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563 Dec. to CODEX
SOS CS No.

Part II (a) Italian Army Orbat.
Part III (b) 3 " " "

1. With effect from 1 Nov, 563 Italian Decrement to CODEX on WE CH/976/1 will cease to be RE-ITI Unit and will be transferred to ITI-ITI Category, and will be amalgamated with SOS CS No. in Part III (b) 3 of the Italian Army Orbat.

2. WE/546/CHNE/1 will be amended accordingly.

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This report contains information on the Republican and German Forces in VENETIA, on the CB Submarine Flotilla and on the waterways and lagoons of the PO Delta.

Translation of extracts from detailed interrogations by CSDIC/LAI of fourteen Italians.

Source No	924	LAI Ref	274 AB
"	927	"	274 AB
"	969	"	256 AB
"	971	"	265 AB
"	972	"	265 AB
"	992	"	251 AB
"	1013	"	268 AB
"	1033	"	271 AB
"	1034	"	271 AB
"	1038	"	274 AB
"	1044	"	273 AB
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Maps used: ITALY 1:100,000

1: 25,000

Town Plans: VENEZIA, TRIESTE, ROMA.

A. PREAMBLE

Source 924 is a 22-year-old apprentice mechanic from LENDIN, of mediocre intelligence. Reliability fair.

Source 927 is a 37-year-old fisherman from the Province of VENEZIA. He is eager to furnish information, but his standard of intelligence is low and he is unable to pinpoint locations. Reliability fair.

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Source 971 is a 23-year-old Italian girl, born in PARIS, who attended a sabotage course in Northern ITALY and undertook a mission to Allied-occupied territory. She maintains that she did this for love of adventure. Reliability doubtful. 3286

Source 972 is a 20-year-old mechanic from VENEZIA, who served with the VESM Bn of X Flotilla MAS. Reliability doubtful.

Source 992 is a 37-year-old regular Naval officer from LA SPEZIA, who served in the Harbormaster's department. Reliability fair.

Source 1013 is a 45-year-old civilian from FAVIA, who was employed by the State Railways as a guard. Reliability fair.

Source 1033 is a 34-year-old hawker from NOCI, who was imprisoned for rape from Dec 42 to Feb 44 and served in a Wachkompanie at VERONA from his release until early Apr 45. Reliability doubtful.

Source 1044 is a 23-year-old mechanic from APUNIA. Reliability fair.

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Source 1038 is a 36-year-old fisherman from the KAVENNA area. Though of mediocre intelligence, he knows the area he describes very well. Reliability good.

Source 1044 is a 24-year-old regular Naval officer, a native of LA SPEZIA, who served in the Republican Navy as commander of the midget submarine CB 6, which was sunk by Allied aircraft on 3 Apr 45. He is a fanatical upholder of X Flotilla MAS and was reluctant to give information. Reliability doubtful.

Source 1045 is a 22-year-old engr sub-lt of the Republican Navy from NERULLO, who served in CB 6. He was reluctant to give information, but confirmed the statements of Source 1046. Reliability fair.

Source 1046 is a 23-year-old WT sgt from TRIESTE, who served as WT operator in CB 6. He is apprehensive as to the consequences of his service with the Republican Navy and gave information willingly. Reliability fair.

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B. REPUBLICAN UNCES

1. Locations

Sheet 38
B 4403

a) VALDOBBIADENE (Feb 45 - Source 972)

POLICIA Bn of X MAS quartered in the Lunatic Asylum (of OSD/C/LAI/AB 126, p.15).

B 6801

b) CONERLIANO (Feb 45 - Source 972)

VALANIA Bn of X MAS in the first barracks on the road entering the town from TRIVISO.

An army bn (probably COLLEONI Bn) of X MAS in barracks on the main street (of OSD/C/LAI/AB 126, p.15).

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P 9661

c) MONTEDUOMO MACQUONE (Jan 45 - Source 972)

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d) PADUA (Early Feb 45 - Source 972)

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An arty bn (probably COLLEONI Bn) of X MAS in barracks on the main street (of CSDIC/LAI/AB 126, p.15).

Sheet 49
F 9661

c) MONTECCHIO MAGGIORE (Jan 45 - Source 972)

New bn of X MAS in process of formation, personnel being drawn from naval ratings attached to the Office of the Under-Secretary of State for the Republican Navy.

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d) PADUA (Early Feb 45 - Source 972)

X MAS Transit Camp in Town Hall.

e) VENICE

(i) (End Feb 45 - Source 972)

Sheet 51 II NE
G 72154967

SARZENISSIMA Bn of X MAS quartered in buildings of former Naval College (of CSDIC/LAI/AB 126, p.15).

(ii) (Early Mar 45 - Source 972)

X MAS Transit Camp in unspecified building on Piazzale ROMA.

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(iii) (14 Dec 44 - Source 971)

CNR HQ and Political Office in a building near the Ponto SANTI APOSTOLI.

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c) FO DELTA (15 Mar 45 - Source 1035)

Sheet 77 I SW
H 6586

i) Ten men of the GNR, under a 2 Lt and a WO, in the former Carabinieri barracks on the eastern side of the piazza at GORO.

ii) Ten men of the MESOLA (M 6094) Black Bde quartered in a three-storey house SOUTH of the road running EAST from GORO along the southern dyke of the river (house NOT identified on map).

iii) About thirteen men of the GNR in the elementary schools SOUTH of the road running WEST from GORO along the southern dyke of the river (building NOT identified on map).

e) FO LA (31 Mar 45 - Sources 1044-1047)

Town Plan
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(1) HQ and barracks of Italian naval police in the immediate vicinity of the Hafenkommando. Police consists of about thirty men in blue uniforms, under a tenente di corvetta. They check documents of ratings travelling by train and stamp leave passes.

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(ii) Unspecified detachments of X Flotilla MAS in the SAURO barracks.

2. Troop Movements (Dec 44 - Source 992)

Source was told by a capitano di vascello of X Flotilla MAS that the Republican General Staff intends to send X Div MAS and SAN MARCO Div to the Provinces of TRIESTE and ISTRIA, in order to prevent massacres of Italians when the German troops withdraw.

3. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

Sheet 4
W 0415

a) VIPITENO (16 Feb 45 - Source 1013)

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(ii) Detachments of unspecified units in the CONEAR barracks (see below, para C 4 a).

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b) BOLZANO (1 Mar 45 - Source 1013)

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Sheet 10 I SE
A 963711

(i) Unspecified HQs in building formerly occupied by HQ 4 (Italian) Army Corps at CRISTO. Two sentries on guard.

A 96157140

(ii) German Railway Transport HQ in VIA COL DI LARA at CRISTO.

Sheet 10 II NE
A 97247095

(iii) Unspecified HQ at Town Hall.

A 96256930

(iv) Feldgendarmarie quartered in building in Tyrolerstrasse 3740 in VIA CLAUDIO AUGUSTO, approx at 15.

A 971708

(v) Billeite and messes for troops in transit in Hotels CRIPONE and CIPRA' DI BOLZANO, in PIAZZA VITTORIO EMANUELE.

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c) VENICE

(i) (30 Jan 45 - Source 1034)

Town Plan
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Ortakomandantur in the CASTELVETRIO. Armed sentry at gate. Cars standing outside usually have as distinguishing mark a white elephant, with one of its feet resting on a white oval, the whole on a black background.

(ii) (30 Jan 45 - Source 1034)

Ad HQ, which receives reports of approaching aircraft and transmits fire orders to guns, near a nursing home at MR.

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(iii) (Early Apr 45 - Source 1033)

Wachkompanie in the former barracks of 8 Arty Regt. OC and personnel are Italian, but wear German uniforms and come directly w/c German HQ. Coy consisted of only 50 men, who were used for guard duties in the town and its environs.

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d) BASSANO DEL GRAFFA (2nd Dec 44 - Source 1034)

Distribution centre for German and Italian AA personnel in army barracks at MR (cf CSDIC/IAI/AP 141, p.2). About 400 men, of whom about a third were Italians, were attending a course lasting about a month; instruction was given by German and Italian instructors on 37 mm, 88 mm and 90/55 guns. Firing practices were held at the end of the course.

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G 24445885

e) VENICE-LIDO (Sep 44 - Source 971)

(i) HQ of a large tank formation in the Hotel EXCELSIOR. OC was a major-general, assisted by twelve other officers. Telephone exchange and WT transmitting-receiving station on ground floor.

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G 72184720

(ii) Unspecified naval HQ in Hotel MARINO. About a dozen officers employed.

G 72644816

(iii) VENICE HQ of the TOET in a villa near QUATTRO FONTANE bridge (NOT marked on map).

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(iv) About forty men belonging to the TOET quartered in the Hotel SOLAREM.

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f) PO DELTA

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Distribution centre for German and Italian AA personnel in army barracks at BR (of CSDIC/IAI/AB 141, P.2). About 400 men, of whom about a third were Italians, were attending a course lasting about 6 months; instruction was given by German and Italian instructors on 37 mm, 88 mm and 90/55 guns. Firing practices were held at the end of the course.

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(ii) Unspecified naval HQ in Hotel MARINO. About a dozen officers employed.

(iii) VENICE HQ of the TODT in a villa near QUATTRO FONTANE bridge (NOT marked on map).

(iv) About forty men belonging to the TODT quartered in the Hotel SOLARIUS.

f) PO DELTA

(i) (28 Feb 45 - Source 927)

In consequence of air raids, the German garrison of MESSOLA (M 6094) has moved to RIVA (M 5994) and BOSCO (M 6089), except for a check post East of MESSOLA on the road to CORO.

(ii) (5 Feb 45 - Source 924)

German check post at BR, manned by two men of a Flak unit armed with LMGs.

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(iii) (15 Mar 45 - Sources 927 & 1038)

One WO and five ORs quartered in the almshouse at GORO, a building measuring 20 x 8 m, situated about 250 m NW of the piazza and 100 m SOUTH of the FO DI GORO (building NOT identified on map). The WO issues permits to fish in the SACCA DI GORO (R 5584). The ORs keep a watch on the fishing-boats moored at the CHIUVICHI DI SCANTZADURA, to ensure that none of them sells after curfew. Theoretically the men should be on duty all night, but in practice they keep guard only from 2000 to 2300 hrs, after which they go to a tavern or to private houses nearby and go out to take a look at the boats from time to time.

(iv) About ten Germans and some civilians quartered in the Caserma di piazza.

E) TRINTE (Oct 44 - Source 1046)

Many German officers quartered in the ALBERTONI building in Piazza ORSODAN. A close check was kept on civilians entering the building.

h) FOIA (31 Mar 45 - Sources 1044-1047)

Hafenkommando in building on the waterfront, near the Hotel MIRABARE.

2. Units

a) USCHILANN Bn, 105 Flak Bort (1 Feb 45 - Source 969)

(i) Organization and Strength

Bn consists of four tps. In each tp there are about eighty men, of whom about fifty are Germans and thirty Republicans.

(ii) Armament

Each tp has:

Six 88-mm guns.

Four single-barrelled 20-mm WFs.

Two MG 42.

Two WFs of unspecified type.

An unspecified number of Panzerfausts.

There was a shortage of art.

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Town Plan
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Town Plan
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b) FOIA (31 Mar 45 - Sources 1044-1047)

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(iii) Transport

One car for OC.
One motor ambulance.
Two MEs.

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(iv) Casualties and Desertions

In mid Jan 45, three Republicans were killed by bombs and five Germans wounded. Three Republicans deserted before Source.

(v) Morale

Very low among both Germans and Republicans.

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SECRETOSD/C/IAI/AB 161(vi) Movements

Early Aug 44 - POTA Pass
 Aug 44 - TO BOLOGNA
 End Aug 44 - TO PONTILASCIO (Sheet 76, M 1091)
 Early Sep 44 - TO OSTIGLIA (Sheet 63, F 7412)
 Mid Dec 44 - TO LOREO (Sheet 65, G 5710)
 1 Feb 45 - TO CAVARELLA PO (Sheet 65, G 5406).

(vii) Location (1 Feb 45)

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 G 5906
 Sheet 65 III SE
 G 54250737

In HQ with 2 and 5 Tps near DONADA.
 1 and 3 Tps about 1.5 km NORTH of CAVARELLA PO. The guns

were in pits about 1.5 m deep with parapets 50 cm above ground,
 made by utilizing the spoil.

The 20-mm MAs belonging to 1 and 3 tps were in open EAST of
 DONADA.

G 54820735

(viii) F.P.No - 90752.

b) AA Tn at CAVAREO (16 Feb 45 - Source 969)

Sheet 76
 M 1696

An AA tp was in posn at CAVAREO, its armament consisting of
 fifteen 20-mm MAs, of which about seven were Vierling. Strength
 was about 130 men, of whom about thirty were Italians; there was
 only one officer, a German 2 Lt. On 16 Feb 45 the tp was ordered
 to leave for the BREITEN and it was said that its ultimate destina-
 tion was LERNBRUCK.

3. Services (Sep 44 - Source 971)

Sheet 51 II SE
 G 72004737
 G 70004406

Workshop for repair of motor vehicles in Via SALADOCO, VENICE-
 LIDO, between Mts.

4. Concentration Camps (Feb 45 - Source 1015)

Sheet 4
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a) Camp for political suspects in the COMAR barracks at VIGIZO.
 The suspects, about 100 in number, are now treated as "free
 workers" and employed on various kinds of work inside the barracks.
 They wear numbers and a pink striped.

b) Camp for political prisoners in the former 6 Alpini Regt
 barracks at VIGIZO. The prisoners wear numbers and a red
 stripe and are guarded by German SS.

5. Communications

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G 54250737
M 1696

(viii) E.P.No - 50732.

b) As tp at CANARO (16 Feb 45 - Source 959)

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Servicees (Sop 44 - Source 971)

Workshop for repair of motor vehicles in Via MAIANASSO, VIENTO-LIDO, between MGs.

Concentration Camps (Feb 45 - Source 1013)

a) Camp for political suspects in the CONDAR barracks at VIPITENO. The suspects, about 100 in number, are now treated as "free workers" and employed on various kinds of work inside the barracks. They wear numbers and a pink stripe.

b) Camp for political prisoners in the former 6 Alpini Regt barracks at VIPITENO. The prisoners wear numbers and a red stripe and are guarded by German SS.

Communications

a) Roads

(4) Route 53 (1 Mar 45 - Source 972)

This road, as well as the railway running alongside it, was closed to traffic because of damage to the two bridges over the RUENA SW of RUETANIVA. During Dec 44 and Jan 45 the Germans tried to keep this road open at all costs, using large gangs of Italian workmen, but the repairs effected were regularly destroyed again by Allied bombers. The Germans then decided to divert traffic on to Route 11 as far as PADUA and MESTRE, and thence by Route 13 to TREVISO.

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G 237736

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(ii) Route 11 (Dec 44 - Source 972)

This road was closed several times in the sector between VERONA and VICENZA, owing to damage to the bridge over the river GUA' EAST OF MONTEBELLO VICENTINO.

b) Waterways (15 Mar 45 - Source 1038)

(i) FO DI GORO

EAST OF GORO the average width is 100 m and the average depth is 2.5 to 3 m. The minimum depth (about 2 m) is found near the curve at ROVERA DINDONA. Daily difference between high and low tide, 70-80 cm. The river is highest during Oct and Nov, when the water frequently rises 1.5 m above normal. The dykes are 3-4 m high, 10-15 m wide at the base and 5 m wide at the top.

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M 688858

(ii) SACCA DI VORO

This is bounded on the SOUTH by a line running from CHIESA DI VOLANO (M 6380) to MEZZAVINO (M 7179). Along this line there is a bar which at neap tides is visible above the water. Inside the SACCA the depth varies from 30-40 cm at low tide to 50-60 cm at high tide. Along the WEST side of the SACCA there is a channel 3-4 m deep, which is 400-500 m wide off VOLANO (M 6380) and 200-300 m wide off PUNTA DEL FORNO (M 6481). From this point to CASERLA DI PINUZZA a channel had been dredged in the SACCA which used to be marked by two rows of piles. This channel is now silted up and in Jan 45 the piles were even off by the Germans and now project above water about 30-40 cm only at low tide, while at other times their tops are just below water-level; this would be a serious danger even for small craft, unless piloted by men who were well acquainted with the area.

Sheet 77 I SW
M 645847

(iii) CANALE DI GORO

This is the canal running from the CASERLA DI PINUZZA to the CHIAVIERE DI SCARVEDO. It is 50-60 m wide, with a depth of 1.5-2 m between the CASERLA and point M 650853, of 2-3 m from that point to the CHIAVIERE and of 4 m off the latter. The minimum depth (1.2 m at low tide) is found at M, about 70 m SOUTH of the confluence with the CANALE BLANCO. Two large timbered barges have been sunk by their owners about 150 m NORTH of this confluence, at M, but navigation is still possible for

M 651857

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and low tide, 70-80 cm. The river is highest during Oct and Nov, when the water frequently rises 1.5 m above normal. The dykes are 3-4 m high, 10-15 m wide at the base and 5 m wide at the top.

(ii) SACCA DI GORO

This is bounded on the SOUTH by a line running from CHUSA DI VOLANO (M 6300) to MEZZANINO (M 7179). Along this line there is a bar which at neap tides is visible above the water. Inside the SACCA the depth varies from 30-40 cm at low tide to 50-60 cm at high tide. Along the WEST side of the SACCA there is a channel 3-4 m deep, which is 400-500 m wide off VOLANO (M 6300) and 200-300 m wide off PUNTA DEL MONTO (M 6481). From this point to CASERLA DI PINANZA a channel had been dredged in the SACCA which used to be marked by two rows of piles. This channel is now silted up and in Jan 45 the piles were sawn off by the Germans and now project above water about 30-40 m only at low tide; while at other times their tops are just below water-level; this would be a serious danger even for small craft, unless piloted by men who were well acquainted with the area.

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(iii) CANALE DI GORO

This is the canal running from the CASERLA DI PINANZA to the CHIAVICHE DI SCAVEZZADURA. It is 50-60 m wide, with a depth of 1.5-2 m between the CASERLA and point M 650853, of 2-3 m from that point to the CHIAVICHE and of 4 m off the latter. The minimum depth (1.2 m at low tide) is found at LR, about 70 m SOUTH of the confluence with the CANALE BIANCO. Two large two-masted barges have been sunk by their owners about 150 m NORTH of this confluence, at LR, but navigation is still possible for small craft. The branch of the CANALE DI GORO from M 650285 to 65048490, is 70-80 cm deep at low tide.

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(iv) FO MONTO

The FO MONTO in its southern portion, between LER, is 40-50 m wide and 3-4.5 m deep. The dykes are 1.5 m high and 2 m wide. The canal running immediately WEST of the FO MONTO is about 15 m wide; it is 2 m deep near the CHIAVICHE DI SCAVEZZADURA and 1-1.2 m deep in the upper portion.

From M 65138576
To M 646880
From M 65088575
To M 64578700

(v) CHIAVICHE DI SCAVEZZADURA

These comprise two or three sluice-gates between the CANALE DI GORO and the FO MONTO, approximately at LR; they are 2 m wide and top of the vaulting is 2 m above water level; the sluices are on the SOUTH side of the road. There is also a sluice-gate between the CANALE DI GORO and the canal WEST of the FO MONTO, at LR; this is 1.5 m wide and the top of the vaulting is 1.5 m above water level; it is on the SOUTH side of the road.

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c) Lagoons (15 Mar 45 - Source 1036)

(1) VALLE FIORA

The average depth of this lagoon is 30-50 cm, except in a few places where the bottom has been dredged in order to ensure a greater depth of water and prevent the fish from being frozen in. About 20-50 cm of mud on bottom. There is a sluice-gate between the lagoon and the CAVALE DI GOMI at 12; it is 1.5 m wide and the top of the vaulting is 1.5 m above water-level. Another sluice-gate, 50 m East of 12. LA FIORA, connects the lagoon with the CAVALI BLANDO; it is 2 m wide and the height of the vaulting above water-level is 1.5 m.

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(12) VALLE BONELLO (East of Valle Fiora)

Average depth 20-25 cm. The northern portion is dry during the hot season. The bottom is less muddy than that of the VALLE FIORA. Three sluice-gates, rarely used, connect it with the CAVALI DI GOMI to the WEST. There are three blocked-up sluice-gates connecting it with the CAVALI DI GOMI to the SOUTH.

(111) VALLE BOCCARETTA (East of Valle Bonello)

Average depth 40-60 cm. 20-50 cm of mud on bottom.

c) Bridges (15 Mar 45 - Source 1036)

The bridge over the CAVALI BLANDO at LA FIORA is 2.5 m wide and the height of the roadway above water-level at low tide is about 2 m. The capacity of the bridge is 10-15 tons.

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D. RAVAL

1. Ports

a) CHIESSE (25 Mar 45 - Source 1046)

The battleship LABELO was lying aground with a slight list, off the extremity of MOLO V.

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b) ROLA (31 Mar 45 - Source 1044-1047)

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(41) VALLE DONELLO (EAST OF VALLE PIOPPA)

Average depth 20-25 cm. The northern portion is dry during the hot season. The bottom is less muddy than that of the VALLE PIOPPA. Three sluice-gates, rarely used, connect it with the CANALE DI COLO to the WEST. There are three blocked-up sluice-gates connecting it with the SACC. DI COLO to the SOUTH.

(411) VALLE BOCCALTA (EAST OF VALLE DONELLO)

Average depth 40-60 cm. 20-50 cm of sand on bottom.

4) Bridges (15 Mar 45 - Source 1038)

The bridge over the CANALE BLONDO at LA PIOPPA is 2.5 m wide and the height of the roadway above water-level at low tide is about 2 m. The capacity of the bridge is 10-15 tons.

D. NAVAL

1. Porte

a) TRINTE (25 Mar 45 - Source 1046)

The battleship IMPERO was lying aground with a slight list, off the extremity of MOLO V.

b) FOLA (31 Mar 45 - Source 1044-1047)

The breakwater at the entrance to FOLA harbour has been mined for about 100 m from its shore end. The mines are about three-quarters of the distance from the inner to the outer edge of the breakwater and at intervals of about 8 m. The mine-chambers are covered with wooden frames measuring 30 x 30 cm.

2. CB Submarines

a) BLACK SEA Flotilla (Source 1044-1047)

At the time of the Italian armistice CB 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 were handed over to ROUMANIA, but were subsequently handed back to Republican crews. On 27 Aug 44, when ROUMANIA collapsed, CB 1, 2, 3 and 4 were rendered unserviceable while lying at the quay in CONSTANTA harbour, while CB 6 was scuttled by her crew off CONSTANTA.

(Note: The CB submarine in which Sources were serving at time of capture, was formerly known as CB 17; her number was changed to CB 6 by her CG).

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b) 1 Squadriglia CB Submarines, X Flotilla MAS

(i) General (31 Mar 45 - Sources 1044-1047)

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Base of the Flotilla is still at VALLE FIGO, POLA (cf CSDIC/LAI/AB 63, para D 1 c). For layout of buildings, see sketch in Appendix "A". There are about 100 men at the base, quartered in huts camouflaged with splashes of brown and green paint. The officers live in a small two-storey building at MR, in a small wood; it is painted yellow and has a flat slate roof. Until the air raid at the beginning of Mar 45 there was another base at the timber wharf, TRIESTE. Sources do NOT know, or at least will NOT say, whether a new base has since been established elsewhere.

(ii) Submarines (31 Mar 45 - Sources 1044-1047)

Flotilla consisted of CB 6 (ex CB 17), CB 18, CB 19 and CB 20. Of these CB 6 and CB 18 sailed on patrol on 31 Mar. CB 19 is at VALLE FIGO with her engines dismantled and under repair; CB 20 left some time ago for TRIESTE. CB 13, which was in the Arsenal in an unserviceable condition, was taken to TRIESTE on board a ship in Feb 45.

(iii) Patrols (Sources 1044-1047)

On the evening of 30 Jan 45, CB 6 left VALLE FIGO to patrol the area SOUTH of the island of LUSINO, returning to base on 2 Feb. During this patrol she sighted seven motor fishing-vessels and two MFBs.

On 30 Jan 45 CB 19 and CB 20 left POLA for TRIESTE. About halfway, CB 19 came into collision with a German 2-bow, sustaining damage to her port saddle-bunks. She managed to get back to POLA without assistance.

On the evening of 31 Mar 45, in obedience to an operational order issued by the Germans, CB 6 and CB 18 left POLA to carry four saboteurs to the area of CATTOLICA (Sheet 109, R 9887). Off PUNTA PEUDA, she altered course to port, continuing on a course of 220 degrees at a speed of five knots. At 0500 hrs on 1 Apr 45, when in sight of the coast near FUSINA, she submerged and lay on the bottom at a depth of 50 m. Shortly after surfacing again, about 1900 hrs, she was sighted by Allied aircraft, and had to make a series of crash-dives, which soon exhausted her reserve of air. At 2230 hrs the OC decided to return to base, without having accomplished his mission. During daylight on 2 Apr, CB 6 was seen in the

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been established elsewhere.

(ii) Submarines (31 Mar 45 - Sources 1044-1047)

Flotilla consisted of CB 6 (ex CB 17), CB 13, CB 19 and CB 20. Of these CB 6 and CB 18 sailed on patrol on 31 Mar. CB 19 is at Valle Forno with her engines dismantled and under repair; CB 20 left some time ago for TRIESTE. CB 13, which was in the Arsenal in an unserviceable condition, was taken to TRIESTE on board a ship in Feb 45.

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was attacked by aircraft, which dropped a stick of bombs about 2200 hours. After a series of crash-dives which exhausted

her air supply, CB 6 was compelled to travel on the surface. 3278

About 0030 hrs on 3 Apr she was hit by a stick of bombs which damaged the saddle-tank and caused her engines to jam. As

she was sinking fast, the OC ordered the crew to take to the dinghies; they were picked up about 0730 hrs by a British

landing craft. None of the Sources can say what happened to CB 18. Source 1044 states that the patrol was made during the Easter week-end, because the Germans thought that there was likely to be a less vigilant watch on the coast at that time.

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(iv) WT Traffic (Mar 45 - Source 1046)

Since the beginning of 45 the wavelengths used by CB submarines have been as follows:

By day - KHz 2930
By night - KHz 4400

The hours for changing over from the day to the night wavelength vary according to the atmospheric conditions and are communicated by the Germans to Florentia HQ. During the last patrol the daytime wavelength was used from 0600 to 1800 hrs, the night wavelength from 1800 to 0600 hrs. Routine traffic was at the known hours, both by day and by night.

CB 6's call-sign was QM. Normally she communicated with the WT station at POLA (call-sign AUF), but occasionally with VENICE (AUF) or TRIESTE (QUT). At each hour POLA transmitted a series of V's. If a CB had to transmit a message while at sea, the land station, if it received it, repeated it. If this was not done, the CB repeated the message two hours later.

The WT station at POLA is in Bunker No 17, opposite gate No 8 of the Arsenal. A number of German operators work there and also five or six Italian operators under a chief operator; the Italians deal with all signals to or from Italian craft.

2. AIR RAID DAMAGE

1. BOLZANO (1 Mar 45 - Source 1013)

The town has been bombed about fifteen times and damage is considerable. In the raids on 16 and 27 Feb 45 the "Petite Vitesse" and the main buildings of the railway station were almost completely destroyed. The cathedral was badly damaged and so were several buildings on the avenue leading to the station and in Piazza VITTORIO EMANUELE. The 7 Bersaglieri Regt barracks was rendered uninhabitable.

2. BRESCIA Railway (1 Mar 45 - Source 1013)

In the raids on 16 and 27 Feb 45, railway installations and private houses at BRESCIA and CHIUSA D'ISALCO were badly damaged.

3. PERSONALITIES

1. VERONA (Apr 45 - Source 1013)

CB 6's call-sign was QAW. Normally she communicated with the WT station at POLA (call-sign AUP), but occasionally with VENICE (AUP) or TRIESTE (OUT). At each hour POLA transmitted a series of V's. If a CB had to transmit a message while at sea, the land station, if it received it, repeated it. If this was NOT done, the CB repeated the message two hours later. The WT station at POLA is in bunker No 17, opposite gate No 8 of the Arsenal. A number of German operators work there and also five or six Italian operators under a chief operator; the Italians deal with all signals to or from Italian craft.

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2. BERGAMO Railway (1 Mar 45 - Source 1013)

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F. PERSONALITIES

1. VIKOMA (Air 45 - Source 1035)

Capitano	MILESI	OC Wachkompanie. Native of TURIN. Squadrista and Fascist Fascist. Lives at 112 or 122 Via INTERMARE DELL'ACQUA MORTA.
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2. BASSANO DEL GRAPPA (End Dec 44 - Source 1034)

Tenente	PERILLO	Instructor at AA Distribution Centre.
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3. VENICE (Source 971)

Captain	ZULKER	German OC of TODT Organization. Very tall, slim, white hair. Severe with his subordinates. Speaks good French (Oct 44).
"	MONTEUR	Alsatian employed as head of TODT personnel. About 50, bald, wears glasses. Drinks heavily. Speaks Italian and French (Oct 44).

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Lt	NIESE (or NIESE) Karl	TODT requisitioning offr. Sells most of the requisitioned goods on the black market. Native of BERLIN. About 50; white hair; wears glasses. Speaks very good Italian (Oct 44).
Sgt	HEMMER Franz	Supervisor of TODT workers on LIDO. Prussian. About 40, stout, brown hair, HITLER mustache. Speaks little Italian. Very severe with his subordinates (Oct 44). Engr in TODT Organization. About 35, tall and slim, fair wavy hair. Speaks NO Italian. Severe with his subordinates (Oct 44).
Console	TORRETOSSA (or TORRABROSSA)	Head of Fascist Political Office in VENICE. Southerner. About 50, thin, white hair; often wears civilian clothes. Lives at Albergo Lima (Dec 44).
	BRACCHETTI Marcello	Native of LOLORENA. Informer. Always wears civilian clothes. About 40, dark brown hair. Lives at Diana Hotel (Dec 44).
4.	USCHELMAN En, 105 Wlak Regt (Feb 45 - Source 969)	
Major	USCHELMAN	German OC. Very severe, both with Germans and with Republicans.
Lt	MUELLER	German OS 3 Tp.
2 Lt	ROSS	German offr in 3 Tp.
Tenante	SCAGLIOLA	Republican offr at En HQ.
S.Tenante	SPICA	Republican offr in 3 Tp.
5.	TRIESTE	
	a) (Jul 44 - Source 992)	
Ten Col	TUDOLA	2 IC Harbourmaster's Office. Regular offr.
" "	RIOLE'	In Harbourmaster's Office. Regular offr.
Maggiore	VENTURA	" " " "
" "	FULITI	" " " "
" "	COSSU	" " " "
Capitano	LAQUANTITI	Reserve offr.
	LONGO	Regular offr.
		Reserve offr.

Console

TORRECHIOSSA
(or TORRACHIOSSA)

DRACCHETTI Marcello

4.

USCHERMAN EN, 105 PIAZZA ROSSA (Feb 45 - Source 969)

Major

USCHERMAN

Lt

MUELLER

2 Lt

ROSS

Tenante

SCAGLIOLA

S. Tenante

SPICA

5.

TRIESTE

a) (Jul 44 - Source 992)

Ten Col

TUDOLA

" "

BIOLE'

Maggiore

VENTURA

" "

PULITI

" "

COSSU

Capitano

LAQUANITI

" "

LONGO

" "

WENZELIN

" "

MARINO Luigi

S. Tenante

RAMONDI

b) (Mar 45 - Source 1046)

Maresciallo STANZIONE

Chief WT operator at naval WT station.

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Italian. Severe with his subordinates

(Oct 44).

Head of Fascist Political Office in VENICE.

Southern. About 50, thin, white hair;

often wears civilian clothes. Lives at

Albergo Italia (Dec 44).

Native of LOLOCCA. Informer. Always wears

civilian clothes. About 40, dark brown hair.

Lives at DIANA Hotel (Dec 44).

German OC. Very severe, both with Germans
and with Republicans.

German OC 3 Tp.

German offr in 3 Tp.

Republican offr at En HQ.

Republican offr in 3 Tp.

Fascist tendencies.

2 IC Harbourmaster's Office. Regular offr.

In Harbourmaster's Office. Regular offr.

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6. FOIA (Mar 45 - Sources 1044-1047)

a) CE Submarine Base (of CSDIC/IAI/AB 63, p. 7).

Tenente Freg	MASSI MARIO	2 IC Flotilla and OC Base.
"	COLETTI	OC CB 15.
"	CREMASCO	Chief eng offr at Base.
S. Tenente C.M.	FREDUZZI	Eng offr CB 19.
Capo	AVERSANO	In cockhouse.
"	GERASI	Torpedo RO.
"	CARONE	RO electrician.
Secondo Capo	ATTINODI	Torpedo RO.
"	GERIBERTO	RO electrician.
"	DESAZZO	RO boatswain.
Sergente	AZZOLINI	Torpedo RO.
"	ROMANO	RO electrician.
"	NERULONI	WT operator CB 19.
"	CAVALLA	RO boatswain.
"	NOCCI	Quartermaster.
"	VINCENZO	Clerk.
"	EMERGLA	WT operator CB 18.
Sottocapo	VIGNOLO	

b) WT Station

Capo	MASTINA	Chief WT operator.
Sottocapo	SALERO	WT operator.
"	BEOTTO	"

CSDIC/IAI
20 Apr 45


(A.H. BOOTHROYD),
Captain,
Italian Increment to CSDIC.

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CERINZIO
ESSAUZZO
AZZOLINI
ROMANO
NEBULONI
CAVAZZA
MOCCI
VIGNOZZO
SILABELLA
VIGNOLO

b) WT Station

Capo
Sottocapo
" "

ELATTINA
SALERO
REOTTO

Chief WT operator.
WT operator.
"

CSDIC/LAL
20 Apr 45


(R.H. BOOTHBY),
Captain,
Italian Incorport to CSDIC.

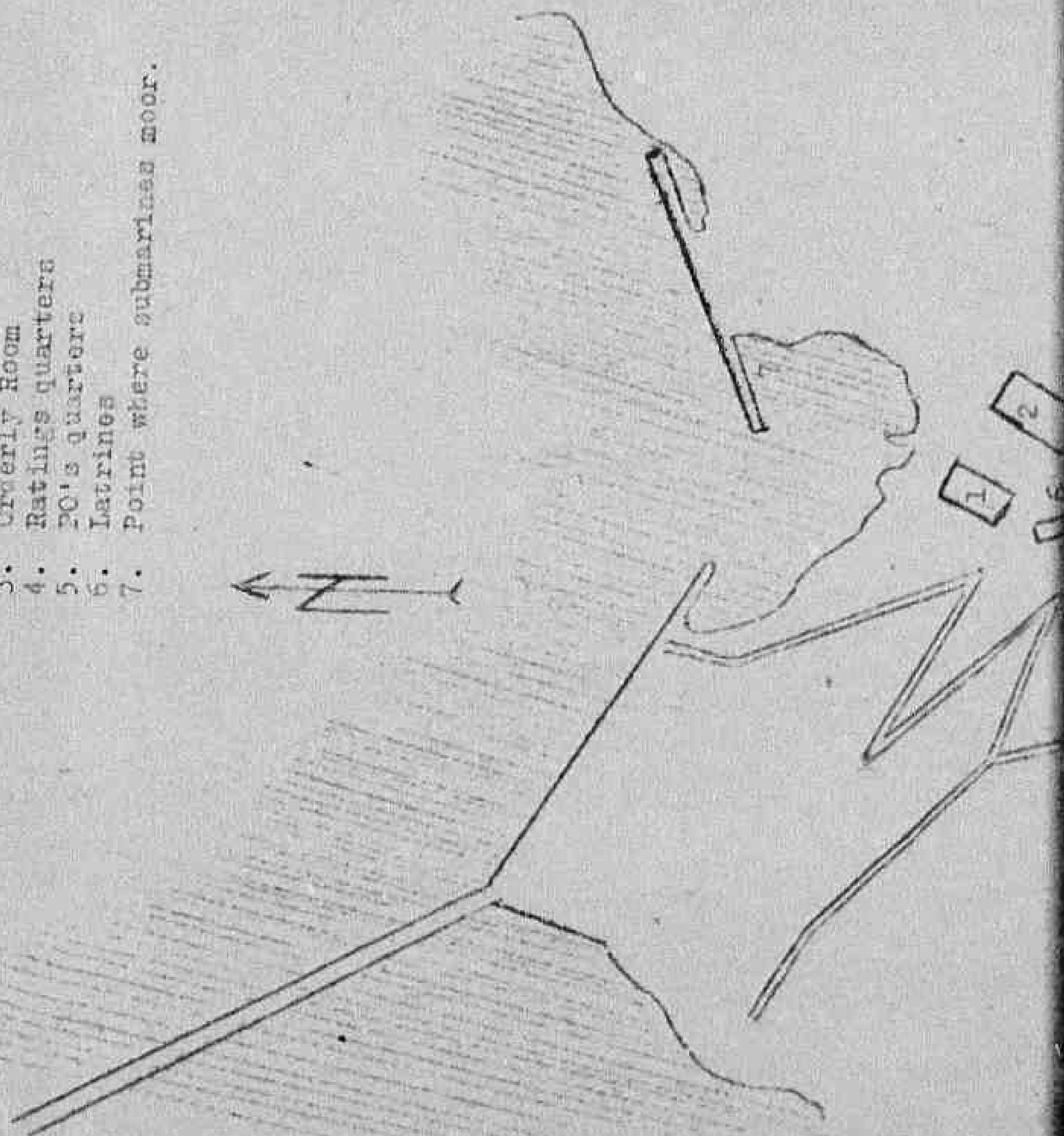
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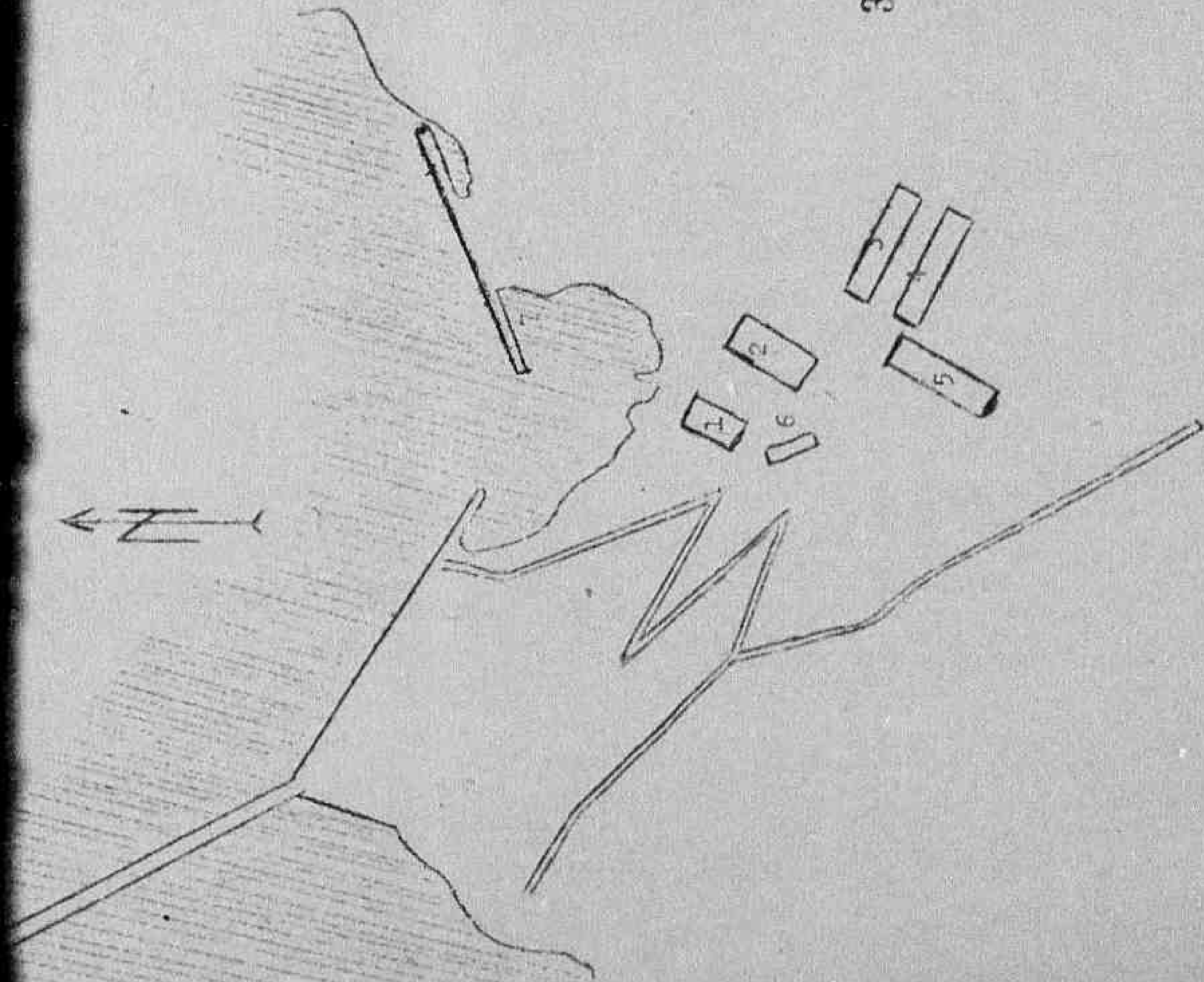
1. Workshop
2. Cookhouse and dining hall
3. Orderly Room
4. Ratings quarters
5. PO's quarters
6. Latrines
7. Point where submarine moor.



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Translation of extracts from detailed
interrogations by CSDIC/L.I. of eight
Italians.

Source No	764	L.I. Ref	234 AB
"	815	"	234 AB
"	871	"	234 AB
"	904	"	233 AB
"	906	"	234 AB
"	928	"	245 AB
"	939	"	245 AB
"	940	"	245 AB

Maps used: ITALY 1:100,000, Sheets 73, 96
GERMANY 1:100,000, Sheet 138

A. PRELUDE

Source 765 is a 31-year-old surveyor from VALDRE, who was OC Light Column, Engineer Bn. He has been reinterviewed on certain items of information given by him at his first interrogation and published in CSDIC/L.I./AB 139, part B. Reliability fair.

Source 815 is a 20-year-old mechanic from MORICE, who served as a pte in the Light Column, Engineer Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 871 is a 20-year-old mechanic from FORLI', who served in 1 Coy Engineer Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 904 is a 25-year-old industrial expert from CANTUA, who served for a very short time as an officer in the 81st Bn. The scanty information he has been able to give seems fairly reliable.

Source 906 is a 20-year-old student from PERIN, who served as an IGO in the Light Column, Engineer Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 928 is a 29-year-old priest from VERONA, who served as chaplain to 1 Bersaglieri Regt. Reliability fair.

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A. ITALY

Source 762 is a 31-year-old surveyor from VARESE, who was 00 Light Column, Engineer Bn. He has been reintegrated on certain items of information given by him at his first interrogation and published in CSDIC/L.I./AB 139, para B. Reliability fair.

Source 815 is a 20-year-old mechanic from MONTEME, who served as a pte in the Light Column, Engineer Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 871 is a 20-year-old mechanic from FORLI', who served in 1 Coy Engineer Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 904 is a 25-year-old industrial expert from CANTUA, who served for a very short time as an officer in the 81st Bn. The scanty information he has been able to give seems fairly reliable.

Source 906 is a 20-year-old student from LUCCA, who served as an ICO in the Light Column, Engineer Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 928 is a 29-year-old priest from VERONA, who served as chaplain to 1 Bersaglieri Regt. Reliability fair.

Source 932 is a 27-year-old mason from FORTE, who served as a sgt in 1 Light Squadron Reco Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 940 is a 20-year-old student from REGGIO EMILIA, who served as a pte with 1 Light Squadron Reco Bn. Reliability fair. 3272

B. ITALIA Div

1. Engineer Bn

c) Organization (see 45)

Sources 815 & 871 confirm organization as given in CSDIC/L.I./AB 139, para B 1.

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b) Strength (Sources 765 & 815)

In Nov 44 strength was as follows:

In HQ Pl	-	about 70 men
1 Coy	-	190 "
2 Coy	-	170 "
3 Coy	-	180 "
Light Column	-	49 "
Total	-	659 "

By 23 Jan 45, owing to desertions strength had been reduced by about 50%. By 26 Feb 45 Light Column was reduced to one officer and two ORs.

c) 1 Engr Coy (Jan 45 - Source 871)

(i) Organization

Three engineer pl's (1, 2 & 3 Pls) each of three secs.
One specialists (or Heavy ?) pl (4 Pl).
The Coy's ID typ now comes directly w/o Bu HQ.

(ii) Strength

On returning from OKLAHOMA about 190 men. By Jan 45, owing to desertions, strength was down to 110. 3 Pl had virtually ceased to exist.

(iii) Specialists Pl (4 Pl)

OC
One B. 300, with two H.Q.
One 8.1 mortar sec, with two officers
One Special Duties sec.

The Special Duties sec consisted of:

100 4/5 sec
Four motorcyclists
Five or six H.Q. drivers
One quartermaster (100)
One clerk
One driver

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c) 1. Engr Coy (Jan 45 - Source 871)

(i) Organization

Three engr pl (1, 2 & 3 Pls) each of three sec.
One specialist (or Heavy ?) pl (4 Pl).
The Coy's HQ rpt now comes directly w/c En HQ.

(ii) Strength

On returning from GERMANY about 190 men. By Jan 45, owing to desertions, strength was down to 110. 3 Pl had virtually ceased to exist.

(iii) Specialists Pl (4 Pl)

OC
One LT sec, with two LT
One 8.1 mortar sec, with two mortars
One Special Duties sec.

The Special Duties sec consisted of:

NO 1/ c sec
Four motorcycleists
Five or six LT drivers
One quartermaster (NCO)
One clerk
One draughtman
One medical orderly
One shoemaker
One tailor.

(iv) Coy equipment

Two HB 42 (in .22 sec)
Two 8.1 c. mortars (in mortar sec)
Nine LB 42 (one in each engr sec)
One portable flame-thrower (in store).

(v) Transport

One LE	
A few bicycles	
41 draught animals	} transferred to En HQ together with drivers pl.
7-8 four-wheeled wagons	
4-5 two-wheeled carts	

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a) Light Column (Sources 765 & 815)

After the capture by Partisans on 7-8 Feb of Tenente PIATTI (of CSDIC/LAI/AB 139, under Personalities, para 11 a), Ten CASTRIA, ex Bn Adj, took over command of the column. He was an ardent Fascist and did his best to restore discipline in the column, strength of which was reduced to 30 men. On 14 Feb 45, Bn HQ ordered seven men of 3 Bn Coy who were attached to the Light Column to return to 3 Coy, but they promptly deserted to the ROHINI Partisan Bde. On 15 Feb, Partisans, guided by these seven men, attacked the Column and captured Tenente CASTRIA. On 18 Feb 45, S. Tenente CAVACCIUTO with the surviving members of the Column, except for three men, deserted to the ROHINI Bde. CAVACCIUTO and fifteen men remained with the Partisans, while the rest crossed the lines.

2. Signals Bn (15 Feb 45 - Source 901)

a) Organization (of CSDIC/LAI/AB 139, para C 1)

HQ Pl
One Telephone Coy (1 Coy)
One w/ Coy (2 Coy)
Light Column.

b) Strength

On leaving GEMANY in Dec 44 strength of bn was about 350 all ranks.

c) Bn HQ Transport

Three Fiat 1100 cars
One MG with sidecar
Two bicycles.

d) Telephone Coy

Coy consisted of five telephone pls, of which 1, 2, 3 and 4 pls were to have been sent and 5 pl RD (NOT as stated in CSDIC/LAI/AB 139, para C 3, where 5 Pl is given as Tpt Pl).

e) Pl Coy

(1) Organization

Coy consisted of three pls, which should have been sent.

the lines.

2. Signal Bn (15 Feb 45 - Source 904)

a) Organization (of OSDHC/LAI/13 139, para C 1)

HQ Pl

One Telephone Coy (1 Coy)

One "2" Coy (2 Coy)

Light Column.

b) Strength

On leaving GERMANY in Dec 44 strength of Bn was about 350 all ranks.

c) Bn HQ Transport

Three PLAT 1100 cars

One MC with sidecar

Two bicycles.

d) Telephone Coy

Coy consisted of five telephone pls, of which 1, 2, 3 and 4 pls were to have been met and 5 pl HD (NOT as stated in OSDHC/LAI/13 139, para C 3, where 5 Pl is given as Tpt Pl).

e) MT Coy

(i) Organization

Coy consisted of three pls, which should have been met.

(ii) Sign Equipment

Two 100-watt sets for ~~communication~~ between Div HQ and higher commands. **3270**
Twelve 80-watt sets for comm between Div HQ and lower commands.
Two 20-watt sets for comm with aircraft.
Two 5-watt sets.

(iii) Transport

Seven CITROEN cars

One bicycle

10 horses and 10 carts.

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f) Light Column

Strength was one officer and about 50 ORs, among whom were a few mechanics specialized in repairs to sign equipment.

g) Casualties and Desertions

Dec 44 - An OR named BRIDEL who deserted during a move, was recaptured and sentenced by the Div Military Tribunal to 20 years' imprisonment, sentence to be deferred until after the war. He is at present doing normal duties at Bn HQ.

Jan 45 - A Fiat 1100 car belonging to the Telephone Coy destroyed by MG fire from an aircraft on the OISA Pan Road.

Feb 45 - By 15 Feb twelve men had deserted from the Telephone Coy and ten from the WT Coy. This comparatively low figure is due to the fact that the bn is always a long distance from the front line.

h) Training

From Jul to Oct 44 forty men from the bn attended a "Funkmeister" course at KORNWESTHEIM (REFUGY 1:100,000, Sheet 138, 1313). The syllabus included elements of physics, telephone sets, WT sets and repairs to equipment. Instruction in physics was given by Source; for the other subjects the instructors were German NOCs, assisted by interpreters who knew nothing about technical terms, for which reason the course was NOT a success.

3. Rece Bn (7 Mar 45 - Sources 939 & 940)

a) Organization

Bn HQ
Two Light Squads (1 & 2 Sigs)
One Heavy Squadron (3 Sigs)

b) 1 Light Squadron

(1) Organization

HQ Sec
Three Rifle Pls (1, 2 & 3 Pls)

after the war. 10 is at present doing normal duties at
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and repairs to equipment. Instruction in physics was given by
Sources; for the other subjects the instructors were German MOOs,
assisted by interpreters who knew nothing about technical terms,
for which reason the course was NOT a success.

3. Rescue Bn (7 Mar 45 - Sources 939 & 940)

a) Organization

Bn HQ
Two Light Squadrons (1 & 2 Sqn)
One Heavy Squadron (3 Sqn)

b) 1 Light Squadron

(i) Organization

HQ Sqn
Three Rifle Pls (1, 2 & 3 Pls)
One Heavy Pl (4 Pl)

(ii) Strength

On returning from GERMANY strength of the squadron was five
offrs and 175 men, plus six Germans. By mid Feb 45 strength was
down to 100 all ranks and by early Mar to five officers and
about 70 ORs.

(iii) Rifle Pls

WE for each pl was:

OC

Four messengers

Four sets of eight men each

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(iv) Heavy Pl

According to RE:

CC

One front-line tpt sec

Three MG secs of ten men each

One 8.1 mortar sec of fifteen men.

The front-line tpt sec consisted of an unspecified number of MG drivers (with MG not vehicles to drive), cooks, storemen, mechanics etc.

(v) Armament (16 Feb 45)

A total of seven MGs divided up among the three rifle pls, of which three were brought from GERMANY, while the other four were taken over from 2 Bn 6 Inf Regt SAN MARCO Div, which the squadron relieved in the line.

Two MGs for the MG secs of the heavy pl, one sec having none.

Two Italian 8.1 c. mortars for the mortar sec of the heavy pl.

(vi) Transport

Each man had a bicycle of German make, but these were left behind at Sala. Buzaltz. (Sheet 73, L 0176) when the squadron went into the line. The squadron has MG horses, MG vehicles of any kind, and for transporting supplies had to rely on oxen and carts requisitioned from civilians or on vans borrowed from German units or from the MONTE ROSA Div.

(vii) Personnel

Italian: Mostly of the 1924 and 1925 classes. 21 of the men were volunteers of the 1926-1928 classes.

German: One offr, four NCOs, one interpreter.

(viii) Casualties

In early Mar 45 a pl on outpost duty, as a result of arty fire, had three men killed, eighteen wounded and two missing. Replacements were received from 2 Bn 6 Inf Regt SAN MARCO Div.

c) Anti-Partisan Activities

From 6 to 12 Jan 45 the Recce Bn went on a mopping-up operation in the area of VALLE DE' LIGURIA. One Partisan was killed

(v) Armament (16 Feb 45)

A total of seven M2 divided up among the three rifle pls, of which three were brought from GERMANY, while the other four were taken over from 2 Bn 6 Inf Regt SAN MARCO Div, which the squadron relieved in the line. Two M2 for the M2 secs of the heavy pl, one sec having none. Two Italian 8.1 cm mortars for the mortar sec of the heavy pl.

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German: One offr, four MCOs, one interpreter.

(viii) Casualties

In early Mar 45 a pl on outpost duty, as a result of arty fire, had three men killed, eighteen wounded and two missing. Replacements were received from 2 Bn 6 Inf Regt SAN MARCO Div.

c) Anti-Partisan Activities

From 6 to 12 Jan 45 the Recon Bn went on a mopping-up operation in the area of VALBO DE' IMBERTARI. One Partisan was killed and one captured. Bn had one man wounded.

Spiritual Welfare (Feb 45 - Source 926)

According to 13, each of the Republican Divs trained in GERMANY should have had only one Catholic and one Protestant chaplain, but Italia Div had five Catholic chaplains. This was achieved by resorting to the following expedients:

- a) Replacing the Protestant chaplain by a Catholic.
- b) Appointing a third chaplain who was officially described as assistant to the two already existing.
- c) Appointing a fourth, temporary chaplain, supernumerary to establishment.
- d) Appointing a fifth chaplain when the Div returned to Italy.

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5. Locations

a) Engineer Bn (10 Feb 45 - Source 671)

Sheet 96

- L 0911 Bn HQ at PILLICOLA
- L 1107 1 Coy at TORRINE
- L 1107 2 Coy at MONTEROTONDO
- P 7821 Light Column at AMIA.

b) Sigs Bn (15 Feb 45 - Source 904)

Sheet 73
L 0080

- Bn HQ at COLLECCHIO, on Route 62 at the IE approach to the village.
- 1 (Telephone) Coy and Light Column in a building on the main square at COLLECCHIO.
- 2 (WT) Coy quartered near GALLAR.

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c) Recco Bn (7 Mar 45 - Sources 939 & 940)

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- 1 Light Squadron running outposts in GALLICIANO area (for details see info given by same Sources in CSDIC/LAI/AB 148, para B 1 J).
- The Squadron was expected to be relieved by an unknown unit on 8 Mar 45.

d) Miscellaneous

(i) (13 Feb 45 - Source 571)

Sheet 73
L 0080

ITALIA Div Field Hospital, with 1 Med Coy, in a villa about 500 m ESE of COLLECCHIO. The hospital is still in process of organization and has 10 ambulances.

(ii) (Early Feb 45 - Source 904)

P 9637

HQ or base of 3 Bn 2 Bernaglieri Regt at MCCENO.

(iii) (14 Feb 45 - Source 904)

Transit camp for men of ITALIA Div on their way to the front, transferred from COLLECCHIO to P.M.A.

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Bn HQ at COLLECCHIO, on Route 62 at the NE approach to the village.
1 (Telephone) Coy and Light Column in a building on the main square at COLLECCHIO.
2 (MT) Coy quartered near GALLARO.

c) Recco Bn (7 Mar 45 - Source 939 & 940)

1 Light Squadron earning outposts in GALLARINO area (for details see info given by same Source in CEMC/141/43 148, para B 13).
The Squadron was expected to be relieved by an unknown unit on 8 Mar 45.

d) Miscellaneous

(1) (13 Feb 45 - Source 871)

Sheet 73
L 0080

ITALIA Div Field Hospital, with 1 Med Coy, in a villa about 500 m EASY of COLLECCHIO. The hospital is still in process of organization and has NO ambulances.

(ii) (Early Feb 45 - Source 904)

P 9887

Hq or base of 3 Bn 2 Bersaglieri Regt at NOCETO.

(iii) (14 Feb 45 - Source 904)

Transit camp for men of ITALIA Div on their way to the front, transferred from COLLECCHIO to FERRA.

6. P.P.Nos

Engineer Bn - 85799
Sign Bn - 80505
Recco Bn - 86464

7. Personalities

a) Div HQ (20 Feb 45 - Source 928)

Generale

CARLONI

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Source was told by Col ZELLI, OC 1 Bersaglieri Regt, that CARLONI was leaving MONTE ROSA Div and coming to command ITALIA Div, with which he formerly served as a colonel. It is rumored that MONTE ROSA Div will be split up into independent bns. Source was also told that Gen CARLONI will remain on the staff of ITALIA Div as asst to Gen CARLONI.

Generale

CARLONI

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b) 1 Bersaglieri Regt (24 Feb 45 - Source 928)

Tenente Colonnello	TASSIA
Maggiore	ROMANUCCI
Capitano	MINICHETTI
"	LUCHESI

On 15 Feb 45 was relieved of his duties as C of S Div HQ (see CSDIC/LAI/AB 137, para B 10 a) and transferred to HQ 1 Bersaglieri Regt with unspecified functions.
 Ex OC 3 Bn (see CSDIC/LAI/AB 144, para B 15 e 1). Before MUSSOLINI's visit in mid Jan 45, applied to Col ZELLI for leave, but was refused because he was going into the line. Applied direct to MUSSOLINI and was granted leave. Gen CARLONI sent him an urgent telegram ordering him to return. Rejoined mid Feb 45, but was arrested at PIAZZA AL SEGNIO by order of Gen CARLONI. Source does NOT know what subsequently happened to him.
 Ex OC 1 Bn (see CSDIC/LAI/AB 134, para D 1 a). Now at Regt HQ with unspecified functions.
 Ex OC 2 Bn (see CSDIC/LAI/AB 144, para B 15 d 1). Now at Regt HQ with unspecified functions. Was imprisoned for a few days in Feb 45, because suspected of conniving with Partisans.

c) 2 Bersaglieri Regt (Feb 45 - Sources 939 & 940)

Ten Col	CARDINI	OC Regt. Commanded Reco Bn from May to Jul 44.
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d) Engineer Bn (Feb 45 - Sources 815, 871 & 906)

(1) Bn HQ

Capitano	BINI Mario	OC. (Not BIN, as given in CSDIC/LAI/AB 105 & 139).
Tenente	CASTRIA Guido	Adjut until 7 Feb 45, then OC Light Column. Captured by Partisans 15 Feb 45 (see above, para B 1 d).
"	GRIDO	OC HQ Pl.
"	TACCHINI	In Light Column.
S. Tenente	CAVACCIUTO	"
"	"	Deserted to Partisans 18 Feb 45, taking with him the Column's tent, ammunition, gun and equipment.

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Capitano
"
MINNETTI
LUOCHESI

c) 2 Bersaglieri Regt (Feb 45 - Sources 939 & 940)

Ten Col CAUDINI OC Regt. Commanded Recce Bn from May to Jul 44.

d) Engineer Bn (Feb 45 - Sources 815, 871 & 906)

(1) Bn HQ

Capitano RIMI Mario OC. (Not RH, as given in OSDIC/LAI/AB 105 & 139).
Tenente **CASERIA** Guido Adjut until 7 Feb 45, then OC Light Column.
"
GRIBBO Captured by Partisans 15 Feb 45 (see above, para B 1 d).
S. Tenente TACCONI OC HQ Pl.
"
CAVALCIGLIO In Light Column.
"
18 Feb 45, taking with him the Column's men, arms, and equipment. Deserted to Partisans.

(11) 1 Coy

Tenente
"
"
S. Tenente
"
"
CHEDINI OC 1 Pl.
BONOME OC 2 Pl.
BOLTERIO OC 4 Pl.
PISTELLI OC 3 Pl. Native of ROMB.
(or PISTELLI)

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(11) 2 Coy

See OSDIC/LAI/AB 10, para C 2 b.

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(iv) 3 Coy

Tenante	MACCHIA Amerigo	OC.
"	BENTUCCIOLI Renzo	2 IC.
S. Tenante	BALDASSARINI	Dr. Coy.
"	LAURA	"
"	PERUZZI	"

e) Sigs Bn (Feb 45 - Source 904)

(i) Bn HQ

Ten Col	LORENZINI Ettore	OC. Piedmontese, ex engr offr. Dr. CRAMPA until the Armistice. Respected by his superiors and popular with his subordinates. Does NOT like the Germans (cf CSDIC/LAI/AB 139, para H 1 b).
Capitano	PETROZZI	OC Sigs personnel at Bn HQ. Ex-PW.
Tenante	ALLEGRETTI Rudi	Tech offr. Ex-PW. Pro-Germans.
"	GRADINETTI	Admin offr. Ex-PW. Native of CALABRIA. Has a brother in Republican Air Force.
"	CAVALIERI	MD. Native of CALABRIA.
S. Tenante	ORFICO Mario	Adjt since Nov 44, previously OC Pl in WT Coy. Ex-PW. Neapolitan.

(ii) 1 (telephone) Coy

Source confirms personalities given in CSDIC/LAI/AB 139, para H 1 b, with the following additions:

Capitano	GIRELLI Aldo	OC. Ex-PW. Native of VOGHERA. Popular with men.
S. Tenante	DE BELLAARDINO	OC a Pl. Promoted from NCO in GERMANY. Very pro-German.
"	MARTINAZZA	OC a Pl. Came from ITALY.
"	PIRELLA	OC stores. Ex-PW. Native of TARANTO.

(iii) 2 (WT) Coy

Tenante	SETTI Vittorio	OC. Native of MILAN. Volunteer from a "Suicide Coy". ardent Fascist and pro-German.
"	CARLINO	OC a Pl. Native of MILAN. Volunteer from a "Suicide Coy". Fascist.
S. Tenante	GIRROCCIO	OC a Pl. Ex-PW. Native of PALERMO.
"	GRACIA	OC a Pl. Ex-PW. Native of TARANTO.

COY. ... until the armistice. Respected by his superiors and popular with his subordinates. Does NOT like the Germans (of OSDIC/LAI/AB 139, para H 1 b).
OC Sige personnel at Br HQ. Ex-PW.
Tech offr. Ex-PW. Pro-Germans.
Admin offr. Ex-PW. Native of CALABRIA. Has a brother in Republican Air Force.
ID. Native of CALABRIA.
Adjt since Nov 44, previously OC PI in WT Coy. Ex-PW. Neapolitan.

Capitano PETROZZI
Tenente ALBERTO Rudi
" GRANDI
" CAVALLERI
S. Tenente ORFEO Mario

(ii) 1 (Telephone) Coy

Source confirms personalities given in OSDIC/LAI/AB 139, para H 1 b, with the following additions:

Capitano GIZZI Aldo
S. Tenente DE BELANDINO
" MANTERACIA
" PARETTA
OC. Ex-PW. Native of VOGHERA. Popular with men.
OC a Pl. Promoted from NCO in GERMANY. Very pro-German.
OC a Pl. Came from ITALY.
OC stores. Ex-PW. Native of TARANTO.

(iii) 2 (WT) Coy

Tenente SERRI Vittorio
" GARMIG
S. Tenente CIRINCIONE
" GRACICOLA
" GLACCIANI
OC. Native of MILAN. Volunteer from a "Suicide Coy". Ardent Fascist and pro-German.
OC a Pl. Native of MILAN. Volunteer from a "Suicide Coy". Fascist.
OC a Pl. Ex-PW. Native of PALERMO.
OC a Pl. Ex-PW. Native of TRAPANI.
OC WT equipment. Ex-PW. Native of VENICE.

(iv) Light Column

Tenente RISORDI
OC. Ex-PW.

(v) German Liaison Staff

Lt SCHUCKERT
" HILDEBRAND
2 Lt KIER
" PANKOW
LO at Br HQ.
LO at Technical Office.
LO with 1 (Telephone) Coy.
LO with 2 (WT) Coy.

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r) Record En. (Feb 45 - Sources 939 & 940)

(1) En HQ

Capitano	CHISTE'	Former OC. Deserted end Jan 45, taking with him three other offrs and the in safe containing secret documents and Lire 800,000. A reward of Lire 500,000 has been offered for his apprehension.
"	JENNILLAS Salvatore	OC since end Jan 45. Previously OC 1 Squadron. Fascist, but an honest man. Formerly PT instructor at the <u>PARUSINA</u> .
Tenente	PERRETTI	Former Rations Offr. Deserted with CHISTE'.
"	LINSCH	Rations Offr since end Jan 45.
"	NARDI	Adj't since end Jan 45.
S. Tenente	DE FIORI	Former Adj't. Deserted with CHISTE'.
"	FIOCCHI	Supplementary offr. Deserted with CHISTE'.
"	DI TEDDORO	Admin offr.
"	DI STEFANIS	Constantino HQ. Native of FLORENCE. Ardent Fascist.
"	LEONARDI	OC Sign Equipment. Promoted from NCO in GERMANY.
"	VALNOTTI	at En HQ.
"	PALHISANI Giorgio	at En HQ.
Tenente	CATTARONZI	OC HQ Detachment.

(ii) 1 Squadron

S. Tenente	BARONZI Emilio	OC since end Jan. Ex-PW. Native of ROMAGNA. Respected by his subordinates.
"	GASPARETO Innocenzo	OC 1 Pl. Ex-PW. Native of ROVERETO.
"	SGARBI Brenno	OC 2 Pl. Ex-PW. Native of G.P.M.
"	GALLO	OC 3 Pl. Came from ITALY. Native of UMBRIA, resident in ROME. Killed early Mar 45 in front line. Replaced by a GNR offr whose name Source does NOT know.
"	CARLUCCI Ascanio	OC 4 Pl. Came from ITALY. Native of TURIN. Fascist.

(iii) 2 Squadron

Capitano	MASSORIO	OC. Ex-PW. Piontoso.
S. Tenente	TARONCO	OC 1 Pl. Ex-PW.
"	MAIONI	OC 2 Pl. Came from ITALY. Native of REMIGIO EMILIA.

Tenente	FERRERI	Former Nations Offr. Deserted with CHISTE'.
"	LINSON	Nations Offr since and Jan 45.
"	KARDI	Adj't since and Jan 45.
S. Tenente	DE FIORI	Former Adj't. Deserted with CHISTE'.
"	FIOCHI	Supernumerary offr. Deserted with CHISTE'.
"	DI TEBBIO	Admin offr.
"	DI STEFANIS	Constantino 10. Native of FLORENCE. Ardent Fascist.
"	LEONARDI	OC Sigs Equipment. Promoted from NCO in GERMANY.
"	VANOTTI	At En HQ.
"	PALLISANI Giorgio	At En HQ.
Tenente	CATTAROLZI	OC HQ Detachment.

(ii) 1 Squadron

S. Tenente	BARROZZI Emilio	OC since and Jan. Ex-FW. Native of ROMANIA. Respected by his subordinates.
"	GASPARETTO Innocenzo	OC 1 Pl. Ex-FW. Native of NOVI CO.
"	SGARBI Brenno	OC 2 Pl. Ex-FW. Native of CAPRI.
"	CARLO	OC 3 Pl. Came from ITALY. Native of UMBRIA. Resident in ROME. Killed early Mar 45 in front line. Replaced by a GAR offr whose name Source does NOT know.
"	CALABRUSA Ascenio	OC 4 Pl. Came from ITALY. Native of TURIN. Fascist.

(iii) 2 Squadron

Capitano	MASCHERIO	OC. Ex-FW. Piedmontese.
S. Tenente	TAROCCHI	OC a Pl. Ex-FW.
"	MARONI	OC a Pl. Came from ITALY. Native of NUBBIO EMILIA.

(iv) 3 Squadron

S. Tenente	DE POLO	OC. Ex-FW.
"	MARJO	OC a Pl. Ex-FW. Native of ROME.
"	VICCHI	OC a Pl. Came from ITALY. Native of TURIN.
"	ZAVARISI	OC a Pl. Ex-FW. Native of PADUA.

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E) Chaplains in Italia Div (24 Feb 45 - Source 928)

Capitano	Don CAROLINI Enrico	Chaplain to Div HQ. Regular. Before Armistice was chaplain to a Blackshirt unit in the RAIAS. Politically attached to Fascist regime. Fond of making political speeches. Has considerable influence owing to his oratorical gifts.
Tenente	Padre SANI Augusto	Chaplain to 2 Bersaglieri Regt. Ex mission-ary. Performs his task prudently and well, without favouring any political tendency.
Tenente	Don FLORAN Luigi	Chaplain to 1 Arty Regt. Ex Salesian missionary in JAPAN.
Tenente	Don BARCELLI Carlo	Chaplain to Div units. From the diocese of PAVIA.

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(R.E. BOOTHBYD),
Captain,
Italian Instrument to CSDIC.

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Tenente

Don FLORIAN Ludigi

Tenente

Don RANCHELLI Carlo

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(R. H. BOOTHROYD),
Captain,
Italian Increment to CSDIC.

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... performs his task prudently and well,
without favouring any political tendency.
Chaplain to 1 Army Regt. Ex Salernian
Missionary in JAPAN.
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interrogations by CSDIC/LIA of nineteen
Italians and by CSDIC (Main) of one
German PW.

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Maps used: ITALIA 1:100,000
1: 25,000

4. REMARKS

Source 769 is a 24-year-old farmer from SALERNO, who served as an NCO with 1 Borgagliani Rept, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 771 is a 31-year-old metalworker from PISTOIA, who served with the Rept 1 Tk Coy, from which he deserted. He is intelligent and has a good memory. Reliability fair.

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This report contains information on
1. Berzaglieri Regt ITALIA Div

Translation of extracts from detailed
interrogations by CSBIC/LAI of nineteen
Italians and by CSBIC (Main) of one
German PW.

Source No	LAI Ref	214 AB
769	"	214 AB
771	"	214 AB
781	"	214 AB
792	"	214 AB
795	"	214 AB
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822	"	214 AB
823	"	214 AB
824	"	215 AB
840	"	214 AB
845	"	214 AB
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941	CSBIC (Main)	

Maps used: TUL 1:100,000
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A. Background

Source 769 is a 24-year-old farmer from SALERNO, who served in an IDG with 1 Borzaglieri Regt, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 771 is a 31-year-old metalworker from PISTOIA, who served with the Regt A Tk Coy, from which he deserted. He is intelligent and has a good memory. Reliability fair.

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Maps used: TM 1:100,000
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A. PARABLE

Source 769 is a 24-year-old farmer from SALEMBO, who served in an NCO with 1 Borneo-Liuri Regt, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 771 is a 31-year-old metalworker from PICTOLA, who served with the Regt 4 Tk Coy, from which he deserted. He is intelligent and has a good memory. Reliability fair.

Source 781 is a 22-year-old farm labourer from COSSEMA, who served with 10 Coy 1 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 792 is a 24-year-old lecturer on art history from IDENGA, who served as an NCO with 8 Coy 2 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 795 is a 31-year-old labourer from TEMPHU, who served with 10 Coy 2 Bn, from which he deserted. He has a good memory. Reliability fair. **3261**

Source 796 is a 22-year-old mason from SASSARI, who served with 13 Coy 3 Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 797 is a 25-year-old tailor from LUCCA, who served with 13 Coy 3 Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 798 is a 22-year-old mason from LASSINI, who served with 13 Coy 3 Bn. Reliability fair.

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Source 800 is a 20-year-old student of accountancy from FLORENCE, who served with 14 Coy 3 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 801 is a 20-year-old student of law from MAE, who served with 15 Coy 3 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 806 is a 25-year-old schoolteacher from OHIMI, who served as an officer with 6 Coy 2 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 807 is a 25-year-old student from AVELINO, who served as an officer with 6 Coy 2 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 822 is a 34-year-old lawyer from CUNEO, who was OC 7 Coy 2 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 823 is a 22-year-old student of medicine from VARELLI, who served with 9 Coy 2 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 824 is a 24-year-old student from RAVENNA, who served as an officer with 11 Coy 3 Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 840 is a 23-year-old farmer from POMEI, who served with the Regt HQ Coy, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 845 is a 20-year-old peasant from LODIGI, who served with 16 (A Tk) Coy. Reliability fair.

Source 878 is a 23-year-old regular officer from FOLA, who served with 3 Coy 1 Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 882 is a 23-year-old clerk from RENZO GALATEA, who served with 1 Coy 1 Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 941 is a 29-year-old dairy worker from RASARICH, who served with the German liaison staff attached to ITALIA Div until he was captured on 5 Feb 45. His knowledge of the unit is NOT extensive. Reliability fair.

B. 1 REGIMENTAL REPT. ITALIA Div

1. Organisation (Jan 45 - Sources 769, 771, 840 & 845)

Regt consisted of:

- 13 Coy
- Three Bersaglieri Bns (1, 2 & 3 Bns)
- One Regt & 16 Coy (16 Coy)
- One Light Column.

Source 823 is a 22-year-old student of medicine from VERMELLI, who served with 5 Coy 2 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 824 is a 24-year-old student from RAVENNA, who served as an officer with 11 Coy 3 Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 840 is a 23-year-old farmer from POMEZI, who served with the Regt HQ Coy, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 845 is a 20-year-old peasant from DOZZA, who served with 16 (A Tk) Coy. Reliability fair.

Source 876 is a 23-year-old regular officer from ROMA, who served with 3 Coy 1 Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 882 is a 23-year-old clerk from REGIO CALABRIA, who served with 1 Coy 1 Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 941 is a 29-year-old dairy worker from KÄRICH, who served with the German liaison staff attached to Italia Div until he was captured on 5 Feb 45. His knowledge of the unit is NOT extensive. Reliability fair.

B. 1 BERSAGLIERI REGT, ITALIA DIV

1. Organization (Jan 45 - Sources 769, 771, 840 & 845)

Regt consisted of:

HQ Coy
Three Bersaglieri Bns (1, 2 & 3 Bns)
One Regt A Tk Coy (16 Coy)
One Light Column.

2. Bersaglieri Bn (Jan 45 - Source 769)

Each bn consisted of:

HQ Coy
Three Bersaglieri Coys
One Lt Coy
One Heavy Coy.

Coys are numbered as follows:

1 Bn : 1, 2 & 3 Bersaglieri Coys
4 Lt Coy
5 Lt Coy
2 Bn : 6, 7 & 8 Bersaglieri Coys
9 Lt Coy
10 Lt Coy.

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3 Bn : 11, 12 & 13 Bersaglieri Coys
14 B Coy
15 B Coy.

3. Uniform (Jan 45 - Source 800)

When off duty Bersaglieri wear a red fez, but on the march they wear helmets. Only the members of the first two coys of each bn (1 & 2 Coys, 6 & 7 Coys, 11 & 12 Coys) wear the Bersaglieri feathers.

4. Propaganda (Feb 45 - Source 806 & 807)

A Fascist propaganda officer (U.D.O.F. - Ufficiale di Orientamento Fascista) is attached to Regt HQ. He has three officers under him, one for each bn.

5. Miscellaneous (Jan 45 - Source 806 & 807)

a) For signalling purposes units are allotted names of officers, which are changed about once a fortnight. When units move, the names are changed even if the normal period has not expired.

b) Since the return to Italy hardly any attention has been paid to the spiritual welfare of the troops. The Regt Chaplain only once celebrated mass, at Christmas time. In CECIS/IAI mass was celebrated every Sunday and in the early days attendance was compulsory.

6. Regt HQ Coy (Source 763, 810 & 876)

a) Organization (30 Jan 45)

One Cyclist Pl
One Gun Pl
One Signals Pl
One Services Pl.

b) Strength (Dec 44)

About 190 men.

c) Cyclist Pl

This consisted of four men on German bicycles.
Strength: 3 Dec 44 - about 50 men.

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4. Fascist propaganda officer (U.D.O.F. = Ufficiale di Orientamento Fascista) is attached to Regt HQ. The Regt has three officers under him, one for each bn.

5. Miscellaneous (Jan 45 - Sources B06 & B07)

a) For signalling purposes units are allotted names of officers, which are changed about once a fortnight. When units move, the names are changed even if the normal period has not expired.

b) Since the return to Italy hardly any attention has been paid to the spiritual welfare of the troops. The Regt Chaplain only once celebrated mass, at Christmas time. In GERMANY mass was celebrated every Sunday and in the early days attendance was compulsory.

6. Regt HQ Coy (Sources 768, 840 & 878)

a) Organization (30 Jan 45)

One Cyclist Pl
One Gun Pl
One Signals Pl
One Services Pl.

b) Strength (Dec 44)

About 190 men.

c) Cyclist Pl

This consisted of four seces on German bicycles.

Strength: 3 Dec 44 - about 30 men
30 Jan 45 - " 12 men

d) Signals Pl (Dec 44)

OC
2 IC

Two W seces (one of one ICO and four men, and one of one ICO and three men).

Three telephone seces, each of seven men.

Strength: 3 Dec 44 - 32 men
30 Jan 45 - 14 men.

e) Gun Pl

Strength: 3 Dec 44 - about 35 men
30 Jan 45 - about 15 men

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f) Services Pl (Dec 44)

About ten drivers with horses
Two or three cooks
Four or five clerks
One cook
Batteries and other unspecified personnel.

g) Armament (Jan 45)

Cyclist Pl : Two MG 42
Gun Pl : The two guns allotted by WL had NOT arrived by 16 Jan 45.

h) Signal Equipment (Jan 45)

The Sigs Pl has:

Two WP sets (out of order)
One German ten-line telephone exchange
Six or seven German field telephones
Eight kilometres of telephone wire (ten drums).

i) Transport (16 Jan 45)

Two four-wheeled waggonettes
About twenty Italian and Russian horses
Six two-wheeled carts
Forty bicycles in the Cyclist Pl
Two or three bicycles in the Sigs Pl.

j) German Personnel (Jan 45)

One WO, at Coy HQ
One Sgt with Cyclist Pl.

7. 1 Bn

The following information is additional to that published in
CSGIC/LAI/AB 144:

a) Strength (13 Feb 45 - Source 678)

1 Coy	-	Reduced to three officers and about forty men.
2 Coy	-	two " " " twenty "
3 Coy	-	two " " three MGs and about 10 men in the front line, while twenty sick and miscellaneous personnel were elsewhere behind the line.

h) Signals Equipment (Jan 45)

The Sigs Pl has:

Two Wt sets (out of order)
One German ten-line telephone exchange
Six or seven German field telephones
Eight kilometres of telephone wire (ten drums).

i) Transport (15 Jan 45)

Two four-wheeled wagons
About twenty Italian and Russian horses
Six two-wheeled carts
Forty bicycles in the Cyclist Pl
Two or three bicycles in the Sigs Pl.

j) German Personnel (Jan 45)

One WO, at Coy HQ
One adjt with Cyclist Pl.

7. 1 Bn

The following information is additional to that published in
CSMIG/LAI/43 134:

a) Strength (15 Feb 45 - Source 878)

1 Coy	-	Reduced to three officers and about forty men.
2 Coy	-	" " " " " twenty "
3 Coy	-	" " " " " three MOs and about 10 men in the front line, while twenty sick and miscellaneous personnel were somewhere behind the line.
4 Coy	-	" " " " " about thirty men, who have been split up among the three rifle coys.
5 Coy	-	Only a few men of the mortar pls were left.

b) Decorations (Source 082)

On 12 Feb 45 two men of 1 Coy/45 were caught while attempting to desert, were shot at Regt HQ. Their names were ZINI and BASTIENI.

c) Code Names (12 Feb 45 - Source 878)

The following code names were being used by HQ 1 Regt for communications to 1 Bn:

1 Bn HQ	-	TAKACHIEVA
2 Coy	-	MACALIE
3 Coy	-	ALTOPLAO

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Outposts - TIGHE } These names denote the post
 RADIO } and are NOT changed when
 LINCE } the outposts are relieved.

8. / 2 Bn

a) Organization (Jan 45 - Sources 806, 807 & 822)

Bn consists of:

- HQ Coy
- Three Bersaglieri Coys (6, 7 & 8 Coys)
- One M1 Coy (9 Coy)
- One Heavy Coy (10 Coy)
- Each Bersaglieri Coy consisted of three pls of four men each.
- M1 Coy consisted of three M1 pls of two men each.
- Heavy Coy consisted of one gun pl, one 8.1 mortar pl, one 12 cm mortar pl and one services pl.

b) Strength

- HQ Coy in Jan 45 was about 30 men.
- 6 Coy, on leaving GERMANY was 152 strong. By 4 Feb 45 it had been reduced to three officers and 43 men, plus about 20 men sick or on detached duty.
- 7 Coy, on leaving GERMANY was up to its strength, viz four officers, 22 MOOs, 123 ORs (total 149 all ranks) plus seven Germans.
- On 25 Jan 45 Coy arrived in the line with four officers, 65 ORs and seven Germans. By 9 Feb 45 strength was down to 30 all ranks, and by 11 Feb it was reduced to two officers and about ten men.
- 8 Coy, on leaving GERMANY, was 152 strong. By 30 Jan 45 it was reduced to about 50 all ranks.
- 9 Coy, on leaving GERMANY was 158 strong. Owing to desertions, strength was reduced to 67 men by 22 Jan 45 and to about 30 men by 9 Feb 45.
- 10 Coy, on leaving GERMANY was about 230 strong. Owing to desertions it was reduced to about 160 men by 14 Jan 45.

c) Attachment

- (1) 6 Coy (4 Feb 45 - Sources 806 & 807)
- Five M1 42, of which two with 1 Pl (rendered unusable by OC Pl before he deserted), one with 2 Pl and two with 3 Pl.
- (11) 7 Coy (Feb 45 - Source 822)

Heavy Coy consisted of one gun pl, one 6.1 cm mortar pl, one 12 cm mortar pl and one services pl.

b) Strength

HQ Coy in Jan 45 was about 30 men. 6 Coy, on leaving GERMANY was 174 strong. By 4 Feb 45 it had been reduced to three officers and 45 men, plus about 20 men sick or on detached duty.

7 Coy, on leaving GERMANY was up to 473 strength, viz four officers, 22 NCOs, 123 ORs (total 149 all ranks) plus seven Germans. On 23 Jan 45 Coy arrived in the line with four officers, 55 ORs and seven Germans. By 9 Feb 45 strength was down to 30 all ranks, and by 11 Feb it was reduced to two officers and about ten men.

8 Coy, on leaving GERMANY, was 152 strong. By 30 Jan 45 it was reduced to about 30 all ranks.

9 Coy, on leaving GERMANY was 138 strong. Owing to desertions, strength was reduced to 67 men by 22 Jan 45 and to about 30 men by 9 Feb 45.

10 Coy, on leaving GERMANY was about 200 strong. Owing to desertions it was reduced to about 160 men by 14 Jan 45.

c) Arrivment

(i) 6 Coy (4 Feb 45 - Sources 806 & 807)

Five M3 42, of which two with 1 Pl (rendered unserviceable by CO Pl before he deserted), one with 2 Pl and two with 3 Pl.

(ii) 7 Coy (Feb 45 - Source 822)

Coy received three M3 42 in GERMANY, one for each pl. One additional M3 was issued in ITALY, but would not work.

(iii) 8 Coy (30 Jan 45 - Source 792)

Three M3 42, one per pl, issued at the end of the ME twelve.

(iv) 9 Coy (7 Feb 45 - Source 823)

Seven M3 42, of which three were already unserviceable when Coy arrived in the line and two were sabotaged by their crews on 7 Feb 45.

Three American M3, cal 12, received in Feb 45, of which two were unserviceable.

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(v) 10 Coy (Jan 45 - Source 781)

Coy HQ - One M2 42

Gun Pl - One 75-mm 1 in 10 gun, instead of the M2 two.
8.1 cm Mortar Pl - Four Italian 8.1 cm mortars instead of
the M2 six.

12 cm Mortar Pl - According to M2 pl should have had six
12-cm mortars, but none of the men had ever set
eyes on such a weapon.

d) Transport

(i) 6 Coy (Jan 45 - Sources 806 & 807)

Five small two-wheeled carts
Twelve small Russian horses
Five bicycles in poor condition.

(ii) 7 Coy (Jan 45 - Source 822)

Four small two-wheeled carts
Twelve small Russian horses, with harness, weak and
undernourished.
Nine bicycles.

(iii) 8 Coy (30 Jan 45 - Source 792)

One four-wheeled wagon
Four small two-wheeled carts (of which one unserviceable)
Twelve small Russian horses
Two bicycles.

(iv) 9 Coy (Feb 45 - Source 823)

One four-wheeled wagon for the farrier
Four small two-wheeled carts
Two heavy draught horses
Seven light draught horses
Four German bicycles.

(v) 10 Coy (Jan 45 - Source 795)

One four-wheeled wagon
Four small two-wheeled carts
Four small Italian horses for drawing 75-mm gun
Eight small Russian horses.

Five small two-wheeled carts
Twelve small Russian horses
Five bicycles in poor condition.

(141) 7 Coy (Jan 45 - Source 822)

Four small two-wheeled carts
Twelve small Russian horses, with harness, work and
undermounted.
Nine bicycles.

(144) 8 Coy (30 Jan 45 - Source 792)

One four-wheeled wagon
Four small two-wheeled carts (of which one unserviceable)
Twelve small Russian horses
Two bicycles.

(147) 9 Coy (Feb 45 - Source 823)

One four-wheeled wagon for the carrier
Four small two-wheeled carts
Two heavy draught horses
Seven light draught horses
Four German bicycles.

(v) 10 Coy (Jan 45 - Source 795)

One four-wheeled wagon
Four small two-wheeled carts
Four small Italian horses for drawing 75-mm gun
Eight small Russian horses.

e) Movements (Sources 792, 806, 807, 822 & 823)

4-7 Dec 44 - From STOKZIMEN, via the BRENNER and VERONA, to
MONTMAYNE (Sheet 62, P 5140), by train, and thence
on foot, marching only during the night, towards
the SOUTH.

8-13 Dec 44 - Via MANTUA, SUZZARA (Sheet 74, P 4305), SORGOLO
(Sheet 73, L 1990), MONTMAYNE (P 9381) to
BERGHO (Sheet 85, P 8154).

6-12 Jan 45 - To SAN MARTINO (Sheet 84, P 7461) for operation
against Partisans, in which other Republican and
German units took part. 2 did not make contact
with the Partisans, but in a house at SAN MARTINO
an 8.1 mm mortar in good condition and a quantity
of mortar men and hand-grenades were captured.

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13-18 Jan 45 - From BICOLO, via MIRANO (P 7211) and PALLERONE (Sheet 96, P 8020) to VIGNOLA (P 9520), where he stayed for a few days and received part of the equipment which it lacked.
21 Jan 45 - To PALLERONE (L 0416) and into the front line.

9. 3 Bn

a) Organization (Jan 45 - Source 824)

Bn consists of:

Three Bersagliieri Coys (11, 12 and 13 Coys)
One MC Coy (14 Coy)
One Heavy Coy (15 Coy).
Each Bersagliieri Coy consisted of three pls.
14 (MC) Coy consisted of three pls of two secs each.
15 (Heavy) Coy consisted of one gun pl, one 8.1 mortar pl, one 12 cm mortar pl and one services pl.

b) Strength

11 Coy - WE: four officers, 22 NCOs, 123 ORs. On leaving GERMANY, strength was 147 all ranks, plus seven German. By 2 Feb 45 it had been reduced to 45 all ranks; by 9 Feb to three officers and 30 ORs.
13 Coy - On leaving GERMANY, strength was 148 all ranks. By 17 Jan 45 it had been reduced to 94 all ranks; by 22 Jan to about 80 all ranks.
14 Coy - On leaving GERMANY, 150 all ranks. By 28 Jan 45, strength had been reduced to about 40 all ranks.
15 Coy - On leaving GERMANY, 220 all ranks. By 27 Jan 45, strength had been reduced to about 100 all ranks.

c) Attachment

(1) 11 Coy (6 Feb 45 - Source 824)

Four 45 42, instead of the WE twelve.
Ten Panzerfausts received from the unit relieved in the line.
About thirty Panzerfausts left behind it GERMANY (Sheet 62, P 5140).

(11) 13 Coy (21 Jan 45 - Source 796-798)

Three Bersaglieri Coys (11, 12 and 13 Coys)

One MG Coy (14 Coy)

One Heavy Coy (15 Coy).

Each Bersaglieri Coy consisted of three pls.

14 (MG) Coy consisted of three pls of two secs each.

15 (Heavy) Coy consisted of one gun pl, one 8.1 cm mortar pl, one 12 cm mortar pl and one services pl.

b) Strength

11 Coy - WE: four officers, 22 NCOs, 123 ORs. On leaving GEMANY, strength was 147 all ranks, plus seven Germans. By 2 Feb 45 it had been reduced to 45 all ranks; by 9 Feb to three officers and 30 ORs.

13 Coy - On leaving GEMANY, strength was 148 all ranks. By 17 Jan 45 it had been reduced to 94 all ranks; by 22 Jan to about 80 all ranks.

14 Coy - On leaving GEMANY, 160 all ranks. By 26 Jan 45, strength had been reduced to about 40 all ranks.

15 Coy - On leaving GEMANY, 220 all ranks. By 27 Jan 45, strength had been reduced to about 100 all ranks.

c) Armament

(i) 11 Coy (5 Feb 45 - Source 824)

Four MG 42, instead of the WE twelve.

Ten Panzerfausts received from the unit relieved in the line. About thirty Panzerfausts left behind at MUELSHE (Sheet 62, F 5140).

(ii) 13 Coy (21 Jan 45 - Sources 796-798)

Three MG 42, instead of the WE twelve.

(iii) 14 Coy (28 Jan 45 - Source 800)

Three MG 42, instead of the WE twelve. Originally, coy had four, but one was taken away by a sec which deserted.

(iv) 15 Coy (28 Jan 45 - Source 831)

Gun Pl - Two 7.5 cm 15 guns, as per WE.

8.1 cm Mortar Pl - Six 8.1 cm mortars (of which one Italian) as per WE.

12 cm Mortar Pl - Six Italian 8.1 cm mortars, instead of 12 cm mortars as laid down by WE.

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d) Transport

(1) 11 Coy (15 Jan 45 - Source 824)

One four-wheeled wagon
Four small two-wheeled carts
Eight small Russian horses
Four bicycles

(11) 13 Coy (21 Jan 45 - Source 796-798)

Six small two-wheeled carts
Eight small Russian horses
Coy once had two bicycles, but these were taken over on 14 Dec 44 by 3rd Bn.

(111) 14 Coy (Dec 44 - Source 800)

One four-wheeled light wagon, drawn by three small Russian horses, for transport of men and other materials.
Four small two-wheeled carts, with 10 horses to draw them.
Three German bicycles.

(1v) 15 Coy (26 Jan 45 - Source 801)

Four four-wheeled wagons
Five small two-wheeled carts
Eight small Russian horses
10 bicycles.

e) Movements (Source 800, 801 & 824)

4-5 Dec 44 - PRA. SLOZIMEN by train to MINTA.

9-23 Dec 44 - By night marches to the CASSIO area, where bn was distributed as follows:

11 Coy at CASTELLONHIO	(Sheet 85, P 8358)
13 " " CASTELLO	" " P 8761
14 " " CAVAZZOLO	" " P 8360
15 " " CASSIO	" " P 8562

12-26 Jan 45 - Bn, together with other units of 1 Regt, took part in operations against Partisans, but did NOT make contact.

26-31 Jan 45 - Bn moved to TORRESE (Sheet 96, L 1107), whence at Dec Feb 45 coys went into the line.

f) MISSOLINI's Visit to 1 Bn (Source 824)

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Eight small Russian horses
Coy once had two bicycles, but these were taken over on 14 Dec
44 by Bn HQ.

(iii) 14 Coy (Dec 44 - Source 800)

One four-wheeled light wagon, driven by three small Russian
horses, for transport of am and other materials.
Four small two-wheeled carts, with 10 horses to draw them.
Three German bicycles.

(iv) 15 Coy (28 Jan 45 - Source 801)

Four four-wheeled wagons
Five small two-wheeled carts
Eight small Russian horses
10 bicycles.

e) Movements (Sources 800, 801 & 824)

4-5 Dec 44 - From SMOLENSK by train to MAFIA.
 9-23 Dec 44 - 15 night marches to the CASSIO area, where Bn was
 distributed as follows:
 11 Coy at CASTELLONCHIO (Sheet 85, P 8358)
 13 " " CASTELLO " " P 8761
 14 " " CAVALAZZOLO " " P 8360
 15 " " CASSIO " " P 8562
 12-26 Jan 45 - Bn, together with other units of 1 Regt, took part
 in operations against Partisans, but did NOT make
 contact.
 26-31 Jan 45 - Bn moved to NOBITE (Sheet 96, L 1107), whence at
 beg Feb 45 coys went into the line.

f) MUSSOLINI's Visit to 3 Bn (Source 824)

On 21 Jan 45 two armoured cars full of German SS arrived at 11 Coy
 HQ at MOCRORE (Sheet 96, P 7853). OC 3 Bn ordered a curfew from
 1600 hrs to 0800 hrs on the following morning. At 0400 hrs on
 23 Jan 45 11 Coy cleared the roadabouts belonging to a circus from the
 piazza and erected in the centre of the latter a platform consisting of
 upturned wooden crates. Officers and men were ordered to deposit their
 weapons in a closed row. The other coys of 3 Bn arrived without arms.
 Coys then fell in in the piazza in U-shaped formation. All ranks were
 searched for concealed weapons, only one or two trusted officers being
 allowed to carry MP's. At 0630 hrs cars containing Black Bde personnel
 and German SS arrived, and the Bersaglieri suspected that they had been
 disarmed because they were to be deported to GERMANY. Maggiore
 BONALICI then announced that MUSSOLINI was about to arrive.

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Shortly after, the DUCE arrived and inspected the men, after which he said to the CO: "Tenente Colonnello ZELLI, from now on you may wear the badges of rank of a colonel." The DUCE then mounted the platform and made a speech assuring the Bersaglieri that ITALY would soon be liberated thanks to their services. He added: "This is the second time we have met; the first was on the soil of our Ally; today we are on the sacred soil of the Republic." At the end of his speech he shouted: "Italian!", which was echoed by all those present. The troops, urged on by their officers, surrounded MUSSOLINI's car and cheered. An FCO shouted: "DUCE! We'll meet again in Rome," to which MUSSOLINI replied with an affirmative gesture. MUSSOLINI then drew from his pocket a small box, which he distributed among the poor of the village. After a frugal collation in the house of the widow of a general who was killed in the last war, the DUCE and his entourage entered their cars and disappeared in the direction of the front line.

10. 16 (G Tr) Coy (26 Jan 45 - Sources 769 & 845)

a) Organization

Coy consisted of:

HQ Pl

Three & 4x pls (1, 2 & 3 pls), each of three sec.

b) Strength

HQ Pl	about 20 men
1 Pl	" 35 men
2 Pl	" 45 men
3 Pl	" 45 men

Total : 145 men

c) Armament

1 Pl	: Twelve 150-mm Panzerschrecks and one MG 42
2 Pl	: Eighteen " " " "
3 Pl	: " " " "

d) Transport

One Fiat 1100 car.
Two small two-wheeled carts

widow of a general who was killed in the East, and his widow, who entered their cars and disappeared in the direction of the front line.

10. 16 (a PK) Coy (26 Jan 45 - Sources 769 & 845)

a) Organization

Coy consisted of:

HQ Pl

Three A tk pls (1, 2 & 3 pls), each of three sons.

b) Strength

HQ Pl about 20 men
1 Pl " 35 men
2 Pl " 45 men
3 Pl " 45 men

Total : 145 men

c) Armament

1 Pl : Twelve 150-mm Panzerschrecks and one 120 42
2 Pl : Eighteen " " " " " "
3 Pl : " " " " " "

d) Transport

One Fiat 1100 car.
Two small two-wheeled carts

11. Light Column (19 Jan 45 - Source 769)

This consisted of about sixty men under a Lt. Their transport consisted of about fourteen four-wheeled German carts, about six four-wheeled Russian carts and about sixty draught animals.

12. German Liaison Staff (Source 941)

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The original establishment of DAK 180 provided for 1 oftr, 3 Spts, 3 ORs and 1 interpreter for each Inf Coy or equivalent unit. The interpreters were mainly S.odorfuhrer, and apart from them none of the Liaison Staff spoke any Italian. Source states that the above numbers were never available, and latterly a maximum of two or three members of the Liaison Staff were available in each Coy. During the initial training period (May - Dec 44) the task of the Liaison Staff was to teach the Division German tactical doctrine, as well as the handling of German weapons. During that period the Liaison Staff,

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including ORs, had full authority to give orders to all Italian personnel, including officers. As seen as the training period was completed this authority was withdrawn, and today the Liaison staff is only authorized to make "suggestions" to Italian personnel. This rule applies from the highest to the lowest rank on the Liaison Staff. Source states that the arrangement works smoothly and that there are few causes for friction between German and Italian personnel. The Liaison staff, including the Sonderführer, feel they are superfluous in their supervisory capacity, as they have no real authority.

13. Locations

- 26 Jan 45 - 16 (A tk) Coy quartered in private houses at TERESA-ROSSA (Sheet 96, P 7723).
- 29 Jan 45 - Regt HQ Coy moved from TERESA-ROSSA to CASTELMORVO di GARFANZANA (L 1308).
- 30 Jan 45 - HQ 8 Coy at CASCIANELLE (Sheet 97 III NW, L 1808) where it relieved an unspecified German Coy consisting of one officer and fifty men. 8 Coy was between height 906 (L 138074) and FALDOSCHELLO (L 196085) and was reinforced by 3 Pl, 9 (4E) Coy. Miscellaneous equipment of 8 Coy, including the Gen's packs, was at MAGGIO (Sheet 85, P 8154).

Sheet 97 III NW
L 17570670
L 16270628

- 3 Feb 45 - HQ 6 Coy at MOLINO PLAN DEL RIO.

The Coy was SOUTH of the line HOME di CARPIO-ESILDO PLAN DEL RIO, where on 24 Jan 45 it had relieved 2 Coy, 1 Bn, 286 German Grenadier Regt. It was reinforced by 1 Pl, 9 (4E) Coy.

- 4 Feb 45 - Owing to the desertion of practically the whole of two pls and the HQ Pl, 6 Coy received reinforcements from HQ Pl, 9 (4E) Coy.

Sheet 97 III NW
L 17310729

- 7 Feb 45 - 2 Bn sent store at Casa ROSSA (height 521) from which the coys in line drew their supplies.

Sheet 97 III NW
L 18400710
L 178065
L 188074

- 8 Feb 45 - 7 Coy in a house E457 of FURZENTHALL. The Coy was between heights 608 and 906, where on 23 Jan 45 it had replaced 3 Coy, 1 Bn 286 German Grenadier Regt. It was reinforced by 2 HQ Pl, 9 Coy (two HQs), and by a 4.1 cm mortar sec of 10 Coy (two mortars). Owing to the number of desertions, the Coy had been reinforced by thirty-seven men, most of them drawn from the Regt A tk Coy.

Sheet 96
L 1106
Sheet 96 II SE

- 8 Feb 45 - HQ 3 Bn in a house NORTH of SASSI.

Sheet 97 III NW
L 17570670
L 16270628

29 Jan 45 - Regt 14 Coy moved from TELA ROSA to CASTELHONDO di GAZZANICA (L 1306).

30 Jan 45 - HQ 8 Coy at CASOLINELLE (Sheet 97 III NW, L 1306) where it relieved an unspecified German Coy consisting of one officer and fifty men. 8 Coy was between height 906 (L 138074) and HADOSCHILLO (L 196085) and was reinforced by 3 Pl, 9 (HG) Coy. Miscellaneous equipment of 8 Coy, including the men's packs, was at BERGHO (Sheet 85, P 8154).

3 Feb 45 - HQ 6 Coy at MULLO PLIN DEL RIO.

The Coy was SOUTH of the line ROUTE di CAMPIO-MULLO PLIN DEL RIO, where on 24 Jan 45 it had relieved 2 Coy, 1 Bn, 286 German Grenadier Regt. It was reinforced by 1 Pl, 9 (HG) Coy.

4 Feb 45 - Owing to the desertion of practically the whole of two pls and the HQ Pl, 6 Coy received reinforcements from HQ Pl, 9 (HG) Coy.

7 Feb 45 - 2 Bn was store at CASA ROSA (height 921) from which the coys in line drew their supplies.

8 Feb 45 - 7 Coy in a house EAST of FREPPINALLA. The Coy was between heights 608 and 906, where on 23 Jan 45 it had replaced 3 Coy, 1 Bn 286 German Grenadier Regt. It was reinforced by 2 Bn Pl, 9 Coy (see 1323), and by a 8.1 cm mortar sec of 10 Coy (two mortars). Owing to the number of desertions, the Coy had been reinforced by thirty-seven men, most of them drawn from the Regt A tk Coy.

8 Feb 45 - HQ 3 Bn in a house NORTH of SASSI.

8 Feb 45 - HQ 11 Coy, with 1 Pl, EAST of height 832. 2 Pl 11 Coy on outpost duty near G. MUCIANA. 3 Pl 11 Coy at HQ. 3 Pl 12 Coy at Height 876. Engr Pl 3 Bn HQ at HQ.

9 Feb 45 - HQ 2 Bn in a hill at CAVALLATA (this hill is indicated on the map, HR is approximate). On 24 Jan 45 2 Bn had relieved 1 Bn, 286 German Grenadier Regt.

Sheet 96
L 1106
Sheet 96 II SE
L 114432
L 112032
L 112042
L 107046
L 106044
Sheet 97 III NE
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Sheet 97 III NW
L 173077

9 Feb 45 - HQ 9 Coy at COLLOCIA, where it relieved an unspecified German Engineer unit. The pln were split up as follows:
1 Pl and HQ Pl with 6 Coy
2 Pl with 7 Coy
3 Pl with 8 Coy.
9 Feb 45 - Two arty OPs manned by Germans SW of height 906.
" " - arty OP manned by Germans at height 791 (NET marked on map), SW of height 906.

L 183074

L 186072

14. F.P. Nos

Regt HQ Coy and Light Column - 85035
1 Bn - 85114
2 Bn - 86136
3 Bn - 80078
16 (a Tk) Coy - 81677

15. Personalities of 1 Bersaglieri Regt

a) Regt HQ

Colonello	ZELLI-LACONRUZZI	OC Regt. Fine soldier. Very intelligent and classic in his political views. Highly thought of by OC Div, who always put him in charge of tactical exercises when Germans were present.
Capitano	COFFI-SALAMINI	Regt Adjt. From May to Jul 44 OC 3 Coy; from Jul to Nov 44 OC Regt HQ Coy. Popular with the men.
"	MORZALI	at Regt HQ.
"	CHIA	"
"	FRELLA Mario	IES. Until Aug 44 2 IC 2 Mod Coy. Ex PW, native of ITALY. Formerly at FORLANINI hospital, RESS.
"	GARAPPONE	In charge of Regt pack tpt. Regt Adjt until Nov 44.
Tenente	POSTIGLIONE	Personal asst to OC Regt. Wounded at BRESNO by MG fire from an aircraft in Dec 44.
"	NICOLOSI Ferdinando	at Regt HQ. Sicilian. About 50 years old.
"	PROVERA	at Regt HQ. Fought in RUSSIA.
3. Tenente	KAISERLEIN	UDOP (fascist propaganda officer) at Regt HQ. Controls propaganda office with ins. Italian of Slav origin. Badly lives in RUSSIA.

2 Bn - 86136
3 Bn - 80078
16 (A Tk) Coy - 81677

15. Personalities of 1 Bersaglieri Regt

a) Regt HQ

Colonello	ZELLI-LACOMBEZZI	OC Regt. Fine soldier. Very intelligent and elastic in his political views. Highly thought of by OC Div, who always put him in charge of tactical exercises when Germans were present.
Capitano	GOTTI-SARACENI	Regt Adjt. From May to Jul 44 OC 3 Coy; from Jul to Nov 44 OC Regt HQ Coy. Popular with the men.
"	MOPELLI	at Regt HQ.
"	CHILA	" " "
"	PELLA VARIO	IES. Until Aug 44 2 IC 2 Med Coy. Ex IW, native of TRI. Formerly at ROMANINI hospital, RME.
"	GARAFFONE	In charge of Regt pack tpt. Regt Adjt until Nov 44.
Tenente	POSTOLIONE	Personal asst to OC Regt. Wounded at IMCETO by HE fire from an aircraft in Dec 44.
"	NICOLOSI Ferdinando	at Regt HQ. Sicilian. About 50 years old.
"	PROVERA	at Regt HQ. Fought in 40SSM.
S.Tenente	KALISELEIN	UDOF (Fascist propaganda offr) at Regt HQ. Controls propaganda offr with Ins. Italian of Slav origin. Family lives in MILAN.
"	RICCI	UDOF. Attached to Regt HQ.
"	VERONESI	Ex OC 4 Tk Coy. Transferred to Regt HQ and Jan 45 as punishment. Fought in NORTH AFRICA.

b) Regt HQ Coy

Tenente	FERRETTI	OC Coy. Ex IW and cavalry offr. Native of REG.
"	MATROBILA	OC Cyclist Pl. Ex IW. Admitted to REGIMO hospital suffering from gonorrhoea.
"	SANINI	OC Sigs Pl. Ex IW. Native of BOLOGNA. Popular with men.
S.Tenente	BABALA	OC Gun Pl. Ex IW. Native of CIELLA. Fanatical pro-German.

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c) 1 Bn (Feb 45) (Of CSDIC/LAI/AB 134, para D)

(i) Bn HQ

Tenente	PELONE	at HQ.	Ex 26.	Southern.
S. Tenente	ROCCESI	OC 31st Pl.		
S. Tenente	DELOGU	OC 2nd Pl.		

(ii) 1 Coy

S. Tenente	LAURELLI	OC 2 Pl.
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(iii) 2 Coy

Capitano	COHORE	OC.	Formerly at Bn HQ.
Tenente	SALVINI	Former OC.	Disappeared night of 7-8 Feb 45.
S. Tenente	SCORNO	OC 3 Pl.	Killed 11 Feb 45.

(iv) 3 Coy

S. Tenente	BUCCARI	Transferred to 3 Coy 6 Feb 45, as there were NO subalterns left.	Former OC 8 Coy 2 Bn.
"	CARILLA	OC 1 Pl.	Ex 14. Southern. Wounded 4 Feb 45.
"	PATTIOLINO	OC 2 Pl.	Died of wounds 4 Feb 45.

(v) 4 Coy

Tenente	CASSONARO	Wounded in nose and eye 4 Feb 45.
S. Tenente	D'ALBA	OC 3 Pl. Wounded 8 Feb 45.

d) 2 Bn (Feb 45)

(i) Bn HQ

Capitano	LUCCESI-VALLE ROSARIO	Former OC Bn.	Ex 14. Native of PALZAD.	Took part in the Abyssinian and Spanish campaigns. Fairly well liked by his subordinates. Reputed of having sided with the Germans immediately after the armistice.
Capitano	SULEMI	Replaced LUCCESI as OC Bn, for unspecified reasons.	Formerly OC 4 Coy, 1 Bn.	

Tenente	CHIRASSI MARIN	adlt.
S. Tenente	MARILLONI ALDO	Personal assistant to OC Bn and Bn U.D.O.P.

Capitano
Teniente
S. Teniente

GORGONE
SALVETTI
SORDANO

OC.
Former OC.
OC 3 Pl.

Formerly at Bn HQ.
Disappeared night of 7-8 Feb 45.
Killed 11 Feb 45.

(iv) 3 Coy

S. Teniente
" "
" "

BUCCHARI
GARELLA
BOTTICELLIANO

Transferred to 3 Coy 6 Feb 45, as there were no subalterns left. Former OC 8 Coy 2 Bn.
OC 1 Pl. Ex PW. Southampton. Wounded 4 Feb 45.
OC 2 Pl. Died of wounds 4 Feb 45.

(v) 4 Coy

Teniente
S. Teniente

CARONLO
D'ASALA

Wounded in nose and eye 4 Feb 45.
OC 3 Pl. Wounded 8 Feb 45.

d) 2 Bn (Feb 45)

(1) Bn HQ

Capitano

LUCHESI-ITALI Rosario

Former OC Bn. Ex PW. Native of Palermo. Took part in the Abyssinian and Spanish campaigns. Fairly well liked by his subordinates. Boasted of having aided with the Germans immediately after the Armistice.
Replaced LUCHESI as OC Bn, for unspecified reasons. Formerly OC 4 Coy, 1 Bn.

SULLINI

Personal assistant to OC Bn and Bn U.D.O. 7.

CHINELLI Mario Adjt.

Ex PW. Native of Naples. Has pronounced Fascist sentiments. Went over at once to the German Army and then to the Republicans.

MAILLONI Adam

Ex PW. Native of Southern Italy. Promoted from Sergeant in Germany.

DE LERI

At Bn HQ.

LEONARDO

At Bn HQ.

BOLZONELLA

At Bn HQ.

ARRELLI

(11) 6 Coy

Teniente
" "
" "
" "

DE BRUNO Italo OC Coy. Ex PW. Native of Palermo. Deserted with his pl on 3 Feb 45.
DI CATONIA Palermese OC 1 Pl. Deserted with his pl on 3 Feb 45.
LAINACONE Roberto OC 2 Pl. Deserted with his pl on 3 Feb 45.
AUGELIANTO Umberto OC 3 Pl. Ex PW. Native of Sicily. Killed in action, 6 Feb 45.
(or ANIELLO) Came from Inf. Superintendence officer with 6 Coy. 13 years old. Came from Italy. Was promoted from HQ to officer in Germany.

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(iii) 7 Coy

Tenente OLIVIERE Lorenzo

S.Tenente D'ALESSANDRO

" GERMANIGLIO

" VITTELLO Antonio

" CHECCHELLI

(iv) 8 Coy

S.Tenente CHIARINELLO Aurelio

" MIGLIETTA

" AVANZATI

" FECCHI Giorgio

" FALLAI Vittorio

(v) 9 Coy

Tenente MULACOLA Italo

S.Tenente BARBAGLI Pollicio

" LORI Romeo

" ROYAL Sergio

" NASO Antonio

OC Coy. Ex IW. Native of SALIZADA. Formerly in 53 Inf Re t. Deserted. OC 1 Pl. Ex IW. Native of the LAGHES. Promoted from Sergeant in 2134th. Deserted.

OC 2 Pl. Sicilian who came from ITALY. Wounded 9 Feb 45.

OC 3 Pl. Neapolitan. Ex IW. Formerly with 72 Re t.

OC 4 Pl. Ex IW. Formerly a Lt in the Carabinieri. Native of SALIZADA.

OC Coy. Formerly OC 1 Pl, 7 Coy. Ex IW. Native of NAPLES.

OC 1 Pl. Ex IW. Native of LECCE. Inf offr and doctor of chemistry. From Jul to Oct 44 was OC 1 Pl, 13 Coy, 3 Bn.

OC 2 Pl. Ex IW.

OC 3 Pl. Formerly with 10 Group OC. SM.

Came from ITALY with one of the "Suicide Corps". Supernumerary officer.

OC Coy. Ex IW. Native of MONFOLLI (SM). Ex Parachutist. Was machine-gunned by an American patrol whilst trying to desert on 9 Feb 45. Source 823, who was present at the time, thinks he was killed.

OC 1 Pl. Went over to the Germans immediately after the Armistice and founded First Republican Fascio in CROATIA. Born at FIEVE SANTO STEFANO (AREZZO).

OC 2 Pl. Ex IW. Native of COLLANARO (MAGLIANA). Estimated by his subordinate. OC 3 Pl. Ex IW. Native of FLORENCE, where he lives in Via della Scala.

Supernumerary officer. Came from ITALY. Formerly regular officer with 4 Bersaglieri Re t. Native of MANTOVA. On 13 Jan 45 went

(iv) 8 Coy

S.Tenente CHIARIELLO Aurelio
" NIGLIETTA
" AVANZASI
" PESCHI Giorgio
" FALINI Vittorio

OC Coy. Formerly OC 1 Pl, 7 Coy. Ex PW.
Native of NALLES.
OC 1 Pl. Ex PW. Native of LEOCE. Inf offr
and doctor of chemistry. From Jul to Oct 44
was OC 1 Pl, 13 Coy, 3 Bn.
OC 2 Pl. Ex PW.
OC 3 Pl. Formerly with 10 Group OC.MN.
Came from ITALY with one of the "Suicide Coys".
Superintendency officer.

(v) 2 Coy

Tenente MUCIACOLA Italo

OC Coy. Ex PW. Native of MONOPOLI (BARI).
Ex Fascist. Was machine-gunned by an
American negro patrol whilst trying to desert
on 9 Feb 45. Source 823, who was present at
the time, thinks he was killed.

S.Tenente BARPAGLI Pellico

OC 1 Pl. Went over to the Germans immediately
after the Armistice and founded firstrepub-
lican Fascio in CROAZIA. Born at FIEVE
SAVO STERAO (AREZZO).

" LOAI Renzo

OC 2 Pl. Ex PW. Native of CORREANO
(MANTOVA). Rated by his subordinates.

" ROVAL Sergio

OC 3 Pl. Ex PW. Native of FLORENCE, where
he lives in Via della Scala.

" RANNO Antonio

Superintendency officer. Came from ITALY.
Formerly regular officer with 4 Bersaglieri
Regt. Native of RAVENNA. On 13 Jan 45 went
to ITALY on leave and did NOT return.
Deserted in CROAZIA and succeeded in crossing
the frontier into SWITZERLAND, by an unfortun-
ate mistake re-crossed into German territory,
where he was captured by German Frontier
guards and taken to HESSEN, where he was shot.
He died smoking a cigarette and shouting
"Down with HITLER, long live ITALY".

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(vi) 10 Coy

Tenente NACCHI Domenico

OC. Ex PW. Native of APULIA. Family lives
in NOME. Came from the inf. Popular with
his subordinates.

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S. Tenente	CINVALLOTTI	OC Services Pl. Ex IV. Native of MILAN, promoted from Sergeant Maggiore on 18 Jul 44 when MESOLINI visited the Div in GERMANY.
"	DEVITCE Vincenzo	Principe DOCCADIA. OC Gun Pl. Ex IV belonging to a noble Neapolitan family. Formerly with 23 Arty Regt.
Tenente	MARTINI Pio	OC 8.1 cm Mortar Pl. Ex IV. Native of MODENA. Comes from inf. Enticed by his subordinates. Killed 6 Feb 45.
S. Tenente	COLELLA Umberto	OC 12 cm Mortar Pl. Comes from ITALY. Native of ROM.
Sergente	MUPIANI	In charge of Services Sec.

o) 5 Bn(1) En HQ (Feb 45)

Maggiore	ROMANICI Alessandro	OC 2n since Sep 44. Comes from ITALY. Ex Pod-est Secretary VIGONA. A C of S of the GIL at the time when VIDESSONI was Party Secretary. His subordinates consider him to be a good OC. On 30 Jan 45, when he was about to go into the line, he went on leave. Capt HENNELDI, OC 14 Coy became acting OC 2n.
Capitano	BRANCHETTI	OC 2n until Aug 44, when he was transferred to Reinforcement Bn for having struck a sentry. Fanatical Fascist. Ordered all ranks to wear black shirts, but order was NOT obeyed.
Tenente	DE SILLA	Adj. Personal asst to OC 2n.
S. Tenente	CINCHIGIATI	
(11) <u>11 Coy (Feb 45)</u>		
Tenente	TELENTI Angelo	OC. Volunteer. Came from ITALY. Native of TURIN. Killed 6 Feb 45 during an attack on Allied outposts.
"	BOANO Renato	OC 1 Pl. Ex IV. Cavalry offr. Native of LOMB.
"	RAMBERI Ivo	Adj. 30.
S. Tenente	TUNI Loris	OC 2 Pl. Ex IV. Inf offr. Native of TRIESTE.
"		OC 3 Pl. Ex IV. Native of TRIESTE. Deserted 8 Feb 45.
"	SCALABINO	Supplementary offr. Ex IV. Sicilian. Went on leave in Jan 45 and
"		Supplementary offr.

(1) En HQ (Feb 45)

Capitano
S. Tenente
Tenente
S. Tenente

RONALDI Alessandro OC En since Sep 44. Came from ITALY. Ex Fed-
eral Secretary VIMBA. A C of S of the GIL at
the time when VIDASSONI was Party Secretary. His
subordinates consider him to be a good OC. On
30 Jan 45, when En was about to go into the line,
he went on leave. Capt BRUNELLI, OC 14 Coy
became acting OC En.
OC En until Aug 44, when he was transferred to
Reinforcement En for having struck a sentry.
Political Fascist. Ordered all ranks to wear
black shirts, but order was NOT obeyed.
Adj. General sent to OC En.

(11) 11 Coy (Feb 45)

Tenente
" S. Tenente
" " " " " "

TELETTI Angelo OC. Volunteer. Came from ITALY. Native of TURIN.
Killed 6 Feb 45 during an attack on Allied out-
posts.
BOATO Renzo OC 1 Pl. Ex PW. Cavalry offr. Native of T.D.M.
Age 30.
RAMOLZI Ivo OC 2 Pl. Ex PW. Inf offr. Native of TRIESTE.
TURI Loris OC 3 Pl. Ex PW. Native of RAVENNA. Deserted
8 Feb 45.
SCALABRINO Supernumerary offr. Ex PW. Sicilian.
MAGLIORIO Supernumerary offr. Went on leave 14 Jan 45 and
did NOT return.

(11) 13 Coy (Jan 45)

Tenente
" S. Tenente
" " " " " "

MENTELLI OC. Came from ITALY. Ex offr in Forest Militia.
Native of VITERBO. Killed by Partisans 22 Jan 45.
ASSETTA OC 1 Pl. Came from ITALY. Ex Bersaglieri offr.
Sicilian. Has presumably taken over coy. 3248
GAVA OC 2 Pl. Ex PW and Bersaglieri offr.
MUGLIERI OC 3 Pl. Came from ITALY. Formerly in 11 Borna-
liori Regt. Native of RAVENNA (ISTRIA).
BERGI OC HQ det. Ex PW and inf offr. Sicilian.
VENTURI Supernumerary offr. Came from ITALY. Promoted
offr in REGIMENT. Native of FERRARA, age 20.

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(iv) 14 Coy (Jan 45)

Capitano	BRUMMALDI	OC. Came from ITALY where he had been in an "M" Reg. Fanatical Fascist. Native of GENOA. Since 30 Jan 45 acting OC Bn.
Tenente	LATTAGLI	OC 1 Pl. Ex PW. Native of the ABRUZZI.
"	RIACCI Gino	OC 3 Pl. Ex PW. Native of VITERBO.
S.Tenente	ELSTONE Franco	OC 2 Pl. Ex PW. Native of CASALE MONFERRATO.

(v) 15 Coy (Jan 45)

Tenente	GASPERINI	OC. Ex PW. Native of MILANO.
"	LIQUORI Lino	OC 3.1 an mortar pl. Ex PW. Neapolitan.
S.Tenente	ROMUATO	OC 12 an mortar pl. Ex PW. Native of the VITERBO. Went on leave for a few days before Christmas and did NOT return.
"	LUGI	OC gun pl. Ex PW.

f) 16(a, TR) Coy (Jan 45)

Tenente	GUARDINI	OC until end Aug 44. Ex PW. Native of FLORENCE. Fought in AFRICA, SPAIN and ALBANIA. Famous marksman. To punish any of his men, he would fire a shot which missed him by a few millimetres, maintaining that this was a good way to stop men from repeatedly committing disciplinary offences. Treated his Italian subordinates and even Germans of equal rank in a very high-handed manner. In Aug 44 went to BERLIN to work with VITTORIO MUSSOLINI.
S.Tenente	VERONESI	Took over Coy after departure of GUARDINI. Came from ITALY. Ex Bersagliere offr. Native of MILAN. Popular with his men.

"	GRASSO	2 ID and OC 1 Pl. Ex PW. Native of BRESSA.
"	ROMBING	OC 2 Pl. Came from ITALY. Native of LOMBARDY. Of German origin.
"	DEBILLO (?)	OC 3 Pl. Sicilian.
"	ROMBINI	OC 5 Pl. Came from ITALY. Presented offer in SHAW after MUSSOLINI's visit. Native of BOLOGNA.

g) German Liaison Staff (Feb 45 - Source 9A1)

Col	ASCHENBER	At Host HQ
Lt	KECKE	At 2 Bn HQ.
"	HETSON	At 3 Bn HQ.
2 Lt	HASH	With 6 Coy.

CC gun pl. Ex Fw.

f) 16(a TE) Coy (Jan 45)

Toronto
LANZI
GUARONI
CC until end Aug 44. Ex IV. Native of VERONESE. Fought in ADRIATICA, SPAIN and ALBANIA. Famous tankman. To punish any of his men, he would fire a shot which missed him by a few millimeters, maintaining that this was a good way to stop men from repeatedly committing disciplinary offenses. Treated his Italian subordinates and even Germans of equal rank in a very high-handed manner. In Aug 44 went to BERLIN to work with Vittorio MUSSOLINI.
S. Toronto
VERONESE
Took over coy after departure of GUARONI. Came from ITALY. Ex Bersagliero offr. Native of MILAN. Popular with his men.
GRASSO
BERLING
2 IC and CC 1 Pl. Ex IV. Native of VERONESE.
CC 2 Pl. Came from ITALY. Native of LOMBARDY. Of German origin.
DEBILLO (?)
BORGHINI
CC 3 Pl. Sicilian.
CC 4 Pl. Came from ITALY. Promoted offr in Cassino after MUSSOLINI's visit. Native of POLAND.

g) German Liaison Staff (Feb 45 - Source 941)

Col	ASCHNER	At Hqs HQ
Lt	ZEIN	At 2 Bn HQ
"	MEISCH	At 3 Bn HQ
2 Lt	ELSCH	With 6 Coy.
CSM	DREIBACH	" 7 Coy.
2 Lt	DUBAU	" 8 Coy.
CSM	FUEDELMAN	" 9 Coy.
"	MEIER	" 10 Coy.

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