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HEADQUARTERS  
LIVORNO LIAISON OFFICER  
ALLIED COMMISSION

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4 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for January 1946.

TO : Chief Commissioner,  
Headquarters,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 394, U S Army.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Excellent in Toscana Region despite many reasons that would ordinarily contribute to the opposite. There is vast unemployment all over the Region. The threat of a drastic food shortage is just around the corner. The change of American dollar value in lire is common topic on every hand. No one is quite sure what the future holds for them when the change becomes effective. Speculation is rife and much confused. Winter is here. The "Black Market" still casts its sinister shadow over each individual. Yet, with these adverse conditions at hand, - Public morale is very good. The average man on the street feels that the new De Gasperi regime has not had a fair chance in so short a time to correct the evils that face him, and he is willing to go along and await developments. Many returned Italian Prisoners of War help to swell the ranks of the unemployed. All Prefects have created certain amounts of Public Work to give these unemployed people jobs. In Livorno the Port Area is being reconverted over to civilian use and many persons will be employed there. There have been no mass demonstrations in any of the provinces this past month. See enclosed newspaper clippings covering several subject matters included in this report.

2. POLITICAL SITUATION:

There is considerable political activity all over the Region, but there appears to be no bitterness at this time between opposition groups. All political groups seem to be well disciplined. The Livorno C.L.N. is very well disciplined and they are doing a large amount of welfare work that benefits the underprivileged people of the Livorno Zone.

3. SECURITY:

The security situation is quite good at this time and public department is excellent. Relations are quite cordial between military personnel and civilians. Political and labor groups are most cooperative with one another and with Allied Forces. There have been no demonstrations nor displays of mass hysteria during the month. This situation can change overnight, however, if the food situation becomes more acute.

4. LAW AND ORDER:

There is considerable crime all over Toscana Region, and bandits prey on motorists and wayfarers in the rural areas. A wave of petty crime that harassed police agencies for a time has now been completely broken in Livorno Zone. Military and Civil Police agencies teamed up in a day and night crusade against the criminals. Arrests were made literally by the hundreds. Many tons of loot was recovered. Thieves

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were shot, others captured. A very small percentage of these criminals live in the Livorno Zone. They all came here from Sicily, Calabria and Rome with the expressed intent to steal. In Livorno, Pisa, Florence and Grosseto there are Military Police Units on duty in each of these places. The presence of these Military Policemen seem to give the Questura P.S. Agenti and the Carabinieri a lot of moral support. The Public Safety Officer finds that the civil police agencies are far more efficient in these areas where Military Police are operating. In the other areas where there are no Military Police units, the Questura P.S. Agenti and Carabinieri seem to be timid and hesitate to take positive action.

#### 5. ELECTIONS:

All preparations are going forward toward the Administrative elections to be held in March, next. It appears to be generally agreed among the political groups that all will be calm, provided some unforeseen complications do not arise.

#### 6. ECONOMY:

In every Province the answer is the same. Industry could stage a come-back if it had the raw materials and tools to work with. Progress in the rehabilitation of industry has been slow simply for lack of raw materials, tools and transportation. In Livorno many factories are being made ready for use in the near future. The Port Area is on the verge of being handed over to the civil administration. Many military units have moved out of plants and buildings formerly occupied by private industry and immediate steps have been taken to get these places operating as quickly as possible. There is an acute shortage of coal or other fuels to operate these newly reopened factories. The Livorno newspapers have given much space to the program under way of turning the Port Area over to the civilians.

#### 7. FEEDING OF THE PEOPLE:

There is a pronounced lack of wheat and most of Toscana Region must depend on wheat shipped in from America. The manufacture of pasta has been suspended to scarcity of wheat and if this continues much longer it will be the direct cause of food rioting. There is little or no oils or fats. Meat and cheese are scarce. Here are some of the words used by the different Prefects in Toscana Region when asked about the food situation. Prefect of Arezzo: "A deficiency in all food stuffs." Prefect of Florence: "There is no discipline on producers, - consequently there is very little food." Prefect of Siena: "Situation is serious." Prefect of Lucca: "Situation is most difficult." Prefect of Pistoia: "We are getting along on meager rations now, but anticipate that it will become worse." Prefect of Grosseto: "The situation is pretty good right now, but a rapidly diminishing supply of oil, fats and other rationed foods."

#### 8. DISPLACED PERSONS:

There is a gradual decline in the numbers of displaced persons in this Region. This is true particularly regarding Italian Nationals. Movement of Displaced Persons has been orderly and efficient out of the Florence Camp. In Livorno, the C.L.N. are handling all refugees, and processed 14,220 during January. This is the lowest number ever handled since V-E day.

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9. AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS:

Farmers are taking every effort to raise a maximum of food stuffs. The situation in Grosseto is fairly good, it is fair in Pistoia and Florence. There is definitive deficiency in Livorno, Pisa, Arezzo and Siena. There seems to be general favorable activity in the sheep raising in Toscana Region. Most of this Region must depend on outside sources for most of its food supply. The amount raised does not meet demand and consumption.

10. HEALTH:

Winter is taking its toll of influenza victims, but few deaths are reported. There is still typhoid in the Pisa-Livorno area, but not of serious proportions. Medicines are very scarce indeed and every Prefect complains that there is not sufficient supplies of needed medicines. Pharmacies are charging exorbitant prices and the scale of medicines has got to almost the "Black Market" stage.

11. LABOR CONDITIONS:

There is considerable agitation recently from persons employed by Allied Military units of the low pay scale under which they are working as compared to the same type of work being done for a private employer, or the Italian Government. These employees claim that the Allied Forces pay scale is much lower. The subject has been under much discussion in Livorno and Pisa at meetings held by employees at the Camera di Lavoro. There is a large amount of unemployment all over the Region, and Public Works jobs are being created by Prefects in order to give people employment.

/s/ STANLEY BEATTY,  
Major, Spec. Res.,  
Livorno Liaison Officer  
Allied Commission.

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

4 September 1945

SUBJECT: Report for Month of August 1945.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394.

# E X T R A C T

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Despite all this, there has been no serious industrial strife or labor disorders reported to or observed by this headquarters during the past month.

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Difficulties experienced previously in obtaining funds for approved public works projects have continued during the past month and have caused this headquarters considerable embarrassment.

Most of these recent difficulties are the result of procrastination and the lack of the fullest cooperation on the part of the Banca D' Italia in honoring A.C.'s authorizations. The local banking institutions and this headquarters have endeavored far more than three weeks to obtain proof of signature of the A.C. Budget Officer, but without avail. It is understood that this signature is with the Banca D'Italia at Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
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10 June 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for MAY 1945

TO : HQ AC

PART I - GENERAL

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11. PROPERTY CONTROL.

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# HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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File Ref: Lab/100/32

Date: 4 June '45.

SUBJECT: Report by Regional Labor Officer for the Month of  
May 1945.  
TO : HQ., AC. (Attention Labor Sub-Commission) ✓

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- F. Report of Provinces.
- G. Personnel Changes.



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3. Numerous conferences were held at Leghorn with PBS, other Allied Units and with the Provincial Labor Directors throughout the Region.

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#### B. Cost of Living Statistics.

1. Attached schedule, appendix 1.

#### C. LABOR UNREST - STRIKES.

1. A strike by workers on Ponte a Coppiano bridge, in Florence Province, was settled and the approval of contracts covering labor relationship was agreed upon by all the parties and work resumed.

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# HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII

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### D. RECRUITMENT.

1. Leghorn reports the placement, with the Allied Forces, of 3277 workers, composed of 1156 skilled laborers, 1809 common laborers and 312 females. 8022 workers were registered as available, of these, 3409 were living in other Communes. This office has invited all unemployed and registered workers to accept work, with the result that most of them have not come to the office or have been found untraceable.

2. The Communal Office of Portoferraio, (16 April to 15 May), has placed 216 workers. There was a lag in filling orders for 159 workers, consisting of 105 common laborers, 48 skilled laborers and 6 office clerks. Because they have no available transportation, workers in other Communes cannot avail themselves of jobs with units.

3. The use of PW workers has eased the employment picture in Leghorn for the Allied Forces. Over all employment is normal in Leghorn and the unfilled demand is about 100, all skilled categories.

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#### F. REPORT OF PROVINCES.

##### 1. Province of Apuania.

a). Apuania has an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 unemployed with exceptionally few military units to give relief. Some contracts for building construction are under study which will relieve the unemployment situation to some extent.

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a). This office approved seven contracts for Florence covering: Agriculture, Hotel and Messing Workers, Clothing, Tile and Cement Industries and Public works.

### 3. Province of Lucca.

a). Five contracts were approved for Lucca covering: Mechanical, Clothing Tile, Flour and Building Industries.

### 4. Province of Pistoia.

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a). Eight Labor Agreement Contracts were approved for Grosseto covering: Miners, Agricultural Workers, Brick and Tile, Building, Chemical and Mechanical Industries, Cement Manufacturing and Public Utilities.

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b). There are some work disputes in other communes that the Leghorn office can not settle, because the office has no means of transportation. There have been no strikes nor threats of strike in Leghorn.

c). Private contractors are paying laborers higher salaries than the Allied Scales. An agreement has been negotiated between Trade Unions and Private Contractors Association, which is under consideration of Regional Labor Officer and which concerns a contingency indemnity of over 100 lire per day.

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TO : HQ., AC. (Labor Sub-Commission).

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d). A visit made to the Island of Elba reveals a fair quantity of cereals and vegetables. The main industry is iron mining. Practically the entire population depends on mining for employment. The ovens that refine the mineral have been destroyed by war. Unless this industry is reactivated, unemployment will be a grave problem for Elba.

G. PERSONNEL CHANGES.

1. Capt. C. F. Mason (B) departed for Austria.
2. Capt. Alfred L. Dorf (A) reported for duty from HQ. AC.
3. Dott. Giuseppe Luise arrived on 29 May '45 to take up his duties as Regional Labor Director. His appointment to this post was recommended by the Italian Government, Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro, and the Labor Sub-Commission, HQ. AC. His official appointment by the Regional Commissioner was approved on 31 May 1945.

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*Ralph R. Small*

Ralph R. Small  
Major, C.A.C.  
Regional Labor Officer.

cc Regional Commissioner

PRINCIPLE CHANGES IN RATES OF WAGES REPORTED DURING MAY  
ITALIAN INDUSTRY AND STATE EMPLOYEES

| District    | Industry or Group                                                           | Effective date of Change            | Particulars of Change                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grosseto 1. | Agriculture                                                                 | 16 May '45                          | 1. <u>Assegni Familiari</u> made retroactive to 16 Aug '44.<br>2. Wages raised to £125 for men "AVVENTIZI" farm workers.                                                                                                  |
| Grosseto 2. | Mining Industry                                                             | 17 May '45                          | 1. <u>Daily Bonus</u> of £80 to men, £50 to women and £40 to Juveniles.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grosseto 3. | Tile Industry<br>Mechanics<br>Maintenance<br>Cement<br>Chemical<br>Building | 17 May '45<br>"<br>"<br>"<br>"<br>" | 1. An "Indennita di Contin-<br>genza" established in the amount of £90 for men and women heads of families to £54 and £42 to lesser categories.<br>2. An increase in work termination pay.<br>3. An increase in sick pay. |
| Lucca 4.    | Flour and Bread                                                             | 15 May '45                          | 1. A New Carovita of £120 per day for men to £48 for children.                                                                                                                                                            |
| Lucca 5.    | Tile Industry                                                               | 15 May '45                          | 1. A New Carovita of £120 per day for men to £32 for children.                                                                                                                                                            |
| Lucca 6.    | Textile                                                                     | 15 May '45                          | 1. A New Carovita of £112 per day for a man to £50 per day for children.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Lucca 7.    | Mechanical                                                                  | 19 May '45                          | 1. A New Carovita of £120 per day for men to £24 per day for children.<br>2. An "Indennita di Pasta" of £40 for children.                                                                                                 |

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| Lucca    | Building        | 25 May '45 | <p>1. A New Carovita of £120 per day for men to £64 per day for children.</p> <p>2. <u>Caropane Eliminated.</u></p>                                                                                                                        |

| District        | Industry<br>or Group                | Effective<br>date of<br>Change | Particulars of Change                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Florence<br>9.  | Building                            | 24 May '45                     | 1. <u>Wage Increase.</u> Daily wage<br>increase to all workers in-<br>cluding minors of £20 per day.                                                                                           |
| Florence<br>10. | Hotels                              | 24 May '45                     | 1. <u>Nuovo Carovita.</u> Men and<br>women heads of families<br>£25 per day<br>Women £18 " "<br>Minors £12 " "                                                                                 |
| Florence<br>11. | Agricul-<br>ture                    | 28 May '45                     | 1. <u>Basepay Adjusted to<br/>ordinary</u> (Men £95 per day<br>worker (Women £54 per day.<br>Harvesting (Men £123 " "<br>(Women £74 " "<br>Planting & (Men £143 " "<br>Grafting (Women £85 " " |
| Florence<br>12. | Textile                             | 28 May '45                     | 1. <u>Nuovo Carovita.</u><br>Men £96 per day.<br>Women £72 " "<br>Minors £32 " "                                                                                                               |
| Florence<br>13. | Tile and<br>Cement                  | 28 May '45                     | 1. <u>Nuovo Carovita.</u><br>Men £104 per day.<br>Women £54 " "<br>Minors £54 " "                                                                                                              |
| Florence<br>14. | Supervisors<br>and key<br>Personnel | 31 May '45                     | 1. <u>Wage Increase.</u><br>Men and Women<br>70% increase on 1st. £2000<br>60% " " 2nd. £2000<br>30% " " 3rd. £2000<br>20% " " 4th. £2000<br>10% " " Remainder                                 |

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File Ref: Isb/1200/45

Date: 1 May '45.

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SUBJECT: Report for Labor Section, Toscana Region, for Month  
of April '45.  
TO Labor Sub/c and R.C. Toscana.

OUTLINE

- A. General Introduction.
- B. Wage Changes and Wage Policy.
- C. Cost of Living.
- D. Industrial Unrest.
- E. Miscellaneous Labor Matters.
- F. Social Insurance.
- G. Reports from Provinces.

A. General Introduction.

1. Developments during April include the release to Region of its remaining provinces by V-Army; consolidation of administration of the two southern provinces; continued improvement in Leghorn labor supply; difficulties in wage increase policy.

B. Wage Changes and Wage Policy.

1. Wage Changes.

This Region has been partially successful in holding wages. In V-Army provinces, turned over to Region for administration 30 April, wages are generally higher than the Allied Force Basic Wage Scale but in our own provinces wages are only now reaching the Scale. We would have been able to control inflationary wage increases to a greater extent with authority from Headquarters Allied Commission. Wage control policy has always come from the Allied Commission in the form of proclamations and, more recently, decrees of the Italian government implemented by AC order in AMG territory. When the Italian government abandoned the practice of legislating private industry wage increases, wages in AMG territory were, in effect, frozen at existing levels, pending instructions from AC or their specific authority to

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establish wage control policy at the Regional level. The past month, therefore, has been one of chaos in Regional wage policy with the writer unable to issue policy instructions to the Provincial Labor Offices.

With the Economic Section letter of 27 April, subject Wage Rates in Private Industry, the matter is clearing up and the Regional Legal Officer is now preparing a Regional Order under which wage rates can be approved in accord with the trend in Italy south of the Control Line. Said trend appears to resemble that of Jack's beanstalk but the Regional Commissioner's policy is and has been to hold wage increases to a minimum here.

2. Allied Force Basic Wage Scale.

The new policy of allowing local committees to adjust the Scale up to 100 lire is expected to work out well. PBS is in the process of setting up such a committee and intends to include the writer as a member. No word has been received from District 1. (which covers the balance of the Region) on their plans. As their headquarters is outside Region liaison is difficult.

3. Camera del Lavoro.

The Camera has been, as usual, active in pushing demands for increased wages but overreached themselves in two instances. The Arezzo Provincial Commissioner threatened to dissolve the provincial Camera, which resulted in an inquiry from Labor Sub/c. The matter is under investigation. The other instance was in Siena where the Provincial Commissioner had the Camera vice-director, Baglioni, arrested for holding unauthorized public meetings and inciting labor to disobey AMG orders. The case has not come to trial. Relations with the Camera in other provinces continued tranquil.

C. Cost of Living.

Cost of living continued a steady rise. The provincial labor offices have reported figures but as no standards have been established the figures do not lend themselves to summation. A need exists for standardization data of this kind on a basis of caloric requirements for a 'national family' or a list of representative commodities.

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D. Industrial Unrest.

The Region was generally quiet and no serious May Day demonstrations have been reported to date. A 5-day strike of 80 furniture makers at Siena was ended by agreement on higher wages. The Labor Office mediated. Several minor labor disturbances took place in Leghorn. Some military units there apply the methods they used in handling Neapolitan workers and the Livornesi react differently and vigorously. PBS ordered units to cease administering summary justice but not all units complied.

E. Miscellaneous Labor Matters.

1. Take-over from V-Army.

V-Army AMG Labor Officers in Lucca, Pistoia and Florence pulled out for the north on 23 April and Lt. Col. Lane followed a few days later. Region did not receive orders to take over until 30 April and some confusion resulted in the interim. Captain Alessandrini functioned as Regional Labor Liaison with V-Army AMG Labor in Florence until he left Region on 23 April. We replaced him with Captain Mason who is currently in Florence awaiting Regions' move there, laid on for 5 May.

2. Excessive Wages in Leghorn.

PBS complained that workers were leaving employment with their units to go to work at higher wages for 12 L 50 food warehouse in Leghorn, formerly operated by HQ AC but now under Consorzio Agrario. On investigation found that the Italian Agency was actually paying wages in considerable excess of the Allied Force Basic Wage Scale. The Provincial Supply Officer, Maj. Frick, agreed that they would have to come down to the Scale and I so instructed the Italian Director, making 1 May the effective date. Capt. Ramsey, supervising the warehouse, objected but had no other solution to offer, agreeing that PBS would not agree to losing workers to an Italian agency paying more than the current wage level.

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3. Change in Siena Director.

The provinces of Grosseto and Siena have been combined under one provincial team. The Siena Labor Director, Dr. Viviani, has been carrying on a legal practice and neglecting his labor office duties. He agreed to submit his resignation effective May 10th. Dr. Briansi, director at Grosseto, but whose home is in Siena is being invited to take over the Siena office, with the vice-director at Grosseto taking over there.

4. Labor Organizations.

Organization of labor unions has continued under the sponsorship of the Camera del Lavoro. Siena alone reports a total of 13,975 members of 31 unions ranging from showmen to hospital workers and Pisa reports 20,000, all represented by the Camera.

F. Social Insurance.

Many requests have been received through the labor offices for a revision of the social insurance benefits that would recognize the present inflated wages. Benefits payable on the old base wage are so small that, in many instances, the worker will not even bother to go to the office to claim the benefit.

G. Reports from Provinces.1. Leghorn.

Shortage of labor for Allied Forces stood at 264 common labor and 115 skilled on 15 April. There has been a further decrease in backlog since that time and as units move away from the Port area supply is expected to improve to the point of an unemployment problem.

Unemployment in Porto Ferraio, Elba, is reported at 1053, a much more favorable position than that of several months back.

2. Grosseto

Several controversies between the Camera and employ-

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er organizations were successfully mediated by the Labor Office. Relations with the Camera in Grosseto have been better than those in any other province.

3. Arezzo.

Monthly report of this Province has not arrived. Tracer letter has been sent. Conference at Montecatini with Major Burton of the CLU 2911, headquarters in Arezzo, resulted in our mutual plan to establish the same working arrangements in Florence as those that worked out so well in Arezzo. The Labor Office and CLU there are in the same building and the collocamento has been able to recruit for the CLU and also stand ready to takeover the Unit's work when it moves on. In return CLU has assisted the Labor Director in many ways including loan of transport.

4. Pisa.

Unemployment is at a minimum due to demands of the Allied Forces who have hired 710 workers through the Labor Office in the past month.

A controversy between the Camera, representing woodcutters and agricultural workers, and the employers was deadlocked and was settled by arbitration. The operation was apparently successful as the patient is still living.

5. Siena.

Unemployment is increasing as Allied units move forward but this office believes that Siena unemployment will not be serious until after harvest time, due to the agrarian economy. Refugees are also contributing to the unemployment problem not only in Siena but throughout the Region, due to return of Toscani from liberated Northern Italy.

*Ralph R. Small*

RALPH R. SMALL  
Major, C.A.C.  
Regional Labor Officer.

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pendix I

Principal Wage Changes Reported in Month of April

All wage changes have not been reported due to obscure policy on the matter. Those that reached this office have been held up pending authority to approve them. They generally call for a contingenza of such size as to bring the wages up to or slightly above the Allied Force Basic Wage Scale. We have seen signed collective contracts in Lucca covering the building trades which raise bricklayers to £230 per day but again the contracts await AMG approval under the new pending Regional Order. Lucca came under our control 30 April.

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REPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL UNREST DURING APRIL '45

## Appendix II

| Place | Industry         | Employers                | Claims          | Date Rep. | Threatened For | Started  | Ended    |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Siena | Furniture makers | Associazione Industriali | Increased wages | 29 April  | Unknown        | 25 April | 30 April |

Remarks: Contract calling for £223 per day for 'national family' worker not yet approved by Region. Former wage was £183.

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16 May 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRAINE

Subject: Wages, Consorzio Agrario

1. This is a summary of an incident which took place the latter part of April in Leghorn. PSS complained to Major Small that a warehouse formerly operated by A.C., Food Sub-Commission, but now by Consorzio Agrario, was offering higher wages than Allied Forces and drawing employees from PSS. Major Small ordered the Director to reduce the wages to the Allied Forces basic scale. Captain Ramsay, supervising the warehouse, reversed this order. On the advice of Major Small the Regional Commissioner ordered the wages cut down. This is the way the matter stands now.

2. Captain Klein, Food Sub-Commission, complained to this Sub-Commission that they could not operate the warehouse at the reduced scale. I tried to ascertain from Major Small what the disparity in rates was. His report, in the monthly report, merely stated that they were in excess of Allied Forces scale. I asked him how the rates stood up against prevailing rates in private industry. He stated, over the telephone, that they were much in excess of said rates. He agreed to furnish a more particular report as to the exact rates and their relation to both the Allied Forces scale and the prevailing scale in private industry. In the meantime I did not make any effort to revoke the order of the Regional Commissioner until the full facts were established.

David C. Sachs

DAVID C. SACHS  
Deputy Director  
Labor Sub-Commission

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File Ref: Lab/100/30

Date: 1 April '45.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for March 1945.

TO : Labor Sub/c, HQ. AC.

A. Regional Summary.

1. Administration.

a) Personnel changes.

- 1) Capt. C. F. Mason (B) reported 20 March for duty as Assistant Regional Labour Officer.
- 2) Major E. Scieluna (B) departed for Rome 23 March.

b) The withdrawal of Major Scieluna from Leghorn at the present time is inopportune in view of the military importance of the city. It is understood however, that he will be returning within the next day or two.

2. Other Activity of Regional Labor Section.

a) During the month no further territory has been turned over to Regional control by V Army.

b) The 'disagiatiissima' indemnity has now been put into effect in the Provinces of Pisa, Leghorn, Grosseto, Arezzo and Siena.

c) Field trips to the provinces reveal that there is a tendency for the Camera del Lavoro and the industrialists to exceed the Allied Force Wage Scale. A firm stand is being taken by this office to resist any demands for higher wages that exceed within 10 lire of the Allied Force Wage Scale.

3. Regional Labor Supply.

a) The Livorno labor shortage of Armed Forces help has now almost ceased to exist except for occasional fluctuating demands.



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b) There is a slight increase in unemployment over the preceding month mainly due to the departure of several Allied units. If the Armed Forces move forward in any great numbers, unemployment will become critical.

4. Industrial Relations.

a) The labor front has remained fairly calm and no strikes or threatened strikes have been reported.

b) The work of the Provincial Labor Offices is increasing as employers and employees are using these organizations more frequently.

5. Trade Unions.

Trade unions are still developing mainly under the guidance of the Camera del Lavoro. It is noted with regret that the proposal to send organizers to assist the workers has so far not materialized.

6. Social Security.

A complaint was forwarded to this office by the Siena Provincial Labor Office which had been approached by a number of purportedly AMG white collar workers requesting pay during period of sickness. The Casse Mutue do not provide for payment of salaries during sickness to office workers and these are normally paid by the firm. Workers were informed, through the Labor Office, of lack of provision for payment of these salaries under AMG.

There is a tendency amongst labor unions to begin trumpeting for increased social insurance payments inasmuch as wages have been increased so much.

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7. Wage Situation.

The increase in the Allied Force cost of living bonus has now been put into effect. As mentioned in the last monthly report, clarification of wage policy on the disparity between V Army's policy of allowing private industry wages up to within 10 lire of the Allied Force Wage Scale and that of holding the legal line is still required.

B. Regional Office Administration.

We continue to function without a Regional Labor Office for reasons previously stated.

C. Provincial Office Administration.

1. a). There have been some minor changes in the provincial office personnel and a revised establishment for the Leghorn office has now been completed. The Provincial Commissioner does not wish this to be put into effect until such time as a Labor Officer (See A 1. b) has been assigned to the Province.

b) Two more rooms have been made available to the Arezzo office.

2 & 3. Placement and Industrial Relations.

a) Leghorn reports the placement of 1174 skilled workers, 1550 laborers and 199 females - total 2953. Plans have been prepared for the opening of collocamenti in certain communes, but this is being held up for lack of transport. The Director is still functioning in his dual capacity as head of the food rationing office and director of labor. This is a most unsatisfactory arrangement. The staff for Elba Island office has been appointed with premises at Portoferraio.

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b) Grosseto. Enrollment of workers in all communes of the province continues. The unemployment situation continues as before but does not present any serious difficulty. Two controversies were submitted during the month for conciliation.

c) Siena. Unemployment figures show a slight increase over the preceding month mainly due to Allied Units leaving the area.

d) Pisa. Report not yet to hand.

e) Arezzo. Reports unemployment at 878 - male 363 female 515 - a slight increase over February; 262 workers have been placed, mainly with the Allied Forces. Relations with the Civil Labor Unit are satisfactory and placement is left entirely to the Labor Office.

D. Miscellaneous.

The maturing growth of syndical associations throughout the Toscana Region as evidenced by increased cohesiveness, aggressiveness, insistent wage demands and well-coordinated activity has been vividly underlined in the national scene by the recent accord reached in Rome on the 25th February by the employee and employer associations. The significance is important insofar as it concerns the deportment and well-being of the laboring class in Toscana Region which, at the moment, impinges so directly upon military operations of transport and supply. The rapid succession of indemnities and wage increases suggest that the situation will require the utmost vigilance in this Region lest the added inconveniences of inflation be added to the conditions that, even now, make the problem of avoiding strikes and discontent a difficult one. In the attempt to stem what may eventually reach

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excessive proportions it has been considered advisable to allow wages to climb to within 10 lire of the Allied Force Wage Scale.

Wages having come this far without any obvious or possible method of stopping the increasing spiral it is to be assumed that they will continue, through legal and illegal efforts, to exceed the Allied Force Wage Scale unless that scale is again increased. It is not possible to predict future developments in this matter without giving a sense of uneasiness.

  
C. F. MASON  
Captain, E.A.  
Asst. Regional Labor  
Officer.

cc Regional Commissioner.

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20 March 1945

SUBJECT: Plan to alleviate unemployment in the Livorno-Pisa area upon transfer of military units.

TO : Mr. W. H. Braine, Director, Labor Sub-Commission

1. When Allied Forces labor needs in the Livorno-Pisa area start to decline, unemployment in that section of Italy will be a serious factor to consider.

2. To that end a survey of the present industrial picture is under way. So far, the following elements have come to light:

a. Many industries could be put back into operation, if the proper help could be assured by military authorities;

b. Several industries could begin operations at once if electric power could be diverted to this use.

3. However, some manufacturers who could start putting their plants in condition to operate are hesitant of doing so, because:

a. Where manufacturers have spent money and labor to repair buildings, Allied Forces units have immediately requisitioned the premises, sometimes as billets for troops, sometimes as storahouses for materials or supplies;

b. Where manufacturers have taken the trouble to clear the rubble and have fortunately found their machinery in a better-than-hoped-for condition, they have immediately started to make small repairs to same, only to have an Allied Forces unit requisition it and cart it away.

4. If private industry is to be encouraged to resume operations wherever possible, even on a limited basis, in order to absorb in great part the unemployment which will inevitably be the result of the departure of military units, some sort of assurance must be given that efforts to restore plants to efficiency will not result in requisitioning of buildings, machinery or stock.

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5. It is recommended that all possible efforts be made to help, or at least to leave alone, those industries which try to get back on their feet. If not, mass unemployment will give rise to unrest and violence which would hinder the orderly development and reconstruction of this area, to the detriment of all concerned.

*Charles P. Schisi*  
S/Sgt. CHARLES P. SCHISI  
Labor Liaison to Allied Forces Units

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20 March 1945

SUBJECT: Clothing for Civilian Workers of the Allied  
Armed Forces in the Livorno-Pisa Area.

TO : Mr. W.H. Braine, Director, Labor Sub-Commission.

1. At your request, there is here submitted a succinct report on the sale and distribution of reprocessed clothing to Italian civilians working for the Allied Forces in the Livorno-Pisa area. Major E.J. Scicluna will submit a more detailed report on subject in the very near future.
2. The Allied Commission has in its possession reprocessed army clothing in its Naples depots. Said clothing was allotted to various Allied military branches, payment therefor to be made on a cash basis, F.O.B. Naples.
3. P.B.S. has had several allotments assigned to it, but it was in no position to advance cash payments upon receipt of the clothing. Since the clothing was necessary to the civilian workers, a plan was devised by the Livorno Labor Office, whereby all obstacles were removed, as follows:
  - a. The prefect of the province of Livorno established a credit of 3,000,000 lire with one of the local banks;
  - b. The four workers' cooperatives agreed to combine their efforts in order to sell the clothing to the workers by renting premises and employing clerks, a handling charge of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to be added to the cost price of each article of clothing;
  - c. P.B.S. furnished transport to pick up the clothing at Naples, and two representatives of the cooperatives went along to pay for same upon delivery.
4. This plan has worked smoothly and will be used for any future allotments. Royal Navy will use the same plan for its allotments, and is only waiting for clearance from higher authorities in order to put the plan into operation.
5. The success of this plan consists in the fact that the military units were not involved in any financial problems, and that the workers' cooperatives were given the opportunity of serving the workers. The results of such cooperation on all sides have been satisfactory.

*Charles P. Sorisi*  
S/Sgt. CHARLES P. SORISI  
Labor Liaison to Allied Forces' Units

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*Mrs. Stevenson*

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9 February 1945  
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SUBJECT : SURVEY REPORT - Florence Livorno Areas

TO : Mr. BRAINE, Director Labour Sub-Commission

The following is a report of labour conditions observed in the Florence, Pistoia, Lucca, Pisa and Livorno Areas, from 28 February to 5th March. Interviews were had with the several Labour Officers and the "man in the street".

1. CLOTHING : These were available to most civilians at rather high (Black Market) prices. Refugees and homeless persons are being cared for by the several relief (Devasted Area, Red Cross, etc.) organizations. Labourers are out of luck, as there is no provision for equipping them with clothes and shoes. The exception to that, are the workers at docks and on ships at Livorno.

Even if clothes were available, the labourers could not buy them as the prices are exorbitant.

2. WOMEN, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS : None have been observed in the area, as working on heavy construction, road building, etc..

3. TRANSPORTATION : The Labour Officers lament their hardships on getting about their respective areas. At Florence, where the 5th Army Labour Office Hdqrs is established and serving several offices throughout the Army area they have but one jeep. The handicap there is terrific and close supervision of the Labour Offices is maintained only by hard work and personal efforts of the Officers.

At the Port of Livorno, which also serves Pisa, there is a definite need for transportation.

With the withdrawal of the Headquarters vehicle, used by Lt. Col. Babcock, the Labour personnel foot

it or hitch infrequent rides.

4. CAMERA DEL LAVORO : Though politically coached they are working hand in hand with the several Labour Offices. The highest of complements are being paid these organizations for assistance being given to the Labour Officers.
5. MILITARY LABOUR : Italian Soldiers in uniform and Italian Prisoners of war in uniform are being used on Road construction and maintenance. Several groups were working on the main roads from Florence to Livorno. These Italian Soldiers receive approximately 80 L. per day, lodgings and food and are doing an excellent job.
6. STRIKES - THREATS : No threats or strikes were reported in the Florence area. There was a flare up in Livorno but that was quickly settled by the adroit handling of the Labor Office (Sgt. Sorisi).
7. FORWARD MOVEMENTS : The Labour Offices in the Army area are fully prepared to move forward. During these operations the rear (Communal) offices have been provided with good Italian Civilian personnel and fully taught to continue the work without military supervision. Provision has also been made that should the need for these Communal Labour Offices cease, they would in most cases be taken over by the Provincial Offices.
8. DAUL LABOUR OFFICES : These have been established in the forward areas on definite highways and are performing excellently. They staff Italian Civilians under British Military Supervision, who will, upon moving forward, continue operations or be taken over by the Provincial Offices.
9. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND OUTLOOK : Little building construction is going on at present, due to (1) lack of building materials and (2) the fact that experienced skilled labour are being used by the Armed Forces.

Of the few civilian construction projects; they are proceeding at a snail's pace, with the work being done by the individual owner himself. Public construction bridges on main highways and roads are being given upper priority and progress noted.

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Captain, QMC  
Field Control Section

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CITY OF FLORENCE  
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7 March, 1945

*Mr. Braine*

SUBJECT: Report

TO: Senior Labor Officer  
AMG 5th ARMY

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Both Bertolotti and Bitossi were convinced that if a controlled half hour work-stoppage were allowed it would solve the problem. They were sure that if said work stoppage were not allowed the workers would take matters into their own hands and proceed with their original plan of a mass strike.

I thought all this important enough to warrant calling Col. Lane and did. Not being able to speak to him personally I decided to leave a message that would leave no doubt in his mind as to what was happening.

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Labor Office also made a strong speech backing the recommendation of the General. After much pro and con a second order of the day was drawn up in which it was stated that the workers of Florence would demonstrate their feelings through the radio, newspaper, manifestos, and a theatre meeting.

Once more I conducted the three men to the General's office where the new order of the day was examined and found satisfactory.

Arrangements were then made by Col. Michie and Mr. Ferris to have the order printed in the paper and broadcast on the radio.

I was ordered to accompany Bitossi to the Radio station and did. He read the order of the day over the air at 8300 hours.

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1st Lt. Infantry  
Labor Officer  
AMG 5th ARMY

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Toscana

File Ref: Lab/200/38

Date: 1 March '45

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for February '45.

TO : Labor Sub/c, HQ., AC. ✓

A. Regional Summary.

1. Administration.

a. Personnel Changes.

- (1) Major Small, hospital to duty 7 Feb '45.
- (2) Major Scicluna and Captain Buckwell attached to Toscana Region for duty at Leghorn. Maj. Scicluna took over from Lt. Col. Babcock in Leghorn 13 Feb. Major Scicluna requested and received travel orders to Rome to attend a meeting of Lombardia Region. Departed 26 Feb. to return 2 March.
- (3) Captain Buckwell attached to Region for duty at Leghorn. Departed 15 Feb. for a school at Naples and has not yet returned.
- (4) Captain Schnee transferred to Emilia Region, departed 27 Feb. '45.

b. The above action in attaching labor personnel to Region for duty in Leghorn is a more workable policy than the one previously used. Maj. Scicluna has been directed to exercise Regional supervision of both the Pisa and Livorno offices under general supervision of R. Lab. O.

c. An assistant Labor Officer is needed vice Captain Schnee. Request, with reasons therefore, was made through Lt. Col. Babcock.

2. Other Activity of Regional Labor Section.

a. A trip to Larderello was made on the 14th and 15th of February on orders of Lt. Col. Babcock. Report was sent to Labor Sub/c on 19 February.

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b. The 'disagiatiissima' indemnity was delayed by necessity for legal and financial clarification at HQ., AC., but is now issuing as a Regional order. The order permits Provincial Commissioners in Pisa, Leghorn, Grossetto, and Arezzo to order retroactive or present payment in any or all communes. Siena is not included in the order but the Regional Commissioner has agreed to its possible inclusion later.

c. Pisa Camera del Lavoro asked that Decree No 303 be retroactive to 16 August '44. Lacking definite orders in the decree itself and to avoid delay, this office gave them a ruling that the decree would be retroactive to 3 Sept. '44 only, date of liberation of the provincial capital, until different orders issued from HQ. AC. The ruling on Decree No 328 is a precedent. The question does not arise in any other province in the Region. It is understood that date of liberation was effective date in Regional provinces under 5th Army control.

3. Regional Labor Supply.

a. The Livorno-Pisa labor shortage of Armed Forces help has dropped to around 300 and I believe will soon cease to exist. The problem was largely due to shortage of housing in the damaged city and the early spring allows marginal housing to come into use. The efforts of various Labor officers, particularly Lt. Col. Babcock, eased the situation over the critical winter months. Labor sub/c can congratulate itself on having successfully handled a difficult situation in this critical Port area.

b. General but not critical unemployment exists in the balance of the Region. Most of it is industrial and can only be permanently relieved when electricity, transport, and fuel become available. In the meantime agriculture is taking up part of the slack, again aided by the early spring.

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b. (cont'd). If the Armed Forces move forward before Italian industry is re-activated the problem will become critical.

4. Industrial Relations.

a. Labor relations were greatly improved by the carovita and similar increases and, rather surprisingly, cost of living has not increased correspondingly. Possibly it will do so but in the interim the position of the workers is better.

b. Provincial offices are becoming accepted parts of their communities. Shortage of transport continues to be the largest problem.

5. Trade Unions.

a. The workers need guidance and assistance in forming trade unions. The writer is enthusiastic over the recent proposal of Labor sub/c to send organizers to assist the workers and hopes that the plan can be carried out. Some unions formed by the Camera are not trade unions at all, merely locals of the Camera, and are thus not in a position to handle problems peculiar to their trade. Organizers are the best solution to such a situation.

b. Associations of employers are continuing to spring up and to increase their effectiveness, probably in answer to the astonishing effectiveness and growth of the Camera del Lavoro.

6. Social Security.

a. General Order N° 37 will be put into effect on 1 April '45, the same date adopted by V Army, in order to achieve uniformity. The social security agencies labor under a handicap in that their head offices are often in

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a. (cont'd). Florence, not yet turned over to this Region by V-Army. The Regional activities will be integrated much better when Florence has been turned over to AMG.

7. Wage Situation. See also A 4a above. No wage increase orders went into effect this month. All increases except the 'disagiattissima' (see A2b) were already effective. Clarification of wage policy recently requested of Labor sub/c, through Lt. Col. Babcock, on the disparity between V Army AMG's policy of allowing private industry wages up to within £10 of the Armed Force scale and the policy of the writer trying to hold private wages to the legal line.

8. Ispettorato del Lavoro. The Ispettorato head offices are functioning in Lucca and Florence (neither under this Region as yet) and the Lucca office has established a branch in the Leghorn labor office. Their position as an autonomous agency on the same level as the Labor Offices is proving awkward and unworkable. Further investigation of this problem is under way and a recommendation will be made to Labor sub/c when it is completed.

B. Regional Office Administration.

We continue to function without a Regional civilian office for reasons previously stated. We still need a Regional Director but he would have to function sans transport, rations, quarters, or a permanent staff.

C. Provincial Office Administration.

1. There have been only minor changes in provincial personnel and liaison with other placement agencies is unchanged.

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2 & 3. Placement and Industrial Relations.

a. Leghorn placed 1358 skilled, 1964 common, and 154 female for a total of 3476. Job seekers unplaced are practically nil. See also para. 2a. The Director has been also functioning as head of the commercial food rationing office, an unsatisfactory situation which the local P.C. refused to allow changed. The new P.C. has agreed to a change, which will be effected this month by securing a leave of absence for the Director from his Ration Office duties in order to protect his civil service status.

b. Grossetto report has gone astray in message center.

c. Siena reported a decrease in unemployed from 1449 to 1352 principally due to increased demand from the Armed Forces. Most of the unemployed are white collar workers, the others being absorbed by the Armed Forces.

d. Pisa reported 2369 unemployed, again mostly white collar workers. Their placement activities are coordinated by telephone with FBS through the Leghorn labor office. The usual difficulties of military units failing to send transport and the labor office failing to have the workers ready will be ironed out by Major Scicluna. See also para. A 1a (2).

e. Arezzo unemployment is minor due to the presence of British military units. This province will suffer serious unemployment when the military move forward as their economy is mainly industrial. The plants have been badly damaged and the railways, with their many bridges through the mountains, were a too perfect invitation for demolitions. Requisites are the usual ones of power, transport, and building materials.

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D. Miscellaneous.

1. The most significant development in this month was the letter from Director, Labor sub/c, proposing that labor organizers be sent out. The Italians are perfectly willing to organize trade unions as we suggest but they simply do not know how or know what to do with the union after it has been formed. Witness my report on the Larderello union where they were concerning themselves principally with management matters. We very well know that well-organized agencies are present to misdirect the workers into forming unions for undesirable purposes, a course which might well negate all the effort Labor sub/c has made to get Italy started on a healthy and democratic labor program. It is urged that this matter be further considered by Labor sub/c and the writer hopes that it will be found possible to get organizers into the field to offset the present unhealthy trends.

*Ralph R. Small*

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Major, C.A.C.  
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cc Regional Commissioner

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Para 3. REGIONAL SUPPLY

Notifications of the release of imported foods have been received earlier. This has made prompt distribution easier. Sugar has again been distributed throughout the Region. Pigs and lambs are now being slaughtered and put on the market in various parts of the Region. Food situation is also being helped by fishings. At LIVORNO an average daily catch of 14 tons, is taken, while GROSSETO has a daily average of 7 to 10 quintals of fish which is exported. The January production of salt is more than double that of the month of December. Prices of all local foods are high. Oil exporting has improved to date.

Para 4. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.

A campaign for increasing the amount of vegetables grown in the Region has been launched. As a start 24 tons of vegetable seed have been distributed. 800 tons of seed are due to arrive very shortly to be followed by a further 800 tons. A small scale outbreak of swine fever and foot and mouth disease has occurred in SIENA Province. Scrums have been manufactured and injected. Charcoal is now being reloaded from GROSSETO to MONTECATINI en route to FLORENCE. Armies continue to take large quantities of fuel. Italian soldiers under the advice of Forest Guards are felling timber in CECINA and VOLTURNA. An Italian Naval Officer has been appointed to assist in setting the fishing industry on its legs again.

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and the rationing of power for civilian needs remain a regional responsibility. Every endeavor is being made in conjunction with the military authorities, to provide power for essential needs, including brick works, cement works, etc, in which the military authorities also are interested. There is little left for civilian needs.

Para 8 \*\*\* A widespread effort is now required to maintain reasonable price levels, especially of essential foodstuffs. A case on record shows that unauthorized prices are paid on behalf of military institutions for olive oil. Stories of hardship doubtless impose on credulity, yet it is plain that where high prices are offered, essential food items in plenty are forthcoming.

Para 11 COMMUNICATIONSRoads

Of military road projects 2 were completed, 3 continued and 8 initiated during the month, necessitating 43 bridges, 4 of which were completed, 18 begun and 21 continued. Of roads other than military, 1 was completed, 5 continued and 13 begun, this effects 77 bridges, of which 5 were completed, 46 continued and 25 begun.

Para 12 FINANCE

Every Province reports deposits exceeding withdrawals. There is a general complaint about lack of opportunity for investments. Never-the-less there were particularly good sales of Buoni Postali and Buoni del Tesoro in CROCIATO.

The same difficulties as last month arose over budgets which in a sentence amount to "who gets what indefinite where?" There are still complaints of tardiness against officials who have to submit budgets.

Cigarettes are being sold throughout the Region. Efficient police action has curbed black market in this monopoly.

Supply accounts are now being kept up to date.

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Every Province reports deposits exceeding withdrawals. There is a general complaint about lack of opportunity for investments. Nevertheless there were particularly good sales of Buoni Postali and Buoni del Tesoro in GROSSETO.

The same difficulties as last month arose over budgets which in a sentence amount to "who gets what indemnity where?" There are still complaints of tardiness against officials who have to submit budgets.

Cigarettes are being sold throughout the Region. Efficient police action has curbed black market in this monopoly.

Supply accounts are now being kept up to date.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report Regional Labor Officer for Toscana.  
TO: HQ., AC., (attention Labor Sub-Commission). ✓

A. Regional Summary.

1. Administrative.

(a) There has now been completed, as of this date, the organizational structure of the five provincial labor offices of Pisa, Arezzo, Livorno, Grosseto and Siena. All are functioning and have been located in good quarters with the exception of Arezzo where office space is at a premium. It is expected that even this last will secure appropriate quarters shortly.

(b) Major R.R. Small, Regional Labor Officer, entered hospital on January 10th and is not expected to return until about the middle of February. Captain Murray L. Schnee has taken up the duties of Regional Labor Officer in the interim.

(c) As indicated in our preceding report the continued presence of Lt. Col. Babcock has been of great value in the smooth functioning of the important port area of Livorno which will continue to require deft handling and an on-the-spot labor officer as long as it retains its importance as a port of supply for Allied Forces.

2. Regional Labor Supply.

(a) A fluctuating labor shortage continues in Livorno-Pisa area. There are no indications of shortages, or impending shortages, in any other part of the Region under our control.

(b) There is little unemployment in the laboring class, aside from Piombino and some communes in Siena Province. The "white collar" class, however, is reported by

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provincial offices as being seriously affected by lack of work of this category. Developments in the Piombino sector are:

- (1) Action taken by this Office to relieve the unemployment problem in Piombino through diversion of shipping to that port has resulted in the Navy s/c writing this HQ of a tentative plan to divert approximately 1000 tons of shipping per day to Piombino. First cargo expected about 15th February '45.
- (2) As regards the MAGONA industries in Piombino PBS has replied to this HQ that requisition of materials from this plant has ceased since the middle November '44 and payments have been made in accordance with AFHQ instructions.
- (3) No reply has yet been received on our letter to Industry s/c relative re-activation of ILYA industries in Piombino.

3. Industrial Relations.

(a) Labor relations have, in general, continued satisfactorily due largely to 'carovita' increase, social insurance and social welfare provisions going into effect during the past month.

(b) Provincial offices have engendered increased prestige and respect as their services of mediation, legal advice and labor legislation interpretation are sought by all organizations. Provincial labor directors are showing increased confidence and aggressiveness in their work.

4. Trade Union Developments. Formation of unions continues in all five provinces under Regional control. Arezzo province reports union activity among employers with the formation of Associations of Industrialists, Artisans,

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Merchants and Agriculturists. Grosseto also reports activity among owner associations as well as among laborers.

5. Social Security Measures. Allied Force Social Insurance forms are still awaited. G-1 Section Civilian Personnel, with letter dated January 8th, predicated on AFHQ Administrative Memo 61, issued instructions on provisions for civilians employed by the Allied Commission.

6. Regional Wage Situation.

(a) Decree No 328, applicable to government workers, has been implemented in this Region with retroactivity in each Province dating back to approximate date of the liberation of the provincial seat, but in no case earlier than August 16, '44. The Allied Force Wage Scale, with Regional Memo 53 dated 15 January '45, made cost of living bonus applicable in Provinces under Regional control on the following dates:

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Livorno  | - 16 December '44 |
| Pisa     | - 16 December '44 |
| Arezzo   | - 16 January '45  |
| Siena    | - 16 January '45  |
| Grosseto | - 1 January '45   |

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In 5Army area bonus is retroactive to 1 January '45. (Provinces of Lucca, Pistoia and Florence).

(b) Under authority of article 10 of Decree 328, a state of "disagiataissima residenza", or distressed area, is being authorized in the communes of Grosseto and Livorno by the Regional Commissioner. This follows authorization of such indemnity in Lucca, Pistoia and Florence communes by 5th Army. It is conceivable that Pisa, Arezzo and Siena communes be later included as distressed areas.

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7. Ispettorato del Lavoro. Report received indicates establishment of a branch in Livorno as of 18 January '45 although Col. Babcock has, up to time of this writing, seen no representative. Little work was done due to the short period between establishment of office and submission of report but the next report should show effective work in the Livorno-Pisa area.

B. Regional Office

There is no Regional Office at present. A Regional Director is still being sought although plans for opening a Regional Office will be delayed until this HQ is situated in Florence. This office continues to carry out the functions of the Regional Office.

C. Provincial Labor Offices.

1. Pisa.

(a) The accommodations for this Pisa Labor Office have now been completed and systematized. A telephone has been installed and furniture secured. The present location offers sufficient space for future expansion. Personnel for the various sections has been practically completed and it is expected that the director, Dr. Ervano Dorigo, will energetically tackle the various labor problems of the Province. The offices are located at Via S. Cecilia N° 16 and have a working staff of 13 employees as of the 15th January.

(b) In relations with other labor organizations there has been much favorable progress despite the brief period in which the office has functioned thus far. There had been a tendency among unions and other labor organizations to regard the labor office as a somewhat repressive agency. Under the deft and tactful handling of these first days, Dr. Dorigo reports a decided increase in respect and prestige

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for the labor office with requests for its attention coming from all quarters. Close and active cooperation is maintained with PBS units.

(c) Up to the 15th of January 3350 workers had been registered with the employment and 574 were placed with the Allied Forces for whose needs there is a sufficient supply of labor. Some hiring has been done direct by PBS units and in response to a letter from this office a favorable reply has been received from Col. Stairwalt, BFA of PBS. Directives have been sent to all units to centralize all requests for labor in the Pisa Provincial Labor Office (as well as the Leghorn office).

(d) Due to the fact that this office has been functioning for relatively few days it has not been able to undertake the solution of many controversies. A thorough study has been made, however, of the procedural methods to be employed in arbitration and also of the juridical requisites:

2. Siena.

(a) Communal labor offices have been set up at Montepulciano and Poggibonsi. Another will be opened at Abbadia S. Salvatore where the problem of unemployed mercury miners exists. Much progress is being accomplished toward securing a complete labor coverage in the whole Province through the cooperation of the mayors in each commune. Lack of transportation is still a primary problem.

(b) Relations with other labor organizations are unchanged.

(c) There has been an increase in unemployment of laborers deprived of work as army units move forward. Unemployment among office workers continues. The following are the figures for the period Dec 15 to Jan 15 for Siena Commune:

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|                                     | <u>Men</u> | <u>Women</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Unemployed Dec 15 '44               | 584        | 379          | 963          |
| Unemployed Jan 15 '45               | 846        | 603          | 1449         |
| Placements Dec 15 to Jan<br>15, '45 | 310        | 110          | 420          |

For the entire province there are 1819 men and 1397 women unemployed for a total of 3216.

(d) There is an increasing confluence of requests to the labor office for solution of controversies. Its impartiality and good judgement have gained for it the respect of labor organizations and employers. Two bitter controversies were submitted during the month with a solution found for one and the other in process of solution. No strikes or threats of strikes have occurred.

### 3. Arezzo.

(a) Quarters are still unsatisfactory and due to difficult housing conditions a change has not yet been effected. The personnel now number six including the director. The legal section is headed by Dr. Cassi Pietro at £3700 monthly and the employment section has been placed under a Dr. Cantucci Mario at £3700 monthly. Other section heads are being sought. An organizational chart has been established in line with the functional requirements of the office.

(b) Demands for workers by the Armed Forces are being met although unemployment among laborers is at a low rate due to calls by the Allied units. Unemployment, however, persists among office workers.

(c) A controversy between the workers of the Tipografia Noferi and its sequestrator (its fascist owner fled northward) is in the process of being settled by the legal section. Circulars have been sent out to labor organ-

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izations to ascertain existent unions, membership, registered workers, union laws etc. Decree N° 303 was applied and no controversies, as yet, have developed over its application. There are no reports of strikes or threatened strikes.

This labor office has begun the commendable action of ascertaining the condition of industry through the Province. This will be encouraged by the Regional Labor Office in view of its future importance in the labor field.

(d) Relations with other labor organizations are good.

4. Grosseto.

(a) There was only one personnel change: in place of Leandro Tomassini, head of employment section, called into the army, a sig. Aldo Lorenzi was appointed at £2000 monthly.

(b) Relations with other labor organizations remain unchanged.

(c) It is expected that a census of all the unemployed within the Province will be carried out in the first days of February. An ordinance and a circular approved by the PC and the prefect are being printed. Unemployment and employment remain at levels indicated in previous report.

(d) There have been no strikes or threats of strikes. Labor was pleased at the spontaneous decision on the part of employers to grant holiday benefits. The services of mediation of this office have been very useful and are being increasingly sought with resultant added prestige. Advice has been asked on application of Decree N° 303 and on the 13th month gratuity. Particular importance was attached to an accord effected between labor and the Union of Industrialists relative salaries in the building industries in which accord the Labor Office played a significant part. Much bitterness was

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in evidence on both sides during the whole action before a solution was reached. There are no pending cases awaiting solution.

The new Prefect of this province has made an excellent impression, and is working in harmony with the labor office. This province is unique in that the Camera del Lavoro is cooperating harmoniously with both Provincial HQ and with the labor office. Usually it appears to be a source of irritation and agitation to AMG, the prefect and the labor office.

5. Livorno.

No report received from this office yet but from trips made by Captain Schnee to Livorno during January he has been informed by Col. Babcock that there is a fluctuating shortage of labor but in the main labor problems are being solved with the cooperation of PBS, Royal Navy and 10th Port Area under guidance of Col. Babcock.

D. Miscellaneous.

The organizational completion of the various labor offices should permit a very thorough coverage of the labor situation in each province which, in turn, will permit an excellent overall view of labor by the Regional Labor Office. Cooperation with these labor offices has been evident from all sides and their prestige and importance are definitely increasing.

There are indications that the benefits from carovita and other wage increases, which have temporarily quieted demands, will be rapidly absorbed in the rising cost of living and that unrest will once again prevail. A growing realization, however, that increasing wages is not the answer is evident with a change of emphasis on reduction or stabilization of prices. Due to the disrupted economy of the country it is difficult to expect one or the other to be an effective scheme. The only hope rests in increased production by industry which is hamstrung by lack of transport, fuel, electricity and raw materials.

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An important step toward this end is being undertaken in Arezzo Province where a detailed and systematic survey of industrial firms is being carried out by our Provincial Labor Office to ascertain the percentual potential of economic reactivation from the point of view of future employment or unemployment.

*Murray L. Schnee*

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Captain, Inf.  
Regional Labor Office  
Toscane Region.

cc Regional Commissioner.

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STATO DELLA DISOCCUPAZIONE IN PROVINCIA DI - SIENA -  
AL 15-1-45

| ATTIVITA'                              | CAPOLUOGO |     |      | Comuni della<br>Provincia |     |      | TOTALE |      |      |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----|------|---------------------------|-----|------|--------|------|------|
|                                        | M         | F   | T    | M                         | F   | T    | M      | F    | T    |
| Agricoltura                            | 2         | =   | 2    | 10                        | =   | 10   | 12     | =    | 12   |
| Industrie Estrattive                   | 1         | =   | 1    | 361                       | =   | 361  | 362    | =    | 362  |
| Industrie Metallurgiche e Meccaniche   | 54        | =   | 54   | 13                        | =   | 13   | 67     | =    | 67   |
| Industrie Alimentari                   | 3         | 1   | 4    | =                         | 3   | 3    | 3      | 4    | 7    |
| Industrie Edili e Stradali             | 21        | =   | 21   | 89                        | =   | 89   | 110    | =    | 110  |
| Industrie Idrauliche Gas e Elettricità | 2         | =   | 2    | 8                         | =   | 8    | 10     | =    | 10   |
| Industrie Tessili e Abbigliamento      | 5         | 44  | 49   | 14                        | 33  | 47   | 19     | 77   | 96   |
| Industria del Legno                    | 19        | =   | 19   | 10                        | =   | 10   | 29     | =    | 29   |
| Industrie Chimiche e del Vetro         | 1         | 3   | 4    | 10                        | 636 | 646  | 11     | 639  | 650  |
| Industrie Carta e Stampa               | 11        | 3   | 14   | =                         | =   | =    | 11     | 3    | 14   |
| Industria dello Spettacolo             | =         | =   | =    | =                         | =   | =    | =      | =    | =    |
| Imprese di Comunicazioni e Trasporti   | 59        | =   | 59   | 8                         | =   | 8    | 67     | =    | 67   |
| Mano d'opera generica                  | 224       | 267 | 491  | 423                       | 120 | 543  | 647    | 387  | 1034 |
| Esercizi Pubblici                      | 131       | 131 | 262  | =                         | =   | =    | 131    | 131  | 262  |
| Aziende Commerciali                    | 16        | 14  | 30   | =                         | =   | =    | 16     | 14   | 30   |
| Impiegati                              | 297       | 140 | 437  | 27                        | 2   | 29   | 324    | 142  | 466  |
| TOTALE                                 | 846       | 603 | 1449 | 973                       | 794 | 1767 | 1819   | 1397 | 3216 |

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Cross Reference Sheet

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Subject: Operation of Port of Pirmbin  
Date: 28 Jan. 45  
To: Navy Sub-Comm. 1681  
From: Labor v/e  
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Economic Section

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17 January 1945

SUBJECT: Toscana Region December Report.

TO : Labor Sub-Commission.

1. The following information is passed to you for any action you deem fit:

"d. The increase in wages for employees of PBS effective 16 Dec. 44, and of Fifth Army, effective 1 Jan. 45, has improved the army labor situation. The increase for persons employed by civilian firms, while creating financial problems for some firms, does, in general, satisfy a real need. The delay in making the Italian Decree increasing wages for provincial and communal employees effective in AMG territory is a regrettable discrimination against them. This delay also militates against the Allies because the Italians believe, with some degree of justification, that it is the Allies who are preventing them from obtaining this much-needed increase.

"e. Civilian employees of the Army in this Region - PBS and Fifth Army - have had their wages increased; but this increase has not yet been made effective for civilian employees of AMG. This puts AMG at a serious disadvantage in obtaining and keeping the civilian help upon which it depends to accomplish its mission. The increase authorized by Administrative Memorandum No. 62, AFHQ, dated 14 Dec. 44, should be made effective in AMG at the discretion of Regional Commissioners, without delay."

"5. LABOR.

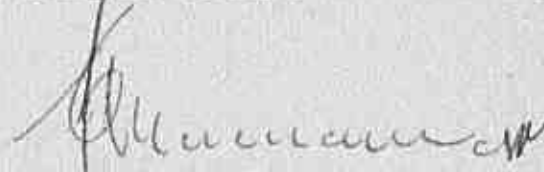
A fluctuating shortage of labour continues in LIVORNO, but the situation is better than it was. Improvement is due to the increase in wages, the addition of social insurance and a slight increase in the noon-day meal. Action against punitive measures practiced by some units also helped the situation.

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Some general unemployment exists but it is not acute except in PIOMBINO. Certain recommendations have been put forward to alleviate the situation. Unemployment is likely to increase until agricultural work resumes with warmer weather.

Labour relations continue satisfactory."



C. J. MACNAMARA, Capt., P.C.  
S.O. 3, Economic Section

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File: LSC/709  
Subject: Accident claim - Ottavio Bertini - Anzani AMG employee  
Date: 17 Jan. 45  
To: Regional Commissioner - Toscana  
From: Labour I/c  
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489061 Ext 358

12 JAN 1945

Ref: 9/8A/CA

11 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Capt. M. Short RASC  
c/o P.C. Ince

1. Reference your BU/2 of 29 December 1944 and 7 January 1945 inquiries have been made with Food Sub-Commission and Labour Sub-Commission.

2. Labour Sub-Commission have a representative in Livorno Col. Bebeock (phone Livorno 272 ring 2) and he has been contacted by this HQ. Col. Bebeock states that he cannot find workers locally for Mine Clearance but is prepared to include any men you may bring to Livorno for the Clearance purpose within his Labour scheme and to feed them.

3. Food Sub-Commission are also writing their Supply Officer on the matter.

4. Please get in touch with Col. Tabcock and see if you can arrange matters with him re. the feeding of these men. If matters cannot be satisfactorily arranged on this spot please inform this Section.

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Labour Sub-Commission  
Food Sub-Commission

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Ref: 9/24/CA

11 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

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c/o P.O. Lucce

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*Edward Reaney May*

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CSO CA Section

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Labour Sub-Commission  
Food Sub-Commission

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