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22 Aug 45

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Subject: AFHQ Weekly Sitreps.
To : Economic Section.
From : P.Wks. & U. Sub-Commission.

Our Sitrep for week ending 22 Aug 45 :

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15 Aug 45

Subject : APHQ Weekly Sitreps.

To : Economic Section

From : Public Wks. & Util. Sub-Commission.

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 15 August 45.
2. The 50,000 Volt electric transmission line between Porto-
Maggiore and Forlì has been repaired with assistance having been
furnished jointly by No. 1 District, and by Allied Commission.
This line is now furnishing power to Faenza, Forlì and Cesena, an
area which previously had very little power. A supply to Ravenna
is expected within three weeks.

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8 Aug 45

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Subject : AFHQ Weekly Sitreps.

To : Economic Section.

From : Public Wks. & Util. Sub-Commission.

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 8 Aug. 45.
2. Another 35,000 KW unit began to operate at the Galleto generating station on the evening of 7th August. Of the 4 machines in this plant before the war, 3 are now back in service, with a total capacity of 105,000 KW. The fourth machine is scheduled for operation in the fall. The output of the Galleto plant is utilized in Central Italy.

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File
1 Aug 45

Subject: AFHQ Weekly Sitreps.

To : Economic Section.

From : P.Wks.& U. Sub-Commission.

Our Sitrep for week ending 1 Aug 45 :

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INTER OFFICE MEMO. 79

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25 July 45

REFERENCE : 153/PWU
SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q. Weekly Sitreps.
TO : Economic Section.
FROM : P.Wks. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending
25 July 45.

2. As a test, the Central Italy electric system operated at a frequency of 50 cycles for the first time, on Sunday 22 July. The experiment was successful, and was conducted as a prelude to interconnecting the electric systems of North and Central Italy. The power supply in North Italy is at a frequency of 50 cycles, and the Central Italy system must operate at the same frequency after the interconnection is made. Up to now, the Central Italy system has been operating at 45 cycles. 7707

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REFERENCE: 153/PWU
SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q. Weekly Sitreps.
TO : Economic Section.
FROM : P. Wks & U. Sub-Commission.

18 July 45.

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 18 July 45.
2. The first 120,000 KV electric transmission line connecting North and Central Italy went into service during the week. When certain system changes are made, this line will permit the transfer of 40,000 Kilowatts from North Italy.

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Colonel, C.E.,
A/Director.

HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DIVISION

APD 394

REF:

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SUBJECT:

Memorandum No. 8

TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Emilia Region
Attn: Mr. G.

1. C. E. No. 1 District has issued instruction to 19 ADMS to ensure that 720,000 gallons of water are pumped to Ferrara each night. Work on the sewer and sewage repair jobs at Bologna City is progressing satisfactorily. Any water which has been abstracted from the city proper to Borgo Maggiore, West of Ponte-Longo, which will allow an additional 1,000,000 gal/day for civilian use to Bologna City.

2. Inspection was made of all facilities of Ferrara Province. Work is in progress, but lack of fuel for operation of existing pumps is the greatest hold-up in the program. Estimates for repairing tanks and beds of re-silver have been initiated and approved.

3. Major road repair jobs are underway by civilian contractors on Route No 9 and other principal highways. Provincial and Communal Road maintenance is increasing in scope and being accomplished without delay. A considerable volume of new road and bridge projects has been processed. Two outstanding proposals, one a bridge on Cassio Road connecting State Road 64 and Provincial Road Castiglione amounting to approximately L. 27,000,000 and the other a bridge over the river at Malalongo on Route 64, (plans not yet complete), have developed during the week. 5th Army has ceased to be a factor of assistance in supplying transport and material for road and bridge projects in that area. It is therefore pending more than over necessary to obtain transport and petrol supplies in order to handle this work. An allocation of truck tires for civilian equipment would help considerably.

4. All Chief Engineers of Provinces report that Housing Commissions are functioning in accordance with the housing decrees. The Province of Ferrara, as reported by the Chief Engineer of the Emilia City, has run into some difficulty with housing commissions, due to misinterpreting the decrees. Insufficiently to the Province of Ferrara is contemplated to instruct these commissions properly. The Communal Committee of Bologna City is now in full control of matters as the Committee reports they have received to date thousands of projects from private property owners. The re-housing problem of Pianoro (Province of Bologna) is being given particular consideration, as this town has been heavily destroyed. In cooperation with the Emilia Red Cross, any jobs are being set-up there as a temporary housing measure. Two houses and five or six projects amounting to 2,000,000 lire have been received during this week. One concerning the reconstruction of the roof of Santa Maria, the second for repairs to the staircase of the Palazzo della Pilotta in Parma.

5. The electric 50 kv power line from Porto Maggiore to Pardi in 1945

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6 July 1945

1. C. B. No 1 District has issued instruction to 19 ~~units~~ to ensure that 720,000 gallons of water are pumped to Maricao each night. Work on an up and down repair job at Pologu City is progressing satisfactorily. Army water point has been shifted from the city proper to Largo Verdadero, west of Pologu, which will allow an additional 1,000,000 gal/day for civilian use to Pologu City.
2. Investigation was made of all deficiencies of Pinar Province. Work is in progress, but lack of fuel for operation of existing pumps is the greatest hold-up in the program. Estimates for repairing tanks and beds of no-draw have been submitted and approved.
3. Major road repair jobs are underway by civilian contractors on Route No 9 and other principal highways. Provincial and Communal Road maintenance is increasing in scope and being accomplished without delay. A considerable volume of new road and bridge projects has been processed. Two outstanding proposals, one a bridge on Route No 9, connecting State Road 6, and provincial Road Carthagenas amounting to approximately 1,270,000,000 and the other a bridge over the river at Malaberry on Route 6, (plans not yet complete), have developed during the week. 5th Army has agreed to be a factor of assistance in supplying transport and material for road and bridge projects in that area. It is therefore becoming more than ever necessary to obtain transport and petrol supplies in order to handle this work. An allocation of truck tires for civilian equipment would help considerably.

4. All Chief Engineers of Provinces report that Housing Conditions are functioning in accordance with the housing decrees. The Province of Pinar, as reported by the Chief Engineer of the Campo Civil, has run into some difficulty with housing conditions, due to misinterpreting the decrees. Inexplicably to the Province of Pinar is contemplated to instruct these Committees properly. The Communal Committee of Pologu City is now in full control of projects as the Committee reports they have received to date thousands of projects from private property owners. The re-issuing problem of Pinar (Province of Pologu) is being given particular consideration, as this town has been heavily destroyed. In cooperation with the American Red Cross, Army units are being set-up there as a temporary housing measure. Two houses and five other projects amounting to 2,000,000 have been received during this week. One concerning the reconstruction of the roof of Featuro Pinar, the second for repairs to the Pinarosca of the Malambo della Pilotta in Pinar.

5. The electric 35 KV power line from Verbo Magdalen to Pinar is 35% completed.

R. H. HILLARD
Major S. L.
Regional Engineer

1 Incl. List of projects for week ending 5 July 1945.

HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Works and Utilities Division
APO 354

Weekly Report from 29 June to 5 July (included)

TYPE PROJECT	Projects submitted for approval		Approved Projects		Contracts let	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Roads	20	17,126.194	1			
Bridges	11	20,556.542	3	3,258.300		
Water Supply	3	2,374.300				
Drainage and P.C.	6	7,735.405	5	9,262.972		
Electricity	1	570.000	1	970.000		
Gas						
Sewerage						
Housing	2	1,529.340				
Streets and D.C.	6	3,425.506				
Schools and Buildings	8	7,544.072	1	719.072		
Ports and Harbours						
Miscellaneous	1	644.500				
Mon's and P.Arts						
TOTAL 6th ARMY	56	62,137.859	10	14,210.344		
Roads	18	26,876.740				
Bridges	7	47,873.000	2	1,860.000		
Water Supply						
Drainage and P.C.	6	8,052.500	8	5,869.000		
Electricity						
Gas						
Sewerage	1	1/000/000				
Housing	1	1,000.000				
Streets and D.C.	22	17,735.000				
Schools and Buildings	8	4,350.000				
Ports and Harbours						
Miscellaneous	2	5,293.000	1	8,293.000		
Mon's and P.Arts	2	2,000.000				
TOTAL 5th ARMY	167	113,720.240	11	16,042.000		

Bridges		11	20,986,742		Y		3,230,300	
Water Supply	3	2,374,300		Y				
Drainage and P.C.	6	7,735,405		5		9,262,972		
Electricity	1	570,000		1 Y		570,000		
Gas								
Sewerage								
Housing	2	1,525,340						
Streets and D.C.	6	3,425,506						
Schools and Builds	6	7,544,072		1		719,072		
Ports and Harbours								
Miscellaneous	1	644,500						
Men's and P.Arts								
TOTAL 5th ARMY	56	62,137,859		XO		14,210,544		
Roads	18	26,876,740				1,880,000		
Bridges	7	47,873,000		2				
Water Supply								
Drainage and F.C.	6	8,052,500		8		5,864,000		
Electricity								
Gas								
Sewerage	1	1,000,000						
Housing	1	1,000,000						
Streets and D.C.	22	17,735,000						
Schools and B.BUILD	8	4,890,000						
Ports and Harbours								
Miscellaneous	2	9,293,000		1		8,253,000		
Mon's and P.Arto	2	2,000,000						
TOTAL 5th ARMY	167	118,720,240		11		15,042,000		
Roads	3	36,340,000						12,000,000
Bridges	1	3,607,000						
TOTAL MILITARY	4	39,947,000						12,000,000
Roads								
Bridges	1	600,000						
TOTAL STATE	1	600,000						
GRAND TOTAL	128	128,122,140,059		21		30,252,000		12,000,000

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To : Economic Section.

Subject : Director, P. Wks. & Util. S/C.

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Subject : A.F.H.Q. Weekly Sitreps.

To : Economic Section.

From : Director P. Wks & Util. Sub-Commission

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Our Sitrep for week ending 4 July 1945 :

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To : Economic Section.

From : Director P.Wks. & U. Sub-Commission.

Our Sitrep for week ending 27 June 1945 :

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REFERENCE : 153/PWU.
SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q. Weekly Sitreps.
TO : Economic Section.
FROM : Director P.Wks. & U. Sub-Commission.

20 June 45

Our Sitrep for week ending 19 June 1945.

Nil Return.

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A/Director.

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REFERENCE: 153/PWU
SUBJECT : SITREP No.6 - Civil Affairs Section,
Hq. IV Corps.
TO : Labour Sub-Commission.
FROM : P. Wks & U. Sub-Commission.

26 June 45.

1. Reference your LSC/714 dated 18 June 45.
2. As we were not responsible for the report of the vast programme of works approved for the City of Milan we regret we are unable to provide you with any details.
3. We think this information must have been obtained direct from H.Q. Lombardia Region.

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Colonel, C.E.,
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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 416

18 June 1945

REF : LSC/714

SUBJECT: SITREP Number 6 - Civil Affairs Section, Hqs. IV Corps.

TO : Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

1. With reference to SITREP Number 6, issued from Headquarters IV Corps, Civil Affairs Section, 2 June, we should be glad if you could give us any information regarding the vast program of works approved for the City of Milan, as mentioned in the last paragraph.

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col Thompson
col Harper
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SITREP Number 6.PIEMONTE REGION.

31 May 45.

Political:

The CHANOUX as Honorary President of pro-annexation committee, Aosta Province, interrogated re proclamation poster. Denied all knowledge. Agreed to make a statement on her position. French reported promising early delivery of salt etc. to various communes. AM supplies urgently needed.

CLN presented resignations. Party names submitted for Provincial Advisory Assembly.

Food:

Food Division was contacted on 31 May by Intendant Rene Dealandes, Quartermaster of the French 27th Division under General Molle, with regard to the purchase or requisition of locally produced hay and foodstuffs for use by the French troops of the 27th Division now at Susa, Torino. He was indefinite with regard to his authority to purchase or requisition local resources. He was told that instructions in the matter would be requested. A separate letter is being addressed to IV Corps Hq in this matter.

LOMBARDIA REGION.

31 May 45.

Regional Order No.1 setting forth precisely the relationship between the National Committee of Liberation and A.M.G., has been reproduced in all newspapers of MILAN. 23,000 copies have been distributed in the Region for posting throughout Lombardy. The Committee of Liberation now have only advisory powers.

A meeting was held yesterday by the Regional Patriots Officer with the chief Patriot heads of the Region. They have all agreed to cooperate in seeing to it that the provisions of the orders to consign arms and cease patriot activities as such be carried out throughout the Region. There was full agreement at the meeting.

The Patriot situation in Milan City is very satisfactory. The order is being obeyed and seven barracks have been established for those patriots who do not have a home in Milan. In the meantime they are vacating all posts, stations, and apartments. They will be processed as soon as possible.

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LIGURIA REGION.

1 June 1945.

Situation quiet. Flour situation taxes all transportation to the limit to maintain long supply line to Leghorn. Provinces report difficulty transporting food from Genoa to Savona and Imperia. Large industrial firms threatened with closure in near future unless financial aid forthcoming. HQ Alcoa informed and Italian representatives are leaving to discuss situation with appropriate Italian ministries.

LOMBARDIA REGION.

1 June 1945.

The plan for collecting work horses for farmers deprived of them by the Germans is working out very well. Horses are also being provided for the city of Milan to help in the clean-up programme.

A vast programme for Public Works for the city of Milan has been approved. This will not only help in reconstructing the city and relieving the housing shortage, but will also be the first step against threatened unemployment.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

E. DONAHUE
WOJG USA
Admin Officer

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REFERENCE: 153/PWU
SUBJECT: A.F.H.Q. Weekly Sitreps.
TO: Economic Section.
FROM: P. Wks. & U. Sub-Commission.

13 June 1945

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 13 June 45.
2. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

On 9 June a conference was held in the Office of the Director at which the following organisations were represented:

Public Works & Utilities S/C, A.C.
Engineer Section A.F.H.Q.
G-4 Section A.F.H.Q.
G-5 Section A.F.H.Q.
Engineer Service, P.B.S. Main
Engineer Service, P.B.S. South
Director of Works, A.F.H.Q.
D.E.S., A.F.H.Q.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means of a complete turn over of Military Highways maintenance to the Italian Government under the guidance of A.C. within a period of five months. It was agreed that this could be accomplished providing adequate equipment, transport and bitumen are made available. Requirements of these items will be presented to A.F.H.Q. for consideration.

3. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

The first 10,000 Kilowatts of an ultimate 100,000 Kilowatts of electric power began flowing from North Italy to Central Italy, over rehabilitated transmission lines, during the past week. It is anticipated that further power will be available to Central Italy by about the end of July, and the total interconnection will be completed by September/October 1945.

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SUBJECT: Situation Report as of 2359 hrs 3 Jun 45.

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TO : HQ Allied Commission, APO 594.

1. The general situation west of the ISONZO continues to be satisfactory, although some incidents are still reported. The partisans are becoming somewhat unpopular with the population owing to their continued living off the country, and there has been some desertion and voluntary disarmament among both the OSOPKO and GARIBOLDINI.

2. Plans are now being prepared for the general disarming of all partisans west of the TAGLIAMENTO river at an early date. The greatest obstacle is the provision of employment for the men when disbanded. FC UDINE has already taken on over 600 as Civil Police.

3. The Communist Minister SOCCILLARO visited UDINE on 28 May. As he was in the area without permission he was asked to leave at once, and did so. There have been no visible repercussions from his visit.

4. 18 officers from MG Austria are at present on loan to UDINE Province as well as three others eventually assigned to TRIESTE Province. The provision of substitutes for them, which was discussed with the Executive Commissioner on his visit on 30 May, is now an urgent matter, as withdrawal of loaned officers for duty in AUSTRIA has already had to begin.

5. Col MONTFORT has now taken command of the VENEZIA GIULIA Sub-Region, and is himself living at HQ 13 Corps. The provision of additional officers, E2/02 and transport for this party is now an urgent matter, and has been taken up separately with HQ Allied Commission.

6. Supplies for TRIESTE continue to arrive as reported in my report for 29 May.

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(Signed) Major

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Officer Commanding,
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somewhat unpopular with the population owing to their continued living off the country, and there has been some desertion and voluntary disarmament among both the OSOPRO and CARBARDINI.

2. Plans are now being prepared for the general disarming of all partisans west of the TACCHINNO River at an early date. The greatest obstacle is the provision of employment for the men when disbanded. PC UDINE has already taken on over 600 as Civil Police.
3. The Communist Minister SOCCOLARDO visited UDINE on 28 May. As he was in the area without permission he was asked to leave at once, and did so. There have been no visible repercussions from his visit.
4. 18 officers from MT Austria are at present on loan to UDINE Province as well as three others eventually assigned to TRIESTE Province. The provision of substitutes for them, which was discussed with the Executive Commissioner on his visit on 30 May, is now an urgent matter, as withdrawal of loaned officers for duty in AUSTRIA has already had to begin.
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DATE: May 25th 45

TO: Hdqrs A.M.G. 5th Army

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/s/ William E. McBratney

/T/ WILLIAM E. McBRATNEY

Lt. Col. Provincial Commissioner

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ECONOMIC & SUPPLY DIVISION, AMG Fifth Army

TO: HQ, Allied Commission for Industry Subcommission

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/T/ FRANK E. TOSCANI

Lt. Colonel, P.A.,

Senior Supply Officer,

AMG Fifth Army 7693

The Military Administration's Share in the

Fortification Work.

1). Fortifications within the area under control of the Military Administration.

In the autumn of last year the Command of the Army Group operating on the Southern front ordered a system of fortifications to be erected along the Rivers Po and Ticino as well as along a few other rivers of minor importance. The planning and the execution of the scheme were mainly done by pioneers. The Military Administration was to help finding the necessary labour and the materials required.

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Agricultural experts were appointed to see that the farmers' interests in the regions concerned were safe-guarded. Under these conditions about 90.000 workmen were employed in the area under control of the Military Administration.

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The considerable extension of the scheme required heavy quantities of all kind of materials, which were secured by regular purchases from Italian farms against cash.

All measures were taken in agreement with the Italian authorities whose contribution helped considerably to get the work done.

2.) Fortifications to be erected in the territories under control of the High Commissioners "Alpenvorland" and "Adriatisches Küstenland" (Adriatic Coastal Region).

The order to construct certain fortifications was given by the German Supreme Command directly to the two High Commissioners. The planning was done by pioneers. The scheme was carried out by personnel engaged for the purpose by the High Commissioner and by Italian workmen. The work went on in regions neighbouring those under control of the Military Administration, which were economically specialising dependant on the River to Region. Consequently the Military Administration had also to cooperate in providing labour and materials.

However, the responsibility for these schemes did not rest with the Military Administration. No special organisation was entered into for the purpose with the High Commissioners, only a few liaison officers were attached to the High Commissioners' services. The activity of the Military Administration in securing labour and material for the High Commissioners was conducted on the same principles as exposed under Nr. 1.

Some of the fortifications extended into the districts controlled by the Military Administration. It was part of the duty of the liaison officers to see to that the rules established by the Military Administration were observed within their territory also by the High Commissioners and their men and to stop or put a limit to any interference from that side. This is an important connection with certain points which might be raised.

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28 May 1945.

25 May 1945

FINANCE:

Food. One hundred quintals each powdered milk and fats arrived in Aosta Province. Sugar distribution almost completed. Prefect of Novara in Novara Province approached by a man purporting to be a Swiss Consul representing the Swiss Government to arrange a transfer of rice from Novara in exchange for cheese from Switzerland. Novara Province Food Officer instructed not to allow the exchange and to have no further dealings with the alleged Swiss Consul. SIG food supplies in limited quantities have commenced arriving in Novara by rail from Orsiera via Milano.

Finance.

On 20 May as a result of complaints in Aoste Province that French soldiers were forcing local shopkeepers to accept French francs or not be paid for their goods, the P.C. wrote to the French Commander emphasizing what he had already been told previously via that only Italian and A.M. currency was valid in SIG territory and requesting that he make arrangements to have his men paid in lire. P.C. has received a reply that arrangements to this effect are in course of being made and that it is hoped to be able to buy back from people who so desire it francs previously accepted. The French Colonel has since informed the P.C. verbally that there will have to be taken as there is a lot of French money which is false in circulation but he did not suggest that it had been disseminated by French troops.

24 May 1945

FINANCIAL:

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26 May 1945

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The Regional Commander of the 25th Regt. de Tirailleurs Algériens informed the P.C. that

- (1) he is bringing flour and coffee in by pack mules from FRANCE for the population of TENDA - BRIGA, and S. Dalmazzo di Tenda.
- (2) That he has found a stock of salt which he has rationed and distributed in that area and also sent some to Cuneo.

Orders have been given by the French to stop all cutting of timber and its removal from the area.

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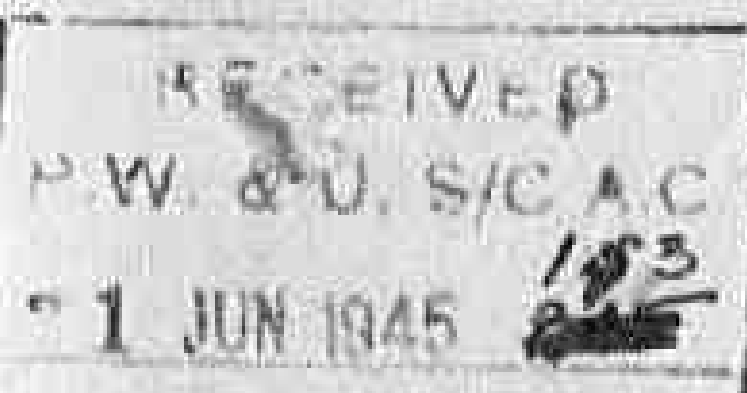
Distribution of horses from Army sources now proceeding.

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SITREP No. 2

25 May 1945

PIEMONTE

23 May 45

Transport

Proclamations posted by Prefect in all communes limiting transport to vehicles properly registered by RACI and licensed by UDA. Response to proclamations good. 1979 vehicles registered up to date. Director of UDA arrested by Gestapo on charge of aiding Germans during occupation.

Public Works & Utilities.

Recent low voltage electrical current brought about by increased use of electricity in place of gas for cooking. Situation has been corrected by adding the output of another generating station to local net.

Food.

Doctor Alberti, Turino Director of SEPRAL, revealed the trading of Italian rice to France for potatoes. Arrangements being made to trade Italian flour for French fish. Instructions have been given Doctor Alberti, was instructed no cereals were to be sent to France. AMG will cease to deliver flour into Turino if further trading of this commodity was carried out. Fundamental difficulty is that instructions to SEPRAL, Torino are coming from both AMG and CLN.

Commerce.

The first shipment of POL to Piemonte Region was received by AGIP 21 May 1945 consisting of 13,000 litres (approx 5,000 gallons) of benzine, from CIP by tank truck from Genoa. Distribution is being arranged to Provinces by assignment and delivery by AGIP. U. to this time local POL has been used. The greatest immediate need is for kerosene or gasoil (Diesel) for agricultural needs, irrigation, tractors and farm machinery and especially for the rice planting for crops which will benefit Italy months later. At present we have about one week's supply found locally. Blends are being made for toluol and alcohol to fill in the needs.

Agencies.

The various industrial and mercantile associations are active and are discussing the formation of Provincial Chambers of Commerce.

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Materials.

The Match Monopoly was asked for raw material situation report in order to determine the possible necessity for rationing, similar to Central and Southern Italy. Piemonte was unable to supply a demand for 82,000,000 matches made by Rome. SAIPA, Milan, is being consulted by Monopoly officials on the general situation. The tobacco monopoly is checking their items.

Prices.

Prices are generally lower than in Southern Italy, up to 50% of the latter. They are rising, due partly to the presence of Allied troops. Published prices are artificial and were established at prices that removed them from the open market. Prices as to 3 April 45 are being collected by UPIC for reference to Rome. The Regional Economic Committee together with UPIC and affiliated agencies are re-establishing a Regional Price Commission to handle price problems.

LIGURIA:

25 May 1945

Situation quiet and generally satisfactory. Evacuation refugees proceeding satisfactorily in view of transport. 1100 evacuated last seven days. First three political offenders tried in Special Assize Court Savona convicted and death penalty imposed in each case. Disarming patriots continues but very great difficulty being experienced in opening patriot centres. Patriots in Imperia very restless owing to expectations as to food and rest centers not being fulfilled. General Order 41 posted 23 May.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICERS:

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FROM : Director P.Ws. & U. Sub-Commission.

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Our Sitrep for week ending 29 May 1945:

Nil Return.

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TO: Economic Section.
FROM: P. W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 22 May 45.
2. Col. E. J. Ristedt A/Director and Lt-Col. W. M. Lapper Chief of Electrical Division visited Northern Italy between 10th and 22nd May 45, for the purpose of making an inspection of Public Works & Utilities.
3. In general it may be stated that roads are in good condition and no serious difficulties are anticipated in completing repairs.
4. Water supply is good, Gas Plants are ready to operate when coal is made available.
5. There is an ample supply of Electricity and every effort is being made to repair transmission systems in the Bologna area in order that surplus energy from the North may be transmitted to Central and Southern Italy.

E. J. RISTEDT,
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RE: ALBION INFO REGIONAL COME VERMILIA REGION AND (BY HAND) 5TH ARMY FOR JAG

MEMORANDUM.

Following situation in TRAVING.

Normal population of town 50000 present about 15000. Town 50% damaged.
All services including water and light functioning normally. Supplies of
civilian medical stores have been found in the area also captured German dumps.
Large numbers of partisans in area rather restless. Disarmament starts tomorrow.

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VICENZA. Lights, water functioning. Food situation not urgent. Provincial team in. Partisans being dispersed Saturday or Monday. 400 partisans remaining for police duties. 6 murders in city on 3 May. VICENZA. Water, lights functioning. Food situation not urgent. Provincial team in. 7000 partisans will be dispersed within next few days. BARTOVA. Water, lights functioning. Food not urgent. Partisan parade held 3 May. Provincial team in.

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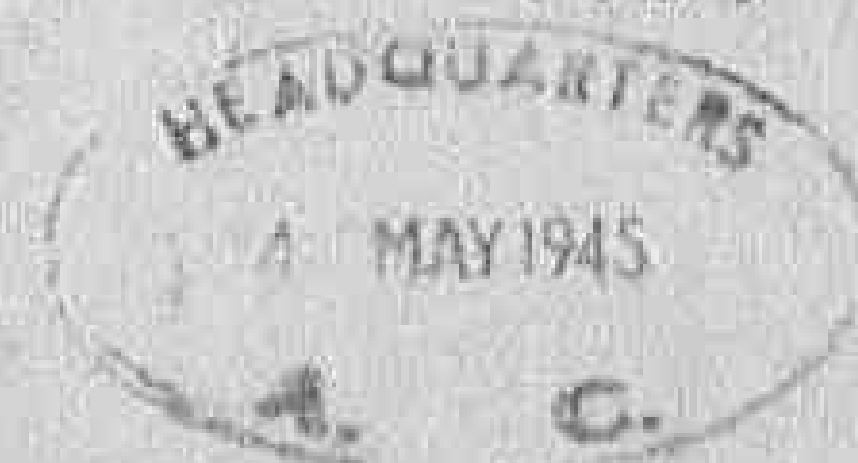
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GENOA. No demolitions in town water supply normal. Electricity 50000 kw available town lighting normal. Concenter power station no generation for next three months. Auto camionale no damage for first e ten miles. Port no demolitions oil tanks in Calata Otto Minerale in good condition. Charges on quays being removed by Det 212 at Coy. Road from SPEZIA to GENOA passable to all vehicles fair weather. Repair of craters being carried out by 212 AT Coy.

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FROM : Director P.W. & U. S/C.

25 April 1945

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 24 April 1945.
2. Electrical Division.

The second 35,000 KW. Hydro electric generator at the Terni Company's Galleto Power Station has been placed into operation and is supplying power to Central Italy. This Generator was repaired approximately 6 months.

E.J. RISTEDT,
Colonel, C.E.,
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4 April 1945

SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q. Weekly Sitreps
TO : Economic Section
FROM : Director P.W. & U. S/C.

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 3 April 1945.

2. P.W. Division

Advice was received from A.F.H.Q. that the dump trucks (170), which were included in the large road machinery requisition, are not available and this item must be considered as cancelled. It must be recognized that efficient utilization of other items of equipment will be adversely affected by this cancellation.

3. Electrical Division

The Director of the Sub-Commission Col. L.A. JENNY departed for Switzerland for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of importing electric power into North Italy.

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Colonel, C.E.,
A/ Director.

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28 March 1945

SUBJECT: A.F.H.Q. Weekly Sitreps

TO : Economic Section

FROM : Director P.W. & U. S/C

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 27 March 1945.

2. The Sub-Commission Director and the Division Chief visited Leghorn on 23 March and conferred with Chief Engineer, P.B.S. on the turnover of Military Highway matters. At this conference, arrangements were completed for the transfer of responsibilities for highway maintenance in closing Regions from A.C. to P.B.S.

3. Initial allocation of construction equipment was also discussed and plans were made for immediate utilization of many items on high priority P.B.S. roads being repaired under the direction of the Sub-Commission.

L. A. JENNY
Colonel, C. E.
Director

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TO : Economic Section

FROM : Director P. W. & U. S/C

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 20 March 1945.

2. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION -

Roads officer of 3 District visited headquarters on 17 March and conferred with Division Chief on transfer of Military Highway responsibilities in Southern Italy, from A. C. officers to District officers. Final details of the changeover settled.

3. Division Chief, left Rome on 19 March for inspection trip to points in Emilia and Toscana Regions.

4. Increasing numbers of projects for highway and bridge reconstruction were received from Emilia Region for headquarters approval. Unit costs of work in Emilia to date are very gratifying when compared with steadily increasing contract prices in other areas.

5. ELECTRICAL DIVISION -

The Electrical Reconstruction Committee held under the chairmanship of Chief Engineer, A.F.H.Q. endorsed the recommendations of the Italian Advisory Committee on Electric Power (Recently set up in Southern Italy) with respect to certain rehabilitation work to be carried out in that area.

6. This is an excellent example of the cooperation between Allied Military and Italian Government Civilian Committees.

7. The Electric Power Committee of the A.F.L.R. (I) B. has now made allocations of electric power for the month of April.

8. A large proportion of the allocations were for civilian purposes sponsored by A. C. Previously the allocations have been mainly for Military purposes.

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9. This is a healthy sign and it may be taken that a large proportion of the output from any further plant which is rehabilitated may be made available for civilian purposes in the future.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps.

TO : VP, Economic Section (11)
VP, Civil Affairs Section (10)
Dir, Communications Sub-Commission (1)
Dir, War Material Disposal (1)
& Italian PW Sub-Commission
Public Relations Officer. (1)

1. I have received a complaint from AFHQ that the material contained in the Weekly Sitrep is not satisfactory.

2. The purpose of this sitrep is to provide AFHQ with material to give a concise weekly national picture of conditions in ITALY for the Combined Civil Affairs Committee of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in WASHINGTON. I gain the impression that this is not appreciated and the object of this memorandum is to give directions which will ensure that the activities of this Commission are adequately reported.

3. Previously the basis of this sitrep has been reports from Regions, but since Sub-Commissions receive all regional information of importance from their specialist officers in the field I have decided to rely on HQ to provide this basis. Vice Presidents will give special attention to the provision of material for the sitrep. Two or three lines are all that are required from each Sub-Commission, containing only material which is general in character and is likely to be of value to the CCAC in WASHINGTON: commencing 21 March 1945 this information, or a nil return, to be submitted to this office not later than 1200 hours on Wednesday of each week.

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REFERENCE: 153/PWU
SUBJECT: A.F.H.Q., Weekly Sitreps.
TO: Economic Section.
FROM: Director P.A. & U. S/C.

1. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 13 March 1945.
2. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

During the week substantial allotments of salvaged clothing were received and turned over to Genio Civile for distribution to heavy workers on utilities and highway work. The first allotment is being distributed in the Naples Area with subsequent allotments being reserved for Northern Regions. Considerable confusion has been caused on operating projects by recent wage increases and increased allowances for living costs for workmen and dependents. Existing Italian laws do not provide for proper adjustments for contractors holding lump-sum contracts in cases of legislative upward trends in wages. When protective provisions covering such contingencies are not allowable in contracts, the result is higher unit prices and confusion on projects. Action is being taken by this HQ. with proper Italian Authorities to have existing regulations revised so as to allow for the insertion in all contracts of clauses exempting contractors from liability in cases of legislative increases in wages and for allowances of any natures during the life of the contract.

3. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

Rehabilitation of the 60,000 Volt transmission line running between Ceccano and Fontina was started during the week. In order to carry out this project it has been necessary to remove copper wire from other transmission lines now not in use. Completion is expected by the first week in April.

One 12,000 KW generating unit at Iardarello was started during this week and is presently being tested. The Iardarello plant is unusual in that it utilizes natural steam. Iardarello unit was badly damaged and in order to make repairs, many heavy parts had to be fabricated.

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 SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q., Weekly Sitreps.
 TO : Economic Section
 FROM : Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. Ref. your SS/17 dated 31 October 1944.
2. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 6 March 1945.
3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

The Division Chief conferred with the Chief Engineer, 3 District at District H.Q. with reference to the handling of Military Highways after A.C. Engineer officers have been withdrawn from Southern Areas. Arrangements are now being made for transfer of field responsibilities to District Representatives in those Areas where A.C. Officers are not available.

On Monday, one of the Public Works Officers of this H.Q. proceeded to Calabria to meet the C.E., 3 District. Some difficulty has been encountered by the Genio Civile, there, in the proper maintenance of roads which are of utmost importance to military timbering activities. Our representative will take necessary action to properly organize this maintenance work and ensure that the required roads are kept open.

On Tuesday another H.Q. Public Works Officer was dispatched to Foggia at the request of the Air Force Command to assist in organizing the maintenance of access roads to Airports. This is quite an extensive program and one which the Air Force Command desires handled by civilian facilities. Our representative will remain in the Foggia Area until this work is proceeding satisfactorily.

4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

Advisory Committees on Electric Power have been formed in Sicily and Sardinia by this Sub-Commission. The Ministry of Public Works now have at their disposal the following Committees, operating in Italian Government territory, made up of Italian technical engineers mainly connected with the Electrical Industry Sicily, Sardinia, Southern Italy and Central Italy. These Committees will meet each month and their recommendations and advice will be submitted to the Ministry of Public Works through a National Committee now in formation.

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 TO : Economic Section.
 FROM : Director P.R. & U. Sub-Commission.

28 Feb. 45

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 October 1944.
2. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 28 February 1945.
3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.
 - a. Advice was received that additional items of road construction-equipment are now available at the Port of Leghorn, as a part of the large requisition submitted by this H.Q. about one year ago. F.O. Griffith, American Civilian, has been delegated responsibility for all equipment and has been dispatched to Naples to take over the initial items which are available there after which he will proceed to Leghorn. All equipment will be placed in operation on military highways where needed mostly with the minimum of delay.
 - b. Additional requests were received from the American Air Force in the Foggia Area for assistance in maintenance of Access Roads. In view of the change in policy concerning projects in Italian Government Territory, this question is under discussion with the Chief Engineer of No. 3 District.
4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.
 - a. Canterno Generating Station was officially placed

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in operation on 25 February by the Italian Minister of Public Works and the Director of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission. The Canterno Plant of 10,000 Kilowatt capacity, is not designed for continuous operation, but only for service during peak loads. It will be used during the early morning and evening hours to supply power to the Central Italy Grid. Construction of the plant was started before the war but the work was suspended in 1943 and the machinery buried at scattered points during German occupation. Work was resumed after Allied occupation.

- b. Work on the double circuit 150,000 volt line between Terni and Orte was finished during the week. This line will be utilized later in the transmission of large blocks of power northward from Terni.
- c. The 120,000 volt Tavernuzze-Refredi line now finished, will serve as a supply toward Bologna.

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TO : Economic Section.
FROM : Director F.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 October 1944.
2. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 21 February 1945.

3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

During the week Route 74 was opened to all traffic upon the completion of the large bridge at Pitigliano. This important section of road between Route 1 at Albegne and Route 2 at S. Lorenzo Nuova, had been closed or partially closed for many months while reconstruction was being rushed on the above bridge and another near Manciano, both constituting major reconstruction. A conference was held on Saturday 17 Feb. in the office of the Division Chief, with Roads Officer of 2 District and attended by Regional Engineer of Lombardie Region and members of Sub-Commission Headquarters Staff. Public Works activities in Northern Areas were discussed in detail with very satisfactory conclusions being reached.

4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

The second meeting of the Advisory Committee on electric Power (Central Italy) was held during the week. This committee formed, from the Electric Companies, operates under the chairmanship of the chief of the Electrical Division and advises the ministry of Public Works on all matters connected with electric power.

A similar committee has been formed for Southern Italy and held its first meeting during the week.

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Arrangements are being made to form similar committees for Sardinia and Sicily this week.

These advisory committees are proving to be most successful and will provide the medium through which the Electrical Rehabilitation program can be carried on by the Utility companies and the Italian Government.

A forward office of the Electrical Division is now established and operating at Florence. Five Electrical Officers comprise the Staff. This field team will carry on electrical rehabilitation work in forward areas in collaboration with P.B.S. 5th Army and 8th Army (Engineering and A.E.G. units).

The rehabilitation of electric power transmission lines from Nera Montoro to Papigno Plant to Antrodoco was completed during the week. The lines will operate at 60,000 volts.

The Ancona and Rimini area is now receiving a limited amount of power from the Central Italy Grid.

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TO : G.S.G. Economic Section
FROM : Director P.W.A. U. Sub-Commission.

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 October 1944.
2. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 14 February 1945.

3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

The results of the Roads Conference held at 3 District H.Q., and mentioned in last weeks report, were very satisfactory. The Chief Engineer, 3 Dist. expressed satisfaction at the manner in which main highway repairs had progressed under A.C. direction but was concerned over the gradual decrease in A.C. field staff, when, in his opinion, the present personnel is entirely inadequate. Recommendations were made by the Chief Engineer, that several additional Engineer Officers, be assigned to work closely with District representatives in coordinating and supervising the extensive Military Highway program.

On 9 Feb. a revised Bailey bridge removal schedule was received from H.Q. 1 District. This presents an encouraging picture, approximately 70 % of all Baileys can be removed in the near future as a result of completions of permanent structures. This entire program is being given very urgent attention by personnel of this Sub-Commission.

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4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

Within the past two days the electric facilities listed below have resumed operation in the Rome Area.

- (a) 1 5,000 KVA synchronous condenser at the Tor di Quinte sub-station in North Rome. Operation of this machine will permit better voltage regulation in Rome.
- (b) 1 60 KV transmission line between Castel Madama and Acquoria. This line will serve as a spare connection between Subiaco and Acquoria. As a result the grid supply from the stations of the Subiaco group will be more reliable.
- (c) The 1,500 KW generator at Salvina started operation. Operation of this unit will improve the voltage in the area north of Rome as well as supply additional power to the grid.

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 FROM: Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

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7 Feb. 1945

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 October 1944.
2. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 7 February 1945.
3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

On Sunday 4 February a conference was held in the Directors Office to discuss plans for N. W. Italy. Meeting attended by Regional Engineers of Piemonte, Liguria and Lombardia Regions and Chiefs of Divisions of the Sub-Commission. A brief on conclusions reached is now being prepared.

Col. Jenny and Lt. Col. Thompson attended a conference at the Office of the District Engineers District No. 2 at Naples. Complaints have been received that when Public Works officers were withdrawn the Italian organization did not function properly and that military highways were being neglected. The District Engineer asked that the present force of military highway engineers in Southern Region, consisting of two officers, be increased to five. It was pointed out to him that A.C. had received instructions to withdraw engineers from South Italy for use in the north and that it might be possible that we soon would receive a request to completely withdraw all engineer officers from the Southern Region and that in this event the responsibility for maintenance of military highways would rest with the District Engineer. The District Engineer stated that he would write to A.F.H.Q. requesting the retention of Public Works officers to supervise military highways work as well as at least one electrical officer to continue to supervise the rehabilitation of electrical plants.

4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

The Terni-Chiusi 120,000 volt line was completed and put into operation during the week. For the present it will be operated at 60,000 volts. This provides a second source of power supply to Florence area which has been dependent on one line only in the past.

The Florence area was connected into the Central-Italy Grid during the week leaving only the Livorno area isolated. With this exception the Central Italy Grid is now complete and comprises to varying degrees, portions of Florence, Terni, Rome, Civitavecchia, Ceperano and east Central Italy areas. As transmission lines and generating plants are repaired these areas will be expanded until complete coverage of Central Italy is attained.

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Electric Power (Central Italy) was held during the week. This Committee formed from the Electric Companies operates under the Chairmanship of the Chief of the Electrical Division and advises the Ministry of Public Works on all matters connected with Electrical Power. These Advisory Committees mark a great step forward in the Italian Electrification and they will form part of the Post war organization in Italy.

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 FROM : Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

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1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 Oct 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 31 Jan 45.
3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

Advice was received of availability from U.S. Theatre stocks of certain items of Highway Construction equipment which has been on requisition for many months. Arrangements are now being made with Peninsular Base Section for the transfer of these items to A.C. Control. Unfortunately full use cannot be made of the equipment until further items are released. For example, heavy trailers, now available, are of no value until prime movers are released. Carry-all scrapers were made available, but no tractors which are necessary to make a complete unit for earth moving. No trucks were included in this initial release.

During the week, responsibility for reconstruction and repairs of sewers, water systems and bonifiche was transferred from the Electrical Division to this Division. It is proposed to assume these added responsibilities without increasing the present Headquarters Officer Staff.

4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION

Another necessary step in the electric power interconnection scheme for Central Italy was developed during the past week. A board known as the "Advisory Committee on Electric Power" has been created. The "Master Control", mentioned in 17 Jan 45 Sitrep, will be responsible to this board which is composed of representatives from each of the Electric Power Companies involved, the Italian Government and the Electrical Division of Public Works and Utilities S/C. A.C. Public Works will act in an advisory capacity for the time being and until such time as the functions can be entirely turned

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over to the Italians.

The Canterno to Segni 60 KV transmission line rehabilitation was completed during the week. This will permit the output of the Canterno plant, when ready, to feed into the Control Italy Grid. The Canterno Plant is expected to be in operation in about one month.

The rebuilding of the 2nd 20,000 KV transformer, at Terni was completed during the week. This permits the full output, of the first 35,000 KV generator at Galleto to be utilized. The restoration of this generator was mentioned in 10 Jan 45 Sitrep.

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24 Jan 45

1. Ref. your RS/17 dated 31 Oct 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 31 Jan 45.
3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

Activities continued with reference to reconstruction of Port and harbor installations. An Engineer officer of the Sub-Commission moved into Civitavecchia to give immediate direction to reconstruction there. Materials, particularly timber, were arranged for during the week and are now moving to job-site. Allied Force Headquarters directed the Sub-Commission to prepare estimates on required dredging at the Ports of Piombino, Civitavecchia and Fiumicino. These estimates are now in process of preparation.

The tire situation became more and more critical. During the week, two of the most active bridge contractors stated that their activities on military Highway reconstruction must cease unless tires for trucks and cars are made available from some source. We were also approached, once again, by representatives of the Ministry of Public Works with the advice that Genio Civile Staffs could not function without tires, as additional vehicles are being taken from the road each week. This extremely critical situation is being discussed with higher echelon in an attempt to reach some solution.

4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

The Central Italy Master Control Center was formally inaugurated on Saturday 20 January 45. The Ministry of Public Works, acting on behalf of the Prime Minister, and the Director of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission A.C. officiated at the ribbon cutting ceremony, and made the dedication statement.

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Officers of the Allied Commission, Public Works and Utilities, officials of the five Electric Utility companies and government officials of the Ministry of Public Works and Utilities were present. Tea and cakes were served after the ceremony. The occasion marked an important step in electrical rehabilitation program in Central Italy and was of historical interest in that it was the first time the power resources of Central Italy have been under the direction of one head. The entire work and organization in connection with the setting up of this Master Control and the interconnection of the Electrical Systems was carried out by the Electrical Division of this Sub-Commission.

The monthly meeting of the Electrical Reconstruction Committee (Italy), under the chairmanship of Major General D. McCoach C.E. of A.F.H.Q., was held in the offices of the Electrical Division of this Sub-Commission. Progress of Electrical Rehabilitation and future planning on electric Power Supplies for Central Italy and forward areas were discussed.

The chairman expressed the opinion that good progress was being made by the Electrical Division of A.C. in the work of restoration of electrical facilities.

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN BOLOGNA: DECEMBER 1944

The following information was obtained from two leaders of the resistance movement in the city of Bologna; one, a member of the Committee of National Liberation (CLN), the other, a partisan leader. The date of the information is December 1944.

I. Food and AgricultureA. Rationed Food stuffs and Their Prices.

The following rations are distributed regularly to each person:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Official Price Lire Per Kg.</u>
Bread	350 gr. per day	6
Pasta	3 kg. per month	7
Meat	700 gr. per week	50 - 80
Salt	100 gr. per month	4

While meat was being issued regularly in December, its distribution has not been uninterrupted and now lags by two months. Meat actually is so plentiful that nobody is using the meat coupons.

Thus the price of meat given above is the one prevailing in the open market. Other rationed goods are also available on the black market: bread, at 25 lire; pasta, at 35 lire; salt, at 200 to 300 lire per kilogram.

Under pressure from the Berlin GMR, an official ruling was issued last fall that, instead of being issued a ration card for bread and pasta, anyone in the compartment of Berlin who wished could receive an issue in one lump allotment of a given amount of grain to last until the next harvest. The amount was fixed at two quintals for city dwellers and, with some variations, at one and one-half quintals for the farm population. This pro-

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vision was designed to lead to a quick disappearance of the grain immediately after the harvest, thus making it difficult for the Germans to locate any but small amounts of it. The rural population availed itself of this possibility almost without exception, but in the cities no more than one-third of the people chose this method in preference to the ration card. Many families took grain for one-half the members, rations for the other half. Preferential ration cards have been given to the not inconsiderable number of persons who received an issue of grain but subsequently lost it because of forced evacuation.

B. Unrationed Foodstuffs and their Prices.

No issues are being made of milk, sugar, oil, fats, soap, wine or any other beverages. Most of these commodities are, however, obtainable on the black market at the following prices:

Milk	30 lire per liter
Sugar, white	450 lire per kg.
Sugar, yellow	550 lire per kg.
Olive Oil	2,000 lire per bottle (containing not quite 2 liters)
Wine	50 lire per liter

No sugar rations have been issued since September 1944. Coffee, tea, and soap are entirely unobtainable, even in the black market. Fruit and vegetables are freely available, though prices are higher than they used to be. High quality apples now sell for 30-50 lire a kilo.

The three foods of which large surpluses are available are potatoes, onions, and sugar beets. Potatoes, even in the city, can be bought for as little as 2.50 lire per kg., while in the country they sell for 1 lire. Sugar beets are either left to rot in the field or are fed to pigs.

C. Location and Supplies of Staple Foods.

In accordance with the orders spread by the CLN, through the Federazione dei Lavoratori della Terra, no searching whatsoever has taken place and all the magazzini are empty. However, the CLN has kept records as to the location of all wheat supplies, so that it is known how much is being hidden in what location. Current disposition of the crop also is being supervised by local committees. As the Germans carry out house-to-house searches, some of this grain naturally is discovered and taken away or ~~destroyed~~ ^{hidden}. At the end of the 1944 harvest, a total of 163,000 tons of wheat in excess of the province's need were stored away under CLN direction.

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Despite German interference, sufficient should remain to supply adequately the province until the next harvest.

Potatoes should be sufficient for the current crop year, provided no severe frost spoil the stocks which, like wheat, are kept not in large warehouses but in small, individual lots. There is no sugar in any warehouse. The small reserves that there were in the sugar mills or warehouses have been carried off by the Germans. This year's sugar beet crop has not been processed since there is no processing capacity left.

Even in normal times, there is little corn grown in the area. The rice crop has been largely destroyed by the flooding of the low-lying areas. The existing stocks are only those amounts saved by individual farmers who immediately after the flooding waded into the fields and pulled the rice from under the water, stalk by stalk.

B. Food Processing Facilities.

There is sufficient flour milling capacity available to meet the requirements of the province. One large mill, Di Prima, has been blown up by the Germans, and another, Sencia, was hit from the air. In order to get grain milled, one month's advance notice is now required, but this is said to be due largely to the fact that German requirements constantly interfere with civilian needs.

Bread ovens and paste-making facilities seem to be so extensive that the GHI is considering the conversion of the small bread ovens into more distributing agencies for the five large plants. This would end a good amount of watering of bread which is being carried on now by the small producers.

All large mills and ovens depend for their power on electricity. So far there has been no serious shortage for these purposes. However, should the Germans cut the supply of electricity, effective capacity, both in milling and in bread-making, would of course fall disastrously.

No sugar mills have been working since August 1944 either because the machinery has been carried away by the Germans or because of lack of coal.

C. Agricultural Supplies.

While last year's weather was favorable for a good crop, counteracting the lack of certain supplies, prospects for this year's crop cause great apprehension. The main factors are: 7639

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1. Condition of the Land.

The low-lying areas which are among the most productive have been systematically flooded by the Germans. If the Allies arrive by March, the fields can still be dried early enough for this year's production; if the Allies arrive later, it will be impossible to plant even spring wheat. Similar conditions hold true for the hilly areas where combat has interfered with cultivation.

2. Draft Power.

Practically all work animals have either been carried off by the Germans or have been slaughtered, and the machinery has been taken by the Germans or has been hidden by the owners. Since the machinery is usually buried in the ground, it is hard to tell in what condition this buried material will be when the Allies arrive; but it is certain that, unless either work-stock or tractors are made available, cultivation will be most difficult this year. This is all the more serious for the area since agriculture in all probability will be about the only economic activity left.

3. Seeds.

The required amounts of seed have been set aside, and unless the hiding places are discovered by the Germans there should be no shortage of seed.

4. Fertilizer.

There has been an increasing lack of fertilizer for the last three years. Although the effect of the shortage on last year's crop was offset by excellent weather, this year there will be practically no artificial fertilizer available and animal fertilizer, too, will be short because of the reduced number of animals. A large phosphate plant at Bologna has been closed down due to the lack of North African phosphate rock.

5. Pesticides.

The pesticides most urgently needed is copper sulphate to save the vineyards of Emilia. The plants are already in poor shape due to lack of effective spraying material, and it is feared that another year without copper sulphate will spoil the vineyard industry beyond hope of recovery.

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F. Land Ownership

Most of the large land owners generally compromised with the Germans fled the area in September 1944 when liberation seemed imminent. In most cases the owners left managers in charge. Three or four large holdings were simply abandoned. In those cases the GLN has appointed administrators, pending a final disposition of the property.

G. Leading Officials

The GLN has already chosen experienced persons whom it wishes to direct Reparations and the Commissariat Agricola and has appointed executive committees for these organizations. In addition, the GLN proposes to establish joint committees, including owners, tenants, workers, etc., to supervise the functioning of the amassal.

II. Clothing and Footwear

Clothing is practically unobtainable as a result of the Germans' systematic looting of all commercial and private stocks in the city. Leather shoes are extremely scarce and sell for 3,000 lire; canvas shoes can be had at a price of 800 lire.

III. Fuel

There is no fuel to be had, not even in the black market, even for hospitals. Some wood is available once in a while from wrecked buildings, but generally the only way of obtaining wood is to go out in the country and cut down some branches or a tree. The Germans have encouraged the use of railroad ties for fire wood and thereby have made more difficult the problem of transportation that the Allies will face when the area is liberated.

IV. Housing

Roughly one-half of the city's dwellings have been rendered uninhabitable. The damage is concentrated in the outlying districts and is due almost entirely to air raids, only very few shells having fallen in the city. The housing shortage is especially aggravated by the tremendous influx of refugees from the countryside. This migration has carried the city's population from a normal figure of just above 200,000 to beyond 300,000. Moreover, refugees have brought a good deal of livestock into the city and keep it in courtyard and small stores. An ordinance permitting such practices only where there is provision to wash the

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animals is little observed so that grave risks for the health of the population are being created.

V. Transportation.

The railroads stopped running in August 1944. Whatever rolling stock was left in the yards and on interrupted tracks was blown up by the Germans. Inside the city, where the tracks are still intact, streetcar traffic still continues. Many motor cars were immobilized on the roads by Allied strafing; the rest have been carried off by the Germans, with the exception of some "gangos" - driven cars and gasoline-driven vehicles in poor condition. Even women's bicycles are being carried off by the looting Germans. A few motor vehicles are hidden away, and their location is known to the GUF. The GUF has already created a transportation office to coordinate the movements of the remaining vehicles upon liberation. Meanwhile the scarcity of means of transportation has gradually increased the price differential between goods available in the country and in the city.

VI. Electric Power.

Most of the power supply of the province is derived from the North and can thus be cut off by the retreating Germans. In that event, Bologna would depend upon the two power stations, presumably already in Allied hands, of Guiviana and Brasimara. In the city itself, the GUF had two motors hidden. One, of 3,000 H.P., located in the arsenal (Piroscopia) was discovered by the Germans in December 1944. All workers at the arsenal were arrested; and, although nothing is known concerning the disposition of the motor, it must be considered lost. Another gasoline-fed motor, capable of providing light for one-third of the city, has not so far been discovered.

Electric light has not yet been rationed in the city but voltage has diminished somewhat.

VII. Industry and Labor.

All industrial activity is at a standstill due to the removal of machinery to the North or its destruction in air raids. Likewise, the city is practically devoid of industrial workers. These have been either carried off to the North when the plants in which they were working were transferred, or they have taken to the mountains to join the Partisans. 7635

Wage rates for agricultural laborers (Braccianti) range from 120 to 130 lire a day in the low lands and average 90 lire a day

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in the hills and mountains. Men working for the German Army on roads, for example, are paid 120 lire a day. Salaried workers generally earn less.

VIII. Health Conditions.

There have not so far been any epidemics in the city, but the sudden increase in population, the housing shortage, the keeping of livestock in the city, and the lack of drugs, have created a situation which, with the return of warm weather in the spring, may easily give rise to severe epidemics. Tuberculosis is said to be on the increase. Six new cases are reported each day; however, with a rapidly growing and very fluid population, these figures do not permit any conclusions as to the actual health situation.

Hospital facilities are sufficient, and the Germans have so far refrained from taking over any of the city's hospitals for their own use, in line with their general policy of staying out of the city and entering it only on brief looting expeditions. Some schools have been converted into civilian hospitals, to match the increase in population and to make up for the loss of hospital space located outside the city.

Drugs are very scarce as are band-aids and other medical supplies. The GIN has been able to hide away one year's supplies of drugs for the province of Bologna. These supplies have so far escaped detection by the Germans; but, being well hidden, cannot of course be touched to relieve the present shortage.

IX. Miscellaneous.

The hemp crop has been taken over by the Germans. However, when a large hemp processing factory was hit in an air raid, the local population immediately hurried to the ruins and carried off as much hemp as they could gather.

There has been no attempt on the part of the Germans to acquire any holdings, industrial, financial, or otherwise, in Bologna. What they need they carry off, including belongings of private citizens; and what they cannot carry off they render useless in one way or another.

After initial hesitation, the banking institutions of Bologna have come to the aid of the resistance through a joint committee, organized to advance a substantial loan to the GIN. 75000

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One of the most prominent collaborationists is an engineer by the name of Luca, owner of the firm of the same name, which produces electric equipment. He has transferred his entire plant, including all the personnel that he could keep under control, to the city of Trento.

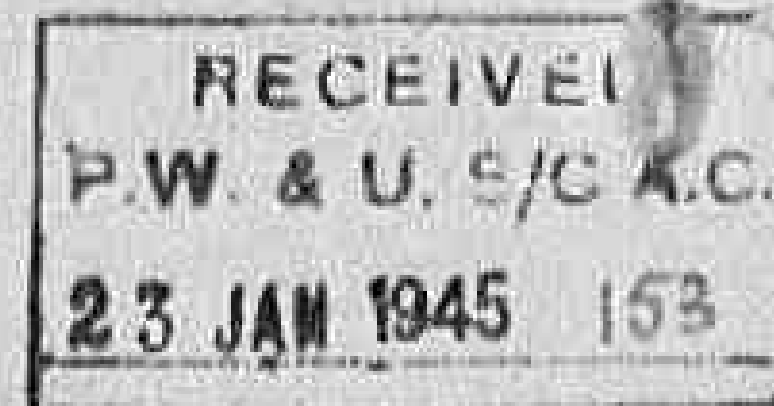
The Calabri and Colpiano were destroyed by air attacks.

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23 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: PUB WKS & UTIL S/C ✓
INDUSTRY S/C
COMMERCE S/C
AGRICULTURE S/C

Subject: AMG 5th Army Situation Report 1 - 14 Jan 45.

1. For your information and guidance quoted below is extract of report of above subject:

"7. Engineering.

A small additional allotment of power is expected shortly, but it will not be sufficient to have much effect on the grave shortage throughout the area. Cement continues to be unobtainable for civilian needs.

"8. Agriculture.

Foot and mouth disease has broken out at Borgo San Lorenzo, but the outbreak is not serious. It is thought to have originated from sheep brought into the area for Moslem troops."

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Inter Office Memo.

REFERENCE: 153/PWU

17 January 1945

SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q., Weekly Sitreps.

TO : C.S.C. Economic Section.

FROM : Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. Ref. your 22/17 dated 31 Oct 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for Week Ending 17 Jan 45.
3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

During the week activities continued relative to the repairs to port at Civitavecchia. Conferences were held in this HQ. with Port Engineers of the Italian Ministry of Public Works and with our Regional Engineer of Lazio-Umbria and various problems incidental to the reconstruction were settled. A request was received for assistance in effecting certain repairs, also, at the port of Fiumicino. An inspection of the port and harbor was made on 16 Jan 45 in which an Engineer representative of this Sub-Commission took part. A report is being prepared on the findings of this inspection.

The Highway situation is unchanged except for greater trouble on certain roads due to snow blocks. Every effort is being made to construct an adequate number of drag snow plows to meet the general need. It is intended to place these plows at all critical sections of important roads.

4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

A Master Control Station will be established, on the 20 Jan 1945, to direct the operation of the electric power company interconnection scheme mentioned in last weeks Sitrep. The four companies involved in the first interconnection, for Central Italy are providing the necessary personnel. This arrangement will afford better diversification of electric power loads and power plant loading.

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This division was requested to look into the heating problem at A.G. Headquarters. As a result of changes which have been made, a very marked improvement has already been noted.

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REFERENCE : 153/PWJ.17
10 January 1945.SUBJECT : A.F.W.D., Weekly Sitreps.TO : C.S.D. Economic Section.FROM : Director F.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 Oct. 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 10 Jan. 45.
3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

On Monday, 9 Jan. a conference was held in the Director's Office, attended by Chiefs of Divisions and by all Regional Engineers. Operating problems and policies were discussed among which were the following: F.O.L. Supply, transport, engineer office personnel, material supply, availability of construction equipment and housing.

On Sunday, 7 Jan. the Chief of the Public Works Division made an inspection of Civitavecchia port and harbor in company with representatives of other Sub-Commissions and of the Italian Ministry of Public Works. The reconstruction of certain facilities at this port have been declared very urgent and contracts are now being awarded for this work. An officer of this Sub-Commission is being assigned to Civitavecchia to direct the activities and will remain there until repairs have been effected.

4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

The power plants and main transmission lines of the various Electric Utility Companies in Central Italy are to be combined into one system or grid to operate at a frequency of 45 cycles. The details of the plan are being worked out in collaboration with the engineers of the power companies, the Italian Government and this Sub-Commission. A Master Control center will be established in Rome which

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will control the output of the power plants and the dispatching of loads. about one month's time will be required to complete the interconnections. The scheme will result in more efficient use of the available generating capacity and better voltage control.

The first 35,000 KW unit of the Galileto Power Plant at Ternt, began operation under test conditions.

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REFERENCE: 153/PWM
 SUBJECT: A.F.R.Q., Weekly Sitreps.
 TO: C.S.O. Economic Section.
 FROM: Director F.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

3 Jan. 45

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1. Ref. your BS/17 dated 31 Oct 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for Week Ending 3 Jan 45.
3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

During the week the increasing magnitude of Highway and Bridge work in the Leghorn Area made necessary the assignment of a fulltime Engineer officer to liaison with HQ, Engineer Service, F.B.S., at Leghorn. Capt. E.B. Feldman was withdrawn temporarily from Venezia Region and attached to Toscana Region for this purpose. He will, in addition, organize and supervise works as requested by F.B.S.

Snow and ice conditions were extremely bad in certain mountainous sections and caused temporary blocks on many important routes. Emergency squads have been organized by Genio Civile with the assistance of Regional officers of the Sub-Commission to give immediate attention to snow and ice. These squads are so organized as to be available on call, night or day as fully equipped as available facilities will allow.

4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

At the Piana della Rocca plant, destroyed by the enemy, one unit was restored to operation during the week. This unit has a capacity of 14,000 Kw. but at the present time the output is limited to 2,000 Kw due to water supply. The reservoirs are still in the hands of the enemy. This work was done by F.B.S. and assistance given by Electrical Division of this S/C.

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SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q., Weekly Sitreps.
TO : C.S.O. Economic Section.
FROM : Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

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27 December '44.

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 Oct. 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for Week Ending 27 Dec. 44.
3. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

Further advice was received from A.F.H.Q. during the week relative to the highway construction equipment which has been on requisition for many months. According to the latest schedule, certain items will arrive in January and February. Arrangements are being made for proper receipt and distribution of this equipment on most urgent projects.

Additional requests for new highway and bridge work were received from P.B.S. thru A.F.H.Q. Inspections of this work are now underway by H.Q. Engineering Officers, in preparation for taking over at an early date. In this connection, a conference was held with P.B.S. officers during the week, at which time it was agreed that the Regional Engineer, Toscana Region, would station an officer at Leghorn to direct Public Works activities and to liason with P.B.S. Engineer Officer.

The cement situation which has been very critical in past months became somewhat improved as an additional allocation of 400 tons in Lazio-Umbria Region was received. This quantity will enable work to proceed without delay on several bridges on important routes.

4. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

The 5500 KW generating unit at the Caprano plant, which was recently repaired, developed a short circuit, damaging

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the machine to such an extent that at least 3 months will be required to make repairs.

At Cervara, in Central Italy, a 1600 KW unit damaged by the enemy, was restored to service after 5 months work.

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REFERENCE : 153/PWU.
SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q., Weekly Sitreps.
TO : C.S.O. Economic Section.
FROM : Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

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13 December '44.

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- 1) Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 Oct. 44.
 - 2) The following is our Sitrep for Week Ending 13 Dec '44.
 - 3) PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

During the week the Chief of the Division Inspected Route 6 to check progress on permanent structures. This bridge program is being expedited with all possible speed so that Bailey bridges may be removed on schedule. A representative of P.W.B. accompanied the Division Chief on this trip, during the course of which inspection was made of emergency housing activities at Cassino. Plans were completed for P.W.B. to secure moving pictures of bridges and housing.

Further discussion was had with P.B.S. Engineers relative to urgent corrective measures required to control the flood water situation at Grosseto and to effect permanent repairs to the bridge across the River Ombrone at Grosseto. On site studies of the situation are being made by our Engineer Officer at Grosseto and Engineers of P.B.S.

The transport situation for HQ. Officers continued troublesome. On 6 Dec. a car was requested for an emergency inspection of Route 6 and a conference with Regional Engineer of Southern Region by an HQ. Engineer officer. No car was made available either on 7 Dec. or 8 Dec. causing this urgent trip to be postponed until 9 Dec. 44.

4) ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

The power transmission line serving all of East Italy "Apulia Area" was repaired and put back into operation after being out of service for about two weeks. Only 30% of the normal power was available during this period. Damage was caused by flood

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waters washing out three transmission line towers on the 120,000 volt line from Sile.

An additional 3000 KW of generating capacity was made available to Central Italy by the installation of additional transformers at the Ceperano Hydro plant. The available capacity from this plant now totals 9000 KW and is the result of about 5 months intensive work.

The coal stocks at the Rome thermal plants continued to improve during the week.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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REFERENCE : 153/PWU. 6 Dec. 44.
SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q., Weekly Sitreps.
TO : C.S.O. Economic Section.
FROM : Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 Oct. 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for Week Ending 6 Dec. '44.
3. Public Works Division.
 - a) Inspections were made of Routes 6 and 7 southward from Rome by H.Q. Officers. All bridges on Route 6 are proceeding satisfactory after certain past delays caused by flood waters. On Route 7 semi permanent diversion near Genzano is now open to traffic, thus eliminating a very troublesome detour.
 - b) trouble is still being encountered through lack of adequate transport for H.Q. Staff resulting in the postponement of urgent trips.
4. Electrical Division.
 - (a) A program of moving large transformers for the Terni Company, started in October, was finished this week. Highlighting the movement was the transfer of 4-20,000 KVA three-winding transformers and two 20,000 KVA regulating transformers from Rome to Terni, all needed at the Galleto generating station. Full cooperation was given by the Military Railway Service and the 687th Heavy Recovery REME unit which provided transportation. Supervision and all arrangements were made by the Allied Commission.
 - (b) For the first time in months, coal shipments are arriving steadily at the Rome steam plants, and the amount of coal and lignite in storage has reached the figure of 2,600 tons, representing nearly ten days supply.

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- (c) The present effective generating capacity operating in Central Italy is 97,330 kilowatts, a one-third increase since 1 November.

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No. 5 Detachment.

No. 1 Special Force.

MILITARY SITREP No. 14 of 2nd December 1944

NORTH WEST ITALY

1. Defences are being built from VAREO to DIVIGNO (40/2599). H.Q. of the TOT organisation is reported to be moving shortly from PLOV. to VAREO (40/2501). A force is being built between VIGUILLIS (24/1293) and SPILLABERG (22/1725) to replace the DIVIGNO (24/1722) bridge should the latter be demolished. The General Officer in charge of these defence works has his H.Q. in GISTREX (25/2222) where the Mayor has been asked to supply 10,000 men for labour.

2. Rail traffic using TAVISCO pass to AUSTRIA from 22nd October to 4th November averaged 3 trains daily, including wagons containing troops, agricultural products, wheat, scrap iron and a number of hospital coaches.

3. 57 Allied ex-P.W.s have already been passed through into JONCOLE-VIA and another 40 are expected shortly.

4. At BICINNIOTTO (40/4205) the Germans are constructing gun positions and owners of houses at SPILLABERG have been asked to specify the accommodation available in their houses for the billeting of FASCIST S.S. and CAMOUFLAGE troops.

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1. The road and rail bridge at GATTICIL (63/7412) is reported to be in use again. The railway from D.S. to VAREO (27/6260) to VIGUILLIS has also been repaired. The engine repair shops at MONTOROT STATION VAREO (74/3274) are working 'all out'.

2. The VAREO VIGUILLIS (44/2704) airfield is furnished by a large number of B-24 bombers. The 6 PWMI aircraft factory is constructing aircraft, but the type is not known.

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C. Rail traffic during 1955-56 was to AUSTRIA from 28ns October to 4th November averaged 6 trains daily, including 4 warrens containing troops, agricultural products, wheat, scrap iron and a number of hospital caskets.

3. 57 killed ex-2.W.s have already been pressed to:ought into JUGOSLAVIA and another 40 are expected shortly.

4. At BICINW2000 (40/4205) the Germans are constructing gun positions and owners of houses at SPILL133300 have been asked to specify the accommodation available in their houses for the billeting of ESCORT S.S. and GAWC-BL.2 troops.

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1. The road and rail bridge at OSTREEM (63/7413) is reported to be in use again. The railway from G-STILL-FRANCO (27/6460) to LODER has also been repaired. The engine repair shops at AXTLCHOOE STATION REGGIO (74/3474) are working 'all out'.

2. THE VESPAI PICTO (44/9794) airfield isarrisoned by a large number of B-26CRAFT. The G. PROVI aircraft factory is constructing aircraft, but the type is not known.

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1. Two wooden bridges are being constructed on the R.R. and the concrete bridges are already in place.

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2. A message originated on 27th November reports that the C.I.N.A.I. has elected GENERAL CALDERA as Military Commander with RALLO and P. M. as Joint second-in-command. They have also elected a Socialist Chief of Staff and one Liberal and one Christian Democrat deputy Chiefs of Staff.

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1. 26 Australian, New Zealand and British ex-P.O.s are serving with partisan bands in the Pinar area.
2. 700 Alpine of the 10th Army Division have joined the partisans of the 3rd Liguria Division. They brought with them their arms and equipment.
3. The morale of the German troops in PAVES is reported to be very low. Their militarism seems to have vanished and they empty their stores, selling the contents to civilians.
4. Our mission in Southern Piedmont reports that nearly all the Germans have left the GONA area and that patriots in this area are now only expecting attacks from Fascist troops, which they are confident of being able to break up.

For Commander, R.H.V.R.,
Comd. No. 1 Special Force.

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11. Regional Commissioner, Lombardy.
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1. 16 Australian, New Zealand and British AX-105s are serving with partisan bands in the Bivilla area.
2. 7000 kg of the 10th NCSA division have joined the partisans of the 3rd Bivilla Division. They brought with them their arms and equipment.
3. The morale of the German troops in AX-105 is reported to be very low. Their discrimination seems to have vanished and they empty their stores, selling the contents to civilians.
4. Our mission to Southern Piedmont reports that nearly all the Germans have left the COA area and that patriots in the area are now only expecting attacks from the COA troops, which they are confident of being able to break up.

for Commander, 3rd Bivilla Division
 Gen. No. 1 Spectral Force.

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9. 9. Major Page, A.S.
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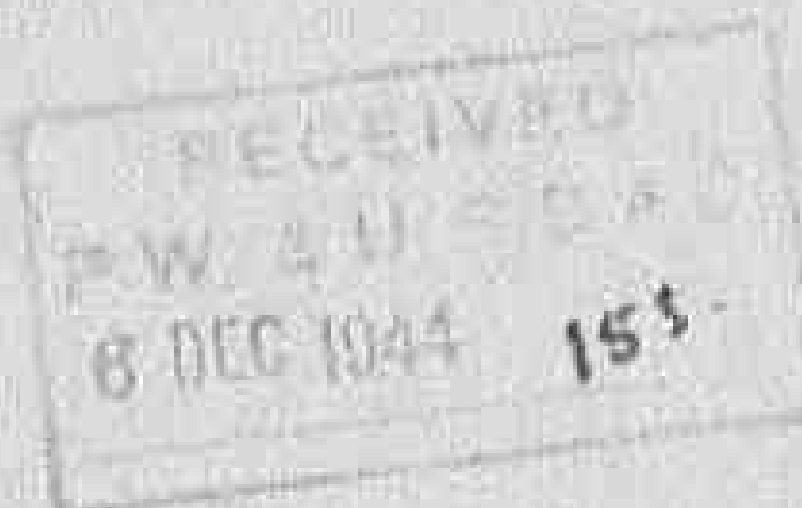
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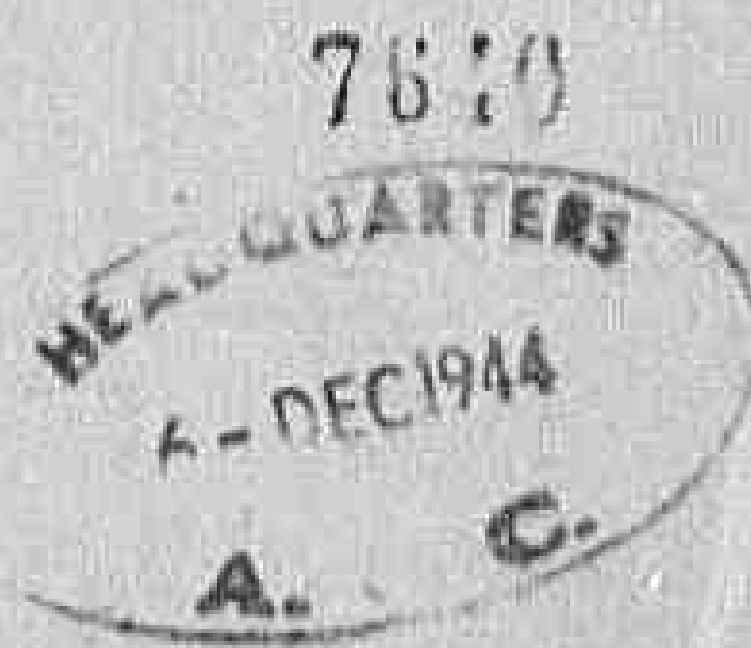
AMG 8 Army Sitrep.

RAVENNA entered this morning CAO installed. Town slightly damaged by bombing but no damage reported to important monuments. 20000 people estimated in town at moment. No light or power adequate water from artesian wells no shortage food. Civilian hospital functioning with about 120 patients medical stores being sent in. Administration functioning smoothly and well. Prefettura building damaged but provincial organization functioning under 2 vice prefects who remained. Much less disorganization than usual. Large numbers of patriots in town and in area. Few refugees but number expected to increase most are local or from North.

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Venetia Region

Frieste Province Detachment, Sulmona

Devastated Area Report.

Special Report re conditions at ATTALATA

On the 27 Nov 44 I visited the town of Attalata to verify the conditions as given by representatives of the Comune when compiling the Devastated Area report for the information of the Commission.

Having made this survey, I cannot say that the information given has been exaggerated to any great extent. The Comune is very bad, and the condition are the worst of any Comune of the Devastated area that I have visited. It is completely isolated as the road in from Villa Santa Maria is blown in a number of places preventing entry from the North East. The road from Castel di Sangro is also blown in a number of places preventing entry from the West, although the Comune can be reached on foot from this direction but it entails a walk of 18 kilometers. The only means of entry are from the South East Via Carovilli, Vastogirardo and San Pietro Avellana and the East, Via Castiglioni. Pescocostanzo and Castel del Giudice. Both these means of entry do not reach the Comune owing to the Sangro river, which is not bridged, and it is entails walking a distance of about 3 miles from each direction. In the case of the former road, work is currently required on three parts, as with the approach of bad weather the road will be impassable owing to very bad soft surface. The latter way of entry will be closed when the snow season commences. To repair this road it would be necessary to import labour as it is about 10 miles from the Comune and men cannot be expected to walk this distance, night and morning, there not being any transport available. San Pietro Avellana cannot supply the labour as all able bodied men are working on the restoration of that Comune, which is, in itself another Casino. Work has commenced on erecting a temporary bridge over the Sangro river, to enable small transport to enter the Comune. This is on the initiative of the people themselves, being very crude and will not be stable enough to carry motor transport. That appeared to be the remains of a "Railway Bridge" were lying in the river some distance away, having apparently been washed away at the last heavy rain. Although I do not have any technical knowledge of these bridges I think, providing proper directional labour was made available, the bridge could be recovered and re-erected.

The conditions under which these people are living are very filthy and insanitary. As many as 11 and 12 people are living and sleeping in a room 15 feet square. In other cases, three people occupy a room 5 feet by 10 feet and another, two people occupy a room 5 feet by about 8 feet. In another case a woman and four children are living and sleeping in a room 10 feet by 15 feet but the room is packed during the day with that bedding they use, together with bundles of maize hanging from the ceiling and sacks of various agricultural goods. The room was just like a dungeon, heavy with smoke from a wood fire burning in the room. The same circumstances were seen in another room with three women, a wood fire burning without proper flue or ventilation. In most cases the

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Cooking utensils did not appear to be as scarce as the informants had stated. It is true that some were using tins for the purpose of boiling water, and certain small small cans, which had contained peas and beans as Military rations, had been converted for use as cooking and drinking utensils. The cooking facilities all round were very primitive.

It was stated that about 1400 people were sleeping on the ground without mattresses or clothing and in many cases without overhead cover. Although I cannot vouch for this number, it is true from appearances, that most people are sleeping under these circumstances. Bedding is scarce in most cases, but a fire has been in existence in most rooms during the day consequently they do

no suffer at present from cold.

It is estimated by the doctor, who does not appear to be a very active man, that there are about a 1000 cases of scabies. I did not see much evidence of this and can only take what the doctor told me. Medicines and bandages are badly needed by the Comune as they are continually having accidents owing to the presence of mines, and it is impossible to transport persons who are seriously ill, to the emergency hospital at Castel di Sangro. Two males were killed the night previous to my visit, having wandered on to a mined area.

No motor transport is available in the town, this would not be any use owing to river not being bridged. Although the number of animal transport given was 40 mules, it is estimated that only 20 are workable at present as the others are young and untrained.

Fuel has to be carried for some distance and only in small quantities. The animal cannot be used to any great extent for this purpose as they are required for more urgent work.

If building materials are imported to this Comune I cannot see that any great improvement will be made. Buildings will probably be repaired or patched in a makeshift manner owing to the short time available and people will continue to live under similar circumstances, although it may relieve the overcrowding.

Owing to the situation of this Comune and its fractions I cannot see but only two alternatives. These must be operated quickly otherwise it will be impossible to render any assistance at all.

First the road from Vestogirardo must be made serviceable to take motor transport. When this is done, as much material and other commodities should be transported into the Comune, to enable them to make available accommodation weather proof and secure for the winter months. Secondly, the whole of the population at present there should be evacuated.

It is respectfully out that this Comune can be best reached from Isernia or Campobasso, as it is necessary for any person travelling from the North to go via the former, which means traversing a considerable number of miles. Connection can be made from Castel di Sangro to San Pietro Avellino if a railway tunnel, previously operated as a road by the military, is repaired to allow the passage of vehicles. This tunnel was used by the military to transport supplies and ammunition to the forward troops at the time when fighting was in progress in that area, but it has been allowed to deteriorate and none of the Provincial or local officials appear to be interested enough to keep this short means of access to that part of the country open. Map Reference to this tunnel is H. 65/12.

Respectfully submitted for information

s/ E. HANBURY Capt.

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1 December 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Investigation--Northern Italy

TO: Food Sub-Commission
Agriculture Sub-Commission
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission
Public Health Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
Industry Sub-Commission

*no comments
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1. Attached is the plan of an intelligence investigation by OSS personnel in forward areas, to be made in Northern Italy immediately the territory is occupied.
2. Will you please let me know within two days whether, so far as your Sub-Commission is concerned, you have any suggestions or additions.
3. OSS will be asked to let us have copies of these intelligence reports as they are received.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Economic Section

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2677TH REGIMENT OBS(PROV)
HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
A.P.O. 512, U.S. ARMY
R & A BRANCH

27 November 1944

REGIONAL SURVEY - NORTH ITALY

II. Economic

A. Agriculture, food and standard of living

1. For wheat, corn, and rice by provinces

- a. Stocks on hand
- b. Acreage
- c. Production
- d. Amassment
- e. Consumption, especially any widespread distribution by enemy or by Partisans.
- f. Destruction
- g. Requisitions by enemy, Partisans and Allies
- h. Rations, theoretical and actual
- i. Storage capacity
 - destruction
- j. Retentions
- k. Methods and effectiveness of amassing agencies

2. Sugar beets and sugar - roughly as for cereals

3. Recent inflow of unrationed foodstuffs into main cities.

4. Hemp - roughly as for cereals

5. Silk - roughly as for cereals

6. Last livestock census and estimates of current numbers, as detailed a breakdown as possible, especially for cattle (showing milk cows separately if possible), pigs, and sheep.

- a) numbers
- b) weight per animal, alive or dressed carcass
- c) destruction or requisition by the enemy
- d) milk yields

7. Fertilizers

- a) utilization in past years, including this fall.
- b) quantities in stock

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8. Tractors and other farm machinery

Numbers now capable of operation (by types of fuel), actual figures or percentage of 1940
 Numbers (by makes) that could be put into operation if spare parts were supplied.
 Requirements for spare parts, per 100 tractors

9. Bonifica drainage areas - estimate of area sabotaged
10. Conscription and forced migration of farm laborers
11. Population
 - Total, by ration groups
 - Immigrants (refugees, displaced persons)
 - Number of producers for various food crops
12. Housing: number of rooms destroyed or uninhabitable, number of persons sinistate; housing projects
13. Clothing conditions, with specific emphasis on winter clothing and footwear
14. Medical supplies and health situation (infant mortality, communicable disease, etc.)
15. Hospital facilities

B. Utilities1. Power

- Plants

Installed Capacity, kw.

State of plant

- Intact
- Completely destroyed
- Partially destroyed (What is needed to
- Otherwise incapacitated (bring an increase
- (in production

- Distribution: numbers of substations (and cabins?), transformers, conversion groups destroyed or badly damaged. Requirements to put them back into action.

2. Water, Gas, telephone, and telegraph

State of plants and centrals. Current rate 7665
 activity. Bottlenecks and requirements.

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- (a) Line: length in operation, by number of tracks, by gauge and type of traction.
- (b) Rolling stock by state: (Destroyed, being repaired, usable)

Locomotives by gauge, by type of traction, and by horsepower.
Merchandise cars, by gauge, and size
Passenger cars, by gauge, and size

- (c) Repair shops by state (Destroyed, under repair, useable, See Industry)

Locomotives
Cars

2. Highway

Trucks - by make and capacity or size
Estimate of parts required, per 100 trucks

3. Waterway

Length of waterway, by controlling depths.
Number of cargo craft, by draught when loaded, capacity, and type, motive power.
Number of tugs and of other means of propulsion not on cargo craft.

4. Merchant Marine - names and size of serviceable ships.

- D. Industry (For each industry determine stocks of finished, semi-finished and raw materials, current productive capacity and requirements or bottlenecks of power, labor, equipment, materials and supplies, including packaging such as tin cans, sacks, paper and bindings.)

1. Food Processing

Sugar refineries
Meat processing
Dairies, creameries, butter and cheese mfg.
Flour mills
Vegetable and fruit canneries, esp. tomatoes
Olive oil extraction
Alcohol distilleries
Wineries

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2. Basic Chemicals

Fertilizers
Pesticides
Sulphuric acid
soap

3. Textiles

4. Paper

5. Tobacco and matches

6. Electrical Equipment

Turbines
Wire
Lamp bulbs

7. Machine tools

8. Railway equipment: rolling stock and rails

9. Tractors

10. Farm machinery, not tractor

E. Prices (black market and official; producer's and consumer's)

Wheat
Maize
Rice
Sugar
Eggs
Poultry
Meat
Salt
Cattle, oxen
Oil
Milk
Butter

F. Financial

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Headquarters Allied Commission
Inter-Office Memo.

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REFERENCE : 153/PWU
SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q. Weekly Sitreps.
TO : C.S.O. Economic Section.
FROM : Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

29 Nov. 44

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 Oct. 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for Week Ending 29 Nov. 44.

3. Public Works Division.

(a) Because of recent flood conditions ^{*delayed*} ~~delayed~~ inspection of Route 6 was made and the problems confronting us were discussed with Military Authorities. Every effort is being made to release Bailey bridges on this road.

(b) A complaint of the bad diversions near Albano on Route 7 was investigated and a report rendered. The new diversion is being pushed with all speed and is expected to be opened to traffic very shortly. Considerable number of inspection trips were delayed for the usual reason i.e. no transport.

(c) Further washouts this week on Military roads only aggravate our perennial grouse for the tools (i.e. vehicles) to do our job. Unless we are shortly furnished with the two military vehicles requested and unless we receive tubes for some of our other cars, we are afraid there will be serious repercussions because important military work will not be done.

(d) Meeting with heads of Economic Section to discuss Housing Decree. Recommendations made through Director that the Decree should be passed at once and not delayed for further revisions.

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4. Electrical Division.

(a) Trouble has been experienced by the Rome thermal Electric plants by the Tiber River being in a flooded condition and the debris carried by the river clogging the intake pipes carrying cooling water to the steam turbines. This condition is bound to be repeated and when it exists the plant has to be shut down for clearing purposes.

(b) A repaired generating unit at the Ceprano Hydro plant came on the line during the past week with a capacity of 3500 KW. This was a welcome addition to electric power supply for Central Italy, particularly with increased military requirements.

(c) An arrangement is being made for closer liaison between the Ministry of Public Works' Electrical Division and the Electrical Division of the P.W. & U. S-C.

L.A. JENNY,
Lt-Colonel, C.E.,
Director.

Tel: 489081 Extn. 320.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO.

REFERENCE : 153/PWU.
SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q. Weekly Sitreps.
TO : C.S.O. Economic Section.
FROM : Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

22 November 1944.

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 Oct. 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for Week Ending 22nd Nov. 44:
 3. Lt. Col. W.M. Lapper Chief of Electrical Division has returned from his mission to Washington and the U.K. The Electrical situation is well in hand and meetings have been arranged with Local Resources Italian Board and Electrical Reconstruction Committee A.F.H.Q.
 4. Instructions have been sent out to Regional Engineers which place considerably more work and responsibility on the Italian Ministry of Pub. Wks. in accordance with Allied Policy.
 5. A meeting was arranged with Col. Burns, Engineer Officer of P.B.S. Naples to discuss urgent work on Route No. 7. Similar meetings were held with Lt. Col. Streck at Leghorn altho the latter is hard to reach with available transport on washed out roads. Several demands for contractors were made during the week by No. 1 District for work on washed out culverts and landslides caused by recent floods, and an additional highways officer was posted as a result to Toscana Region. A new system of obtaining P.O.L. for contractors working on military account was put into effect this week. All Regional Engineers have been provided with rubber stamps to surcharge C.I.P. coupons and P.O.L. products supplied on these coupons are not charged against Regional allotments.

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L.A. JENNY
Lt-Colonel, C.E.,
Director.

Tel. Extn. 589.

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MEMORANDUM

REFERENCE : 153/FWD.

SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q. Weekly Sitreps.

TO : C.S.O. Economic Section.

FROM : Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 Oct. 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for week ending 15th Nov. 44 :-

(a) Housing and war-damage repairs (private property).

Minister of Public Works (Signor Mancini) stated, at interview with Director on 14th November, that Italian Government is really determined to go ahead with these things, but finance is a constant difficulty. Agreed that concentration of effort should be on the latter under present conditions, rather than on the former. Italian Government Decree giving conditions and probabilities of certain financial assistance to private persons is still under consideration, and it may be some weeks before the Decree comes into force.

On suggestions made by this Sub-Commission some weeks ago, selected firms of contractors are now at different places engaged in a competition (actual construction) to achieve the best results in the building of sample block structures using maximum possible amount of materials from damaged buildings in immediate vicinity. Decision as to type to be utilized will be governed by ascertained actual cost, time taken, probable durability, and general suitability.

(b) Reorganisation (Ministry of Public Works).

Little progress has been made in direction of this, following Sub-Commission's letter of two months ago. Minister considers that several high officials are still required on the purely administrative work of the Ministry, whilst on the technical and engineering side, at the same level, control appears to be inadequate.

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(c) Appointment of a Commissione di Elettricità (Rome).

Minister informed no objection to such an appointment, but in view of specific orders of A.P.H.C. recently issued, such an official cannot exercise executive control over rehabilitation and reconstruction, nor on energy distribution. These responsibilities rest on this Sub-Commission and on Rome Allied Area Command, respectively.

(d) Extension of powers to Italian Government (Public Works).

Minister informed that, effective immediately, all civil projects irrespective of cost, provided they involve

no critical materials, can be carried out without reference to this Sub-Commission. Minister can count on assistance in any cases of special difficulties or urgency, and in particular on our help in the numerous cases where political or private interests may bring pressure to bear on him in the direction of agreeing to projects that may be non-essential to the continued war-effort.

Minister expressed his agreement with the view that time, money and materials must not be spent on such things as colleges, churches and numerous other merely desirable things, whilst end hundreds of thousands of people remain without the protection of a roof and four walls.

(a) Sardinia, Sicily and Calabria.

The Sub-Commission has no Engineer Officer now in Sardinia, Public Works in this Island being wholly under Italian control. By the first of January 1945 arrangements are being made for similar full Italian Government control in Sicily and in Calabria. As to these the Minister will merely arrange for a general report to be furnished to the Sub-Commission at monthly intervals.

Lt. A. J. J. J.
Lt-Colonel, C. F. J.
Director.

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REFERENCE : 153/PWU.
SUBJECT : A.F. H.Q. Weekly Sitreps.
TO : C.S.O. Economic Section.
FROM : Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

9 Nov. 44.

1. Ref. your ES/17 dated 31 Oct. 44.
2. The following is our Sitrep for week ending
8 Nov. 44:-

(a) Lt.Col. L.A. Jenny Director of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission together with Lt.Col. W.M. Lapper Chief of Electrical Division of the Sub-Commission travelled to Washington to discuss and obtain sanction for Electrical and Road Construction Equipment to be sent to this theater.

(b) Lt.Col. Jenny returned to Rome on 1st Nov. and submitted a report of his visit to the U.S. to the Vice-President of the Economic Section in which he was able to state that his mission had been successful and that his request for readily available Electrical Equipment amounting to 40,000 KW was approved as a Military Requirement and 20,000 KW as a Civil Requirement.

(c) He was also able to report that his request for Highway Construction Equipment, prepared last Spring, was made a Military requirement and that early instructions would be issued for it to be drawn from Army stocks.

L.A. JENNY,
Lt-Colonel, C.E.,
Director.

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ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

Tel: 316

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31 October 1944

SUBJECT: AFHQ weekly Sitreps.

TO : All Sub-Commissions.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of an AFHQ weekly sitrep. These reports are prepared by the C. of S. office on information obtained from Regions, AMG 5 and 6 Armies, and the various Sections and Sub-Commissions of this HQ. The contents are ultimately received in Washington and London who evince considerable interest in them and in consequence AFHQ are not satisfied that all available "news" is incorporated in them.

2. From the attached copy it will be noticed that news from Economic Section Sub-Commissions is conspicuous by its absence.

3. The British are reputed to have a flair for modesty and for being masters of understatement while Americans are not faced for hiding a light under a bushel and in consequence the result of their cooperation should be fairly well balanced, certainly not as shown in paragraph 2 above.

4. Sub-Commissions will forward to this Section each Wednesday morning a memo giving brief particulars of all matters of interest that have occurred during the previous week and which it is thought could be included in the sitrep. It is better to submit any several items of which only one is ultimately included in the sitrep than not to submit any at all.

for C. W. Atkins, Lt Col
L. D. DEWEY JR.,
Col., FA, CWO,
Economic Section

cc: C. of S. office -
your 154/392/COS of 20 Oct. 1944 refers

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9 Oct 44

ITALY: SITING WARREN NEWS.

Political: Discussion of Roosevelt-Churchill message continued in press; toward the end of the week the possible participation of Italians in war against Japan came to the foreground. Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Visconti Venosta, said at press conference that Italy was anxious to collaborate fully but there was as yet no state of war existent between Italy and Japan. In general leftist press view the possibility with some diffidence, the conservative parties see in it an opportunity for political reinstatement. All groups feel that Italy should be given Allied status as minimum prerequisite to any such enterprise.

On home front most important matter was report of Soleri, Minister of Treasury at Council meeting September 29. He gave a detailed report of Italian financial position, which is not good. Made a guess at amount of AGC lire in circulation and stated the public debt could be roughly estimated at 653 billion lire.

Earlier in the week the government observed the anniversary of the Munich Pact by declaring it null and void.

Food and supplies: No important change. Reduction of rations in Sardinia to AGC scale has caused some dissatisfaction as was expected. Situation not serious. Soap factory at Bari now producing 300 tons per month for British Forces.

Crime: Position generally satisfactory. 8 persons arrested AGC for forgery of AGC currency. 10,000 lire seized 40,000 lire believed still in circulation. Cases of looting in eggs, wheat, flour, olive oil, cigarettes, and salt prosecuted at TRIESTE and 21,000 eggs confiscated.

Disease: Generally satisfactory. Typhoid continues to decrease in some cities but persists in neighboring provinces. Malaria now reported on the increase in MONTECATINI and FERRISIA (Seyles Province). About 100 cases infantile paralysis in Sicily.

Personnel: Lt. Col. SPENCER, USA, and Major WALKER, Communications this M., reported missing following crashing of plane off SARDINIA on 19 Sept. Brig. G. S. Parkinson Director of Public Health Sub-Commission appointed AGC liaison officer between Allied Red Cross organizations and the Italian Red Cross; also appointed liaison officer between AGC, AGO and the National Agency for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy.

Col. Adams and Mr. Villa, Economic Section, and Director General Italian State Railways, have left for LONDON to represent AGC at European International Transport Organization Conference.

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Unauthorised government in South continues.

Price Increases: General upward tendency.

Food Collection: Total to date 8,073,941 quintals. 62% of target fig.

Copy of sitrep for period 25 - 30 Sept. has been sent to you.

General Remarks: SAINT is reported very seriously damaged. On entry there were no civilians but there is now a daily influx of 4,500 - normal population 64,000. Unlikely that more than 20,000 can be allowed in the town owing to occupation of habitable buildings by large numbers of troops. There is no electricity but some water on the outskirts of the town. Water and sewage system not yet inspected but it is anticipated badly damaged. All civilians being provided with regular rations. Bakeries were established on 25 Sept and communal feeding centres set up.

Cross troops are cause of unpleasant incidents with civilians. General Remarks: Reorganization HQ AGO on agreed lines put into effect 1 Oct. Basic wage scale of civilian employees of Allied Forces increased by 12-4% on 1 Oct.

SAIA has agreed to issue clothing and equipment sufficient for 45,000 carabinieri. Italian Red Cross organizing a Red Cross week commencing 15 Oct. to collect clothing, blankets etc. for refugees.

One enemy agent dropped in SARDINIA 27 Sept. apprehended on 29 September.

L. T. MONTAGNY Jr.
1st Lt. AGO
ADJUTANT

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

INFO-ACTION 9516

TO: AFHQ, AAI ADV, AAI MAIN INFO: ROUTINE TO 2 CORPS: 4 CORPS FOR ENGRS
 13 Corps for CHIEF ENGINEER SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 53/30
 FROM: 5 ARMY CLASSIFICATION:
 REFERENCE No: 6493 PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: OCT 28 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

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Situation report follows:

B. Bridges blown; R 273991-GAP 200 foot; R281019 and R275991 -
 GAP 80 foot. Sidedut; R273990.

D. Road state: Route 67-I to R273991; Other routes no change. Road
 at Q493925 now 2-way; 15 foot treadway added to bridge at L 977232.
 GULVERT constructed: L861272.

F. 2 Corps: On wheels: 8 pan, 13DEK, 4 RAM, 1 ACC, 120 foot treadway;
 on ground: 30 pan, 25 dek, 26 RAM; 5 ACC, 150 foot treadway. 4 Corps;
 on wheel: 6 pan, 5 DEK; 3 RAM, 1 ACC; on ground: 25 PAN, 21 DEK, 9 RAM,
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 Army dumps: FLORENCE: 103 PAN, 77 DEK, 196 RAM, 75 ACC, 6 sets of bailey
 pontoon, 3 tugs. Totals: on wheels: 35 PAN, 1 DEK, 20 RAM, 10 ACC: on
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G. U934924- CLASS 40 fixed timber: U941929- CLASS 40 fixed timber:
 L191004- 75 foot treadway: R 265983- 30 foot single class 40. M 093009-1
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 double single class 40: Q 604768-15 foot class 40 steel and timber one-
 span.

H. Q988747-40 single single

J. 6 ARMORED DIV: LT W. D. BEST WOUNDED.

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A/HQ, AAI ADV, AAI MAIN INFO: ROUTINE TO 2 CORPS: 4 CORPS FOR ENERS
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H.Q. A.C.C. ECONOMIC SECTION

10 Oct
 To Lt Shippey (Date)
 From *Rm 12-81 Thanks*

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 L. D. DENSMORE
 Col., Signal Corps
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TO: Mr. Taylor

FROM: Mr. Barr

Reference in this memo confines itself to the area in Italy released by the military to the Italian Government and does not refer to the combat zone or zone of communication.

As a result of observation of conditions in the area surrounding the former battle zone between the Gustav and Hitler lines, the following basic conditions seem to prevail:

- A. Stock piles of basic necessary food supplies in the area are non-existent.
- B. Daily importations of grain or flour, oil, meat, vegetables and milk are not at present adequate or have been adequate to meet the daily need of the area.
- C. There is a complete absence of trade or movement on the part of the Italian merchants to areas of surplus.

Although the Allied Control Commission states that a grain ration of 160 grams or a bread ration of 200 grams, is being made to the population of the devastated area, the facts do not bear out this claim. During the month of September in the area covered of the province of Frosinone the average grain ration per person for the month was less than 40 grams. It is true that the Allied Control Commission issued a daily bread or grain ration of from 150 to 200 grams but only made the issue ten days out of thirty.

In the area controlled by the Commissioner of the devastated area, including the communities of Pontecorvo, Ceprano, San Germano, Santa Lucia, Cassino and other communes and fractions, no bread or grain had been delivered or sold in the area for the seven-day period preceding August 29. In the month of September in this area one ration of meat, amounting to 200 grams, has been issued to the population. Less than a litre of oil per person has been issued during the month of September, and there was no supply of farina or food concentrate. This area, the scene of complete destruction for months, has absolutely no resource for food as all fruit trees, farms and fields and livestock are completely destroyed. Likewise, the fields are strewn with thousands of mines, preventing even the use of grass and herbs. A program of removal is underway but will take time. In addition to these factors, a portion of the devastated area is now completely isolated because of an absence of bridges and roads. Two AGC officers of Frosinone province in answer to direct questions gave the

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following:

1. To the question: "Will there be starvation this winter in Frosinone Province?", one officer answered as follows: "Widespread".

2. To the question: "Will there be death by starvation in Frosinone Province this winter?", he answered, "I believe there will".

3. "Do you have any stock piles in the province to meet this?" -- His answer: "No."

4. "Do you believe that if you hauled food at your present rate, you could build stock piles in time for this winter?" He stated that not only could he not build stock piles, his present rate of import permitted him a little more than 1/3 of the daily basic rationed food requirement.

5. When the ACC officers were asked as to the solution, they stated that there was grain in Foggia, Perugia and Viterbo in surplus, but they have been unable to break the log jam to bring it to this devastated area. Both officers pointed out that empty trains passed almost daily through Viterbo-Perugia region and subsequently through the Frosinone area, and they have found no way to have these empty trains carry wheat between the two places. Both officers stated that although they have some truck transports, if all the trucks hauled continuously, they could not meet much more than the daily requirements, and at the present they cannot break the log jam to even use this transportation available to them. When asked what the situation would be and if they anticipated its improvement, they frankly stated that the situation would be hopeless unless there were drastic changes in the next two weeks. This observer stated that he had seen truck convoys going from the front past this area empty, and this observer wondered why these empty trucks could not be funnelled through Perugia and Viterbo to pick up grain on their way to the rear area for combat supplies. Both officers agreed that this was an obvious solution and that also the use of the empty trains was an obvious solution. Further conferences were held with the Sindaco of Roccasecca and the Commissioner of the devastated area. Both these men said the situation was desperate, and they could see no solution unless the military met its obligations to the area. The Italian conversant with the problem in the area offered an additional solution--that the system of permits and passes be dispensed with, permitting trade to resume its normal course. Italians presently are prevented from going into the areas of surplus and returning with this surplus on the basis that it will go into the black market. It is the view of this observer that a large proportion of this food will go into the black market; however, if trade is resumed and encouraged, increasing supplies will come into the area, and, as the material becomes less scarce, prices will find a more intelligent level. All Italians state that the only well-organized, well-run and reasonably adequately supplied market is the black

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market. It is far more dependable, according to these sources, than is the market as operated by the Allied Control Commission. It is the view of this observer that if all permits and passes were dispensed with and trade -- in a manner historically familiar to Italy -- would be permitted to resume, with the competition afforded this market by the obligations of the Allied authorities being met, the situation in this area can be saved. This observer has been told that the middle class and the people of small and large savings have exhausted every resource and have sold all personal possessions and are completely without funds or employment. The only solution to this problem is:

1. That the stock piles in Foggia, Viterbo and Perugia be moved in sufficient quantities to the ready warehouses in the province, to the mills in existence in the provinces, which have been repaired and are not being used;
2. That permits and passes be dispensed with and free trade permitted;
3. That bedding and clothing be expedited to the area where more than 10,000 people are living in open fields without reasonable clothing and practically no bedding;
4. That tents be erected for the winter, the present number consisting of 30 tents being hardly sufficient for these thousands of people; according to reports additional tents are coming but will be insufficient;
5. That inasmuch as this is a mined area and an area of possible epidemic, at least one ambulance should be available in the province; at the present time there is no regular means of moving the ill or injured to the two Red Cross Hospitals.

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October 4, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO MR. TAYLOR

The memorandum of Mr. Barr under even date regarding the conditions in the area surrounding the former battle zone between the Gustave and the Hitler Lines has been read by me and expresses accurately the situation there prevailing.

Supplementing it, I submit to your attention the fact that the Chief of Staff of the Economic Section of the Allied Commission has informed me that there are 3,000,000 quintals of wheat in Foggia and the four surrounding provinces. Despite this fact, there is no grain supply available in the territory above-described even though trains from the areas which are sources of supply are shuttling through the devastated areas empty. It is interesting to note also that requests to the Allied Commission to procure grain from the nearby cities of Viterbe and Ferugia have been repeatedly made by the local AC officers without result.

In addition I have been informed by both civil and ecclesiastical authorities in the neighboring town of Frascati that there has been no milk (either powdered or canned) for infants since June 1944, this despite several requests to the appropriate authority whose seat is in Rome.

Camps in which Italian refugees are centered in and about Rome indicate that the condition of women and children will be critical as the cold weather approaches in the sense that there is no heat, no light, few clothes and little bedclothing or furniture.

The situations described in Mr. Barr's report and here are similar to conditions prevailing in the zones where fighting occurred in other parts of Italy.

The opportunities of the populace to supplement rationed food exist in those metropolitan areas provided the people can meet the black market prices. The following is a survey of such prices in the city of Rome as of September 25 and 26, 1944:

Fresh meat	- Lire	350	per kilogram	
Butter	-	380	"	"
Sugar	-	400	"	"
Salt	-	300	"	"
Coffee	-	1000	"	"
Fresh fruit	-	40	"	"
Dried fruit	-	150	"	"
Soap	-	300	"	"
Fresh fish	-	150	"	"
Salt fish	-	600	"	"
Rice	-	180	"	"
Ham	-	450	"	"
Bread	-	100	"	"
Macaroni	-	150	"	"
Wheat	-	150	"	"
Oil	-	500	per quart	
Eggs	-	20	to 35	apiece

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Legend:

The average pay of an employee or laborer is approximately 50 to 70 lire per day.

A kilo is approximately 2-1/5 pounds.

Regarding the efforts made to adjust at least to some small degree the question of transportation, your attention is drawn to the fact that Lt. Col. Martini advised that in February 1944, he requested with ample documentation tires and batteries to activate some 4,000 Italian trucks. Nothing has resulted.

There is in Italy 55,000 tons of shipping consisting of vessels under 300 tons of which but 20,000 tons have been and are presently being used for military purposes. These ships are diesel-engined and have sails. They are available for the transportation of materials but several requests made to MEDSO by the Italian shipping interests have resulted in no action. It might be added parenthetically that the use of these ships would employ some 100,000 persons between crew, chandlers, laborers, stevedores, etc.

Of interest may be the following. Originally the city of Rome normally used about 120,000 kw. At present there are terminals (on basis of coal produced energy- there being little or no coal in Italy) of only 30,000 kw which originally were the emergency reserves for those motivated by water. As to this amount, much of the electricity is consumed by the Allies and therefore normal illumination is had but once in five days and for only a few hours. In order to produce sufficient electrical energy it would be necessary to have only five or six turbine-alternators or turbine-dynamos on a hydraulic basis of a capacity of approximately 8,000 kw apiece. In addition there would be needed approximately 100 miles of copper or aluminum wire.

Thought should be given to the fact that it appears to be against the policy of both the American and English Governments to permit the free distribution of foodstuffs, particularly flour and that relief, other than clothing and medicine, must be limited to special aid to the children and to the aged.

Also that the decision of AFHQ that materials for Italy can come only on Allied ships has resulted in three relief cargoes destined for Vatican City being detained in Spain, one since February 8, 1944.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT PISTOLA ENTERED BY ACG TODAY AFTER SEVERAL DAYS DURING WHICH TOWN WAS BOMBED AND UNDER CONSIDERABLE SHELL FIRE. 1. TOWN CONSIDERABLY DAMAGED COLON 7000 PEOPLE RETURNED SO FAR. 2. WATER SUPPLY BROKEN IN 3 PLACES BUT PUMPS UNDAUNTED. 3. HOSPITAL OF 500 BEDS AVAILABLE SEPT COLON HEALTH SATISFACTORY ALTHOUGH 23 CASES OF TYPHOID IN 1 FRACTION. 4. MUNICIPAL AND 7 BARRS IN GOOD ORDER BUT BRITISH AND POST OFFICE HEAVILY DAMAGED. 5. SEVERAL SMALL MILLS AVAILABLE BUT NO GRAIN. 6. PARTISAN POSITION UNHAPPY DUE TO LOCAL FACTIONS. 7. POLICE SITUATION GOOD. CITE OUR 329

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as have received during Sept.
to be filed separately & specially,
as they come in. And to me
early in Oct. 1944.

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for Bank of Italy, Florence Branch; a substantial part of the amount requested arrived in Florence on 30th August. A second meeting of the banks was called for 1st September at Bank of Italy and it is planned to give instructions to reopen the banks on 4th September in Florence Comune. Postal savings and savings bonds operations in Florence Comune will be resumed and the stock exchange will be authorized to resume dealings in Government securities on the same date.

Request was sent for AFA to open its branch in this area. AFA Officers, Major Penick and Major Bray, arrived in Siena with a store of AM lire and a provisional AFA office was opened at one of the Siena banks (Monte dei Paschi di Siena). These officers and the SFO examined the situation in Florence on 30th August. Although space in Banca d'Italia there has been arranged, it was decided to keep the AFA branch in Siena for the time being.

Engineering

The water situation in Florence, while not at present satisfactory, is not grave, but apt to become so. There is ample drinking water for an indefinite period obtained from private cisterns and artesian wells. The 600 mm pipe over the Ponte Vecchio had been damaged and is under a considerable quantity of rubbish, at present being removed by the 71 C.R.F., however, a comparatively small quantity of water is being pumped through this damaged pipe and, when the small Campo di Marte station starts operating to-day, the combination will give the city approximately 6500 c. meters per day which, if properly handled, should be sufficient to prevent sewage from becoming dangerous. Little local damage was done to the pumping equipment, and such repairs as are necessary are under-way or have been completed.

Sewers are reported to be in good condition, but an inspection will be started to-day, and any necessary repairs started at once. The flow is by gravity to the Arno River.

Electricity is the crucial utility, as the lines leading from Lardarello and Terni have been badly damaged and will require time to repair and water supply depends almost entirely on electricity driven pumps. Work on these lines has been started by the Regional Engineer and the 71 C.R.F. respectively. Two officers from the Headquarters have been sent to Florence to coordinate the work between the military and civilians and to expedite the repairs. Latest target date for electricity is about September 10th.

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Under the Region VIII Engineer good progress is being made at Lardarello. The 3000 KV supply, soon to be doubled, has been hooked-up to Piombino, Livorno, Volterra, Siena and will also be connected up with Florence.

Livorno Province

P.B.S. have now assumed control of the city. The controlled return of some of the inhabitants from the surrounding fractions is now being organized, labourers and their families, required for the operation of the port are being given first priority.

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Colonel, U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff
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PRELIMINARY REPORT LUGGA. FIRSTLY TOWN STILL DIFFICULT TO APPROACH. SECONDLY
PRESENT POPULATION 40000 OUT OF NORMAL 85000. THIRDLY TOWN NOT BARELY DAMAGED BUT
STILL UNDER CONSIDERABLE SHELL FIRE. FOURTHLY SINDACO AND COMMUNAL ORGANIZATION
STILL IN EXISTENCE. FIFTHLY POLICING IN HANDS OF PARTISANS, BUT YET POSSIBLE
TO TAKE C C R N IN. SIXTHLY 1 HOSPITAL INTACT WITH CAPACITY 380 AND 263 PATIENTS.
MEDICAL SUPPLIES TAKEN IN BY AR, CIE (PER COPY ?) REPRESENTATIVE LAST NIGHT.
SEVENTHLY WATER SUPPLY STILL INTACT. EIGHTHLY ONLY 2 DAYS SUPPLY OF FOOD LEFT.
REPORTS WILL BE MADE TO TAKE IN SMALL SUPPLY TOMORROW TO KEEP POPULATION FROM
STARVING. CITE OUR 304.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PRATO.

ONE, TOWN LITTLE DAMAGED EXCEPT BALLYARDS AND SOME INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

TWO, NORMAL POPULATION OF 75,000 ALL PRESENT PLUS 10,000 REFUGEES.

THREE, HOSPITAL INTACT: MEDICAL SUPPLIES BEING DELIVERED. MANY CASES OF TYPHOID BUT NOT CONSIDERED ALARMING.

FOUR, WATER SUPPLY BADLY CRASHED BUT PEOPLE USING LOCAL WELLS, ETC.

FIVE, FOOD SITUATION SERIOUS: NO BREAD SINCE 22 AUGUST.

SIX, LAW AND ORDER GOOD AND MAINTAINED BY A WELL ORGANISED GROUP OF PARTISANS: CORN GOING IN TODAY.

SEVEN, COMMUNISTS VERY PROMINENT IN THIS FORMER INDUSTRIAL TOWN. WITH OUR JOY.

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AND REPRESENTATIVE IN PERANO 3 SEPT. CONSIDERABLE DANGER BUT NOT AS GREAT AS
FEARED. TOWN EVACUATED OF CIVILIANS BY GERMANS AUGUST 6 AFTER WHICH CONSIDERABLE
LOOTING TOOK PLACE. ONLY ABOUT 200 PEOPLE IN CITY 30/40000 IN FRACTIONS OF COARSE
ROBES ABOUT. DO NOT ANTICIPATE SERIOUS REFUGEE PROBLEM. NO LIGHT WATER DISRUPTED
BUT BELIEVED EASILY REPAIRABLE INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING. SUFFICIENT FOOD. WATER
AND ELECTRIC WILL AVAILABLE THE LATTER INOPERATIVE BUT CAN BE ADAPTED TO TRACTORS.
250 BED HOSPITAL INTACT AND BELIEVED WILL STOCKED WITH DRUGS ABOUT 50 PATIENTS.
INDUSTRIAL PLANTS INCLUDED POTTERY SHOPS AND BICYCLE MANUFACTURE UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE
BEEN DESTROYED BY GERMANS BEFORE LEAVING. UNABLE YET TO GIVE DEFINITE INFORMATION
DUE TO ABSENCE OF POPULATION.

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CATTOLICA PRESENT POPULATION 2000 EXPECTED RISE 7000. CAN DEAL WITH THIS
NUMBER. TOWN 33% DAMAGED BUT REPAIRABLE ABOUT 50 HOUSES DESTROYED. WATER DAMAGED
BUT REPAIRABLE IN ABOUT 4 DAYS. NO HOSPITAL. 1 MOTOR MILL WHICH CAN BE REPAIRED.
NO PARTISAN OR COMMITTEE LIBERATION DIFFICULTIES. NO OTHER IMPORTANT PROBLEMS.

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CITE: M 508

URBINO UNDAUNED. NORMAL 8000 IN TOWN AND ADDITIONAL 3000 REFUGEES. NO EVACUATION PROBLEM. FINE ARTS INSPECTED AND ALRIGHT. WATER UNDAUNED BUT HEAVILY STRAINED DUE TO PRESENCE TROOPS. NO ELECTRICITY. SUPPLIES NO PROBLEM. USUAL SHORTAGE MILLING FACILITIES WHICH WILL BE RECTIFIED. 80 BED HOSPITAL FULL. PRISON CAPACITY 100. WHOLE PESARO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN TOWN. PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER AND HEADQUARTERS MOVING IN AND WILL ADMINISTER PESARO PROVINCE FROM URBINO.

2. POSSUMERLE. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE CAUSED BY GERMAN DEMOLITIONS. WHOLE TOWN MINKED AND BOOBY TRAPPED. CLEARANCE BEING UNDERTAKEN BY MILITARY. ABOUT 1000 PEOPLE IN TOWN REMAINDER SCATTERED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. NUMBER OF SMALL VILLAGES IN GOTHIC LINE COMPLETELY DEVASTATED. POPULATION ABSORBED IN COUNTRYSIDE LOCALLY. MAJOR EVACUATION PROBLEM.

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FAND ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 5000 OUT OF 32000 IN CITY WATER
FROM RESERVOIR PIPE DAMAGED NO ELECTRICITY NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS
NO PARTISANS

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SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 1700 HRS 19 AUG 44. ONE. SUPPLIES SEEMS CERTAIN
 PROVINCE HAS SUFFICIENT WHEAT CROP IF DISTRIBUTION POSSIBLE. CONSORZIO WORKING IN ALL
 BUT THREE COMMUNES. 200 GRAMS UNIVERSAL RATION. BIGGEST PROBLEM IS POL. THROUGHOUT
 LIBERATED PORTION OF PROVINCE GENERAL SITUATION. FOOD POSITION AND ORGANIZATION
 BETTER THAN EXPECTED. ABUNDANT FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ENTERING CITY OF FLORENCE PRICES
 REASONABLE. TWO. BRITISH INSTITUTE INTACT WITH FURNISHINGS AND TWENTY THOUSAND VOLUME
 LIBRARY. PRE WAR SECRETARY STILL THERE. THREE. FINANCE. FIVE LARGER BANKS EXAMINED AND
 LIQUID POSITION SEEMS ADEQUATE EXCEPT FASCIST BANCA DEI LAVORI. ALL ASSETS BANCA D'ITALIA
 LIVORNO FOUND IN FLORENCE. ELEVEN MILLION LIRE FOUND IN EIGHT-TENTHS FINE SILVER. SWISS
 CONSUL MAKING PAYMENTS AT 25 LIRE TO THE DOLLAR. FOUR. PUBLIC SAFETY. NORMAL STRENGTH
 OF LOCAL AGENTI IS NINE OFFICERS 611 PLAINCLOTHES MEN AND 652 IN UNIFORM, FORCE NEARLY
 UP TO STRENGTH. BROTHELS AND WINE SHOPS CLOSED SINCE FIRST DAY. VIGILI URBANA TWO
 CAPTAINS ONE HUNDRED MEN. GUARDIA FINANZA GENERAL CONTI COMMANDER OF FLORENCE, ROME
 AND SARDINIA LEI ONE FOUND HERE TOTAL STRENGTH FLORENCE 12 OFFICERS AND TWO HUNDRED
 MEN, ONE STATION IN THE CITY TWO IN PROVINCE AND SECOND IN COMMAND STILL IN GERMAN
 TERRITORY. UMLA IS UNDER 71 GARRISON COMMAND NOT VERY EFFICIENT. PARTISANS CLEARED
 FROM OFFICIAL BUILDINGS. FINANZA GUARDING SEVEN WAREHOUSES. SIX FIRE STATIONS IN POOR
 CONDITION MUCH EQUIPMENT GONE OR IMMOBILIZED THROUGH ^{lost} LOST OF STAFF HERE AND SIX OFFICERS
 150 MEN AVAILABLE. AFS BRINGING IN FIVE PUMPS AND WILL REORGANIZE DEPARTMENT. FIVE.

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GENERAL ORDER 26 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER POSTED. ORGANIZATION OF TRANSPORT PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN. PROSPECTS FAIR. SIX. AGRICULTURE. ACUTE SHORTAGE OF ANIMALS PARTICULARLY WORK ANIMALS BUT SOME MAY BE FOUND FURTHER NORTH. SEVEN. MAJOR SAMSON DISPLACED PERSONS ARRIVED 18 AUG 44 RELIEVING CAPT HUDSON. EIGHT. LT COL MICHE TOOK OVER AS SCAD FLORENCE CITY WEF 0600 HRS 18 AUG 44 AND OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY OF PROVINCE THIS IS AND EIGHTH ARMY SCHEME AND WHEN ARMY MOVES FORWARD FLORENCE FALLS UNDER PROVINCE. TEN. SUPPLIES CONTINUE AT 90 TONS A DAY. BIONDI MILL CAPACITY ONE HUNDRED TONS DAILY IN GOOD ORDER ONLY NEEDS ELECTRICITY EXPECTED IN TEN DAYS. PRESENT POSITION GOOD 100 TONS SOUTH OF ARNO 200 TONS NORTH AND 100 TONS IN CERTAIDO. ELEVEN. CITY ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWS. CITY HOSPITALS NEARLY ALL FULL MANY INJURED FROM SHOOTING, SHELLING AND MINES. GERMANS HAVE SHELLED FLORENCE PROPER INTERMITTENTLY SINCE FRIDAY NIGHT INJURING AND KILLING MANY AND HITTING STROZZI PALACE, SAN LORENZA, UFFIZI GALLERY, SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE AND SANTO SPIRITO. VITAL STATISTICS RELIABLE TO 8 AUG 44 LATER FIGURES OF KILLED AND WOUNDED NOW BEING COMPILED. SANTA MARIA HOSPITAL 300 BEDS IS FULL AS ARE TWO SURGERIES, MATERNITY HOSPITAL WITH 70 BEDS AND HAS 20 WOUNDED AND OTHER PLACES BEING USED. REPORTED AT OSPEDALE INNOCENTI SOME CHILDREN DIED OF HUNGER. STREET CLEARING COMPLETED. MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONING NORMALLY. SUFFICIENT CITY FUNDS ON HAND UNTIL BANKS REOPEN. BURIAL OF DEAD CONTINUING. MUNICIPAL ENGINEER REPORTING SOON ON AUXILIARY ELECTRIC PLANT, SOME TRANS RUN FROM BATTERIES CAN PERHAPS BE USED FOR HAULAGE. WATER SITUATION FAIR STILL LARGE BREAKS IN MAINS AWAITING MINE CLEARING FOR REPAIRS. SHORTAGE OF FUEL BEING MET BY CONTROLLED CUTTING OF BRANCHES AND TREES ON PUBLIC DOMAIN IF NECESSARY WILL CUT ON PRIVATE GROUNDS PAYING COMPENSATION WHOLE SCHEME BEING SUPERVISED VOLUNTEER

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COMMITTEE. CITY ENGINEERS WILL CLEAR DEBRIS OF DEMOLISHED BRIDGES TO PREVENT FLOODING OF PARTS OF CITY IN CASE OF HEAVY RAINS. CURFEW HOURS AGREED WITH ARMY TO ALLOW EARLY MORNING FLOW OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TO CITY. REFUGEES FROM NO-MANS-LAND COMING IN SHELTERED IN TWO THEATRES. ARE SUPPLYING FOOD AND WATER TO CIVILIANS IN NO-MANS-LAND BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE ARMY

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SITREP FLORENCE. POSITION AT 0930 HRS 11 AUG 44.

1. RUNNER FROM COMITATO REPORTS GERMANS HAVE PULLED BACK BEYOND PUGNONE RIVER AND COMITATO HAS OCCUPIED PALAZZO VECCHIO, PREFETTURA AND QUESDORN.
2. FIGHTING BELIEVED GOING ON ON NORTHERN OUTSKIRTS.
3. PARTISANS UNDER IGO COMMAND HOPPING UP SNIPERS AND PROSPECTING FOR ROADS.
4. POSTE VECCHIO BLOCKED AND HEAVILY MINED.
- * 5. DIRT CHECKING ON WATER MAINS ACROSS RIVER DUNE CLEARING PERHAPS NECESSARY BEFORE REPAIRS BEGIN.
6. HEAVY SUXLING AND MONTARING DOING NICHT DIRECT HIT ON SCAG

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4. NO AND PERSONNEL YET ALLOWED TO CROSS ARMO.
5. AREA OF BELONGING QUESTION MAY BE DECIDED THROUGH MEMBERS ONLY
6. FORD FOUND IN UNDER OBSERVATION AND FIRE.
7. REPORTED ALL MOTOR VEHICLES INCLUDING AMBULANCES AND HEAVY AND ALL
8. LIVE STONE IS GONE AND OUTSTANDING DRIVER OFF BY GERMANS.
9. FALLEN VEHICLE UNDAUNTED BEING HELD BY TWO MILITARY GUARDS.
10. INVESTIGATION ACCORDING TO LUNNY OF TIMES WHO CHECKED THIS MORNING
11. LITERS 100 METERS BACK FROM POINT VESCHIO AND INCLUDED PART OF
12. PALACE OF CHINESE.
13. REPORTED GERMANS REMOVED ALL, MEDICAL SUPPLIES THAT FOUND BUT SOME
14. MISSING.
15. ONE ONLY FIRE WEAPON DESTROYED BY SMALL FIRE.
16. PARTIALS LAST NIGHT THIRD HOLD PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF 2 SUSPECTED
17. LOCATED BUT ONE INVESTIGATED AND BACK THEM INTO CUSTODY.

HEADQUARTERS
12 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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ROME AREA COMMAND FOR AGC HQ FOR RC & MG SECTION

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SITREP FLORENCE. SITUATION AT 1100 HRS 10 AUG 44. 1. PLANES AND SOUNDS OF EXPLOSIONS NORTH OF ARNO LAST NIGHT LOCAL CAPO COMMISARIO OF AGENTI HAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT FIRES IN STREETS BETWEEN PALAZZO VECCHIO AND CATHEDRAL. SPRIGGE OF REUTERS SAYS 1 BATTALION COMMANDER TOLD HIM PARTISANS BLOWING SEWERS THROUGH WHICH GERMANS SUPPLYING SNIPERS ON THIS SIDE. 2. COL FARINACCI SURVEYED HOSPITAL SITUATION HERE 9 AUG 44 AND CORPS WILL LEND AMBULANCES TO EVACUATE WOUNDED CIVILIANS. 3. HEAVY RAINS 0800 TO 1000 HRS TODAY. 4. PARTISANS WILL RESCE ARNO FORFORDS TO PUT ACROSS AND SUPPLIES WHEN NORTH OF CITY FALLS 1 R E WATER POINT ASSEMBLED NOW READY TO CROSS. 5. 200 REFUGEES FROM SOUTH DUE OUT LAST NIGHT DID NOT LEAVE BECAUSE CORPS ADVANCED TIME FOR CONVOY DEPARTURE BUT LEAVING TONIGHT. 6. SUGAR DISTRIBUTION 100 GRAMS THROUGHOUT OUR AREA COMPLETED 100 GRAMS SALT TO BE DISTRIBUTED. 7. DISTRIBUTION MILK FOR BOTTLE FED BABIES BEGUN. 8. PERSISTENT RUMOURS OF LOTTING BY PARTISANS BEING CAREFULLY CHECKED. 9. CIVILIAN MORALE GOOD NO CASES OF CRIME SO FAR. 10. 53 MORE CARABINIERI IN YESTERDAY MAKING TOTAL OF 130. 18 MORE AGENTI ENROLLED TOTAL NOW 53. 11. DR POGGI SUPERINTENDENT OF MONUMENTS LOCATED IN PALAZZO PITTI AND REPORTING AT AMG MAIN ARMY TODAY OR TOMORROW. 12. FOLLOWERS OF "POTENTI" AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE MEMORIAL LRA 767 IN LIEU OF PUBLIC FUNERAL BECAUSE POTENTI ALREADY BURIED AT MIL HOSP WHERE HE DIED. 13. BOTH CORRIERE ALATO AND 8TH ARMY NEWS NOW PUBLISHED LOCALLY. 14. GERMAN SHELLING MUCH LESS LAST NIGHT ONLY 2 CIVILIANS WOUNDED.

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ECONOMIC SECTION
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E/22-8

5 August 1944

SUBJECT: Florence.

TO : Food Sub-Commission
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission

The following reports have been received from AMG 8 Army.

1. AMG recon party entered Florence 1330 hrs 4 August.
2. There has been no electricity since 29 July.
3. Water supply south of river though inadequate is sufficient for drinking purposes. There is no water on the north side as the electric pumps used to transfer water from the south side can not be used.
4. ~~Food~~ The Germans distributed 200 grams bread daily until they left the city but left no stocks behind. 35 grams oil per head distributed for August.
5. Population stated to be approximately 415,000, of which 80,000 are south of the river.
6. Though not too much reliance should be placed on this initial report, AMG 8 Army asks that adequate stocks of food be supplied to the Vienna Depot.

G. M. Sharp Lt Col

G. M. SHARP, Lt. Col., R.A.
S.O. 1, (CA), Economic Section

Capt B.

GAP
7/8Lt Col Rhodes
Lt Col Raper~~S-E-C-R-E-T~~

Keep these 5

8 A. reports

(as they come in)

for use - Aug. report

Return for Lt Col Raper

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31 July 44

SUBJECT: Extract from Situation Report for Period
18th - 23rd Jul 44.

TO : Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

Herewith extract from Situation Report for Period 18th - 23rd Jul 44:

"Though the Germans have done all they can to destroy the already heavily bombed port of Livorno, the greater part of the town is structurally undamaged. In November the Germans evacuated the entire population from a 'black zone' which included the coastal and port areas and the old city - in fact the greater part of the town. The inhabitants are reported to be dispersed in the surrounding communes and around Pisa and Lucca. On its occupation, Livorno was in the main deserted. The total population of the commune is said to be 35,000 against a normal 140,000. This has greatly simplified matters for AMG and it has been decided that, for the time being at least, the closed zone will remain closed and only limited numbers of people will be allowed to return to the rest of the town. As far as possible, the people are being fed in the communes and fractions of communes where they are now dispersed."

J. Bruce Thompson
J. BRUCE THOMPSON, Major, R.A.
S.O. 2 (C.A.), Economic Section

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ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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AOE/135/PW

14 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Water and Electricity - Siena.
TO : Region VIII, A.C.C. Engineering Division.

1. Reference is made to Capt. Gaither's report of 6 July 1944, Ref. 205/15, on the Siena electricity and water situation.
2. The Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, A.C.C., is always glad to get such information and appreciates the clear and concise manner in which it has been presented.
3. The situation appears to be well in hand. However, if assistance is required of this Sub-Commission please let us know.

CC: to D.M. Gaither,
Capt., C.M.P.,
Engineering Division
A. H. C. 5th Army.

W. H. LAYNE,
Lieut. Colonel
Chief, Util. & Agn. Div. 7597

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HEADQUARTERS
AND FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

Major *Handwritten*
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6th July 1944.
203/15.
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SUBJECT: Water and Electricity, Siena.

TO : P.O., Siena Province, Region S, A.C.C.

1. The water and light situation in Siena yesterday was as follows :

(a) The main aqueduct was broken on or about June 15 and the city has been on a reduced supply from the old aqueduct since that time.

(b) The old aqueduct supplies from 5 to 7 liters per second at present which on the basis of a population of 60,000 would give each inhabitant from 7.2 to 10 liters of water per day from this supply alone. In addition to this, many houses are provided with wells and cisterns, and the total, it is believed, will permit each inhabitant at least 10 liters per day which is sufficient for all practical purposes.

(c) The work of repairing the main aqueduct is well under way. It is being repaired by two crews, one under Geometra Bacheschi from Siena and the other under Ing. Bigliani of Montalcino. Ing. Mascagna of Siena is directing the entire job, and Lt. Carrara, of this H.Q., is supervising. In order to expedite the work, timber supports for the pipes are being used, and will later be replaced with masonry, for which 2,000 Kgs. of cement will be required. Lead for flange gaskets and for caulking the bell and spigot joints is either on hand or will be sent to them as required. Two special fittings are now being cast in the foundry in Siena and should be ready by the 10 July. Ing. Mascagna estimates the repairs will be completed and water turned on in Siena by July 22. Every effort will be made to reduce this time but due to the high pressures involved in this aqueduct the quality of workmanship must remain high even if time is sacrificed. In view of (b) above, it is not believed that time is as important a factor in this case as was at first supposed.

2. The power source is at Valdarno near Florence and was cut on June 27. There follows a concentrated translation of a report by a French engineer officer:

* Cut 27 June - Germans blew the cabin at S. Petronillo, 200 meters outside the city on Florence road (2 transformers of 3,000 K.W. each. One of which may be useable).

Can't count on the old sources; Suggest looking Terai up with Romans.

Engineer: Delmancino, Antonio
1 Piazza 4 Novembre.

has 3 trucks but no gas . "

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and to address me PW & E s/c
from s/c
14/7

13 Jul
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(a) Ing. Delmancino was interviewed and stated that there was no local power station. There is a transformer station not damaged. Siena's power must come from the network.

(b) Request was made to Engineer Services, Rome Area Command, by telephone today, for power over the network, or for a motor generator set suitable for Siena. No definite reply was obtainable at this time.

For the Commanding General:


D.M. GATHER,
Capt., CMP,
Engineering Division,
A.M.C. Fifth Army.

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Copy to: Engineering Division, Region 8, A.C.C.
Power Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Engineer Services, Rome Area Command.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
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14 July 1944

SUBJECT: Situation Report.

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission
Mining Division
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission

Herewith extracts from situation report of HQ AME 5th Army for period covering 28 June to 1 July 1944.

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Picobino repairs to the water supply and drains are in hand. It is not possible to make an accurate assessment of extensive damage to the steel works, but it is obvious that it contains very large stocks of material of all kinds which could be salvaged.

Cassette Proving. The Provincial Commissioner estimates that it will take more than a month to make a complete survey of the Provincial records; nearly all the agricultural records have been lost.

The Provincial Commissioner reports that further inspection of the important mines in the Province shows that they are virtually undamaged except for the destruction of the electricity supply. These mines produce lignite, iron pyrites, copper, ferro-manganese and mercury. In many of the mines are to be found not only large stocks of raw materials but also large amounts of mining equipment loaded on railway trucks waiting to be sent to Germany.

Supply. The supply position improved during the period. Accommodation for depots has been requisitioned at Picobino and it is hoped to build up immediately a stock-pile against demands that will rise from the big towns in the Arno Valley. The personnel situation has improved by the arrival today of four Bn.

Agriculture. In the most recently occupied areas the grain harvest is excellent and other agricultural activities seem to be in very good condition, but it is clear that with the destruction of agricultural records and the damage caused by the effects of war to grain elevators and storage warehouses, the assessment and collection of grain will later prove very difficult.

When is the rest of it?

ARMY FORM 02196 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Transmission Instructions

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(a) HQ REGION EIGHT AND SIGNED KIRKWOOD.

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ADVANCED HQ REGION EIGHT

For Action

ACC (Ado)

Message Instructions

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10 Jul

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's (100.5) YOUR SEVEN ZERO EIGHT TWO DATED FOUR JUNE REFERS PD MAJOR
LEE REPORT HANDED TO COLONEL JENNY ON SIX JULY PD.

JUST
NOTED (M)
(INF) FILE
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THE MESSAGE MAY BE SENT WITHOUT IF LABEL TO BE INTERPRETED TO ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS. THIS MESSAGE DEGREE OF PRIORITY
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13/22/8

SUBJECT: Situation Report

TO : Finance Sub-Commission
Food Sub-Commission
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission (Coal Division)
Mining Division

7 July 64
[Signature]
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Herewith Extracts of Situation Report from HQ, AMT 8th Army up to mid-
night 30th June 64:-

1. Only two towns are worth mentioning, they are MANGUERO and UIMA
DELLA PIRAZ.

(a) MANGUERO

The normal population of 17,000 is there, and there is no damage done to the town. The electric light is working up to a point. There are seven electric mills of small capacity. There is no prison and the water plant which is broken is being repaired. The banks are the Casa di Giuseppe and the Monte di Paschi di Siena.

(b) CITTA DELLA PIRAZ

Normal population of 10,000 is there and the town has about 10% of its buildings destroyed. There is a hospital with a capacity of 50 beds. Water plant which was damaged is being repaired, but there is no electricity, and so the only electric mill cannot be used. There is no food shortage in this town at the present. The bank is the Monte di Paschi di Siena, the safe was blown by the Germans and the contents removed.

2. UIMA

In Perugia Province the banks in UIMA were opened on 7th June, and in PERUGIA on the 26th. In PERUGIA Province the banks in PERUGIA opened on the 20th June, and in PERUGIA Province, the banks in PERUGIA opened on the 19th June, PERUGIA MINING 19th June, and in PERUGIA on the 22nd.

3. In no instance was it necessary to advance funds to the banks, all had sufficient cash and reports received from the PERUGIA banks covering

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Herewith Extracts of Situation Report from HQ. 1st Army up to mid-
night 30th Jan 44.

1. Only two towns are worth mentioning, they are MARZOLANO and OITTA
MELLA FINE.

(a) MARZOLANO

The normal population of 17,000 is there, and there is no damage done to the town. The electric light is working up to a point. There are seven electric mills of small capacity. There is no prison and the water plant which is broken is being repaired. The banks are the Casa di Risparmio and the Monte di Paschi di Siena.

(b) OITTA MELLA FINE

Normal population of 10,000 is there and the town has about 10% of its buildings destroyed. There is a hospital with a capacity of 50 beds. Water plant which was damaged is being repaired, but there is no electricity, and so the only electric mill cannot be used. There is no food shortage in this town at the moment. The bank is the Monte di Paschi di Siena, the safe was blown by the Germans and the contents removed.

2. PERUGIA

In Perugia Province the banks in TUI were opened on 7th June, and in PERUGIA on the 26th. In PERUGIA Province the banks in GIVINETO opened on the 20th June, and in Rieti Province, the banks in VALERIE SABINA opened on the 13th June, PERUGIA VITTORIO 19th June, and in Rieti on the 20th.

3. In no instance was it necessary to advance funds to the banks, all had sufficient cash and reports received from the TUI banks covering their first three days business, showed an increase of deposits, and a consequent inflow of cash.

4. It was necessary to advance funds to most Post Offices for Subsidiary Military, pensions etc. Many had cash funds in the form of savings of the Banca d'Italia, and arrangements are being made that these should be converted as soon as possible into cash at the nearest branch of the Banca d'Italia.

7. SPERANZA

A certain amount of supplies are now being brought up by A.S.B. from ANNO direct to OVIKIO and it is understood that this volume will continue at around 150 tons per day. Of this amount 75 tons a day or more if necessary will be earmarked for and listed by Fifth Army. I am endeavouring to ensure that at least 500 tons will always be available

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Extracts From Situation Report (Cont'd)

for the first few days in November. The nearest spot in the supply situation is still near Town and it will be necessary to send further supplies to them. It is hoped that Perugia will be able to look after themselves. Some 400 tons of grain have been sacked at Wadi and are being sent to Wadi for milling.

*Quality of water in the
is the water problem for electricity?*

8. MINES

The Ligante Mines at FIMBAYITA have now been examined by a representative from A.G., whose full report will be sent direct by him to the appropriate branch. In the workshops of the mine, there are at present a L.S.M., and S.A. Workshops, and Army have been requested that as and when these units move out, not to let any other units go in, so as to be able to resume production as soon as facilities allow. Army have also been asked to ensure that the 5 gridders which are at the mine are not touched. (Copy of Army signal is attached)

Following is copy of a Cable attached to the Situation Report:

MESSAGE ONE

FROM : Main Highways Army. 30 1500
TO : ACTUAL : 13 Corps.
INFO : 10 Corps. Rear Highways Army All Main All

At 77 (.) UNDEVELOPED (.) LIGANTE MINES FIMBAYITA 15300 (.) understand
strips present occupied by strike force and SA (.) request you ensure when
above units move out mine strips not re-occupied as plan put into operation
make advance use local resources save transportation (.) reported there
are six gridders belonging to mines (.) ensure these are not reserved as
essential for future of mines (.) end

(3rd) ..S.V. JAFFAR.....

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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ES/22-8

2 August 44

SUBJECT: AMG 8th Army Situation Report,

TO : Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission

1. Herewith extracts from AMG 8th Army Situation Report up to midnight, 22 Jul 44.

TERNI PROVINCE

It will be essential to rebuild the bridges on the ORVIETO-NARNI road and the Prov Comm is well aware of this fact.

AREZZO PROVINCE

There should not be any difficulty in repairing the Aqueduct and the pump is in tact, but the breakages in the Aqueduct are still under machine gun fire. In the meantime there is a sufficiency of well water. Electricity is unlikely for a long time to come, which, of course, complicates the problem of milling grain.

FLORENCE PROVINCE - Castel Fiorentino

The commune has a population of 15,000 of which only 150 are at the moment in the town, which is about 20% destroyed and 20% repairable. There is no electric light and information is not yet to hand as to how long it will take to repair the water supply which is not working. There is a water mill of a fairly big capacity.

PROVINCE OF PERUDIA - Citta Di Castello

Normal population is 35,000 and they are all present. The town is 2% destroyed and 20% damaged but repairable. There is no light or power as this comes through plant at TERNI. There are 3 electric mills but none are workable. There are also a large number of water mills with output of approximately 3/4 quintals per day.

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En. L. Long

G. M. SHARP, Lt. Col., R.A.
S.O. 1, (GA), Economic Section

Sec. Sec. for Info from CAB

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

25 JUL Read
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TO : ACC RC AND MG SECTION NAPLES

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER NO N67/21

FROM : AMG REAR 8TH ARMY

CLASSIFICATION : NONE

REFERENCE : R/1176

PRIORITY : IMPORTANT

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY 201900

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AREZZO PROBABLY 30 PER CENT DESTROYED. ONLY 1500 INHABITANTS
WATER REPAIRABLE FOR LOWER TOWN OTHERWISE WELLS. NO ELECTRICITY. NO
ITALIAN PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION AS CIVILIANS NOT RETURNED YET. MONU-
MENTS IN GOOD CONDITION. OVER 100 TONS WOOD PUT INTO TOWN.

ACC DISTN

Action C A Br 2

Info.... A/CO

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Float

Det Col Harper

Thompson

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DATE and Time of Origin of MESSAGE JULY 211725.

23 Jul
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Notes
2 Aug

SUBJECT : DA Land Mines

CONFIDENTIAL

G. 525
31 Jul 44.

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L. The following message received from UK via HQ. AAI is forwarded for guidance:-

"German mines falling on land may function as time bombs up to 80 hours delay. In view of the difficulty of diagnosis due to occasional use of parachutes instead of tails suspect all bombs diagnoses 1000 kilogram or over pending issue of technical instruction."

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13 AUG 1944

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TEL: 307

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For your information & file
W. H. Sharpe
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Thompson
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Noted and record in box file
W. H. Sharpe
2/8

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W. H. Sharpe
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G. M. SHARP, Lt. Col., R.A.
 S.O. 1, (CA), Economic Section

BEST COPY POSSIBLE

16 Oct Boethia Report on the 3
Pentium machine.

Chang Looan has now taken this
for me.

to let Thompson to see
Chang Looan's work.

He
signed
Looan

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ACC IV
Engineering

24 June

→ to ACC (Public Works) for alt. L'Etappen RE.

Subject LITTONIA Report by L'Etappen.

Ref. RH/ENG/00 (8)

1) Enclosed is report of 10" L'Etappen by L'Etappen —

It was clipped in behind original copy of report & I did not notice that it was missing today I did not notice it had not gone to your office. I'm sorry.

The main point is the Power available even for the transformer that may be for going.

Can you press on the Committee from San Marino near Serra to Pirelli Company. It also affects Water Supply —

2. CAR.

L'Etappen just returned. The reports stating that of car broke, car overturned & completely wrecked & not repairable — the full report will follow.

L'Etappen is undamaged & driver all right.

This accounts for delay in returning car as L'Etappen had his means of returning & communication all at long intervals owing to shortage of transport.

22/June/44.

Callaway (initial)
L'Etappen
D/R, L'Etappen,

Littoria 10 June 1944

ENGINEER, Reg. 4
Dep. Engr., Reg. 4 Rear

Lt. Col. Lapper, Elect. Sect. Hq. ACC

Arrived at Littoria late 7 June and established temporary headquarters in office of Prov. Com., Palazzo de Governo, Littoria. In the course of the past few days have visited the main Pontina pumping plants and the Fossanova power station ^{and communication} ~~transport~~ difficulties present the greatest obstacle to any work in the Province but work is being started on all important installations and is well under way at most of them. Ing. ZOPPI formerly of the Littoria Genio Civile is acting as head of engineering for the province and in my estimation is a capable man. Geometa VARDI is in charge of the work on the Consorzio Bonifida Pontina and in my estimation he is also capable.

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It will be necessary to secure certain heavy machinery from the engineers. List of requirements on this will follow later.

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Bonifica Pontina

Margorich's pumping plant. - all (7) seven 500HP motors, transformers and mitidgear and motor control, notes, etc are missing. These are special vertical motors and specifications in detail should be available in the Comoglio Generale in Rome. There will be necessary before any final action is taken to secure new motors, etc. Contact with these people should be made when possible.

The old main pumping plant (FORCELLATA) is in fair shape, damaged only by flood water and now in process of repair.

Electric energy from the engine lines is necessary before any of the pumping stations can be used as there are no local plants capable of supplying power for pumping.

However before any pumping is done several other things must be accomplished. First, the lower end of the canal must be cleared of obstacles between Hwy 7 crossing and the bend (B-A marked here with); second, debris and demolitions

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However before any pumping is done several other things must be accomplished. First, the lower end of the canal must be cleared of obstacles between Hwy 7 crossing and the bend (B-A on sketch herewith); second, debris and demolitions removed North of Hwy 7 (at B on sketch) and third - but not last - two serious canal breaks at approx C (on sketch) must be closed. These breaks admit an estimated quantity of 30 cubic meters per second, the

Sheet 3

equivalent of the total capacity of the main pumping plant (Mazgashin). Without

any pumping at all by just accomplishing the above three jobs, it is estimated the water can be dropped 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ metres in the Pontons area, thus reducing the flooded area from 30% to 50% - approximately. Considerable work will be required to do this with heavy machinery, excavators, dredges, etc to be made available. I recommend that an experienced civil engineer be sent up to look after this work. If/when such an engineer comes, he should bring his own motor transport as it is not available locally.

Incidentally my own motor transport situation has not improved and I would like to request that Col. Lopper extend the use of the car and driver I have now for another five or six days if possible.

Power Plants

in the Pontona area, thus reducing the flooded area from 30% to 50% - approximately. Considerable work will be required to do this with heavy machinery, excavators, dredges, etc to be made available. I recommend that an experienced civil engineer be sent up to look after this work. If & when such an engineer comes, he should bring his own motor transport as it is not available locally.

Incidentally, my own motor transport situation has not improved and I would like to request that Col. Lopper extend the use of the car and driver I have now for another five or six days if possible.

Power Plants

The station at Fossanovra is operating, (one unit of 100 KW only) and that is barely capable of carrying 50 KW continuous load due to lack of water. The station at Vishafa is demolished but I believe probably one 250 KW unit can be

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salvaged. To do this it will require the services of the technicians of the Romana Co, Roma who own and operate both these plants. I will endeavor to contact them in the next day or so, at Roma, if necessary.

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Note - Pump required for Littia water supply.

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Total Head 75 metres

Gasoline engine drive

(Demountable)
(on 1000 cc)

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23 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Reports
TO : Major C. A. Latimer, Regional Engineer, Region V.

1. We are in close contact with conditions and requirements in Region IV and we have been receiving reports from the Regional Engineer, Region VIII, on surveys made in advance area of this Region indicating what the condition is regarding Public Works and Utilities and what is required; also we have been furnished with names of Italian engineers found in these various localities.

2. As you and your men make surveys in your Region, particularly in advanced territory, will you please arrange to have reports made to us with copy to your Regional Commissioner outlining what the situation is and giving us also the names of all the engineers you find in that territory. Will you please also arrange to give me the names of all the engineers from the top down with the Genio Civile of the various provinces. This is most important because the Ministry of Public Works does not know as yet the names of most of the men who are actually functioning. We should get such a situation report at least once a week so that will permit us to correlate requirements for the various Regions, and where we deem it necessary to send specialist assistants in the field to help solve some of the problems.

L. A. JESSE,
Lt. Col., C.E.,
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25 June 44.

SUBJECT: Situation Report.

TO: Agriculture Sub-Commission
Food Sub-Commission
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission

Herewith extracts of airtel from AM Fifth Army (Field) for period of 120 hours ending midnight 19/20 June 1944.

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2. Viterbo Province. The Provincial Commissioner still reports that agriculture is his chief problem. 3 cables have been sent for a CIR representative to come up and organize the distribution of fuel urgently needed for gathering the harvest, but no answer has been received. Kinder twine is equally urgent, but here again supplies are still not forthcoming.

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In this Province, as in Viterbo, the immediate and most urgent problem is the collection of the harvest; if this can be handled and an efficient provincial administration can be reorganised there should be no outstanding long term problems to be tackled, compared with other provinces further south.

5. Region VIII. - Agriculture.

This is still the most urgent problem and is giving some anxiety. In most districts the wheat and barley crops are excellent and harvesting is in full swing. It seems likely that some of the crop will be lost owing to lack of binder twine and fuel on the large mechanised farms. Difficulties of time and space make it appear that the supplies of twine and fuel which are said to be available in the South will not be distributed to individual farms before some at least of the crop is spoiled. It is worth reporting that only a minute proportion of the crop has been burnt and it is thought that was caused by smoke shells and accidental petrol fires.

At the end of the period under review the position gave cause for considerable anxiety, with no more supplies available at Anzio and the ACC depot at Civitavecchia not yet opened. It is hoped that the small stockpiles of the Monterosi depot can be eked out to cover the period until the harvest is ready in Viterbo and Grosseto Provinces, but the real danger is in the thickly-populated belt that lies ahead in the large towns of the Livorno-Firenze area. Meanwhile the population are very short of the staple items of sugar, salt and olive oil.

13. Miscellaneous.

(a) The HQ moved forward some 75 miles on 17 June and is expected to move forward again shortly.

(b) An expedition was despatched in a schooner loaded with food and medical supplies to the little island called Isola del Giglio and returned with reports of primitive and chaotic conditions due to violent factional quarrels.

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S.O. 3 (GA), Economic Section.

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21 June 44.

SUBJECT: Situation Report

TO : Food Sub-Commission Finance Sub-Commission
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission Transportation Sub-Commission
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission Requisition Division

Following are extracts from AND 8th Army Sitrep up to Midnight 16 June.

MEMO

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8. Water main was broken but is understood that supplies are available. There is, of course, no electric current, but there is a mill capable of milling 400 quintals per day, which was stated to be workable by Naptha.

10. There are 5 banks unharmed:

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ORIGIN

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Following are extracts from AME 8th Army Sitrep up to midnight 16 June.

RIETI

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CASTELLO

13. The population of about 20,000 is normal. Water is alright and light from the local power station is expected on again in 48 hours. Flour has already been distributed at 200 grammes per head, to last until July 31st, and salt until the end of June.

TERRELL

14. The town has a pre-war population of 32,000, but owing to the Steel and Engineering works the population has swollen to 80,000, of which about 45,000 are expected to return immediately.

15. The banks in the town are the Banco d'Italia, Credito Italiano, Cassa di Risparmio, Banco di Napoli and Banco Commerciale. All of them with the exception of the Cassa di Risparmio being in pretty bad shape. The water supply is not good as it is entirely dependent at the moment on a few springs and wells. Water would appear to be the main problem. There is one water mill with a capacity of 8 qntals a day, and all the others were out of action. One with a capacity of 100 quintals

possible be repaired.

16. It is understood that the Steel and Engineering works are not badly damaged and that they can be repaired in some 2-3 months, and it is suggested that a large generator be sent up immediately. There is also a 750h.p. generator in the series which can be used for electric light.

17. The team has approximately 15 days supply of food, but it may be difficult to get supplies in. It is probable that MAMU will have to be used as a base, and arrangements are being made accordingly.

MAMU.

18. Normal population is 21,000 and there are about 23,000 people present. There are two banks, Banco di Santo Spirito and Casas di Hispanio. Water supply is in good condition and there is even a certain amount of electric light. The electric mill was destroyed but there are two water mills working with a capacity of 20 quintals each daily. 30 tons of supplies have already been placed in MAMU and more will be sent in.

AGUASPRITAS.

19. Normal population 5,500 - present 10,000. There are two banks, Casas di Hispanio and Banco Osmarotale. The water supply is not working. There are no electricity. A electric mill with a capacity of 12 quintals a day, but there is no electricity. Flour has been distributed on the basis of 100 grams of bread until the end of June, and there is still 100 quintals of grain available.

AGUAS (MAMU'S DUTIES)

20. Normal population 35,000 all present. There are two banks, Banco Popolare and Casas di Hispanio. The water supply from the Acqueduct is being repaired and it is hoped it will be ready in three days. There is a water mill with a capacity of 10 quintals a day working. Flour has been distributed until the 15th June, and there are 300 quintals of grain available.

AGUAS.

21. Up to the time of writing no supplies are carried from AGUAS to MAMU by A.C.C. transport and our own transport is delivering direct from AGUAS. So far supplies have been delivered as far north as MAMU, but this is as far as can be managed without stockpiles being laid on further north.

FINANCE.

22. In view of the fact that there are now being occupied where life is completely normal, instructions have been given to Finance Officers that such a team shall be allowed to continue the operation of banks and post-offices, but that a Finance Officer should be drawn as from the day of occupation.

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ASUASAPARA.

19. Normal population 5,500 - present 10,000. There are two banks, Santa di Nisapara and Banco Comarciale. The water supply is not working. There are 4 electric mills with a capacity of 12 quintals a day, but there is no electricity. Flour has been distributed on the basis of 750 grams of bread until the end of June, and there is still 180 quintals of grain available.

SECURE (Barro Colorado)

20. Normal population 35,000 all present. There are two banks, Banco Popular and Banco di Nisapara. The water supply from the aqueduct is being repaired and it is hoped it will be ready in three days. There is a water mill with a capacity of 10 quintals a day working. Flour has been distributed until the 18th June, and there are 300 quintals of grain available.

SUPPLIES.

21. Up to the time of writing no supplies are carried from AMIO to ROMA by A.C.C. transport and our own transport is delivering direct from AMIO. So far supplies have been delivered as far north as NARU, but this is as far as can be managed without stockpiles being laid on further north.

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GENERAL.

26. (11) The food situation in general in towns occupied on the whole is satisfactory, and in many places a good supply of food has been found. The harvest is a good one and the grain is ready to be cut, but the milling facilities present difficulties. It is frequently found that mills could be got going if belting could be supplied. I would suggest that A.C.C. endeavour to make provision for belting to be obtainable, irrespective of size and without waiting for specific requests.

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