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*Monthly Report
for Sept 1944*

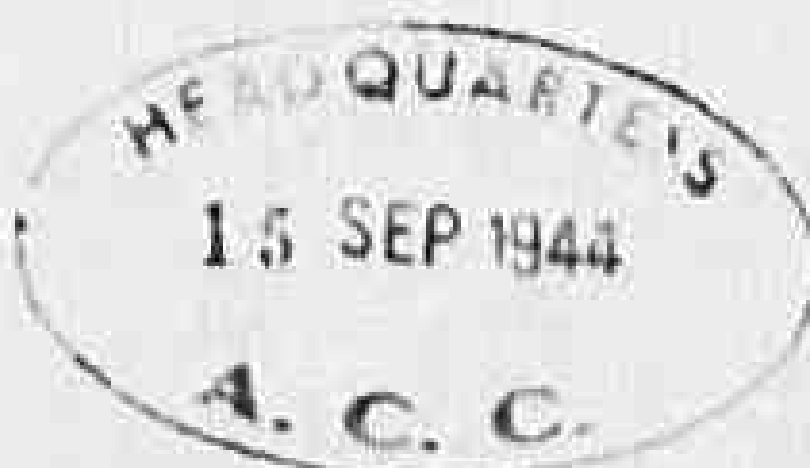
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B.L.S.A.*copy*TO: Labor Subcommittee,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, A.P.O. 394. U.S. Army.SUBJECT: Monthly report Labor conditions.DATE: 7th September 1944.

1. Labor conditions remain practically the same as last month. The number of ~~unemployed~~ unemployed will approximate 5,000. With the destruction of steel plant, and cement factory by aerial bombing and not exporting iron ore from iron mines the prospect is not too favorable.
2. It has been necessary to provide relief and assistance to the unemployed to purchase food as many have exhausted their savings and resources.
3. There is pending at A.C.C. Headquarters a request for allotment of funds for war rehabilitation of bombed communities that would if granted, provide employment for a great number of people and decrease substantially the number on the relief rolls.
4. Wage rates remain unchanged and are for most part at prewar levels.

[Signature]
C.P. Purcife,
Major,
S.C.A.C., Eiba.



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Remarks:

*To note comment on
existing wage rate
for unskilled labor*

*James S. Peig
10/2/44*

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REMARKS :

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Capt. Topliss*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

AUG. 29, 1944

Subject: Report of Labor Officer for region VIII for month of August, 1944

To : Labor Subcommission, ACC HQ, Rome

A. Status of regional labor office, provincial labor offices, and ispettorato del lavoro; No regional labor office exists in Region VIII as yet. The HQ for region VIII is still in Siena but just as soon as we move to Florence the regional office will be set up. Plans have been made for the establishment of provincial labor offices in two of the provinces and this will be done as soon as necessary information is received from the labor subcommission. There is no ispettorato del lavoro in the part of the region which we now occupy but I am told there is an office in Florence and this will be absorbed by the regional labor office as soon as it is established. Camere del lavoro exist in Grosseto and Siena provinces and at present they are dominating the labor scene.

Only one province of the region (Grosseto) has been turned over to AMG by the military for operation. In each of the other provinces we must get written approval from the 5th and 8th Armies respectively before taking any administrative action. In the province of Grosseto where we have authority to operate I have selected a provincial director of labor who will be appointed by the prefect just as soon as the proclamation is published abolishing the syndicates. I was ready to use General Order No. 28 for this purpose when I was told by our HQ that ACC had prepared another General Order, No. 29, to be used instead of No. 28. Naturally I did not use 28 although the printer was working on it at the time, as I had finally succeeded in getting an Italian translation made here. I have not received a reply to my requests to the subcommission for such translation.

The man who will be appointed in Grosseto is Avv. Aldo Brianse, 10 piazza Mercato, Dottore in Law; born at Pontassiene, January 24, 1914; graduated from the University of Siena Nov. 8, 1937, moved to Grosseto in 1939, worked 3 1/2 years with the Consiglio dell' Economia; at present works with the Alimentazione in the price division; is a statistician, lawyer and economist; recommended by the Committee of Liberation, the prefect and the PC. I feel that Dr. Brianse will make an excellent Director. He is young, popular, aggressive and intelligent. Also his past experience and background fit him admirably to hold this post. On my trip to Grosseto this past week, I was happy to learn that Dr. Brianse has already selected most of his staff. I interviewed them and was highly pleased with them. The PC has promised to make quarters available just as soon as possible. I have not insisted on immediate action in this regard in view of the fact that I have not yet received the proclamation to use.

B. Labor unrest (and disturbance) Reports (reached me that in Grosseto province the common laborers were receiving wages of 20, 30 and 100 lire per day. These reports were reliable and widespread and I went last week to investigate. I interviewed the Genio Civile and he said these high wages were actually being paid but that he had seen the wage scale from the camera del lavoro. I went to the camera del lavoro

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Colonel is writing the Camera del Lavoro another letter insisting that the official wage must be adhered to. Then I insisted that the Director of the Camera del Lavoro tell the laborers of the province at a public mass meeting on Sunday, Aug. 27, that the official ACC wage of 60-65 lire per day for common labor would be adhered to. He promised to do so and subsequently did publicly announce that the official wage would be adhered to and that there had been some confusion heretofore about the wage for common labor. I am sure there is going to be considerable dissatisfaction in the province in the immediate future about the wage for common labor. (I think) there are only a few hundred persons involved at present and they will have to accept the reduction - particularly since in the adjoining province of Livorno the military is trying to get some 12,000 laborers at 65 lire per day.

C. Trade union organization: In Grosseto province the organization movement is making rapid advances and already there are several new organizations. (Attached is a notice concerning one meeting for the purpose of organization) This movement is fostered and aided by the Camera del Lavoro.

D. Trade association organizations: None

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F. Political activity in trade unions, associations, chambers of commerce and government labor offices: Evidences of political activity in newly organized trade unions has come to my attention. In Siena province this is particularly true and I would like to have information as to just what authority, if any, we have to insist on the dissolution of such an organization. To insist on a cessation of political activity may not be sufficient. If the organization has to be dissolved under what authority is this to be accomplished?

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There is a black market here but it is not flourishing. There seems to be ample food available legitimately. Prices are high. The wages of the official scale seem adequate for common labor as the Civil Labor Office has supplied over 2,000 common laborers in the province for 60 lire a day. The wage freezing order is being complied with but is causing some dissatisfaction. There is some unemployment - mostly among young, untrained men who are a grade or two above common laborers.

General comment: In Siena province a provincial Director has been selected. He is Dottore Antonio Visiani, via Garibaldi 22. He is a young lawyer who comes from one of the outstanding families of the province. His father is a respected and capable attorney. He has five brothers who are attorneys and all bear excellent reputations. Dr. Visiani is industrious and active. He was born in Siena, graduated at the University

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of Siena and has lived here all of his life. He has been practicing law with his father and five brothers. Dott. Viviani is recommended by the Committee of Liberation, the PC and the Prefect. He has also selected some of his staff whom I have interviewed and approved. A location for offices had been selected here on one of the large piazzas. We planned to use the offices of the Unione Industriale which had ample furnishings, equipment and space. We had not moved into the space as this is military territory. The PC had requested permission from the 8th Army for the establishment of the Labor Office and a verbal reply was received in the affirmative by the Labor Officer but the PC wanted written permission and we were waiting for this when the AAI came to Siena and requisitioned the office space of the Unione Industriale which we had planned to use. An additional location has been found - the offices of the Unione Agricoltura which overlook the main piazza and these offices will be used if the AAI does not requisition them also.

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Recommendations: It is respectfully requested and recommended that urgent requests from Regional Labor Officers be answered. I wrote letters under dates of Aug. 2, 3, 8 and 18 to the Subcommission and these all dealt with report matters and all requested certain necessary information. To date there has been no answer to any of these urgent letters. I received a letter dated Aug. 16 replying to mine of July 19 advising me: "your request for replies to your last two letters is receiving attention." Closer cooperation from the Subcommission would greatly facilitate and enhance the value of the efforts of the Regional Labor Officer.

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Robert Franz
Robert Franz, Captain,
Labor Officer, Region VIII AHO

Handwritten notes:
From Robert Franz
to the subcommission
Aug. 2, 3, 6 and 18
1944

24 Agosto 1944

1) LO SCIoglimento
delle Associazioni Sindacali
della Provincia di Sondrio

Il Prefetto, d'intesa col Governo Militare Alleato, ha disposto lo scioglimento di tutte le associazioni sindacali della Provincia, affidando l'incarico di Commissario Liquidatore al Sig. Avv. Giuseppe Lepri.

È stato pure disposto lo scioglimento del Co.pro ma, di cui è stato nominato Commissario Liquidatore il Cav. Rag. Sperlaco Mattei, Direttore di Ragnieria dell'Intendenza di Finanza.

1) **SITUAZIONE SALARIALE DELLE MANSTRANZE DELLA MINIERA DI
ABBADIA SAN SALVATORE**

La paga attuale dell'operaio comprende vari titoli, che sono i seguenti:

- 1° paga base giornaliera
- 2° cottimo e premio
- 3° aumento del 30%, stabilito dal Dicembre 1943
- 4° integrazione al minimo salariale, stabilita dal Gennaio 1944
- 5° premio di assiduità, che è stato portato per tutti a L. 5,00
- 6° indennità di presenza che è di L. 10 per gli uomini adulti e di L. 5,00 per i ragazzi e le donne.

Complessivamente, con tutti questi addentellati, l'operaio percepisce una paga media giornaliera, su 710 operai, di oltre L. 50; in Luglio tale media è stata di L. 52,05.

In allegato diamo una tabella dei salari in dettaglio per le varie categorie.

Praticamente la media dei salari non ha registrato aumenti sensibili dal Dicembre 1943, mentre invece il costo degli alimenti è salito notevolmente. In allegato diamo anche un prospetto del costo ufficiale dei generi alimentari in Abbadia San Salvatore.

Grosse mode, si può valutare che questo costo, in Agosto, è il doppio di quello di Dicembre 1943, mentre i salari sono aumentati solo di un 10%.

Come per gli operai, anche per gli impiegati si potrebbe fare

una analoga disamina.

Mentre si ritiene opportuno che si addivenga ad un aggiustamento dei salari per dare maggiori possibilità all'operaio, si chiede che tutte le voci sopra descritte vengano abolite e conglobate in due sole: paga base giornaliera e cottimo e premie.

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REMARKS :

* R. Hestert was
revised per
reference given

B. J. Hestert

trouble if there is no answer policy

1. On orders from the Regional Commissioner, the Regional Labor Officer visited Livorno and the Fifth Army HQ for the purpose of investigating the labor situation in Livorno. A conference was had with Fifth Army HQ, and there was another conference with Major Helagren of Ardenza and Col. Laboni of Livorno at which time the whole problem of labor in the province was carefully discussed. The Labor Officer then visited the local labor office in Livorno and made an investigation of its operation, functions and accomplishments.

2. The situation is that the Fifth Army has declined to permit the citizens of Livorno to return to the city. The Royal Navy, PGS and other military units will very shortly need about 10,000 additional laborers for port, harbor and dock work and work in the various dumps in and around the city. It is impossible to provide this labor in the face of the Fifth Army's order prohibiting the return of the inhabitants of Livorno. Obviously the daily transportation of such a large number of laborers would be neither possible nor feasible.

3. There is a labor employment office functioning in Ardenza under the supervision of a Lt. Ogden, which has been registering and placing labor available in the immediate locality of Livorno. Already between 2,000 and 3,000 laborers have been placed through this office. One difficulty is that after the workers register there is no way for the labor office there to contact them when the work is available. It is possible therefore to place only those men who are actually present at the labor office each day.

4. There will be approximately 1,000,000 gallons of water available daily beginning this week. It is estimated this will suffice for the normal needs of the city. There is sufficient electricity for the necessities of the city. It is expected that more electricity will soon be available. The sewerage system is now working. From the health standpoint it seems that it would be possible to permit the return of the inhabitants. The OIC will soon recommend that the prohibition against citizens traveling more than ten kilometers be suspended in Livorno province. The SOAC feels that the necessary food can be obtained. There is apparently no dissatisfaction with the military wage of 65 lire per day for common labor. Some military units provide food and some do not. This is a matter which of course must be worked out on a uniform basis by higher authority as the matter of furnishing food will cause trouble if there is no uniform policy.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: (A) That the inhabitants of Livorno be permitted to return to the city or at least to certain parts of the city right away. (B) That General Order No. 28 be published in Livorno province at once and that a provincial labor office be established under the authority of General Order No. 28. This office should be under the supervision of an intelligent, experienced Italian who is familiar with labor matters and he should have an adequate staff. When he assumes his office he should expand the existing labor employment office now operated by the Army and possibly establish other labor employment offices in other parts of the province. (C) That the labor subcommission assign an experienced officer to go at once to Livorno for the purpose of carrying out recommendations B. If it is not possible to assign an officer permanently to Livorno one should be sent there temporarily. The Regional Labor Officer will devote as much time as possible to Livorno but it is not possible for him to remain there permanently in view of work in other parts of the region.

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6. ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION. (A) If the Fifth Army declines to give permission for the citizens of Livorno to return, the alternative use of Italian military labor is recommended. It would no doubt be possible to establish a work camp near the city for sufficient numbers of Italian soldiers to live and arrangements could be made for necessary military rations.

Robert Frazer
ROBERT FRAZER, Captain,
Regional Labor Officer,
Region VIII

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

*Labor S.C.
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July 31, 1944

Subject: Monthly report for region VIII

To : Labor subcommission, AGO HQ

1. It is impossible to make the usual monthly report for region VIII this month for the reason that we only moved into the region on yesterday. As yet none of the region has actually been turned over to us for operation but is still under the jurisdiction of the fifth Army and the eighth Army.

2. Attached hereto is a copy of memorandum No. 9, region VIII, with reference to the matter of authority to operate in the region. The requirements of the eighth Army will make it difficult for us to carry on our work. Notwithstanding this, the Labor officer is today requesting permission from the fifth Army and the eighth Army respectively, to proceed with the labor program in their territories.

3. Under the authority of the fifth Army the Labor officer made an investigation of the labor in the mines of Grosseto province and submitted a written report on the subject under date of July 19, a copy of which report went to the Labor subcommission.

4. While in Grosseto a number of minor matters connected with wages were attended to and an effort is now being made to obtain accurate information about wages in relation to the cost of living, etc. Also I am making investigations as to suitable men to be appointed to positions in the new labor set-up. As soon as the necessary permission is obtained from the fifth Army and the eighth Army I will proceed with the abolition of the labor syndicates and the establishment of provincial Labor offices.

Robert Frazer
ROBERT FRAZER, Captain
Labor officer, region VIII



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28 Jul 44

MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 9)

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AND THE EIGHTH ARMY

1. Confirming and amplifying oral instructions, the following is published for the information of, and compliance by, all concerned.

a. At this date, all of Region VIII is north of the rear boundaries of the Allied Armies in Italy, and, therefore, under Army control, so far as it affects this Region, is exercised by the Fifth Army, and by the Eighth Army, in the zone of the Eighth Army.

b. Provincial towns functioning in Army zones are under the orders of the Fifth Army or the Eighth Army, depending upon the zone in which the Province lies.

c. Staff Officers of Region Headquarters will initiate projects and carry on operations in the zone of Armies only with the specific approval of the SCAO of the Army concerned, in each case.

d. Reports of Provincial Commissioners and reports of specialist staff officers will be submitted to the SCAO of the Army concerned, only to this Headquarters, and, if so desired, copy to the ACC Subcommission concerned.

2. The SCAO, the Eighth Army, insists that, except for matters relating to ACC/AMG personnel and transport, there be no correspondence direct between this Region and the Provinses under control of the Eighth Army. All requests for reports, etc., are to be sent to Headquarters the Eighth Army. Furthermore, except on matters of personnel or transport, officers on the staff of Regions are not authorized to visit any formation, provincial or otherwise, in the Eighth Army without first obtaining permission of the SCAO of the Eighth Army. These restrictions will be scrupulously complied with by officers of this Region.

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