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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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Summary Sheet
ON NORTH ITALY
Up to 1100 hrs 29 APRIL 1968

Radio Milan, monitored by Information Division, AC, (4) 1100 hours the above reports had not yet been confirmed by official Milan sources.)

Radio Milan also announced that the following were publicly shot:
Roberto Farinacci - Secretary of the Fascist Party.
Alessandro Pavolini - Minister of Propaganda.

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Source: INFORMATION DIVISION P.S.O., A.C.

Radio Milano sent a message to the patriots and partisans of the three "Vittorie", urging them to follow the example of Lombard, Piemonte and Liguria, and to throw out and destroy the Germans and the Fascist traitors.

So far 35 leading fascists have been arrested in the North. In all liberated towns of the North, after the first manifestations of joy life continues normally.

The ex-prefect of Genoa executed by the patriots. Genova, Genova and Genoa arrested. Venezia, Alessandria, Brescia, Rovigo, Bergamo, Sondrio and Val d'Aosta liberated.

Sturges arrested. Three fascist criminals executed after a trial of seven minutes, at Eusto Aristo.

Radio completely liberated. Patriotic, tried by a tribunal of the people, was executed in the square of Vigevano.

In Genova, C. E. Bonino, fascist prefect of the province, tried and executed. Mussolini and other fascists handed over to the C.I.N. of Milan. In Verona, Padova, Milano and Treviso the patriots have arrested the traitors.

Genova, Genova and many others executed in Bologna. A workers demonstration to be held in Milan on the first of May.

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In 44 liberated towns of the North, after the first manifestations of joy, life continued normally.

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Secchi, Ruffini and Bardi arrested.

Vercelli, Alessandria, Brescia, Bergamo, Sondrio and Val d'Aosta liberated.

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Turin completely liberated.

Partenza, tried by a tribunal of the people, was executed in the square of Vittorino.

In Genoa, C.E. Bello, Fascist prefect of the province, tried and executed.

Muscolini and other high-ranking Fascists over to the C.L.S. of Milan.
In Varese, Piacenza, Udine and Treviso the patriots have attacked the Nazi-Fascists.

Two Fascists, Cavallaro and many others executed in Bologna.

A workers demonstration to be held in Milan on the first of May.

Discussions between patriots and German troops for the cessation of all fighting in Lombardy and Piemonte.

Liguria is without war.

General Cadorna, commander in chief of the troops of the North, invited the patriots and partisans to facilitate the advance of the Allies.

The C.E.I.L. of Milan sent a message to the C.E.I.L. of Rome, expressing joy for the liberation from the Fascist tyranny.

Source: Italian Newspapers

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S.C. (M) Liaison Staff,
c/o R.A.A.C.

4th May, 1945

To: Office of Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

WIRE TO 0900 HRS 4th MAY, 1945

1. PIEDMONT

TURIN

3rd May

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being held TURIN Saturday 5th May.

3rd May

B.L.O. reports removal of state of siege in TURIN
postponed till 5th May as civil authorities not
capable of assuming full control.

Railway TURIN - ALESSANDRIA cut at VILLAFRANCA.
Trains now in readiness to work to each end of the
cut and line will be fully open 5th May. B.L.O.
reiterates "When can we have first coal?"

1st May

B.L.O. reports 15,000 partisan rations now being
issued from partisan stocks which are sufficient for
one month. Bread civil population running short.
Food convoy on way from VERCELLI.

ALESSANDRIA

B.L.O. reports C.L.H. ALESSANDRIA consider supplies
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Food convoy on way from VERCELLI.

ALESSANDRIA

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IVREA

E.L.C. reports on 3rd May that German General will
not surrender to partisans, but only to Allied troops.
German troops estimated 5,000. French Major with 130
French troops proceeding through VAL D'AOSTA to accept surrender
Transport and special train provided by Partisan Zone
Command. E.L.C. asks if he may assume Zone Command and
C.L.N. that this move purely military and that after

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German surrender French troops will immediately return FRANCE. States that if he cannot give this assurance there will be trouble in valley.

2. LIGURIA

GENOA

nd May

E.L.O. reports six food trucks arrived from VOGHERA. A.M.G. agreed use this means of supply and C.L.N. member is leaving to arrange details.

VOGHERA

E.L.O. reports no A.M.G. arrived yet VOGHERA. VOGHERA C.L.N. continuing send food supplies to GENOA until other arrangements made by A.M.G.

3. LOMBARDY

PAVIA

E.L.O. reports following condemned and put to death by popular tribunal on 30th April:

PIVARI	-	Vice-Federal
MUSSELLI	-	Questure
BIANCHI	-	Commanders of
BALDI	-	BLACK BRIGADE
SAPORITI	-	Italian

4. GENERAL

E.L.O. reports are becoming fewer as A.M.G. taken over from C.L.N.s. All reports speak of co-operation given A.M.G. by C.L.N.

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Major,
SO(M) Liaison Staff.

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3rd May, 1945

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To: Office of Executive Commissioner,
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2nd May

B.L.C. reports Garibaldi will be employed TURIN as from the 1st May. This arranged by B.L.C. who reports there is little enthusiasm for them.

NOVARA

30th April

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30th April

MOSCATELLI, leader of the GARIBOLDI formations in the OSSOLA, SESSIA and STROIA valleys, has been prepared and welcomed as Sindaco of NOVARA, his native city. His troops are now in the South of NOVARA province with two columns east of the TICINO river. B.L.O. in the area is impressed by the competence and discipline of his commanders. - CIRC military commander of the VAL SESSIA zone,

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and VIA now COMMANDANTE PIAZZA of NOVARA. The Prefect Designate of NOVARA is professor FORNARA, a specialist and famed doctor, who is loud in his praises of MOSCATELLI who is reported to be most popular, and not extreme in his intentions.

30th April

B.L.O. reports firm of DE AGOSTINI is intact and still printing money.

ASTI

30th April

B.L.O. reports ASTI divided into four zones for policing. North West Zone 6th Autonomous Division. North West LEO of POLI Division. South West 7th GL Division. South East 45 GARIBOLDI Division. 100 men or more from each force depending on numbers of road blocks and buildings to be guarded.

2. LOMBARDY

MILAN

2nd May

Carabinieri force being organized, but so far no indication of attitude of population towards them.

CREMONA

Italian Mission reports considerable political differences between parties and C.L.N. not very effective. Civilian morale and food situation good.

PAVIA

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ASRI

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PAVIA

1st May

B.L.O. reports PAVIA C.L.N. working satisfactorily and no disturbances so far. PAVIA Committee are arranging supplies of rice, milk, etc. for distressed areas as soon as transport can be arranged. B.L.O. trying to arrange

coordinating conference between representatives of committees in distressed areas and those of areas where food is plentiful.

3. LIGURIA

GENOA

2nd May

Reference agreement reported in yesterday's attempt to disarm all mountain units by midnight 5th May. B.L.C. now reports two exceptions will be made in view of need to clean up Fascist elements home to ground in city and small bands of enemy escaped into mountains.

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(11) Further 800 men to be maintained for further cleaning up in city and mountains.

Regional Command has asked for increase in letter number and this is being considered. B.L.C. has impression that there is substantial agreement on all other points. General CRMOND (?) has ordered parade of 92nd Division for May 2nd inviting all partisans take part and inviting GEN with Regional Command to take salute with him. He will also issue certificates of valor to chosen partisans. Whole atmosphere good. Also in hand are preparations for creation Patriot centres and lists of demobilised partisans.

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SAVONA

2nd May

B.L.C. reports evacuation and disarmament of SAVONA partisans is going well. B.L.C. requests Allied films be sent as at present only German films are shown.

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1st May

Condition of harbor: 14 magnetic mines in a semicircle at entrance, and a small tanker of 400 tons together with 2 barges sunk as block-ships. Port authorities require 1,000 pounds of explosive and electric lighter to remove wrecks, which should take four or five days. The draught at the entrance is 25 feet. Wharves 8 and 9 are 500 feet long, unloading facilities consist of 2 5-ton winches and 1 winch of 3 tons. Wharf 10 is 40 feet long, draught 12 feet, unloading only with ship's winches. Wharves 12 and 13, length 620 feet, draught 19-26 feet, unloading done as for 10 wharf. There is a cable railway on wharf of 26 feet draught which can handle 13,000 tons daily. Port beamer tug of 70 h.p.

4. VINEVO

UDINE

B.L.C. has moved into UDINE to contact British troops.

5. ITALO-FRENCH FRONTIER

(a) 2nd May

Further to reports in yesterday's nitro B.L.C. SAVONA reports French officer from Dunkirk Bureau de Navire reached SAVONA morning 50th. B.L.C. informed him SAVONA would be occupied by Americans or British. French officer explained presence of Colonial troops due to heavy road demolitions which had prevented motorized elements of 1st Tank Division.

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4. UNIFORM

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5. INDIA-FRANCE FRONTIER

(a) End War

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arranged evacuation of all partisans in SAVONA except 200 to maintain order and 300 as garrison.

(b) 2nd May

E.L.O. IMPERIA reports presence of Moroccan troops alarming population.

(c) 2nd May

E.L.O. CUNEO reports Battalion of French at BORGIO SAN DALLMAZZO. Only French east of CUNEO - one Intelligence Officer on forward peace. Relations between French and patriots first class and CLM CUNEO gave reception to French officers last night. Posters in French and Italian confirm de GAULLE's declaration of non-intervention in civil administration.

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E.L.O. SUSAS states French well received in SUSAS valley.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
A C of S, G-5

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19 April 1945

22 APR 1944

SUBJECT: Preliminary Commune Report (New Form)

TO : All C.A.O's, A.M.G., IV Corps

1. A supply of revised Preliminary Commune Report forms is being dispatched for use effective at once.
2. The old form will be discontinued while you are operating in IV Corps area.
3. Only one copy (typewritten or legibly written) is required to be sent to the A C of S, G-5. It is important that the report be completed as promptly as information is available and be directed to this office with the least practicable delay so that immediate attention can be given to any existing problems.
4. Wherever possible existing message center facilities should be used for quick dispatch.

FOR THE A C of S - G-5:

Santo W. Oropesa
Capt., Inf. Patriots
Exec. Officer

Copy to:
SCAO, AMG, 5 Army
Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

	Ink	Date
VP O-5		
Public Safety		25/4
Public Health		28/4
Legal		28/4
Int. Affairs		28/4
Education		28/4
MFA & A		28/4
Ca Sec		28/4

PLEASE PASS QUICKLY

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PRELIMINARY REPORT

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List of Fractions		Commune	Refugees
The present population is		Province	
Name of Sandeco	Resides at		
He was appointed by	on		
Name of Secretary	Resides at		
He was appointed by	on		
The following Proclamations were posted			on
The following General Orders were posted			on
The following Notices were posted			on
The following Special Orders were posted			on

B) PERSONNEL - OTHERS

Total number present
in the commune

A) BUILDINGS

The following buildings are:

(Mark buildings posted - Off Limits)

NAME NUMBER

1 - Municipio	1 - CC. RR.
2 - CC. RR. Caserma	2 - Guardia di Finanza
3 - Guardia di Finanza Caserma	3 - Prison Guards
4 - Vigili del Fuoco Station	4 - Vigili del Fuoco
5 - Prefettura	5 - Guardia Municipali (or other)
6 - Prison	6 - Physicians
7 - Casa del Fascio	7 - Surgeons
8 - Hospital	8 - Nursing Sisters
9 - Post Office	9 - Wounded Civilians
10 - Banks	10 - Unburied Civilian Dead
11 - Flour Mills	11 - Prisoners

In case of more than one - note
number in each column applicable

C) GENERAL CONDITIONS

D) FOOD

ANSWER YES

1 - Any public disorders	Yes	No
2 - Electricity available	Yes	No
3 - Water supply adequate	Yes	No
4 - Acqueducts operating	Yes	No
5 - Water pumps operating	Yes	No
6 - Hospital Beds available	Yes	No
7 - Medicines Needed	Yes	No
8 - Food Urgent	Yes	No
9 - Disease Epidemic	Yes	No

1 - N.° days food on hand
2 - How much grain available
3 - Meat animals available
4 - Fish available
5 - Any local vegetables

(List with indication of supply)

The following Proclamations were posted _____ on _____
 The following General Orders were posted _____ on _____
 The following Notices were posted _____ on _____
 The following Special Orders were posted _____ on _____

A) BUILDINGS

The following buildings are:

(Usable buildings marked with asterisk)

NAME

STATUS

- 1 - Municipio
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- 3 - Guardia di Finanza Caserma
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If answer to 1, 5, 8 and 9 in C above is yes - give sufficient detail under remarks (G) to permit proper assistance to be given.

E) PARTISANS (Patriots)

- 1 - Is there a Partisan Band? Yes / No
- 2 - Armed? Yes / No
- 3 - Number in Band
- 4 - Name of Leader and Band
- 5 - Political affiliation, if any
- 6 - Local Partisans (No.)
- 7 - Non - Local Partisans (No.)

(Any additional information to be entered under Remarks (G))

F. Are any printing facilities available? Yes / No
 Explain if answer is yes.

(OVER FOR REMARKS)

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