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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.112-90

4 April 1946

5 APR 1946

SUBJECT: Azerbaijan Nationals.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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Receipt is acknowledged of your 4/29.B/CA of 1 April 1946.

Attached, for your information, is a copy of this Headquarters
letter AG 091.112 GEG-0 of 1 April 1946 addressed to:

The Acting Representative of
the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics to the Allied Com-
mission for Italy,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Encl: as above.

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AG 091.112 GEG-O

SUBJECT: Azerbaijan Nationals.

TO : The Acting Representative of
the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics to the Allied Com-
mission for Italy,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference is made to your letter N 138/A.46 of 12 February.

At an interview between Colonel Savko and Brigadier General Smith of this headquarters on 16 January 1946, it was made clear that as regards the persons concerned, who are not on the official War Criminal lists, and whom you wanted to be handed over, the usual international procedure must be followed; namely, that evidence that they are Soviet Nationals, a statement of the charges against them and a summary of the evidence by which those charges will be proved must be supplied.

In the absence of such particulars this headquarters has considered such evidence as it has, and is of opinion that:

Machmed Baïram Oglu and
Ali Oglu

are clearly Turkish subjects, and it proposes to release them.

With regard to the remainder it has no evidence to enable it to form any opinion.

Allied Force Headquarters cannot indefinitely continue to hold these persons. If it is still desired that these persons be handed over, this headquarters must ask that the evidence of nationality and of the charges be submitted at an early date. It is now nearly two months since these persons were interrogated by your representatives.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

/t/ RALPH C. TILLEY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref : 4/29.B/CA ✓

1st Apr 46

SUBJECT : War Criminals

TO : GHR for C-5 Section

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- 1 The attached copy of a letter 138/1/46 of 12 Feb 46 from the office of the Russian Representative to AC, originally sent to your Section, is forwarded for such action as may be necessary.
- 2 A reply to this letter would be appreciated.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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M. GARR, Brig.
VP CA Section

Encl as above

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Copy to : Russian Representative to AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Executive Commissioner VLO/eb
LIAISON DIVISION
APO 394

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Ref: 998/282/EC

28 March 1946

30 MAR 1946

SUBJECT: War Criminals.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

The attached copy of the letter 138/1/46 of 12 February 1946 from the Office of the Russian Representative to AC, previously submitted to G-5 AFHQ, is forwarded to your section for necessary action.

May the Russian Representative to AC be notified when the reminder is sent to AFHQ.

Octav L. Aldridge
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encls: as above

ltr 159/A/46 fr USSR Repres. to AC of 29 March 1946

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ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЬ
СОЮЗА СОВЕТСКИХ СОЦИАЛИСТИЧЕСКИХ РЕСПУБЛИК
В СОЮЗНОЙ КОМИССИИ В ИТАЛИИ

THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
TO THE ALLIED COMMISSION FOR ITALY

HQ. AC. - APO 394

N159/A/46.

29th March 1946.
TEL. 478 740

SUBJECT: War Criminals.
TO : Liaison Division, AC.

It is kindly requested that HQ. AC. please urge a reply to our attached letter, which was forwarded to AFHQ G-5 on 12th February 1946.

for VICTOR V. SAVKO
Col., Red Army USSR COMMISSION
Acting Representative.

Enclosure: our ltr. 138/A/46 of 12th Feb. 46.

Major N. Leonidov



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- C O P Y -

THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
to the Allied Commission for Italy
APO 394

138/1/46

12 February 1946

S E C R E T

Dear Sir,

The following group of Azerbaijanians, which is at your disposal in the camp in Rimini, composed of Ami ASKERLI KERAR, MAHMED SHABER, ALI OGILY, ALI, ALI ASKERLI EAKATERINA, LEILI KAZE - DUNDANCHINSKAIA and including also DUDANCHINSKI ABO, who is confined in a camp in Southern Italy - are considered by my Government as criminals of war.

Moreover from personal evidence given by ALI ASKERLI KERAR and DUDANCHINSKI ABO, the records of which are in your possession, and also from the evidence given to me in Rimini on the 4th February by the wife of DUDANCHINSKY, LEILI KAZE, results that both ALI ASKERLI KERAR and DUDANCHINSKI ABO have served in the Red Army during the last war between USSR and Germany, which constitutes quite sufficient and incontestable proof of their Soviet citizenship.

On the basis of the facts stated above, I ask you to make dispositions regarding the handing-over of the above-mentioned Azerbaijanians to the Soviet Military Authorities in order that they could be sent to the Soviet Union on the purpose of investigating their guilt and putting them to trial.

Sincerely yours

VICTOR V. SAVKO
Col. Red Army USSR
Acting Representative

TO Brig.Gen.A.L.HAMBLEEN
Assistant Chief of Staff G-5
A.F.H.Q.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/29.1/CA

23 July 45

SUBJECT : War Crimes

TO : AFHQ G-5 Section

I enclose herewith report on the killing of an American Officer,
Lt Lee Anthony MacAllister.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

G.R. UPJOHN Brig,
VP CA Section

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VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

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20 AUG 1945

18 July 45.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(attention of Civil Affairs Section)

SUBJECT : War Crimes.

FILE NO. : RKII/PS/14.2

1. Reference your 4/29.1/CA of 26 June 45.

2. Herewith report of P.P.S.O., Vicenza,
relating to the death of an Allied Officer,
Lee Anthony MacALLISTER.

for *L.W. Lee Cape*
A.W. ROWLERSON
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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2 July 45

SUBJECT : War Crime

TO : AFHQ, C-5

The attached report of a War Crime which has been received from the PD Venezia Region is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

RB
G. R. UPJOHN Brig,
VP CA Section.

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VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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To : Chief Legal Adviser, Legal S/C, HQ., A.C. Date 30 June 1945.

Subject : Alleged War Crime.

File No: R XII/LE/Reg/H/01.

1. Reference AFHQ, GRO N°697 of 1 September 1944, and Consolidated Instructions for Allied Military Courts, Article 5, paragraph 3(b), I enclose herewith papers in connection with an alleged War Crime committed at Merano, Province of Bolzano, for communication to the appropriate authority.
2. In compliance with Sub-para.(1) of the above-quoted paragraph of the Consolidated Instructions, I have requested Provincial Legal Officer, Bolzano Province to communicate the required information to the Provost Staff of the Formation, District or Area responsible for the administration of the territory concerned - this being the quickest means of communication available to me.

H. L. Williams
Colonel,
Regional Legal Officer,
Venezie Region.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref: L/29.1/CA. ✓

26 Jun 45

SUBJECT: War Crimes.

TO: R.C., VENEZIA Region
With copy for
P.C., Tacchini di Destra.
VENEZIA

- 1 Judge Advocate (MFOUSA) is investigating a war crime to which the attached statement of Dr. Mario Guilletchi of Recoaro-Terme relates. The Judge Advocate asks that if possible we should procure a copy of the report to which reference is made in the last paragraph of the attached statement.
- 2 He also requests that the doctor be asked to give the name of the German ex-commander to whom reference is made in the penultimate paragraph as well as any other information relating to the German unit in the vicinity at the time of the shooting which occurred about 5 Jan 45.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

AB
G.R. UPJOHN, Brig..
VP CA Section.

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23 June 1945

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SUBJECT: War Crimes.

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. JA (MTOUSA) is investigating a war crime to which the attached statement of Dr. Mario Guilletchi of Recoaro-Terme relates.

2. JA ask that, if possible, you should procure a copy of the report referred to in the 4th para of the attached statement. He also requests that the doctor be requested to give the name of the German ex-commander referred to in the penultimate para of the statement as well as any other information relating to the German unit in the vicinity at the time of the shooting which occurred about 5 January 1945.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl:
as above

24 JUN 1945

H. Y. Anderson
H. Y. ANDERSON,
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

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(TRANSLATION)

Subject: Examination of body of LEE MacAllister.

I depose that, at Facchini di Destra, I examined the body of a man who appeared about 27-28 years old, had brown hair, a short moustache, and was of robust build. He had been killed by a gun-shot wound (probably by German 9.8 mm. machine-gun pellets) in the occipital region, the bullets leaving the body in the region of the right eye (with extrusion of the right eyeball) and in the region of the upper left jaw.

The probable distance from which the gun was shot was 2 or 3 meters.

The body showed no signs of ecchymosis or contusions.

The body was dressed in new blue trousers, dark pin-striped jacket, heavy short coat, civilian hat with mark "Battersky" bought, I believe, at Cremona, Rubber-soled shoes.

I suspect that the victim was a regular prisoner of war, as I was told by the German ex-Commander not to mention the distance from which the gun was shot or the point at which the bullets entered the body.

I made a regular report, which is now at the office of the Governor of Valdagno.

Testimony given at HQ of the STELLA BRIGADE at Valdagno (Villa Masci).

/s/ Dr. Mario Cuillecthu /sec/
Recoaro-Terme

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/29.1/CA

8 June 45

SUBJECT : War Crimes.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.

The attached letter is forwarded to you for such action as you may deem appropriate.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

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G.R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

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ANCONA PROVINCE
~~ABRUZZO MARCHIONATO~~
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Subject: Nazi Atrocities against PsW
To: HQ AC
From: AMG Ancona Commune.

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Ref.: ANO/1/156

Date 4 June 1945

The attached letter is forwarded for your attention please.

O. J. Maunder, Major R.A.

O.J. Maunder, Major R.A.
Acting Commissioner,
Ancona.

To
AFHQ

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SUBJECT: Metro KOCH - Documents.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. G-2 this HQ have handed to this Section the attached report on contents of a file of letters found among records kept by Mussolini which are concerned with the arrest of Pietro Koch in Milan in October 1944.

2. G-2 suggest that in view of the forthcoming trial of the above-named the file may be of interest. The original documents can be made available on a loan basis on request.

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

4 JUN 1945

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

Incl: As above

Telephoned Al Jackman.
Big Hen will big doubts up towards
if G.2. will permit them to be given in
evidence.

4 June 45.

G5 phoned this morning. As the man has been
sentenced to death in 20 minutes no further action
will be taken.

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PIETRO KOCH

Report on contents of a file of letters found among records kept by MUSSOLINI. The letters are concerned with the arrest of KOCH in MILAN in October 1944.

- Appendix 'A' - Translation of a letter to MUSSOLINI from KOCH after his arrest.
- Appendix 'B' - Main points extracted from a 17 Page letter to FARINACCI from KOCH.
- Appendix 'C' - List of remaining letters with note on contents.

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PIETRO KOCH

Report on contents of a file of letters found among records kept by MUSSOLINI. The letters are concerned with the arrest of KOCH in MILAN in October 1944.

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- (86d) — Appendix 'C' — List of remaining letters with note on contents.

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G-2 Document Section:

26 May 1945

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APPENDIX 'A'

Dude!

These are days of joy and gladness for Anti-Fascists or for the Fascists hostile to you!

The man who has taken upon himself perhaps more services for his country than all the Police Stations put together; the man called more than 100 times by enemy Radio "the most dangerous Nazi-Fascist minion"; the man whom MICHELE LA GUARDIA labeled "my number one"; the man whom no one could call a spy or traitor or profiteer or opportunist or anti-Fascist, is irredeemably destroyed.

Everything is destroyed.

The Vice Chief of Police Laver TUNICA, after abandoning his wife and son to the rebels out of his lofty sense of duty, is in jail. Vice Chief of Police Dr. TULLA, who, being also a citizen of ARQUERINA, has served ITALY for 90 months as an ordinary black shirt on all fronts, is arrested and deprived of all his worldly goods.

Poison ranries in every one of the 24 wounds the Communists gave him!

All the officers are in prison. All or almost all men, mostly squacristi and decorated for valor, are in prison or are doing the slave labor - I say slave labor - at the MILAN Storm Trooper HQ for the laughing stock of the crowds! Even the stenographers and charwomen are under arrest. And all side by side with our own arrestees.

Even the wives of some employees have been arrested from their homes and thrown into prison. Even my wife - imagine, Duce, MY WIFE of 18 years of age - has been arrested, shut up in a cell, and forced to eat with the new commandant!

And in what a manner! All put into a Black Maria with shutters and heavy machine guns! In the presence of hundreds, thousands of bystanders.

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The Vice Chief of Police Laver TUNICA, after abandoning his wife and son to the rebels out of his lofty sense of duty, is in jail. Vice Chief of Police Dr. WILK, who, being also a citizen of ARGENTINA, has served ITALY for 90 months as an ordinary black shirt on all fronts, is arrested and deprived of all his worldly goods.

Poison rankles in every one of the 24 wounds the Communists gave him.

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And in what a manner! ALL put into a Black Maria with shutters and heavy machine guns! In the presence of hundreds, thousands of bystanders.

The seat of the government is occupied by a legion of robbers. All is systematically sacked. My money, fruits of my honesty, (strange words for these times) work, all carried away. Even the strong box of the Detachment was taken away. Clothes, valuable objects, personal objects of the men all robbed. After rapidly being requisitioned and

assigned, our vehicles are rambling about the city. The biggest laugh of all is the saying about a drum of gasoline "White gasoline reserved for Chief of Police BERTINI".

And the invaders, which is the correct term, divide the booty. It seems to be the epoch of the VILLAINS.

The Prisoners instead, yours and our enemies, circulate throughout the gardens enjoying the spectacle and receiving their relations. Some have already escaped. Others certainly will escape.

While the occupants eat at our mess-halls using our goods they also drink like mad our wines and liquors in our rooms.

All the documents, fruits of months of hard work, destroyed, vanished or pulverized. And with these the documents of the C.I.M., the only originals in all of ITALY.

But, the documents compromising the Allies, where are they? There are the documents of evidence thrown against the Chief of Police BERTINI and LAUTI. Certainly they have disappeared. Where is the evidence which pinned back Dr. CERCHI and his cohort.

Now everything is over. But one thing is certain DUCE, that no Police Department will ever be able to re-organize such a solid block of homogenous people, so honest, so entirely fascist, and so pure as ours.

Do you know DUCE, that the undersigned not only has never collected stipends, but up until now has always dished out, with his collaborators Dr. TELA and AVV. TRINCA, more than two million into the strong box of the Detachment.

Did you know, DUCE, that the undersigned refused the office of chief of police of MILANO and made his collaborators refuse it?

Did you know, DUCE, that the undersigned was never reprimanded for arbitrary behaviour, sequestrations, embezzlements, sacking, so

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Did you know, DUCE, that the undersigned was never reprimanded for arbitrary behaviour, sequestrations, embazlements, sacking, so called restitutions, all being done these days in grand style in all police round-ups?

Did you know, DUCE, that the same Cardinal SCHUSTER, completely cleared the enormous lie of the scalding showers (small, inoffensive and normal showers used all over the world by clean persons to wash

themselves) was waiting for me yesterday at the Archbishopric and to establish the basis for a single anti-communistic front?

Did you also know, DUKE, that the undersigned several days ago offered himself to save the comrade Chief of Police MATSO and that this possibility was denied him?

I know that the Chief of Police was sent to make an inquiry yesterday. And do you, DUKE, hope to know the truth? The man that 4 times gave me his hand and his word of honor and gentleman while simultaneously was betraying me behind my back for secret ends, cannot bring you the truth. The proof for all this already exists. He did not make it up. They already exist and as usual have been put to silence. It is the usual system.

Excuse me for unburdening myself DUKE, but the pain of seeing myself in these moral conditions of dishonor sends me crazy.

And I, DUKE, swear before God and upon my wife who is the most precious person in the world that I possess, that I have a perfectly serene and tranquill conscience. I have served you and the country honestly and sincerely and all that was done by me and my subordinates was done for you and for the country.

Excuse my rough loyalty, DUKE.

But for me fidelity is a fixed rule of conduct, even when it is harsh and lacking in good manners.

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The Auxiliary Chief of Police

(s) Dr NOBLE Piero

I know that the Chief of Police was sent to make an inquest yesterday. And do you, DUCCE, hope to know the truth? The men that 4 times gave us his hand and his word of honor and gentleman while simultaneously was betraying us behind my back for secret ends, can not bring you the truth. The proof for all this already exists. He did not make it up. They already exist and as usual have been put to silence. It is the usual system.

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The Auxiliary Chief of Police

(s) Dr ROCH Piero

28 Sept 44 XXII

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APPENDIX 'B'

FILE NO. 473

KOCH, FIERRO to FARINACCI

I. KOCH severely criticized by FARINACCI 30 Oct 44 and 26 Oct 44.

A. KOCH judges FARINACCI from descriptions made by VARENA.

B. Documents sacked from KOCH office consigned to FARINACCI.

C. Capt. MILANESI called to MILANO to explain why certain "internal enemies" were slapped and beaten.

D. No rancor or vengeance responsible for the actions, merely Faith and dedication to the DUKE.

E. "He who has no political or moral place" should be eliminated. We have been preaching this for a long time, but it seems we never put it into practice.

F. If I ever have an audience with you FARINACCI, I will suggest certain ways to deal with "the so called persons angered with the Fensì Codes, those returned from exile, those exiled from the P.P. and adventures".

G. Your last phrase "Scontare gli errori" (atone for the errors) is not clear to me.

II. Story of the Special Police Detachment.

A. On Sept 25th at 1800 hrs. about 200 men blocked the seat of the government and intimated the surrender of all functionaries, about 50 people.

B. All functionaries present were taken to jail and the Headquarters taken over.

C. The day after, the action was justified, because a noted person, previously expelled from the party because of his convictions with efforts against the Republicans, was arrested in GERMANY and confessed that the Detachment was anti-fascist.

D. Of 46 men arrested, 40 were party members and of these, 24 were squadrist. (Fascist from inception)

E. After 6 days the Headquarters was re-taken, but all was sacked and robbed from the office. Loss estimated at 7 Million.

F. All documents vanished. Those of the G.C.I.N. taken to the head of the government as booty.

G. Listing of objects and documents taken away consists of 70 typewritten pages.

H. The big error was in arresting the Headquarters Operation, but Headquarters information which was unknown, escaped such

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- C. Capt. MILANEI called to MILANO to explain why certain "internal enemies" were slapped and beaten.
- D. No rancor or vengeance responsible for the actions, merely Faith and dedication to the DUE.
- E. "He who has no political or moral place" should be eliminated. We have been preaching this for a long time, but it seems we never put it into practice.
- F. If I ever have an audience with you MARINACCI, I will suggest certain ways to deal with "the so called persons angered with the Penal Codes, those returned from exile, those expelled from the P.F. and adventures".
- G. Your last phrase "Scoutare gli errori" (atone for the errors) is not clear to me.
- II. Story of the Special Police Detachment.
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- G. Listing of objects and documents taken away consists of 70 typewritten pages.
- H. The big error was in arresting the Headquarters Operation, but Headquarters Information which was unknown, escaped such action and later compiled a 200 page report on the culpables of such baseness.
- III. Facts that link your personality and mine.
- A. Day of occupation, prisoners present in the Headquarters were taken from the security quarters, exchanged greetings and commiserations, received their relatives. About 60 detained persons present.

- B. 4 prisoners were real members of the C.C.L.N.
 - C. Important documents still in our possession.
 - D. Most of documents were stolen.
 - E. "Weston" radio of 1000 Km. taken, which connected C.N.L. with Gen. ALEXANDERS Headquarters.
 - F. Of the prisoners 15 are absent from the appeal. Eight have evaded in a tricky strange way, and 7 have been liberated.
 - G. Without listing them, 3 were members of the C.C.L.N.
 - 1. The Piedmontese Representative.
 - 2. The Action Party Representative.
 - 3. The military representative.
 - H. Three of the 15 were outright spies on enemy pay - And so away - - - The others that remain are no less.
 - I. Two members of the C.C.L.N. - Three members of the Regional Committee and three members of the Provincial Committee together with seven other inspectors are locked in the San VITTORIO jail.
 - J. Amongst the prisoners, there is an Ex-Honorable and a Colonel who escaped from a jail in BRESCIA (where he was awaiting his execution). They attested that they were never involved in politics, more so they were forced to sign.
 - K. Only these above mentioned incidents Hon. Minister, shows what kind of people Capt. MILANESI associated with.
- IV. I won't stop with the Capt. MILANESI affair. I won't discuss the irregularity of the procedure and the false documents of the detained.
- A. All is nothing in view of the fact that to kill a Fascist, an anti-fascist is needed.
 - B. In your newspaper column you write of "Antipathy, rancor and personal vengeance". The title of the article is "Salutary Actions".
 - C. For my age I have contributed the maximum of duty as a good ITALIAN. I have fought on four fronts - and a specialty that does not call for desertion (Sardegna in Commando).
 - D. I have given my life because as a "criminal of war" the "others" so say, I have no right to life.
 - E. I have never been a Savage, nor have I ever given orders for Savagery.
 - F. Whatever Capt. MILANESI had the prisoners attest, it will never serve as evidence of savagery.

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- G. Whatever false medical report that you care to have made, will never prove this.

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APPENDIX 'C'

KOCH, PIETRO

FILE NO. 479

I. 1. Letter to woman known as TARATINA - personal - mentions names of TRINCA and TILA, KAZLER and AFFOLICCHIO mentioned as to precisely what are their plans. VARENA mentioned in connection with FARINACCI who according to writer is the only person possibly interested in releasing him from jail. CARDONA is mentioned in this letter and a second letter is addressed to this party.

These two letters are copies, NOT originals.

2. Letter to CARDONA - Inquires about GONDALINI and asks to hear what JANNARONE has to say. Sends best wishes to GUGLIELMO and TARUCCI (or TONDUCCI).

II. Memo to DUCE on transfer of KOCH to MILANO for interrogation 27/11/44.

III. Note stating that records of KOCH have been sent to the Ministry of Justice on order of DUCE 25/11/44.

IV. A twenty-three page report by KOCH to MUSSOLINI 17/11/44. This report is to reveal facts that would "stupefy MUSSOLINI" concerning betrayals, swindlings, tangles and deceptions even on behalf of MUSSOLINI. Relates chiefly to the six day seizure of headquarters in MILANO by the "MUTI".

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2. Supposed to have had a meeting with ex-minister RICCIARDI and CARDINAL SCHUSTER and four political members of C.L.N. (COMITATO CENTRALE di LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE) concerning a truce and exchange of hostages.

3. Accuses QUESTORE BETTINI of sabotaging the new police set-up and makes note of the looting of valuable files from headquarters by the "MUTI". The personal files of QUESTORE BETTINI, COMANDANTE OLIMBO and QUESTORE PENIZIO were withheld by the individuals concerned. Other personal files were returned to interested parties including minister FARINACCI.

4. Relates incidents of the six day occupation of headquarters by the "MUTI" and the QUESTURA.

5. Accuses the "avante" of a "CONTE DI TULEDO" certain of the "MUTI" of having taken some valuable papers from headquarters.

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6. KOCH is accused of being anti-fascist and collaborating with Minister BUTTARINI.

V. Letter from Minister BUTTARINI to MUSSOLINI concerning arrest and interrogation of KOCH 6/10/44.

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- VII. Memo to MUSSOLINI on arrest and release of KOCH and his subsequent arrest which was unfavorably regarded. 17/10/44.
- VIII. Memo to MUSSOLINI from BASSI MARIO dated 2 Oct 44. Head of Province of MILAN states that all the city breathes a sigh of relief to be liberated from KOCH'S police.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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22 May 45
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SUBJECT : War Crime

TO : AFHQ G-5.

The attached report of a War Crime committed in the Village of
Fragheto di Castelcelci is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :


G.R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 34
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 4/23.1/CA

SUBJECT : War Crimes

TO : AFHQ G-5 Section

1 May 45

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The undermentioned letters are forwarded for information

- 1 AME 8 Army CA/124 of 20 April enclosing report from CARO DORIA
- 2 AME 8 Army CA/124 of 27 April enclosing report from P.O. BLOCHNA.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 4/29.1/CA ✓

SUBJECT : War Crimes

TO : AFHQ G-5 Section

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Files (3) in regard to Rhonagh Maureen ROBE alias Roma SPERNI
are forwarded for action.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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G.R. UFJOHN Brig,
VP CA Section

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 4/29.1/44 ✓

29 April 45

SUBJECT : Italian Officer

TO : A2HQ G-5 Section

The enclosed letter from the British Embassy, Athens, deals with an alleged War Crime. It is passed to you for action.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER


G.P. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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27 April 45 17A

SUBJECT : War Crimes

TO : HQ ABHQ G-5 Section

The attached report on an atrocity at IMOLA is forwarded for information and such action as may be considered necessary.

A.D. BONHAM CARTER
Lt Colonel,
for VP CA Section

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23rd April, 1945

SUBJECT: John Charles Anthony SPERNI - British renegade.
TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. Three copies of the final report on J.C.A. SPERNI are attached hereto for the attention of G-2 Section, Allied Force Headquarters under their reference CBI 389.450/A-23.
2. SPERNI is at present detained in "R" Civilian Internee Camp.
3. The original documents are being held by Captain GALE of this Headquarters, and instructions are awaited as to the prisoner's disposal.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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A.D. Bonham-Carter, Lt. Col.
CBO Civil Affairs Section.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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25 March 1945

G-5: 313.3

SUBJECT: Interim Report on British
Investigation of War Crimes in Italy. *15A*

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

Herewith, attached is one copy of report
on above quoted subject, forwarded for your informa-
tion.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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INTERIM REPORT ON BRITISH INVESTIGATION

OF WAR CRIMES IN ITALY.

ORGANIZATION

1. A conference was held at AFHQ on 18 Aug 44 for the purpose of re-organizing the investigation of war crimes in this theatre. Previously, the instructions issued by this HQ provided that investigation would be carried out by unit commanders either alone or with the assistance of Field Security Sections. It was found, however, that unit commanders had insufficient time to devote to these investigations and that Field Security Sections lacked the experience of criminal investigation which was required to bring the cases to a successful conclusion. It was accordingly agreed that investigation should in future be carried out by SIB Sections; this was put into force immediately on an experimental basis, and the decisions reached at the conference, slightly modified in the light of experience gained, were eventually embodied in this HQ CS/15000/5-1(E) of 11 Jan 45 (copy at AFHQ "1").
2. The first section allotted exclusively to this work was 76 Section SIB and the HQ of this section was established at the office of DEAF(SIB) AFHQ, with the necessary central card indexes and filing systems. Detachments of this section proceeded independently to localities in which investigations were required. It soon became evident that one Section was insufficient to deal with the number of cases involved and 60 Section SIB was also allotted exclusively to this work, again with its HQ at AFHQ. Since the war crimes requiring investigation could be divided broadly into atrocities against civilians and crimes against our own PW or ex-PW, 76 Section was allotted exclusively to the Italian cases and 60 Section to the PW cases.
3. As the extent of the problem became clearer application was made to the War Establishment Committee for a special establishment for these two Sections. A copy of this War Establishment is attached at App "B". It provides for 10 Sgt. investigators who normally work in pairs, each pair being provided with an interpreter and a Jeep. The investigating personnel are sub-divided into 3 Sub-Sections, each with a CSI and a Cpl Clerk. Two additional Sgts (a clerk and a draughtsman/photographer) are provided for Section HQ.
4. The volume of work has also necessitated the allocation of one Staff Capt G-1(Er) A-3, exclusively to this work, and a simplified form of card indexing is maintained in this Section in order that the general work of investigation may be co-ordinated and controlled.

MATERIAL FOR INVESTIGATION.

5. At the date of the conference on 18 Aug 44 very little information on which investigations could be based had reached this HQ. As a result, however, of preliminary instructions issued after the conference, a great

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6. A surprisingly small number of reports have been received from units in the forward area. This is no doubt due to the fact that comparatively little territory has been liberated during the closing months of the year 1944, and it is to be expected that should a rapid advance take place a large number of reports will be received from this source.

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7. The principal sources from which information has been obtained are as follows :-

- (a) Interrogation by CSNIC of our own ex-PW who have come through the line.
- (b) Interrogation of enemy prisoners of war.
- (c) Reports from AIB Officers based on information passed to them by the civil authorities.
- (d) Reports from persons working behind the enemy lines which reach this HQ generally from Psychological Warfare Branch.

8. Some 3,000 reports on interrogation of ex-PW from the theatre and Middle East were specially examined so that information from this source might be kept up to date. This relates mainly to charges of ill-treatment in PW Camps and a special report for the British National Office on the material extracted is in draft and will be forwarded shortly.

9. A close liaison has been established between the Allied PW Registration Unit and the SIB, and whenever an ex-PW has any information of special interest the SIB are informed immediately in order that they themselves may take statements from him before he is repatriated. A similar liaison has been established with regard to interrogation of enemy PW and some particularly interesting information has been obtained from this source, including in many cases information as to the actual personnel responsible for the crimes in question.

10. The closest liaison has also been established between the SIB and G-2 Section of this HQ, since the successful identification of the enemy units and personnel responsible depends on full information concerning the German Order of Battle in any area at any given time. Many details as to German personalities have also been gathered from this source and great assistance has been obtained in advising upon identifications of German units from documents left behind by them in the localities which they have vacated.

INVESTIGATION OF ATROCITIES AGAINST ITALIAN CIVILIANS.

11. There are approximately 200 cases awaiting investigation, and of these 12 have been investigated in detail and in 7 cases enquiries are in hand. Courts of Inquiry have been held in 2 cases, to record the evidence of witnesses on oath and the proceedings are being forwarded to the War Office for the publication of the British National Office and United Nations War Crime Commission. In each of these cases it is considered that sufficient evidence has been recorded to reach a successful conclusion. A Court of Inquiry is being convened early in March in a third case where one of the accused who is a PW will be present, represented by Defence Counsel and given the opportunity of cross-examining witnesses. A completed report of the investigation of murder of two civilians at PONCERIVCO, which did not show sufficient evidence of responsibility to

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12. In order to complete an investigation it is sometimes necessary to take as many as 250 statements from different witnesses. These witnesses are frequently in remote villages to reach which the only possible vehicle is a Jeep. Even a Jeep cannot always complete the journey and the remaining miles must be travelled on foot. Frequently due to weather conditions or bridges being down it is necessary to travel three times the actual distance

actual distance to reach even the towns and large villages. In order to expedite the investigations and to reduce loss of time in travelling, all MGs locate themselves in the area in which they are working. Normally they remain there for six days taking rationing and bedding with them, returning to their Detachment HQ on Saturdays for conference and maintenance of vehicles.

13. The work of the investigators is exacting. It involves being amongst the local inhabitants, taking statements from persons who have been subjected to atrocious and brutal treatment, and often requires the examination of bodies long since buried. In many cases names are still laid and it is necessary to make arrangements for an area to be examined before work can proceed.

14. In some cases, particularly when information has been obtained from enemy PWs, the names of those responsible are known before the investigation starts, and these cases are given high priority for investigation; even then it may happen that owing to the length of time between the occurrence and the report, or to the population of the locality having scattered, it is difficult to obtain concrete proof against the person reported to be responsible. Sometimes the whole village has been destroyed and all the inhabitants killed so that there are no living witnesses and no relatives to identify the dead. By the time the bodies are discovered there is small chance of identification except from the little clothing which remains and any personal possession which may be found with the corpses.

15. On the other hand, a case where at the start nothing is known as to the identity of those responsible, except that they were German soldiers, may succeed as a result of finding some small piece of evidence. As an example, in the case of the shooting of 48 innocent civilians at SAN POLA, the finding of a receipt for a horse and cart which had been requisitioned led to an identification. This receipt had been given on the day of the crime by the Commander of the unit concerned, and the receipt bore the PHILIPPO number of the unit and the commanding officer's signature. A check with A-2 supplied the name of the officer who was commanding the unit at that time, which resembles the signature appearing on the receipt.

16. It will be seen that such small items as receipts, letters left by the Germans concerned and names known to the local population may not be discovered at the beginning of the investigation. One person's evidence leads to another, and it may happen that the last person from whom a statement is taken supplies the vital link which completes the case. This type of work can be carried out only by highly trained investigators and the one Section allotted to it, even with its increased establishment, can only tackle a small fraction of the total number of cases on which information reaches this HQ.

17. It might be thought that since these cases involve the murder of Italian subjects the work should be carried out by personnel supplied by the Italian Government. This is, however, regarded as impracticable since success can only be achieved by co-ordination of the information obtained from interrogations and intelligence, with inquiries on the ground. The most that can be done is to obtain assistance from Italian

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18. Information coming through the German lines from partisans and ex-PW indicates that large scale atrocities have taken place throughout the parts of ITALY still in German occupation. Many of these cases are ready for investigation immediately it is possible to enter the localities affected.

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The German propaganda document, of which a copy appears at the "C" indicates that this subject is giving the Germans themselves some cause for alarm, but there is nothing to indicate that this or any other similar orders which may have been issued have resulted in any diminution of the murder and torture of innocent people.

INVESTIGATION OF WAR CRIMES AGAINST BRITISH PW AND EX-PW.

19. Investigations are based on interrogation of our own PW who have come through the lines, though information about the murder of escaped PW before they can get through the lines reveals this in some cases from Italian sources. The work of 6C Section SUB is therefore divided into an investigation of conditions in Italian and German PW Camps in NORTH AFRICA and ITALY prior to the armistice, and to investigation of murders of our own ex-prisoners. The latter part of the work closely resembles that of 7B Section.

20. The investigation of war crimes against our own ex-prisoners prior to the armistice presents considerable difficulties in view of the lapse of time. The detailed examination of all interrogator reports provides the basis for this work and with the assistance of Italian lists have now been obtained of the Italian staffs of most of the camps. Investigation is, however, complicated by the fact that most of the camp records have either been destroyed or removed by the Germans. The only fruitful line of investigation appears to be to endeavour to locate Italians who were on the staffs or lived in the neighbourhood of PW Camps who are willing to give information and this line is being pursued. Inevitably these inquiries are far more difficult than those into atrocities against the Italian civilians, since many of the offenders are probably still living in the neighbourhood and will do everything possible to prevent themselves being implicated.

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

21. A certain number of orders and copies of orders have been captured which contain direct instructions or strong incitement to commit atrocities as reprisals for partisan activities. These documents are considered of the greatest importance and when their exact origins have been established will be forwarded through the War Office to the British National Office for War Crimes.

CONCLUSION.

22. The results of the first six months intensified investigation of war crimes are considered on the whole to be satisfactory. It is **1464** that the number of investigations which have been completed is small, but a very complete record of all that has taken place has been compiled and fresh information is discovered daily, which tends to build up each case to an eventual conclusion in so far as this is possible.

23. A preliminary list of enemy personnel required for interrogation should they be captured, has been compiled and copies have been forwarded to the War Office under cover of this HQ letter CR/15002/G-1(B) dated 25 Feb

INVESTIGATION OF WAR CRIMES AGAINST BRITISH PW AND EX-PW.

19. Investigations are based on interrogation of our own PW who have come through the lines, though information about the murder of escaped PW before they are put through the lines reaches this HQ sometimes from Italian sources. The work of 60 Section SIB is therefore divided into an investigation of conditions in Italian and German PW Camps in NORTH AFRICA and ITALY prior to the armistice, and to investigation of murders of our own ex-prisoners. The latter part of the work closely resembles that of 70 Section.

20. The investigation of war crimes against our own prisoners prior to the armistice presents considerable difficulties in view of the lapse of time. The detailed examination of all interrogation reports provides the basis for this work and with the assistance of field lists have not been obtained of the Italian staffs of most of the camps. Investigation is, however, complicated by the fact that most of the camp records have either been destroyed or retained by the Germans. The only fruitful line of investigation appears to be to endeavour to locate Italians who were on the staffs or lived in the neighbourhood of PW Camps who are willing to give information and this line is being pursued. Inevitably these inquiries are far more difficult than those into atrocities against the Italian civilians, since many of the offenders are probably still living in the neighbourhood and will do everything possible to prevent themselves being implicated.

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

21. A certain number of orders and copies of orders have been captured which contain direct instructions or strong incitement to commit atrocities as reprisals for partisan activities. These documents are considered of the greatest importance and when their exact origins have been established will be forwarded through the War Office to the British National Office for War Crimes.

CONCLUSION.

22. The results of the first six months intensified investigation of war crimes are considered on the whole to be satisfactory. It is **1484** that the number of investigations which have been completed is small, but a very complete record of all that has taken place has been compiled and fresh information is discovered daily, which tends to build up each case to an eventual conclusion in so far as this is possible.

23. A preliminary list of enemy personnel required for interrogation should they be captured, has been compiled and copies have been forwarded to the War Office under cover of this HQ letter GR/15002/G-1(B) dated 23 Feb 45; copies have also been forwarded to SHAEF and MIDEAST and to all interested Sections and formations in this theatre.

Effective date 26 January 45

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Appendix 'B'

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MURKIN INVESTIGATION SECTION C.M.F.
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Units No.	26 Jan 45
Officers	3
O.Ns.	43
Total	46
H.Qs.	-
Vehicles	15
Troilers	-

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(4) Personnel

Deputy assistant provost marshal (non-staff)
Lieutenants

Total, officers

Company sergeant-majors

Sergeants (includes 1 clerk and 1 draughtsman/photographer)
Clerks (privates)

Total, other ranks

Total, all ranks

1
2
3
3
20
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26
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Attached

Interpreters -

Corporals

Drivers, I.C. (includes 3 driver-mechanics)

R.M.M.E. - Vehicle mechanic (corporal)

A.C.O. - Cook

Total, attached

Total, special investigation section C.M.F. Central
Medicerranean (including attached)

(a) 2
(a) 6
1
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Cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2

Cars, 5-seater, 4 x 4

Trucks, 15-seater, 4 x 2, G.S.

Total, vehicles

(a) any can but not C.M.F.

NOTE

Drivers, I.C. and cooks, A.C.O. will be of 1st medical category.

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(i) Personnel

Deputy assistant provost marshal (non-staff)	2
Lieutenants	2
Total, officers	3
Company sergeant-majors	3
Sergeants (includes 1 clerk and 1 drugstore/photographer)	20
Clerks (corporals)	3
Total, other ranks	26
Total, all ranks	29

Attached

Interpreters -	(a) 3
Corporals	(a) 6
Drivers, I.O. (includes 3 driver-mechanics)	1
S.M.E. - Vehicle mechanic (corporal)	1
A.C.C. - Cook	1
Total, attached	17
Total, special investigation section C.M.P. Central	46
Admiral (including attached)	—

(ii) Transport

Cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2	3
Cars, 5-seater, 4 x 4	1
Trucks, 15-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	1
Total, vehicles	1483
	15

(a) any arm but not C.M.P.

NOTE
Drivers, I.O. and cooks, A.C.C. will be of low medical category.
Interpreters may be of low medical category.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENT

Rank and file - 1

This establishment will NOT be implemented without A.N.C. authority.

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Appendix 'O'

COPY of Circular letter addressed by VON RUM
to all officers of the Propaganda Section of Army
regt. and on. on the Italian front.

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"I am perfectly conscious of the sentiment of violent aversion nourished by the German soldiers against the Italians, including those Italians who for one reason or another continue to fight at our side. This negative attitude does our war effort. It is an emotional impulse which must be better hidden. I should therefore be very grateful to the officers to whom this letter is addressed if they would pay more attention to this and if they would also to the attitude of their men. It is necessary to organize some lectures in which it is explained what benefits Germany has received from the false political reconstruction of Fascist Italy. They must be convinced that the first object is to mobilize all the strength and productive possibilities of the part of Italy occupied by us in order to lighten German needs. Everything in occupied Italy must be exploited by us for our war effort. To obtain the best results every German soldier must understand this. This is our opportunity, for we can evade ourselves of the advantage of the concentrated hate that almost all Italians have for their Republican Fascist government. By using our intelligence we can turn this hate in our favor. During the first months after 8th September 43 the German armed forces succeeded in representing the only legal authority in occupied Italy; therefore many Italians turned to us in their difficulties. This political good luck has facilitated our work, but lately our position vis-a-vis the Italians has become worse owing to acts of violence and reprisals committed by our soldiers against the civilian population. General Kesselring's order dated 2nd August 44 specifies clearly that indiscriminate reprisals against the civilian population rather than against the patriots diminishes the trust of the population in the German armed forces and furnishes excellent propaganda for the enemy. These acts on the part of the German troops, even if justifiable, must diminish. It is very urgent to change our behavior, not for humanitarian considerations, but in the cold calculation that this is the best way to take care of the interests of the German war effort in Italy.

The Fascist government, after its recognition as our ally, considered the following valuable to Germany - nearly all Italian gold, nearly all the ransom existing in Italy, great quantities of mercury, and many other precious materials. Besides this Mussolini agreed to send all the ordinary and finished products or half finished products which could be useful to our war industry. The Fascist government also collaborated sincerely in making available to our war industries thousands of workers necessary for our workshops, including the fortifications on the Swiss frontier at the river Esch. This recruiting for Italian war industry is well organized by the Fascist Prefetti and Podesta.

Therefore the German soldier's attitude towards the Italian population is decidedly important. Whether we hate the Italians or not is of no importance; the important thing is that we must obtain from Italy everything possible for our war effort. After five years of war we cannot give ourselves the luxury of spoiling favorable situations just to satisfy our emotions. Our sentiment must be held

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 000.5-6

25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: War Criminals.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Chief Commissioner).

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1. Reference your message number S-410 dated 9 January 1945.
2. This Headquarters approves your reply to the Italian Government to the effect that Allied Commission will take no steps for the removal of General Orlando until requested either by the Allied Governments or this Headquarters as set out in paragraph one of your message.
3. It is confirmed that you may assume that no official recognition should be given the Broadcast in question unless and until the United Nations War Crimes Commission in London shall have itself placed General Orlando's name on its official list of War Criminals.

T. R. METZ, Colonel,
Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

19 January 1945

Dear

Although war crimes are not strictly a concern on this Section, we continually get involved, as, for instance, over the nine Italian officers of the GARIBOLDI Division now held by TITO allegedly on charges of committing war crimes.

So far as I can make out there is a distinction between crimes that are to be dealt with immediately by the Armed Forces engaged in operations and those that are reserved for trial later; but I don't know how or where the distinction is drawn.

As I understand it, in international law there are four well known classes of war crimes; violations of the rules of warfare by members of the Armed Forces (the more usual use of the term "war crimes"), hostile action by civilians, espionage and marauding. It seems that a belligerent can, at least by international law, try such cases immediately by military courts or such other courts as it may determine.

On the other hand the statement regarding atrocities of the MOSCOW Conference deals specifically with "atrocities, massacres and executions" and does not use the words "war crimes" (CF declaration on ITALY). It appears to seek to amend the "international law war crime" in several ways, e.g., contemplation of action after Armistice, widening of classes of offenders liable to punishment, and specific provisions for jurisdiction. Further, this declaration only refers to Germans, (extract attached for easy reference).

Two points strike me, first that the declaration on German atrocities does not, and was not intended to, limit the recognized international law on war crimes but was intended to expand it in relation to Germany, and, secondly that it may be the policy of the United Nations to defer trials for all, or certain classes of, war crimes in order to avoid reprisals.

I believe you discussed war crimes on your recent visit to England and I should be most grateful if you would let me know the latest views. I understand a broad directive on the whole subject is under preparation by CCS but meanwhile the Yugoslavs have already shot at least three Italian officers, and have more in the bag, on charges of alleged war crimes. I have little doubt that the Yugoslavs

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can produce first class arguments for their action: a reasonable answer would be that the War Crimes Commission (on which they have a delegate) had decided to defer trials till after hostilities and to provide specifically for jurisdiction. But have they, and if so, in respect of what crimes?

Maybe I'm talking nonsense, if so, you will doubtless tell me - but such informal guidance as you can offer will be thankfully received.

D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Colonel

Incls:
as above.

Brigadier G. R. Upjohn,
DCCS, Civil Affairs,
Hq, Allied Commission,
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Extract of text of Moscow
Declaration

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Declaration on ITALY.

"Fascist Chiefs and Army Generals known or suspected to be War Criminals shall be arrested and handed over to Justice."

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Declaration on
atrocities.

"At the time of the granting of any Armistice to any Government which may be set up in Germany, those German Officers and men and members of the Nazi party who have been responsible for or have taken a consenting part in the above atrocities, massacres and executions will be sent back to the countries in which their abominable deeds were done in order that they may be judged and punished according to the laws of these liberated countries and of the free Governments which will be erected therein."

Later it states that the declaration is without prejudice to the cases of German criminals whose offenses (SIC) have no particular geographical localisation and who will be punished by the joint decision of the Governments of the Allies.

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PWS UNITED NATIONS NEWS DISPATCH FROM LONDON DATED JANUARY EIGHTEEN AS YET UNPUBLISHED HERE STATES THAT ACCORDING TO BROADCAST BY GUSTAV VON HUGENLAY RADIO AND QUOTE CMA THE HUGENLAY WAR CRIMES COMMISSION HAS NAMED GENERAL ORLANDO CMA PRESENTLY COMMANDER GARIBOLDINI CMA IN ITS LIST OF WAR CRIMINALS PD BASED ON PRECEDENT IN ONE NEWS FOUR TIMES WHEN HE ASKED HUGENLAY TO REMOVE BOMITA AND AMROSIO CMA ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHO WAS NOTIFIED BY PWS OF THIS DISPATCH HAS ASKED IF WE DESIRE ORLANDOS REMOVAL PD I AM REPLYING THAT UNTIL YOU OR ALLIED GOVERNMENTS REQUEST HIS REMOVAL THE COMMISSION DOES NOT INTEND TO DO SO PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACRED CMA UNITED STATES POLAD AND BRITISH ARMY FROM HQ
ALCOM FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN

PARK TWO PD COMMENT CMA I ASSURE THAT NO OFFICIAL COMMENT IS TO BE GIVEN TO THIS BROADCAST UNTIL AND UNLESS UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION IN LONDON SHALL HAVE THEMSELVES PLACED ORLANDOS NAME ON ITS OFFICIAL LIST OF WAR CRIMINALS

DISTRIBUTION:

Sir Noel Charles
 Hon. Alexander Kirk
 Political Sec.
 CA Section
 Chief of Staff

Chief Commissioner

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 Rear Admiral
 Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 392
Civil Affairs Section

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Ref: 1/29/1/CA

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SUBJECT: War Crimes.

TO: AFHQ G-5 Section.

1. The w/m documents in connection with an alleged war crime which took place in March '44 at Soriano are forwarded for disposal by the appropriate branch of your Headquarters.

- a) Statement by PIRSI Paolo
- b) " PANDINELLO Pietro
- c) " GREGORIO Cesare
- d) " CASTELLANI Eutasio
- e) " RIGGI Ferdinando
- f) " PARNERI Lello
- g) " CIENTO Gesualdo
- h) " CARRINI Eutasio
- i) " SANTONNI Crispyne
- j) Denouncement by RIGGI Ferdinando
- k) Copy of report by Sgt. S.R. COMPTON, 412 Field Security Sec.

2. The documents are forwarded to you as no specific instructions under para IV of GHO 697/44 have as yet been received by this Section.

3. No signal has been sent in accordance with the instructions contained in GHO 697 as the events took place in March of this year and the statements were made on the 14th June.

4. Your attention is drawn to the fact that according to the statement contained in para 3 of Sgt. Compton's report, the two men PALLINO Romano and CHIANI Dante were arrested and presumably are still in custody.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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R.R. O'NEILS. Col.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AC/1119/L.

SUBJECT : Alleged War Crimes.

TO : C.A. Sec. (Attention Col. R.R. Cripps).

1. Herewith file of papers in connection with an alleged war crime forwarded by LAZIO-UMBRIA Region for necessary action.

2. It is understood that the two men, RINALDO Romano and CHIANI Dante, are in Soriano gaol.

W. M. Bennett
W. M. BENNETT,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 000.5-1

27 October 1944

SUBJECT: War Crimes.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Civil Affairs Section)

1. Under date of 16 Oct 1944 (Ref 4/29.1/CA) subject as above there were forwarded to this HQ by your Section certain reports of alleged war crimes at Molini di Buccio. Reference was made to AFHQ Circular C1 (E) 3305/A3 dated 6th February.

2. Your attention is invited to GRO 697/44 which indicates the present procedure for reporting War Crimes and cancels the provisions of the Circular of 6 February.

for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref: 1/29.1/GA

17.Oct.'44.

SUBJECT:- War Crimes.TO:- G-5 Section AFHQ.

1. The u/a documents received in this office which refer to the treatment of an escaped prisoner of war are forwarded to you for disposal in accordance with para.4 of AFHQ circular G-1(B)3305/83 dated 6 Feb.
 - a) A letter from Lt.Col.Augusto CASTALDO Commanding D'Amansio Band of Partisans with autograph of Lt.J.Selkman attached.
 - b) Report and translation by Capt Tencredi TODARO.
2. This HQ has not advised the South African military authorities in view of the standing instructions with regard to these matters from a security angle. It is suggested that you may wish to do this.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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R.R. Gripps
R.R. GRIPPS, Col.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 334
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

4/29.1/AS

30 Aug 44

SUBJECT : War Crimes.

TO : G. 5 Section A.F.H.Q.

In accordance with para 4, A.F.H.Q. Director G. 1B 3305/A3 dated 6 February 1944, the under mentioned documents are connected with allied War Crime at RATHA are forwarded for onward transmission to U.S.A.C. A.F.H.Q. if you deem fit.

- (a) Letter O.A.O. Matera to R.C.A.O. Region 2 dated 10 Oct 1943
- (b) Letter R. G. Region to CC Ref: RUA/47 dated 27 Jan 43
- (c) Statement by Ved. Marina Giuseppina 2 copies.
- (d) Statement by Ing. Mirko Gairola (5 Jan 43)
- (e) Statement by Lt Col Rocco Sanseverino.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

R. R. CRISP
R. R. CRISP, Col.
V. P. Admin Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

4/29.1/AS

30 Aug 44

SUBJECT : War Crimes.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

1 The undermentioned documents which refer to an alleged war crime at RIETI Hospital are forwarded to you for onward transmission.

- a Letter RLO Region IV ref 0/11 dated 14 Jul 44.
- b Statement by Dott Luigi Barone.
- c Statement by Suore Emilia and Guidditta Manfredini.
- d Statement by Dott Valerio De Santis with statements of Sgt Hancock and Olivieri attached.
- e Statement by Dott Fernando Ricca, Procuratore del Re di Rieti.
- f Statement by Dott Giocchino Raspini, Giudice Istruttore di Rieti.
- g Personal details of the deceased soldier Dick Donagan.

2 The latest information dated 17 Aug 44 is that MILLESIMI is still at large, believed to be in hiding in the area of LARRO. Further search for him is being made and you will be advised of any results.

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R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS, Col
for VP Admin Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OFFICIAL COMMISSION
AFO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

4/29.1/AS

25 Aug 44

SUBJECT : German Atrocities.

TO : AFO (Attn: Acting Adjutant General).

Reference is our AFOO.5/CA1 - 2 dated 24 Aug 44.

- 1 In accordance with instructions contained in your HQ letter referenced G-1 B/3505/3 para 4 dated 6 Feb 44, all papers concerning war atrocities brought to the attention of this HQ have been forwarded to G-5 Section of your HQ for onward transmission to DPO.
- 2 According to records held by this Section a total of ten (10) such occurrences have been so dealt with. In addition, one other case which concerned also Italian SS personnel has been forwarded to HQ AAI for onward transmission under reference 4/29.1/AS dated 16 Aug 44.
- 3 Further, two alleged cases which occurred in October 1943 have been brought to the notice of this Section recently. The papers are in course of assembly and will be forwarded as set out in para 1 above.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

R.E. CRISP, Col
For Acting Head, Admin Section.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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11 August 44

SUBJECT : Was Grinas.

TO : AFHQ (Attn: G-5)

In accordance with para 4 of your HQ.5 G/1B/3305/A3 dated 6 Feb 44.
The attached documents in connection with atrocities which it is alleged have
occurred at PALAZZO DE FERRO and BADIEROCE are forwarded for onward transmission
to DIAF if you deem fit.

FOR ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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G.R. USJOHN Col,
A/NA. Admin Sec.

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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, FIFTY ARMY
APO #464

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27 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT : The Massa Massacre.

RE : Investigation and Report.

After the fall of Fascism 25 July 1943, many people in the town of Niccioletta, Prov. of Grosseto, population of 200 families, gave vent to their hidden feelings and manifested their anti-Fascist thoughts. There remained in the town some adherents to the Fascist cause. When the Nazi-Fascists regained power they had at their disposal information which enabled them to point out friend and foe. Many of the determined Fascist enemies were forced to take to the hills, but others curtailed their anti-Fascist activities because they were under constant surveillance of Fascist spies. This state lasted until the Allies drove up the Italian peninsula.

During the first week of June when it became apparent that the Allies would soon arrive, the Partisan became very active and caused much trouble for the Germans. On 5 June 1944, a Captain SENGEK and a Lt. ARNUT of the Feldgendarmerie stationed at Villa Silvana, at Pian di Mucini near Niccioletta, visited the director of the Montecatini Mining Co., at Niccioletta, one Dr. LUCIANO MORI UBALDINI, and demanded from him the names of all workers in the mine who had anti-German sentiments. UBALDINI told them that he knew of no one having anti-German feelings, and that the workers had not caused any disturbance. In fact everything at the mine was much quieter than it ever been before. UBALDINI was released and told to report to the Feldgendarmerie the following day and to have with him a local German speaking mining engineer, a certain Valdemar BOEKLIN to act as an interpreter. UBALDINI reported. After a vain attempt to get the names of the anti-Nazis, the officers released him and instructed him to send to their office the following named workers: CICALONI Eugenio, MASTACCHINI, ROSSI Socrate, FALLERINI Bruno, and Pietro, OLIVELLI Primo and Agostino. These men, in order not compromise UBALDINI, reported as requested to the German Officers the next day.

The German officers questioned first CICALONI and then MASTACCHINI. The following conversation took place:

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"You are good honest workers; you do not wish to find yourselves in trouble; hence you will tell us the truth. You know that among you there are those friendly toward Germany."

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"Yes, we know who your friends are".

"How many do you know and who are they?"

The two questioned gave the names of those known to be friends of the Germans.

"Then if you know those who are our friends, you must know those who are our enemies; you must give us their names."

The two realized that they had been tricked and attempted to evade the question. The officer threatened the two, had them locked in a room and posted a guard at the door. ROSSI, waiting in another room, heard the questioning. He foresaw his own treatment and, seeing a chance to escape, ran out and fled. A little while later the two who had been questioned were released.

On 8 June 1944, the above-mentioned German officers were on their way to Siena when they were captured by the Partisans and shot. The same day the Fascist town officials left the Province, the Republican Guard was dissolved, and the Carabinieri ceased performing their duties. The town left without police supervision. A citizens's Committee was formed to maintain order and protect property. Many men of the town took turns as guards.

On the evening of 9 June 1944 a group of Partisans entered the town, visited Fascist homes, took arms from the Carabinieri station, then withdrew without causing further disturbance. Three Republican Fascists, CALABRO PASQUALE, MUCCIOTTI Aurelio, and MAGGI Fresildo reported the incident to the German command at the Villa Silvana. All was calm for the next three days.

On the evening of 12 June 1944, three companies of Italian SS, commanded by German officers, arrived in the vicinity and surrounded the town, took vantage points, and placed machineguns to cover all possible escape routes. One group of SS troops entered the town, made a methodical search of every premise, herded the men out of their homes, drove them to the town Piazza and took their personal belongings. Six of the men, SARGENTONI Ettore, his two sons, Alizardo and Aldo, BAFFETTI Rinaldo, GHIGI Antimo, and BARABISSI Bruno were taken into the town's Dopolavoro Hall where they were questioned and later beaten mercilessly. These men were shot the next morning, the execution taking place near the town's general store. The other men of the town were driven into an air raid shelter and there kept under guard. The town was then declared under martial law.

On the Morning of 13 June 1944, The German officers told the Germanophiles, who are reputedly held responsible for the massacre by the townspeople, that it was no longer safe for them to remain in the vicinity; if they wished, they could leave with them. The following people took advantage of the German reward: CALABRO Pasquale, MUCCIOTTI Aurelio and wife Alaide, ~~1944~~ Giocondo

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and Alfredo, CARDINI Nicola, BELLINI Matilde, SANTI Alfonso and Sirio, SANTI Silvia, SIMONI Leonella, TURPINI Luigi and Elena, TADIEI Ettore and Alda, SOP-
FELSA Giuseppe and Maria, PASQUINELLI Armando, and MAGGI Presildo. These
people were transported to northern Italy.

On the Afternoon of 13 June 1944 the prisoners were called out of
the air raid shelter, herded on the highway and forced to walk to Poggio al
Piovano where they were loaded on trucks and driven to Castelnuovo di Val di
Cecina, arriving there at 0100 14 June 1944. The men remained in the town's
theater where they had been placed under guard, until late that afternoon.
The German officers and soldiers who had been at Niccioleta entered the theater,
read the names of those men who had acted as vigilantes from a list they had
confiscated when they searched the town. These men were taken aside and shot.
Later other men were called, formed into four or five groups, then each group
was taken out and shot. In all, eighty-three men from Niccioleta were massa-
cred, and five others from other communities. These men from Niccioleta who
were shot constituted mostly the classes of 1915 to 1925, including those whose
names had been found on the list of vigilantes. About forty-five percent of
the adult male population of Niccioleta died, representing, in general, the
youth of the town.

The Germans never returned to Niccioleta, but they did warn the
men who were turned loose that they would be back, whether it be in one month
or six months, and at that time they would see if the people had been following
their orders to abstain from all Partisan activity. The names of the German
officers are not know. The names of many of the Italian SS are attached to
this memo., these names having been uncovered in Castelnuovo, Prov. of Livorno.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Atrocity at Istia, Prov. of Grosseto, 22 March 1944.

RE : Information and Disposition.

During this Agent's security survey of Grosseto, Prov. of Grosseto, the following information was gathered regarding an atrocity involving the deaths of 11 young men, on 22 March 1944 at a locality known as "Maiano Lavacchio" near Istia, Prov. of Grosseto.

In the early morning hours of 22 March 1944 some 250 Fascists and some 30 German soldiers gathered in the outskirts of Istia with the intention of making a thorough search of the surrounding hills for young men who had not answered the call to the Republican army. At about 0600 on 22 March 1944 they discovered 12 young men including a deserter from the German army. In the immediate confusion the German deserter succeeded in escaping. The captors took the men to a nearby farm house where an informal tribunal was held. At the tribunal were DE AFNA, Michele, who headed the search and who was commander of the Grosseto Guardia Repubblicana; PUCINI Inigo, founder and first political secretary of the Grosseto Fascio Repubblicano; GIABATTI Vittorio, a lieutenant in the Guardia Nazionale Repubblicana, and several others. The tribunal decision was execution en masse. The eleven executed were MATTEINI, Corrado; MATTEINI, Emanuele (brothers); GRAZI, Alfiero; GUIDONI Alvaro; MIGNANRI Alcide; PASSANANTI Alfonso; CIATTINI Rino; BEANCATI Antonio; SPORZI Attilio; MINUCCI Alvaro; and BECUCCI Mario. Immediately before the execution the men asked to speak to a priest -- this was denied them. Also before the execution several of the mothers present wanted to speak to their sons -- this too was denied them.

Many, including those named above, responsible for the execution fled with the retreating German army; others have been interned for the duration of the war on other charges as well as this, and several others are still at large.

Attached to this memorandum are declarations and accusations made by the parents and other witnesses of the execution. Attached also is a report on the atrocity by the Committee of National Liberation.

RECOMMENDATION:

This Agent recommends that a copy of this report, along with attached pertinent papers, be made available to the Italian Commission for the investigation and Trial of Fascist crimes. 1445

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