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PRINTING OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEXT-BOOKS year 1944/45

PALERMO: 290.000 - total number of books estimated to be printed
and distributed this year.

NAPLES: 549.913 - distributed as up to the 28.4.45

R O M E: 629.017 - printed as up to the 10.5.45
623.167 - distributed as up to the 10.5.45

FLORENCE: 246.127 - STATE BOOKS printed as up to the 11.5.45

239.402 - " " distributed " " " "

233.900 - NON STATE BOOKS printed " " " "

181.800 - " " " distributed " " "

TOTAL BOOKS PRINTED 1.948.957

R O M E
12.5.45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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Tel. 478-326

SUBJECT: Pagelle for Northern Italy.

7 April 1945

TO: Major A.A. Vesselo
Education Subcommittee

I understand from the Director that report cards for all children living in the North of Italy are printed and ready at the Poligrafico dello Stato. Before I attempt to obtain transport for shifting this material, I shall be grateful if you will be kind enough to let me have an estimate of the number of children in the North, Region by Region, so that we may know how many cards - I believe they are known as Pagelle - are likely to be required.

For the Director of Education:

P. M. Magnus

Sir P.M. Magnus, BT.,
Major.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
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Tel. 478-326

TO: U N R R A - Italian Mission
(Attention of Mr.S.M.Keeny)

31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Blue cover paper.

In reply to your letter of 30 March Ref.S/88,
I am quite agreeable to selling 41 tons of blue
cover paper which is here by the Sub Commission in
Florence, subject to your offering a suitable price
in lire.

I enclose a further sample of the paper which
I hope will suffice to any printing tests to which
you propose to subject it.

For the Director of Education:

Sir P.M.Magnus, BT.,
Major.

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UNRRA - Italian Mission

Ref. S/38

30 March 1945

TO : Education Subcommittee, Hq. A.C.

FROM: *S.M. Keeny*
S.M. Keeny.

SUBJECT: Purchase of blue cover paper.

Reference your letter of 7 March and further to conversation Magnus/
Fearnside on 29 March.

UNRRA is prepared to purchase from the Education Subcommittee, A.C. the
41 tons (383700 sheets) of blue cover paper now owned by A.C. in Florence,
subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) A.C. accepting payment from UNRRA in lire.
- (b) A suitable price being decided upon.
- (c) A further sample of the paper being made available to UNRRA in Rome
so that printing tests may be made.

This paper is to be used as record cards by the Italian Government as
the UNRRA feeding program starts in Italy. We are therefore most anxious
to obtain the paper as soon as possible and should be grateful for your reply
as to the price, and for a further sample, as soon as possible.

The cooperation of Colonel Washbourne and Major Sir Philip Magnus in this
matter is much appreciated.

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cc: Keeny.
Hodgetts.
Barnister.
Maj. Doe.
Registry (2)
Hachman.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Memo to Major Magnus :

30 March, 1945

See letter M. 44

An estimate of minimum needs for printing secondary school text books in June, July, and August for the school year 1945-46 for all Italy is 2000 tons of flat offset paper. Estimate is based on one-fifth of normal annual requirements, prepared by president of the Consorzio of Publishers in Rome from data on Italian Government apportionment of paper among publishers in 1941 (?).

For university text books and other books of an educational nature to be published in June, July, and August 1945, the Education Subcommittee estimates a requirement of 500 tons of flat offset paper.

Ink and other requirements for the above should be in proportion to the estimates for elementary school text books.

Complete statement of requirements with justification should be given to the Economic Section at earliest possible moment and followed through.

Carleton W. Washburne

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
Lt. Colonel, AUS
Director of Education.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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Tel. 478-326

SUBJECT: Material Supplies

31 March 1945

TO: *Returned by*
Economic Section
Requisition Division.

and sent to Industry S/C
Room 56 floor 5

1. The attached list shows the estimated quantities of materials which will be required to meet elementary school needs for the whole of Italy during 1945/46. Paragraph 1, of the memorandum shows the information on which this demand is based. The matter has been discussed and agreed with the Italian Ministry of Public Instruction.

2. Printing should begin not later than the month of June. Existing supplies of materials are approaching exhaustion.

3. To meet the minimum needs of secondary schools for the whole of Italy during 1945/46, an additional 2,000 tons of flat offset paper will be required. The work of printing these books should be begun in the month of June.

4. An additional 500 tons of flat offset paper is required for printing University text-books and other books of an educational character. The work of printing these books should be begun in the month of June.

5. Ink: black offset and coloured, together with cover paper, thread and glue will be required on the same proportionate scale for secondary and University text-books as that laid down in the memorandum attached for elementary school books.

6. Will you kindly state whether or not supplies on the scale outlined above are scheduled to be available in adequate quantities beginning during the month of June, under the provision of your Programme of Essential Italian Imports dated 26 March. A copy of this programme was given to this Sub Commission on request on the 30 March, but it had not previously been seen by this Sub Commission nor was it known that such a programme was in course of preparation.

For the Director of Education.

Sir P.M. Magnus, BT.,
Major.

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PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEXT-BOOKS * 1944

	¹ PALERMO			² ROME			³ NAPLES			FLO
	Printed	Distrib.	process of print.	PRINTED	DISTRIB.	PROCESS OF PRINT.	Printed	Distrib.	Process of Print.	PRINT
I Reader	42.006	42.006	---	57.120	57.120	43.000	90.481	83.681	50.062	---
II Reader	25.000	25.000	15.000	70.000	70.000	10.000	16.789	16.789	127.000	49
(II Arithmet.)										
III Reader	35.000	35.000	15.000	69.610	69.610	8.000	73.601	73.601	300	3
III Sussidiar.	20.000	20.000	15.000	69.546	69.546	3.000	36.689	36.689	15.311	3
(III Arithm.)										
IV Reader	28.000	26.000	---	49.611	49.611	---	46.419	44.419	3.731	2
IV Arithmetic	8.000	8.000	5.000	49.930	44.430	---	17.832	17.832	22.168	2
IV Religion	20.000	20.000	5.000	48.000	38.550	---	35.792	29.792	14.208	2
V Reader	23.000	23.000	---	49.892	49.092	---	56.991	51.890	---	---
V Arithmetic	12.000	10.500	---	50.008	49.448	---	24.913	24.913	---	---
V Religion	14.000	14.000	---	49.980	48.780	---	24.796	22.566	---	---
IV/V Spelling										
TOTALS	227.006	223.506	55.000	563.697	546.187	64.000	424.303	402.172	232.780	2

TOTAL printed 1.567.733
 TOTAL distributed 1.466.367
 TOTAL in process
 of printing 378.180

NOTES: 1. Palermo figures show the total number of books wh
 2. Rome until 20.3.45
 3. Naples until 20.3.45
 4. Florence State Books: none in process of printing
 5. Florence Non State Books in process of printing

AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEXT-BOOKS * 1944/45 *

² R O M E			³ N A P L E S			⁴ F L O R E N C E State Bk.		⁵ F L O R E N C E Non State Books		
PRINTED DISTRIB.		PROCESS OF PRINT.	Printed Distrib.		Process of Print.	PRINTED DISTRIB.		Printed Distrib.	process of Print.	
57.120	57.120	43.000	90.481	83.681	50.062	---	---	31.300	31.300	---
70.000	70.000	10.000	16.789	16.789	127.000	49.711	44.581	14.500	11.000	11.000
								4050	50	---
69.610	69.610	8.000	73.601	73.601	300	30.045	30.045	17.950	3.950	---
69.546	69.546	3.000	36.689	36.689	15.311	37.011	34.831	2.900	200	---
								1.150	1.150	---
49.611	49.611	---	46.419	44.419	3.731	24.849	24.849	19.000	8.800	7.700
49.930	44.430	---	17.832	17.832	22.168	28.142	26.852	1.300	900	---
48.000	38.550	---	35.792	29.792	14.208	27.531	26.731	---	---	---
49.892	49.092	---	56.991	51.890	---	15.175	14.850	10.400	7.100	7.700
50.008	49.448	---	24.913	24.913	---	16.814	16.814	1.450	1.450	---
49.980	48.780	---	24.796	22.566	---	16.849	16.849	---	---	---
								2.600	2.600	---
563.697	546.187	64.000	424.303	402.172	232.780	246.127	236.402	106.600	58.100	26.400

- NOTES: 1. Palermo figures show the total number of books which are expected to be printed by the 31 March
 2. Rome until 20.3.45
 3. Naples until 20.3.45
 4. Florence State Books: none in process of printing.
 5. Florence Non State Books in process of printing will not be ready until the beginning of April.

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Education Sub Commission
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Tel. 478-326

TO: Lt.Col. C.W.Washburne
Director of Education

26th March 1945

1. My report on the material situation is being typed on a separate sheet.
2. Samples of paper on hand are in my cupboard.
3. I visited Vallecchi and other Rome printers. They are now making satisfactory progress.
4. My report on books in process of printing together with a report on books printed and distributed, subsequently to the figures shown on the latest Sub Commission report, is being prepared separately.
5. The report on the material situation in Naples and Palermo is being prepared separately.
6. The pamphlet on elementary school text-books black-listed and expurgated has gone forward for printing.
7. I have found certain sources for supply of glass and have indented formally for 24,000 sq. metres for Rome Region and 36,000 sq. metres for Toscana Region.

Sir P.M.Magnus, BT.,
Major.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

9A/1.0.

Tel. 478-326

SUBJECT: Paper Supplies

22nd March 1945

TO: Civil Affairs Section

PAPER SUPPLIES

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In reply to 3/1B/CA dated 15 March, arrangements made for handling supplies of paper coming from the U.S. and other sources are as follows:

1. The Sub Commission has agreed its distribution programme with the Ministry of Public Instruction (see pp. 2 & 3 of Appendix "A" attached). This agreement was made in accordance with the terms para.3 of Ex. Mem. No.2, dated 26 Feb.45. HOB
2. In accordance with the terms of this Memorandum I.C.E. will receive, handle, and account for all imported supplies of educational material. The Sub-Commission has arranged to deal through the Minister's representative in Rome (Prof. Giordani) with the representatives in the printing and distribution centres at Palermo, Naples, Rome & Florence. Major Sir P.M. Magnus is in daily contact with Prof. Giordani, and is ready at any time to visit any or all the printing and distribution centres in order to settle on the spot any problems and difficulties which arise.
3. Estimated future imports are shown at Appendix "A" attached. A formal requisition application in respect of all materials required will be made by the Director on his return.
4. A good understanding has been established by personal contact between the responsible Allied officers of this Sub Commission and the Minister's representatives in the four existing printing centres. At this stage the existence of such understanding is a valuable asset. In order that the books when they are printed should be distributed so as to reach the hands of the children in the largest possible numbers and the shortest possible time, it will probably be necessary that the Minister's representatives in Palermo, Naples, Florence and Rome shall be exhorted, and encouraged by occasional visits from an officer of the Commission, to push ahead with their work with real drive and enthusiasm. The Ministry has been asked to provide technical assistants, fortified with detailed knowledge of the printing and publishing trades, to reinforce the work of its representatives in Palermo and Florence.

For the Director of Education:

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Sir P.M. Magnus, BT.,
Major. 40

Appendix "A"

QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

12 March 1945

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PROBABLE REQUIREMENTS OF MATERIALS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TEXT BOOKS FOR THE WHOLE OF ITALY, YEAR 1945/46

- I. The following figures show the number of children, as per Ministry's statistics, attending all elementary schools in Italy: liberated and yet to be liberated:

Class	Number of children
I	1,400,000
II	1,150,000
III	1,100,000
IV	900,000
V	650,000
Total	5,200,000

2. The following figures show the total number of books required for the above children:

Class	Number of books for each child	Total
I	1	1,060,000
II	1	865,000
III	2	1,650,000
IV	4	2,700,000
V	4	1,950,000
IV & V	2	4,325,000
Total		10,600,000

3. The approximate totals of materials needed for the printing of the aforesaid 10,600,000 books are as follows:

a) PRINTING PAPER: (105,000 reams of the 70 x 100 size sheet).
Approximate weight of paper 45 Kg. per ream
equal to a total of: 2,650 tons approx.

b) COVER PAPER: (26,500 reams of the 70 x 100 size sheet).
Approximate weight of each ream 50.50 equal
to a total of: 135 tons approx.

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- c) BLACK INK: For books which must be printed in black ink:
26.000 Kg. approx.
- d) OFFSET BLACK INK: For two or more coloured books and covers:
11.000 Kg. approx.
- e) COLOURED INKS: For two or more coloured books and covers
- | | |
|--------|--------------------|
| blue | 13.500 Kg. approx. |
| yellow | 13.500 " " |
| red | 13.500 " " |
- f) BINDING THREAD: The quantity needed will be:
7.200.000 meters approx.
- g) GLUE: reckoning an average of 4 grams per volume:
44.500 Kg. approx.

PROPORTIONAL QUANTITIES OF THE ABOVE MATERIALS NEEDED
IN EACH REGION

1.	PALERMO (I Region)	5% of general total	
	Printing paper	213 tons	
	Cover paper	10,8 tons	
	Black ink	2.080 Kg.	
	Offset black ink	880 "	
	Coloured inks (each colour)	1.080 "	
	Thread	576.000 meters	
	Glue	3.400 Kg.	
2.	NAPLES (II, III, VI and VII Regions)	28% of general total	
	Printing paper	530 tons	
	Cover paper	27 "	
	Black ink	5.400 Kg.	
	Offset black ink	2.200 "	
	Coloured inks (each colour)	2.700 "	
	Thread	1.440.000 meters	
	Glue	8.500 Kg.	
3.	ROME (IV and V Regions)	16% of general total	
	Printing paper	424 tons	
	Cover paper	21,6 tons	
	Black ink	4.160 Kg.	2383
	Offset black ink	1.760 "	
	Coloured ink (each colour)	2.160 "	
	Thread	1.152.000 meters	
	Glue	6.800 Kg.	

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4. FLORENCE (VIII and IX Regions)

16% of general total

quantities are exactly the same as
fixed for Rome.

5. TURIN (X Region)

10% of general total

Printing paper	265	tons
Cover paper	13,5	"
Black ink	2.600	Kg.
Offset black ink	1.100	"
Coloured ink (per each colour)	1.350	"
Thread	720.000	meters
Glue	4.250	Kg.

6. MILANO (XI Region)

14% of general total

Printing paper	371	tons
Cover paper	18,9	"
Black ink	3.640	Kg.
Offset black ink	1.540	"
Coloured ink (each colour)	1.890	"
Thread	1.008.000	meters
Glue	5.930	Kg.

7. VENICE (XII Region)

16% of general total

quantities are exactly the same as
fixed for Rome and Florence.

P.D. Pagnus

Sir P.D. Pagnus, RT.,
Major

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

9A/3.0.

Tel. 478-326

TO: ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
(Through Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section)

17th March 1945

With reference to the directive entitled "Supply Security" which was forwarded under cover of your 400.73 (24 Feb.45) dated 3rd March 1945, it is pointed out:

1. That all educational supplies in Allied warehouses are the responsibility of the Port & Warehouse Section of the Transportation S/C.
2. That every practicable effort is made and will continue to be made to safeguard supplies between the time when they are removed from the Allied Warehouses and the time when delivery is effected to the consignee.

P.D.

Sir P.M. Magnus, BT.,
Major

Cy to: Reg. Commissioner, Sicily Region (attention of Reg. Education Officer)
Reg. Commissioner, Rome Region (" " " ")
Reg. Commissioner, Toscana Region (" " " ")
Prof. Roberto Giordani - Rome -
Prof. R. Giordani for Prof. Albin - Naples -

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
 ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
 P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

15th. March 1945

SUBJECT : Paper Samples

TO : Maj. MAGNUS
 A.C. Education S.C.

1. Attached herewith paper Samples suitable for your needs.

2. These stocks are available in the following quantities:

58 x 92cms.	18 Kgs a ream,	223 Reams.
59 x 44 "	9 "	" 510 "
46 x 58 "	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	" 10 "
64 x 88 "	18 "	" 80 "
43 x 61 "	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	" 10 "
43 x 61 "	9 "	" 10 "
43 x 61 "	8 "	" 13 "
70 x 100"	22 "	" 50 "

John V. Clarke
 JOHN V. CLARKE
 1st.Lt. Inf.

Printing and Supplies Officer

Copy to Maj. JORDAN PISCOP

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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SUBJECT: Paper for quaderni

Tel. 478-326

TO: Regional Education Officer
Emilia Region

16th March 1945

In reply to your letters of 6th and 8th March (Ref. RIX/ED/100.53) samples are enclosed of P.W.B. paper which is in flat form and can be exchanged with P.W.B. against Allied roll paper which is held in Florence.

As soon as these samples are approved by you, and an indication is given of the quantity which you require, an exchange can be effected with P.W.B.

It will be necessary for transport to be provided to fetch the P.W.B. paper from Rome to wherever you require it.

Sir P.M. Magnus, RT.,
Major

Cy to: Regional Education Officer,
Tuscany Region.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FLORENCE

7 Mar 45

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SUBJECT : Blue Offset Paper.

TO : Hq., AC - Education Subcommittee.

1. Repeating information given to day by telephone:
- a. All Blue Offset Paper is in sheet.
 - b. Size of each sheet - 70 x 100 cm.
 - c. Weight of the Blue Offset Paper is - 140 grams each square meter and therefore 0,216 pounds each sheet, or about 100 grams each sheet.
 - d. Total amount of Blue Offset Paper is 41,44 tons equal to about 383,600 sheets.

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Rep. Livio
 for Sam V. NOE about
 Capt. Spec. Res.
 REO TOSCANA Region

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Rep. H. L. L.
for Sam V. NOE about
Capt. Spec. Res.
RZO TOSGNA Region

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Headquarters Emilia Region
Allied Military Government
APO 394

WEP/lm

March 8, 1945

Reference: RIX/ED/100.53

Subject : Release of paper for quaderni.

To : Education Subcommittee, A.C.
(Attention: Major C.W.Washburne, Director)

1. For the province of Ravenna we have just received three bids for the preparation of quaderni of 4.00, 4.20 and 5.35 lire each, respectively.
2. The above prices are to include the cost of paper at 3.00 lire per quaderno but do not include the cost of transportation of the paper from Florence to Ravenna, nor the cost of electric power.
3. It is estimated that we will need 50,000 quaderni to meet the needs in this province, or a total of 100 reams of paper.
4. Will you kindly issue the order for the release of the paper at Florence and inform us when and where it may be obtained there.
5. The above is in addition to the request for paper for 100,000 quaderni for the Province of Forli about which we wrote you a few days ago.

Willis E. Pratt
Willis E. Pratt
Captain A.U.S.
Regional
Education Officer

Distribution:
Message Center
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Headquarters Emilia Region
Allied Military Government
APO 394

WEP/lm

March 6, 1945

Reference: RIX/ED/100.53

Subject : Memorandum

To : Education Subcommittee, A.C.
(Attention: Major C.W. Washburne)

1. Reference your ED/7H/1.0/AG of 23 February, I have sent word to Prof. Cimatti that the Minister of Education requests his return to Rome as soon as possible.

2. I have investigated the possibilities of printing quaderni here and believe that electric power will be provided at some time in the near future for their preparation. A "typographia" at Rimini has agreed to print quaderni at a cost of 5 1/2 lire each provided the cost of the paper does not exceed 3 lire. To this must be added the cost of the transportation by the "auto trasporti" but this will probably not exceed one lire per copy.

3. Present estimates indicate that we will need sufficient paper for 100,000 at the present time. This will mean 200 reams or approximately 10,000 kili. Will you kindly arrange for unblocking this paper to us in Florence and notify me what procedures will be necessary to follow to have it made available to us.

4. Yesterday I had an interesting trip to some of the schools in this area with Brigadier Upjohn and he seemed to be quite satisfied with the present situation. I sent you a copy of the itinerary yesterday.

5. I trust that it will soon be possible to ship some of the books for Class I as we need them urgently

Willis E. Pratt
Willis E. Pratt
Captain A.U.S.
Regional
Education Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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TO : Major Carleton W. Washburne
Director of Education.

28 February 1945

I visited Palermo and Naples between 20 and 27 February 1945 to ascertain the position in regard to the production and distribution of elementary school text-books in those centres.

1. PALERMO.

299,000 elementary school text-books are required for the current year. The material available will be sufficient to produce them all, but will not leave anything appreciable to be placed towards next year's needs. Some 86,000 books remain to be printed and Lieutenant De Bellis and Prof. La Barbera undertook that these should be ready by 25 November. I think distribution should be finished by 30 November.

This position is not particularly satisfactory, except by comparison with Naples. Production is in the hands of three firms, all of which need constant prodding and watching. I visited them all and impressed on them the need for haste. Bellotti, competent and quite agreeable rogue, is the most substantial publisher. I.R.E.S. is not very competent, and Santi Ando is rather more than normally unreliable. He needs to be driven.

Bellotti's work should be finished by 20 November, I.R.E.S. by 25 November, and Santi Ando by 10 November. Lieutenant De Bellis possesses drive and enthusiasm, and Prof. La Barbera is not without initiative. He will require a technical assistant after Lieutenant De Bellis leaves. I asked him to take this matter up with Prof. Giordani, and I said I would do the same from this end.

Lieutenant De Bellis borrowed newsprint from F.W.B. with which 138,000 elementary school books were printed. This F.W.B. paper was destined for secondary schools and I arranged that it should be repaid. I will have 30 tons of paper sent from Naples, and a small balance will then be left over towards next year's needs. Lieut. De Bellis will let Prof. Giordani and the Subcommittee have an exact statement of what is left over as soon as the printing is finished. Prof. La Barbera estimated next year's needs to be roughly the same as for the current year. He promised to let Prof. Giordani and the Subcommittee have a precise estimate within a fortnight.

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Seven tons of paper have been used to print 140,000 note-books. A satisfactory job has been made of this.

I formed the impression that Lieut. De Bellis and Prof. La Barbera were in control of the situation.

2. NAPLES.

900,000 books are needed and 238,655 have been printed. Some 661,345 books remain to be printed and at this late period of the school year the situation can only be regarded as deplorable. Factors which have contributed to this situation are, in my opinion, in order of importance :

1. Lack of initiative and drive. I established friendly personal relations with Major Murphy, who works under the great disadvantage of possessing no transport of his own. He lacks interest in the detailed work of producing and distributing elementary school text-books.

2. Lack of transport on the part of the Italian company responsible for moving the Allied material from Warehouse 676 to the printers and cutters. I was told that such transport as is available frequently breaks down, but I was unable to verify this.

3. All the paper has to be cut by one firm, Scarpati, and this produces a bottle neck. P.B.S. also employ Scarpati for cutting paper of theirs.

4. P.B.S. use all our three printers for work of their own and this delays our printing. Dr. Albin has recently found a fourth printer at Portici

5. The publisher - Dante Alighieri - has hitherto preferred, very naturally, to warehouse all his materials, free of charge, in Warehouse 676. There would, perhaps, be no great harm in this if the transport arrangements worked smoothly and efficiently, but as they do NOT, a further delay is imposed. The publisher has now been persuaded to warehouse some of our material on his own premises.

6. Inadequate binding facilities impose, at times, a further bottle neck.

None of these difficulties is insuperable, and I was favorably impressed by the character and personality of Dr. Albin. I explored Warehouse 674 at Portici and found some discrepancies between our records of material which should be there consigned to this Subcommittee and the material which I actually saw. These discrepancies Albin promised to resolve by personal investigation on the spot. He has a pass to enter the warehouse whenever he chooses.

Prof. Albin is preparing "with scrupulous accuracy" - to use his own words -

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an account of all materials received and used. He is informed by a real spirit of disinterested enthusiasm for education, and we are fortunate, in my opinion, to be able to call upon the services of someone of his technical qualifications and capacity.

I do not think he has any need of an assistant when Major Murphy leaves.

I found that demands for elementary school books are increasing, so that we may have to revise our original estimate of 900,000. On the other hand Major Murphy leans to the view that, as schools have had to employ makeshift arrangements and secure what books they can during the current year, and as, further, the question of books for the new school year raises outside issues, we may find, before we complete the printing of all our 900,000 books, that there is a cessation of demand for them.

Major Murphy could hold out no hope that the full number of 900,000 would be printed and distributed before the middle of April.

I append Dr. Albin's estimate of next year's material requirements.

SIR P.M. MAGNUS, BART.
Major.

SOUTHERN ZONE (Naples)

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ESTIMATE FOR TEXT BOOK PRINTING FOR THE YEAR 1945/46

TEXT	No. of copies	Reams of paper 7 Oxico	Reams of cover paper	Black ink, Kgs.	Colored ink Kg.	Glue Kg.	Thread Kg.
SILLABARIO	250,000	2060		350	1050	250	125
READER II	180,000	2387		408	408	180	90
READER III	150,000	1453		285		150	75
SUBSIDIARY III	150,000	1989		390		150	75
READER IV	120,000	1224		240		120	60
RELIGION IV	100,000	1122		220		100	50
ARITHMETIC IV	100,000	1530		300		100	50
READER V	90,000	1607		315		90	45
RELIGION V	80,000	857		168		80	40
ARITHMETIC V	80,000	1163		228		80	40
TOTALS	1,300,000	15,392	379	2904	1458	1300	650

NOTE : The cover paper has been calculated for the total number of volumes (1 sheet makes 7 covers).

Colored ink : 350 Kg. for each color (yellow, blue, red) for the Sillabario
408 Kg. red for Reader II.

Naples, 26 February 1945.

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TO: UNRRA, Italian Mission
attention of Mr. Gentile
Receptionist

Telephone 478.326

7th March 1945

Confirming our telephone conversation of today,
Mr. Gentile - Major Sir Philip M. Magnus speaking, the cover
paper in Florence which is available for your use is ware-
housed in the Marzocco and Le Monnier publishing premises.

The paper is packed in sheets, each sheet measur-
ing some 70 cm x 100 cm and weighing approximately 100
grs.

A square meter weight approximately 140 grms.
There are approximately 148 cases containing 383,700 sheets,
weighing in all some 41 tons.

I hope this gives the information you require.

P. M. Magnus
Sir Philip M. Magnus
Major

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File with Report on 2nd Nov
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Education Subcommittee
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20 February, 1945

TO : Director of Education.

1. Herewith "Points from Report on handing over supervision of Elementary School text books".
2. This is a modification of the Summary submitted to you on February 8th with request that it should be forwarded officially to Civil Affairs Section. I have made modifications at your suggestion, and at the points indicated in your note to me dated 14th February. I have not, however, made omissions but rather I have documented points at issue.
3. It would be appreciated if you would forward this to Civil Affairs Section.

H.R. Beard
H.R. BEARD
Captain.

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Report on handing over supervision
of Elementary School text books.

1. General. The principal publishing centres of Italy are Turin, Milan and Florence. In Southern Italy there are comparatively few publishing houses, and the initiative of such as there are was stifled, in the field of elementary school books, by the Fascist imposition of the "libro di Stato" (state book) as from the school year 1930/31 (the law covering it having been passed the previous year, 7 Jan. 1929).

Only a few favoured editors could profit from the publication of State Elementary School text books, and as this series was standardized for the whole of Italy, the editors who produced these state books in their establishments were nothing more than printers executing the orders of the "Libreria dello Stato" (State Bookshop).

The copyright of all books of the state series belongs to the State, which also provided all printing materials through the "Poligrafico dello Stato," to the favoured editors, in the measures required and not against payment.

The State series of elementary school books consists of :

Alphabet book and First Reader	for Class I
Reader	for Class II
Reader	for Class III
Books of subsidiary subjects	for Class III
Reader	for Class IV
Subsidiary containing Arith., Geogr. and Science	for Class IV
Subsidiary containing Religion, History and Grammar	for Class IV
Reader	for Class V
Subsidiary containing Arith., Geogr. and Science	for Class V
Subsidiary containing Relig., History and Grammar	for Class V

A few of the more enterprising Italian publishing houses used to print what were known as "complementary" books for children of elementary school age, but they had to be careful to keep within the bounds of the law which prevented them in any way from entering into the field of competition with the State Books, which had an absolute monopoly. In particular there is a large crop of "Sillabari", (alphabet books and readers for the 1st class ← some of the publishers are Signorelli, Rome; Sandron, Palermo and Florence; Marzocco, Florence) and various gram-

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maths, arithmetic books, etc. (published by Le Monnier and Marzocco in Florence, for example).

In July 1943 the Badoglio Government that had been set up on the fall of Mussolini proceeded to abolish the much-hated "Libro di Stato" and several new series of school books for children of elementary school age began to appear.

There was a series published by Le Monnier in Florence, another series published by SEI in Turin and another published by La Prora in Milan.

This measure did not, of course, have effect in Sicily, which was already in Allied hands, nor upon Naples and the South which were expecting "liberation" of another sort any day, and where there was neither enough enterprise nor enough equipment to produce new elementary school books to supplant the State series.

Several Sillabari were printed in Sicily at first by local permission of C.A.O.'s and other officials, but they were all of very inferior quality and mostly based on outdated editions, and though they were at first admitted by the Regional Education Officer in the absence of any other books, they have now been suppressed.

2. Sicily

In the late autumn of 1943 it was decided by AMGOT to revise, purge and then reprint the State series of Elementary school text books for use in the Sicilian schools, which were then being opened.

An Italian professor of anti-fascist sentiments was chosen to supervise the revision. Shortly after embarking upon the task, he died. Another anti-fascist professor took his place and the work proceeded. The printing of the books began as soon as editors and printing materials could be found. The former method of providing all materials cost free and regarding the local editor merely as a typographical establishment, was not, nor could it have been, followed. The editor or editors were assisted as far as possible in their research for materials, paper being provided entirely by the Allies (newsprint and locally requisitioned paper).

Three publishing houses are now engaged, independently of each other, for the printing of elementary school text books in Palermo :

<u>Bellotti</u>	Reader for III class	(price+ 24 lire)
	Subsidiary for III class	(" 27 ")
	Subs. (Arith. etc.) for IV class	(" 30 ")
	Subs. (Relig. etc.) for IV class	(" 25 ")

+ Price in Palermo. 3 lire supplement for books sold elsewhere - to cover transport and guard against excuses for black market prices. This measure was taken by local initiative but was subsequently approved by this Hq.

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<u>Ando'</u>	Reader for V class	(price 30 lire)
	Subsidiary (Arith. etc.) for V class	{ " 28,50 " }
	Subs. (Religion, etc.) for V class	{ " 27 " }
I.R.E.S.	Reader for I class ("Sillabario")	
	in black and white only	{ " 23 " }
	Reader for II class	{ " 27 " }
	Reader for IV class	{ " 30 " }

The regional Italian representative for Elementary school text books is Prof. La Barbera.

Palermo is the elementary school book printing centre for Sicily and Calabria (Compartimento).

It is proposed to print 205,000 books altogether in Sicily; so far 105,000 have been printed and 96,572 distributed (the distribution so far being for the island of Sicily only).

3. Naples. One editor, the Societa' Editrice Dante Alighieri, has the monopoly for the publication of all State Elementary school text books for Naples, Southern Italy, and Sardinia. The printing is done by three local printers (Scarpati, Morace and Montanno).

Ing. Albin is the local Italian representative for the supervision of Elementary school text book printing.

The prices of the books follow :

Reader for I Class	35 lire	Subs. (Relig. etc.)	IV Class	35 lire
(Sillabario)		Subs. (Arith. etc.)	IV Class	40 lire
Reader for II Class	35 lire	Reader for	V Class	40 lire
Reader for III Class	30 lire	Subs. (Relig. etc.)	V Class	36 lire
Subsid. for III Class	35 lire	Subs. (Arith. etc.)	V Class	40 lire
Reader for IV Class	30 lire			

These prices were based on an assumption that paper would cost 31.50 lire per Kg. (all in) instead of which much of the paper used will cost only 20 lire per Kg. plus cost of cutting into reams, portorage etc. In the case of the final cost coming to less than 31,50 per kg. for any of the paper used by the editor, it has been decided that the difference be paid in kind in the form of free books for use of the poor children. This agreement is reported in Ing. Albini's communication of 18 december 1944.

It is proposed to print 900,000 books altogether in Naples, of which so far only 165,000 have been printed and 125,000 distributed (of those distributed 17,393 have gone to Sardinia).

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4. Rome. A "Consorzio" or Association of Editors was formed in Rome for the publication of Elementary school text books and the following editors are members :

Soc.Ed. "Dante Alighieri") These three editors form a committee which represents the Society
Soc.Ed. Internazionale	
Casa Ed. Angelo Signorelli	
Casa Ed. Marzocco	
Casa Ed. G.B. Paravia & Co.	
Casa Ed. Antonio Vallardi	
Casa Ed. Remo Sandron	
Casa Ed. Attilio Vallecchi	
Casa Ed. l'Italiana	
Casa Ed. R. Carabba	
Casa Ed. Vallerini	
Casa Ed. Lattes	

(most of them, by the way, have their headquarters in other parts of Italy).

Books are printed in Rome for Lazio/Umbria and Marche/Abruzzi Regions. Prof. Giordani, who is the local Italian representative for the supervision of elementary school text book printing, is also the ministerial official coordinating the work in all printing centres on behalf of the Italian Government.

The prices of the books follow :

Reader (Sillabario)	for I class	30 lire	Subs. (Relig.etc.)	IV class	35 lire
Reader	for II class	30 "	Subs. (Arith.etc.)	IV class	32 "
Reader	for III class	30 "	Reader for	V class	35 "
Subsidiary	for III class	30 "	Subs. (Relig.etc.)	V class	35 "
Reader	for IV class	30 "	Subs. (Arith. etc.)	V class	31 "

"Plani" or matrices have been made in Rome and the books are printed from stereotypes. Plani or matrices can also be forwarded to other printing centres, and have been sent to Florence.

It is proposed to print 680,000 books altogether in Rome, of which so far 530,000 have been printed, but only 214,688 distributed.

5. Florence. Before printing of State text books began in Florence, the then Minister of Public Instruction requested the Subcommission to discontinue the publication of the revised and purged Fascist book. The Minister's letter seems somehow or other to have been mislaid, and cannot be found in the files (the undersigned officer wishes to make it clear, however, that he never had possession of the letter, but was asked to read it in the presence of the then A/Director of Education!) It was, however, the published opinion of the then Minister of Public Instruction that "the 'Libro di Stato' is not an article that one is able to clean" and "that it is a mortifying chain which destroys every principle of liberty".

After a conference of Sept. 23d 1944 a compromise was decided upon; namely to print a limited number of State books in Florence, but to lift the monopoly.

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The undersigned officer ventures, however, as his personal opinion, that the effectiveness of this measure is largely nullified by the fact that preferential prices for paper are enjoyed by printers of the State text books (20 lire per Kg. as opposed to 30 lire per kg. (see A/Director's 9A/1.0 instruction of 17/1/45 to undersigned officer) as well as the blessing and protection of the State.

A "Consortio" or association of editors has also been formed in Florence for the printing of the State books. Members are Sandron (president), Marzocco and Vallecchi. Le Monnier, who is an independent editor of elementary school text books, was invited to join the Consortio, but declined.

Prof. Ugolini is the local Italian representative for the supervision of Elementary School text books printing.

The Sillabario, or First Reader, which is the only lithographically printed work of the series, cannot be printed in Florence, 1) Because it would have been too expensive for the very limited number of books required and 2) because Florence lithographers are engaged on priority work for Vth Army.

The prices of other books follow :

Reader for II class	32 lire	Subs. (Arith. etc.) for IV class	35 lire
Reader for III class	31 "	Subs. (Relig. etc.) for IV class	30 "
Subs. for III class	35 "	Reader for V class	35 "
Reader for IV class	30 "	Subs. (Relig. etc.) for V class	35 "
		Subs. (Arith. etc.) for V class	30 "

It was proposed to print a first impression of 140,000 books altogether. These have all been completed and a second impression of 98,000 should now be ready as well. Of this total of 238,000 books 74,983 have already been distributed.

A list of books other than those of the State series which have been approved for use in Tuscany Region, is attached.

6. Materials. Charts showing the movement of materials, and a letter dealing with materials in Depot 676 Naples, are attached, and give a sufficiently all-embracing picture not to require further explanation.

7. Conclusion. Upon handing over this work, the undersigned officer feels he should recapitulate the reasons why he asked to be relieved. A temperamental aversion to the work of a "supply officer" (not unnatural in one whose civilian occupation - that of a musician - is so remote from any such matters) has, in this case, been sorely tried by the conviction - perhaps purely personal, but (he thinks) shared by many - that the books at present being printed are unsuitable. Altho' he has frequently ventured an opinion, the suitability or unsuitability of the books has always been treated as a policy matter above his head. The undersigned officer still feels that the books are still rightly regarded by many Italians as the shell and context of what was particularly subversive Fascist propaganda. (It might

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be noted here that it was known to and reported by the last Director of Education (Lt. Col. T.V. Smith) that the Education Officer in Eritrea had refused to allow some of these books to be used in the schools under his control.) To quote chapter and verse indicating where expansionist, demographic and other hostile and subversive matter is to be found and have left indelible traces in these books, I would recommend the study of Geography, in either the IV of the V Class of the Italian elementary schools. The maps on pages 154, 155, 156 and 157 (Rome edition) of the Fourth Class Subsidiary indicate a tendency to teach Geography in the manner of the Via Impero maps. The Geography section of the V Class Subsidiary not only recognized the German New Order in Czechoslovakia (A matter which has very recently been corrected), but also speaks of the 1940 Roumanian boundaries, and includes Austria as a part of Germany. And whilst it may be true that Gibraltar is geographically a part of Spain, it does not seem to be part of a geography lesson to state in the same breath that Spain claims the Rock politically too, (see p. 146, Rome edition).

The undersigned officer, whilst he agrees that some of the books are not offensive except on account of the connection they have with the old regime, and that in Sicily and Naples the continued use of epurated versions of these books was, perhaps, justified for the school year 1943-44, is glad he is relieved of this part in seeing that such books as these continue to roll from the presses, to the exclusion of others, for use in the Elementary schools.



H.R. BEARD
Captain.

Rome, 5 February 1945.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION LAZIO UMBRIA
Division Education
APO 394

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TO : Education Subcommittee 6 March 1945
(Att: Major Sir Philip Magnus)

REFEREN: R4/ED/3.4

This is to confirm our conversation of this morning,
in which you stated your willingness to allot me a part of the
paper now held by Industry and Commerce - S/C.

The quantity required is 20 tons. The purpose is the
printing of the following:

- a) A series of 10 books on English Universities.
- b) Short History of University of Perugia.
- c) 1000 copies of Sardo's English Grammar.

Many thanks.

Francis F. Gregory
Francis F. Gregory

Major Lan. Fus.
Regional Education Officer

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SUMMARY of "Report on handing over supervision of Elementary school text books".

1. General. The Fascist "Libro di Stato" (State text book) for elementary schools was imposed by a law of 7th Jan. 1929. There was an absolute monopoly for the use of this State series in the schools. The books were printed on behalf of the "Libreria dello Stato" (State Bookshop) and materials were provided as required by the "Poligrafico dello Stato". Some complementary books were printed by enterprising independent editors ("Sillabari", grammars and arithmetic books for example).

In July 1943 the Badoglio Government (which took over after the fall of Mussolini) abolished the "Libro di Stato". This did not have effect in Sicily nor upon Naples.

2. Sicily. It was decided to reprint a revised and purged version of the State series of Elementary school books for the reopening of the schools in Sicily in the autumn 1943. Three editors were chosen to publish this revised version of the series. They are at present engaged upon the 1944/45 edition. It is proposed to print 205,000 books in Sicily; 105,000 have been printed and 96,572 distributed.

3. Naples. One editor (Soc. Ed. Dante Alighieri) has a monopoly for the publication of the State series of elementary school books for Naples, Southern Italy and Sardinia.

It is proposed to print 900,000 books in Naples. 165,000 have been printed and 125,000 distributed (17,393 have gone to Sardinia).

4. Rome. A Consorzio or Association of Editors has been formed to publish the State series of elementary school text books for Lazio/Umbria and Marche/Abruzzi Regions, and to prepare mats or "flani" for stereotypes for other printing centres. It is proposed to print 680,000 books in Rome; 530,000 have been printed and 214,688 distributed.

5. Florence. Whereas there is an absolute monopoly for the use of the State text book in the elementary schools south of Tuscany and Emilia Regions, for the Northern Regions of Italy the monopoly has been raised. This change of policy was the result of a written request from the Minister of Public Instruction (Prof. De Ruggiero) to discontinue the publication of the State text book, which he has since declared "not an article that one is able to clean" and "a mortifying chain which destroys every principle of Liberty".

A Consorzio has been formed to print a limited number of the State books for Florence for Tuscany and Emilia Regions, without any monopoly. 2362

It is proposed to print 238,000 copies; 140,000 have already been printed and 93,268 distributed (see "Postscript to Report" for this revised distribution number). 87,968 State text books have been distributed in Tuscany Region. In spite of unfavourable competitive conditions, 76,734 non-State books have also been

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distributed in the same region. (Paper for State books costs 20 lire per Kg.; for non-State books it costs 30 lire per Kg., quite apart from the question of author's rights - which the State series does not have to pay - and other disadvantages that the independent editor has to suffer).

6. Materials. This aspect of the work covered is treated in the form of charts, as requested by officer taking over.

7. Conclusion. Upon handing over, the undersigned officer wishes to point out why he asked to be relieved. His temperamental aversion to the work of "supply officer" has been sorely tried by the conviction, shared by many, that the books still contain indelible traces of subversive Fascist propaganda. Lt.Col. SMITH reported that the Education Officer in Eritrea has refused to accept some of these books for use. The 1940 frontiers of Germany's New Order in Europe are recognized in the Geography section for the V Class, and Spanish "resentment" of British "domination" of Gibraltar, also, forms part of geography lesson. Colonial and irredentist expansion is taught. There are hints of Mussolini's "demographic" ideas and his sneers at the "decadent" nations.

The undersigned officer, whilst admitting that this highly unsatisfactory way of providing a text book for the schools of Naples and Sicily for the school year 1943/44 was an unfortunate necessity, does not wish to be in any way associated with the continued publication of these books.

H.R. BEARD
Captain.

8th Feb/45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
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8 February, 1945

SUBJECT : Report and forwarding
of Summary.

TO : A/Director of Education.

Herewith report on Elementary text book situation prepared for my successor in the work of supervision in that field.

Since the circumstances in which I am giving up this work may, without due explanation, seem to some to reflect upon myself, it is requested that a copy of the Summary of this report be forwarded officially to Civil Affairs Section.



H.R. BEARD
Captain.

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