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Office of the Regional Engineering Officer

Date . 30 January 1945 .

SUBJECT : Monthly Report.

TO : Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, ✓  
Hq Allied Commission

Herewith monthly report of the Regional Engineer for Piemonte  
and Liguria Regions (combined).

For the Regional Commissioner :

*C.R. Birchett* Major  
for C.R. BIRCHETT  
Lt Col CE  
Regional Engineer.

CC : Regional Comm. Piemonte  
Regional Comm. Liguria

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## MONTHLY REPORT OF REGIONAL ENGINEER

## PIEMONTE &amp; LIGURIA REGIONS

JANUARY, 1945.  
=====1. GENERAL REMARKS.

Same as for December

2. STAFF.

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3. INSPECTION TOURS.

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4. HIGHWAYS.

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5. PUBLIC WORKS.

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7. ELECTRICITY.

Same as for December 1944.

8. INDUSTRIES.

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10. MATERIALS.

Studies being made.

11. TRANSPORT.

A definite request for transport has been made to both the Regional Commissioners and this office has been informed that no regional transport is now available, that vehicles cannot be requisitioned by AC and cannot be rented by AC. It is therefore

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requested that transport be made available to  
FW&U Officers of Piemonte-Liguria Regions thru  
the action of the Sub-Commission.

12. FUEL.

Studies being made.

13. MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

None.

14. It is recommended that some action be taken on  
recommendations previously submitted and this of-  
fice advised of status of requests.

*C. R. Buckle*  
C. R. BIRCHETT  
Lt. Col. C.E.  
Regional Engineer  
Piemonte-Liguria

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Regional Commissioner Liguria Region.  
FW&U Sub-Commission AC.

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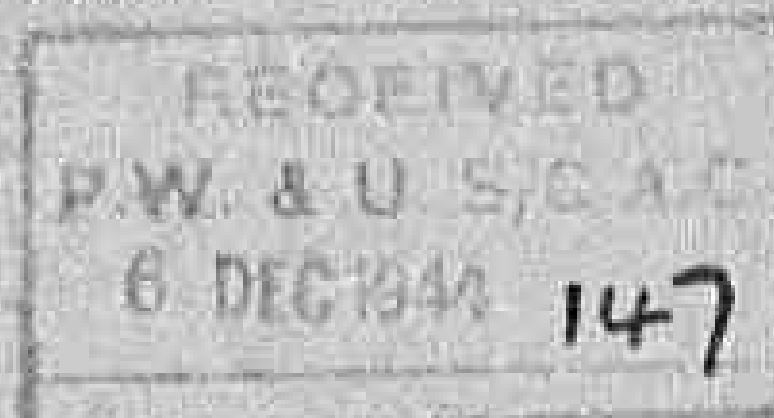
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Office of the Regional Engineering Officer

Date 4 Dec 1944

SUBJECT : Monthly Report.

TO : Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission,  
Hq Allied Commission

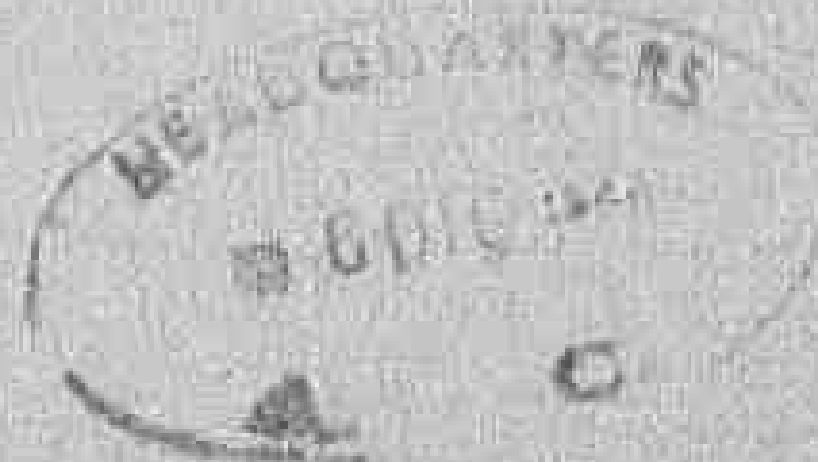
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*Def 6/12*

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Regional Engineer.

CC : Regional Comm. Piemonte  
Regional Comm. Liguria



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Engineer Division

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Monthly Report - For month of November.

1. General Remarks.

The organization in the same as outlined for September. The P & U Section has been accuied in ~~difficult~~ a handbook for use in the section which will include all instructions, orders forms, and procedures. This should be ready for distribution in Dec.

2. Staff & personnel.

Officer personnel is the same as reported for September but as of 1 Dec only Lt Col. Sirocheta & Capt. Lobb were at Regions Hq all other offices being assigned to temp duty/other Regions. The bulk of the work being done is now done by Italian personnel attached to this Office.

3. Inspection Tours.

Inspection trips have been made on all roads and to all bridge sites within a radius of approx 30 km of this Hq. Also to the power stations and sub stations serving this area. Further more inspections have been made of the telephone lines serving this area as for as Siena.

4. Military Highways.

Only studies of Military highways in Reg A have been made. No work on Military Highways in the vicinity of this Hq has been attempted.

5. Secondary Highways.

It was determined that due to neglect highways in the vicinity of this Hq were going to pieces. The following steps were taken.

- The road from Chianciano to Seggiano Chianciano was repaired using G.I. transport (Reg P) and Canadian Troops from the Hospital in the area. Services of a road maintenance man for duty on this road has been promised by local authorities.
- The Communes responsible were requested to repair a ford on the Highway from this Hq to by 2. Via S. 15. This ford has now been paved.
- The local communes were asked to supply plans on a bridge blown on a local road and also on a retaining wall in the area. This was done and the plans forwarded to the Region Hq, Florence.
- The direct road from this Hq to Siena having been closed by the removal of a bridge, a new route was surveyed. The road put in shape and materials needed for the rebuilding of a bridge to replace the ford. The contract for the bridge has been let and the bricks and lime for mortar is available at the bridge site.
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## 4. Military Highways.

Only studies of Military highways in Reg 2 have been made. No work on Military Highways in the vicinity of this Hq has been attempted.

## 5. Secondary Highways.

It was determined that due to neglect highways in the vicinity of this Hq were going to pieces. The following steps were taken.

- The road from Chianciano to Reg 2 Hq Chianciano was repaired using G.I. transport (Reg P) and Canadian Troops from the Reg 2 Hq. Services of a road maintenance man for duty on this road had been requested by local authorities.
- The Communes responsible were requested to remove a ford on the Highway from this Hq to Reg 2 Hq. This ford had not been removed.
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Studies of Liguria & Piemonte Reg being made.

## 7. Electricity.

Studies being made.

## 8. Industries.

Studies being made.

## 9. Studies being made in Rome of Water System drainage, Gas Supplies, trans, etc.

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No. 1 District  
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SUBJECT : Monthly Report  
TO : P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

General.

1. The steps taken during the previous month and the issue of the Directive on Organisation and Procedure appears to have had the desired result. CRE and Officers i/c. Works Secs. are now conforming. This has resulted in increased co-operation from the Genio Civile, who had previously been bewildered by instructions from various sources.
2. In accordance with the arrangement made with AMT. 8th Army (Rear) (see report October para 6) the financing of projects through to completion has been put into force in the Provinces concerned.
3. Work by civilian contractors has proceeded satisfactorily in all areas, with one or two exceptions, which were speedily dealt with by Regional Engineers concerned on the complaint being passed to them.
4. The Genio Civile organisation is working smoothly, under the arrangements made in the various Regions. Complaint was received from 84 CRE through CE regarding the lack of initiative and drive of the Capo Ingeniere, AREZZO. This was discussed with Regional Engineer, TOSCANA, and an additional engineer was sent from FLORENCE. The Ispettore Generale has the question of a replacement in view, when an efficient man is available.
5. With the increased number of officers available in LALIO - UMBRIA and TOSCANA Regions, for Public Works and Roads, the situation is reasonably satisfactory, and Military projects can be adequately dealt with. It would appear that the staff of Reg. Eng. AREZZO should be increased on the Public Works & Roads side. There is an increasing amount of work, especially in ANCONA area, and it is not possible for Capt. WALSH (U.S.), who is carrying out duties of Public Works in addition to Roads to efficiently cope with requirements. In view of the heavy commitments in 61 Area, 67 CRE has taken over the South portion, 20 CRE dealing with ANCONA and PESARO.
6. Liaison has been maintained with Civil Affairs AAI, and AMT (Ras) 8th Army and many matters dealt with.
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8. A complaint was received from Reg. Eng. LAZIO, that conflicting orders were being received by the Contractors on ORVISTO Bridge. This was discussed with 52 CRE who complied with the request that definite orders be given regarding responsibility and supervision.

9. The Directive issued by AMF 8<sup>th</sup> Army regarding Civil Organisations for dealing with Roads & Bridges was discussed with CE. He appreciated the points of objection in resuscitating the old AASS organisation, which would be again abolished immediately the territory was handed over to Regions. He took a copy of the Directive to discuss at AAI. The result is not yet known.

10. The question of Contract Clauses covering the liability of Contractors for safety and protection of works and existing structures whilst contract in progress, was the subject of a long discussion with the CE. It had been ascertained that a general Clause of liability was in Genio Civile contracts, but there was a desire to make this more specific. The difficulties of this was pointed out, and which could only be adopted by the supervising authority (C.E., C's R.E. etc.) giving definite instructions for the protective works, and assuming responsibility. Contractors in their own interest would take certain precautions, but no doubt, be prepared to gamble on weather conditions to some extent. It was agreed to let the present Contract form continue. This arose from cases where partially completed works had been damaged or washed away by abnormal floods, and Contractors had requested an extension of Contract period.

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12. A point of general policy also arose with the CE. He drew the attention of 52 CRE to the lack of maintenance on Route 3, North of POLIGNO, and his letter stated that it appeared to him "the Regional Engineer was not trying". This was immediately taken up and the CE informed that no request for assistance on this route had been made to the Regional Engineer. It was made clear that Regional Engineers would not initiate projects on Military priority roads which had not been <sup>reviewed</sup> over, the responsibility for such roads resting entirely with the CRE concerned, who decided through which channels work would be carried out.

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13. At the request of Civil Affairs Sec. AAI. the question of a road route from and the sulphur mines at CARNERARDI, to a rail-head was taken up with P.W. & Roads Officer ABRUZZI. Discussion took place with Lt. Col. ARCHIBALD the officer responsible for

getting the material on to rail, and a route agreed, subject to certain works being carried out. Assistance was also given in procuring bricks for road BLVINI to S. MARTINO.

14.

Roads officers AMO & Army were interviewed and requested to release ING. SINI who was taken from Genio Civile office in AMUCHA to PERARO. 20 CRE & Regional Rds. officer had complained that his removal had vitally affected the preparation of projects. His return was eventually agreed. Discussion took place on work & policy in Army area & appropriate information passed to CC.

15.

Numerous other problems were dealt with - slow delivery and shortage of materials on contracts - competitive labour rates - emergency works on flood damage etc.

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All CRE & Regional Engineers have been visited, and general matters discussed. Assistance given where necessary.

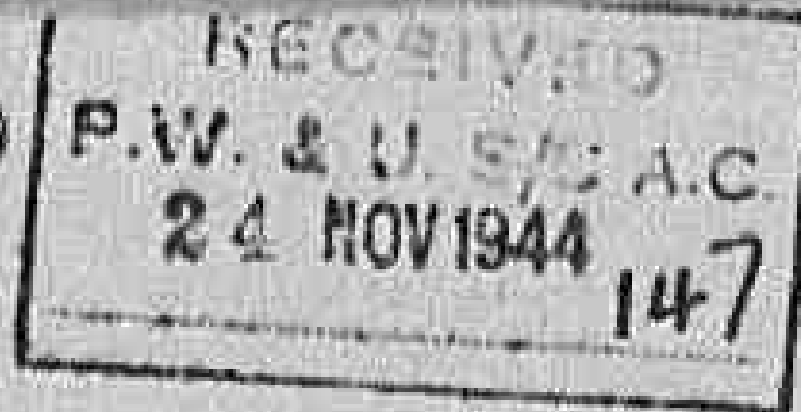
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Beyond the matters mentioned in this report, co-operation by the various authorities, both in normal and emergency works is continuing satisfactorily. There is likely to be a period of heavier commitments, and it may be that the staffs of Regional Engineers and Genio Civile will require further review. The policy of the Military Authorities is to increase the amount of work given to civil contractors, and it is suggested that those who are at present not employed for political reasons will have to be brought in.

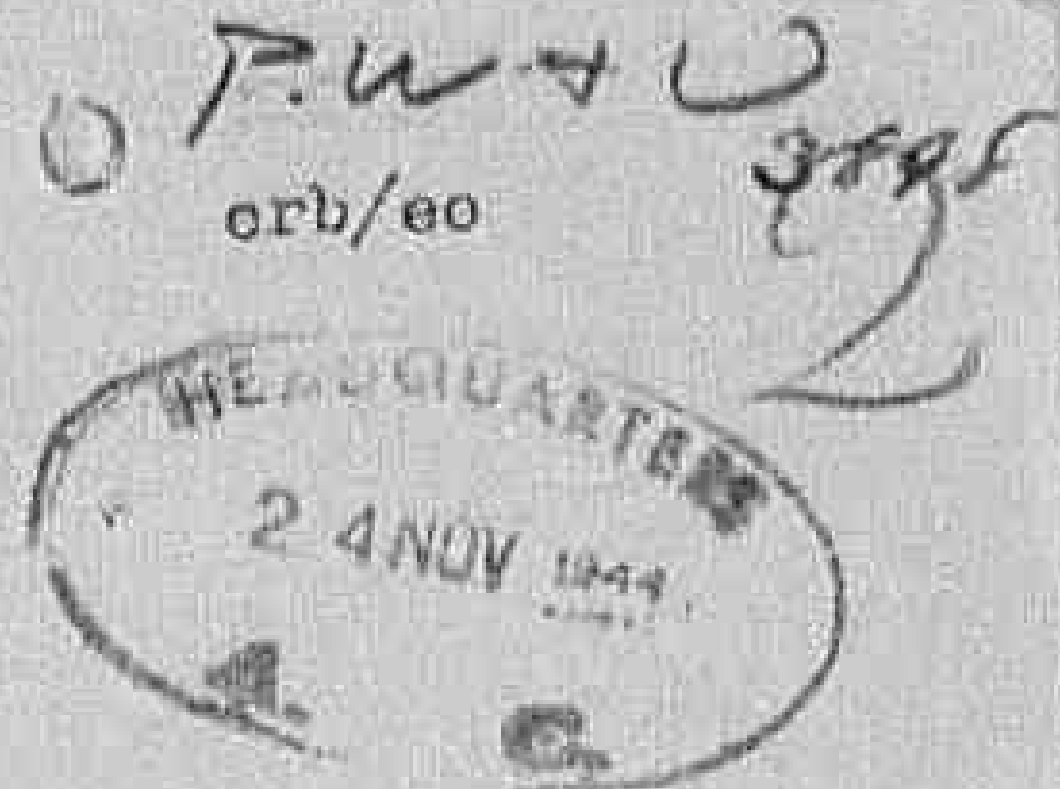
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Office of the Regional Engineering Officer

18 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly report for October.

TO : PW&U Sub-Commission, Allied Commission

Resubmitted herewith is October monthly report on the combined Piemonte and Liguria Regions.

*C. R. Birchett*  
C.R. BIRCHETT  
Lt. Col. C.E.  
Regional Eng.

c/c to Regional Commissioner Piemonte  
to Regional Commissioner Liguria

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MONTHLY REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DIVISION  
(Piemonte and Liguria)

Month of OCTOBER '44

1. General Remarks

The organization is the same as outlined for September.

2. Staff and Personnel

Officer personnel is the same as reported for September. Several officers have been ordered for temporary duty to other offices subject to recall. The key civilian personnel considered essential for quick and efficient establishment of the Regional PSU office were moved forward, with the exception of one man, on 27 October.

3. Inspection Tours

Same as for September

4. Highways

Studies being made.

5. Public Works

Studies being made.

6. Electricity

Studies being made.

7. Industries

Studies being made

8. Public Utilities

Studies being made.

14. Special Remarks

A study of the situation has convinced the undersigned that the present method of approvals of projects with delay reconstruction in important areas suddenly evacuated by the

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by the Germans. The system of having a project submitted with plans and details and contracts (these submitted to AC several days' journey away) and, after approval by AC incorporated into a budget for Regional Finance Division approval, is too unwieldy. Therefore, it is suggested that the authority of Regional Engineers in certain matters be enlarged to permit approval and submittal to the Finance Division with a simultaneous submission to AC for information. If the AC (FWU) should disapprove of the Regional Engineer's action or desire changes, there would be plenty of time to stop proceedings before work had gotten under way. On the other hand, time would be saved which, in some cases might mean the completion of a project before spring floods.

Dated at:  
Chianciano (Siena)  
2 November 1944

*C. R. Birchett*  
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Lt Col CE  
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