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SUBJECT: Monthly Report

d. Labor

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Piemonte Region	37,054,749 Lire
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EDGAR ARSHINE HUME
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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APO 464 US ARMY

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5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission
Attn: Labor Sub-Commission

1. Perewith, in duplicate, monthly report of the Labor Division.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Thomas J. Michie

THOMAS J. MICHIE,
Lt. Colonel, A.C.,
Executive Officer.

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AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US Army

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3 July 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Labor Division

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TO : Executive Officer, AMG Fifth Army

1. Officer Personnel. - During the month Captain Robertson reported to 2600 Special Detachment. Captain Giamarco and Lt. Cantilli were transferred to Regional control. No officers other than the undersigned therefore remain with the Division.

2. Labor Relations. - Satisfactory. A number of new labor contracts were presented to the Regional Labor Officers and were acted on by the Regions in line with policy laid down in existing memos. All contracts provided for wage increases. No stoppages of work of any importance were reported. An attempt to involve the workers at Brescia in the "Tito Case" met with no success.

3. Army Wage Scale. - It was increased to allow 50% Cost of Living Bonus as of June 1. Army now considering giving full Cost of Living Bonus and is also considering taking away all food rations from civilian workers.

4. Social Security. - Functioning Satisfactorily. Reports from Dr. Bargoni indicate that heads of Social Security Agencies at Rome and for North Italy at Milano are coming to an agreement on policy and personnel. In view of the fact that the system is functioning satisfactorily this Division has not considered it advisable to enter into the discussions between Rome and Milan.

5. Labor Supply Army. - The labor demands of the Army continued to decrease. The use of PW's has relegated civilian labor supply to the Past.

6. Labor Convention Milan. - The undersigned attended the general meeting of the Secretaries of the Camere del Lavoro at Milano. Over 200 delegates were present. Colonel Poletti, the Regional Commissioner and Mr. Braine, Chairman of Labor Sub-Commission were also in attendance. Mr. Di Vittorio (Communist) and Mr. Lizzardi (Socialist), two of the Secretaries of the General Confederation of Labor at Rome were present. Mr. Grandi (Christian Democrat) was reported sick but was represented. The Convention was not open to the Public, it was orderly and "went off" without difficulty.

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Senior Labor Officer,
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
G-5 SECTION
APO 464 US ARMY

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21 June 1945

Report for the month of May, 1945EXTRACTe. Labor.

Labor relations remain generally satisfactory. Unemployment continues to increase. Many prisoners of war and "slave laborers" are returning from Germany and causing additional problems. There is a state of unrest through the area. Insecurity as to work and pay is the chief item of concern.

Supply exceeds the demand. Army policy continues to be the utilization of prisoner of war labor whenever possible.

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i. Finance.

Banks as a general rule were found in good condition and were reopened as soon as financial statements and lists of blocked accounts could be furnished. By 14 May the banks in all the provincial capitals had been reopened and by 25 May all banks in the Fifth Army area had been reopened with the exception of a few in the outlying border communes.

A considerable number of metropolitan lire notes from captured or surrendered German units have found their way into the hands of Allied soldiers who have attempted to convert them into AM lire by buying money orders or purchasing assegni or vaglia at local banks. Instructions were given to all Regional Finance Officers and Provincial Finance Officers to instruct all banks that the exchange for soldiers of AM lire for metropolitan lire in denominations of 1000 lire is forbidden. Banks must hold 1000 lire AM notes and must not re-initiate them into circulation except in emergencies. Fifth Army also issued orders that troops must turn in captured booty and cannot have in their possession bills of 500 and 1000 metropolitan lire.

In the early part of May elements of the 53th division seized and guarded a treasure of gold bullion and coins in the vaults of the Banca d'Italia at Fortezza. This stock consisted of 153 kgs and 55 boxes of a total weight of Kg. 23,802,379 or approximately 23 tons. Arrangements were made to remove

the gold from Fortezza and on 17 May a truck convoy with a reconnaissance platoon and guards from the 38th division transported the stock to the Banca d'Italia in Rome. The same convoy also delivered the world famous collection of coins, valued at 12 million dollars, property of the King of Italy.

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/s/ Edgar Erskine Hume
EDGAR ERSKINE HUME,
Brigadier General, GSC.,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Fifth Army.

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Date 28/6/60

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Mr. Hughes		Finance	
Maj. Smith		Food	
Maj. Clark		Industry	
Maj. Tesby		Labor	✓
Capt. Atkins		P W & U	
Capt. Williams		Transportation	
Capt. Highland		Chief Commissioner	
Lt. DiLoreto		Executive Commissioner	
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APO 464 US ARMY

May 5 1945

Subject: Wage and Food study

To: Senior Labor Officer, AMG 5th Army

1. Attached here to are charts showing; (a) wages being paid in various parts of northwest Italy upon our arrival. (b) Food prices for the same area and the same time.

This study was conducted jointly by Capt. Fredrick Murphy, Industry Division and the undersigned.

2. Information relative to wages paid by the German Army to civilian workers was obtained from various sources including the following, (a) German army records left in the labor office in Modena (b) a Lt Col. of German Quartermaster Corps. (c) a German civilian employee of the German paymasters dept. Common labor, employed on road and fortification work were at times paid one thousand lire per 8 hour day when workers were difficult to recruit. Interpreters were paid from five to six thousand lire a month base.

3. Private Industrial Wages. In the smaller cities of the Po valley the minimum wage established by the Republican decree of Nov. 1, 44 were generally paid. When advances had been granted under the old contracts, the amount of such advances was added to the new minimum.

In Milan and Turin all employers are paying over the minimum in amounts of from 5 to 15 lire. A complex variation of the "Taylor System" is being used in many plants in Milan and Turin.

Under an order issued by the G L N most employers are paying an advance of three months wages. In the past few months workers have demanded and received "Advances" of one to five thousand lire a month.

4. In view of the various factors it is believed that the basic Armed Force wage rate should be increased by thirty lire per day, this would be one half of the Garovita paid in the south and would produce a rate of 115 lire per 8 hour day for common labor. It is believed that such a rate is needed to attract workers to what is clearly short term employment.

John H. Moffitt
John H. Moffitt
Capt. Labor Division

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Forwarded to Labor Sub Commission Allied Commission HQ.

T. A. Lane
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Lt Col. C E

MINIMUM WAGE - GROSS - FOR WORKER WITH WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN

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EMPLOYER

CLASSIFICATION	MECHANICAL AND METAL TRADES MILAN	BUILDING TRADES MILAN	GROUP I PRIVATE INDUSTRY	GROUP II PRIVATE INDUSTRY	STATE	GERMAN ARMY
HIGHLY SKILLED WORKERS	122.80	110.00	112.40	108.80	96.33	176.40
SKILLED WORKER	114.60	104.40	104.40	101.20	94.00	136.40
SEMI-SKILLED WORKER	106.32	----	97.20	94.40	88.16	136.40
COMMON LABOR	102.60	97.20	94.00	91.60	91.00	136.40

NOTE: THESE ARE MINIMUM WAGES UNDER NEW CONTRACT WHERE INCREASE HAD BEEN GRANTED UNDER OLD CONTRACT - SAME INCREASE APPLIED TO NEW CONTRACT.

NOTE: GROUP I ABOVE INCLUDES LARGER PROVINCES OF NORTH ITALY - GROUP II THE SMALLER-

MINIMUM WAGE - GROSS - FOR WORKER WITH WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN

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EMPLOYER

MECHANICAL AND METAL TRADES MILAN	BUILDING TRADES MILAN	GROUP I PRIVATE INDUSTRY	GROUP II PRIVATE INDUSTRY	STATE	GERMAN ARMY	TOTAL	ARMED FORCES
122.80	110.00	112.40	108.80	96.33	176.40	----	----
114.60	104.40	104.40	101.20	94.00	136.40	108.40	----
106.32	----	97.20	94.40	88.16	136.40	----	----
102.60	97.20	94.00	91.60	91.00	136.40	92.40	85.00

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FOOD PRICES IN LIRE

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MODENA

MANTOVA

COMMODITY	UNIT	RATION	LEGAL	BL. MKT	RATION	LEGAL	BL. MKT	RATION	LEGAL
BREAD	KILO	150 GR.	6	30	250 GR	2.40	15-20	325 GR. EVERY H. WK.	4.5
		350 GR H.WK.			450 H.WK.			200 GR Normal	
								250 GR. H.WK.	
PASTA	KILO	none	none	50	130 GR WK.	3.80	20-25	3 KILOS-MON.	4.50
OIL	LITRE	none	none	1100	3 Litres in	37.0	1100	100 GR in 10	25.00
					8 months			months	
BUTTER	KILO	none	none	1200	none in 4 Mon.	75.0	700	150 GR per Mon.	70.00
LARD	KILO	none	none	none	100 GR in DEC 44	29	600	CHOICE-SUB FOR	30.00
								BUTTER	
TOMATO PASTE	KILO	100 GR-WINTER	30	200	300 GR-6 months	21	100	50 GR for 3 Mon.	50.00
CHEESE	KILO	none	none	none	1 KILO-6 months	30	300	50 GR a month	40.00
CHEESE PASTE								100 GR a month	40.00
SALT	KILO	200 GR-WINTER	36	400	none	none	400	300 GR a month	1.4
SUGAR	KILO	none	none	750	250 GR per month	32.40	EXXIE: 700	250 GR a month	24.0
					old-sick-young			old-sick-young	
MARMALADE	KILO	none	none	300	170 GR a month	49	100	none	none
					old, sick, young				
MEAT, FRESH	KILO	none	none	400	100 GR a week	50	160	130 GR a week	50
MEAT, PRESERV.	KILO	none	none	none	none	none	none	30 GR a week	95
EGGS	EACH	FREE MARKET	23-30	none	2 in 6 MONTHS	10	17	none	none
WINE	LITRE	" "	28-56	none	FREE MARKET	12.50	30	FREE MARKET	50
POTATOES	KILO	" "	7	none	" "	6	none	" "	15
VEGETABLES	KILO	" "	50-70	none	" "	40-50	none	" "	40
GREENS	KILO	" "	70	none	" "	15-20	none	" "	30
MILK	LITRE	" "	30	none	none	none	none	1 lr to young-day	5
FIREWOOD	QUINTAL	" "	600	none	8 Quint per fam.	148	600	none	none
					for winter				
SOAP - FRESH	KILO	none	none	300	125 GR a month	40	200	unknown	unknown
SHOES, WORK.	PAIR	none	none	none	1 PR - year	200	450	none	none
CANDLES	BACK	none	none	none	6 per month	6	25	unknown	none

NOTE: IN MODENA PROVINCE EACH PERSON RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1944, ONE YEAR'S RATION OF FLOUR FOR HOME PASTA OF 1½ QUINTAL AT 160 LIRE PER QUINTAL.

FOOD PRICES IN LIRE

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BOLOGNA				MODENA				MANTOVA			
	LEGAL	BL MKT	RATION	LEGAL	BL MKT	RATION	LEGAL	BL MKT	RATION	LEGAL	BL MKT
GR.			250 GR						325 GR. EVERY H. WK.		
GR H.Wk.	6	30	450 H.WK.	2.40	15-20				200 GR Normal	4.5	none
									250 GR. H.WK.		
ne	none	50	130 GR WK.	3.80	20-25				3 KILOS-MON.	4.50	none
ne	none	1100	3 Litres in	37.0	1100				100 GR in 10	25.00	500-600
			8 months						months		
ne	none	1200	none in 4 Mon.	75.0	700				150 GR per Mon.	70.00	600
ne	none	none	100 GR in DEC 44	29	600				CHOICE-SUB FOR	30.00	600
									BUTTER		
GR-WINTER:	30	200	300 GR-6 months	21	100				50 GR for 3 Mon.	50.00	150
ne	none	none	1 KILO-6 months	30	300				50 GR a month	40.00	400
									100 GR a month	40.00	150
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ne	none	750	250 GR per month	32.40	XXXX				250 GR a month	24.0	300
			old-sick-young		700				old-sick-young		
ne	none	300	170 GR a month	49	100				none	none	none
			old, sick, young								
ne	none	400	100 GR a week	50	160				130 GR a week	50	150
ne	none	none	none	none	none				30 GR a week	95	500
MARKET	23-30	none	2 in 6 MONTHS	10	17				none	none	none
"	28-56	none	FREE MARKET	12.50	30				FREE MARKET	50	none
"	7	none	" "	6	none				" "	15	none
"	50-70	None	" "	40-50	none				" "	40	none
"	70	none	" "	15-20	none				" "	30	none
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MILAN

COMMODITY	UNIT	RATION	LEGAL	BL. MKT
BREAD	KILO	150 GR. Normal 375 GR. Worker 475 GR. H. Wk. 575 GR. V.P. Wk.	5	40
PASTA	KILO	3 Kilos month 1 Kilo H.Wk.	7.5	50
OIL	LITRE	100 GR a month	45	900
BUTYER	KILO	100 GR a month	85	750
LARD	KILO	none	none	750
TOMATO PASTE	KILO	100 GR a month	85	250
CHEESE	KILO	100 GR a month	45	500
CHEESE CREAM	KILO	50 GR a month	45	200
SALT	KILO	none in 3 months	2.5	600
SUGAR	KILO	500 GR a month old, sick, young	27.5	600
MARMALADE	KILO	none	none	250
MEAT, FRESH	KILO	150 GR a month	85	600
MEAT PRESERV	KILO	none	none	550
EGGS	EACH	FREE MARKET	20	---
BIRN	LITRE	" "	90	---
POTATOES	KILO	" "	30	---
VEGETABLES	KILO	FREE MKT - PEAS DRIED	200-100	---
GREENS	KILO	" "	50	---
MILK	LITRE	100 GR a day - young	6	---
FIREWOOD	QUINTAL	125 Kilo per month	250	750
SOAP, FRESH	KILO	none	none	400
SHOES, WORK	PAIR	none	none	3000
CANDLES	EACH	none	none	12-15

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MILAN

COMMODITY	UNIT	RATION	LEGAL	PL EXT
MEAT	KILO	150 GR. Normal		
		375 GR. Worker		
		475 GR. H. Wk.	5	40
		575 GR. V.H. Wk.		
	KILO	3 Kilos month	7.5	50
		1 Kilo H.Wk.		
	LITRE	100 GR a month	45	900
	KILO	100 GR a month	85	750
	KILO	None	None	750
TO PASTE	KILO	100 GR a month	85	250
		100 GR a month	45	900
ICE CREAM	KILO	50 GR a month	45	200
	KILO	none in 3 months	2.5	600
	KILO	500 GR a month	27.5	600
		old, sick, young		
EGG	KILO	none	none	250
FRESH	KILO	150 GR a month	85	600
PREPARED	KILO	none	none	550
	EACH	FREE MARKET	20	---
	LITRE	" "	90	---
ICE	KILO	" "	30	---
PEAS	KILO	FREE MKT - PEAS DRIED 200-100		---
	KILO	" "	50	---
	LITRE	100 GR a day-young	6	---
TO	QUINTALS	25 Kilo per month	250	750
FRESH	KILO	none	none	400
WORE	PAIR	none	none	3000
3	EACH	none	none	12-15

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

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REF : LHO/711

24 April 1945

SUBJECT: AMG 5th Army Report.

TO : Mr. Sachs,
copy to Mr. Di Fede
Miss Stevenson.

1. In the Florence Paper "La Nazione del Popolo" of Thursday 19 April (copy attached to Mr. Di Fede) there is a report regarding carovita indemnity granted to various categories of workers, i.e. motor transport, hand-made linens, wood-workers, printers, shoemaking. The bonuses vary from 16 lire per hour for heads of families down to 4 lire per hour for juvenile workers under 16, relating to each hour of work completed. On a basis of an 8 hour day these bonuses are 128 lire per day for heads of families down to 32 lire per day for juveniles.

2. The newspaper announcement says that the Provincial Labour Office has ratified numerous agreements made between industrial associations and the Confederal Camera del Lavoro.

3. On this basis, the Florence bonus is at the same level as the Rome bonus and if the Provincial Labour Office has ratified the agreements it must be assumed that AMG have approved since Florence at that date was in the area of AMG 5th Army.

4. There are two points for immediate consideration:

- (a) the first is to note this bonus and record it in our various reports, obtaining from Florence an official statement confirming it, and enquiring when AMG gave formal or informal or implied approval;
- (b) the second is to insure that agreements of this nature are immediately reported to us by AMG Labour Officers and if there is likely to be any delay in issuing instructions regarding monthly reports and interim reports, a special minute should be sent to all Labour Offices asking them to forward reports from Provincial and Regional Labour Offices when agreements of this sort are made (and approved in AMG territory).

5. The Armed Forces Wage Scale in the Florence area needs to be adjusted by the local Sub-Committee of the Labour and Wages Control Committee. A watch should be kept for this.

W. H. BRAINE
Director, Labour Sub-Commission

5th ARMY
LABOR DIVISION

3 April, 1945

SUBJECT: March Report

From : Senior Labor Officer

TO : Chief Of Staff
AMG - 5th Army

1. LABOR SUPPLY:

The supply exceeds the demand throughout 5th Army area except in certain building classifications such as masons, bricklayers, carpenters etc. Following are some employment and unemployment figures from the three Provincial Labor Offices:

Florence and Sub-offices:

Persons referred to jobs:	938
Men registered unemployed:	4120
Women " " "	1662

Pistoia and Sub-offices:

Persons referred to jobs:	414
Men registered unemployed:	2410
Women " " "	520

Lucca and Sub-offices:

Persons referred to jobs:	2602
Men registered unemployed:	6560
Women " " "	3290

TOTALS FOR 5TH ARMY AREA:

Persons referred to jobs:	3954
Men registered unemployed:	13090
Women " " "	5477

The above figures do not include statistics from certain outlying offices with which communication is difficult.

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(March Report, continued)

2. LABOR RELATIONS:

The lack of uniformity in the time of application of wage decrees has caused unrest among State employees in 5th Army area.

The following telegrams are in the hands of certain Government employees in this area and this Division has been asked repeatedly by numerous representative commissions of State employees as to when they become effective for all employees in 5th Army area:

"DA MINISTERO FINANZE 20/12/1944 Ore 13 Arrivo ore 4 del 21
A TUTTI I PREFETTI PROVINCE LIBERATE E F.C. INTERNO E PRESIDENZA
(Gab.PZ.D.ac.Agp.)

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Seguito telegramma 475/104684 bis del 28 novembre autorizza continuazione pagamento indennità offese belliche fino 31 dicembre 1944 in tutti comuni ove indennità medesima siasi corrisposta dopo giugno 1944, avvertesi che tale concessione è prorogata fino 28 febbraio 1945."

"Ministero delle Comunicazioni
Ferrovie dello Stato
Compartimento di Firenze
Ufficio del Capo Compartimento
Oggetto: Anticipazioni

Firenze, 22 Marzo 1945
460/XXIV/2/GR 13

A Tutti gli Uffici Contabili
del Compartimento
p.c. Servizio Materiale e Trazione
F i r e n z e

In attesa della pubblicazione del provvedimento concernente i miglioramenti economici recentemente deliberati dal Consiglio dei Ministri, il Sig. Direttore Generale ha autorizzato un primo anticipo di L.1501 ed un secondo anticipo pari doppio stipendio o paga non superiore comunque a L.1001 al netto di qualsiasi trattenuta esclusa marca da bollo da imputare al conto anticipazioni ed addebiti.

Detti acconti debbono essere corrisposti agli agenti di ruolo e non di ruolo, agli assuntori, ai portieri delle case economiche patrimoniali.

Sono esclusi gli agenti sospesi dal servizio perchè soggetti al giudizio di epurazione (intendendo come tali anche gli indesiderabili).

Il FF.Capo Compartimento
F/to R. *Rodone* . "

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(Lab.Relations, continued)

5th Army AMG Finance Officer advised that the Ministry of the Treasury telegram is not to be put in effect in this area and also that he has no authority to extend the Ministry of Communications telegram to other employees although we have been informed that the Monopolio di Tabacchi and Poste e Telegrafi have paid the "Anticipo" to their employees.

A number of threatened strikes have been avoided in the past ten days, three of which were to be in protest to the lack of definite provision for the Christmas Bonus and the 1500 # advance of Integration of Salary plan. The Christmas bonus is now in effect and authority is expected from Headquarters A.C. shortly to pay the "Anticipo". Another of the threatened strikes was a proposed demonstration against the local Governments proposal to place, at the head of the Communal Street Cleaners, a man known to be a Fascist to all the workers. Definite action had already been taken by the local City AMG to "epurate" the above-mentioned fascist and the strike was avoided after considerable explanation and argument.

This Office has been under increasing pressure by the Private Industry and the Camera Confederale del Lavoro in this area to permit wage increases to go above the Army Wage rates which have been used as a ceiling for Private Industry in all wage agreements.

3. SOCIAL SECURITY:

Proceeding as well as can be expected under the prevalent conditions of transportation and communication.

Medicines and supplies being sent from Florence to Pisa by Previdenza Sociale.

Infortunati is re-opening ambulatorio at Prato and Borgo San Lorenzo to take care of civilian army workers.

The Cassa Mutua, in the opinion of this Office, is being charged excessive commission and interest by the Banca di Lavoro.

4. PROVINCIAL OFFICES:

Functioning satisfactorily. New communal Offices have been instituted at: MAP REFERENCE: ITALY ROAD MAP-1/200,000 SHEET 11

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(Provincial Offices, continued)

GRID REFERENCE:L4107
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PIASTRE5. GENERAL:

The Co-operative Interaziendale Servizi Pubblici is functioning excellently. Number of workers receiving meals by this Co-operative is 15,500.

RR 5,500, Poste e Telegrafi 1,250, Manifattura Tabacchi 1,342, De-Micheli 209, Comune of Florence 1,250, Istituto Geografico 443, and other workers of Florence and Province 6,080.

The Provincial Labor Directors of 5th Army and nearby areas have requested the establishment of a Regional Labor Office for Tuscany at Florence.

Thomas A. Lane

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Lt. Col. C.E.

Senior Labor Officer

A.M.G. - 5th ARMY

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REPORT ON VISIT TO THE 5th ARMY by COL. W. P. EVANS, March 20 - 24, 1945.

In accordance with standing instructions that Directors of Sub-Commissions should pay periodical visits to their specialist officers in the field I proceeded on March 20 to Florence where in discussion with Major Austin and Captain Loeb, Industry & Commerce officers of the 5th Army, several points were raised on the control and distribution of textiles from Prato and sewing thread from Lucca.

On March 21 accompanied by Mr. E. L. Noeworthy, Commerce Minister of the British Embassy and by Major A. S. Austin I proceeded to Lucca in order to visit the Cucirini Cantoni Coats Mill and to obtain firsthand information on its manufacturing possibilities.

The material damage suffered by enemy action is not very serious and great credit is due to the initiative, ingenuity and drive shown by the managers in clearing up the debris caused by enemy action and in getting their plant in production again, even if on a very reduced scale.

The present production of sewing thread is 150 Kgs. per day as compared to 1000 Kgs. prewar production which was about 40% of the estimated daily prewar consumption in Italy.

Owing to shortage of electric power, there is only one shift of workers per day but it is expected that 300 Kilowatts per day will be available, at the beginning of April when production will be gradually stepped up to 600 Kgs. per day and eventually to 1,800 Kgs. per day if the necessary further increase of electric power can be obtained.

To increase production beyond the 1,200 Kgs. per day, it will be necessary to carry out major repairs. A list of motors, canvas belting, samples of eyelets, hooks and other requirements was supplied by C.S.C. and has been handed to the Industry Subcommission for necessary action.

Sufficient raw material is on hand or has been earmarked in Italy by Cucirini Cantoni Coats to carry on production at the rate of 1,000 Kgs. per day for a period of six months.

Fifty tons of raw cotton will be trucked by DAFOS from Naples to Lucca and processed into sewing thread for 3th Army needs. In order that civilian needs may be met it has been arranged that only one third of the production capacity of the plant will be utilised for processing the Army cotton, thus leaving two thirds for processing civilian needs and 3th Army requirements. The latter have been very modest up to the present.

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Control of all these thread mills has been assigned to AMG 5th Army by C-4 Section on Release Order 820-321 dated March 10, 1945.

Priority of orders for manufacture of thread at C.C.G. has been laid down by AMG 5th as follows:

- Priority "A". Military orders or releases from stock held exclusively for military use.
- Priority "B". Orders from officially approved Italian organizations or firms controlled by AMG or AMG.
- Priority "C". Orders from civilian firms for general distribution to civil population.

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For all orders exceeding 500 Kilograms a supply of raw cotton is to be arranged by the demanding service or sponsoring ~~AWG/ALCON~~ agency. The Commerce Subcommittee recommends that a more rational system of ensuring a regular supply of raw materials be evolved by Industry Subcommittee as it is doubtful whether any Italian organization or firms controlled by AWG or ALCON have any bales of raw cotton stored away in their backyard for such an emergency.

Regular supplies of raw materials should be arranged in conjunction with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in order to ensure a normal distribution of finished goods. It is recommended that a meeting be arranged with representatives of:

- a) the Ministry of I. & C.;
- b) Industry Subcommittee;
- c) Commerce Subcommittee;
- d) AWG 5th Army;

in order that a satisfactory system be set up on sound commercial lines, both as regards manufacture and distribution.

A reel of sewing thread is sold by C.C.C., ex works, at Lire 0.14 per metre. The retail price in Rome today is Lire 1.40 per metre.

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Tractor and motor car engines are furnishing the motive power for the various plants but future expansion of the present rate of production will depend entirely on the amount of electric power made available in the Army Area.

There are numerous plants now ready to commence operations as soon as electric power is available.

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Large syndicates have been formed in Central and Southern Italy who are speculating in rags. These syndicates are, for the greater part, not interested in the textile industry but are purchasing for purely speculative purposes.

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Capt. Loeb points out that the Prato Industry has reached a state of inflation where the production cost for an eight-hour day in a loom plant totals Lire 300.00, of which only Lire 8.000 represent labour and office salaries. Transposed into percentages, these figures mean that labour of all types, which formerly amounted to approximately 33% of total costs is now reduced to 2-1/2%.

It is understood that the Ministry of Commerce has at its disposal some millions of kilograms of virgin wool at prices ranging from 70 to 125 Lire per kilo. If this quantity of wool were made available to Prato, the averaging of this low price in conjunction with raw materials already held in Prato, would materially reduce the price of textiles and also cause an unloading of woolen rags held for speculative purposes.

As mentioned earlier in this report, it is felt that regular supplies of raw materials should be arranged with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce so as to ensure a normal distribution of finished goods, and in order to have some basis for a continuity of policy in both liberated Italy and Northern territories, there is need of coordinating the efforts of the Ministry, AC and AMG both as regards production and method of distribution.

A meeting of the interested parties should be arranged as soon as possible so as to discuss and agree on a clear cut policy in the territories under Italian and Allied Government control.

Lt W. P. Evans

W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

Copy to: Economic Section
AMG 5th Army
Industry Subcommittee
Mr. R. L. Norworthy, British Embassy, Rome

29 Mar. '45

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MEMORANDUM

Date 7/4/45
Re: Internal

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF FLORENCE
LABOR DIVISION

SUBJECT: Report

TO: Senior Labor Officer
AMG 5th ARMY

7 March, 1945

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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.

Col. Lane came in at about 1:30 hours and asked me to call Bertolotti and Bitossi to the office at once. They came and repeated their story to the Colonel who strongly recommended a no work stoppage policy. Bitossi and Bertolotti insisted that it should and another considerable argument Col. Lane asked them to hold everything until he could present the case of General Hume. They both assured Col. Lane that they would hold everything and departed at about 1:45 hours.

At about 1:15 hours Col. Lane sent me to get Bertolotti and Bertolotti with his car, notifying them that General Hume had requested their presence in his office. I arrived at the offices of the COL at about 1:20 and went upstairs to the meeting room where, I had been told I would find the men I was looking for. I notified the two secretaries of the General's wishes and they in turn announced them to the workers' representatives. Upon receipt of this news the crowd rose to its feet and shouted that these men could not represent them without the order of the day. This order of the day was the one requesting a "legal" half-hour work stoppage. In about five minutes time the order was drawn up and voted upon and armed with this the secretaries came a long with me requesting that a third person be allowed at the meeting. This person was one Bacci Eugenio, representing the Dem-Christian party, and I gave my consent. I accompanied all three men to Gen. Hume's office where they stated the case in the presence of the General, his interpreter, Col. Michie, Col. Lane and me. At the end of the interview General Hume instructed the representatives to go back to their meeting, make known the General's recommendation of no work stoppage and return with an answer between 2:00 and 2:30 hours.

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Labor Office also made a strong speech making the recommendation of the General. After such 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.

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JAMES L. CANTILLI
1st Lt. Infantry
Labor Officer
AMC 5th ARMY

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

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MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Disturbances.

1. At 20 p.m. there came to this office Captain Moffitt of the Labor Division, Florence City, Fifth Army A.M.G. who gave the following account of a conversation between Colonel Lane and the two secretaries of the Camera di Lavoro of Florence Province, the representatives respectively the Communist and Socialist parties. The representative of the Christian Democrat party was not present. The two secretaries told Colonel Lane that the following incidents which had occurred recently had aroused the local members of their parties. Last Sunday night a bomb, supposedly a hand grenade, had exploded in the Communist headquarters in Via Cavour at about 2120 hours, nobody was hurt but the workers think that the Italian police are showing little interest in the apprehending of the offenders in the interest of the workers. Last week there was posted in Florence by persons unknown to AMG a number of posters on walls in Florence showing pictures of Hitler, Mussolini, King Victor Emmanuel and the Prince of Piedmont with the inscription that these four were responsible for the present troubles in Italy. An effort is being made to get hold of one of these posters.

2. During last week a person unknown set out and tore down the posters. There is currently running in Florence, a play, the name of the theatre and the address of this Captain Moffitt will ascertain from Colonel Lane. In the course of this play some character asserts that all the Italian people are responsible for Italy's troubles. This likewise is affecting the senses of the Italian workers.

3. The workers are likewise concerned by the escape of General Robetta. In the light of all these incidents the workers wish to have a half-hour strike. Colonel Lane assured the two secretaries that a half-hour strike would not correct any of these grievances and suggested instead they apply for permission to hold a meeting.

4. Colonel Lane suggests, though this was not mentioned by the secretaries, that word may have got around among the radical groups that the Prince of Piedmont was to visit Florence and this /was

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3. The workers are likewise concerned by the escape of General Robb. In the light of all these incidents the workers wish to have a half-hour strike. Colonel Lane assured the two secretaries that a half-hour strike would not correct any of these grievances and suggested instead they apply for permission to hold a meeting.

4. Colonel Lane suggests, though this was not mentioned by the secretaries, that word may have got around among the radical groups that the Prince of Piedmont was to visit Florence and this /was

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2. was thought to be responsible for the desire to create a disturbance of some sort.

5. A telephone call to General Truscott's villa disclosed that there was no military police protection for the environs and in view of the private character of the visit it was not thought that to sound a general alarm would be necessary.

ARTHUR E. SUTHERLAND, Jr.

Lt. Colonel, CMC.,
Executive Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 4/4 U.S. ARMY

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4th March 1945.

REFERENCE: 223/7

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Labor.

TO : U.S. Allied Commission.
Attn: Labor Sub-Commission.

1. Herewith the report of the Labor Division for the month of February.

For the Commanding General:

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FLORENCE

5th ARMY

LABOR DIVISION

3 March, 1945

SUBJECT: February Report

From : Senior Labor Officer

TO : Chief of Staff
AMG - 5th Army1. LABOR SUPPLY:

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Lucca and sub-offices:

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Women " "		1230

TOTALS FOR 5TH ARMY AREA:

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CITY OF FLORENCE
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(February Report, continued)

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3. SOCIAL SECURITY:

Proceeding as satisfactorily as can be expected throughout Army area under the present conditions of transportation and communications.

We are still short of forms S-1 and S-2, necessary for Social Insurance of workers for Allied Forces.

4. PROVINCIAL OFFICES:

Functioning satisfactorily.

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This Division has seen fit to request the presence of the Regional Labor Officer scheduled for this Region in order to bring him up to date on work done by this Division up to the present time so as to make for an easier transition from Army to Regional control of Labor matters in this area.

FOR LT. COL. T. LANE

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TO: H.Q. Allied Commission - Labour Sub-Commission 8 February 1945.

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For the Commanding General:

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Chief of Staff,
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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5th ARMY
LABOR DIVISION

3 February, 1945

SUBJECT: January Report
From : Senior Labor Officer
TO : Chief of Staff
AMG 5th ARMY

1. LABOR SUPPLY:

The supply has exceeded the demand as a general rule throughout 5th Army area. Following are figures from the three Provincial Labor Offices:

Florence and sub-offices:

Persons referred to jobs.....	2848
Men registered unemployed.....	1034
Women registered unemployed.....	383

Pistoia and sub-offices:

Persons referred to jobs.....	433
Men registered unemployed.....	809
Women registered unemployed.....	116

Lucca and sub-offices:

Persons referred to jobs.....	221
Men registered unemployed.....	1602
Women registered unemployed.....	1577

TOTALS FOR 5TH ARMY AREA:

Persons referred to jobs.....	3702
Men registered unemployed.....	3445
Women registered unemployed.....	2076

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The above figures do not include some outlying offices.

New offices have been opened in the Pistoia Zone in Castel di Casio, Granaglione and Ponte di Venturino.

2. LABOR RELATIONS:

Labor relations in Army area satisfactory in general. One strike, the Textile workers in Lucca, has been reported in which about

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(January Report, continued)

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The Inspector General, 5th Army advised this Division that statements had been made to the effect that Russian Nationals were being compelled to engage in forced labor in 5th Army area.

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(January Report, continued)

3. SOCIAL SECURITY:

Generally proceeding satisfactorily throughout Army area.

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Until now all financial demands have been met. In a number of instances it has been necessary for the Senior Finance Officer, 5th Army to advance loans, in order to help the Institutes concerned meet their obligations.

Army Social Insurance is in effect and functioning satisfactorily except that our supply of forms S-1 and S-2 is exhausted. Social Insurance Offices in outlying communes are functioning under extreme difficulty due to lack of communications and travel restrictions caused by operational necessity.

4. PROVINCIAL OFFICES:

Provincial Labor Offices in Florence, Pistoia and Lucca are now fully staffed with carefully selected officials, especially in the higher grades, and are functioning satisfactorily.

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HEADQUARTERS, AMG FIFTH ARMY, APO 464, U.S. Army 4th January 1945.

TO: Labor Subcommittee, HQ Allied Commission.

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For the Commanding General:

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

~~CITY OF FLORENCE~~
5th ARMY

3rd January, 1945

Subject: December Report
From : Senior Labor Officer
To : Chief of Staff
AMG, 5th ARMY

1. LABOR SUPPLY:

Attached overlay indicates location of Labor Supply Offices 5th Army Area. The supply was about equal to the demand until Christmas Holiday when the supply dropped especially in Florence City. It is expected that after the holidays the situation will return to normal.

2. LABOR RELATIONS:

Labor Relations in Army Area were generally satisfactory. Some difficulty was caused by newspapers printing Italian wage decrees with August 16th as effective date. Previous to publication of the Italian Royal Decrees all agreements and wages were fixed as of October 1st and both Labor and Management appeared content. Two strikes one of the match workers and the other of employees of the "Genio Civile" were reported from Empoli. The Provincial Labor Office has assigned a representative. Both strikes involved "wages".

3. SOCIAL SECURITY:

Social Insurance for civilian workers employed by the Armed Forces has been the subject of conference with Unit Labor Officers, who have been supplied with forms and given the necessary instructions.

4. ARMY WAGE SCALE:

The 5th Army has agreed to publish new wage scale effective from 1st January 1945.

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CITY OF FLORENCE

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5. COOPERATIVE PUBLIC UTILITY WORKERS:

The Public Utility Cooperatives for noon day messes have improved. The operation of these messes, which have been closely supervised, have had a very direct effect in maintaining industrial peace in the Army Area.

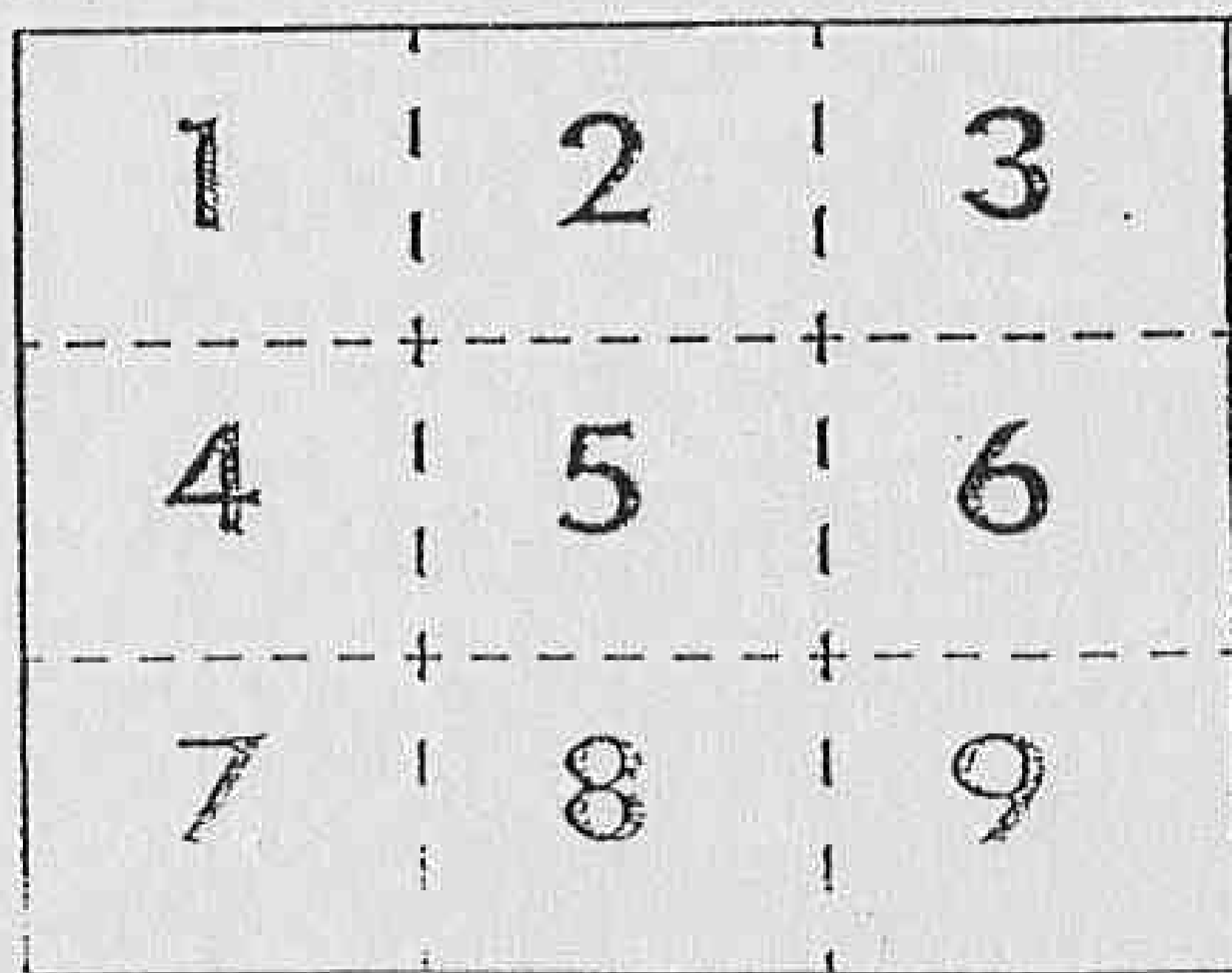
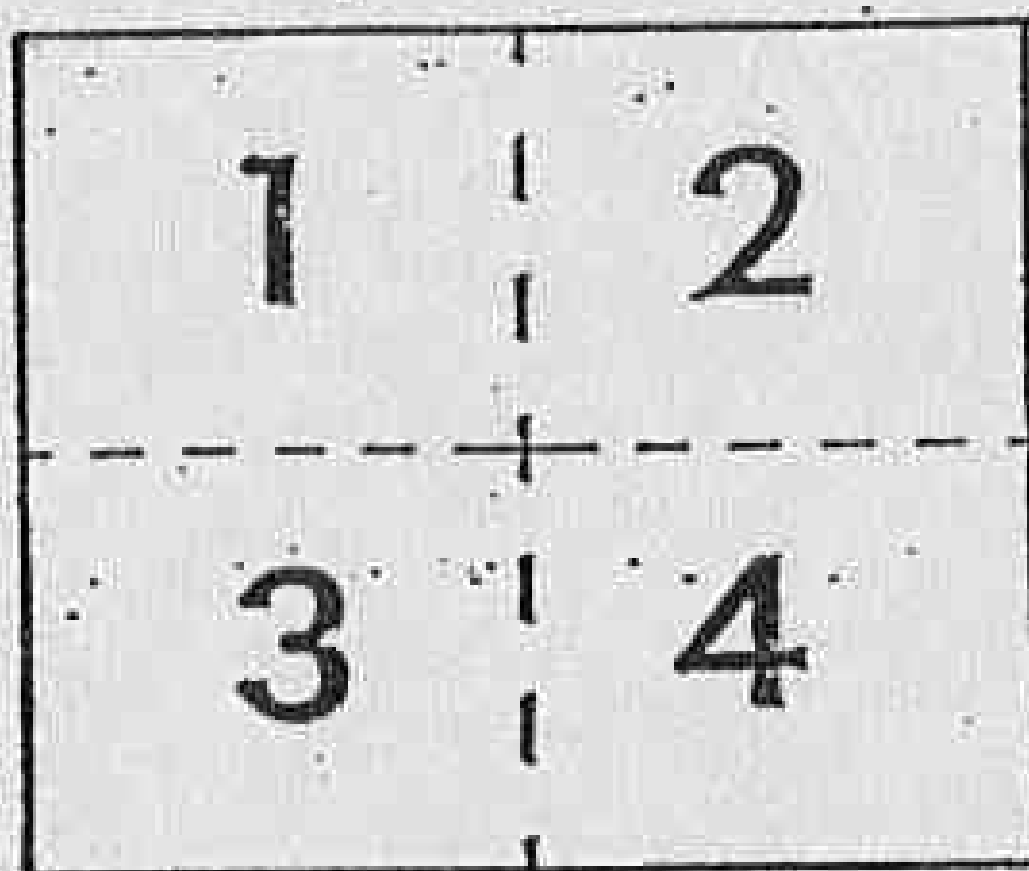
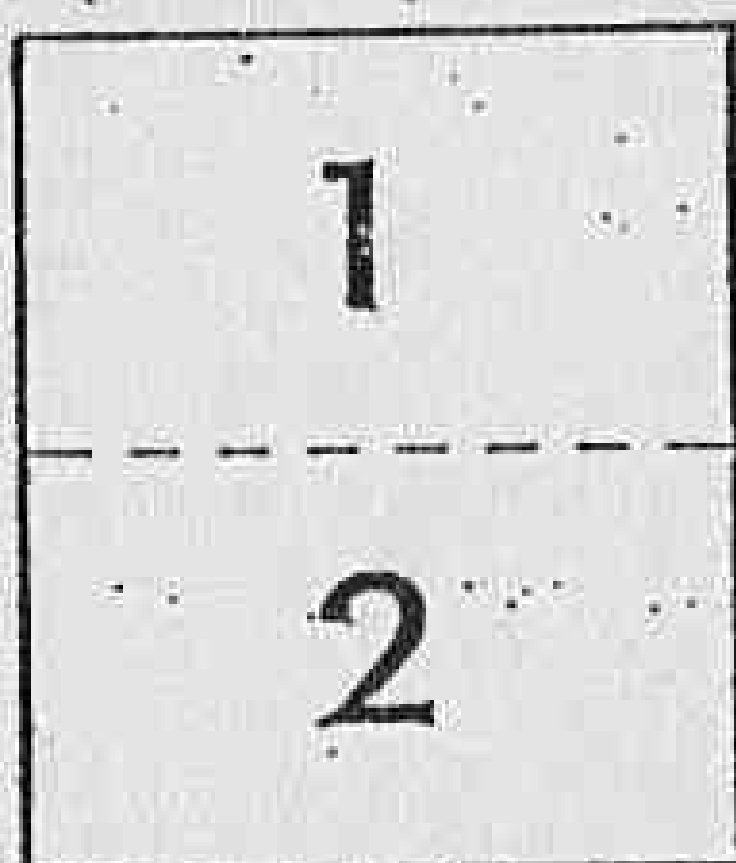
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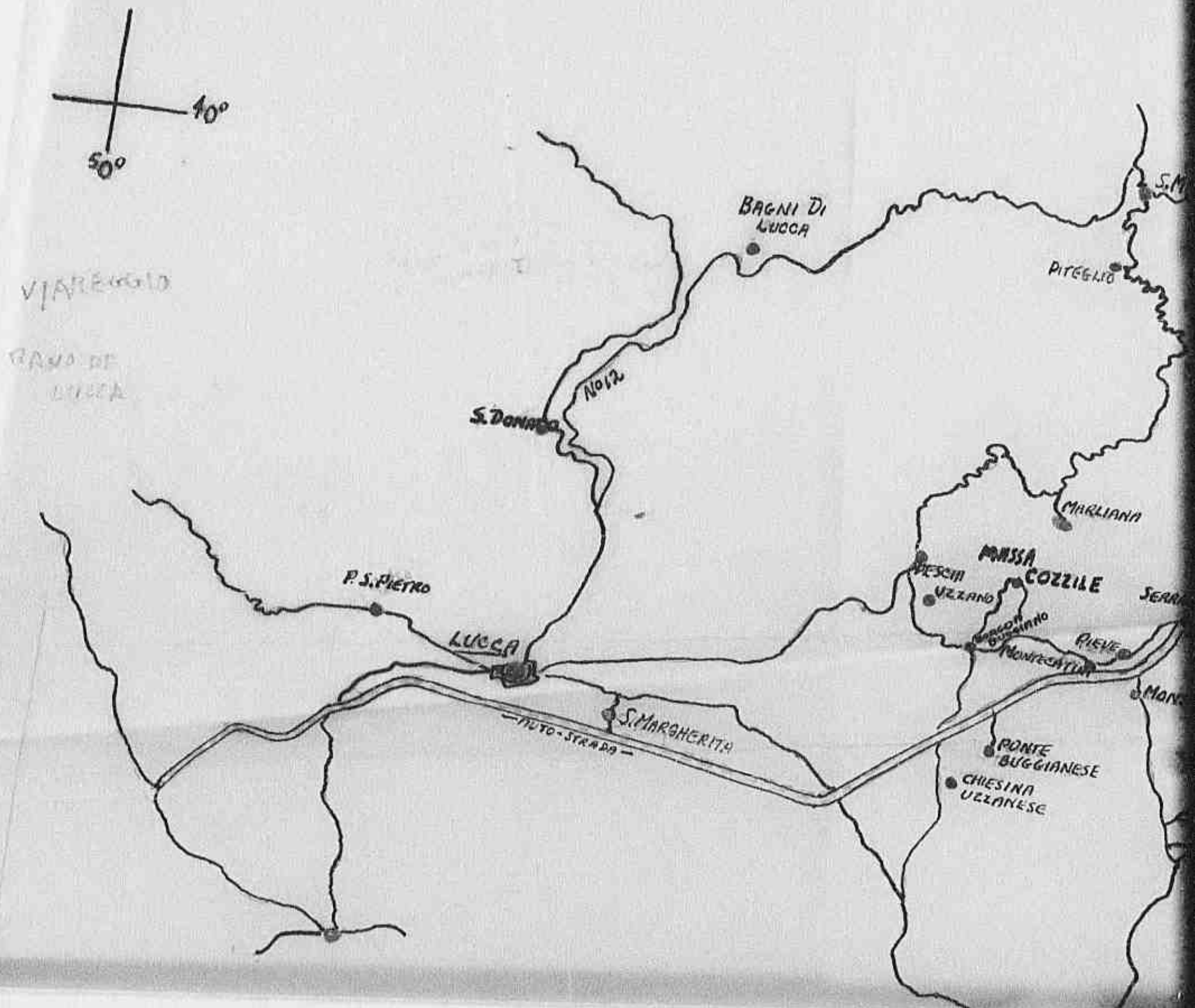
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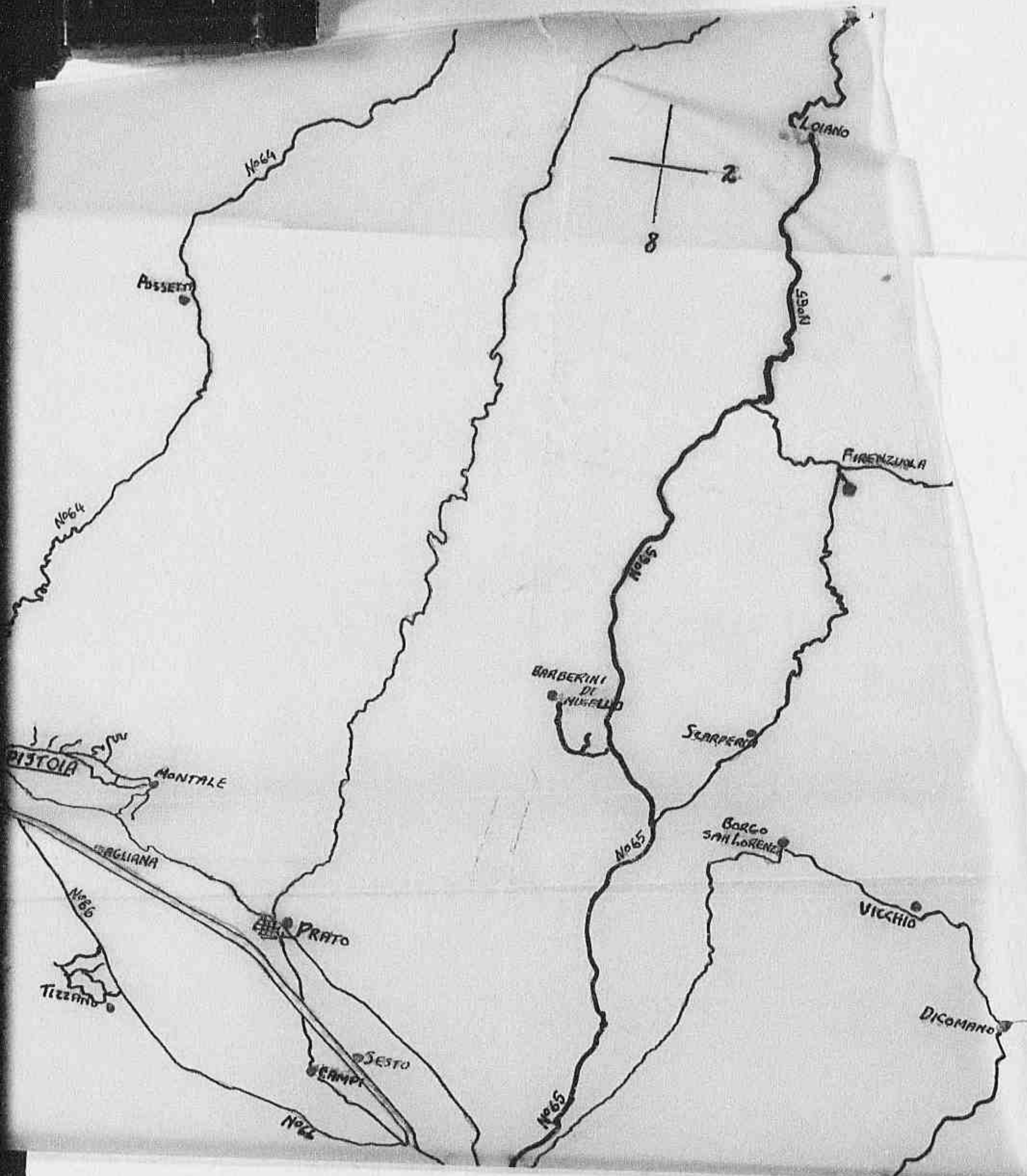
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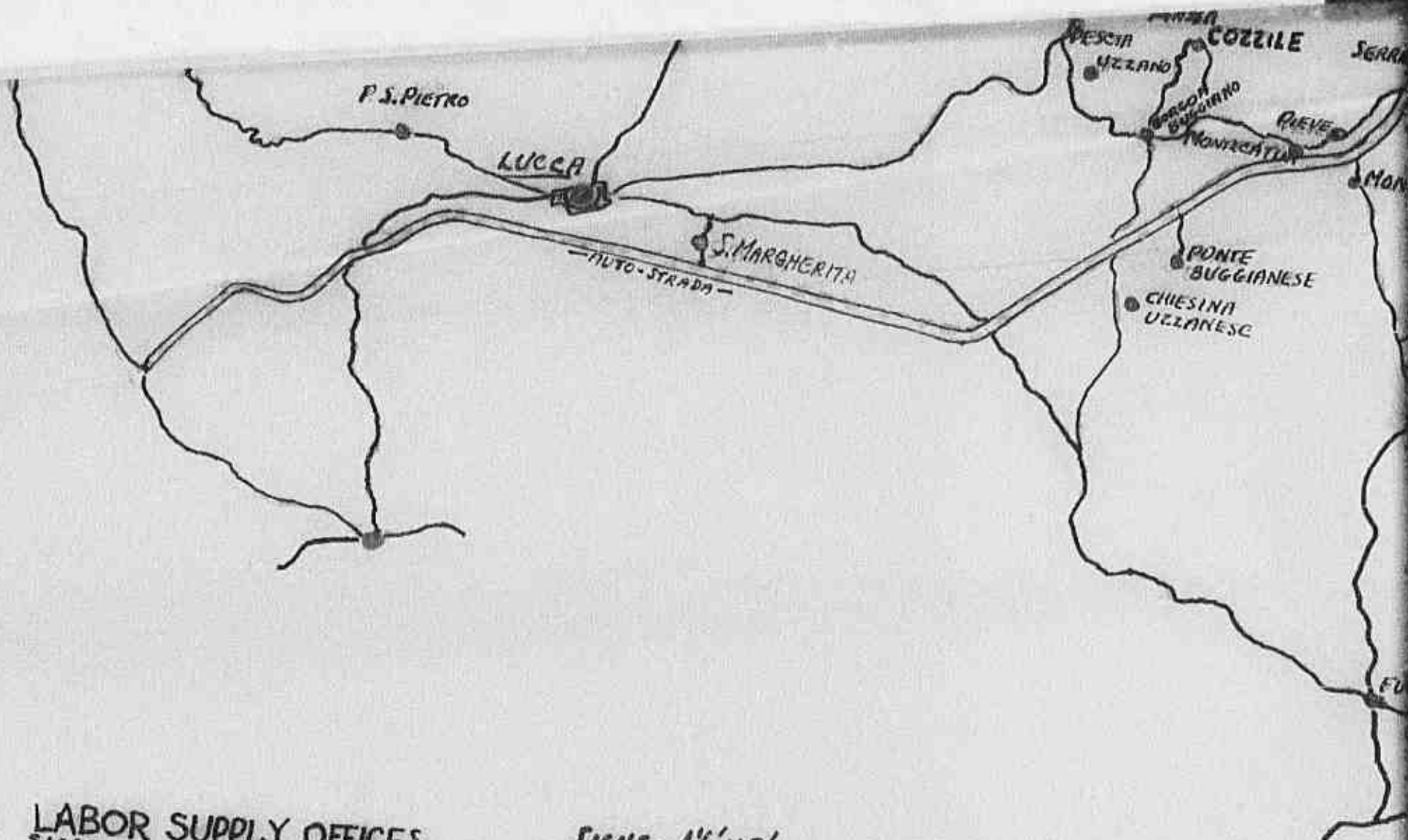


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- COMMUNAL LABOR OFFICE

MAP REF: ITALY ROADMAP 1/200,000
SHEETS: 11 AND 13

18 DEC 1944

SIGNS: 1 1/2' x 3'

LABOR SUPPLY OFFICE
UFFICIO DI COLLOCAMENTO



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