next few days and these will be distributed from these points.

Booksellers have been given directives for the sale of published materials and lists of approved and disapproved books have been distributed.

In the Province of Forli commissions for the approval of sale and publication of textbooks have been appointed and will begin to function soon.

Copy books and other instructional supplies have been located and while inadequate, have served to provide for immediate needs.

4. DEFASCISTIZATION

Pending a decision of the Allied Commission concerning the vetting of school personnel, schede have been distributed and examined but no action taken until such approval was received. During the month, authorization was given for the Education Division to suspend provveditori, inspectors, presidi and directors of schools whose past records show strong sympathies for the Fascist ideal.

Suspension of such personnel has been delayed until definite orders are received from Allied Commission making such changes in General Order No. 67 which will permit this procedure.

In many cases school personnel which would need to be suspended are no longer in this area. Provveditori are now preparing lists of such persons who went north with the Germans and from whom no schede can be obtained. Such persons will be suspended upon recommendations of Provveditori. Suspended personnel will have recourse to appeal before provincial commissions when these become operative under Executive Order No.35 or DIB 159 at a later date.

5. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Approval of school program has been obtained from the Food Subcommittee Allied Commission and steps have been taken to implement this program. In 8th Army area school lunches will be provided for children in Asili, the pre-school group, and for children in the Scuole Media, the age group in the early adolescent period.

6. G.I.L.

A proposal to place the property of G.I.L., the Fascist youth organization, under the direction of the Provveditore agli Studi, has been approved by the Allied Commission. In the two liberated provinces, provveditori have been requested to submit names of commissioners who will serve as members of their staffs and who will be responsible for the property and equipment held by these organizations.

Formerly, physical education teachers were employed by this organization and these, after proper screening, will be transferred to the Provincial school system.

7. FORLI PROVINCE

Provveditore agli Studi

The provveditore agli Studi (Provincial School Superintendent) has visited schools in that area in which permission has been granted for opening. An office has been maintained at Forli and a branch office at Rimini, the Provveditore dividing his time between the two places. The provveditorato at Forli is still occupied by troops and thus a temporary location is still in use.

Administrative Personnel

Administrative personnel of the provveditorato has now been reorganized and is functioning efficiently. Nineteen other administrators, including presidi, inspectors and directors, have been appointed to fill places left vacant by former incumbents who fled north or who are absent for other reasons. To date 19 such persons have been nominated and approved.

Opening of schools

Asili

During the month 41 asili have been reopened in the province in rear of corps boundaries. This represents almost fifty percent of the normal number of 86 which operated in former times. Of these, 38 are operated by church or other private organizations and three by communes. Attending these asili are 1582 pupils of a normal enrolment of 5603, under the supervision of 76 of the 152 teachers normally employed. Asili are open in the following places:

Borghi	Cattolica (20)	Coriano
Gambettola	Cattol (2)	Longiano
Mereto Saraceno	Misano Adriatico (2)	Mondaino
Montecolombo	Montefiore Conca	Montesudo
Montesudo S. Maria	Montiano	Morciano di R.
Riccione	Riccione Mare	Riccione Fogliano
Rimini (4)	Viserta Mare	S. Martino Monte
Bellarina	Corpolo-Rimini	Ronsafreddo
Saludecio	S. Clemente	S. Giovanni in M.
S. Mauro Pascoli	S. Arcangelo (2)	Torriana
Sogliano sul R.	Sortano	Verucchio (2)

Elementary

During the month 183 elementary schools of the 469 which operated in the province in normal times have been reopened. This includes almost all of the schools in the communes in rear of corps boundaries for which permission was received for reopening. Schools have been reopened in the following communes:

Borghi	Cattolica	Cesenatico
Misano Adriatico	Mondaino	Montecolombo
Montefiore Conca	Montesudo	Morciano di Romagna

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Poggio Berni
Roncofreddo
S. Giovanni
Torriana

Rimini
Salusola
S. Arcangelo
Verucchio

Riccione
S. Clemente
Sogliano

494 of 1204 teachers employed in the province in normal times are now teaching and 14035 pupils of a total enrolment of 49151 are attending school.

Secondary

During the month 14 of 46 secondary schools have been reopened. 166 of the 672 teachers normally employed are at work. A list of the secondary schools now in operation is as follows:

Cattolica	Cesatico	Coriano
Mereto Sarnano	Marciano di Romagna	Riccione
Balleria	Rimini (6)	S. Arcangelo di Romagna

Other schools

In addition to the public schools, permission has been granted to reopen 6 private and church schools. These schools now provide for 530 children under the supervision of 12 teachers.

An order has been given to reopen schools in all other communes of the province except in the communes of Modigliano, Castrocaro e Terra del Sole, Dovadola, Tredozio and Portico S. Benedetto. School officials were cautioned not to request buildings now occupied by troops and to release buildings when they became necessary for troop billets.

In some places where schools have been reopened, as at San Giovanni, troops have requested buildings for billeting of troops. In such cases schools have been vacated and children cared for in homes of teachers.

Statistical Data

Incomplete data show the following situation which exists in the province at the present time:

	<u>Asili</u>	<u>Elementary schools</u>	<u>Secondary schools</u>	<u>Private church schools</u>
Total No. Schools	86	489	46	9
Number Open	41	183	14	6
Normal Enrolment	5603	49151	8576	-
Presently Enrolled	1682	14035	2723	330
Number Teachers	152	1204	672	9
Now Teaching	71	494	166	12

These data include only 23 of the 49 communes in the province in which authorization was given to reopen schools. 3721

Screening of Personnel

Schede personali have been distributed to all administrative personnel, records of each made and one copy filed with the Provveditore agli Studi. To date the following schede have been filed with the Education Officer.

	<u>Total No.</u>	<u>Schedule Received</u>	<u>Number liable for suspension</u>
Provveditorato	8	7	-
Inspectors	2	3	1
Presidi	44	15	2
Directors	13	24	4
El. Teachers	1227	3	-
Adv. Teachers	203	-	-
Media Teachers	172	1	-
Higher Teachers	216	5	-

During the month of January no actual suspensions were made pending the decision of the Allied Commission. In each case the Provveditore agli Studi has been asked for a recommendation of suspension or retention. Actual suspensions will be carried out during the coming month.

Condition of buildings

A survey of the school buildings in the province is now underway through the sindaci. In some cases the Provincial Commissioner has made arrangements for minor repairs of school buildings. A survey of window glass needs is also underway and a report should be ready during the month of February.

Few buildings in the larger cities and towns are available for school purposes since they are largely occupied by troops.

Windows have been replaced in some buildings by the use of glass from pictures found in the school and in homes in the community. In many places teachers' homes have been utilized for housing children during this period, the children attending in three or four sessions per day.

School Lunch Program

Requests for school lunch materials have been forwarded to sindaco through the prefect. As soon as a sufficient number of these are returned, they will be submitted to the Supply Division for appropriate action.

Instructional Materials

Eight thousand textbooks have been brought to Rimini and 2000 others to Forlì for distribution. Arrangements have been made to ship 30,000 additional books from Florence during the coming week by train.

In Rimini were found 10,000 quaderni in the building of the GIL and these have been distributed to students free of charge after the fascist covers were removed.

In Forlì other instructional materials have been found for approximately 1000 pupils. An investigation is now being made of facilities for printing quaderni at Merciano.

A commission for the approval of elementary school textbooks and one for the approval of secondary school textbooks have been appointed. Copies of lists of approved and disapproved textbooks have been distributed to booksellers and school officials.

Civilian Movement

Since approximately 75 percent of all teachers are now living in places where they teach, civilian movement has been kept to a minimum in this area. No permits have been granted to pupils or teachers to travel from one place to another except where absolutely necessary. Where pupils have attended secondary schools in other communes classes "distaccate" have been arranged so that their work could begin in their own communities.

Directives Issued

Directives for opening and operation of schools have been distributed to the Provveditore agli Studi, sindaci through the Prefect, Bookstores and Publishers, and all school officials, through the Provincial School Office.

B. RAVENNA PROVINCE

Provveditore agli Studi

On 29 January 1945 Prof. Bertoni Giuseppe of Faenza was appointed Provveditore agli Studi. A former preside of Faenza, he was appointed after the investigation of several candidates suggested by the Minister of Education, the Prefect and others. One of the two candidates suggested by the Minister of Education, Prof. Olivieri, was appointed Provveditore agli Studi of Forlì Province. The other candidate, Prof. Torre Augusto, was considered to be too closely tied with Fascist to be appointed to such a responsible position.

Provveditorato

The Provveditorato was found to be intact but in much disorder. All the former employees had fled or were absent. Prof. Torre, acting Provveditore, was dismissed, and Prof. Gastone Goffi, an inspector, was placed in charge of the office pending the arrival of Prof. Bertoni. Records in the office had been conserved and work has started in placing the office in order.

Screening Personnel

Personnel in the office of the Provveditore have been screened and other schools are now being distributed to school officials in the province.

Directives

Directives were issued to the Provveditore agli Studi and are being distributed to school officials and sindaci in communes which have been liberated. Others are being distributed to bookellers.

Programs of study

Programs of study for all elementary and secondary schools are being distributed to presidi, inspectors and directors in the liberated communes.

Opening of Schools

Permission has been granted to reopen schools in the comune of Cervie and in parts of the comune of Ravenna, as may seem advisable to the C.A.O.'s in communes under their direction. Most of these schools will need to be reopened in the homes of teachers.

9. REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

Schools in the Republic of San Marino opened on 3 January 1945. 1200 textbooks were supplied to the Republic from stocks brought from Florence. The Republic used Fascist textbooks in the past and followed closely the Italian educational system. Many students in higher secondary schools formerly attend at Rimini and services will be offered in opening classes "diastate" there during the emergency.

10. PRESENT NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS

Housing is the most acute problem which has been met in great part by the use of homes of teachers and by scheduling several schools in a single building. For example, five secondary schools are utilizing the same building at Rimini. As buildings become available, schools will function more efficiently.

Heating has also been a problem but in many cases children are attending school two or three hours per day in unheated school houses and in some cases bringing with them "scaldini" to keep their hands warm.

Plans for the coming month include the reopening of the balance of schools in Forli Province and in the southern part of Ravenna Province. Other textbooks and instructional materials will be distributed and an attempt made to find sources of supply for paper and pencils.

Commissioners will be appointed to take charge of C.I.L. equipment and materials. Quaderni will be printed and other sources of instructional materials will be sought. Screening of school officials will be continued and suspensions made of Fascist personnel.

Although practically all of the territory under the direction of this headquarters is located near the combat lines, many communities have had schools functioning for as long as a month or six weeks.

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3 January 1945

Subject : Report of the Education Officer
for the Month of December

To : S.C.A.O. Allied Military Government
Eighth Army, Rear.

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1. ORGANIZATION OF EDUCATION DIVISION.
 2. FORLI PROVINCE.
 3. RAVENNA PROVINCE.
 4. REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO.
 5. DEFASCISTIZATION.
 6. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.
 7. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.
 8. NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS.
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Organization

An Education Office has been established at Riccione. A provincial education office has been established at Forli. Directives and other materials have been revised to conform with 8th ARMY AMG policies and procedures. Transport has been obtained. Two clerks have been assigned to the division.

Forli Province

A Provveditore agli Studi has been appointed and a provincial school office established with a branch at Rimini. Opening of schools has been authorized in 25 of the 49 communes. In 13 of these a few schools have been opened. Approximately 2300 children were enrolled before Christmas. Programs of Study have been distributed and screening of school personnel has begun. Many buildings are damaged or destroyed, most of the balance being occupied by troops. Fuel and window glass are seriously needed.

Ravenna Province

Provincial Commissioner has asked delay in the appointment of a Provveditore agli Studi. Three candidates are under consideration. Buildings in Ravenna and Cervia undamaged but occupied by troops.

Republic of San Marino

Elementary schools and four secondary schools will open on 3 January 1945. Approximately 2400 students are enrolled. Programs of Study distributed. Assistance has been requested in the supply of textbooks and other supplies.

Other Activities

Defascistization proceedings are awaiting final approval of plan by the Allied Commission. In the meantime school are requested from school heads before schools are reopened. School lunch program has been arranged and awaits approval for implementation. A survey of window glass needs is being made. A serious shortage of fuel exists in all schools.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER FOR MONTH OF
DECEMBER 1944

1. ORGANIZATION OF THE EDUCATION DIVISION

Personnel

Personnel of the Education Division consists of Captain Willis E. Pratt, Education Officer, Corporal John Apicella, on temporary loan from Region Venezia, and Pfc. Frank Carollo. The Education Officer is serving as both a provincial and Administrative H. Q. officer. Corporal Apicella is acting as clerk in the H. Q. Office and Pfc. Carollo is serving as clerk in the office established in the Province of Forli.

Office Establishments

On 2 December 1944, an Education office was established at Riccione. Clerical assistance was employed and office space (inadequate) was secured. On 15 December 1944 a provincial office was established at Provincial Headquarters in Forli with the assistance of the Provincial Commissioner. Pfc. Carollo was transferred on this date to the Forli Office. The Provincial Commissioner of Ravenna has been asked for office space for the education division in that province. This will be established as soon as possible.

Schedule

At present the education officer is maintaining headquarters at Riccione and will visit each of the provincial offices as they become established once or twice each week.

Transport

For the first two or three weeks no car was assigned to this division and it was necessary to depend upon the transportation pool from day to day. On 30 December 1944 a car was assigned to the education division for regional purposes. In addition the education officer located a car in Forli Province which is being made ready at the present time for the use of the education officer in Forli Province. At a later date it will be put at the disposition of the Provveditore agli Studi of this province.

Amalgamation with Eighth Army, A M G

On 16 December 1944, officers of this region came under orders of Eighth Army AMG. This necessitated the making of changes in certain policies and forms which have now been completed. 3715

Directives

Differences in policies and operational procedure made necessary the revision of directives which had been prepared for the operation and functioning of schools under Emilia Region. These directives have been revised and approved and will be distributed immediately.

School Personnel

For each administrative position in each province of the region candidates for each important school post have been obtained from the Minister of Education and will be used in making selections. Already these lists have proved to be of considerable assistance.

2. FORLI PROVINCEProvveditore agli Studi

Upon our arrival it was learned that the former Provveditore agli Studi was killed in a bombardment during the month of August. The office was being temporarily filled by the capo-segretario, Dott. Griswoldi. After the investigation of several candidates, Olivieri Arduino was appointed Reggente Provveditore agli Studi by the Provincial Commissioner on recommendation of the Education Officer. Prof. Olivieri was vice-President of the Liceo Classico at Rimini and had been recommended for the position of Provveditore agli Studi of Ravenna Province by the Minister of Education. Since he resided in Forli Province and was not interested in the position in Ravenna it seemed best to utilize his services in Forli Province.

Provveditorato

The Provveditorato at Forli has been occupied by New Zealand troops since the liberation of the city. While most of the records have been preserved, there is considerable damage to the equipment of the building. For the present two rooms have been obtained in a nearby villa for use of the Provveditore. In addition a branch office has been established at Rimini since this is a central location of communes in which schools can now be opened.

Administrative Personnel

The administrative officials of the province have been located and instructed to make preparations for the opening of schools. Where positions were vacant temporary appointments have been made.

Opening of Schools

In accord with orders issued, authorization has been given to the Provveditore agli Studi to reopen schools in 25 of the 43 communes of the province as follows:

Mercede Saraceno	Scerticata
Soriano	Verucchio
Frazione di Sogliano al Rubicone	Coriano
Sogliano al Rubicone	Riccione
Roncofreddo	Montescudo
Borghi	Monte Colombo
Santarcangelo di Romagna	San Clemente
Rimini	Cattolica
Poggio Berni	Gemmano
Misano in Villa Vitteria	Montefiore Conca
San Giovanni in Marignano	Saludecio
Mondaino	Montegridolfo
Marciano di Romagna	

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During the month of September some public and private schools have been reopened in 13 of these communes. Visits have been made by the Education Officer to a number of communes in making arrangements for the reopening of schools. A brief report of the school situation in each commune visited follows:

(1) Cattolica - One of the two elementary school buildings here was occupied by troops. The other is now being used to house all elementary pupils in two sessions per day. Approximately 450 students are enrolled. Scuola Avvisamento is occupied but arrangements were made to house this school in the elementary school building. Two private elementary schools have been reopened with an enrolment of approximately 200 children.

(2) Casena - The C.A.O. is making arrangements to find suitable buildings for reopening the elementary schools during the month of January, if authorization is obtained.

(3) Cesenatico - The C.A.O. is assisting local authorities in repairing the elementary school building which has been slightly damaged. The Avvisamento building has been destroyed and this school will also be housed in the Avvisamento building. Temporary directors of both schools were appointed and enrolment of pupils is proceeding.

(4) Maccasto - Elementary schools have been reopened by the C.A.O. Data concerning enrolment are not yet available.

(5) Misano - Elementary schools at Misano, Misano Mare and Scacciano have been reopened with approximately 400 pupils enrolled.

(6) Poggio Berni - Elementary schools been reopened but no data are as yet available.

(7) Rimini - All buildings have been badly damaged, destroyed or are occupied by troops with the exception of the Liceo Classico. Plans have been made for the housing of four secondary schools in this building as soon as minor repairs can be made. Window glass is needed. At Bellaria the elementary school and the Scuola Media have been reopened in the Municipio. Three private secondary schools and one asilo have also been reopened.

(8) Riccione - The Scuola Media has been reopened and will occupy its own building early in January when troops leave. One private elementary school has been reopened with an enrolment of 130 pupils. The opening of two asili with approximately 200 pupils were authorized. Other elementary schools in various parts of the commune will be reopened in private homes. All elementary buildings with the exception of one have been destroyed.

(9) San Giovanni in Marignano - Two elementary schools have been reopened with an enrolment of approximately 400 children. One private school has also been reopened.

(10) Santeramo - Scuola Media and Ginnasio have been reopened in the same building, formerly a convent. Schools in several of the frazioni have also been opened.

(11) Sevinzano - The Scuola Agraria has been reopened.

(12) Verriana - It is reported that elementary schools have been reopened but no exact data are as yet available.

(13) Vernochio - It is reported that elementary schools have been reopened but no exact data are as yet available.

(14) Forlì - While no schools can be opened here at present the Provveditore agli Studi has been asked to furnish instruction to begin classes for boys residing in "Rifornitorio Gindiziaro" as buildings are occupied by troops. At least half of the school benches have been destroyed.

Statistical Data

Incomplete and at times unreliable data show the following situation which exists in the province at the present time:

Asili - Elementary Schools - Secondary Schools

Total No. Schools	80	490	38
Number Open	5	19	10
Normal Enrollment	4610	45973	7538
Presently Enrolled	160	1332	320
Number Teachers	137	1111	244
Now Teaching	8	77	17

These data do not include numbers in communes in which schools are open but for which no data are yet available.

Programs of Study

Programs of Study have been distributed to all schools which have been reopened and others made available to the Provveditore agli Studi for distribution to other communes. With the exception of the Avviamento Professionale programs are in use for all elementary and secondary schools.

Screening of Personnel

Schedi Personali have been distributed to all administrative personnel, records made of each and one copy filed with the Provveditore agli Studi. The following schedi have been filed with the Education Officer to date:

	Total No.	Schede Received
Provveditorato	8	2
Inspectors	2	2
Presidi	44	19
Directors	18	4
El. Teachers	1227	3
Avv. Teachers	303	
Media Teachers	172	1
Higher Teachers	216	1

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Condition of Buildings

While a survey of buildings in the province has not been completed, available information reveals that a large number of buildings have either been badly damaged or destroyed. In most of the larger centers all other buildings have been occupied by troops and other units.

Window glass presents one of the most serious problems. A survey is now being made through each sindaco on forms provided by the Education Office of window glass needed for essential repairs to school buildings.

Fuel presents another difficult problem for little or none is available in many communities. Sindaci have been requested to assist school officials in making available fuel where possible.

Examinations

In parts of the province in which schools are not yet open examinations are scheduled to be held on 15 January 1945 for Scuola Media, 17 January 1945 for elementary schools, and final examinations for the higher secondary schools on 22 January 1945. These schools will resume their studies immediately after examinations are given.

Payment of Teachers' Salaries

Arrangements were made with the Provincial Finance Officer for the payment of teachers' salaries by the Bank of Italy on certification of the Provveditore agli Studi. During this month the payment of teachers in many communes was begun.

6. RAVENNA PROVINCEProvveditore agli Studi

On advice of the Provincial Commissioner, the nomination of a Provveditore agli Studi has been delayed because of political factors involved. Information is now being gathered concerning three possible candidates: Torre Augusto, suggested by the Minister of Education, Bertoni Luigi of Faenza and Prof. Macchiato. At the appropriate time this appointment will be made. The provveditorato is undamaged and at the present time unoccupied.

Opening of Schools

Since only two or three communes in this province have been liberated and since these lie close to the combat area no authorization has been received to reopen schools here.

(1) Ravenna - It is understood that buildings are undamaged but at present occupied by troops.

(2) Corvia - The elementary school and the Scuola Avviamento are both undamaged but at present occupied by troops. The Directors of both schools have been temporarily replaced by substitutes. Located in the commune are 50 elementary teachers and 7 secondary school teachers. Schools may be opened here as soon as orders are received.

4. REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

Services Offered

The Education Officer offered the services of this division to the school officials of San Marino. Since this neutral state followed closely the policies and procedures of Italian Education in normal times our offer of assistance was eagerly sought. Programs of study for elementary and secondary schools were requested and forwarded. In accordance with their request an attempt will be made to supply them from our sources.

Present Situation

The head of the schools here is Prof. Franceschi Giovanni, a professor in the schools at Rimini. In the elementary schools, there are enrolled approximately 400 pupils in each of the first five grades, a total of 2000. Thirty elementary school teachers are employed.

Four secondary schools are maintained in the Republic, employing in all 25 teachers. One hundred pupils are enrolled in the Ginnasio Liceo, 120 pupils in the Scuola Media, 15 in the Corso Integrativo and 25 in the Avvicinamento Professionale.

All schools will open on 3 January 1944. School authorities report that a serious shortage of fuel exists which will make the operation of especially the elementary schools difficult. It is understood that no schools were damaged.

5. DEFASCISTIZATION

Plans for the suspension of Fascist personnel have been temporarily suspended on advice of the Legal Division. It has been the general practice of the Education Division to require each administrative official and certain teachers to file school personnel with the Education Officer who then recommended to the Provincial Commissioner the suspension of those persons whose school indicated active Fascist activity. Such persons then had the right of appeal to a Hearing Commission.

Since the Legal Division has advised that the Education Division has not the right of suspension under provisions of General Order No. 33 or Executive Order No. 67, permission has been sought from the Allied Commission to continue with the former defascistization program as followed by this division.

In order that the opening of schools might not be delayed while awaiting this decision, school heads have been requested of all school heads not actively fascist. If approval of the plan is given fascist school heads will be suspended and given the opportunity of appeal before provincial commissions when they are appointed.

6. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Some months ago plans were made for the printing of textbooks for elementary schools, in cooperation with Toscana Region at Florence. These have gone forward and a report from there indicates that about 1000 books each day are coming from the presses.

Arrangements were made with a Libreria in Rimini to distribute textbooks in the southern part of the province. An order was also sent by this firm to publishers in Florence for textbooks for secondary schools. It will be necessary for this division to arrange for transportation of these books to Rimini as they become available.

An order for other instructional materials has also been submitted by the same Libreria to the representative of the Minister of Education in Florence for the purchase of supplies there since there are few available in this province.

Directives have been issued to sindaco through the Prefect for all booksellers and publishers in the province, setting prices of textbooks, methods of approval etc. A list of approved and disapproved books has also been distributed.

7. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The school lunch program sponsored by the Education Subcommission provides for the preparation and serving of powdered soup and vegetables to children in asili and elementary schools. Upon advice of the Public Health Department this has been altered to provide for similar noon-day meals to asili and scuola media children, the two age groups at which supplementary rations appear to be most important. As soon as authorization is received from the Food Subcommission to proceed, sindaco will be asked to file requests for supplementary rations through the Education Division. Forms for this purpose have already been prepared. When such requests are filed sindaco are asked to certify that preparations have been made for preparing and serving this material and that it will be served on the school premises.

8. PRESENT NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS

Since this territory is located so near to the operational zone it is evident that the majority of buildings are now occupied by troops, who have first priority on such facilities. Hence it will be necessary in many places to find rooms in other buildings and apartments in which to operate the schools. In many cases this will necessitate organizing two or three sessions per day, a plan which has already been followed in some parts of the region.

Many buildings in both Forlì and Ravenna Provinces have been destroyed and others badly damaged. Urgently needed is window glass and fuel for heating purposes.

During the coming month other schools in the southern half of Forlì Province should begin operation and the provincial school office in Ravenna reorganized. It is hoped that the school lunch program may be inaugurated at this time and the vetting of school officials begun.

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Subject : Monthly Report of Education Division

To : Regional Commissioner

General

1. Late in October instructions were received from 8th Army A.M.G. to delay for the time being the opening of schools in the provinces of Forlì and Ravenna. Hence activities during the month were confined to further planning, revision of directives, obtaining of instructional materials, etc.

Survey of Schools

1. Forms were prepared for the collection of school data and copies forwarded to each Provincial Commissioner. These forms will give cumulative information about the number of pupils in attendance, teachers employed, condition of buildings and their occupancy, etc.

Meetings of Education Subcommittee

1. On 10 and 11 November the Education officer attended a meeting of the Education Subcommittee in Rome at which the following questions were discussed:

- a. Change from A.C.G. to A.C. and its effect on Education Division
- b. Report of the Educational Survey
- c. National Committee of Education appointed by Minister of Education
- d. Formation of Teacher Study Groups
- e. Building Plans Committee
- f. Translation of American, English and Russian books on Education
- g. Obtaining publications from America
- h. Organization of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides
- i. Monthly statistical reports
- j. Monthly regional reports to Education Subcommittee
- k. Survey of glass needs
- l. Printing of Textbooks
- m. Revision of Directives
- n. Revision of Programs of Study
- o. Lists of approved and disapproved books
- p. Transport needs

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- q. Clearing of schools
- r. Building repairs and heating
- s. Patriots and National Committee of Liberation
- t. Defascistization under General Order No. 35
- u. Control of paper supply
- v. Higher Institutions of Learning
- w. On 22 and 23 November the Education Officer conferred with the Education Subcommittee concerning General Order No. 35, programs of study, textbooks, etc.

Meeting of Regional Commissioners

1. On 18 November 1944 the Education Officer accompanied the Regional Commissioner to Siena to attend a meeting of Regional Commissioners. At that time he conferred with W.C. Beer, 6th Army A.M.G., concerning the opening of schools in 6th Army territory.

Instructional Materials

1. Revised programs of study for elementary schools (Parts 1 and 2) were obtained from the Education Subcommittee and brought to the region.
2. Arrangements have been made for the printing of textbooks for elementary schools of the region in Florence. Copies of some textbooks are now available, awaiting orders.

Forli' Province

1. A regional education office was established at Riccione on 2 December 1944. Investigation has revealed that the Provveditore agli Studi of Forli' Province was killed in the bombing of Forli' in August. At present, the capo segretario is in charge of the provveditorato.
2. At Riccione, a rough survey indicated that approximately 1000 children normally enrolled in 12 buildings, most of which are occupied by troops or destroyed. The director of elementary schools was interviewed and screened.
3. Only one secondary school, Scuola Media, is located at Riccione, in two buildings, both occupied by troops. The Preside was screened and found satisfactory. Two of the four "di ruolo" and 11 of the 14 "non di ruolo" teachers are present. 100 of 226 students normally enrolled are present.
4. One asilo with 100 students and one private church school, elementary, with 130 pupils is now in operation. Application has been made by another asilo for permission to open.

Plans for December

1. A Provveditore agli Studi for Forlì Province will be appointed within the next few days.
2. After this appointment is made, schools in the southern part of the province will be reopened with permission of 8th Army A.M.C.
3. Textbooks and quaderni should be "imported" at an early date.
4. In the elementary schools 17 of the 24 "di ruolo" teachers are present. The director of schools reports that almost all of 1164 pupils attending last year have returned to the city. As soon as a provveditore agli studi is appointed, schools will open here.



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To: Regional Commissioner

Office Personnel

1. During the month of October, Pfc. Carrolo was assigned as clerk in the Education Division.

2. To effectively organize and administer the schools and universities of Emilia Region the following staff would appear to be necessary:

- a. 1 Regional Education Officer *
- b. 1 Deputy Regional Education Officer
- c. 1 Clerk (Qualified Man or Other Work)
- d. 1 Administrative Assistant (Civilian)
- e. 2 Drivers (Civilian)
- f. 2 Drivers (Civilian)

* May be assigned to the Division.

The lack of Provincial Education Officers, with the consequent increase in details which must be handled at the regional level necessitates a staff of this size.

Directives

1. Directives No. 1 to 7 were revised in both English and Italian and distributed to Provincial Commissioners, Special Divisions and the Allied Commission. These include the following:

- a. No. 1 - To the Provincial Commissioner
- b. No. 2 - Provincial Staff Officer for Education
- c. No. 3 - To the Prefect and Sindaco
- d. No. 4 - To the Provincial Staff Officer
- e. No. 5 - To Inspectors, Directors and Principals
- f. No. 6 - To Rectors of Universities
- g. No. 7 - To Booksellers and Publishers

2. Before these revisions were made discussions were held with other divisions concerned such as the Legal Division, Economic and Supply Division, Finance Division, and Public Safety Division. Copies were also forwarded to the Executive Administration for suggestions and approval.

Preparation of Forms

1. Forms for the suspension, dismissal and re-direction of school par-

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ounsel were prepared and copies forwarded to Provincial Commissioners for their information.

2. Forms for the set of lunch program were prepared and forwarded to Provincial Commissioners for their information.

3. Forms for the survey of window glass needs were prepared and forwarded to Provincial Commissioners for their information.

4. Type letters of dismissal and appeal from of Provincial staff and factors of Universities were prepared.

5. At the present time forms are being prepared to gather information as to a) after occupation as possible concerning the condition and use of buildings, the teaching staff and school enrollment.

Organization Plans

1. During the month visits were made to all Provincial Commissioners at which time plans for the opening of schools and universities, the proposed directives and the policies to be pursued were discussed. At these conferences a provincial staff officer for each province for education was selected as follows:

North Province	- Major W. R. Busley
Western Province	- Captain Jasper Gore
Central Province	- Captain Arthur Carter
Eastern Province	- Lt. Col. F. A. Yee
London Province	- Major E. G. Gaudin
British Columbia Province	- Lt. Col. J. Del Medico
Alberta Province	- (not specified)
Manitoba Province	- Major W. J. McCallum

2. A visit was made to near headquarters, AGO, 8th Army and plans for opening schools in territory occupied by 8th Army discussed with Major Commander Beer (Group Captain command at III at the time). Major Beer granted permission to begin the administrative organization of the school system as soon as provincial officers were occupied and agreed to adapt by covering latter the education directives for Region IX. A copy of these has been forwarded to him for his purpose. He requested that no schools be opened for the present because of the need of school buildings for housing troops.

3. Visits were made at the office of Major Beer on two or three occasions and assurance given that the National Education Officer might act as Education Officer for the 8th Army AGO at the appropriate time.

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4. Two days were spent with the Education Subcommittee in some discussing revisions to be made in directives, forms which had been prepared for the region, the printing and revision of textbooks and programs of study and the personnel for administrative positions suggested by the Minister of Education. While no definite plans were made, a request for an additional education officer for the region, when the territory is occupied, was made.

Instructional Materials

1. Programs of study for elementary and secondary schools in each of the provinces are now available. However, these have been revised by the Minister of Education and arrangements have been made for the reprinting of these revisions in some. They should reach this headquarters within the next few days.

2. Plans have been made for the printing of textbooks for the region in the city of Havana in cooperation with Region 2. A consortium of three publishers, including the National Publishing Co., has been formed and printed 40% of the text books is under way. Permission to use other elementary textbooks which do not contain fascist materials which may be found in the region has been obtained.

Operation of Schools

1. At the present time the only schools in operation are the small schools and kindergartens which have been opened by the Provincial Commissioner. These will provide for the care and feeding of small children during this emergency period.

2. Soon after the occupation of Porto and Havana it should be possible to reorganize the administrative system in these two provinces and open the schools upon permission of the 6th Army HQ.

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1. Temporary Duty, City of Florence

During the period of 28 August 1944 and 1 September 1944, the Education Officer was attached for temporary duty to the City of Florence team under the direction of 5th Army A.M.C. While serving in this capacity the following was accomplished:

- a. Prof. Salamandri was appointed Pro-Rettore of the University of Florence to replace the temporary appointee of the National Committee of Liberation.
- b. Directives for the reopening and functioning of the university were prepared and issued to the Pro-Rettore.
- c. The University was formally opened with appropriate ceremonies on 15 September 1944.
- d. School records were distributed to all members of the faculty and administrative staffs. An Examination Committee was appointed and the screening of faculty and administrative staffs begun.
- e. A survey of buildings was made and in one or two cases recovered the use of University classes.
- f. Arrangements were made for the return of faculty members who were absent from the city.
- g. An inspection of the Pro-Rettore's office was made and found to be in good condition. An adequate staff was available for efficient administration.
- h. The Ugento Provveditore agli Studi, appointed by the National Committee of Liberation, was continued in office for the present.
- i. Directives for the defacilitation of personnel and the reopening of the schools were prepared and issued to the Provveditore agli Studi.
- j. A survey of all school buildings in the city revealed that many of them were occupied by troops and refugees. Arrangements were made with the Refugee Division for the removal of refugees from 30 buildings to make them available for school purposes.
- k. An order was issued for reopening elementary and secondary schools on 2 October 1944.

1. Schede personnel were distributed to all administrative personnel and instructions given to the Provveditore agli Studi for beginning the program of declassification.

2. Arrangements were made for the publishing of textbooks and electric power secured for this purpose.

3. Many teachers and administrators were interviewed concerning their present status, & plan to travel to other provinces, etc.

4. Preparation for Region IX

Materials were prepared for the use of this division in Region IX. Maps of provinces and the region were made ready, a file for each activity in each province and for the region as a whole was made, information was gathered about the schools and universities in each province, school enrollments and the number of textbooks needed were tabulated for each province, communes in each province were listed, and office supplies requisitioned.

5. Plans and Policies

A statement of the Plans and Policies of the Education Division was prepared and submitted to the Regional Commissioner on 1 September 1944. Such plans and policies were discussed under the following divisions:

- a. Purposes
- b. Provveditore agli Studi
- c. Administrative Personnel
- d. Vetting Personnel
- e. Organization of Schools
- f. Textbooks and Supplies
- g. Universities
- h. Finance
- i. School Lunch Program
- j. C. I. L.

6. Directives

For the operation of schools in the region, directives were prepared in both English and Italian and a sufficient number of copies was prepared. These were considered after conferences were held with the Education Sub-commission, the Finance Sub-commission, and the Property Control Sub-commission as well as conferences with regional officers of Finance, Property Control, Commerce and Supply and Public Safety. As soon as minor corrections are made and approval of the Regional Finance Officer is received, these will be ready for distribution to the Provincial Commissioners. Following is a list of the directives which have been prepared:

- a. To the Provincial Commissioner
- b. To the Provincial Officer appointed for Education Affairs
- c. To the Inspector and Director
- d. To the Provveditore agli Studi
- e. To Inspectors, Directors and Presidents of Schools

2. To Pro-Rectors of Universities

3. To Bookshellers and Publishers

4. Administrative Personnel

From the Minister of Education in Rome a list of possible candidates for important school posts in the region was obtained. From this list of suggestions two or three candidates have been indicated for each pro-rector, pro-vice pro-rector and president of secondary schools in each province. In addition other suggestions have been obtained from the provincial section and from other sources. The address and educational experience for each of these candidates is given.

5. Vetting Personnel

For the vetting of personnel, procedures have been discussed and approved by the Regional Public Safety Officer. Additional information which will be needed for use in screening officials under the recent Italian decrees approved by the Allied Commission has been typed on copies of school personnel file cards are also ready for keeping records of persons screened for the Regional Education Office, the pro-vice pro-rector and the Education Subcommission.

7. Textbooks and Supplies

Arrangements were made with the Valicchi Printing Company in Florence for the printing of textbooks for elementary grades and electric power obtained for this purpose. Since that time, the Minister of Education has asked, and the Education Subcommission, A.C. has given approval, for the use of any textbooks which might be found available in the region which do not contain Fascist materials. Arrangements were also made in Rome for the shipment of 10,000 quaderni (copybooks) to the region which will help to supplement such materials which may be found in the region.

8. Program of Study

Copies of programs of studies for elementary and secondary schools for distribution in the region were obtained from the Education Subcommission. These programs are now being revised by the Minister of Education and should be available within a few weeks.

9. Other Preparations

Letters for the suspension of personnel, for the school lands, and plans and for various other purposes have been prepared and are ready for mimeographing.

10. Visits to Provincial Commissioners

The Education Officer is planning to visit each of the provincial Commissioners during the week of 2 October 1944 to discuss the following:

- a. Directives to be issued
- b. Appointment of staff officer to be in charge of education
- c. Reopening of schools.

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