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SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION OFFICER FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH 1945

TO: S.C.A.O., A.M.C. Fifth ARMY

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- a. This office continues to be in weekly contact with each Provveditore agli Studi of the Region.
- b. The Director of the Education Sub-Commission visited each Province in the Region with the Regional Education Officer during the week of 19-24 March. Many Schools were visited and conferences were held with the Provveditori agli Studi and with the Rectors of the Universities.
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3. PROGRESS IN DEFACTION.

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d. There is some friction between the Provveditori and the Provincial Delegates for Epuration. Most of it is due to a lack

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of understanding as to their responsibilities. This also should end with the functioning of the Committee of Judgment.

4. BUILDINGS, REQUISITIONING, DEREGISTRATION & OCCUPANCY.

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

5. BUILDING REPAIRS AND NEEDS.

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

6. TEXT-BOOKS

a. The subject of text-books and printing has been given in detail in a special report to the Education Sub-Commission. To-date we have printed 352,727 elementary text-books. 304,902 have already been distributed throughout the Region.

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

c. One ton of binding thread has been received.

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

7. SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

a. Following reports from the Provveditori that note-books are becoming very difficult to find and only at black market prices this office has made arrangements to release sufficient paper to print 500,000 note-books to be sold at L.5 each.

b. The supplies of pens, pen points, pencils, etc, sent from America have been distributed to each Provveditorato. The numbers sent to this Region are too small for a general distribution but is distributed wisely by the Provveditori, they can help in some particularly bad situations.

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c. The lack of school furniture, such as benches which were destroyed by bombing or used as firewood is now felt in many communes.

8. SCHOOL LUNCHEES.

During the month of March this office has approved applications for school lunches for 219,370 pupils in 44 Communes. This brings the total to date to 87,935 children in 134 Communes.

9. YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

a. The Catholic Scouts of FLORENCE are planning a jamboree on 29 April.

b. The formation of new clubs and the reorganization of old ones continue in the schools.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. This office secured the use of 5 military trucks for 3 days to return the world famous botanical collection of the FLORENCE University from Cafaggiolo where it was placed in 1940 for protection against air raids.

b. Descriptions of some of the schools visited this month have been sent to the Education Sub-Commission as a supplementary report.

11. PERSONNEL.

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