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CSDIC/IAI/AB 133

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This report contains information on the "MARCHE" Special Black Brigade.

Translation of extracts from detailed interrogation by CSDIC/IAI of an Italian PW.

Source 841 - IAI Ref 210 AB

Maps used: ITALY 1:100.000 Sheet 47
1: 25.000 Sheet 47 I NW.

A. PREAMBLE

Source is a 19-year-old labourer from MACERATA, who served with the "MARCHE" Special Black Bde. Reliability fair.

B. "MARCHE" Special Black Bde (15 Nov 44)

1. General

Bde was formed at MADDINO (Sheet 43, P 3678) at a date Source cannot specify, and towards mid Aug 44 it absorbed the MACERATA Coy of the GNR, which had moved NORTH as the Allies advanced. Towards end Sep 44 the Bde was transferred to LAGO ZANO (Sheet 47, P 0781) and given special functions.
(Note: Information on this Brigade has already been published in CSDIC/IAI/AB 122, para 5 2 b. Source 841 seems, however, to be more reliable than the Source of the previous information).

2. Organization

Bde consists of two coys:
1 MODEL Coy also known as "L.C.MORELLO" Coy, consisting of three pls of fifty men each.
2 MACERATA Coy, consisting of three pls of fifty men each.

3. 2 MACERATA Coy

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a) Organization

Coy consisted of:
[illegible] pl of three sects

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A. PRIVATE

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B. "MARCHE" Special Black Bde (15 Nov 44)

1. General

Bde was formed at MALEMMO (Sheet 48, F 3678) at a date Source cannot specify, and towards mid Aug 44 it absorbed the MACERATA Coy of the GNR, which had moved NORTH as the Allies advanced. Towards end Sep 44 the Bde was transferred to LUKE ZAMB (Sheet 47, P 0781) and given special functions.
(Note: Information on this Brigade has already been published in CSDIC/IAI/AB 122, para B 2 b. Source 84d seems, however, to be more reliable than the Source of the previous information).

2. Organization

Bde consists of two coys:
1 ASCOLI Coy also known as "L.C.LORENZO" Coy, consisting of three pls of fifty men each.
2 MACERATA Coy, consisting of three pls of fifty men each.

3. 2 MACERATA Coy

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a) Organization

Coy consisted of:
1 (HQ) Pl, of three secs.
2 (Supporting Weapons) Pl, of three secs, two of which had 8.1 cm mortars (one to each sec) while the third sec had two 4.5 cm mortars.
3 (Rifle) Pl, of three secs.

b) Organization of the Secs

1) HQ Sec

NCO Sec Leader
One assistant Sec Leader
One MG-carrier
One tripod-carrier
Four sub-carriers
Ten riflemen (with nine magazines each)

Total: eighteen men.

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ii) 8.1 cm Mortar Sec

NCO Sec Leader
One assistant Sec Leader
One baseplate-carrier
One bipod-carrier
One barrel-carrier
One artificer
Four amm-carriers

Total: Ten men.

Each amm-carrier has three boxes slung from a special shoulder-strap, each containing three rounds, making a total of thirty-six rounds

iii) 4.5 cm Mortar Sec

NCO Sec Leader
Assistant Sec Leader
Two mortar-carriers
Six amm-carriers.

Total: Ten men.

iv) Rifle Sec

NCO Sec Leader
Assistant Sec Leader
Two LMG-carriers (ZB/EBA 30 LMG)
Two men carrying cases of accessories
Six amm-carriers
Eight riflemen (each with nine magazines).

Total: Twenty men

c) Individual Armament

Officers	:	Pistol and MP
NCOs	:	[illegible] MP and hand-grenades
Weapon-carrier	:	Pistol
Men	:	Carbine Mod 38 and hand-grenades.

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d) Equipment

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strap, each containing three rounds, making a total of sixty-six rounds

iii) 4.5 cm Mortar Sec

NCO Sec Leader
Assistant Sec Leader
Two mortar-carriers
Six ammo-carriers.

Total: Ten men.

iv) Rifle Sec

NCO Sec Leader
Assistant Sec Leader
Two LMG-carriers (BREDA 30 MMG)
Two men carrying cases of accessories
Six ammo-carriers
Eight riflemen (each with nine magazines).

Total: Twenty men

c) Individual Armament

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Officers	:	Pistol and MP
NCOs	:	[illegible] MP and hand-grenades
Weapon-carrier	:	Pistol
Men	:	Carbine Mod 38 and hand-grenades.

d) Equipment

One grey-green uniform with parachutist trousers and black beret.
One khaki drill tunic and shorts
Two black shirts
One black jersey
Two sweaters
One pair of underpants
Two pairs of shoes
Two pairs of socks
Three blankets
Two sheets
One pillow-case
One palliasse
One mess-tin.

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e) Badges

ASCOLI or L.C. LORELLO Coy: See Report CSDIC/I.I/AB 122, Appendix A. The wearing of this badge is optional.

MaCERATA Coy : White metal skull on their berets.

f) Locations

i) Bde HQ in a private house in the centre of SAN GREGORIO (LUBRIANO) (Sheet 47 I NW, F 0960).

ii) ASCOLI and MaCERATA Coys quartered in the children's home half-way along the road from PONTE (Sheet 47 I NW, F 0880). to PIATUCCO (F 0780).

Sheet 47 I NW
F 07858078

iii) Contrary to the information given by Source 751 in Report CSDIC/IAI/AB 122, Source states that Villa NIUTTI (NOT NIUTTA) is NOT at SAN GREGORIO, but at the eastern extremity of the village of PIATUCCO, and that only a small detachment of the Bde is stationed there to control the police guarding the internment camp for high Fascist officials. The police are changed each month and are commanded by a Lt.

g) Duties of the MANCINI Special Black Bde

i) Maintenance of public order in the area.

ii) Night patrols along the roads running in front of the CAFFONI and NIUTTI factories.

iii) Control of the police guarding the Villa NIUTTI Internment Camp.

iv) Mopping-up operations against Patriots (NO operations of this sort have yet been carried out).

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4. Personalities (15 Nov 44)

a) Officers

Col MANCINI — OC. about 40-45 years of age with brown hair going grey at the temples. Height about 1.75 m. Took part in the March on ROME.

Ten Col CAMERUCCI — 2 IC (?). Native of ASCOLI. About fifty years of age, tall and strongly built, dark hair speckled

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ii) ASCOLI and MACERATA Coys quartered in the children's home halfway along the road from PONTAL (Sheet 47 I NW, F 0880).to PLATUCCO (F 0780).

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g) Duties of the MARCHE Special Black Bde.

i) Maintenance of public order in the area.

ii) Night patrols along the roads running in front of the CAPRONI and NIUTTI factories.

iii) Control of the police guarding the Villa NIUTTI Internment Camp.

iv) Mopping-up operations against Patriots (NO operations of this sort have yet been carried out).

4. Personalities (15 Nov 44)

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a) Officers

Col	MANCINI	OC. About 40-45 years of age with brown hair going grey at the temples. Height about 1.75 m. Took part in the March on ROME.
Ten Col	CAMERUCCI	2 IC (?). Native of MACERATA. About fifty years of age, tall and strongly built, dark hair speckled with grey. Wears glasses.
Cap no	VANNOZZI Vinicio	OC ASCOLI Coy. Comes from PORTO SAN GIORGIO.
Cap no	ANTONELLI Dario	OC MACERATA Coy. Comes from RIPE SAN GENESIO (MACERATA). About thirty-five years of age, of normal height, thin, with straight fair hair and a beard.
S.Ten	CONTO Mario	OC Supporting Weapons Pl, MACERATA Coy. Comes from RECANATI. Twenty-nine years old; of average height with straight dark-brown hair; wears glasses.
Ten	QUEZINI Massimo	OC Rifle Pl, MACERATA Coy. Comes from RECANATI. About thirty years old; small and thin, with straight black hair.

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b) NCOs

Maresc	VANNOZZI Arturo	Native of ASCOLI PICENO. Formerly in charge of a pl in ASCOLI Coy, and later did a sabotage course. About thirty years of age, of average height, with straight black hair.
Maresc	ANGELETTI	Native of MONTE COLLINO (MACERATA), in charge of MG Pl, MACERATA Coy. About forty-five years of age; small and thin, with straight black hair.
Maresc	BIROCCHI	Native of RECANATI. In charge of rations. About thirty-five years of age, of average build, with wavy black hair.
Sergente	POLONI Fausto	Native of ASCOLI PICENO. In charge of a sec of ASCOLI Coy. About thirty-five years old, of medium height, strongly built, with wavy black hair.
Sergente	SERAFINI Mario	In charge of a sec of MG Pl, ASCOLI Coy. A Northerner; short and thin, with straight fair hair and brown eyes.
Sergente	AGOSTOLI	Native of RECANATI. Age 30.

c) ORs

Cap Magg	MARIANI Franco	From SAN SEVERINO (MACERATA). Age 19.
" "	CONTARDI Alberto	From MACERATA. Age 20.
Cap le	LANZETTI Vinicio	From SANGIUSTO (MACERATA). Age 21.
"	CONTARDI Antonio	From MACERATA. Age 21.
Cap Magg	SALVUCCI Raffaele	From ORSIGALLI. Age 21.
Milite	SALVUCCI Primo	From ORSIGALLI. Age 21.
"	[illegible]	From [illegible]. Age 18.
"	ANGELINI Giuseppe	From MONTE COLLINO. Age 19.
"	GENTILI Mezzaromo	From POLLENZA (MACERATA). Age 20.
"	BONFIGLI Mario	From POLLENZA. Age 18.
Militi	ROSSETTI	From POLLENZA. Two brothers ages 23 and 17.
Milite	ANCONETANI	From SERIGALLIA. Age 21.
"	ANGELETTI Alfredo	From MONTE COLLINO. Age 28.

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Sergente	ROLONI Fausto	Native of ASCOLI PICENO. In charge of a sec of ASCOLI Coy. About thirty-five years old, of medium height, strongly built, with wavy black hair.
Sergente	SERAFINI Mario	In charge of a sec of MT Pl, ASCOLI Coy. A Northerner; short and thin, with straight fair hair and brown eyes.
Sergente	ANDREOLI	Native of RETANATI. Age 30.

c) ORs

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" "	CONTARDI Alberto	From MACERATA. Age 20.
Cap 1c	LUCHETTI Vinicio	From SAMBUCHETO (MACERATA). Age 21.
"	CONTARDI Antonio	From MACERATA. Age 21.
Cap Magg	SALVUCCI Raffaele	From ORDISAGLIA. Age 21.
Milite	SALVUCCI Primo	From ORDISAGLIA. Age 21.
"	MARCOLINI	From [illegible]. Age 18.
"	ANGELINI Giuseppe	From MONTE COSARO. Age 19.
"	CAPITLI Nazzareno	From POLLENZA (MACERATA). Age 20.
"	BONFIGLI Mario	From POLLENZA. Age 18.
Militi	ROSSETTI	From POLLENZA. Two brothers ages 23 and 17.
Milite	ANCONETANI	From SERIGALLIA. Age 21.
"	ANGELETTI Alfredo	From MONTE COSARO. Age 28.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

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Tel. 489081 - 580.

21st February, 1945.

SUBJECT : Criminal Activities by Armed Bands.

TO : VP. CA Sec.

1. Attached for your information is a copy of a report from the Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region, of recent action taken by the Carabinieri in connection with disorders which occurred on the Island on the dates mentioned in the report.

Wallis Doherty
Lt Col
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, A.A.G.D.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Sicilia Region Headquarters, APO 394.
(Public Safety Division)

File No. S/127/HM. February 16th, 1945.

SUBJECT : Criminal Activities by Armed Bands.

TO : Col. Russel A. SNOOK,
Regional Executive Officer.

1. From CC.RR reports the following information has been extracted:-

(a) On 24th January at 1900 hrs. at Contrada Saladino in Camastra (Agrigento Province) an armed band composed of about 40 armed men held up the train No. 55 running on the Licata-Agrigento line.

(b) In the province of Agrigento the number of crimes by gangs has lately increased. Therefore, the CC.RR. Group organized a search which resulted in the arrest of 74 persons. Some of them are responsible for the above hold up.

(c) On 7th instant, the CC.RR. at Canicatti made a search on the train No. 2963, because it had been suggested that arms were being carried on it. 14 rifles, a pistol, 2 hand-grenades and ammunition were found and confiscated. 17 persons were arrested.

(d) On 15th January, at 2100 hrs. three Carabinieri patrolling Sciacca were shot by four men. A Carabinieri was killed and an "appuntato" was wounded. After the shooting the men ran away. They have been identified.

(e) The incident mentioned in the telegram of the 204 Sub-Area dated February 9th and referring to a train running of the Prizzo-Palazzo Adriano line, is not mentioned in any report in our possession.

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extracted:-

(a) On 27th January at 1000 hrs. at Contrada Saladino in Camastra (Agrigento Province) an armed band composed of about 40 armed men held up the train No. 55 running on the Licata-Agrigento line.

(b) In the province of Agrigento the number of crimes by gangs has lately increased. Therefore, the CC.RR. Group organized a search which resulted in the arrest of 74 persons. Some of them are responsible for the above hold up.

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2. Regarding signal (copy attached) 10th February. 1945, from 204 Sub Area, the facts are that following an organised round-up by the CC.RR in Agrigento, 74 persons were arrested on suspicion of crime involving the use of arms, including the train hold-up of the 27th January. Most of the suspects have been temporarily released and further enquiries are being made regarding those still in custody.

CC.RR and Questura and making determined attempts to arrest the persons responsible for recent crimes of violence and are achieving some success as the above information shows.

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3. Crimes of this nature vary in number according to prevailing local or general economic conditions. This fact is recognised by the CC.RR. and Questura who also realise that criminals take advantage of it.

The ability of Police to deal with these crimes largely depends on their dispositions of strength and mobility, and these provisions have been made.

(Signed) H. MICHAIL,
Major,
Public Safety Officer.

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ALLIED COMMISSION, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS, APO 394. 17/2/45.

FILE - RPS/S/127/HM.

TO - Headquarters Allied Commission.

For attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Submitted for information.

For the Regional Commissioner.

(Signed) H. MICHAIL,
Major,
Public Safety Officer.

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DATE	-	10 FEBRUARY 1945 Reference No.
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TO	-	MULTI ADDS AND 51 FSS, OC BRITISH TROOPS
REPEAT FOR INFO TO	-	ALCOM SICILIA REGION, LFSC (MMIA) [illegible]

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Translation of extracts from detailed interrogations by CSDIC/IAI of eighteen Italians.

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Maps used: ITALY 1:100,000
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Town Plans: BOLOGNA, PARMA, REGGIO EMILIA.

A. PREAMBLE

Source 647 is a 20-year-old student of medicine from APUANIA. Reliability fair.

Source 651 is a 31-year-old Blackshirt from FORLI', who served in the PAPAL 300 Black Brigade at BOLOGNA. NOT very intelligent. Reliability doubtful.

Source 652 is a 24-year-old artillery subaltern from APUANIA., who has served with the Partisans. Reliability fair.

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Source 654 is a 34-year-old industrialist from BOLOGNA., who has served with the Partisans. Reliability fair.

Source 670 is a 36-year-old captain of the Regular Army from APUANIA., who has served with the Partisans. Reliability fair.

Source 674 is a 29-year-old captain in the commissariat department, a native of BOLOGNA, who has served with the Partisans. Reliability fair.

Source 675 is a 28-year-old army officer from REGGIO EMILIA, who has served with the Partisans. Reliability fair.

Source 677 is a 23-year-old native of BARI, who was captured by the Germans while serving as catering officer in MONTENEGRO. Subsequently he joined the BRESCIA Bn of the MONTE ROSA Div. Reliability fair.

Source 685 is a 33-year-old Partisan from APUANIA. Reliability fair.

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Source 686 is a 24-year-old Sjt Pilot from MODENA. Reliability fair.

Source 687 is a 28-year-old electrician from APUANIA, who has served in the LAF. Reliability fair.

Source 703 is a 33-year-old regular LAF NCO from FERRARA. Reliability fair.

Source 705 is a 25-year-old mechanic from BALERMO, who has served in 2 Coy of the Republican "GOFFREDO MAMELI" Bersaglieri Bn. Reliability doubtful.

Source 719 is a 34-year-old factory manager from VERONA, who collaborated with the Committee of National Liberation after the Armistice. Relaibility good.

Source 725 is a 24-year-old farmer from FERRARA, who has served with a Partisan band. Reliability fair.

Source 726 is a 25-year-old shop assistant from MODENA. NOT very intelligent. Reliability fair.

Source 727 is a 26-year-old MT Sjt from PISA. Reliability fair.

Source 728 is an 18-year-old student from FORLI', who volunteered to join X Flotilla MAS and subsequently served from Oct 44 to early Jan 45 with the "RICCARDI" Bn at MASSA LOMBARDA. He is intelligent and seems to have believed sincerely that he was doing his duty, but his statements must be treated with reserve.

B. REPUBLICAN FORCES

1. Locations

a) PIACENZA (1 Nov 44 - Source 677)

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b) PARMA (Sep 44 - Sources 674 & 675)

Town Plan 10288548 10108554

Republican Army Provincial HQ in Strada VITTORIO EMANUELE. GNR Provincial HQ in the same street, at MR.

c) REGGIO EMILIA (Sep-Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 719)

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Source 725 is a 24-year-old farmer from FERRARA, who has served with a Partisan band. Reliability fair.

Source 726 is a 25-year-old shop assistant from MODENA. NOT very intelligent. Reliability fair.

Source 727 is a 25-year-old MT Sjt from PISA. Reliability fair.

Source 728 is an 18-year-old student from FORLI', who volunteered to join X Flotilla MAS and subsequently served from Oct 44 to early Jan 45 with the "RICCARDI" Bn at MASSA LOMBARDA. He is intelligent and seems to have believed sincerely that he was doing his duty, but his statements must be treated with reserve.

B. REPUBLICAN FORCES

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Town Plan
10288548 Republican Army Provincial HQ in Strada VITTORIO EMANUELE. GNR
10103554 Provincial HQ in the same street, at MR.

c) REGGIO EMILIA (Sep-Dec 44 - Sources G74 & 719)

Town Plan
33387350 (i) 4l Provincial HQ, Republican Army, in the School of the Conception, near the theatre.

32737368 (ii) GNR Provincial HQ in Viale ISONZO, under the same CO as the Army Provincial HQ. It is noteworthy that the two HQs are still separate, despite the fact that the GNR was absorbed by the Republican Army in Oct 44.

33017346 (iii) Republican Federation and HQ Black Brigade in Corso CAIROLI.

33547276 (iv) Military District HQ in Viale MONTE GRAPPA.

33207339 (v) No 5 Inspectorate of Labour, which comes under the War Ministry, in Piazza della VITTORIA.

33097365 (vi) Barracks of the Republican Grenadiers (ex ZUCCHI Barracks) in Viale ALLEGRI. About 200 men are quartered there.

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33387350 (vii) "Provincial Unit", forming part of the Republican Army Provincial HQ and consisting of about 200 Bersaglieri armed with rifles, at MR. The MT section of 41 Provincial HQ is in the same building; it has two FIAT 1100 cars, two MC, one BL driven on methane gas and one small truck.

32817364 (viii) U P.I. (Political Investigation Office) at Villa CUCCHI in Corso CAIROLI, at the corner of Viale ISONZO. OC Maggiore TESEI.

32807325 (ix) Black Bde barracks and prison for political suspects in Via dei SERVI.

d) CARPI (4 Dec 44 - Source 686)

Sheet 74 II NE L 53658245 About forty men of the GNR, armed with rifles, MPs and MGs, under Capitano Giulio SILVESTRI, quartered in a villa on the northern outskirts of the town.

e) CENTO (28 Dec 44 - Source 703)

Sheet 75 II SW

L 85397430 (i) About forty men of the Black Bde, under Ferruccio GOVONE, quartered in private houses in Via G. Francesco BARBIERI.

L 85287415 (ii) About sixty men of the GNR quartered in the former Carabinieri barracks in Via G. Francesco BARBIERI.

f) BOLOGNA (Sep 44 - Source 654)

Town Plan 89984730 Regional Military HQ, under General GIGLIO, at MR. Source maintains that the location given in Report No CSDIC/SIM/AB 90, para B 1 a ii, is wrong.

g) MESOLA (10 Jan 45 - Source 727)

Sheet 77 M 6093 About 150 men of a Black Bde quartered in the Castello (cf Report No CSDIC/SIM/AB 100, para B 1 a ii).

h) AULLA (20 Nov 44 - Source 652)

Sheet 96 P 7821 Concentration of troops, mostly belonging to units of the MONTE ROSA Div, between AULLA and PALLERONE (P 8020).

i) SERCHIO Valley (4 Dec 44 - Source 677)

Sheet 96 II NE

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i) SERCHIO Valley (4 Dec 44 - Source 677)

Sheet 96 II NE L 07081430 — (i) MONTE ROSA Div HQ, which was formerly at AULLA, is now at CAMPOCLANO. Personnel consists of about 120 men. The HQ has three FIAT 1100 cars and two or three lorries. The Propaganda and Welfare Office forms part of the HQ.

L 11300792 — (ii) HQ 1 Alpini Regt at TORRITE (cf CSDIC/LAI/AB 116, para B 1 a).

Sheet 96 L 1508 L 1406 — (iii) HQ BRESCIA Bn, 2 Alpini Regt, at PALLEROSO. 1 Coy of the Bn was in the line at CAMPO.

L 0417 — (iv) Rations Depot, 1 Alpini Regt, at PIAZZA AL SERCHIO. The armourer's workshop of the Regt is in the same village; it consists of one NCO and seven ORs, under a 2 Lt.

Sheet 96 II NE L 13061125 — (v) Rations Depot of BRESCIA Bn and other services at PIEVE FOSCIANA. Personnel consists of five WOs, ten NCOs and about 120 ORs.

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2. Units

a) Black Brigade, REGGIO EMILIA (18 Dec 44 - Source 674)

The strength of the Black Bde in the city and province of REGGIO EMILIA, is about 1000 men, of whom about 400 are quartered at HQ in Corsō CAIROLI (see above, para B c iii). Source heard indirectly that the Germans had withdrawn the Bde's MPs, leaving the men armed only with rifles and pistols.

b) Labour Bn, REGGIO EMILIA (18 Dec 44 - Source 674)

This bn comes directly under the orders of No 5 Inspectorate of Labour. It consists of three "centuries". The men wear khaki uniforms without badges and are unarmed. At one time part of the bn was near RIMINI and part at CUASTALLA (Sheet 74, L 3597). At REGGIO EMILIA there are only about fifty men.

c) PAPPALARDO Black Brigade, BOLOGNA (2 Nov 44 - Source 651)

Town Plan 89654800

The Brigade is quartered in the former Bersaglieri barracks in Via MAGAROTTI. Its OC is Franz PAGLIANI, professor of medicine and head of the S.M.T. ORSOLA hospital, who always wears civilian clothes. The Bde is about 200 strong, with sixteen officers. The ORs belong to the older age groups (1881-1906), but the officers are younger. The Bde has one BREDA MG cal 8, three or four BREDA automatic rifles and a few BERETTA MPs. Transport consists of two FIAT 500 cars, one heavy FIAT lorry and three small trucks. Equipment is very scarce and many of the men have worn-out boots. Only about 20% have uniforms and even the sentry at the gate wears civilian clothes. Source states that during the two months he served with the Bde he received NO training and did NO duties, except mounting guard at the gate. The men receive 65 Lire a day; Source does NOT know the rates for NCOs and officers. Morale of the officers is poor, that of the ORs slightly higher.

d) "Arditi" Volunteer Coy, BOLOGNA (Aug 44 - Source 654)

This unit was formed with a view to its being employed in anti-Partisan operations in the Province of CUNEO and was to have consisted entirely of officers. Promoter of the idea was Ten Col FERRARI, OC PANZACCHI Barracks, but it was a complete fiasco. Officers invited to join the unit who refused to do so, were placed on the retired list and their names were notified to the SS.

Sheet 88 M 2741

e) RICCARDI Bn, MONTE MORELLO (7 Jan 45 - Source 728)

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Sheet 68 M 2741

e) RICCARDI Bn, MAJ. [illegible] (7 Jan 45 - Source 728)

(i) The Bn takes it name from its OC, a former pilot officer in the I.F, who chose the men himself. In reality the name "bn" is hardly appropriate, as the present strength of the unit is only about ninety men. Another coy is, however, being formed somewhere in Northern ITALY, but Source cannot state where.

(ii) Recruiting

This is done by means of propaganda which endeavours to attract either young boys who are NOT yet liable for military service or deserters and men who have hitherto failed to join up. RICCARDI assumes full responsibility vis-a-vis the Republican authorities.

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(iii) Functions

To fight any nation which threatens to interfere with the independence of ITALY; for the time being RICCARDI and his men are fighting the British and Americans and he is endeavouring to obtain arms and supplies from the Germans and Republicans. (Note: It seems strange that the Germans and Republicans should tolerate the existence of an independent unit vaunting an ideal which might cause it to turn against them. See also under Personalities, para D 1 g).

(iv) Organization

The bn is divided into three pls of three secs each (seven men to a sec), plus a HQ pl of about twenty men. There are three offrs, of whom one is a doctor, and three NCOs.

(v) Armament

Individual armament is very varied and consists of carbines, BERETTA MPs, automatic pistols and hand-grenades. Unit armament consists of MG 42s (three per pl) and Panzerfausts (two per pl). None of the men have been issued with respirators.

(vi) Uniform

Of all varieties, with NO special badges. RICCARDI himself wears Air Force uniform with red rectangular gorget patches beneath a white metal skull.

(vii) Training

This is limited to instruction in the use of the weapons the unit possesses.

(viii) Pay

So far none of the men have received any. RICCARDI issued each man with a paybook and said that the actual payments would have to be postponed to an unspecified date. RICCARDI and the other officers were to find the money out of their own pockets. Source believes that the daily rate was to be between 40 and 60 Lire.

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(x) Movements

When Source joined the unit, it was at MASSA LOMBARDA. On 2-3 Jan 45 it was sent into the line on the SERIO for its "ordeal by fire". According to Source this was only an experiment, as the bn was due to be sent elsewhere in Northern ITALY.

f) BERSCLA Bn, 2 Alpini Regt, MONTE ROSA Div (4 Dec 44 - Source 677)

P.P.No of the Bn is 81428. Between officers and ORs in this Bn relations are very good.

3. Concentration Camps (Sep 44 - Source 686)

Sheet 87
L 8954

There is a concentration camp for Italian civilians at the barracks between the ARCOVEGGIO racecourse, NORTH of BOLOGNA, and CERTOSELLA. Among the internees are girls between 15 and 30. Guard of unspecified strength, chiefly Republican, with a few Germans.

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4. Miscellaneous (Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 675)

a) Evacuation of Fascist Hierarchs

In PARMA and REGGIO EMILIA Fascist hierarchs who deem it more prudent to retire to the NORTH of the PO are given seven months' advance of pay, plus a bonus of Lire 40.000 in cash and large quantities of rations in kind. They are also allowed the use of a motor vehicle.

b) Fifth Column

In REGGIO NELLI a Fifth Column is already being formed and about eighty men have been assigned to this function. They have all been given aliases and false identity cards. Source 675 was told that the twelve ration cards numbered 262469 to 262480 had been issued to some of these men. Organizer of the Fifth Column is Col BALLARINO (see below, under Personalities) and some of his immediate collaborators are members of it. The task of the Fifth Column will be to remain in the city after its liberation by the Allies and carry out acts of sabotage.

C. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

Town Plan 09668567

a) PARMA (Oct 44 - Sources 674 & 675)

(i) Platzkommandantur in Piazza GARIBALDI.

097846

(ii) Militaerkommandantur No 1008 on the western side of Viale SOLFERINO, in a building camouflaged with dazzle painting. It is under a colonel and has a supplies dept (Section 4) under Capt RIPPLE, whose offices are in an adjacent building.

Town Plan 32887278

b) REGGIO EMILIA (20 Dec 44 - Source: 674 & 719)

(i) Platzkommandantur, under Major FRASE, in the Villa ZIRONI in Viale TIMAVO. Personnel consists of about sixty men.

32877273

(ii) Ortskommandantur, under a captain, also in Viale TIMAVO, almost opposite the Platzkommandantur. Personnel consists of about twenty men.

32987272

(iii) Movements Office, under Inspector SMIT, at 18 Viale TIMAVO.

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C. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

a) PARMA (Oct 44 - Sources 674 & 675)

Town Plan 09068567 (i) Platzkommandantur in Piazza GARIBALDI.

097846 (ii) Militarkommandantur No 1008 on the western side of Viale SOLFERINO, in a building camouflaged with dazzle painting. It is under a colonel and has a supplies dept (Section 4) under Capt RIPPLE, whose offices are in an adjacent building.

b) REGGIO EMILIA (20 Dec 44 - Source 674 & 719)

Town Plan 32887278 (i) Platzkommandantur, under Major FRASE, in the Villa ZIMONI in Viale TIMAVO. Personnel consists of about sixty men.

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c) Province of REGGIO EMILIA

Sheet 86 L 2069 (i) BIBBIANO (Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 675)
Garrison of about 20 men of the engrs, engaged in repairing roads and bridges and on guard duties.

L 2066 (ii) QUATTRO CASTELLA (Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 675)
About 50 infantrymen guarding piles of mm along the road between the village and CAVRONE (L 2566).

L 2364 (iii) SALVARANO (Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 675)
About 70 men quartered in the houses of the village.

L 2662 (iv) VEZZANO SUL CROSTOLO (Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 675)
About 80 German SS on police duties along Route 63.

L 2252 (v) CASINA (Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 675)
About 150 Poles and Germans, under a captain, quartered in the village.

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L 2249 (vi) FANTANO (Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 675)

About 35 men under a WO, manning two posns for automatic weapons on the western slopes of the hillock on which the village stands.

L 2451 (vii) GIARDETO (Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 675)
Garrison of unspecified strength.

L 1947 (viii) FELINA MATTA (Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 675)
Garrison of about 30 infantrymen.

L 2346 (ix) CARPINETI (Nov 44 - Sources 674 & 675)
The garrison of this village, about 600 strong, as well as those of BUSANA (150 men - L 0737) and COLLAGNA (15 men - L 0737), have been withdrawn and sent to an unknown destination.

Sheet 85
L 1744 (x) CASTELNOVO NE' MONTI (Dec 44 - Source 719)
Garrison of about 30 men, guarding Route 63.

Sheet 86
L 3064 (xi) ALBINEA (21 Dec 44 - Source 719)
An unspecified mountain div was in the area of the APENNINE foothills, occupying among other places ALBINEA and MONTERICCO (L 3165), but it was rumoured that it would soon be going into the line on the BOLOGNA front.

L 298652 (xii) BOTTEGHE D'ALBINEA (20 Dec 44 - Source 719)
HQs in transit always occupy the Villa ROSSI. The last occupants were the administrative HQ of a mountain div, under an Austrian general.

L 3157 (xiii) TABIANO (End Dec 44 - Source 719)

Garrison of about 40 men under a WO. They go out nine men at a time on bicycles to patrol the road REGGIO (L 2858), BAISO (L 3051), CARPINETI (L 2346), VILLA MATTA (L 1947). Source was told that on the night of 23-24 Dec 44, one of these patrols was wiped out by Partisans.

d) Province of MODENA

Sheet 74 II NE
L 53558105 (i) CARPI (4 Dec 44 - Source 686)
Detachment of about 250 "Mongolian" cavalrymen, armed with rifles, MPs and MGs, quartered in the sheds of a disused factory NE of the CARPI sports ground.

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L 2346

(ix) CARPINETI (Nov 44 - Sources 674 & 675)
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Sheet 86
L 4732

(ii) PAVULLO NEL FRIGNANO (15 Nov 44 - Source 725)
Unspecified HQ under a gen in an hotel. This HQ controls all the German tps and Black Bdes in the area of PAVULLO, SASSUOLO (L 4454) and VIGNOLA (L 6148) (Cf CSDIC/SIR/AB 95, para C 1 g ii). About 3000 SS are quartered in the houses of PAVULLO. They have a few armoured cars and four or five tanks.

Sheet 97
L 3018

(iii) PIEVEPELAGO (End Dec 44 - Source 719)
Garrison of twenty men (cf CSDIC/SIR/AB 95, para C 1 j). There are 10 ... on at RICLUNATO (L 3221) and twenty at SANT' ANN. PELAGO (L 2417).

L 3929

(iv) LAMA MOCOGNO (15 Dec 44 - Source 725)
About 200 men of an unspecified unit quartered in the "PRINCIPE" barracks. They have two mortars and a few armoured cars and operate against Partisans.

L 4115

(v) PELLICARDLO (End Dec 44 - Source 719)
About 15 men with an MG in the houses of the village; they were formerly on Monte LIBRO APERTO (L 3712).

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L 4418

(vi) FAENZA (15 Nov 44 - Source 725)
Unspecified HQ in the Albergo FRIGNANO. According to the inhabitants it controls all the artillery in the area. About 300 artillerymen belonging to this HQ are quartered in the houses of the village.

L 5325

(vii) SAN MARINO (15 Dec 44 - Source 725)
Source saw some large calibre guns parked among the houses and was told that about 20 artillerymen had been quartered in the village since 10 Nov 44.

Sheet 75
L 8686

e) FIANLE NELL'EMILIA (15 Dec 44 - Source 726)
(i) German HQ, probably of a Regt. Staff consists of a col, a major and six or seven junior offrs. A gen sometimes visits the HQ.

(ii) About two bns of grenadiers, of very young age groups (1926-1929) are quartered in the houses of the town and in farms in the immediate neighbourhood. They are undergoing very intensive training, with frequent night exercises.

(iii) Coy of German military police under a captain, assisted by a lieutenant. They control traffic in the area.

Sheet 75 II SW

L 85667461
L 85757481

f) CENTO (28 Dec 44 - Source 703)
(i) Ortskommandantur in private houses in Via Gianfranco BARBIERI.
(ii) Feldgendarmerie HQ in Villa CARLA in Via ZUCCHERIFICIO.

(iii) Unspecified number of tps quartered in the houses of CENTO and PIEVE DI CENTO (L 8672). Some of their motor vehicles have as distinguishing sign a white lion rampant on the left mudguard.

g) IMOLA (Early Jan 45 - Source 705)

Sheet 88 II SW
M 17203367

HQ of an unspecified div in a villa NORTH of the town. It can easily be identified because it stands in an isolated position and has a roof of brown tiles. Numerous telephone lines lead in a SE direction from the house and there is considerable movement of officers and DRs. German sentry at the gate.

h) MASSA LOMBARDA (1 Jan 45 - Source 728)

Sheet 88 II NE

(i) HQ of a German Div in a one-storey farm on the western

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h) MASSA LOMBARDA (1 Jan 45 - Source 728)

Sheet 88 II NE
M 277425

(i) HQ of a German Div in a one-storey farm on the western side of the road leading to ZEPPA NUOVA (M 2844), about 500 m NORTH of the level crossing.

M 277425

(ii) HQ of a German Regt in a similar farm on the opposite side of the road, a short distance further SOUTH.

4006

i) Province of MASSA

(i) CESERANO (Nov-Dec 44 - Sources 647, 652, 685 & 687)

Sheet 96 IV SW
P 84471903

According to Source 652, on 20 Nov 44 the German GHQ for the GARFAGNANA and LUNIGIANA areas was in an isolated white villa SOUTH of the road from CESERANO to CAMOVA. OC was a general, assisted by various senior and junior officers. Total personnel numbered about 100; the villa was protected by barbed wire fences and knife-rests. Source 647 states that in early Dec 44 this villa was the GHQ for the whole of the TYRRHENIAN front and that it had previously been at FALCINELLO (P 7714). Source 685 confirms the presence of an important HQ under a general until 21 Dec 44, but states that on that date, in consequence of air bombardment, it was transferred to GRAGNOLA (P 8919).

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Source 687 states that until 16 Dec 44 a Div HQ was also at CESSERANO, but was then transferred elsewhere.

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(ii) CANOVA (20 Nov 44 - Source 652)
Garrison of about 100 men quartered in private houses in the southern part of the village.

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P 8221

(iii) VERPIANA (20 Nov 44 - Source 652)
About 1500 Germans, together with a few Republicans (mostly Alpini), encamped along the road between VERPIANA and BIGLIOLO (P 8423). They were waiting to go into the line.

Sheet 96 III SE
P 87700630

(iv) CARRARA (10 Dec 44 - Source 670)
Platzkommandantur in Via GARIBALDI, in the building formerly occupied by the Women's Youth Organization (GIL Femminile).

Sheet 96 II SW
L 00650250
L 00700235
L 00720232
L 01400342
L 01400340
L 01450343

(v) MONTE ALTISSIMO (Jun 44 - Source 670)
Six large wooden huts roofed with planks and tarred paper, measuring 20 x 6 x 5 m, at MRs. They are used by workers of the TODT, each hut accommodating about eighty men.

2. Enemy Intentions (Oct 44 - Source 719)

According to a document found on a German captain captured by Partisans in Oct 44, the Germans intend to defend to the last the cities of BOLOGNA, PARMA and PADUA and the bend of the PO between BRESCELLO (Sheet 74, L 8948) and GUASTALLA(L 3697). On the other hand they do NOT intend to put up any stiff resistance in the area of REGGIO EMILIA.

3. Communications (16 Dec 44 - Sources 685 & 687)

Sheet 96
F 828206

The railway bridge at PONTE SECCHIOLO is used for road traffic as well, the road bridge having been damaged. This bridge is the only one in the area/usable and if it were to be destroyed, communications between the SERCHIO Valley front and the MASSA front would be cut. According to Source 685 the bridge is guarded by fifteen Germans, armed with two MG.

4. Miscellaneous (Jun 44 - Source 670)

Source was told that the Germans had carried off from CARRARA all

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4. Miscellaneous (Jun 44 - Source 670)

Source was told that the Germans had carried off from CARRARA all the stocks of radium and other precious metals in the possession of the chemical laboratory of LA SPEZIA Arsenal, which had been transferred to CARRARA. During the Partisan occupation of CARRARA at the beginning of Nov 44, Source found at the Platzkommandantur an anonymous letter denouncing certain Italian officers and technicians for concealing precious metals belonging to the Arsenal.

D. PERSONALITIES

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1. Republican

a) REGGIO EMILIA (Dec 44 - Sources 674 & 719)
(i) At Provincial HQ Republican Army and GNR

Col	BALLARINO	CC. Said to be organizing the Fifth Column in the city.
Col	CACCIO' Renzo	Predecessor of above. Ex General Staff. Enthusiastic supporter of the idea of forming special anti-Partisan units at BOLOGNA, which never materialised.

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Col	TRONCHET Tullio	Predecessor of CACCIO'. Protested against execution of soldiers condemned to death and suffered the same fate himself.
Ten Col	GAMBAROTTA	Predecessor of TRONCHET. Ex "Reggimento Guide", PARMA. Boasted that at the time of the Armistice he cut the phone wires leading to his HQ, so as to avoid receiving orders from his superiors.
Ten Col	D'AMICO	2 IC and C of S.
Maggiore	PECORINI	Former head of Mobilization Office.
"	RAPPAGGI	Head of Propaganda, Information and Miscellaneous Affairs Office.
Capitano	MORINI	Head of Personnel Office.
"	GIULIANO	" " Services "
Tenente	LA BRUNA	Secretary to CC. Ex "Moschettieri del DUCE". Said to be one of those who will form part of the 5th Column.
"	CANTARINO	Head of Provincial Engr Office. Said to be in German pay.
"	MINETTI	Head of Administration Office.
"	MICASTRO	In Administration Office.
"	NOVELLO	Interpreter. Ex Army NCO. Said to be member of future 5th Column.
"	FERRETTI	OC AF Section.
Aiutante	MACI	Confidant of Col BALBARINO. Said to be one of those chosen for 5th Column.

(ii) No 5 Inspectorate of Labour

Col	GATTI	OC.
Capitano	LENTINI	Adjt. Ex Army offr. Awaiting trial for Partisan activities.
Tenente	BASSO	Native of LA SPEZIA.

(iii) Miscellaneous

Ten Col	BATTAGLIA Ignazio	Federal Commissioner and OC Black Bde. On assuming office said that he did NOT intend to adopt harsh measures, but afterwards behaved worse than his predecessors.
Ten Col	BATTAGLIA	Believed to be a cousin of above. OC Military District. Captured by Partisans 19 Dec 44.
		OC depot in Grenadieri Barracks.

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Capitano	MORINI	Head of Personnel Office.
"	GIULLIANO	" " Services "
Tenente	LA BRUNA	Secretary to OC. Ex "Moschettieri del DUCE". Said to be one of those who will form part of the 5th Column.
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Col	FULLONI	OC dets in Granatieri Barracks.
Maggiore	SIRACUSA	OC Granatieri Barracks.
Maggiore	TESEI	OC U.P.I. (Political Investigation Office).
Capitano	GUALANDRI	OC Provincial Stores.

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b) BOLOGNA

(i) PAPPALARDO Black Bde (2 Nov 44 - Source 651)

Tenente	SEMPRINI	In Bde.
S.Ten	VENTRONE	" "

(ii) Miscellaneous (Sep 44 - Source 654)

Gen Brig	BOSCARSI Guglielmo	Ex OC MT Regt. BOLOGNA. After Armistice promoter of constitution of Republican Army in EMILIA and first Regional OC of same. Then became President of Military Tribunal and was responsible for several death sentences on Partisans and deserters. Has written inflammatory articles in the newspapers.

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Gen Div	MAGALDI	During war was President of Tribunal in SIBENIK and was notorious for the severity of his sentences. Succeeded BOSCASSI as Regional OC Republican Army. Responsible for many death sentences.
Gen Div	GIGLIO Umberto	Served in YUGOSLAVIA as "Intendant" 2nd Army. Succeeded MAGALDI as Regional OC. Responsible for many acts of violence. In YUGOSLAVIA and at BOLOGNA has made speeches revealing his hatred for the Allies.
Gen (MVSN)	GALZOLARI	OC GNR. Organized mopping-up operations against Partisans in area. Promoted general May 44.
Col (MVSN)	CARRARO	2 IC GNR. Tried to attract to the GNR all offrs retired by Ten Col FERRARI for refusing to join the "Arditi" Volunteer Coy, but was unsuccessful.
Col	CENNACCHI Sergio	OC Military District.
Col	STRINATI Arturo	Provincial OC Republican Army. Regular inf offr. An uncouth and ignorant boor. Made inflammatory recruiting speeches. Recently was suddenly placed on the retired list.
Ten Col	MIGNANI	Provincial 2 IC. Ex Carabiniere offr.
Ten Col	CEVA	OC PANZACCHI Barracks. Regular Tank offr. Meekly obeys orders of his superiors, but avoids acts of violence. Recently replaced on retired list. His wife was interpreter in a German office.
Ten Col	FERRARI	Succeeded CEVA as OC PANZACCHI Barracks. Promoter of formation of "Arditi" Volunteer Coy (see above, para 3 2 d). Irascible and arrogant character. When it seemed that the Allies were about to enter BOLOGNA, he and GIGLIO distributed among their offrs large quantities of food, soap and cigarettes, which caused keen resentment among the population.
Col	MOSCATELLO	Director of Commissariat Dept.
Ten Col	BERARDI	OC Minghetti Barracks. Regular Bersagliere offr. Cynical adventurer seeking only to benefit himself. Makes inflammatory speeches exalting the soundness and purity of the new Republican Army.
Maggiore	BENEDETTI	OC District HQ Unit.
Capitano	AGOSTINI	At PANZACCHI Barracks. Reserve Inf offr. Wears alternately parachutist, X Flotilla MAS and inf uniform. Formed special coy at barracks which attended all funerals of Fascists and Republican Army Offrs and ORs killed by Partisans; he himself appeared at these functions bristling with arms. Arrogant towards his subordinates.

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Capitano	TANTAROTTI	In Auxiliary Police. Sjt in Royal Army until Armistice; then joined Republican Army and by committing acts of violence soon obtained promotion to captain. The Partisans have offered a reward for his capture. It is rumoured that he has recently been transferred to TRIESTE.
S.Tenente	GENNASI	At Military District HQ. Arrogant character. Wanted by Partisans who have tried to ambush him several times. Has been praised by GIGLIO and given a reward of Lire 3000 in cash for his anti-Partisan activities.
"	SAIMI	Formerly at Military District, then at PANZACCHI Barracks. At executions it was his function to give the coup de grace if any of the victims were still alive. Recently left Republican Army and joined Black Brigade.

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S.Tenente	STAGNI Vittorio	On Gen CALZOLARI's staff. Formerly in GNR and took part in mopping-up operations against Partisans. Responsible for many executions.
Professor	PAGLIANI Prenz	Appointed by Fascist Govt head of the Surgical Clinic of BOLOGNA University. Squadrista and holder of the "Sciarpa Littoria". Opposed the suggestion made by the Cardinal and Podesta of BOLOGNA that it should be declared an open city, declaring that he hoped the city would be defended to the last. OC PAPPALARDO Black Bde, Inspector for EMILIA of the Republican Party and National Counsellor.

c) CARPI (Sep 44 - Source 726)

Col (MVSN)	FERRARI Angelo	OC CARPI Black Bde. Responsible for the hanging of six hostages taken from the buildings of the Military Academy at MODENA, in reprisal for the killing of two German soldiers.

d) CENTO (28 Dec 44 - Source 703)

	GOVONI Ferruccio	OC Black Bde
Tenente	CAGNOLI	OC GNR.
Serg Magg	SACCHETTI	In GNR.
Tenente	BELLENTANI Francesco	GNR Inspector for the area.

e) 2 Coy GOFFREDO MANELLI Bersaglieri Bn, RIOLO BAGNI (Jan 45 - Source 705)

Tenente	CALABRO	OC 2 Coy
S.Tenente	BUZZINGAI	OC a pl in 2 Coy.
"	BONANNO	" " " " "
"	PESCI	" " " " "
"	NATALI	" " " " "

f) FINALE NELL'EMILIA (Sep 44 - Source 726)

Rag	MATTIOLI Carlo	OC FINALE sec of MIMMO PISTONI Black Bde. Responsible for much looting to the detriment of civilians, but has refrained from committing or instigating atrocities.
	FRAZZOLI	Squadrista, aged about 40. Servant Republican. Ex convict. OC Political Sec of Black Bde. Has committed numerous thefts while searching private dwellings, but is NOT accused of any atrocities.

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g) MASSA LOMBARDA (7 Jan 45 - Source 728)

Ten Pil	RICCARDI	Founder of the RICCARDI Bn. His idea was to form a unit which would fight for the independence of ITALY. In a speech to his men he said: "For the moment we are fighting the British and Americans, but tomorrow we may have to fight the Germans if they do not evacuate ITALY, or even the DUCE if he supports a continuance of the German occupation." He is popular with his men and his prestige is enhanced by the fact that he is honest and brave. He has devoted the whole of his fortune to the realisation of his ideal. He has property in the area of AREZZO and his family lived in BOLOGNA, where the Partisans killed his father and mother, wounded his wife, daughter and sister, and sacked his house. He has frequent disputes with the

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		Republican Party. On several occasions he has challenged ARPINO, OC BOLOGNA Black Bde, to duels, but the latter has always refused to fight. RICCARDI moves about all over Northern ITALY, but pays frequent visits to his unit in the front line.
S.Ten Pil	FEDERIGHI	OC det of RICCARDI Bn in the front line. Won the "Medaglia d'oro" before the Armistice. His family lives in LEGHORN. Shares RICCARDI's ideas and is very popular with his men.
S.Ten	MOSCA	OC 2 Pl RICCARDI Bn. Ex Army offr, native of BOLOGNA.
S.Ten Med	PERONDI	MO of RICCARDI Bn. Native of TUSCANY.
Sergente	JANNUZZI	OC 1 Pl RICCARDI BN. His home is in EGYPT.
"	BERTIARI	OC 3 Pl RICCARDI Bn. Native of GENOA.

b) Area of MASSA APUANIA

(i) MASSA (Sep 44 - Source 652)

Ten Col	MENZIONE	Provincial OC Republican Army. A mild man who does all he can to help the population.
S.Ten	TOGNINI Carlo	In GNR. Ex regular Tank offr.
Ten	NAVARRINO	In GNR. Ex regular Tank offr.

(ii) MONTE ROSA Div (4 Dec 44 - Source 677)

Capitano	COLOMBO	OC Div HQ. Native of BERGAMO. Ex Alpini offr.
Tenente	CARATI	Propaganda offr and editor of newspaper "MONTE ROSA".
S.Tenente	MARCHESINI	At BRESCIA Bn HQ.
Tenente	SCOCCI	Rations offr, BRESCIA Bn.
"	RECUSANI	Veterinary offr, BRESCIA Bn.
S.Tenente	DE PAOLI	MO BRESCIA Bn.
"	BOTTA	" " "
Tenente	NOSADINI	OC 1 Coy, BRESCIA Bn. At present on convalescent leave. (Cf CSDIC/SIM/AB 80, para G 3, where name is given as NOZZADINI).
Tenente	MAZZAROTTO	OC 1 Coy, BRESCIA Bn after departure of NOSADINI (ex OC 4 Coy, cf CSDIC/SIM/AB 80, para G 3).
Tenente	GAGNER	OC 1 Pl, 1 Coy BRESCIA Bn. Native of TRIESTE.
S.Tenente	FERRUS	OC 2 Pl 1 Coy BRESCIA Bn. Native of CUNEO.
"	BORTOLOTTI	OC 3 Pl 1 Coy " " Wounded by explosion of a mine.
"	BRUNETTI	Succeeded BORTOLOTTI and deserted.
"	ZAFFETTI	In 2 Coy BRESCIA Bn.
"	PADOVAN	" " " " "

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S.Ten Med	PERONDI	[illegible] Native of TESSARA.
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"	BRUNETTI	Succeeded BORTOLOTTI and deserted.
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"	PADOVAN	" " " " "
"	ZAINI	" 3 " " "
Capitano	MAFFI	OC 4 " " "
S.Tenente	PERNASILICO	In " " " "

2. German

a) PARMA (Doc 44 - Sources 674 & 675)

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Capt	EPPLE	OC Supplies Dept Militaerkommandantur 1006.

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b) REGGIO EMILIA (Dec 44 - Sources 674, 675 & 719)

Major	PRASE	OC Platzkommandantur.
Lt	RIEMANN	Former secretary to PRASE. Transferred to PIACENZA.
Inspector	SMIT	In charge of Movements Office.
	WEISS	Interpreter at Ortskommandantur. Hungarian.

c) CENTO (28 Dec 44 - Source 703)

Major	KILLER	OC Ortskommandantur.

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This report contains information on
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Translation of extracts from detailed interrogation by CSDIC/IAI of eleven Italians.

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Maps used: ITALY 1:100.000, Sheets 73, 95, 96

A. PIACENZA

Source 767 is a 21-year-old medical student from PIACENZA, who served as a medical orderly with 2 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 769 is a 24-year-old farmer from PIACENZA, who served as an NCO with 5 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. He has a good memory and is intelligent. Reliability fair.

Source 770 is a 20-year-old farmer from BOLOGNA, who served with 5 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 771 is a 31-year-old metal-worker from PISTOIA, who served with the heavy mortar pl of 5 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. He has a good memory and is intelligent. Reliability fair.

Source 772 is a 22-year-old farmer from GRASSANO, who served with the Transport Pl, 5 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 773 is a 21-year-old carpenter from MILAN, who served with 2 Coy, 1 Bn,

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Maps used: ITALY 1:100.000, Sheets 73, 95, 96

A. FRIENDLY

Source 767 is a 21-year-old medical student from FLORENZA, who served as a medical orderly with 2 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 769 is a 24-year-old farmer from [illegible], who served as an NCO with 5 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. He has a good memory and is intelligent. Reliability fair.

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Source 774 is a 21-year-old medical student from VERONA, who served with 2 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 775 is a 21-year-old mechanic from SIENA, who served with 5 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 776 is a 20-year-old farm labourer from MANTUA, who served with 5 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 803 is a 25-year-old mason from PISTOIA, who served as an NCO with 4 Coy, 1 Bn. He is NOT intelligent and has a poor memory. Reliability poor.

Source 814 is a 31-year-old mason from ORVIETO, who served with 1 Coy, 1 Bn, from which he deserted. He is NOT very intelligent and his memory is poor. Reliability fair.

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B. 1 BN, 1 BERSAGLIERI REGT, ITALIAN DIV

1. Organization

a) General (Jan 45 - Sources 769 & 770)

Bn consisted of:

HQ Coy
Three rifle coys (1, 2 & 3 Coys)
One MG coy (4 Coy)
One hy coy (5 Coy)

b) HQ Coy (Dec 44 - Source 771)

Coy consisted of:

HQ Sec
One engineer pl of fifty men
One signals pl

Transport: Twelve horses for officers and HD tpt
Three 4-wheeled carts
About fifteen bicycles for messengers (allotted to 5 Coy).

A German LO was attached to HQ Coy.

c) 1 Coy (Source 814)

i) Organisation (Dec 44)

Coy consisted of:

HQ Pl
Three Bersaglieri pls

In Feb 45 the three Bersaglieri pls were reduced to two.

ii) Strength

When Coy left GEMELLI on 3 Dec 44 it had a strength of 145-150 men. By 8 Feb 45 this strength was reduced, owing to desertions, to three officers and about fifty men, plus a few others who had remained at TERENZO (Sheet 85, P 8965) with the Coy stores.

iii) HQ Pl (Dec 44)

Pl consisted of:

HQ Sec
Services Sec.

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Coy consisted of:
HQ Sec
One engineer pl of fifty men
One signals pl

Transport: Twelve horses for officers and HD tpt
Three 4-wheeled carts
About fifteen bicycles for messengers
(allotted to 5 Coy).

A German LO was attached to HQ Coy.

c) 1 Coy (Source 814)

i) Organization (Dec 44)

Coy consisted of:
HQ Pl
Three Bersaglieri pls
In Feb 45 the three Bersaglieri pls were reduced to two.

ii) Strength

When Coy left GEMONA on 3 Dec 44 it had a strength of 145-150 men. By 8 Feb 45 this strength was reduced, owing to desertions, to three officers and about fifty men, plus a few others who had remained at TERENZO (Sheet 85, P 8965) with the Coy stores.

iii) HQ Pl (Dec 44)

Pl consisted of:
HQ Sec
Services Sec.

iv) Bersaglieri Pls (Dec 44)

Each Bersaglieri Pl was composed of:
OC Pl
Two messengers
One driver
Four Bersaglieri secs of eight men each.

v) Bersaglieri Secs (Dec 44)

WE strength of a Bersaglieri Sec was:
One Sec Leader, armed with MP and pistol, and equipped with a compass maps and a pair of binoculars.
One LMG carrier, armed with pistol and carrying accessories.

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One amm carrier, armed with pistol and carrying two drum-containers (100 rounds each) and one spare barrel.
One amm carrier, armed with G 98 rifle and carrying two boxes of amm (300 rounds each).
One rifleman, armed with rifle with cup-discharger or fitted for firing grenades.
One rifleman, armed with semi-automatic rifle.
One rifleman, armed with rifle fitted with telescopic sight.
One assistant sec leader, armed with G.98 rifle.

vi) Armament (8 Feb 45)

Coy : Five LMG 42, instead of twelve laid down by WE. (The Coy had three MG when it returned from [redacted] and received three from the unit of the [redacted] Div which it relieved in the line, but Source took one of them away when he deserted).
About a hundred Panzerfausts received from the unit the Coy relieved.

Individual: Eight BERETTA MP allotted to three NCOs and five OR sec leaders.
There is a shortage of pistols. No 1 of each MG, MP carriers and No 1 amm carriers are either unarmed, or carry G 98 rifles.
Coy also had twelve automatic rifles, eight rifles fitted for firing grenades (instead of twelve), three rifles with telescopic sight (instead of twelve), but even these have NOT yet been issued as they are still at [redacted] with other equipment of the Coy.
About a hundred hand-grenades, received from the unit relieved in line.

vii) Ammunition

About 1600 rounds for each LMG 42.
100 rounds for each man armed with G 98 rifle
100 rounds for each man armed with semi-automatic rifle, (though the weapons themselves are missing).
About 200 rounds for rifles fitted for firing grenades, received from the unit relieved in the line.

viii) Transport (8 Feb 45)

Four small Russian horses
Four 2-wheeled carts

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About a hundred Panzerfausts received from the unit the Coy relieved.

Individual: Eight BERETTA MP allotted to three NCOs and five GS sec leaders.
There is a shortage of pistols. No 1 of each MG, MT carriers and No 1 mmn carriers are either unarmed, or carry G 98 rifles.
Coy also had twelve automatic rifles, eight rifles fitted for firing grenades (instead of twelve), three rifles with telescopic sight (instead of twelve), but even these have NOT yet been issued as they are still at TERMOLI with other equipment of the Coy.
About a hundred hand-grenades, received from the unit relieved in line.

vii) Ammunition

About 1600 rounds for each LMG 42.
100 rounds for each man armed with G 98 rifle
100 rounds for each man armed with semi-automatic rifle, (though the weapons themselves are missing).
About 200 rounds for rifles fitted for firing grenades, received from the unit relieved in the line.

viii) Transport (G 996 45)

Four small Russian horses
Four 2-wheeled carts
Three German bicycles.

ix) Miscellaneous 3936

Each officer carries a Very pistol, with red, white and green flares.

x) Equipment

Each man carries with him only a bivouac sheet and two blankets. The remainder of the equipment (pack, entrenching tools, respirator and one blanket) was left behind at TERMOLI.

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xi) Personnel (Dec 44)

About twenty-five men, including two officers, came from PW camps in GERMANY. The remainder were sent from 12.A.F. German liaison personnel attached to the Coy consisted of one 2 lt, two WOs and one sgt.

xii) Morale

Low amongst the men, but apparently high among the officers.

xiii) Desertions

By 31 Jan 45 about eighty men had deserted. An entire sec crossed the lines on 8 Feb 45.

d) 2 Coy (Sources 767 & 773)

i) Organization: As for 1 Coy.

ii) Strength

When Coy left GERMANY on 3 Dec 44 its strength was 139 men. Owing to desertions this figure was reduced by 22 Jan 45 to about 97 men.

iii) HQ Pl: As for 1 Coy, plus one additional officer and one German CSM.

HQ Sec : OC HQ Pl
Two WT operators (who had nothing to do as there were NO WT sets).

Services Sec: Four messengers
Eight drivers
One medical orderly
Four stretcher-bearers
Two cobblers
Two cooks
One tailor
Two storemen (for rations)
Two accountants
One quartermaster
One armourer.

iv) Bersaglieri Pl (Dec 44): As for 1 Coy.

v) Bersaglieri Secs

Until Oct 44 each of these Secs was composed of eleven men, viz:

Sec Leader
Assistant Sec Leader

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i) Organization: As for [illegible].

ii) Strength

When Coy left GERMANY on 3 Dec 44 its strength was 139 men. Owing to desertions this figure was reduced by 22 Jan 45 to about 97 men.

iii) HQ Pl: As for 1 Coy, plus one additional officer and one German CSM.

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Eight drivers
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Four stretcher-bearers
Two cobblers
Two cooks
One tailor
Two storemen (for rations)
Two accountants
One quartermaster
One armourer.

iv) Bersaglieri Pl (Dec 44): As for 1 Coy.

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v) Bersaglieri Secs

Until Oct 44 each of these Secs was composed of eleven men, viz:
Sec Leader
Assistant Sec Leader
One LMG carrier
Two sub carriers
One Bersagliere armed with rifle fitted for firing grenades.
One Bersagliere armed with semi-automatic rifle.
One Bersagliere armed with rifle with telescopic sight.
Three Bersaglieri armed with C 98 rifles.

Since Oct 44 secs have been reduced to eight men each (as in 1 Coy, see above).

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vi) Armament (22 Jan 45)

Coy : Three LMG 42, instead of the twelve allotted by WE.
Eight boxes of Panzerfausts, in the Coy stores. The men have had NO instruction in the use of this weapon.

Individual: HQ Pl: Only 50% of the men have C 98 rifles or pistols. The rest carry two hand-grenades each.
Bersaglieri Pls: These pls have all the semi-automatic rifles and those fitted for firing grenades. In each pl only two of the rifles fitted to take telescopic sights, have got the sights. There is a shortage of pistols. There are only two MPs in the whole Coy. There were three, but Source gave one to the Partisans.

vii) Ammunition (22 Jan 45)

NO grenades for the rifles fitted for firing them.
Each man armed with semi-automatic rifle has 200 rounds.
" " " " ordinary rifle has 100 rounds.
Twenty-four boxes of ammn for each MG 42 (total 7200 rounds divided equally among the three Bersaglieri pls).
Reserve of 5000 rounds for each LMG 42.

viii) Transport (22 Jan 45)

One Russian charger for OC Coy
Two 2-wheeled metal carts
Two bicycles for messengers.

ix) Medical equipment (Dec 44)

The medical orderly at Coy HQ had a German leather case, containing:
One tourniquet
One 1-cc syringe, with two phials of "Cardiazol" and two of "Lobelina".
Waterproof sheeting for lung wounds.
One thermometer
One forceps
Two triangular bandages
One pair of scissors
About two dozen bandages
Two small bottles of disinfectant
Five first-aid dressings of two different sizes
Six glass tubes containing various medicinals (tablets and pills).
One box containing "cerotoplasto" (plastic bandage)

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" " " " ordinary rifle has 100 rounds.
Twenty-four boxes of ammn for each MG 42 (total 7200 rounds divided equally among the three Bersaglieri pls).
Reserve of 6000 rounds for each LMG 42.

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One Russian charger for OC Coy
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Waterproof sheeting for lung wounds.
One thermometer
One forceps
Two triangular bandages
One pair of scissors
About two dozen bandages
Two small bottles of disinfectant
Five first-aid dressings of two different sizes
Six glass tubes containing various medicinals (tablets and pills).
One box containing "ansaplasto" (plastic bandage)
A spool of adhesive plaster
There were also four Italian first-aid kits for stretcher-bearers, containing:
Four rolls of sterilised gauze
a small bottle of cognac
Spirit
Twelve bandages of two different sizes
One pair of tailor's scissors
One knife with curved blade for cutting boots.
Four stearine candles
Some phials of tetrachloride of carbon in a closed cardboard box for anti-gas treatment.
Six Italian first-aid dressings.

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Each of the four stretcher-bearers carries one of these first-aid kits. They are under the orders of the medical orderly.
The coy has one Italian stretcher, with two blankets.

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x) Individual Equipment (Jan 45)

As shown in CSDIC/LI/AB 105, para B 5.
In the Coy stores there were two suits of anti-gas clothing and an unspecified number of anti-gas capes.

xi) Personnel (Jan 45)

All the officers and twenty of the men came from PW camps. Morale is very low.

xii) Casualties and desertions

About forty men, including a 2 Lt had deserted by 22 Jan 45. A sjt who had gone to LESIGNANO PALMA (Sheet 85, F 9266) to requisition some oxen and carts, was killed by the Partisans on 14 Dec 45. Deserters generally take their individual armament with them.

c) 3 Coy (Dec 44 - Sources 775 & 776)

i) Organization: as for 1 Coy.

ii) Strength

When Coy left CERIALE on 3 Dec 44 it had a strength of 134 men. Owing to desertions Coy had been reduced by 19 Jan 45 to about eighty men.

iii) Hq Pl

This consists of:

One subaltern, OC Pl
Two WT operators (who, however, have NO WT sets).
Three messengers
One German CSM
One cookhouse sjt
One NCO in charge of drivers
Eight to ten drivers
Two medical orderlies
Two stretcher-bearers
Two cobblers
Two cooks
One tailor

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e) 3 Coy (Dec 44 - Sources 775 & 776)

i) Organization: As for 1 Coy.

ii) Strength

When Coy left [redacted] on 3 Dec 44 it had a strength of 134 men. Owing to desertions Coy had been reduced by 19 Jan 45 to about eighty men.

iii) HQ Pl

This consists of:

One subaltern, OC Pl
Two WT operators (who, however, have NO WT sets).
Three messengers
One German CSM
One cookhouse sjt
One NCO in charge of drivers
Eight to ten drivers
Two medical orderlies
Two stretcher-bearers
Two cobblers
Two cooks
One tailor
Three storemen
Two accountants
One quartermaster (Caporale Maggiore)

iv) Bersaglieri Pls: As for 1 Coy.

v) Secs of Bersaglieri Pls: As for 1 Coy.

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vi) Armament (19 Jan 45)

Coy : Three LMG 42, instead of twelve.
Individual: HQ Pl: Only 50% of the men are armed; the rest carry one hand-grenade each.
Bersaglieri Pls: The men are fully armed, but the pistols and automatic rifles are in bad condition and do NOT work properly.
There is only one MP, which is allotted to the German CSM.

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vii) Ammunition

Each man carrying an ordinary rifle has 105 rounds. There were 1100 rounds for each of the three MG 42.

viii) Transport

One Russian charger for OC Coy
Six small Russian horses
Three 2-wheeled metal carts.

ix) Personnel

Personnel included about thirty ex PW, nearly all officers and NCOs. Morale was very low. None of the officers have Fascist sentiments.

x) Desertions

About fifty men, twelve of whom came from BOLOGNA, had deserted by 18 Jan 45. Deserters generally take their individual armament with them.

f) 4 Coy (MG Coy) (Source 803)

i) Organisation (Dec 44)

Coy consisted of:
HQ
Three MG Pls (1,2 & 3 Pls).

ii) Strength

On leaving CASTELNY on 3 Dec 44 Coy had a strength of about 160 men. By 31 Jan 45 it had been reduced to about ninety men, owing to desertions. On 4 Feb 45, 2 Pl had only fifteen men left out of thirty-five.

iii) MG Pls

Each of the MG Pls consisted of:
OC
One rangetaker
Two messengers
Four or five drivers

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ix) Personnel

Personnel included about thirty ex PW, nearly all officers and NCOs. Morale was very low. None of the officers have Fascist sentiments.

x) Desertions

About fifty men, twelve of whom came from COLOGNA, had deserted by 18 Jan 45. Deserters generally take their individual armament with them.

f) 4 Coy (MG Coy) (Source 803)

i) Organisation (Dec 44)

Coy consisted of:
HQ
Three MG Pls (1,2 & 3 Pls).

ii) Strength

On leaving GERMANY on 3 Dec 44 Coy had a strength of about 160 men. By 31 Jan 45 it had been reduced to about ninety men, owing to desertions. On 4 Feb 45, 2 Pl had only fifteen men left out of thirty-five.

iii) MG Pls

Each of the MG Pls consisted of:
OC
One rangetaker
Two messengers
Four or five drivers
Two MG secs, each with two guns and thirteen men.

iv) MG Secs

Each of the MG Secs consisted of: 3992
Sec Leader, with binoculars and compass; according to WE should have an MP.
Two MG Groups, each of one gun and six men.

v) MG Groups

WE strength of an MG Group was:
Group leader, armed with pistol, and carrying one spare barrel, aiming devices, and a box of ammn.
One MG-carrier, armed with pistol.
One man carrying mounting for MG, armed with pistol.

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No 1 mun-carrier, armed with G 98 rifle, and carrying one spare barrel and two boxes of mun.
No 2 mun-carrier, armed with G 98 rifle, and carrying one spare barrel and two boxes of mun.
No 3 mun-carrier, armed with G 98 rifle, and carrying one spare barrel, two boxes of mun (or one box and two drums) and an MG tripod.

vi) Armament (4 Feb 45)

Coy : Five HMG 42, instead of the WE twelve. When the Coy left GERMANY it had six HMG (two in each pl), but one of those belonging to 2 Pl was captured by the Americans).

Individual: Sec leaders armed with MPs instead of pistols as laid down in WE.
The MG-carriers and the man carrying mounting for MG, who left GERMANY unarmed, were issued with pistols in the line (Source is certain of this only for 2 Pl).
Only one group leader in each pl has sighting devices.

vii) Ammunition (4 Feb 45)

Coy : Seven boxes, total 2100 rounds, for the two MGs of 2 Pl. Source does not know the amount of mun carried by other pls.

Individual : Each man armed with rifle had sixty rounds.
" " " " pistol had twenty rounds.

viii) Transport (4 Feb 45)

Two 4-wheeled carts
About a dozen small 4-wheeled carts
About a dozen small Russian horses
Four German bicycles.

ix) Personnel

Italian: About twenty men, including all the officers, came from PW camps. Morale was low.

German : The German personnel attached to the unit consisted of three NCOs (one to each MG Pl), two sgts, of whom one a farrier, and one pte interpreter.

x) Casualties and Desertions

[illegible] reported by 31 Jan 45. Five men of 2 Pl were

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down in WE.
The MG-carriers and the man carrying mounting for MG, who left GERMANY unarmed, were issued with pistols in the line (Source is certain of this only for 2 Pl).
Only one group leader in each pl has aiming devices.

vii) Ammunition (4 Feb 45)

Coy : Seven boxes, total 2100 rounds, for the two MGs of 2 Pl. Source does NOT know the amount of ammn carried by other pls.

Individual : Each man armed with rifle had sixty rounds.
" " " " pistol had twenty rounds.

viii) Transport (4 Feb 45)

Two 4-wheeled carts
About a dozen small 4-wheeled carts
About a dozen small Russian horses
Four German bicycles.

ix) Personnel

Italian: About twenty men, including all the officers, came from PW camps. Morale was low.

German : The German personnel attached to the unit consisted of three NCOs (one to each MG Pl), two ogts, of whom one a farrier, and one pte interpreter.

x) Casualties and Desertions

About seventy men had deserted by 31 Jan 45. Five men of 2 Pl were captured by an American patrol on 4 Feb 45.

g) 5 Coy (HF Coy) (Sources 769-772)

i) Organization (Dec 44)

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Coy consisted of:
HQ Sec
One tpt pl
One gun pl (75 mm)
One hy mortar pl (12 cm)
One medium mortar pl (8.1 cm)

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ii) Strength

On 3 Dec 44 when it left [redacted] Coy was about two hundred strong. By 7 Jan 45 it was reduced to about 170 men owing to desertions.

iii) Hq Sec (Dec 44)

One NCO, sec leader
One NCO, who carries the binoculars (he is the Sec Leader's personal assistant).
One NCO, in charge of forage (for the whole Bn)
Two mounted messengers
Two messengers on bicycles
Two grooms
Two runners.

iv) Tpt Pl (19 Jan 45)

One Bn Quartermaster (Senior NCO)
One Bn Accountant
One Coy Accountant
One assistant Coy Accountant
Five men in rations sec
Eight men in baggage sec
Twelve men in equipment sec
Eleven men plus one medical orderly in front-line tpt sec. Among the men of the Pl there are cobblers, saddlers, tailors, drivers and four MT drivers (without MT).

v) Gun Pl (19 Jan 45)

OC
Two NCOs
Twenty-nine men, with two 75 mm I IG. 18 guns.

vi) Hy Mortar Pl (Dec 44)

Organization (HE): HQ Sec
Three mortar secs, each of 9 men with one 12 cm mortar.

Strength : OC
Four NCOs
Thirty-nine men (only twenty-seven actually existed).

Actually the Pl never had any 12 cm mortars. Personnel were trained [illegible] mortars only.

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iv) Tpt Pl (19 Jan 45)

One Bn Quartermaster (Senior NCO)
One Bn Accountant
One Coy Accountant
One assistant Coy Accountant
Five men in rations sec
Eight men in baggage sec
Twelve men in equipment sec
Eleven men plus one medical orderly in front-line tpt sec. Among the men of the Pl there are cobblers, saddlers, taliors, drivers and four MT drivers (without MT).

v) Gun Pl (19 Jan 45)

OC
Two NCOs
Twenty-nine men, with two 75 mm I IG. 18 guns.

vi) Hy Mortar Pl (Dec 44)

Organization (wE): HQ Sec
Three mortar secs, each of 9 men with one 12 cm mortar.

Strength : OC
Four NCOs
Thirty-nine men (only twenty-seven actually existed).

Actually the Pl never had any 12 cm mortars. Personnel were trained on 8.1 cm mortars only.

vii) Hy Mortar Sec (12 cm) (Dec 44)

Sec Leader, armed with pistol, carrying a compass.
No 1, armed with pistol, carrying a compass.
One baseplate-carrier, armed with pistol.
One tripod-carrier, armed with pistol.
One loader, armed with G 98 rifle.
One observer, armed with G 98 rifle, carrying binoculars and a compass.
Two ammo-carriers, armed with G 98 rifles.

viii) Medium Mortar Pl (8.1 cm) (Dec 44)

Organization: Three secs, each composed of two mortar groups.
Strength : OC
Three NCOs
Sixty men
Each sec had two drivers.

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ix) Armament (19 Jan 45)

Coy : Gun Pl : Pl had NO guns (Sources 769, 770, 771). Two guns at Regt HQ without limbers (Source 769). Pl arrived in ITALY without guns as the only one it had (75 mm) was damaged by the overturning of the lorry on which it was being transported (Source 771).

Hy Mortar Pl: Had none of the three 12 cm mortars allotted to it by WE.

Medium Mortar Pl: Four 8.1 cm mortars (one German and three Italian). Pl arrived in ITALY with one German 8.1 cm mortar. On 6 Jan 45 it was allocted three Italian 8.1 cm mprtars without aiming devices.

In the Coy stores there were also thirty Panzerfausts.

Individual: One BERETTA MP for the NCO in charge of Coy HQ Sec.
One MP for the man in charge of the gun pl limbers, with six magazines of forty rounds each.
Sixteen Polish or Belgian pistols with two magazines each (one for each officer and one for each No 1).
140 S 98 rifles with thirty-five rounds each (NOT sufficient for all the men).
One hand-grenade per man.
Two pistols and fifteen rifles in the Hy Mortar Pl.
Twenty rifles in the Tpt Pl.

x) Ammunition (19 Jan 45)

In Coy stores there are:

Six cases of mm, total about 9000 rounds.
Four hundred boxes of morter mm (three rounds in each box - total 1200)
Two boxes of German stick-grenades (twenty-four per box).
Two boxes of egg-grenades.
Six magnetic mines.

NO mm for the guns or for the 12 cm mortars.

NOTE: Source 771 escorted the above mm during one of the moves of the Coy.

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In the Coy stores there were also thirty Panzerfausts.

Individual:

One BERETTA MP for the NCO in charge of Coy HQ Sec.
One MP for the man in charge of the gun pl limbers, with six magazines of forty rounds each.
Sixteen Polish or Belgian pistols with two magazines each (one for each officer and one for each No 1).
140 G 98 rifles with thirty-five rounds each (NOT sufficient for all the men).
One hand-grenade per man.
Two pistols and fifteen rifles in the Hy Mortar Pl.
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x) Ammunition (19 Jan 45)

In Coy stores there are:

Six cases of mm, total about 9000 rounds.
Four hundred boxes of mortar mm (three rounds in each box - total 1200)
Two boxes of German stick-grenades (twenty-four per box).
Two boxes of egg-grenades.
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xi) Transport (19 Jan 45)

Two German 4-wheeled carts
Twelve small 2-wheeled metal carts (six of which are unserviceable because they have NO wheels).
Twenty-nine horses
The allotment laid down by WE was: Sixty metal carts, 131 draught animals.

xii) Personnel (19 Jan 45)

Italian: Most of the men are young but lack enthusiasm, which reduces their efficiency, despite their good training.
German : One 2 Lt, three WOs, one of whom was a farrier, and four ORs.

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xiii) Desertions

About twenty-five men including one officer had deserted, by 6 Jan 45. The men generally desert during moves or whilst on leave.

h) F.P.No (Feb 45 - Sources 769-776, 803, 814)

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i) Miscellaneous (23 Jan 45 - Sources 769-776, 806, 814)

The armament of the Coys was to have been completed at ALBIANO (Sheet 95, P 7518), but this did NOT materialise (hearsay from their own officers).
A tpt column carrying part of the weapons for the completion of Coy armament was halted by S.Ten MONTANARI of 5 Coy a few kms from ALBIANO. In collusion with the Partisans in the area, he went off with the tpt, saying that he had received orders to take it to the HQ of a Bn which was carrying out mopping-up operations against the Partisans. The weapons consisted of seventy MPs and 120-130 pistols, plus an unspecified number of hand-grenades.

j) Movements and Activities of the Bn (Sources 769-776, 803, 814)

3- 5 Dec 44 — MEUSELWG to STORZINGEN by road; thence via INNSBRUCK, BRENNER and VERONA to S.ANT' ANTONIO MANTOVANO (Sheet 62, P 4727) by rail and to MANTUA by road.

6- 9 Dec 44 — Bn proceeded on foot by night marches along Highway 62 via SUZZARA (Sheet 74, P 4305) and SORBOLO (Sheet 75, L 1990) to SAN PANCRAZIO PARMENSE (L 0486).

12 Dec 44 — The Bn was quartered as follows:
1 & 2 Coys at TERENZO (Sheet 85, P 8965)
3 & 5 Coys at BOSCHI di BARDONE (P 8968)
4 Coy at COSTALTA (P 8766).

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1 Coy went to SOLIGNANO (Sheet 85, P 8067)
2 Coy went to BOIO (P 8169)
3 Coy went to CASTAGNELI (Sheet 73, P 8472)
5 Coy went to BERCETO (Sheet 85, P 8154).
Many desertions occurred during the moves to the above destinations. Bn did NOT make contact with the Parti-

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Many desertions occurred during the moves to the above destinations. Bn did NOT make contact with the Partisans, but the latter had encounters with elements of the Div Recce Bn near VARANO (Sheet 73, P 8474) and with German units.

11 Jan 45 — Bn returned to its former quarters.

14-18 Jan 45 — Bn moved, marching during the night, via BOSCHI (Sheet 85, P 8968), CASTELLONCHIO (P 8358), BERCETO (P 8154), MONTELUNGO (Sheet 84, P 7547) and MONTEMAGNO (P 7241) to ALBIANO (Sheet 95, P 7318).

22 Jan 45 — 2 Coy took part in an action against Partisans at BRUGNOLO (Sheet 95, P 7023). NO contact was made. A patrol found some weapons lying in the surrounding woods, which had presumably been abandoned by the Partisans. They consisted of one STEN gun, one BREDA LMG, one C 98 rifle, one 91 carbine, MG, two American MG barrels, and a large quantity of ammo in a sack weighing about 80 kg.

28 Jan-1 Feb 45 — 4 Coy moved to a point EAST of CASTELNUOVO DI GARFAGNANA. 1 and 3 Coys with two pls of 4 Coy, went into the front line in the CAMPO area (Sheet 96, L 1406), where they relieved units of MONTE MOSA Div.

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k) MUSSOLINI's visit to 1 Bn (26 Jan 45 - Source 774)

At about 0930 hrs, without any previous notice, two open cars and one armoured car painted white with the German swastika on the turret, drove up to Bn HQ at ALBIANO.
MUSSOLINI was accompanied by:

Gen CARLONI, OC MONTE ROSA Div.
" MANDI, OC ITALIA Div.
Maj Gen OESTEN, German LO at HQ ITALIA Div.
Ten Col ZELLI-IACOBUCCI, OC 1 Bersaglieri Regt.
A Major of the Republican SS.
An escort of eight Republican SS, armed with MPs.

MUSSOLINI was wearing grey-green uniform with mountain boots and stockings; he wore NO badges of rank, but had black flames of the lapels of his tunic. He wore a side cap without any badge. He seemed to be in better health than on 17 Jul 44, when he paid a visit to the ITALIA Div during its training in GERMANY.
When MUSSOLINI came on to the parade ground, the Bersaglieri gave the German salute, viz standing at attention with their eyes turned towards him, to which MUSSOLINI replied with the Roman salute. He then made the following speech:
"My Bersaglieri, after my visit to you in GERMANY I have come to see you again in the midst of this severe winter, to look into your eyes and read in them your faith and your desire to fight. I have also come to examine your equipment: whatever you lack shall be given you. Your task is this: First to rid us of our internal enemies, and then to fight for this ITALY of ours, which has suffered so much, but is still so adorable, this ITALY which twice over has given civilisation to the world. Our enemies have brought against us the scum of the earth - Africans, New Zealanders, Senegalese, etc. I am sure that when you encounter them you will overwhelm them and will open the way to victory. Victory for us means two things : ITALY and ROME."
At the end of this speech there was a general feeling of discomfort. S.Ten SANSONI, OC 1 Coy, stepped out of the ranks and started the song "Allarmi Bersaglieri", which the Bn sang fairly loudly. MUSSOLINI seemed satisfied, gave the Fascist salute and moved off. Gen MANDI tried to instil some enthusiasm into the troops and Ten Col ZELLI incited them to break ranks and surround MUSSOLINI, who talked to them for a few moments, after which he got into his car, which bore a COMO number-plate, and drove off (1015 hrs).

C. LOCATIONS (Sources 769, 771, 773, 803, 814)

6 Jan 45 HQ ITALIA Div in a house surrounded by trees, near the road, about 300 m NE of BORGO DI TUDO (Sheet 73, P 9174). It was rumoured that the Div was to relieve the MONTE ROSA Div in the line.
14 Jan 45 HQ ITALIA Div and a div food store at FELINO (L 0274). The two div medical coys were on the outskirts of FELINO. HQ Arty Regt ITALIA Div was at COLLECCHIO (L 0080).

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22 Jan 45 HQ 1 Bersaglieri Regt at TERRAROSSA (Sheet 96, P 7723). The Div was NOT able to relieve MONTE ROSA Div, owing to the number of detachments.

26 Jan 45 1 Bn with all its coys quartered in farms and other houses on the SW outskirts of ALBINO.

4 Feb 45 3 Coy, reduced to only eighty men, with 2 Pl, 4 MG Coy, in the line in CAMPO area, where they relieved part of BRESCIA Bn, MONTE ROSA Div.

8 Feb 45 1 Coy at CAMPO (Sheet 96, L 1406) quartered in cellars, owing to continuous air raids. Coy had a strength of about fifty men and three officers, and consisted of two pls divided into a total of five secs, each with one MG 42. Signalling by means of Very pistols as follows:

Red star	-	Enemy attacking
Green star	-	Request for arty support.
White star	-	Position reached - we are here.

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8 Feb 45 Most of the individual and part of the unit equipment of 1 Coy, at TERENZO (Sheet 85, P 8965).

D. PERSONALITIES (Sources 769, 771, 773, 774, 775, 776, 803, 814)

1. Republican

a) HQ 1 Bn, 1 Bersaglieri Regt
(4 Feb 45)

Cap.	i.g.s.	MINGHETTI Marcello	OC Bn. Comes from ROME and is an ex-PW of pronounced Fascist sentiments.
	(19 Jan 45)		
Cap.		GORGONE	At Bn HQ for various duties.
Lun.		FREZZA Luigi	Adjutant. Ex-PW from FRANCE.
Ten.		GRIMALDI	Personal asst to OC Bn. Ex-PW from FRANCE.
Ten.		GELSOMINI Giovanni	Bn Ordnance officer on strength of 5 Coy. Ex-PW from the Balkans.
S.Ten		RUDOLFI Vittorio	Administration officer.
S.Ten Medico		BIANCHI Ernesto	Bn MO. Ex-PW; born at SIENA.

b) 1 Coy, 1 Bn

(Nov 44)

Cap.		SARDINETTI	OC 1 Coy until Nov 44.
	(Feb 45)		
S.Ten		SANSONI	OC 1 Coy. He is a Sicilian ex-PW and a fervid Fascist. He is severe and unbending with his subordinates.
S.Ten		CERVINI	OC 1 Pl. Came from ITALY and was promoted from Sergente to S.Ten about a month before Bn left GERMANY.
	(Jan 45)		
S.Ten		VINCERI	OC 2 Pl. Ex-PW, native of PADUA. Admitted to field hospital 28 Jan 45.

c) 2 Coy, 1 Bn

Cap.	MEDICI Leone	OC 2 Coy from May to Oct 44, when he was transferred to Regt HQ Coy.
Ten	CAVALIERI Luigi	OC 2 Coy from Oct to Dec 44, when he was admitted to hospital at SAL. BACANZA (Sheet 73, L 0176) owing to illness. Ex-PW. Native of MILAN.

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Cap.	GUNSONI	At Bn HQ for various duties.
Ten.	FREZZA Luigi	Adjutant. Ex-PW from FRANCE.
Ten.	GRIMALDI	Personal asst to OC Bn. Ex-PW from FRANCE.
Ten.	GELSOMINI Giovanni	Bn Ordnance officer on strength of 5 Coy. Ex-PW from the Balkans.
S.Ten	PANDOLFI Vittorio	Administration officer.
S.Ten Medico	BIANCHI Ernesto	Bn MO. Ex-PW; born at SIENA.

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Cap.	SAMBUCETTI	OC 1 Coy until Nov 44.
(Feb 45)		
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c) 2 Coy, 1 Bn

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Ten	CAVALIERI Luigi	OC 2 Coy from Oct to Dec 44, when he was admitted to hospital at S.A. BAGANZA (Sheet 73, L 0176) owing to illness. Ex-PW. Native of MILAN.
(26 Jan 44)		
Ten.	SALVINI Martino	OC 2 Coy. Ex-PW. Native of BRESCIA, formerly with 77 Inf Regt.
Serg. Magg	BARZONI Mario	HQ Pl Leader. A squadrista from MENTRE, who once belonged to a suicide cdy. Transferred to Div HQ for unspecified duties.
S.Ten	LAURITANO	OC 1 Pl. Native of CREMONA.
S.Ten	BRAGLIA Tullio	OC 2 Pl. Ex-PW. Native of REGGIO EMILIA.
S.Ten	SORANO Luigi	OC 3 Pl. Ex-PW. Native of NAPLES.
S.Ten	FULGA Uberto	Supernumerary Officer. He is an ex-parachutist from MANTOVA, who came from ITALY as a volunteer. Promoted in GERMANY in Jul 44 for unspecified war service. Holds two silver medals. He was the first man in the Coy to desert during a move on 8 Dec 44, just after arriving from GERMANY.

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d) 3 Coy, 1 Bn

Cap.	GOTTIS.RACINI	OC Coy from May to Jul 44.
Ten	NICOLOSI (19 Jan 45)	OC Coy from Jul to Sep 44. He came from ITALY.
Ten	POZZAN	OC Coy from Sep 44 onwards. Ex-PW. Native of VERONA.
S.Ten	GRELLA Domenico	OC 1 Pl
S.Ten	BOTTIGLIERO	OC 2 Pl from 11 Jan 45. Ex-PW. Native of NAPLES. Formerly OC HQ Pl.
Sergente	PIZZONI (Dec 44)	Leader of 3 Pl.
S.Ten	FIORENTINO Enzo	OC 3 Pl until 24 Dec 44 when he went on leave and did NOT return. Ex-PW. Native of VENICE.
S.Ten	(11 Jan 45) PANCIULLI	Ex OC 2 Pl. Was removed from his command for having allowed himself to be disarmed by the Partisans near SORBOLO (Sheet 73, L 1990).

e) 4 Coy, 1 Bn (4 Feb 45)

Cap.	SULLINI Rodolfo	OC Coy. Fought in the Abyssinian war and in SPAIN and was a PW in the BALKANS. Fascist sentiments.
S.Ten	DI CAPUA	OC HQ Pl. Ex-PW.
Ten	FONTANA Anselmo	OC 1 Pl. Ex-PW.
Ten	CESTONARO Lino	OC 2 Pl. Ex-PW.
S.Ten	D'AGATA	OC 3 Pl. Ex-PW.

f) 5 Coy, 1 Bn (19 Jan 45)

Cap.	VALENTI Giovanni	OC Coy. Ex-PW. Native of GENOA. Very good to his subordinates and NOT liked by his superiors.
Ten	BERTOCCHINI Orfeo	2 IC Coy and OC 8.1 cm mortar pl. Ex-PW. Native of LUCCA, who lived at FLORENCE and had been in the Inf. It is to be presumed that he deserted, as in Jan 45, when leaving for a mopping-up operation, he warned Source 769 that he would NOT be returning and left him some personal letters to be delivered to his landlady.
S.Ten	(23 Jan 45) MONTANARI Bruno	OC Tpt Pl. Lives at PARMA, is very young and has NOT much authority. Promoted from Cap Maggiore to S.Ten in GERMANY. Source 769 heard that he had deserted to the Partisans with transport carrying arms and ammo for 1 Bn.
		OC Gun Pl. A Sicilian who was a PW in the BALKANS.

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S.Ten	FANCIULLI	Ex OC 2 Pl. Was removed from his command for having allowed himself to be disarmed by the Partisans near SOREGLO (Sheet 73, L 1990).

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S.Ten	NERI Francesco	OC Gun Pl. A Sicilian who was a PW in the BALKANS. Reckless individual.
S.Ten	MARINI Angelo	OC 12 cm Morter Pl. Ex-PW. Native of TRIESTE. Very harsh and severe with his subordinates. Went on leave and did NOT return.

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2. German Liaison Personnel (Sources 769, 773, 775, 776, 803, 814)

Lt	FESCH	At Bn HQ.
2 Lt	PAULICH	With 1 Coy.
WO	FREI (?)	With 1 Coy.

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WO " " " Pte	SCHAUCK SCHULER SCHMIDT OMMLAU RICCI	With 2 Coy, 1 Bn. Interpreter with 2 Coy. Comes from FLORENCE and opted for the German Army.
WO " " Pte	FUERAR (?) RINZ HOFAR MAIAIA	With 3 Coy. Interpreter. Native of BOLZANO.
WO " "	PAGLE (?) MULLER KRZOC (?)	With 4 Coy.
2 Lt WO " "	LETSCH HASE RIEGEL GOTTLIEB	With 5 Coy.

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Pte	MALAIA	Interpreter.	Native of BOLZANO.
WO	RAMLE (?)		
"	MULLER	With 4 Coy.	
"	ERZOG (?)		
2 Lt	LENSCH		
WO	HASE		
"	RIEDEL	With 5 Coy.	
"	GOTTLIEB		

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FOR CAPT CANELLI (.) TWENTY FOUR TUBULAR BRIDGES TYPE 3 UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT PAVIA IN 1943 (.) SIX BRIDGES COMPLETED BEFORE 1944 (.) NO TRACE OF ANY HAVING BEEN DESTROYED SOUTH (.) NONE LOCATED IN LIBERATED ITALY

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PROMEMORIA circa il materiale di Ponte 3.-

Nel Settembre 1943 erano in corso di allestimento, presso l'Officina di Costruzioni del Genio Militare Pavia, 24 equipaggi da ponte 3 (ogni equipaggio : 2 sezioni da mt 75, trasportate ciascuna da 20 autotreni con rimorchio, e dotate di 1 autocarro trattore e portante e due trattori ausiliari tipo A40 - ogni sezione : 19 mezze barche e 4 cavalletti).-

Sei di detti 24 equipaggi erano nel settembre 1943 completi ; non si sa quanti di tali 6 equipaggi siano stati trasferiti al Sud e quanti ne siano rimasti al Nord.-

In merito, sono in corso accertamenti presso i dipendenti comandi del Genio, intesi a precisare se nell'Italia Liberata esistono, in opera oppure in dotazione a reparti, equipaggi, sezioni, oppure elementi di ponte 3.- Al riguardo si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni, appena possibile.-

Nell'Italia ancora occupata dovrebbe comunque esistere la più gran parte dei 24 equipaggi da ponte 3 già in allestimento nel Settembre 1943.-

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(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/I/102/1
13 Jan 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The NETUNIA FILM Company ROME has been authorised by P.W.B. to produce a film in which appear several German Army characters in military uniform.

2. This HQ is informed that you are in possession of these German Army Uniforms which the above film company require to borrow.

3. This HQ authorises Col DE FONDI of the Gabinetto - Ministry of War to issue fifty (50) German Uniforms to the NETUNIA FILM Company on loan for a period of two months only.

4. The uniforms will be released on signature and returned to the Ministry of War by Mr. Ermano DONATI not later than 31 Mar 45.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Mr. Ermano DONATI

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Italian Increment to CSDIC.

6 Jan 45.

To: O.C., M.M.I.A.

We are instructed by A.C. of S., G-2(PW) to send you one copy of our report No CSDIC/SIR/Z 20 which we enclose.

(O.J.TATE),
Major,
Italian Increment to CSDIC.

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CSDIC/SIM/Z 20

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This report contains information on General [illegible]'s Partisan Army Corps.

Translation of extracts from detailed interrogation by SIM/CSDIC of two Italian Doctors.

Source No 614 - SIM Ref 62 CD
" " 615 - " " 62 CD

Maps used: ITALY 1:100,000 Sheet 86.

A. PREAMBLE

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In the meantime the armed bands were committing every species of robbery under the pretext that all property must be shared equally among all. Villas and houses belonging to anyone who was suspected of being prosperous were, practically speaking, pillaged, receipts being issued which had NO legal validity and which bore false names. Sources remember that the signature of "CLAUDIO", leader of the Christian Democrats, of "MARCELLO", an upright and politically neutral man, and of other leaders respected by the civilian population, were forged on receipts issued for "requisitioned" goods. Those who had given once, were considered to be able to give more, and a succession of applicants would go to the same house, no matter how many had preceded them.

Acts of vandalism were NOT infrequent. Armed ruffians would enter houses and smash mirrors, glassware and crockery or practise shooting at eggs or bottles. All restraint was thrown to the winds and the "guerrillas" requisitioned NOT only what they needed, but even what they could NOT use. Cars, including those reserved for doctors and midwives, motorcycles, thoroughbred horses and typewriters were seized indiscriminately and soon reduced to a pitiable state, belonging as they did to "everybody and nobody". Sources saw an armed man snatch a gold watch from an old man and remember hearing a commissar say that it was a pity a certain individual had NOT been killed, "because he had such a beautiful big watch". Occasional raids were made in the plains, sometimes even close to the large towns, money and other valuables being carried off. The waste of foodstuffs was appalling; "tortellini" were an everyday item on the menu; butter was used for polishing boots; cattle was requisitioned and recklessly slaughtered; cheese was consumed in enormous quantities etc.

The population raised NO protest, partly because they were afraid to do so, and partly because they thought that the presence of so many doughty warriors (about 7000 in all) would at least ensure that the Germans were kept away. Communist propaganda took advantage of the general atmosphere of exaltation and anarchy and the political commissars attached to each formation, who were nominally supposed to supervise the distribution of foodstuffs, worked indefatigably in order to achieve their political ends, using the resistance movement as a pretext and preaching that arms must NOT be laid down until all had been given their rights. All kinds of flattery were used to induce men to join the Communist Party and recalcitrant objectors were removed from the scene.

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The large-scale German mopping-up operations at the beginning of Aug 44 had the effect of a cold douche on this fervent atmosphere. Many Partisans returned to their homes, others went into hiding; only a few did their duty. Control by higher commands broke down completely and even those who were willing to fight gallantly in defence of their homes were bewildered by the complete lack of orders. But what caused more dismay than anything was the propaganda spread by the political commissars, who alleged that "thousands and thousands of Mongols and Jews had been thrown into the fight by the Germans in order to wipe out the Partisans". Orders were then given to the Partisans to withdraw to the SOUTH of Highway 12, leaving the area which they had exploited to the mercy of German reprisals. Men were NOT lacking who refused to obey this order and went on fighting, inflicting considerable losses on the Germans, but in the main the commissars achieved their purpose. As one commissar put it: "Better a live man in the village than a dead hero on the field of battle".

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After this the population lost most of its faith in the Partisans and was less inclined to put up with abuses, but in a printed report, Communist propaganda described the "Battle of MONTEFIORINO" as a glorious victory. It was then that the Christian Democrat formations endeavoured to attract into their ranks all men of good will. The MINERLINI band, under Tenente "UGO", and the band commanded by Mario ALLEGRETTI established contacts with other local formations and sought to make the population understand that a few scoundrels had been responsible for the degeneration of a movement which in itself was healthy and patriotic.

In the meantime Sources became aware of another curious phenomenon, viz that weapons were disappearing. They themselves asked to be given weapons, their duties as doctors involving long journeys alone in unfrequented districts. They were promised weapons, but never received them. It was thus that they learned that many weapons were being sent from the mountains down to the plains, to be concealed in readiness for the time when the ideas which were being preached every day would be imposed by force. To quote the actual words of a commissar: " The Allies of today may become the enemies of tomorrow and we must be ready to fight them". Sources cannot give exact locations of these secret stores of weapons, but know that large numbers of weapons destined for the Partisans were NOT used by them, but were sent to secret stores in the vicinity of MODENA.

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Major,
Italian Increment to CSDIC.

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This report contains information on the MONTE ROSA Division.

Translation of extracts from detailed interrogations by SIB/CSDIC of six Italians belonging to various units of the MONTE ROSA Division.

Source No	559	SIB Ref	143	AB
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Maps used : ITALY 1: 25,000, Sheet 96 II SE

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1. PERSONNEL

Other information on the MONTE ROSA Div will be found in Reports Nos CSDIC/SIB/AB/80 and 88.

Source 559 is a 21-year-old smith from CROCETTO, who served with 2 Column, Transport Bn, from Apr to Oct 44, and was with Light Column in Nov 44. Reliability doubtful.

Source 561 is a 20-year-old driver from SAVONA, who served as an NCO in 101 A tk Coy from Mar to Nov 44. Reliability fair.

Source 562 is a 19-year-old peasant from MANTOVA, who served with 5 Tp, 2 Bn, 1 Arty Regt from Mar to Nov 44. Reliability fair.

Source 563 is a 20-year-old carpenter from LUCCA, who served with 1 Coy, Pioneer Bn. Reliability doubtful.

Source 564 is a 24-year-old printing operative from RAGUSA (SICILY), who served with 1 Pl, 1 A tk Coy from Feb to Nov 44. Reliability fair.

Source 565 is a 25-year-old regular NCO, who was section leader in 3 Pl, 101 A tk Coy. Reliability fair.

B. 1 ALPINI ARTY REGT (31 Oct 44 - Source 562)

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4. FIRE AREA

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B. 1 ALPINI ARTY REGT (31 Oct 44 - Source 562)

1. Organisation

A Regt consists of:

1 "VICENZA" (or "[illegible]") Bn, composed of:
HQ Tp
1, 2, 3 Tps, each with four 75/13 pack howz.

2 "BERGAMO" Bn, composed of:
HQ Tp
4, 5, 6 Tps, each with four 75/13 pack howz.

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3 "VERON." (or "VIRON.") Bn, composed of:
IR. Tp
7, 8, 9 Tps, each with four 75/13 pack hows

4 "LIDO." Bn, composed of:
IR. Tp
10, 11, 12 Tps, each with four 105/22 HD hows.

2. 2 Bn

a) Strength

AB strength of each tp: 302 men including the officers.
Actual strength on 1 Nov 44: 4, 5 Tps: 150 men each
6 Tp : 120 men

b) Transport:

3 MT. lorries, for carrying supplies, ammunition and various equipment.
72 mules for carrying the hows (6 mules for each how).
24 horses for ordinary transport purposes.

c) Armament (5 Tp):
Unit: Besides the forty guns:
2 BREDA. MG
1 German MG
2 MTR.

Individual:
German rifles 98 with 18 clips
Respirator mod 35
Anti-gas capo
Tube of anti-gas ointment.

d) F.S.No:
2 Bn : 8770)
5 Tp : 8770)/C.

3. Locations:

1 Bn : S. COLOMBANO CERTENOLI (Sheet 83 P 2841) (31 Oct 44)
2 " : CASTELNUOVO di GARFAGNA. (Sheet 96 L 1308) (31 Oct 44)
3 " : near the French Frontier (Monesy) (15 Sep 44)
4 " : near the French Frontier (10 Oct 44)

C. PIONEER Bn (10 Nov 44 - Source 563)

1. Organization and Strength

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3 GS. lorries, for carrying supplies, ammunition and various equipment.
72 mules for carrying the hows (6 mules for each how).
24 horses for ordinary transport purposes.

c) Armament (5 Tp):
Unit: Besides the forty guns:
2 MMGD. MG
1 German MG
2 MD.

Individual:
German rifles 98 with 10 clips
Respirator mod 35
Anti-gas caps
Tube of anti-gas ointment.

d) F.S.No:
2 Bn : 8770S
5 Tp : 8770S/C.

3. Locations

1 Bn : S. COLOMBANO CERTENOLI (Sheet 83 P 2841) (31 Oct 44)
2 " : CASTELNUOVO di GARFAGNAN. (Sheet 96 L 1303) (31 Oct 44)
3 " : near the French Frontier (Hourcay) (15 Sep 44)
4 " : near the French Frontier (10 Oct 44)

C. PIONEER Bn (10 Nov 44 - Source 565)

1. Organization and Strength

The [illegible]
HQ Pl.
1, 2, 3 Pioneer Coys, each composed of three Pioneer pls and HQ Pl.
MG section, [illegible]
Strength: Pioneer Coy: about 200 men each
MG Section: about 30 men.

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2. Pioneer Pl

a) MT Strength: three sections of about 20 men each.

b) Composition of a sec and individual armament:

One NCO Section Leader, armed with pistol.
One NCO assistant Section Leader: armed with rifle mod 98.
One man in charge of MG, armed with pistol.
One MG carrier.
Two gun-carriers, armed with rifles mod 98.
About 15 men armed with rifles mod 98.

c) Pl Armament:

Two Panzerfausts, allotted to two of the sections (one per sec)
One semi-automatic rifle with 120 rounds and a cup discharger with 16 hand grenades (of which 8 of Panzerfaust .. th type), allotted to the other section.
Three MG 42, one per section. 2 Pl, 1 Coy has actually only one MG 42 with 1200 rounds (4 boxes of am).

3. Transport

Five LAMOT. MO
Two "DOVUNQUE" lorries
Two Light MG
Two Heavy French MG.

4. Miscellaneous

1 Pioneer Coy (and presumably also 2 and 3 Pioneer Coys) has also a mortar section, with two German 8,1 cm mortars and four boxes of six shells each(reserve of am consists of fourteen boxes of six shells each).

F.P.No of 1 Coy: 82414/B.

Owing to continual desertions the strength of Pi Coy has been reduced to very few men.

5. Movements and Operations

2nd Jul 44 Bn returned to FORLI from CERVIA.
Early Aug 44 At CARASCO (Sheet 83, 2 2939). 2 Coy moved to

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3. Transport

Five LANCIA, MO
Two "DOVUNQUE" lorries
Two Light MG
Two Heavy French MG.

4. Miscellaneous

1 Pioneer Coy (and presumably also 2 and 3 Pioneer Coys) has also a mortar section, with two German 8,1 cm mortars and four boxes of six shells each(reserve of men consists of fourteen boxes of six shells each).

P.P.No of 1 Coy: 82/14/3.

Owing to continual desertions the strength of HQ Coy has been reduced to very few men.

5. Movements and Operations

End Jul 44	Bn returned to ITALY from GREECE.
Early Aug 44	..t C.R.1300 (Sheet 83, P 2939). 2 Coy moved to SERRI LEVANTE (Sheet 94, P 3230).
7 Aug 44	1 Coy engaged on repairing the bridges destroyed by the Partisans along the road PARMA-PIACENZA.
Early Sep/ Oct 44	1 Coy repaired a bridge at BO SI (Sheet 83, P 1254) and another at SCOPTTA. (Sheet 83, P 1155), and built a deviation to replace the bridge over the River TREBBIA at TORRICELLA (Sheet 83, P 1559).

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6. Locations (10 Nov 44)

Bn HQ and HQ Coy at [illegible] (Sheet 96, P 9024)
1 Coy at S.N [illegible] (Sheet 96 L 0815)
2 Coy at C.[illegible]
3 Coy at [illegible].
Bn main store in the Town Hall at S.N [illegible].

D. DIVISIONAL TRANSPORT Bn (end Oct 44 - Source 559)

1. Organization and Strength

Was 1, 2, 3 Columns, each of two pls.
The Bn was, however, reduced at CIC[illegible] (Sheet 83, P 2047) to two columns (1 and 3) as 2 Column [illegible] replaced the Light Divisional Column, and changed its name accordingly.

Composition of each column: One [illegible] captain OC,
two subalterns (one to each pl)
120 men
80 horses
40 carts.

2. Functions

This Bn carries supplies, ammunition and equipment from Div HQ to the units under its command.

E. DIVISIONAL LIGHT COLUMN (2[illegible] Nov 44 - Source 559)

1. History

Mid Oct 44 — The whole column including the officers, deserted at C[illegible] (Sheet 83, P 1749) taking its horses and its equipment with it.

End Oct 44 — The Column replaced by 2 Column, Div Transport Bn, at CIC[illegible], which assumed the name of "Light Column" and came under the command of 1 Alpini Regt.

2. Organization

When at [illegible] (Sheet 96, L 0416) the Column consisted of:
Two subalterns, one of whom was OC
76 men
78 horses
40 carts.

3. Armament

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Composition of each column: One captain OC,
two subalterns (one to each pl)
120 men
80 horses
40 carts.

2. **Functions**

This Bn carries supplies, ammn and equipment from Div Tpt to the units under its command.

E. DIVISION AL LIGHT COLUMN (2? Nov 44 - Source 559)

1. **History**

Mid Oct 44 — The whole column including the officers, deserted at CAMPOBASSO (Sheet 83, F 1749) taking its horses and its equipment with it.

End Oct 44 — The Column replaced by 2 Column, Div Transport Bn, at CIGNANO, which assumed the name of "Light Column" and came under the command of 1 Alpini Regt.

2. **Organisation**

When at PIANO AL SERCHIO (Sheet 96, L 0416) the Column consisted of:
Two subalterns, one of whom was OC
76 men
78 horses
40 carts.

3. **Armament**

Individual armament consists of rifles mod 98, with 25 rounds.

4. **P.P.No** of the Column is 46442, which was the number of 2 Column Transport Bn.

5. **Functions**

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The Column carries supplies to troops in the front line.

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F. 1 DIVISIONAL HEAVY ANTI-TANK COY (7 Nov 44 - Source 364)

1. Organization and Strength

a) This Coy was at PL [illegible] SCHIO and consisted of:
One HQ Sec
Three gun pls.
HE Strength: about 170 men.
Actual Strength: about 150 men.

b) HQ Sec consisted of:
One WO
One NCO observer
One NCO accountant
One NCO in charge of equipment
One NCO in charge of mess
One NCO in charge of MT
One NCO mechanic
One NCO in charge of supplies
Cooks, clerks, messengers, etc.

c) Each Gun Pl consisted of:
One NCO pl leader
One NCO observer - assistant pl leader
One messenger (who was supposed to ride a motorcycle, but none had been assigned to the unit)
One runner
Four gun secs
One gun group.

d) Each Gun Sec consisted of:
One NCO in charge of gun, armed with pistol
One NCO layer and firer, armed with pistol
One loader, armed with pistol
One gun carrier, armed with rifle G.98 and cup discharger
One gun carrier, armed with rifle G.98.
One gunner for MG 42, armed with pistol
One gun carrier for the MG, armed with rifle G.98.

e) The Gun Group of the Gun Pl consisted of:
One NCO group leader
Three men.
Function: Fetching gun from Coy HQ.

2. Weapons and Ammunition

Twelve 7.5 cm PAK 40 - one per section

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One NCO Mechanic
One NCO in charge of supplies
Cooks, clerks, messengers, etc.

c) Each Gun Pl consisted of:
One NCO pl leader
One NCO observer - assistant pl leader
One messenger (who was supposed to ride a motorcycle, but none had been assigned to the unit)
One runner
Four gun secs
One ammo group.

d) Each Gun Sec consisted of:
One NCO in charge of gun, armed with pistol
One NCO layer and firer, armed with pistol
One loader, armed with pistol
One ammo carrier, armed with rifle G.98 and cup discharger
One ammo carrier, armed with rifle G.98.
One gunner for MG 42, armed with pistol
One ammo carrier for the MG, armed with rifle G.98.

e) The Ammo Group of the Gun Pl consisted of:
One NCO group leader
Three men.
Function: Fetching ammo from Coy HQ.

2. Weapons and ammunition

Twelve 7.5 cm P.K 40	- one per section
Twelve MG 42 (for close defence)	- " " "
Thirty-six Panzerfausts	- three per section
Twelve rifles with cup-dischargers	- one per section.

Individual armament consists of MPs G.98 and P.38 rifles.
Ammo allotment was about 160 shells for each gun, of which 40 normal type and the remainder A. tk mod 39.
The rifle with cup-discharger may have five different types of grenades: two A. tk, one smoke, one propaganda and one percussion which can also be used as a hand grenade. Actually the coy had only the A. tk and percussion types.

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3. Transport

One CITROEN car for the CO
One FIAT 1100 for the German Liaison Officer
Two motorcycles
One small motor truck
Ten LANCIA S 30 for carrying guns, men and personnel. (Two lorries were borrowed from another unit to carry the remaining two guns).

4. Miscellaneous

A German officer, Lt PATRICK and three German NCOs are attached to the Coy for liaison duties. F. .No. was 86420.
Most of the personnel belongs to the 1924-25 classes. Only about twenty came from PW camps in GERMANY. The officers were chosen from amongst those who went over to the Germans in Sep 43. Only about twenty men deserted. This coy is considered one of the most reliable units in the Division, and was commended by GOC Div. As a matter of fact all the troops would like to desert, but they dare not do so for fear of reprisals against their families, who are nearly all living in the VERSTO, LOMBARDY or EMILIA.

5. Movements

27 Jul 44 — Proc. PELLEGRINA to ANGUILLARA SABAZIA. (Sheet 70, O 9479)
4 Aug 44 — To CHIAVARI area (Sheet 94 P 2736), where the unit took up the following positions:
Coy HQ at SAN GIOVANNI (Sheet 94, P 3037)
1 Pl had two guns in position at CARASCO and one gun near SANTA MARIA DI SFURSA (Sheet 83, P 2940) defending the road CARASCO-SAN COLOMBANO. CERTENOLI.
2 Pl in position near CAVARI. (Sheet 94, P 3631)
3 Pl in defence positions on the bench of CHIAVARI, in a GD role.
7 Oct 44 — Coy moved to FIANO to form a divisional supply base
3 Nov 44 — To ANZIO with Div HQ
7 Nov 44 — To PIAN DI SPINO, where the Coy had to stop, as it could not proceed to the front line on account of one of the bridges having been blown up by Partisans.

C. 101 ANTI-TANK COMPANY (1 Airborne) (20 Nov 44 - Sources 561 & 565)

1. Organisation and Strength:

This Coy was at CASTIGLIONE and consisted of:

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5. Movements

27 Jul 44 — From [illegible] to ACQUA SCRIVIA (Sheet 70, O 9479)
4 Aug 44 — To CHIAVARI area (Sheet 94 P 2736), where the unit took up the following positions:
Coy HQ at S.M. SALVATORE (Sheet 94, P 3037)
1 Pl had two guns in position at CARASCO and one gun near SANTA MARIA DI STURLA (Sheet 83, P 2940) defending the road [illegible]
2 Pl in position near C.S.S. (Sheet 94, P 3631)
3 Pl in defence positions on the beach of CHIAVARI, in a CD role.
7 Oct 44 — Coy moved to PIACENZA to form a divisional supply base
3 Nov 44 — To ALBA with Div HQ
7 Nov 44 — To PIANCASTAGNAIO, where the Coy had to stop, as it could not proceed to the front line on account of one of the bridges having been blown up by Partisans.

C. 101 ANTI-TANK COMPANY (Attached unit) (20 Nov 44 - Sources 561 & 565)

1. Organisation and Strength

This Coy was at CASTELNUOVO and consisted of:
HQ Svc
One gun pl (of three secs)
Two tank-destroying pls (each of three secs).
WE Strength: about 150 men
Actual Strength: about 120 men.
Each pl consists of about 42 men and has three sections of 13 men each. Each section has one section leader and two tank-destroying detachments of six men each. Each detachment is split into three groups of two men each, of whom one is weapon-carrier(Panzerschrecker or Panzerfaust) and firer, and the other loader.

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2. Armament

Three MGs — One per pl (according to theory 6th); one to each sec of the gun pl (according to battle 6th).
Three 7.5 cm PaK 40 (One to each sec of gun pl).
Forty Panzerschreckers (16 for each tank-destroying pl, and four in reserve at Coy HQ).
200 Panzerfausts, which are distributed among the platoons without any fixed allotment.

Individual armament

ORs: [illegible] 9 mm calibre pistols and hand-grenades.
Officers and NCOs: [illegible] calibre pistols and hand-grenades.

3. Transport

The Coy was supposed to have a transport for each gun and a motorcycle with sidecar for each pl, but it only has one 3t. PO lorry, one motorcycle with sidecar, two motorcycles and a VW 1500 for the OC Coy.

4. Methods

The Coy deploys in front of the hgt in the main line expected to tank attacks, forming strong points, which are normally manned by only one tank-destroying detachment. Each detachment (six men) is split into three groups of two men each. Two of the groups have one each, whilst the third group has a varying number of Panzerfausts. Each det has its own operational sector. The function of the gun pl, which is deployed to the rear of the strongpoints, is to/ hold up tanks which may succeed in breaking through the line of strongpoints.
Each sec of the gun pl has one gun and some ammunition. Terrain S is generally used by the sec when they find themselves in a tight corner.
The Coy has a purely defensive role. The supplies of [illegible] and food for the detachments are drawn from the battalion coy of the regt. Materials and men for the other weapons are obtained by sending a runner to Coy HQ.

5. Miscellaneous

P.P.No. of the Coy: 83286.
The morale is very low, and all the men are waiting for an opportunity to desert.

6. Movements (Source: [illegible] and 565)

18 Jul 44 [illegible]
23 Jul 44 [illegible]

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The Coy was supposed to have a jeep for each gun and a motorcycle with sidecar for each pl, but it only had one 15 cwt lorry, one motorcycle with sidecar, two motorcycles and a Ford V8/10 for the OC Coy.

4. Methods

The Coy deploys in front of the Regt in the main axis expected to tank attacks, forming strongpoints which are normally manned by only one tank-destroying detachment. Each detachment (section) is split into three groups of two men each. Two of the groups have one each, whilst the third group has a varying number of [illegible]. Each detachment has its own operational sector. The function of the gun pl, which is employed to the rear of the strongpoints/ holds the [illegible] which may succeed in breaking through the line of strongpoints.

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5. Miscellaneous

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6. Movements (Sheets 36A and 36S)

18 Jul 44	[illegible]
23 Jul 44	To S.[illegible] (Sheet 83, 2 20Mm) where the Coy took up the following positions:
30 Jul 44	1 Pl [illegible] (Sheet 83, P 2.4m)
	2 " [illegible]
	3 " one Sec at [illegible] (Sheet 83, P 2.4), one Sec [illegible] with Coy HQ.
21 Aug 44	The Coy concentrated at [illegible] (sheet 83, P 22[illegible]98
13 Oct 44	3 Pl and its weapon joined HQ Coy at 1 Light Aaft Regt which was moving to [illegible]. The Coy halted near [illegible] (Sheet 71, P 3.6) where they [illegible] with [illegible]

-[illegible]-

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5-6 Nov 44	3 Pl rejoined the Coy at CASTELNUOVO (Sheet 96, L 1308)
24 Oct 44	Coy moved to GRAVELL. (Sheet 83, P 3339)
28 Oct 44	Coy moved to CASTELNUOVO
1-15 Nov 44	The Pls moved to the front line in the area of Colle CIROLLANO (Sheet 96, L 0001).

H. MISCELLANEOUS (Sources 552, 554 & 562)

7 Nov 44	HQ NORTH MOR. Div at AULLA (Sheet 96, P 7821)
7 Oct 44	A Div Supply Base was being set up at FLORENCE. (Source cannot give particulars).
22 Nov 44	Div food and forage store in two rooms of a house in the centre of TIZZANO SUL PARMIO.
20 Nov 44	HQ 1 Alpini Regt at TORRITE (Sheet 96, L 1107)
25 Nov 44	A Coy was in process of formation at MONTE MISERINO (Sheet 96 II SE, L 1205) consisting of 90 men taken from various units, amongst which were about thirty men from 6 Coy, 2 Bn, 6 Inf Regt SAN MARCO Div and about twelve from 101 Tk Coy, NORTH MOR. Div. OC Ten TASSO, who had previously been in command of 6 Coy. This Coy when formed moved from MONTE-TIZZANO, via CASOLI (Sheet 96, L 1105) and EGLIO (L 1105), to Height 832 (L 1104), where it relieved about thirty Germans.

I. PERSONALITIES

1. 1 Alpini Arty Regt (end Oct 44 - Source 562)

Ten Col	GHIRSI	OC Regt. Often expressed pro-Fascist sentiments.
Cap	MAZZIL Giuseppe	OC 2 Bn. Was wounded by the Partisans and replaced by a captain who had previously been OC 6 Tp.
Cap	BRADACA.	OC 4 Tp.
S.Ten	GALLI	2 IC 4 Tp. Commanded firing squad which executed deserters.
"	FLORIS	Section Leader in 4 Tp.
Ten	VALDARA.	OC 5 Tp.
S.Ten	RUFFINI	2 IC 5 Tp. Commanded firing squad which executed deserters.
" "	PERSI	OC Transport.
" "	FOLLI	Observer.
Ten	CAVIGL.	OC 6 Tp.
S.Ten	FLASCHI	Section Leader.

2. MONTE ROS. Pioneer Bn (10 Nov 44 - Source 563)

Cap	CACCIANIGA	Vittorio OC Bn
"	BISLATI	2 IC.
[illegible]	[illegible]	Adjutant.

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Ten	V.RD.SCA.	OC 5 Tp.
S.Ten	RUFFINI	2 IC 5 Tp. Commanded firing squad which executed deserters.
" "	FERRI	OC Transport.
" "	FOLLI	Observer.
Ten	T.VERN.	OC 6 Tp.
S.Ten	FLESCHI	Section Leader.

2. MONTE ROS. Pioneer Bn (10 Nov 44 - Source 563)

Cap	.GLIERNONE	Vittorio OC Bn
"	BISLATI	2 IC.
Ten	TOSI	Adjutant.
Cap	MRONI	IO.
"	C.MOLLO	Administrative Officer
Ten	FOLLETTI	Supply Officer.
Cap	CORNEL.	OC "I.COLONN." MT Section.
Ten	DE AGOSTINI	2 IC "I. COLONN." MT Section.
"	LONGO	In "I.COLONN." MT Section.
"	DER..O	OC 1 Coy.
"	GUERRER.	OC 1 Pl
S.Ten	..I	2 Pl (ex WO, commissioned 1 Nov 44).
" "	GHISSONI	OC 3 Pl.
" "	MICCO	IO.

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3. Div Transport Bn (Oct 44 - Source 559)

Cap	COSSUTA Giuliano	OC Bn. Killed by the Partisans near CHIARI during the last days of Oct 44.
S.Ten	RUSSI	Adjutant.
Cap	POSTAL Italo	OC 2 Column. Was sent on leave in Sep 44 and did not return to the unit.

4. Div Light Column (23 Nov 44 - Source 559)

Ten	PIECHEL Lidio	OC Column. Until Sep 44 he was OC 1 Pl, 2 Column, Transport Bn; from Sep to Oct 44 he commanded 2 Column, Transport Bn, in place of Cap POSTAL.
Ten	MOLTENI Mario	OC 2 Pl.

5. 1 Div Heavy A tk Coy (7 Nov 44 - Source 564)

Ten	LUCCI Raffaele	OC Coy. Has been awarded the Iron Cross, and is very pro-German, rather than pro-Fascist. He comes from RIETI.
S.Ten	GALO' Nicola	OC 1 Pl. He comes from BRINDISI and is a rabid Fascist.
"	ZAMBONO Giovanni	OC 2 Pl. From CHIETI.
"	CUCCIA	OC 3 Pl. Has Fascist sympathies.

6. 101 A tk Coy, 1 Alpini Regt (20 Nov 44 - Source 565)

Ten	GIORGI Vittorio	OC Coy. On his return from leave on 20 Nov 44 he was transferred to Regt HQ. He is a Squadrista with Fascist sympathies. He was replaced as Coy Commander by:
S.Ten	LEONARDI	ex OC 2 Pl, who is very pro-German.
"	BERNARDI	OC 1 Pl.
"	SPADA	OC 3 Pl.

7. German

Lt	PATRICK	German Liaison Officer, attached to 1 Div Heavy A. tk Coy.

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"	ZAMPANO Giovanni	OC 2 Pl. From CASERTA.
"	CANEPA	OC 3 Pl. Has Fascist sympathies.

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Translation of extracts from detailed interrogation by SIM/CSDIC of two Italians.

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" " 593 " " 144 AB

Maps used: ITALY 1:100,000 Sheets 28, 42.

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B. "L" 9 SETTEMBRE Bn (Sep 44 - Source 592)

1. History

The Bn was formed in the TERAMO area from various MVSN bns on 9 Sep 43 and takes its name from the date of its formation. Many of the men in it come from the ABRUZZI and some of its members founded the first Republican Fascio at TERAMO. The Bn operated against Partisans in the TERAMO area and then, as the Allies advanced, gradually withdrew northwards, reaching FORLI' in Jul 44. On 15 Aug 44 it was transferred from FORLI' to IVREA, where it continued operating against Partisans and rounding up men who had failed to respond to calling-up notices or workmen for labour bns. The Bn has always operated side-by-side with a German "BRANDENBURG" Bn (see para C).

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The unit consists of Bn HQ and three pls. Source is unable to explain why the designation "coy" is NOT used in the Bn. Of the three pls, one is a

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2. Organization and Strength

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3. Armament

a) Individual

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Carbines mod 91. Many of the men carry naval MPs. Each man has an ample supply of SIPE or OTO grenades.

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b) Unit

Four 8.1 cm mortars.
Five MG.
Thirty BERETTA machine carbines.
Ten "Parabellum" automatic rifles.
A few mines, used for mopping-up operations and when the unit abandons an area where there are Partisans

4. Personnel

Most of the men come from the ABRUZZI, but some are from the VENETO and TUSCANY. All are very young, ages ranging from 15 to 25, while NCOs are 25-40 years old. They are all very fanatical and as a result commit acts of violence against the civilian population which their officers, for whom they have NO respect, are powerless to restrain. They have had practically NO training and use NO special technique on operations. In short, they are just criminals. Morale is extremely high and they are even surer of ultimate victory than the Germans.

5. Transport

The Bn has about fifteen motor vehicles of various Italian types.

6. Dispositions (26 Sep 44)

Sheet 42
J 217715 Bn HQ was in the TORINO DI SANGRO barracks, Porta D'AOSTA, IVREA.
Sheet 28
C 7201 The three pls were engaged in mopping-up operations against Partisans in the area of VILLANOVA BALTEA.

7. Uniform

In summer the men wear black shirts, parachutists' trousers and the fez. In winter, grey-green tunic and trousers, black shirts and fez. On the lapels of their tunics and shirts they have red "Ms" surmounting yellow fasces fasces. Sewn to the second button-hole of their tunics they have the words "9 Settembre", in red for those who joined the Bn on 9 Sep 43 and in white for those who joined subsequently.

8. Casualties and Reinforcements

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6. Dispositions (25 Sep 44)

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C 7201

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8. Casualties and Reinforcements

During an attack by Partisans on VILLANOVA BALTEA on 20 Sep 44, the Bn had a number of men killed, but Source can NOT give the exact figure. There is NO provision for reinforcements and NO new volunteers are being accepted.

9. Rations

These are on the German scale and are drawn from HQ of the "BRANDENBURG" - 3983

10. Pay

Approximate rates are:

Sergente Maggiore	-	Lire 2300	a month
Sergente	-	" 2100	" "
Caporale Maggiore	-	" 1400	" "
Caporale	-	" 1000	" "
Milite	-	" 600	" "

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C. "BRANDENBURG" Bn (Sep 44 - Source/592 & 593)

1. History

A German "BRANDENBURG" Bn always works in conjunction with the "I" 9 SEPTEMBER Bn. It received ROPLI' from the H.QRCHS in Jul 44 and went to CASTROCARO, where it was quartered in the Carabinieri barracks and used for mopping-up operations.

2. Organisation and Strength

The unit consists of Bn HQ and three coys. Total strength about 450 men; each coy about 120 men.

3. Armament

a) Individual

Carbines or pistols. About forty men in the Bn carry MPs.

b) Unit

Eight 8.1 cm mortars.
Ten LMG
Ten antiantic rifles
Two armoured cars
Large quantities of A pers mines, used for mopping-up operations and when the unit abandons an area where there are Partisans.

4. Personnel

All Germans, except for a few Austrians. They come from various branches of the service and none of them is more than thirty years old. About forty of them know some foreign language, in some cases Italian. Some of the men wear civilian clothes and are sent out to contact Partisans and discover their dispositions. The NCOs are very good and show great initiative in action. All the men are well trained and their morale is very high.

5. Transport

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2. Organisation and Strength

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3. Armament

a) Individual

Carbines or pistols. About forty men in the Bn carry LMGs.

b) Unit

Eight 8.1 cm mortars.
Ten LMG
Ten automatic rifles
Two armoured cars
Large quantities of A pers mines, used for mopping-up operations and when the unit abandons an area where there are Partisans.

4. Personnel

All Germans, except for a few Austrians. They come from various branches of the service and none of them is more than thirty years old. About forty of them know some foreign language, in some cases Italian. Some of the men wear civilian clothes and are sent out to contact Partisans and discover their dispositions. The NCOs are very good and show great initiative in action. All the men are well trained and their morale is very high.

5. Transport

Sixteen FIAT 626 lorries and an unspecified number of cars.

6. Dispositions (26 Sep 44)

Sheet 42
J 218708 Bn HQ at IVREA in the elementary schools opposite the Bn S
TORINO in the avenue leading to the station.
Some of the HQ offices and the Bn stores were in the "Palazzo
J 225710 degli Studi", LARGO DORA, IVREA.
J 217715 The men of Bn HQ were quartered in the CORPO DI GUARDIA barracks, IVREA.
The three coys were operating in the area of the LITTLE ST BERNARD Pass; exact locations unknown.

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7. Uniform

Grey-green German uniform. Some of the men wear an Edelweiss on their caps, others oak-leaves.

8. Casualties and Reinforcements

Sheet 42
J 1487

At the beginning of Sep 44, in the course of an action against French and Italian Partisans on the LITTLE ST BERNARD Pass, the Bn had about fifty men killed and twenty-eight wounded. On 4 Sep 44 one of the Bn's lorries was ambushed near DONAZ and several men were killed. For some time past reinforcements have been expected to arrive from GERMANY.

9. P.P.No.

02836 J.

D. PERSONALITIES

1. "I" 9 SETTEMBRE Bn (Sources 592 & 593)

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Ten	GROSSO Giuseppe	In Bn. Native of the MOLISE. Bloodthirsty scoundrel. Has lost one of his ears.
Ten	LANZONI	Native of TREVISO. Has family living in SAN DONA' DI PIAVE.
Serg Magg	PECORINO Antonio	In charge of Bn political sec. Chief interrogator. Native of TREVISO.
Serg	DE MONTIS Domenico	Native of TERAMO. 2 IC political sec. Has wife and two children in ROME.
Serg	TAMBOTTO	Squadrista. Has murdered men arrested by Bn.
Cap Magg	AQUINI Luigi	In political sec. Acts as torturer during interrogations. Native of TERAMO.
Cap Magg	PAPINI	A Tuscan. Boasts of having killed 27 Partisans.

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2. "BRANDENBURG" Bn (Source 592)

Capt	PINCER	OC Bn until 1 Sep 44, when he was removed as a result of unsuccessful operations against Partisans in the IVREA area.
Lt	PILCHER	OC Bn since 1 Sep 44.

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Translation of extracts from detailed interrogations by CSDIC/IAI of five Italians and by CSDIC (Main) of one German PW.

Source No	690	-	IAI Ref	179 AB
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" "	692	-	" "	179 AB
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" "	694	-	" "	179 AB
" "	720	-	CSDIC (Main)	

Maps used: ITALY 1:100,000, Sheets 83, 94, 96.

A. PREAMBLE

Source 690 is a 27-year-old factory worker from FORLI, who served with 9 Tp, 3 Bn, 1 Arty Regt, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 691 is a 27-year-old draughtsman from REGGIO CALABRIA, who served with the VERCELLI Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

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Source 694 is a 19-year-old railwayman from TORTONA, who served with 12 Tp, 2 Bn, 1 Arty Regt. Reliability fair.

Source 720 is a German L/Cpl who until 1 Nov 44 was serving as an interpreter with the MONTE ROSA Div. Reliability fair.

(NOTE: Other information on the MONTE ROSA Div will be found in Reports Nos CSDIC/SIR/AB 80, 88 & 97).

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B. MONTE ROSA DIVISION

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1. 1 Alpine Arty Regt

a) Organisation (Nov 44 - Sources 690 & 692)

The Regt consisted of one HQ Tp and four bns, viz:

1 AOSTA Bn - 75/13 pack hows
2 FERDINAND Bn - " " "
3 VICENZA Bn - " " "
4 MANTOVA Bn - 10.5 cm SP hows.

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Each bn consisted of one HQ tp and three tps of four guns each.

(NOTE: This organization agrees, as regards armament, with Report No CSDIC/SIB/AB 97, para B 1, though name of 1 Bn differs. According to CSDIC/SIB/AB 80, para A, Regt consists of two bns with 75/13 hows and two bns with 10.5 cm hows).

b) Theoretical Marching Order of a tp of 3 Bn (21 Sep 44 - Source 690)

The following marching order is only theoretical, as it cannot be adhered to in practice owing to lack of personnel.

HQ Patrol : OC Tp
Officer observer
Mounted guide (NCO).

Observation Group: NCO with scissor telescope
" " goniometer No 1
" Signals Group leader
Mounted messenger.

Rangetakers' Group: NCO with goniometer No 2
" Leader of Rangetakers' Group
Mounted messenger
Guides.

NCO of advanced OP for fire control.

Gun column : Officer next in seniority to OC tp.
Two NCO Section Leaders
WO in charge of all tp services
Four gun leaders
Gun crews and drivers
Machine-gunners.

Transport : One equipment wagon with NCO in charge of equipment.
One field kitchen, with NCO in charge of rations.
One forage wagon, with NCO in charge of

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WO in charge of all tp services
Four gun loaders
Gun crews and drivers
Machine-gunners.

Transport : One equipment wagon with NCO in charge of equipment.
One field kitchen, with NCO in charge of rations.
One forage wagon, with NCO in charge of forage.
One farrier's wagon, with NCO farrier.
One medical wagon, with NCO in charge of medical services.

Ammunition Section: One Pack Section and one HD Section, each under an NCO.

Reserve rations wagon: with one NCO.

Baggage wagon : with NCO quartermaster.

c) 9 Tp, 3 Bn (21 Sep 44 - Source 690)

(i) Unit armament: Two MG 42 besides the howe.

(ii) Ammunition (13 Sep 44): 50 rounds per carbine
36 rounds per pistol
About 1000 rounds for each gun
(A.Z. percussion and A tk shells, some German and some Italian).

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(iii) Transport: Four four-wheeled carts
Ten two-wheeled German carts
From fifteen to forty draught animals.

d) Miscellaneous (Sep 44 - Sources 690, 691, 692, 693 & 694)

(i) Medical Service: One MI Room to each Bn, with one or two Medical Officers.
One NCO with medical wagon per tp.

(ii) 3 VICENZA Bn was previously known as VERONA Bn, but its name was changed to VICENZA in Sep 44 in order to avoid confusion with a coastal bn called VERONA on stationed near CHIAVARI.

(iii) FP Nos : Nov 44 HQ 1 Arty Regt : 84336
Aug 44 1 Bn : 80244
Sep 44 3 Bn : 85507
Dec 44 4 Bn : 81687

(iv) Personnel: Most of the men of the Div belonged to the 1923-24-25 age groups and came from ITALY. A very small percentage came from PW camps in GERMANY. Nearly all the officers came from PW camps.

(v) Morale : Very low, especially among the men and NCOs. There were many desertions as soon as the Regt began to return to ITALY. Despite the propaganda of certain fanatical officers, there was NO real Fascist feeling among the men, whose only reason for NOT deserting was their fear of incurring the severe penalties laid down by Div HQ and of reprisals against their families. On more than one occasion the Black Bde in CHIAVARI was employed to round up deserters from 3 Bn, Arty Regt, which was located in the area.
In Aug 44 the Div was ordered to carry out mopping-up operations against the Partisans. The men were so unwilling to take part in these operations that the GOC had to order very severe measures to be taken against those who sabotaged the Div's particular function in any way. In Sep 44, during the move from LEIVI to BORGO SAN DALMAZZO there were 110 desertions from one tp (7 Tp, 3 Bn), including the NCO accountant, who carried off the funds and the rubber stamps. The other tps of the same bn had about the same percentage of desertions and the Germans threatened to disarm the whole regt and

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2. VESTONE Bn (3 Oct 44 - Source 691)

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a) General

This Bn was formed in Aug 44, its function being the rounding-up of Partisans in the mountain areas, in order to protect the rear of units along the coast.

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b) **Organization**

The Bn consisted of: One HQ Pl
Three coys of 120-150 men each.

Total strength about 500 men.

Unit armament: 81 mortars divided between HQ Pl and the Heavy Pls, and a few MGs.

The personnel was drawn from all units of the Div, both inf and arty. One German officer and ten German ORs were attached to the Bn for supervision purposes.

c) On 3 Oct 44 at TORRICELL (Sheet 83, P 1559), the Adjutant was warned by OC Div that the Bn would shortly be moving to the Tyrrhenian sector for operations against the Allies. The Adjutant spoke of this to various officers, who expressed very decided views against their men being sent to the front, owing to the large number of desertions which they foresaw would be the result. This was reported to Maggiore PAOLETTO, OC Bn, who, after hesitating for some time, formally handed over the command of the Bn to the Adjutant, who spoke to Gen CARLONI over the phone, warning him that should the Bn be sent to the front, there would not be much of it left by the time it arrived. The General warned him that the officers were responsible for their men, and that if the desertions reached very high figures, the officers might be shot. In his capacity of acting OC Bn, the Adjutant assembled all the officers and explained the situation to them, giving them one hour in which to decide whether they intended to join the Partisans or remain in the service of the Republic. The whole Bn decided to join the Partisans, with the exception of four officers, who were locked in a room together with the Germans, and guarded by a sentry. At 0700 hrs on the following morning, the whole Bn, with its carts and draught animals, its six mortars and 12,000 mortar shells, all the MGs and individual weapons, its rations, clothing and ammn, started to move towards CORRETO (F 2668), where HQ 3 Partisan Div was waiting for them. The four Republican officers and the eleven Germans were set free just as the Bn moved off, with the promise that they would NOT be molested by the Partisans of 3 Div within a certain radius. A total of about 500 men joined the Partisans. Each of them received about 4000 Lire from the Bn funds. The following day the Bn paraded in the square [illegible] surrounded by the populace, who wanted to show their [illegible] of the Bn.

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3. Miscellaneous (Sep 44 - Source 690)

a) Uniform: Winter - Grey-green with Alpini hat.
Summer - Khaki tropical tunic, parachutist trousers and Alpini hat.

b) Badges : Alpini - three-pointed green flames
Infantry - " " red "
Artillery - " " yellow "

c) (Nov 44 - Source 692)

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4. Locations (Sources 690, 691, 692, 693 & 694)

a) 1 Alpine Arty Regt

Early Nov 44	Regt HQ at SAN ROMANO (Sheet 96, L 0815) (Previously at CHIESA NUOVA (Sheet 83, P 2642)
" " "	Regt Clothing Store at AULLA (Sheet 96, P 7821)
23 Aug 44	1 Bn of the Regt at CASARZA LIGURE (Sheet 94, P 3750)
27 Sep 44	3 Bn on its way to PASSO della MADDALENA (Sheet 91, N 8148)
Sheet 83 from P 260403 to P 280408	Before 12 Sep 44 the Bn was on the hills NORTH of LEIVI (Sheet 83, P 2740). Bn HQ was in a private house at SAN MARTINO (P 2841). It was relieved by 2 Bn.
12 Nov 44	4 Bn was in position in the area of PONTAROTTO (Sheet 96, L 1210)
31 Dec 44	12 Tp was in position between PONTAROTTO and the railway, covering the valley of the SERCHIO.
" " "	OP of 12 Tp at Height 437 between MOLAZZANA (L 1504) and GALLICANO (L 1403).

b) Various

Nov 44	Garrison HQ with Fortifications Office and Military Tribunal of the Division, at CHIESA NUOVA.

C. PERSONALITIES

1. Republican

a) Divisional Staff (Source 720)

Gen di Divisione	CANONI	GOC since Jun 44. Age about 45. Speaks with a strong Neapolitan accent. Former Col with ITALIA Div. Took over command of MONTE ROSA Div in Jun 44. (Cf CSDIC/SDU/AB 80).
Ten Col	ANGELA	G.1.
" "	NELLA	On Staff.
Magg	MARCARINO	On Staff (Cf CSDIC/SDU/AB 80).
Cap	GUISI	(G.2 "I" ?). Worked with SD man called STUFFER and also maintained liaison with CHIAVARI Black Bde.
Gen di Divisione	RICCI	GOC, from Mar to Jun 44. Age about 60.

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to P 280408

LEIVA (Sheet 89, P 2740). Bn HQ was in a private house at SAN MARTINO (P 2841). It was relieved by 2 Bn.

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Ten Col	ANELLA	G.1.
" "	NELLA	On Staff.
Magg	MARCARINO	On Staff (Cf CSDIC/SIM/AB 88).
Cap	GUISI	(G.2 "I" ?). Worked with SD man called STUFFER and also maintained liaison with CHIAVARI Black Bde.
Gen di Divisione	RICCI	GOC, from Mar to Jun 44. Age about 60. Mistress in SPOLETO.
Col	MANFREDINI	GOC from Jan to Mar 44. (Cf CSDIC/SIM/AB 54). Age about 50. Speaks perfect German.

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b) 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

i) Regt HQ

Ten Col	PASQUALI	OC Regt. Age 48. Married. Took over command of Regt on 15 Jul 44 (Cf CSDIC/SIM/AB 80).
Cap	SCATOLIN	Regt Adjt.
Cap	SCALCO	MO
Ten	MARCHELLI	DAQMG (Deserted).
Ten	IVALDI	Officer in charge of Liaison with artillery and OP.
Ten	FRANCESCHETTI	At Regt HQ

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Ten Col	FARINACCI	Ex OC Regt. Regular Officer. Age about 50. Lives in CREMONA. (Cf CSDIC/SIB/AB 30).

ii) Regt HQ Coy

Ten	GOBEN Primo	OC Coy
"	CASALI	2 IC.

iii) Regt Transport

Ten	MASSERONI	OC Tpt

c) IMPRA Bn, 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

i) Bn HQ

Cap	FORNASARI	OC Bn (Source heard that Cap AFFONGI had taken over the Bn in Oct 44).
Ten	TROVERO	Adjutant
Ten	BLEDGI	At Bn HQ
S.Ten	FONNACCIARI	At Bn HQ

ii) 1 Coy

Cap	MESSORI	OC Coy (Source heard that a Ten TASSINARI had taken over Coy in Oct 44).
S.Ten	MORICHELLI	In Coy
"	SCIPPACERCOLA	" "
"	PAOLIN	" "

iii) Other Coy Commanders in the Bn

Cap	CANDORI	
Ten	DI PIERO	
Ten	OLIVIERO	
Cap	MACARINO	(Source heard that this officer had been transferred). (Cf CSDIC/SIB/AB 88).

iv) Other Officers with the Bn

Ten	SORBUCCHETTI
S.Ten	BROGGI
S.Ten	GATTO
S.Ten	BARBIERO

d) BASSANO Bn, 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

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c) INFA Bn, 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

i) Bn HQ

Cap	FORNASARI	OC Bn (Source heard that Cap APPONGI had taken over the Bn in Oct 44).
Ten	TROVERO	Adjutant
Ten	BLENGI	At Bn HQ
S.Ten	FONTANOCCIARI	At Bn HQ

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Cap	MESSORI	OC Coy (Source heard that a Ten TASSINARI had taken over Coy in Oct 44).
S.Ten	MORICHELLI	In Coy
"	SCIPPACERCOLA	" "
"	PAOLIN	" "

iii) Other Coy Commanders in the Bn

Cap	CANTORI	
Ten	DI PIERO	
Ten	OLIVIERO	
Cap	MARCARINO	(Source heard that this officer had been transferred). (Cf CSDIC/SIM/AB 88).

iv) Other Officers with the Bn

Ten	SCARUCCHETTI	
S.Ten	BROGGI	
S.Ten	GATTO	
S.Ten	BARBIERO	

d) BASSANO Bn, 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

i) Bn HQ

Cap	MOLINARI	OC Bn (Cf CSDIC/SIM/AB 80)
Ten	CAVALLI	Adjutant

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ii) 6 Coy (Aug 44)

Cap	MITOLO	OC Coy
S.Ten	CAPEDE	Pl Commanders
"	MORO	
"	ORECHI	
"	LANDI	

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iii) 7 Coy

Ten	BARBARO	OC Coy
S.Ten	AMBROSINI	Pl Commander (reported killed)
"	RONCADOR	Pl Commander

iv) Other Coy Commanders in the Bn

Cap	FIRMIAN	OC 8 Coy (?)
Ten	SANTORINI	
"	AOR	

e) AOSTA Bn, 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

i) Bn Hq

Magg	GUERRINI	OC Bn (Cf CSDIC/SEA/AB 80)
Ten	SORLA	At Bn HQ.

ii) Other Officers with the Bn

S.Ten	RAIMONDI	Blown up by a mine. (Cf CSDIC/SEA/AB 80).

f) 2 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

Ten Col CHIERICI	OC Regt (it was rumoured that he had tried to desert to the Partisans).

g) BRESCIA Bn, 2 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

Cap	FERRARESE	OC Bn.

h) IVREA Fd Reinforcement Bn (Source 720)

Magg	PACCIOLO	OC Bn.

i) SALUZZO Fd Reinforcement Bn (Thought to have been disbanded in Oct 44) (Source 720)

Magg	DELLA VALLE	OC Bn.

j) 1 Alpine Arty Regt (Sources 690-694)

(i) Regt HQ

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e) AOSTA Bn, 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

i) Bn HQ

Magg GUERRINI — OC Bn (Cf CSDIC/SIB/AB 80)
Ten SOPIA — At Bn HQ.

ii) Other Officers with the Bn

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Ten Col i.G.s. CROSSI Luigi — OC Regt. Renowned for his severity. Had various deserters shot. In Oct 44 two gunners deserved; on being recaptured by the GNR they were taken to/Col CROSSI who condemned them to be shot within an hour. The execution squad was commanded by Cap FOLI.

/Ten

Cap D'ORSETA — Regt Adjt
" DE PETRE — In Signal Office
" BERNERUCCI — In Judge Advocate General's Office and Fortifications Office, and Town Major of CHIESA NUOVA.

Ten Med MISSARDO — MO
Ten COLLIZZI — At Regt HQ
Ten BRAGAGNI — At Regt HQ
Ten BERRUTI — At Regt HQ

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(ii) Regt HQ Tp

Cap	FULI Alessandro	OC Tp
Ten	BETTO	
S.Ten	SANTINI	

(iii) 1 AOSTA Arty Bn (23 Aug 44)

Magg	COLONNA	OC Bn
Ten	JALLA'	OC 2 Tp
S.Ten	NUTI	Observation Officer with 2 Tp.

(iv) 3 VICENZA Bn (Sep 44)

Cap	GHEZZA Pietro	OC Bn
Ten	TONA	Adjutant
S.Ten	BOLZONI	At Bn HQ
S.Ten	BASILE	In Bn HQ Tp
Cap	DIECHI	OC 7 Tp
S.Ten	ANGELINI	In 7 Tp
Cap	CASSARDO	OC 8 Tp
S.Ten	CHIAPPELLA Ettore	In 8 Tp
"	CHIAPPELLA Gianfranco	In 8 Tp
"	CREDIDIO	In 8 Tp (said to have deserted)
"	ANDREINI	In 9 Tp

(v) 4 MANTOVA Bn (31 Dec 44)

Magg	PACE	OC Bn
Cap	RICOTTI	OC HQ Tp
Ten	SAVINI	In HQ Tp
Cap	SANZO	OC 10 Tp
Cap	SCAGLIOTTI	OC 11 Tp
Cap	VOLPARI	OC 12 Tp
Ten	MALVICINI	OC Gun Column
S.Ten	SAIBENE	In charge of OP.

x) VESTONE Bn (Source 691)

Magg	PANDOLDO	OC Bn
Ten	SCILESTI	Adjutant
Ten	MAGNANI	Admin Officer
Ten	ADAMI	OC HQ Pl
S.Ten	CICERONE	2 IC HQ Pl
"	MANNUCCI	OC Hy Pl
Ten	BELLARI	OC a Coy (Source cannot indicate which)
Ten	BONARDI	OC a Coy(Source cannot indicate which)
S.Ten	MARCI	(Function NOT known).

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Cap	CHEZZA Pietro	OC Bn
Ten	TONA	Adjutant
S.Ten	BOLZONI	At Bn HQ
S.Ten	BASILE	In Bn HQ Tp
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Ten	SCILETTI	Adjutant
Ten	MAGNANI	Admin Officer
Ten	ADAMI	OC HQ Pl
S.Ten	CICERONE	2 IC HQ Pl
"	MANNUCCI	OC Hy Pl
Ten	SBILANI	OC a Coy (Source cannot indicate which)
Ten	BONARDI	OC a Coy(Source cannot indicate which)
S.Ten	MAGGI	(Function NOT known).

On 4 Oct 44 all these officers joined the Partisans with the exception of Ten MAGNANI, Ten ADAMI, Ten SBILANI and Ten BONARDI.

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2. German.

a) Divisional Staff (Source 720)

Maj Gen	PICKER	German LO. Maintains liaison between Div and "Armeekorps LOMBARDIA". Age about 55. Married.
Lt	TSCHOLL	Austrian from SOUTH TYROL, interpreter to Maj Gen PICKER.

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b) 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

Col	REITHINGER	German LO. Age 51, married with NO children. Lives in SWABIA.
2 Lt	ZELGER	Interpreter to Col REITHINGER.

c) INTRA Bn, 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

Lt	NOTTELMANN	German LO at Bn HQ
2/Lt	LIST	LOs attached to the Bn.
2/Lt	SCHNELLER	

d) BASSANO Bn, 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

2/Lt	SCHUHSLER	German LO at Bn HQ
"	METZLER	LOs attached to Bn
"	KUHL	

e) AOSTA Bn, 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

Lt	FORSTER	German LO at Bn HQ

f) 2 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

Lt Col	GAISER	German LO at Regt HQ

g) Div Recce Bn (Source 720)

Capt	WEINZ	LO and CO Bn after the death of Major CAMELO (Cf Report CSDIC/SIR/AB 88, para C 3).

h) 1 Alpine Arty Regt (Sources 692-4)

Lt	STEBERUS	German LO at Regt HQ.
Lt	WINKLER	" " " 4 Bn HQ
2/Lt	WENZLOCK	" " " 12 Tp, 4 Bn.

i) Div Transport Bn (Source 720)

Lt	BORCHERS	German LO at Bn HQ

j) IVREA Fd Reinforcement Bn (Source 720)

2/Lt	SCHOENHUSEN	" " " " "

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2/Lt	SCHUHMACHER	German LO at Bn HQ
"	LETZLER	LOs attached to Bn
"	KUHL	

c) AOSTA Bn, 1 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

Lt	FORSTER	German LO at Bn HQ

f) 2 Alpini Regt (Source 720)

Lt Col	GARNER	German LO at Regt HQ

g) Div Recce Bn (Source 720)

Capt	WEIDZ	LO and OC Bn after the death of Magg CADELO (Cf Report CSDIC/SDI/AB 88, para C 3).

h) 1 Alpine Arty Regt (Sources 692-4)

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Lt	WINAND	" " " 4 Bn HQ
2/Lt	WENISCH	" " " 12 Tp, 4 Bn.

i) Div Transport Bn (Source 720)

Lt	BORCHERS	German LO at Bn HQ

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2/Lt	SCHOERSHUSEN	" " " " "

k) VESTONE Bn (Source 720)

Lt	VOLKOTTS (?)	" " " " "

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SUBJECT: Patriots

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
3/L/102/2
25 January 45

TO: Patriot Branch A.C. (6)

1. Herewith an illuminating and constructive report on an important angle of the Patriot problem.

2. My staff have already discussed with you the necessary action in connection with para V(d).

Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Chief of Staff
Political Section, A.C.
MMIA LO Eighth Army
MMIA LO Fifth Army
MMIA LO 1 District

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REPORT ON A VISIT TO SIENA AND FLORENCE FROM 8 TO 13 JANUARY TO INVESTIGATE THE ITALIAN PATRIOT SITUATION

I. INTENTION

The object of my visit was to contact patriots, hear their views and complaints, and obtain a first hand impression of patriot psychology, in order to discover why hitherto so few patriots have joined the regular Italian army despite the facilities available.

II. METHOD

The methods adopted in every case were unofficial, friendly contacts where and whenever possible. NO Allied or Italian authority was advised of these visits and official contacts were strictly avoided. No question as to my identity was put by the patriots and needless to say, I expressed no opinions.

III. CONTACTS, SIENA

(a) During the morning of 8 Jan at SIENA the first opportunity of contacts with the Patriots there took the form of two lorry-loads of men, both young and old, all wearing the familiar red scarf and singing songs, which drove past me in the main street. I enquired from a passerby who these men were and what was their destination, and was informed that they were Patriots who had volunteered for combat service in the Italian Army.

A short time later I saw a young man wearing a red scarf standing by himself on a street corner. I approached him and asked him if any of his friends had joined up that morning. He replied that nearly all had done so and that he had tried but had been refused owing to the fact that wounds he had received while fighting the Germans in a band of Patriots had not properly healed up. He showed me his wounds. They were quite genuine. Of his own initiative he asked me to accompany him to the HQ of the band where, he said, he would show me round. I told him I was interested in Patriots and he asked me if I was a Communist. I explained that I was a British officer with a genuine interest in the Italian Patriot question.

I was taken to the HQ of the 1st Raggruppamento "Garibaldi" Patriot Div. Here several men gathered round me while many others were singing and shouting outside, all apparently very happy at the thought of joining the Army.

I was shown grim photos of the tortured bodies of Patriots who had been mutilated by German or Fascist soldiers. I saw a marble plaque on which were engraved the 200 names of all the members of the band who had been killed in fighting or shot in reprisals carried out by the Germans. I [illegible]

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I eventually got in contact with the Band Leader. I was greatly impressed by this man, not so much because he had done much fighting and suffered under the Fascist rule, but because he had very sane, broad-minded views on all questions affecting the present situation.

He is a man of about 50. Nine years ago a Fascist Federal officer of SIENA denounced him to the authorities for Communist tendencies. He was imprisoned and only escaped from gaol during an Allied bombing raid on NAPLES in 1942. Ever since that day he has been actively fighting "the Nazi-Fascist", as he put it.

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III. (Contd)

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He told me there were 800 men in his band. The officers were all men chosen for their leadership and most of them had never held any commissioned rank in the Italian Army. He was quite frank about his Communist ideas and appreciated the reasons which governed the Policy of not allowing Patriot bands to be recruited into the Italian Army as a whole. He remarked quite spontaneously, "There must be one Italian Army representing the only power in Italy. I realise the difficulties and dangers of recruiting Patriot Bands, with all their different political "red hues", as whole units under their own officers. For this reason I have spoken to my men, told them to overcome this very strong clannish spirit and let their ardent desire to fight over-rule all. This they have done, Captain, and you can see for yourself how they are reacting."

(b) It was very evident from our conversation that the Patriots despise the Regular Army officers and are reluctant to serve under them. The reasons stated by the Leader were:-

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The Patriots, on the other hand, chose the hard way and openly resisted, fought and died for their ideals. Many saw father, mothers or friends shot or carried off by the Germans.

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The Patriots hold the Allies in high esteem and are very grateful for the help given them during their period of combat behind the line. Although some of the Siena patriots handed in their arms with reluctance, their leader realised that it was a just and wise law laid down by the Allies.

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General Berardi C.G.S. had not visited the 1st Raggruppamento Garibaldi at Siena, I asked the leader if Gen Berardi had been to Siena and he replied that the C of S had called on the "Arista" Gp whose HQ is situated a few blocks further down. Evidently there is a difference of opinion between these two Siena bands. The "Arista" has several regular officers in its ranks, some of whom are distrusted by the 1 "Garibaldi" as they have "played the double game" - although in theory the "Arista" say they are Communist.

Berardi did not make any promises to the "Arista" band which, according to the speaker, had not found one single volunteer for the Army. They wanted to join as a band and keep their own officers.

(c) Summary

From contacts made the following facts are of great importance :-

(1) Bands differ in their political line - some are more "red" than others, and once in liberated territory, work seperately.

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III. (c) (Cont'd)

(2) There is strict discipline in bands and leaders are chosen for their initiative and courage.
(3) Real Patriots are determined to fight the Germans and Fascists, even beyond the Frontiers of Italy.
(4) Bands are NOT subsidised from outside. Some, however, do get support etc. from the Communist section of the Italian Government.

Patriots will join the Italian Army 100% :-

(1) When their Band Leader gives them the word "go" (e.g. 1 Garibaldi, Siena)
(2) When they see epuration really hitting the Army.
(3) When they know that sooner or later they will meet their enemies in combat..

It is interesting to note that the 1 Garibaldi joined up almost to a man and that many of them were leaving their own homes in Siena.

I did not visit the "Arista" Group as the Italian Army Screening Agency was established temporarily in their H.Q.

The Main Square was full of parents and friends seeing those Patriots off in Italian Army lorries. They were the first volunteers for the Italian Army I had seen and talked with, and they were very happy. In one small village near Siena every man volunteered for the Army that morning.

IV. CONTACTS FLORENCE

The next three days were spent in Florence. It was difficult at first to seek out the various Patriot HQs without bumping into Military Officials both Italian and Allied. Certain parts of the city, however, were very populated with the familiar "red scarved" youths and, when the opportunity presented itself, contacts were made in the street and later at the various HQs.

The first visit paid was to the Patriots Transit Camp in Via Montebello 68, run by AMG 5 Army. After a few minutes the band leader was called. He was a man of about 30 and, from the start of our talk, it was clear that he had definite grudge against the Italian Army and the treatment meted out to Patriots by the Allies. He informed us that none of his men wanted to join the Army unless they were kept in bands under their own officers and said that much bad feeling had been created in the place because some of his volunteers had been assigned to auxiliary units and Labour Bns.

"We want to fight or find work", he said. "At the present my men can't do either and after 14 days they are obliged to leave this camp. There is a lot of ill feeling amongst them and many are hungry and have no good clothes to wear.

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When asked if Gen Bernardi had visited them and what transpired he replied that at Xmas the C of S had paid them a visit. He made a speech, praising their brave efforts and pointing out that the Italian Army was proud of them - but he made no promises and his visit was a definite "flop".

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It was evident that this leader, with his personal views and complaints, was a stumbling block to any volunteer spirit amongst his men. It is also quite probable that his superiors in the Political world have issued certain instructions to him which control the whole movement and action of his band. One felt that, had there been a less "bolshie" leader many of the Patriots would have volunteered for the Army a long time ago.

On 12 Jan a visit was paid to the HQ of the POTENTE Partisan Div. The "General" was away but a long and interesting talk was held with 2 i/c a man of perhaps 33, and his lady secretary who was a cultured woman with a broad-minded view on the whole Patriot problem.

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IV. (Cont'd)

The 2 i/c had been on exile from Italy for 10 years and had returned via France during 1942. Ever since that time he had actively opposed the Germans and Republican Fascists and later became a Regtl Comd in the Potente Div.

There had been several volunteers from his Div but the response had been poor. This was due, to a large extent, to the fact that the Italian Army Screening Agencies had not been able to answer many of the queries put to them by the Patriots, nor could they define clearly the Allied Policy governing their employment. Many patriots were "put off" at the sight of "gold braid and jack boots".

The following views were stated by the Div 2 i/c during our talk :-

(1) Combat Spirit lacking in the Italian Army.
(2) Italian Regular officers "the same old crowd" with no personal interest in the soldier.
(3) Very few Italian officers chose to side with the Partisans during the difficult days.
(4) Officers who co-operated with the Germans and Fascists while Partisans were fighting are now at large and some employed by the Allies.
(5) Patriots ask one thing. To be accepted for combat in the Italian Army. They cannot be happy in Labour or Muleteer Units.
(6) Some Patriots are being arrested and put in PW Camps by the Allies because they have no identity cards or documents. Many Patriots burnt all these to avoid possible reprisals by Germans against their families.

My personal impressions were that most of the "Potente" would volunteer for the Army, if handled properly.

There are about 2,600 possible volunteers in the Florence area. These consist of the following bands - Cafani, Sanfedisti, Fanciullini and Duovi.

The majority of the "Potente" have no fixed political views and are not assisted in any way by Political Parties - the leaders, however, may be.

On instructions from the C.L.N. all ex-partisans wear red scarves. A red scarf does not mean a communist.

V. PERSONAL VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS

(a) All depends on the Band leader. If he says - JOIN UP - the men will do so at once.
(b) Patriots are of all political parties - majority do not know the definition of a communist.
(c) All real Patriots want to fight - and given the opportunity and guarantee - they will do so. However, they [illegible]

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(3) Very few Italian officers chose to side with the Partisans during the difficult days.

(4) Officers who co-operated with the Germans and Fascists while Partisans were fighting are now at large and some employed by the Allies.

(5) Patriots ask one thing. To be accepted for combat in the Italian Army. They cannot be happy in Labour or Mulatter Units.

(6) Some Patriots are being arrested and put in P/W Camps by the Allies because they have no identity cards or documents. Many Patriots burnt all these to avoid possible reprisals by Germans against their families.

My personal impressions were that most of the "Patents" would volunteer for the Army, if handled properly.

There are about 2,600 possible volunteers in the Florence area. These consist of the following bands - Caiani, Sanicellis, Fanciullacci and Ducci.

The majority of the "Patents" have no fixed political views and are not assisted in any way by Political Parties - the leaders, however, may be.

On instructions from the C.L.N. all ex-partisans wear red scarves. A red scarf does not mean a communist.

V. PERSONAL VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS

(a) All depends on the Band leader. If he says - JOIN UP - the men will do so at once.

(b) Patriots are of all political parties - majority do not know the definition of a communist.

(c) All real Patriots want to fight - and given the opportunity and guarantee - they will do so. However, they want to see operation in the Army.

(d) Screening and recruiting Agencies should be dressed in Battledress and should be hand picked and well briefed. The existing personnel and activities of these agencies should be reviewed by Patriot Branch, A.C., who are the controlling authority and to whom this personnel has been handed over by the War Ministry as authorized.

(e) Where the operational situation permits, Screening Agencies should operate well forward.

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Translation of extracts from detailed interrogations by CSDIC/IAI of nine Italians.

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" "	707	" "	184	AB
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Maps used: ITALY 1:100.000, Sheets 94, 96
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Source 695 is a 24-year-old student of law from SPOLETO, who served with 2 Coy, 3 INTRA Bn. Reliability fair.

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Source 697 is a 19-year-old farm labourer from SIENA, who served with 12 Coy, 3 INTRA Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 698 is a 28-year-old carpenter from BRESCIA, who served with 13 Coy 3 INTRA Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 699 is a 23-year-old student of engineering from BERGAMO, who served with 14 Coy, 3 INTRA Bn. Reliability fair.

Source 706 is a 19-year-old accountant from SIENA, who served with the Cyclist Pl, HQ Coy, 1 Alpini Regt, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

[redacted], who served with 8 Coy,

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Source 707 is a 22-year-old shepherd from BOLOGNA, who served with 8 Coy, MORBEGNO Bn, 2 Alpini Regt, from which he deserted to the Partisans. Reliability fair.

Source 708 is a 21-year-old mechanic from APUANIA, who served with the WT Coy of the Div Signals Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair. 3946

Source 709 is a 22-year-old farmer from FLORENCE, who served with the WT Coy of the Div Signals Bn, from which he deserted. Reliability fair.

(NOTE: Other information on the MONTE ROSA Div will be found in CSDIC/SDM/AB 80, 86, 97 and in CSDIC/ITAL/AB 114).

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B. 1 ALPINI REGT

1. Regt HQ Coy (1 Dec 44 - Source 706)

Sheet 96 II SE
L 112043

a) Location: At Height 832, NW of C. CROCE DI SOPRA.
Regt HQ was in the village of TORRITE (L 1107).

b) Organisation:

(i) HQ Coy consisted of:
One Signals Pl
One Cyclist Pl
One Cavalry Pl
One Services Pl
One Front-line Tpt Pl
Total strength: 210 - 220 men.

(ii) The Signals Pl consisted of:
Three Telephone Operators' Secs
Three WT Secs
Two Phototelephone Secs
connecting Regt HQ with the bns under its command.

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(iii) The Cyclist Pl consisted of:
OC
2 IC
Three Secs each of eleven men with German bicycles.

(iv) The Cavalry Pl consisted of:
OC
2 IC
Three Secs of eleven troopers each.
The Pl had only fifteen horses.

(v) Source does NOT know the composition of the Services and Front-line Tpt Pls.

(vi) A band was attached to the Coy until Aug 44, when it was transferred to Div HQ.

b) Coy Transport

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b) Coy Transport

On arrival in ITALY from GERMANY the Coy had the following transport:

Two DOVUNQUE lorries
Two FIAT 1500 cars
Eleven motorcycles with side-car
One motorcycle solo
Forty-five German bicycles (including those of the Cyclist Pl)
Fifteen horses (for the Cavalry Pl)
An unspecified number of horses, carts and mules for the Front-line Tpt Pl.

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When the Coy left for the front in mid Oct 44, it left its transport behind. The bicycles were sent to PIACENZA where a Coy depot had been established in Aug 44. (NOTE: The Div Base was at PIACENZA). The carts, mules and horses were handed over to the Div Tpt Bn (NOTE: Presumably to re-form 2 Column, which had become 3 Div Light Column in place of the previous light column which had

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deserted en masse ; Cf CSDIC/SEA/AB 97, Para E 1).

c) Personnel

There were fewer men recruited in ITALY in the Coy than in the other units of the Div. Only about 70% of the personnel consisted of men belonging to the 1923-25 age groups. The officers were all ex PW, and appeared to have Fascist sentiments. The morale amongst the men was higher than in other units, probably because there were many students in the Coy who consider themselves morally bound by their oath of allegiance to the Republic.

d) Special Insignia: Blue pompon on their Alpini hats.

e) R.E.No : 82175

f) Casualties and Desertions

About twenty desertions from Aug to Oct 44 and three desertions from Oct to Nov 44. The German SJt interpreter deserted about mid Nov 44. In a mortar and arty bombardment on 25-26 Nov 44 the Coy had three men killed and seventeen wounded.

g) Coy Movements

25 Jul 44	Arrival at CHIAVARI from GERMANY.
end Jul 44	To SANTA MARIA DEL CAMPO (Sheet 83, P 1741)
1 Aug 44	The Cavalry, Cyclist and Signals Pls and the band went with Regt HQ to SAN MARTINO DI NOCETO (P 1641). The First-line Tpt Pl, the Services Pl and Coy HQ remained at SANTA MARIA DEL CAMPO.
Mid Sep 44	The whole Coy moved to MONTEBONE (P 2245), with Regt HQ.
End Sep 44	The Coy moved to SOFFERA (P 1155) together with an arty detachment of the BERGAMO Bn and two pls of a coy of the AOSTA Inf Bn.
Early Oct 44	At TORRIGLIA, where there was also the VERTOVE Bn (Cf CSDIC/LAI/AB114, para B 2). Actions against the Partisans were carried out in this area.
10-12 Oct 44	To OTTONE (P 3070)
14 Oct 44	Back to TORRIGLIA
25 Oct 44	To MONTEBONE
29 Oct 44	The Coy left in lorries for ROCCIO (Sheet 96, L 0812) where it arrived the evening of the same day.

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Mid Sep 44	The whole Coy moved to MONLEONE (P 2245), with Regt HQ.
End Sep 44	The Coy moved to SCOTTERA (P 1155) together with an arty detachment of the BERGAMO Bn and two pls of a coy of the AOSTA Inf Bn.
Early Oct 44	At TORRIGLIA, where there was also the VELTONE Bn (Cf CSDIC/LRI/AB114, para B 2). Actions against the Partisans were carried out in this area.
10-12 Oct 44	To OTTONE (P 3070)
14 Oct 44	Back to TORRIGLIA
25 Oct 44	To MONLEONE
29 Oct 44	The Coy left in lorries for POGGIO (Sheet 96, L 0812) where it arrived the evening of the same day.
31 Oct 44	About eighty men (including 25 from the Cyclist Pl and 15 from the Cavalry Pl) plus and A tk pl, were sent to CASTELVECCHIO (Sheet 97, L 1709) and took up posns extending to the vicinity of FIATTONE (Sheet 96, L 1506). The remainder of the Coy moved to TORRITE (L 1207) with Regt HQ.
10 Nov 44	Twenty men of the Coy were sent to 11 Coy, INTRA Bn, which was in posn between MONTE ALTISSIMO (P 9802) and MONTE CORCHIA (L 0300).
25 Nov 44	The men in posn between FIATTONE and CASTELVECCHIO (the A tk pl had been moved in the meanwhile) where sent to Height 832 (Sheet 96 II SE, L 1104), where they were attacked by the Allies and Partisans.
30 Nov 44	The twenty men returned from 11 Coy, and in the evening were sent to height 832 to reinforce the rest of the Coy.

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2. 3 DITRA Bn

a) Locations (10 Nov 44 - Sources 696, 697 & 698)

Sheet 96 II SW
L 00770250

Bn HQ, NW of CAV. DEI SASSI (Cf CSDIC/SDI/AB 88, para B 1).

L 00360157
From L 022004
to L 018008
L 012006

HQ 11 Rifle Coy, with field kitchens, at C. TONACCI.
1 Pl, 11 Coy with one MG 42 and the Mortar Sec, in posn NORTH of PIAN DI LAGO.
There were also an OP at MR and three covered emplacements which had been abandoned.
2 Pl, 11 Coy in posn between PIAN DI LAGO and MONTE ALTISSIMO, NE of the road.

from L 008008
to P 991029
Sheet 96 II SE
L 0601
Sheet 96 II SW
L 00770250

Two Secs of 3 Pl, 11 Coy were in the RIFUGIO PANTA.

HQ 12 Rifle Coy NW of CAV. DEI SASSI, with Bn HQ.
On 1 Nov 44, 1 Pl, 13 Rifle Coy (of three secs only), and the Mortar Sec, were in posn SE of DELLO (Sheet 96, L 1105) with an MG 42 Sec of the SAN MARCO Div, as follows:

Sheet 96 II SE
L 096036
L 101038
L 105036
L 109039
L 110042
Sheet 96 II SW
L 0400

2 Sec, 1 Pl, 13 Coy
Mortar Sec, 13 Coy
1 Sec, 1 Pl, 13 Coy
2 MG Sec, 9 Coy, 2 Bn, 6 Regt, SAN MARCO Div
3 Sec, 1 Pl, 13 Coy.

On 6 Nov, 14 Coy was in the FOCHE DI MOSCHETA area.

b) Organization (20 Nov 44 - Sources 695 & 696)

i) The Bn consisted of:

11, 12, 13 Rifle Coys
14 Supporting Weapons Coy
15 Mixed Coy (HQ Coy)

ii) The German liaison personnel with the Bn consisted of one Lt and seven NCOs and men. They wore an edelweiss on their sleeves and on their caps.

iii) The special emblem of the Bn was a white pompon on the Alpini hat.

iv) 11 Rifle Coy (28 Oct 44 - Sources 695 & 696)

Coy consisted of:

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L 0601
Sheet 96 II SW
L 0077025C

Two Secs of 3 Pl, 11 Coy [illegible]

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L 096036
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Mortar Sec, 13 Coy
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2 MG Sec, 9 Coy, 2 Bn, 6 Regt, SAN MARCO Div
3 Sec, 1 Pl, 13 Coy.

On 6 Nov, 14 Coy was in the ROCK DI MOSCETA area.

b) Organisation (20 Nov 44 - Sources 695 & 698)

i) The Bn consisted of:

11, 12, 13 Rifle Coys
14 Supporting Weapons Coy
15 Mixed Coy (HQ Coy)

ii) The German liaison personnel with the Bn consisted of one Lt and seven NCOs and men. They wore an edelweiss on their sleeves and on their caps.

iii) The special emblem of the Bn was a white pompon on the Alpini hat.

iv) 11 Rifle Coy (28 Oct 44 - Sources 695 & 696)

Coy consisted of:
One HQ Sec
One Pack Tpt Sec
One Mortar Sec (with two 8.1 cm mortars)
One MG Sec (with two MG 42)
Three Rifle Pls (each of four secs of ten men)

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Strength: 20 Oct 44 - Four officers and 220 men.
20 Nov 44 - About thirty men, as follows:
HQ Sec - Six or seven men
1 Pl - Fifteen men
2 " - Two men
Mortar and MG Secs - Two or three men each.

Armament of a rifle sec : One LMG 42
One automatic rifle
One rifle with telescopic sight

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One rifle with cup-discharger
Two pistols (for the MG carrier and the ammo carrier)
Five G 98 rifles
There is also one MP per pl.

Ammunition:
1000 rounds for each MG 42
120 " " " automatic rifle
20 hand-grenades) for each rifle with cup-
10 A tk grenades) discharger
60 rounds for each G 98 rifle
16 rounds for each pistol P 38
1 hand-grenade per man

Personnel: Most of the men were very young and belonged mainly to the 1924-25 age groups. They were all waiting for the opportunity to desert. The officers showed pro-Fascist leanings, but they were very depressed, especially recently, by the continual desertions.

German liaison personnel: One 2 Lt
One Sgt
Two ORs

F.P.No: 86292/B

Desertions: From Jul to Oct 44 thirty men deserted in the CHIAVARI area, including one whole sec on 16 Oct 44, with its Sec Leader, Sergente Maggiore CASELLARDONI, whilst guarding a bridge at TEIGNAROSSA (Sheet 83, P 3041). Between 28 Oct and 10 Nov 44 seventy men deserted, including the personnel of the mortar and MG secs. The others deserted singly. In most cases the deserters took their arms and equipment with them.

Coy Movements:

21 Jul 44 Coy arrived at CHIAVARI from GERMANY
28 Jul 44 1 Pl moved to the CARASCO (Sheet 83, P 2939) hills to protect Div CHQ, which was established in the village, against attacks by the Partisans. Part of 3 Pl moved to TEIGNAROSSA (P 3041) and part to BORGONOVO (P 3244) to guard the bridges on the CHIAVARI-PIEVE road.

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Coy Movements:

21 Jul 44 — Coy arrived at CHIAVARI from GENOA
28 Jul 44 — 1 Pl moved to the CARASCO (Sheet 83, P 2939) hills to protect Div GHQ, which was established in the village, against attacks by the Partisans. Part of 3 Pl moved to TEMPAROSSA (P 3041) and part to BORGONOVO (P 3244) to guard the bridges on the CHIAVARI-PARMA road.
12 Aug 44 — 1 Pl returned to CHIAVARI and took up defensive posns on the RI (Sheet 94, P 2836) hills.
3 Sep 44 — 1 and 2 Pls moved to PASSO DEL FOCCO (Sheet 83, P 3746) for mopping-up operations along the CHIAVARI-PARMA road.
9 Oct 44 — 1 & 2 Pls were relieved by 13 Coy; 1 Pl moved to the coast near CHIAVARI, and 2 Pl went to RI.
22 Oct 44 — The three Pls joined up at CHIAVARI.
27-28 Oct 44 — An advance party consisting of three rifle pls (each of four sections of six men) moved to CASTELNUOVO DI GARFAGNANA (Sheet 96, L 1308). A second party consisting of services and HD tpt followed on foot and arrived at CASTELNUOVO about 7 Nov 44.
29 Oct 44 — The Coy was sent into the line.

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v) 12 Rifle Coy (10 Nov 44 - Source 697)

The organization and armament of this Coy were the same as 11 Coy.

Strength: 23 Oct 44 - about 130 men
11 Nov 44 - about 60 men, despite the arrival of about 30 reinforcements.

Ammunition: 1200 rounds per MG 42
50 " " Rifle G 98
1 hand-grenade per man.

German liaison personnel: One WO, one Sjt and one CR.

F.P.No: 86292/C

Desertions: In Jul 44, three or four men deserted during the journey from GHERAFI to CHIAVARI. Towards mid Aug 44 an "alarm coy" (anti-parachutist and anti-Partisan) was formed. This consisted of the Coy HQ and Mortar Secs, and some riflemen drawn from the Coy, a total of about fifty men under S.Ten PALMERINI. On being sent on operations against the Partisans, he went over to their side with all his men and all the weapons. In Nov 44 about ten men who went on leave, never returned. One section of 3 Pl which was sent to PIEVEDONI to fetch some mules, did NOT return. Other men deserted singly.

Coy Movements:

	26 Jul 44	Coy arrived at CHIAVARI and took up posns along the coast.
Sheet 94 P 299363	9-10 Oct 44	2 and 3 Pls were sent to SAN LORENZO, where they encamped near the church.
	17 Oct 44	4 Sec of 2 Pl was sent to TEZZARCESA to guard a bridge, in place of a section of 3 Pl, 11 Coy, which had deserted.
	22 or 23 Oct 44	The Coy assembled at CHIAVARI (120-130 men).
	26-27 Oct 44	A first detachment of the Coy (about 90 men) left for CASTELNUOVO DI CARPANIANA in buses. A second detachment, consisting of services and HQ tpt, arrived at CASTELNUOVO DI CARPANIANA on foot on 7-8 Nov 44.
	28 Oct 44	Coy moved to AREANO (Sheet 96, G 9899)
	7 Nov 44	Coy withdrew from AREANO and moved to En Rg SOUTH of CARPAGNINA (Sheet 93, L 0003)

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German liaison personnel: One WO, one Sgt and one OR.

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26 Oct 44 — Coy moved to ATZANO (Sheet 96, U 9899)
7 Nov 44 — Coy withdrew from ATZANO and moved to Bn HQ SOUTH of CAMPAGRINA (Sheet 96, L 0003)
10 Nov 44 — 4 Sec, 2 Pl (Source's Sec), was detached from the Coy and sent to the EAST slopes of MONTE ANTISERO to take the place of a section of 2 Pl, 11 Coy, which had deserted.

vi) 13 Rifle Coy (29 Oct 44 - Source 698)

The organization and armament of this Coy was the same as that of 11 Coy.

Actual strength: 130 men
F.P. No: 86292/D

Desertions: During Sep-Oct 44, fifteen men failed to return from leave, and eleven men deserted singly at LAVAGNA (Sheet 94, P 2835). In Oct 44, during the move towards the front, eleven men deserted. On 1 Nov 44 one WO and eight men deserted.

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Coy Movements:

25 Jul 44 — On its return from GERMANY the Coy took up posns along the coast from LAVAGNA to CAVI (P 3132).

9 Oct 44 — Coy was transferred to PASSO DEL BOCCO (Sheet 83, P 3746), its function being to defend the road CHIAVARI-PASSO against the Partisans.

22 Oct 44 — Coy returned to LAVAGNA.

27-29 Oct 44 — Coy left for CASTELNUOVO DI GARFAGNANA in requisitioned civilian buses. The services and HD tpt moved on foot.

29 Oct 44 — 1 Pl, with three rifle secs instead of four, and the Mortar Sec, went into the line to relieve a similar German unit.

vii) 14 Supporting Weapons Coy (11 Nov 44 - Source 699)

This Coy consisted of three pls, viz:

1 MG Pl
2 Mortar Pl
3 Services Pl

The MG Pl consisted of: One HQ Sec
Three MG Secs

The Mortar Pl consisted of: One HQ Sec
Three Mortar Secs

The Services Pl included also the signals equipment and personnel. Each Mortar Sec consisted of a section leader and two groups. Each group consisted of:

Group Leader armed with pistol
No 1 armed with pistol
Layer armed with pistol
Loader armed with pistol
Three amm carriers armed with rifles.

The groups of the Mortar Pl are numbered progressively from 1 to 6.

HQ Sec of the Mortar Pl consisted of:
One 2 IC Pl and Sec Leader armed with pistol
One groom armed with rifle
Three messengers armed with rifles
Three rangetakers armed with pistols

The three messengers and the three rangetakers are allotted to the mortar secs (one messenger and one rangetaker per section) when the secs are operating separately.

HE strength: 300 men (which

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vii) 14 Supporting Weapons Coy (21 Nov 44 - Source 699)

This Coy consisted of three pls, viz:

1 MG Pl
2 Mortar Pl
3 Services Pl

The MG Pl consisted of: One HQ Sec
Three MG Secs

The Mortar Pl consisted of: One HQ Sec
Three Mortar Secs

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WE strength: 300 men (which was the strength of the Coy on arrival from GERMANY)

Actual strength (on 11 Nov 44): about 150 men.

Coy armament: Six 8.1 cm German mortars (in the Mortar Pl - two mortars per sec)
Six MG 42 (in the MG Pl - Two MG per sec)
Each mortar had an allotment of 123 rounds.

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Personnel: 90% of the personnel belonged to the 1922-25 age groups (mostly 1924-25) and had been recruited in ITALY and sent to GERMANY. The remaining 10% came from PW camps in GERMANY.

Morale: Very low among the men, but apparently very high among the officers. A few officers who dared at the beginning to express views which were NOT entirely in accordance with instructions from the German command, were sent back to PW camps. From then on all the officers endeavoured to prove themselves pro-German.

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German Liaison personnel: One WO
One Sjt
One OR

F.P.No: 86232/E

Desertions: Ten men from the Mortar Pl, who came from PW camps, were sent on leave and did NOT return. At the beginning of Sep 44, an MG sec was attached to the Div Light Column, to protect it against attack from the Partisans. S.Ten GAY, who was with the Column, organized the desertion of the whole unit to the Partisans. The plan was successful, but he was retaken and shot. On 4 Nov 44, 6 Group of 3 Mortar Sec deserted en masse, with its group leader and individual armament. A group of one of the MG Secs deserted on the same day. The other group of the Mortar Sec deserted on 11 Nov 44.

Coy Movements:

26 Jul 44 — Coy returned from GERMANY and took up posns in the CHIAVARI area. The MG Secs were attached every now and again for certain periods to the rifle coys.

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28 Oct 44 — 1 and 2 Mortar Secs (four mortars) were attached to 12 Rifle Coy at ALLIANO (Sheet 96, U 9859). They returned to their unit on 6 Nov 44.

viii) 15 Rifle Coy : See Report No CSDIC/SIM/AB 88.

C. 2 ALPINI REGT

1. 2 MORBEGNO Bn (10 Aug 44 - Source 707)

Sheet 94
P 3429

a) Location : 8 Coy, 2 MORBEGNO Bn and two coys of 1 BRESCIA Bn at RIVA.

b) Organization

The Bn consisted of five coys as follows:
6, 7, 8 Rifle Coys
9 Supporting Weapons Coy
10 Mixed Coy (HQ Coy)
The organization of these coys is the same as that of coys in other

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28 Oct 44 — 1 and 2 Mortar Secs (four mortars) were attached to 12 Rifle Coy at AZZANO (Sheet 96, U 9899). They returned to their unit on 6 Nov 44.

viii) 15 Rifle Coy : See Report No CSDIC/SIR/AB 88.

C. 2 ALPINI REGT

1. 2 MORBEGNO Bn (10 Aug 44 - Source 707)

Sheet 94
P 3429

a) Location : S Coy, 2 MORBEGNO Bn and two coys of 1 BERSOL. Bn at RIVA.

b) Organization.

The Bn consisted of five coys as follows:
6, 7, 8 Rifle Coys
9 Supporting Weapons Coy
10 Mixed Coy (HQ Coy)
The organisation of these coys is the same as that of coys in other Alpini bns of the Div.

c) Insignia: White pompon on the Alpini hats.

d) F.P.No:of S Coy: 85896/D.

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D. DIV SIGNALS BN (3 Oct 44 - Sources 708 & 709)
Sheet 96
L 0812 1. Location: POGGIO DI GARFAGNANA.

2. Organisation

The Bn consisted of: One HQ Pl
One WT Coy
One Telephone Operator's Coy.

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a) HQ Pl

Strength : about 100 men
Transport: Two FIAT 26 trucks
About ten carts
About ten mules.

About 30% of the personnel consisted of skilled men whose function is maintenance and repair of WT sets, telephones and accumulators.

b) WT CoY

This Coy consisted of: One HQ Sec
One Drivers' Pl
Three WT Pls (later substituted by WT Groups).

i) Drivers' Pl

Strength : about 30 men
Transport: Two FIAT 25 trucks
Two SPA 35 DOVUNQUE trucks.

ii) WT Pls: In GERMANY each WT Pl consisted of two Secn. When the unit returned to ITALY the WT Pls were disbanded and WT groups formed to replace them.

iii) WT Groups: The Coy had the following WT Groups:
Seven groups for 80 kw WT station, each consisting of one NCO and eight WT operators.
Five groups for 5 kw WT station, each consisting of one NCO and four WT operators.
One group for 15 kw WT station, consisting of one group leader and four men, all Germans.

iv) Allotment of WT Sets:

One 100 Kw set, which was never used owing to lack of personnel and the difficulty of working it.
Fourteen 80 Kw sets, range about 150 km, connecting Div HQ with subordinate HQs. Only seven of these sets were in use, the others being held in reserve.
One 20 Kw set for air to ground communication.
One 15 Kw set, manned exclusively by Germans, for long and short distance work. The German instructor in GERMANY said that direct communication between TUNIS and BERLIN had been obtained with this set.
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Five 5 Kw sets, range 20-25 km, for communication between Div HQ and subordinate units.

v) Armament:
Unit: Three MG 42
Individual: G 98 rifle with thirty rounds per man.

vi) P.P.No: 80309/C.

c) Bn movements

Early Aug 44 Bn returned from GERMANY and went to CHIAVARI.
1 Oct 44 Bn moved to POGGIO DI GARFAGNANA.

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E. TRAINING OF MONTE ROSA DIV (Sources 695 & 699)

Jan-Feb 44 The personnel drawn from PW camps underwent an instructor's course at MUNSINGEN. OC training course was Lt DOERGES. The officers were trained separately from the men and divided into secs, without distinction of rank, under German offs. In Jan 44 the training was ordinary recruit training without weapons. In Feb 44 secs were issued with German weapons, and underwent tactical training similar to the Italian, except that greater importance was given to sec training. Great emphasis was laid on individual musketry training. The men were given a lot of practice with German weapons. Much instruction was given in map-reading, distance-judging and best use of ground. Unlike the Italian army, touch between secs is kept from right to left. Training was continued until even the smallest movement could be carried out automatically.

Apr 44 The recruits arrived from ITALY. The instructors were assigned to the various units, which started the same course which the instructors had previously taken. Training continued until Jun 44, when an order came through to stop offensive training and **schoen** [illegible] defensive.

18 Jul 44 Div left for ITALY.

Nov 44 In GERMANY all units of the Div had been issued with the special equipment for Alpine troops, such as skis, irons, snow-shoes, fur coats, special footwear for sentries, Balaclava helmets, woollen pullovers, ice-axes, ropes, avalanche cords, etc. All this equipment was withdrawn a few days before the return to ITALY, in order NOT to increase the already heavy weight of material which coys had to carry. This equipment was NOT returned to the coys and Source thinks that it is lying in some Regimental or Divisional Depot.

F. ANTI-PARTISAN ACTIVITIES OF MONTE ROSA DIV (Early Oct 44 - Source 706)

1. Action against BARMA GELATA (Sheet 83, P 2154), by a number of columns advancing from different points, viz:

A main column advancing from TORRIGLIA, consisting of an "alarm coy" of the VESTONE Field Reinforcement Bn, about 100 men from the AOSTA Bn, about 40 men from HQ Coy 1 Alpini Regt and an arty sec of the BERGAMO Bn.

A second column advancing from MONLEONE (P 2245), consisting of one coy of the BRESCIA Bn.

A third column advancing from BORZONASCA (P 3347), consisting of Bersaglieri of the Reconnaissance Bn.

The Partisans disengaged after a brief struggle.

Casualties: Two Bersaglieri wounded.

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The Partisans disengaged after a brief struggle.

Republican casualties: Two Bersaglieri wounded.

Partisan casualties : Two dead and two captured from the ISTRIANO band. One prisoner was shot, and the other, on account of his extreme youth, reprieved and kept with one of the bns.

2. A mopping-up operation was carried out a few days later in the RONDANINA (Sheet 83, P 2063) area, by one coy of the VESTONE Bn reinforced by an arty sec of the BERGAMO Bn and by personnel from HQ Coy, 1 Alpini Regt. 3936

Republican casualties: Two Alpini wounded

Partisan casualties : Two dead.

3. Besides the VESTONE Bn, another alarm bn was formed under the name of "SALUZZO", the personnel being drawn from 2 Alpini Regt (hearsay).

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G. PERSONALITIES

1. Republican

a) 1 Alpini Regt

i) Regt HQ (1 Dec 44 - Source 706)

Cap	SCATOLIN	Regimental Adjutant
Ten	FRANCESCHETTI	At Regt HQ
Cap	BRAVETTI	In Regt HQ Coy. Denounced in Aug 44 for misappropriation of funds.
S.Ten	CHIOSSO Leo Matteo	OC Cyclist Pl, Regt HQ Coy, until mid Sep 44, when he was transferred to the INTRA Bn.

ii) 3 INTRA Bn (Nov 44 - Sources 695-698)

Cap	MESSORI Ottavio	OC 11 Coy until 15 Nov 44.
Ten	TASSINARI	OC 11 Coy from 20 Nov, former OC 3 Pl.
"	PAULIN Claudio	OC 1 Pl, 11 Coy.
S.Ten	SCIPIONCOLA	At the disposal of 11 Coy HQ; he is in charge of the Hy weapons groups.
"	MORICHELLI	OC 2 Pl, 11 Coy. Deserted.
Cap	CANTORI Pierfelice	OC 12 Coy
S.Ten	REBAIOLI	OC 1 Pl, 12 Coy. Killed in an accident during firing practice.
"	MOLTENI Nerio	OC 2 Pl, 12 Coy
"	BARBIERO	OC 3 Pl, 12 Coy
"	PALOMBARI	OC "Alarm coy" (anti-parachutist and anti-Partisan). He was sent on an operation against the Partisans in OMEGNA area, and he went over to the Partisans with his men and their weapons.
Maresciallo	GALLI	In charge of 1 Pl, 12 Coy after the death of S.Ten REBAIOLI.
Ten	DI PIERRO Franco	OC 13 Coy.
"	REZIA Antonio	OC 1 Pl, 13 Coy.
S.Ten	BROGGI Carlo	OC 2 Pl, 13 Coy.
"	CAPOVILLA Giuseppe	OC 3 Pl, 13 Coy.
Ten	OLIVIERO Vincenzo	OC 14 Coy.
S.Ten	PARIS Antonio	OC Mortar Pl, 14 Coy.
"	GATTO Salvatore	OC MG Pl 14 Coy. (Was on leave on 11 Nov 44).

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b) 2 Alpini Regt (10 Aug 44 - Source 707)

T.Col	POMZO	OC 2 MORBEGNO Bn.
Ten	PESA	OC 8 Coy, 2 MORBEGNO Bn.
S.Ten	STAFFIERI	OC 1 Pl 8 Coy.
"	RAVIOLI	OC 2 Pl 8 Coy.
Serg.Magg	BONARDI	Leader of 3 Pl 8 Coy.

c) Div Signals Bn (Oct 44 - Source 708 & 709)

Cap	JANIS	OC Bn. He has Fascist sympathies.
Ten	LAVELLI	OC Telephone Operators' Coy and Bn Adjt.
Cap	CENTARINI	Functions unspecified. They have Fascist sympathies.
Ten	FRANCO	
Ten	SUARDI	OC WT Coy. Has Fascist sympathies.
S.Ten	CEPRI	OC 1 Pl, WT Coy in GERMANY. Was discharged in Sep 44.
"	MAZZAGGIO	OC 2 Pl, WT Coy in GERMANY. He was denounced by Bn HQ in Sep 44 for having abandoned his post.

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S.Ten	VECCHI	OC 3 Pl, WT Coy in GERMANY. As soon as he returned to ITALY in Aug 44 he was sent on leave, and did NOT return to his unit.
"	ARBLATI	Joined the WT Coy in Sep 44.

2. German

a) 3 INTRA Bn

2 Lt	LIST Siegfried	LO with 11 Rifle Coy.
SJt	SOLDEREN	Liaison NCO and interpreter with 11 Rifle Coy.
Cpl	KERLE	Liaison NCO with 11 Rifle Coy.

b) Div Signals Bn

Ten	APUM	LO at Div Signals Bn HQ.

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Translation of extracts from detailed interrogation by CSDIC/LAI of an Italian Officer.

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B. PW CAMP FOR ITALIAN OFFICERS AT VITTEL (FRANCE) (17 Dec 43-18 Aug 44)

The camp was in the HOTEL DES COLONIES, which was surrounded by fences and barbed wire entanglements. The occupants were mostly Italian officers who had been serving in FRANCE.

The black market was very active, owing to the number of civilian internees in this area with plenty of money at their disposal and owing to purchases made by some of the Italian officers.

The French in the area were not favourably disposed towards the Italians, especially as some of the officers, during discussions with the French, had tactlessly tried to defend themselves by upholding the policy of the Fascist Government. The Italian officers did not even agree amongst themselves, and there was a reciprocal feeling of diffidence owing to the diversity of opinions.

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Most of the Italian officers who had been in FRANCE before the Armistice, had decidedly anti-Fascist feelings, despite the fact that they had consented to collaborate with GERMANY. This was also true of most of those who arrived from the SCHONGEN camp. There were, however, some who never missed a chance of expressing their sympathy for GERMANY and Fascism and who, even in public, behaved arrogantly and gave the Fascist salute. On various occasions it was also apparent that the German camp commandant had been informed of the views expressed by certain Italian generals during conversations in the mess. Capt PALADINI SEVERI and/of the Granatieri, a cavalry major named/Major SINZ of the IAF, were believed to have acted as informers. Some of the younger officers who professed to be Fascists, wrote a letter to the camp Commandant, at the instigation of Luogotenente Generale QUASIMODO, of the Fascist Militia, in which they accused most of the other officers in the camp of being in bad faith and reported their anti-Fascist and anti-German utterances.

C. FEELING OF THE FRENCH POPULATION TOWARDS THE ITALIANS.

1. VITTEL (15 Dec 43)

The attitude of the population was definitely hostile, on account of ITALY's entry into the war in 1940, which was considered a "stab in the back", and of the unseemly behaviour of a large number of Italian officers. This hostility was so marked in the early days, that most of the Italian officers at VITTEL lived in fear of reprisals.

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2. LORRAINE (Jan 44 - Aug 44)

The work of propaganda and persuasion carried out in the area by Gen MAGLIANO and Source, caused a complete change in the atmosphere, and a real feeling of friendship developed. The help received by Source before and after his escape from the VITTEL camp, the generous hospitality offered to many officers who were in hiding in the neighbourhood, the sentiments expressed throughout the VOSGES area, and the welcome received from the MAQUIS, seemed to indicate that a pro-Italian feeling existed throughout LORRAINE.

In Oct 44 as one went from the NORTH towards the SOUTH of FRANCE, it was noticeable that this feeling of friendship for ITALY gradually changed to a feeling of resentment and a desire for reprisals. At the time of the Armistice, in all the areas of Eastern and Southern FRANCE in which there were Italian troops the population had urged them to escape and had helped officers and men to the best of their ability, even supplying thousands of them with civilian clothing and documents and keeping them in their houses sometimes for months. The broad sense of humanity and understanding with which the Italian troops had carried out their thankless mission in FRANCE, their good-natured attitude, the facility with which they adapted themselves to the customs of the country and a way of thinking and behaving so similar to their own, their respect for things and people and other people's views, endeared them to the French to such an extent that Senator Francois PONCET said of them: "Every Italian soldier is a magnificent ambassador of his country".

After this the Germans brought Italian labour battalions to the Riviera and the area of the Italo-French frontier and did all they could to foster anti-Italian propaganda launched by certain political groups, never missing an opportunity of reminding the population in the frontier area of the "stab in the back" of 1940. Despite the persistence of many tendencies undoubtedly favourable to ITALY, the feeling in FRANCE, cleverly worked upon by German propaganda and exasperated by the spectacle of Italians collaborating with the Germans, is today very hostile to ITALY in most parts of the country. A proof of this is the bad treatment given to Italian Patriots who fled from the Alpine valleys in order to avoid capture during Nazi-Fascist mopping-up operations.

A French Colonel, Assistant C of S of the French Army which was being formed at the beginning of Oct 44 in the VOSGES from the Dive of LECLERC and DELATTRE de TASSIGNY, told Source that until the beginning of 1942 the feeling on the Riviera and in the frontier area was decidedly favourable to ITALY, mainly owing to the careful handling of the situation by Gen MICHELETTI, head of the C.I.A.F. (Italian Armistice Commission) in FRANCE. When Gen MICHELETTI was replaced by Gen PERRONE, the whole situation changed, owing to the inflexible attitude assumed by the latter. It deteriorated still further with the arrival in FRANCE of the Italian 4th Army, whose COC, according to the French Colonel, even went so far as to forbid Italian troops to have anything to do with the French population. [illegible] stressed that the present tension has no deeply rooted foundation, [illegible] could restore the feeling of

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After this the Germans brought Italian labour battalions to the Riviera and the area of the Italo-French frontier and did all they could to foster anti-Italian propaganda launched by certain political groups, never missing an opportunity of reminding the population in the frontier area of the "stab in the back" of 1940. Despite the persistence of many tendencies undoubtedly favourable to ITALY, the feeling in FRANCE, cleverly worked upon by German propaganda and exasperated by the spectacle of Italians collaborating with the Germans, is today very hostile to ITALY in most parts of the country. A proof of this is the bad treatment given to Italian Patriots who fled from the Alpine valleys in order to avoid capture during Nazi-Fascist mopping-up operations.

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Source is convinced that the present tension has no deeply rooted foundation, and that sensible and well-conducted propaganda would restore the feeling of friendship for ITALY among the population of the frontier areas. This conviction has been strengthened by the affectionate and cordial treatment extended all over FRANCE to those who served with the F.F.I.

D. INTERNAL CONDITIONS IN FRANCE (Oct 44)

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The VICHY Government, which was upheld only by the German armies of occupation and by the French militia formed by Philippe HENRIOT, DEAT and DARLAN with elements drawn literally from the convict prisons, had few followers among the rest of the population.

The prestige of Gen DE GAULLE is really great, despite his dictatorial attitude, FRANCE is really united round him for the moment. The political parties have begun their activities again, but whilst conflict in the cities between the contrasting ideologies is obvious and vociferous, the mass of the population, especially in the country districts, shows obvious signs of wishing to follow DE GAULLE and remain united.

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In LORRAINE, HAUTE-MARNE, DOUBS, BURGUNDY, CHAMPAGNE, MEURTHE and ALSACE, where the F.F.I. formations consisted exclusively of peasants, the activity of the extremist parties has been completely suppressed. Reaction to the campaign against the ideology and manifestations of the parties of the left, is always prompt and spirited. Elsewhere, especially in HAUTE-SAONE, ISERE, the DAUPHINE, in the departments of the central plateau, and in the areas of LILLE, CHARLEVILLE and MEZIERES, the parties of the left appear to have greater possibility of success, partly owing to the existence of Partisan formations created by the "FRONT NATIONAL" and by the Communist Party, the members of which, according to what Source was told, had been expelled from the F.F.I. formations.

From what he heard from Frenchmen belonging to various Parties, Source gained the impression that Gen DE GAULLE will be able to govern for a long time by exploiting the prestige he has acquired and the authority which derives from it, as well as the legend of his "inflexible" attitude towards the Allies. There are, however, already murmurs in FRANCE about his excessively "authoritarian" methods, though the middle and peasant classes consider this to be to his credit.

Economic conditions in FRANCE, compared with those in ITALY, are good. The fact that the destruction has been on a smaller scale, the natural resources, which, though reduced by official and illegal requisitioning by the Germans, are far from being exhausted, the increase in the area of ground under cultivation, have enabled most people to keep up a standard of living which would seem like a dream to the average Italian. Only in the large cities, such as PARIS, LYONS and MARSEILLES, have the population literally suffered the pangs of hunger. The American General SOLDRIDGE told Source that after the capture of PARIS military operations were delayed for ten days, because for a whole week all transport had to be used to carry supplies to the city itself.

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The problem of existence has been weighing heavily for over four years on the poorer classes (labourers, unskilled workmen, the families of those deported from the country and of those employed on forced labour in GERMANY), and on the lower

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B. CONCLUSIONS AND PROPOSALS

Source makes the following suggestions, which are based on information gathered during his stay in FRANCE and impressions gained from contacts with Partisans and local personalities. Taking into consideration the existence and situation of Italian ex PW in FRANCE, the requirements of the Italian Patriots in the Alpine valleys of PIEDMONT, the state of mind of the French nation, and the attitude of the Allied authorities in FRANCE towards Italian Partisans and ex-PW, it would be advisable to send a mission to FRANCE, with the approval of the Allied military authorities and the French Government. The aims of this mission would be:

a) To obtain all possible assistance in tracing, concentrating, and evacuating Italian ex-Pw, in procuring their release from internment and arranging for their reception, organization, spiritual and material welfare and subsequent re-employment.

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b) To ensure better treatment from the Allied authorities for those who
more/ are handed over to them for repatriation and, important still, to see that these men are not repatriated until they have undergone a thorough spiritual regeneration under Italian officers.

c) To obtain assistance for the Italian Patriots in the Alpine valleys, and arrange for the despatch of supplies by land across the frontier, rather than by air.

d) To obtain areas in the neighbourhood of the Franco-Italianfrontier where Italian Patriots can rest and to watch over them whilst they are in these areas.

e) To ensure liaison between the various Patriot formations, making use of the easier means of communication up the French valleys.

f) To ensure contact between the Patriots, the Italian Government and the Allied military authorities in FRANCE.

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A. PREAMBLE

Source 543 is an Italian Brigadier who before the Armistice was commanding the PUGLIE Div in ALBANIA. After the Armistice he was sent by the Germans first to a PW camp at SCHOKKEN (near POZNAN) and then to VITTEL in FRANCE. In Aug 44 he escaped and joined the Partisan forces of the F...I. in the neighbourhood of NEUF-CHATEAU. After the disbandment of the F.F.I. he was repatriated to ITALY by the American authorities. Reliability Good, though he is inclined to biased

B. POSITION OF ITALIAN Ex-PW IN FRANCE

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b) MODENA

(i) (Nov 44 - Source 558)

A considerable portion of the MODENA Black Brigade, with its HQ offices, quartered in the Military Academy. Source was told on reliable authority that the Republicans intend to transform the Academy into a citadel and that with this end in view they have accumulated large quantities of food and ammunition there. A leading figure in the MODENA Black Brigade is a journalist named CAVICCHI.

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(ii) (18 Nov 44 - Source 591)

Town Plan 55806645 — About 200 men of the Black Brigade in the "ETTORE MUTI" (ex "BENITO MUSSOLINI") barracks in Viale PASSONI. They wear a red "I" on the lapels of their tunics and two red "I"s" on their left sleeves and caps. Normally they are armed with carbines and hand-grenades, but during round-ups they carry MOSCHT. MPs issued to them by the Germans. Unit armament consists of an unspecified number of BREDA 30 MGs and one BREDA MTR.

(iii) (18 Nov 44 - Source 591)

56406605 — About 100 men of the Black Brigade in the "GALILEI" (ex "PUCCI") barracks in Via G.B.NOVARA.

Sheet 86 — c) ABBIATEGRASSO (30 Nov 44 - Source 585)

L 511536 — Republican Police office in the Carabinieri barracks NORTH of the village. Staff consists of one "brigadiere" and five men, employed on normal police duties.

L 4455 — d) S.ESTUOLO (30 Nov 44 - Source 585)

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Sheet 87 L 6247 — e) VIGNOLA (18 Nov 44 - Source 591)

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C. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

Sheet 85 I SW a) S.SEGOLO (Oct 44 - Source 366)

44305545 44855510 450536 About 400 Germans quartered in the Ducal Palace and in the Secondary School. They are attending a two months' finishing course before being drafted to the front. They train in the area round the Villa REGNA.

Sheet 86 L 5052 b) MARANELLO (18 Nov 44 - Source 586)

Ortskommandantur, under a MO. Staff consists of twenty men.

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L 57055600 c) CASTELNUOVO MONTI (18 Nov 44 - Source 585)

Ortskommandantur, under a Lt, in the premises of the VILLANI factory. Among other things it is responsible for collecting cattle from farmers, slaughtering and distribution of the meat to military units.

L5553 d) SOLIERA NUOVO (18 Nov 44 - Source 591)

SS detachment of about 100 men, billeted in private houses.

L 5551 e) C.SALVETRO DI MODEN. (18 Nov 44 - Source 591)

SS detachment of about 100 men, billeted in private houses.

L 446422 f) MONFESTINO (Nov 44 - Source 558)

About 300 Germans billeted in houses in the area.

L 4732 g) P.VULLO NEL FRIGNANO

(i) (Nov 44 - Source 558)
About 500 Germans, probably there to defend the road.

(ii) (18 Nov 44 - Source 591)
Unspecified HQ, under a general, billeted in private houses. This is the only higher command in the mountain area between the P.M.PO and the SERCHI.

Sheet 87 L 6287 h) VILNOL. (18 Nov 44 - Source 591)

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Sheet 97 L 4220 i) SESTOL. area(Nov 44 - Source 558)

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j) PIEVEPELAGO area

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e) [redacted] (18 Nov 44 - Source 591)

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j) PIEVEPEL.GO area

(i) (10 Nov 44 - Source 536)

L 3018

About thirty mules standing beneath the covered market at PIEVEPEL.GO. Numerous animals in the stables of the village, and about 150 German soldiers.

L 2417

(ii) (10 Nov 44 - Source 585)
About 150 Germans at S.NT' ANNA PEL.GO.

(iii) (Nov 44 - Source 558)
Garrisons, varying in strength from ten to 80-90 men in the villages of PIEVEPEL.GO, RIGLIA.O (L 3221) and S.NT' ANNA PEL.GO.

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(iv) (Nov 44 - Source [illegible])
About 300 Germans quartered in the tuberculosis sanatorium at
L 337256 S.NTON.. The building is easily recognizable, as it is painted white, stands in the middle of a fir wood and is marked with the Red Cross. AA defences consisting of an unspecified number of 20 mm MGs.

(v) (17 Nov 44 - Source 558)
About 100 Germans quartered in wooden huts in the vicinity of
L 269108 the L.GO S.NTO.

(k) (17 Nov 44 - Source 558)

Germans and Republican troops in considerable strength are said to have arrived recently at C.STELL.RINO (Sheet 86, L 4052) and MOTEGLI. (L 3649).

l) FERRARA Area (12 Oct 44 - Source 616)

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Sheet 76
M 370751 m) OSTELL.TO (15 Oct 44 - Source 616)

Large detachment of parachutists, with HQ in the main square. Source saw about 200 of them doing range practice near the town with MGs.

M 329759 n) DOG.TO (15 Oct 44 - Source 616)

Concentration of tanks and other vehs and tented camp for tank personnel and parachutists in a wood on the right of the road from DOG.TO to NOVEMETO (M 5177). Source also saw large quantities of petrol drums scattered about in small groups and half buried.

Sheet 77 o) FORLI GARIBALDI (6 Nov 44 - Source 616)

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M 598675 Villa BELVEDERE, 500 m NORTH of the town.

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M 598675 Villa BELVEDERE, 500 m NORTH of the town.

M 590693 (ii) Hafenkommandantur for the area at Villa BOCCACCINI, a large isolated villa surrounded by trees, about 1500 m NORTH of the town. Source believes that the German naval command for the R.VENNA area has been transferred there.

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Sheet 89
M 612558

p) PRIMARO (6 Nov 44 - Source 616)

Detachment of German pioneers in frame about 50 m SOUTH of the ferry over the RENO. They run the ferry at night.

2. Enemy Plans (Nov 44 - Source 558)

Many factors led Source to suppose that a withdrawal of the enemy front in the Modenese APENNINES is contemplated. The Germans have already evacuated many of their dumps and units are moving slowly back, while troops are being concentrated in the foothills.

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The most probable line of resistance would seem to be

PIEVE BIS[illegible]TOV.	Sheet 85	L 146430
CASTELLO DI CARPINETI	Sheet 86	L 238458
MONTE FALO'	" 86	L 293454
MONTE SANT. GIULI.	" 86	L 343390
MONTE SAN MARINO	" 86	L 365367
Heights NORTH of FORLIMPO	" 86	L 390338
MONTESTINO IN SERR. MONTONI	" 86	L 446422
MONTESTINO	" 86	L 472426

3. Countercheing (End Jul 44 - Source 616)

The white beacon at the entrance to the channel leading to PORTO GARIBALDI has been mined. The Germans are only using the coloured beacons on the extremities of the moles. The order to light them is usually given from VENICE by phone. Recognition signals, consisting of one letter of the Morse alphabet which is changed every day, are exchanged by flash-lamp between approaching vessels and the sentries on the moles.

D. AIR (15 Aug 44 - Source 616)

Sheet 77
H 556850

The emergency landing ground at FORLI has been ploughed up. Houses in the vicinity have been demolished with mines.

E. NAVAL (25 Oct 44 - Source 616)

The once numerous fishing fleet at PORTO GARIBALDI has been virtually destroyed. A considerable number of the motor fishing vessels was requisitioned by the Germans in the early days and sent to the NORTH. Many other boats have been taken by the Germans to be used for pontoon bridges or as ferries. Two barges filled with concrete are held ready for sinking at the entrance to the channel. A motor supply barge was sunk by Allied aircraft about 200 m off the entrance and protrudes above water. The depth of water in the channel has NOT undergone any variations and is about 4 m.

F. [illegible]

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" 86 L 472426

3. Coastwatching (2nd Jul 44 - Source 616)

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D. AIR (15 Aug 44 - Source 616)

Sheet 77
II 556850

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E. NAVAL (25 Oct 44 - Source 616)

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F. AIR RAID DAMAGE

1. MODENA.

a) (Nov 44 - Source 591) 3924
During the various Allied air raids the following have been hit:

Town Plan

577670 The station building and the marshalling yard, which have been rendered completely unusable.
561678 The COMNI foundry, where work has been suspended.
The O.C.I. Fiat workshops, which have been closed down.
A German HQ in Viale MURATORI, where twelve Germans were killed and ten motor vehs badly damaged (15 Feb 44).

Private houses in the vicinity of the above targets have been badly damaged, but the centre of the city has suffered very little, only about five buildings having been hit.

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b) (Nov 44 - Source 585)

The tobacco factory got a direct hit during the first half of Nov 44 and had to close down. The two branch factories at SASSUOLO (Sheet 86, L 4455) and MEDOLLA. (Sheet 75, L 6868) are still working, but on a reduced scale, owing to the shortage of tobacco, most of the existing stocks of which have been carried off by the Germans.

2. M.R.MELO (10-15 Nov 44 - Source 585)

Sheet 86 L 511542 During an air raid on the SCUDERIE FERRARI mechanical workshops (cf CSDIC/SI/CD 38, para B 3 c vii), the main building was hit. Work was stopped and the workers were dismissed, being paid up to the end of Dec 44. The owner of the firm, Com: FERRARI, used the raid as a pretext for hiding all machinery which had NOT been damaged.

C. PERSONALITIES

1. PLAZZI (Nov 44 - Source 591)

Col	LEONE	OC "LUCC." Black Brigade. Former head of the Province of LUCC..
	PLAZZESI	In "LUCC." Black Brigade. Ex Prefect of LUCC.. Rank unknown.

2. MODAL (Nov 44 - Source 591)

Col	RAFFINI Giuseppe	OC Military District. Comes from LODI MODOGNO.
S.Ten	LODI	In Personnel Office, Provincial HQ.

3. M.V.S. (Source 615)

Cap di Corv	[illegible]	OC "SOUTH ADRIATIC" detachment at RAVENNA from 17 Aug to Oct 44. Ardent Republican Fascist.
Ten di Vasc	GIANNELLI Enrico	With "SOUTH ADRIATIC" detachment at RAVENNA. Liaison offr with Germans.
S.Ten di Vasc	PASOLINI	OC "Mariditt", PORTO CORSINI, until

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...destroyed or by the Germans.

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C. PERSONALITIES

1. PI.CE.... (Nov 44 - Source 591)

Col	LI BERG	OC "LUCC." Black Brigade. Former head of the Province of LUCCA.
	PI.ZZESI	In "LUCC." Black Brigade. Ex Prefect of LUCCA. Rank unknown.

2. MODE.A. (Nov 44 - Source 591)

Col	BENTINI Giuseppe	OC Military District. Comes from LODI, MICCOGNO.
S.Ten	LODI	In Personnel Office, Provincial HQ.

3. M.V.L. (Source 616)

Cap di Corv	INF.SCELZI	OC "SOUTH ADRIATIC" detachment at RAVENNA, from 17 Aug to Oct 44. Ardent Republican Fascist.
Ten di Vasc	GIUSTELLI Enrico	With "SOUTH ADRIATIC" detachment at RAVENNA. Liaison offr with Germans.
S.Ten di Vasc	P.SOLDI	OC "Garibaldi", PORTO CORSINI, until 17 Aug 44, when he went to VENICE.
S.Ten di Vasc	VIODOTTI	Replaced the above and was Italian OC in RAVENNA during last days of enemy occupation.
Ten (Capit di Porto)	DE MONTE.DDIS Anno	2 IC Harbourmaster's Office at RAVENNA, until 17 Aug 44, when he was transferred to the Marine Inf and went NORTH.

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This report contains information on the Republican and German Forces in PIEDMONT and LIGURIA.

Compilation of extracts from detailed interrogation by SI/CSTIO of eight Italians.

Source No	504	SI: Ref	135	AB
" "	535	" "	136	AB
" "	536	" "	137	AB
" "	550	" "	138	AB
" "	560	" "	145	AB
" "	564	" "	145	AB
" "	567	" "	140	AB
" "	590	" "	142	AB

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

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1. PIEDMONT

Source 504 is a 22-year-old parachutist officer from VENICE who joined the Republican Army and was sent to GERMANY on a course. He was repatriated to ITALY on account of ill-health and crossed the lines. Reliability doubtful.

Source 535 is a 29-year-old Carabiniere from BOLOGNA. Reliability fair.

Source 536 is a 36-year-old naval doctor from LA SPEZIA. Reliability good.

Source 550 is a regular LAF officer from CREMONA, 25 years of age. Reliability good.

Source 560 is a 19-year-old agricultural worker from MONDOVI who deserted from 3 Regt Bersaglieri. Reliability fair.

Source 564 is a printing operative from PALERMO (SICILY) who attended an anti-gas course at TORINO in Oct 44. Reliability fair.

Source 567 is a 30-year-old clerk from TURIN, rather vague in his statements. Reliability doubtful.

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B. REPUBLICAN FORCES

1. Locations

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a) MONCALIERI (15 Nov 44 - Source 550)

Sheet 56
J 032210

Important Frontier Militia in the Royal Palace. Amongst other offices in that of the Frontier Police Political Investigation Dept, which was responsible for the capture of Gen PINOTTI.

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b) ALESSANDRIA (15 Nov 44 - Source 550)

Source was told by local inhabitants that quarters were being requisitioned in the area between ALESSANDRIA and ACQUI (Sheet 70, O 6281) for a Republican Div which was due to arrive from GERMANY.

Sheet 92 I NE 502428

c) ALTARE (15 Nov 44 - Source 550)

HQ SAN MARCO Div was in Fort LA BOCCHETTA, near ALTARE.

d) LA SPEZIA Area (15 Nov 44 - Source 590)

(i) Black Bde HQ in Via XX Settembre, LA SPEZIA, in the building formerly occupied by the Public Assistance offices. Political office in the same building, with branch office at the Questura.

(ii) Black Bde dets of unspecified strength in the former barracks of 21 Inf Regt (VITTORIO EMANUELE barracks).

Sheet 95 P 6812

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(iv) Black Bde det about twenty strong at MADONNA DUON VIAGGIO.

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(v) About 200 men of the Black Bde at SARZANA, under L. ROCCA, the former stationmaster.
Recently each Black Bde HQ in the area has been issued with two 75/32 guns.

2. Training Schools (5 Oct 44 - Source 564)

Sheet 70 J 946024

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a) Finishing Course for Officers
Attended by Republican officers who have returned from training in GERMANY. The instruction is supervised by German offrs and is similar to that given in camps in GERMANY.

b) Course for Sgt Cadets
Cadets from Inf and Arty attend this course. NO details known.

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c) Anti-gas Course
For officers and NCOs of the S.M.M.NCO and MONTE ROSA Divs. The course lasts a week. Prior to 5 Oct four courses had been held for offrs and NCOs of the S.M.M.NCO Div. The 5th Course (5 - 12 Oct) was attended by five offrs and fifteen NCOs of the MONTE ROSA Div and the 6th Course was to be attended by four or five officers and seven or eight NCOs of the MONTE ROSA. Ten Giorgio NUVOLI of the S.M.M.NCO Div was in charge of the course, and was assisted by three 2 Lt instructors from the MONTE ROSA Div. Lectures and practical instruction were given from 0800 to 1200 and from 1330 to 1730 hrs every day.

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The school had a gas-chamber for demonstrations with tear gas. An area was contaminated with mustard gas, in order to show pupils its effect on water, sand, iron, vegetation etc. A drop of mustard gas was applied to each pupil's skin and wiped off after ten seconds; a small spot remained which, according to the instructors, would disappear after six months. In lectures pupils were told that 4500 types of gases were known, of which 52 could be used, but only twelve had actually been used. They were also told that the Russians had discovered a new type of irritant gas which was difficult to use, as it lost its efficaciousness a week after manufacture, and that information had been received from Liberated ITALY to the effect that the Allies had prepared 160 tons of mustard gas for use in the event of the Germans using their new weapons.

C. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

Town Plan 003352820

a) TURIN (15 Nov 44 - Source 550)

German SS HQ for PIEDMONT at TURIN, under Obersturmfuehrer SCHMIDT.

Sheet 56 H 8952

b) LANZO (3 Oct 44 - Source 567)

German and Republican troops in unspecified strength quartered in the "Collegio" at LANZO. All over this area small garrisons of 80-100 men, variously armed, are scattered. The functions are limited to guard duties, mopping-up operations against Partisans being carried out by other troops from the TURIN and PINEROLO areas. Source was told that Germans captured by Partisans had said under interrogation that the German troops were expecting to withdraw to VENETIA.

Sheet 95 P 4918

c) LEVANO (2[illegible] Oct 44 - Source 536)

Source saw about fifty Germans in the town. At unspecified localities, SOUTH of the town, there are a few Germans of the older age groups, on guard duties.

Sheet 95 II NE 66861257

d) La SPEZIA area (15 Nov 44 - Source 590)

Ortskommandantur at Villa ANDREINI, MIGLIARINA.

2. Coastal Defences (Nov 44 - Source 550)

According to that Source was told by the local populace,

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d) La SPEZIA area (15 Nov 44 - Source 590)

Ortskommandantur at Villa ANDREINI, MIGLIARIN..

2. Coastal Defences (Nov 44 - Source 550)

According to what Source was told by the local populace, the wall which the Germans have built along the shore from VENTIMIGLIA almost as far as LA SPEZIA, is NOT very solid, as the contractors adulterated the concrete, retaining for their own purposes 70% of the cement they had been allotted.

3. Concentration Camps (Sep 44 - Source 535)

Town Plan 929486

12.000 Italians, of whom 6.000 are workmen from the ANSALDO, are interned in a camp at GENOA-SAMPIERDARENA. The camp is surrounded by barbed wire and guarded by three officers and 200 German soldiers, who are quartered in a building in the ANSALDO fitting-out yards. The internees are employed in loading machinery and material from the ANSALDO works on to German lorries.

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4. Nerdle (Nov 44 - Source 550)

In PIEDMONT German troops are still endeavouring to obtain civilian clothes. They showed disappointment at the failure of the plot to kill HITLER, and it was the general opinion that the war would have ended if the plot has been successful. The Germans as a rule have little knowledge of the real military situation and a feeling of resignation is widespread among them, enabling them to support grave sacrifices. About forty Germans, under an Austrian capt known as " JYRO" have joined a Partisan band in PIEDMONT.

D. NAVAL

1. L. SPEZIA. (15 Nov 44 - Source 570)

Situation in the Harbour Area

The "Darsena" of the Arsenal has been completely blocked by sinking old submarines and barges laden with debris. The moles have all been demolished by mines. Basin No 1 is still intact. The gates of the various docks have been mined. Machinery and materials in the various sheds have been removed to GENOA, with the exception of those which could NOT be moved. The latter, and parts of the sheds themselves, have been destroyed.

The Naphtha storage depot has been destroyed.
The ARSENAL moles have been demolished.
In the commercial harbour, [illegible] of the jetties and two or three cranes are still in use.

E. PERSONALITIES

1. Republican

a) TORTONA. (Feb 44 - Source 504)

(Cf CSDIC/CMF/SUM/AB 62, Para 2 1 b).

Col (Inf)		S LVI	OC Officers' School.
Magg (Bersaglieri)		THIEME	Adjt " "
Cap	"	GRO TI	OC 2 Bersaglieri Bn
"	"	NEBOLAI	In " " "
"	"	BIDIO	" " " "
"	"	[illegible]	" " " "
S.Ten	"	DI GIROLIO	" " " "

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D. [illegible]

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E. PERSONALITIES

1. Republican

a) TORINO. (Feb 44 - Source 304)

(Cf CSDIC/CMF/SIR/AB 62, Para E 1 b).

Col (Inf)		S LVI	OC Officers' School.	
Maggs (Bersaglieri)		TRIPEDI	Adjt " "	
Cap	"	GRO TI	OC 4 Bersaglieri Bn.	
"	"	DEDOMI	In " " "	
"	"	BIGLIO	" " " "	
"	"	[illegible]CCHI	" " " "	
S.Ten	"	DI DUMIC	" " " "	

b) L. SPEZIA (Jun 44 - Source 350)

Maggs	T.PEL.	OC 4 Bn 3 Bersaglieri Regt	
Cap	MURRI Pietro	OC 4 Coy 3 Bersaglieri Regt. Native of GENOA.	7
Ten	MOTELLINI	In 4 Bn 3 Bersaglieri Regt. Fanatical Fascist. Went on leave to ROME in May 44 and did NOT return.	
S.Ten	[illegible] Alberto	In 4 Bn 3 Bersaglieri Regt. Native of La SPEZIA.	

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c) Miscellaneous (Source 550)

Ten Col	BOTTO Ernesto	Ex Republican Under-Secretary of State for Air. Holder of the "Medaglia d'oro". According to Source is a patriotic man who has shown sympathy with Partisans. At LSTI in summer of 44.
Magg	COLOMBO	Officer in "ETTORE MUTI" Legion at CUNEO, notorious for his cruelty (Sep 44).
Cap	BETTI	Offr in X Flotilla M.S. Captured by Patriots and then exchanged. Organizes mopping-up operations in L. SPEZI. area (Mar 44).
Cap	PELLE	Instructor at fighter pilot school at C.SELLE TORINESE airfield (Jul 44).
Cap	BONFIGLIOLI	For a long time commanded Carabinieri at MONDOVI'. Comes from Southern ITALY. Has helped Germans in [illegible].

2. German

Capt (Lt?)	BOLDT	(Cf CSDIC/SIM/.B 86, para C 1 f) German SS offr at MONDOVI'. Source considers him an upright man. Has negotiated with Partisans (Nov 44 - Source 550).
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Capt	HILDEBRAND	German liaison offr at Officers' School, TORTONA. (Feb 44 - Source 504).

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Cap	PELLE	Instructor at fighter pilot school at CASELLE TORINESE airfield (Jul 44).
Cap	BONFIGLIOLI	For a long time commanded Carabinieri at MONDOVI'. Comes from Southern ITALY. Has helped Germans in Germany.

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Lt	GRIMMER Otto	In SS at ALBA. Native of province of BOLZANO, who opted for GERMANY. At one time commanded SS at ASTI (Nov 44 - Source 550).
Capt	HILDEBRAND	German liaison offr at Officers' School, TORTONA. (Feb 44 - Source 504).

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CSDIC/SDL/AB 93

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This report contains information on the Republican and German Forces in LOMBARDY and VENETIA.

Translation of extracts from detailed interrogation by SDL/CSDIC of seven Italians.

Source	No	504	SDL	Ref	135
"	"	529	"	"	135
"	"	535	"	"	136
"	"	537	"	"	137
"	"	539	"	"	137
"	"	549	"	"	138
"	"	566	"	"	140

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

A. PREAMBLE

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Source 537 is a 26-year-old regular NCO who has served with the Republican Army. Reliability fair.

Source 539 is a 33-year-old civilian from BERGAMO. Unobservant and NOT very intelligent. Reliability poor.

Source 549 is an 18-year-old student from MODENA. Reliability good.

Source 566 is a [illegible]-year-old regular [illegible]

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B. REPUBLICAN FORCES

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1. Locations

Sheet 38 B 6701 a) CONEGLIANO (Mid Oct 44 - Source 566)

Several villas have been requisitioned in the town and it is said that they are to house GRAZIANI's HQ.

B 6911 b) VITTORIO VENETO (Mid Oct 44 - Source 566)

A rumour was circulating that MUSSOLINI and his entourage were moving to the town and that envoys had arrived to requisition quarters for them.

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c) BERGAMO (14 Nov 44 - Source 539)

GNR Provincial HQ, under a Ten Col, in the upper town of BERGAMO, in an isolated building surrounded by a wall. Originally a monastery, the building had been used for several years past as an elementary school. In one wing there are two towers and it has the appearance of a mediaeval castle.

2. Police (Oct 44 - Source 537)

a) General

At MERATE there are two bns of Republican police, under German officers and NCOs, and called "Ordnungspolizei". When originally formed in Feb 44, they numbered about 6000 men, divided into six bns. By the end of Apr 44 they had been reduced to half this number owing to desertions and now their total strength is about 1200 men. They were first used for mopping-up operations in the PIEMONTE area and then gradually moved NORTH. Originally they went out on operations by themselves, but as they invariably returned without prisoners and with their numbers considerably depleted by desertions, they are now used conjointly with SS units. Generally the Ordnungspolizei surround the area where Partisans are believed to be and the SS do the actual mopping-up. More recently they have been used for guarding road and bridges in the PADUA and VERONA areas.

b) Organization

Each bn consists of four coys numbered 1 to 4, under a German Lt or 2 Lt. OC 1 Bn is a German Capt. 1, 2 and 3 coys in each bn are rifle coys of four pls each, the pl chiefs being German NCOs, except for one or two pls which are commanded (nominally) by Italian officers. 4 coy in each bn has five pls, of which two are rifle pls, one an MG pl, one a mortar pl and one an A Tk gun pl.

c) Unit Armament

Rifle pl - four BREDA M.P. 30
MG pl - four BREDA MG 37
Mortar pl - four 8.1 cm mortars
A Tk gun pl - three 47/32 guns

d) Pay

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d) Pay

WO	-	Lire 2[illegible] (more ten lire)
Sgt	-	" 175 " " "
Cpl	-	" 150 " " "
Pte	-	" 1[illegible] " " "

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In addition to the above pays, which are paid direct, monthly allowances are paid into an account opened for each man at the Banco di Roma in VITERBO or the "Cassa di Risparmio" Bank in ORVIETO, the rates being:

WO	-	Lire 1400 a month
Cpl	-	" 1000 " "
Pte	-	" 900 " "

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d) Rations

Breakfast - Ersatz coffee
Midday - Hot meal consisting of boiled barley and a good portion of meat
Evening - Cold meal consisting of 40 grs of butter, margarine or jam.
Bread - 500 grs a day
Tobacco - Six cigarettes or six grs of tobacco a day.

e) Medical Treatment

In reply to a request made by some German HQ, OC 1 Bn said that the Ordnungspolizei, owing to their bad morale, were NOT fit to be used in operational areas and that it would be better to use them as labour bns.

3. Training Schools (5 Oct 44 - Source 535)

Sheet 49
631744

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Two RSCM. 37 AT
Eight LMG
Seven or eight MPs
One 4.5 cm mortar
Four cases of hand-grenades.

Pupils paid 20 Lire a day for messing, which in view of the bad food was considered very dear.

C. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

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Eight LMG
Seven or eight MPs
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Four cases of hand-grenades.

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C. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

a) VERONA area (Source 535)

(i) (5 Sep 44)
Gendarmerie HQ in Via ROMA, VERONA, in the ex Army Corps HQ.
(ii) (Mid Aug 44)
Until Mid Aug there was a German HQ at Villa MOCCI, BOSCO CHIESANUOVA. A gen, a col and several other offrs were living there. About that time the HQ left, presumably for the front, and it was said that the quarters would be taken over by another HQ.

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b) PADUA (Oct 44 - Source 504)

Slovak troops were often seen in the city. They were armed with German pistols.

c) River PO

(i) (Mid Sep 44 - Source 529)

Slovak troops in unspecified strength were seen by Source on the left bank of the PO, doing guard and patrol duties between S.NTA MARIA MADDALENA (Sheet 76, H 1191) and ZANDUCCHE (Sheet 65, G 4805).

(ii) (Mid Oct 44 - Source 566)

About 200 Germans and 100 Slovaks quartered in the houses of GUARDA VENETA (Sheet 76, G 2701). During the night they run the PO ferry and in the daytime they are employed on building fortifications.

(iii) (Oct 44 - Source 566)

Sheet 76
33450140 About 100 Germans and 100 Slovaks quartered in a large building at CRESPINO.

d) VENICE (Nov 44 - Source 504)

Town Plan
69295010 (i) Harbour Police (Wasserschutzpolizei) HQ at the Pensione CALCINA, Fondamenta dello ANCORE.

68775125 (ii) Unspecified German HQ in the Hotel GRITTI, Fondamenta S.N SIMEONE PICCOLO.

e) CONEGLIANO area (Mid Oct 44 - Source 566)

Sheet 38
B 673002 (i) Unspecified HQ under a major at [illegible]. Source noticed four phone lines running from the house, two towards SACILE (B 8408) and two towards SUSEGANA (G 6497).

Sheet 38 II NW
II NW
66259460 (ii) About 200 soldiers, most of them engrs and the rest inf, quartered in a villa at [illegible].

63359270 (iii) About 100 soldiers quartered SE of Villa BRAGIO.

(30 Oct 44 - Source 566)

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c) CONSELLANO Area (Mid Oct 44 - Source 566)

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66259460

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63359270

(iii) About 100 soldiers quartered SE of Villa BELASIO.

2. Chemical Warfare (30 Oct 44 - Source 566)

Source was told by an Austrian woman working as interpreter for the Germans at CONSELLANO that it was rumoured in military circles that the Germans were probably going to use gas.

3. Hospitals (Oct 44 - Source 549)

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The mobile medical unit which used to be at ..BARENO (Sheet 75, L 5971) was transferred to P..DA. in Sep 44. It includes a surgical section, poorly equipped, which can deal only with slight cases; an X-ray and a dental sec, which are NOT in special ambulances, but have to be installed in requisitioned rooms. It has five ordinary motor ambulances, one armoured motor ambulance and about ten FIAT 626 lorries.

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4. Training Schools (Sep 44 - Source 529)

The G.F has a school for training Italian WT operators at VICENZA. Source was told this by a man who was attending the school, but can NOT give exact location. The instructors are German officers and NCOs and the pupils are all young Italians who have been conscripted. The pupils wear German uniforms, with the badge of the Republican Air Force on their caps. They are unarmed.

5. Labour Camps (Sep 44 - Source 529)

There is a labour camp at VOLT. S.NOLZO (Sheet 50, G 3545), near P.DU.. It comes under the TODT and houses about 250 Italians who have been rounded up. The inmates are conveyed to work in motor lorries. Working hours are from 0600 to 1700 hrs. Pay varies from a minimum of Lire 2.50 an hour to a maximum of Lire 6.50 an hour, according to the ability of the individual and the nature of the job. The camp is guarded by GNR. Similar camps exist at S.NTA M.RIA M.DDALEN. (Sheet 76, H 1191), .DRI. and ROVIGO, while there are larger camps at SAN RUFFILLO (BOLOGNA), with a capacity of 5000, at L.DI.(in the COGNE factory), with a capacity of 2000, at CARPI, .ODENA and FERRARA. Source was told by an engineer from L.DI. who had been rounded up and sent to FERRARA, that it was possible to obtain a certificate of unfitness for labour service by paying Italian doctors a fee ranging from 3000 to 5000 Lire.

C. AIR (Sep 44 - Source 529)

The airfield SE of MERANO has a concrete runway which intersects the MERANO-BRENNER Autostrada at point K 65408410 (Sheet 46 IV NE). Before and after the point where the runway crosses, walls have been built on the autostrada, 1.50 m high and 80-90 cm thick, painted with black and white stripes. The walls are about 20 m apart and the object is to compel vehicles to slow down. On the NORTH side of the road there are some AA MGs. The stretch of road crossing the runway is guarded by Republican soldiers in German uniforms. The runway is probably used for dispersing aircraft.

D. NAVAL (Nov 44 - Source 504)

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C. AIR (Sep 44 - Source 529)

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D. NAVAL (Nov 44 - Source 504)

1. At VENICE part of the Arsenal has already been demolished and the dry-docks have been mined. All the smaller shipyards used for repairs to naval craft have been prepared for demolition.

2. The VULCANIA is moored near the PONTE DEL LITTORIO, VENICE. Her engines have been removed by the Germans.

E. AIR RAID DAMAGE (Nov 44 - Source 504)

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1. VENICE

The aqueduct bringing water to the city from the mainland was cut for the second time in the course of an air raid on PORTO MARGHERA. At the beginning of Nov 44 VENICE was still without water. Work is in progress on the construction of a new aqueduct.

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G 6632

2. PELLAESTRINA.

One of the passenger steamers plying between VENICE and CHIOGGIA was hit and sunk. The number of casualties was high. (Cf CSDIC/SIR/AB 85, para D 1).

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G 8771

3. SAN DONA' DI PIAVE

The civil hospital and the railway station have been damaged.

F. PERSONALITIES

1. Republicans

a) GNR NCOs School, BOSCO CHIESANUOVA. (Sep 44 - Source 535)

(Cf CSDIC/SIR/AB 74, para D 3)

Capt	CIAMMONI	Director of Studies and Instructor in General Culture, PT and Combat Training. Native of the ABRUZZI.
Capt	MOSSI	Commands the School Bn as well as 2 Coy.
Ten	LINO Franco	Adjt
"	COMZOLINI	OC 1 Coy, is also instructor in map-reading. Native of BRESCIA. Fanatical Fascist.
"	VERONICO	OC 1 Pl 2 Coy and drill instructor on regulations. Native of FERRARA.
S.Ten	BAGNADINI	OC 1 Pl 2 Coy and drill instructor. Native of FERRARA.

b) Parachutists (Sep 44 - Source 504)

Capt	NOVELLI	OC Parachutist Centre, PADUA.
"	S.L.	OC 12 Para Bn, MILAN.
S.Ten	GUAGNETTI	In " " " "
Capt	ALVINO	OC a Para Bn. Murderer of Ten Col BECHI.
"	GENOVESE	OC a GNR Para Bn, MILAN.
Ten	MISTINOTTI	In " " " " "
"	FORNER.	In a Naval Para Bn.

c) Black Brigade, CONEGLIANO (Oct 44 - Source 566)

Civilian	GUERRA	OC. Aged about 45. Lives in CONEGLIANO.
"	BOTTI	In Adc. Lives in Via XX Settembre, CONEGLIANO.

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Capt	CIMMARONI	Director of Studies and Instructor in General Culture, PT and Combat Training. Native of the ABRUZZI.
Capt	MOSSI	Commands the School Bn as well as 2 Coy.
Ten	LINO Franco	Adjt
"	COZZOLINI	OC 1 Coy, is also instructor in Improvising. Native of BRESCIA. Fanatical Fascist.
"	VERONICO	OC 1 Pl 1 Coy and Drill instructor on regulations. Native of FERRARA.
S.Ten	BERNARDINI	OC 1 Pl 2 Coy and drill instructor. Native of FERRARA.

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"	GENOVESE	OC a GNR Para Bn, MILAN.
Ten	MARTINOTTI	In " " " " "
"	PONSERO.	In a Naval Para Bn.

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"	BOTTI	In Bde. Lives in Via XX Settembre, CONEGLIANO.
"	GALGOLETTI	In Bde. Lives in Via XX Settembre, CONEGLIANO. Owns a wireless shop.
Prof	VERZEL.	Prefectorial Commissioner at CONEGLIANO. Collaborates with Black Brigade.

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d) Miscellaneous

Capt	PILON	OC Alpini Depot, CONEGLIANO (Oct 44)
Ten	ROSSI	At " " " " "
Col Art	VENTURI	At Military District HQ, TREVISO (Oct 44)
Capt Art	CACCIATORI	OC a mopping-up det at TREVISO. Informer (Oct 44)
Capt	BOTTEON	Superintendent of labour services, River PIAVE Defences (Oct 44)
S.Ten	TUO	OC A Tk gun pl, 4 Coy 1 Bn Ordnungspolizei, MESTRE (Oct 44).

2. German

Lt	BENNINGEN	OC 4 Coy 1 Bn Ordnungspolizei, MESTRE (Oct 44)
Lt	MUELLNER	2 IC 4 Coy 1 Bn Ordnungspolizei, MESTRE (Oct 44).

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A. PREAMBLE

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B. LISTS OF OFFICERS

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a) Officers interned at SUHOKEN (ROSEN) who took the oath of fidelity to the Italian Social Republic.

Gen di Brig i.g.s.	SCIPIONE Pietro	
" " " "	VACCARO Michele	
" " " "	BROVARONE Lorenzo	
Gen Div	SESINI Raimondo	
Gen Brig	MASSERANO Guido	Transferred to VITTEL and repatriated to ITALY 8 Mar 44
Gen Brig	MACCIONE FARGI Luigi	
" "	SALOMON Battista	
Gen Div	TUCCI Carlo	Transferred to THORN Dec 43.

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" "	SALOMON Battista	
Gen Div	TUCCI Carlo	Transferred to THORN Dec 43. Joined Republicans and transferred to VITTEL to await repatriation, 4 Jul 44.
Gen	JALLA'	
"	VOX	

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b) Officers interned in various camps who took the oath of fidelity to the Italian Social Republic and volunteered to fight for the Germans.

Gen di C.A.	OLLERO	VITTEL. Returned to ITALY on 14 Apr 44, and was appointed Army General Secretary in the Republican Ministry of National Defence.
Gen di C.A.	ROMERO	VITTEL. Left for ITALY on 4 Apr 44 and was sent to hospital.
Gen Div	PEDRAZZOLI Gino	VITTEL. Transferred to GERMANY end Aug 44.
Gen Brig	GREGORI Claudio	VITTEL. Transferred to GERMANY end Aug 44.
Gen	FARINA	VITTEL. Repatriated to ITALY 8 Mar 44.
Gen Brig	GALLO Annibale	VITTEL. Left for ITALY 14 Apr 44 and was sent to hospital.
Gen Brig	TRAVISSOI	VITTEL. Transferred to Germany end Aug 44.
Ten Col Bersaglieri	BENGANZOLI	VITTEL. Left for ITALY 23 Apr 44.
Cap Art	PENZA Mario	VITTEL. Left for ITALY 23 Mar 44.
" "	FUSINA Giuseppe	VITTEL. Left for ITALY 23 Mar 44.
Luogotenente Gen M.V.S.N.	QUASIMODO	VITTEL.
Gen Brig	BONELLI	VITTEL. Transferred to GERMANY.
Ten Col Art	MASI	VITTEL. Transferred to GERMANY Aug 44.
Magg Aeronautica	SINZ	VITTEL.
Cap Ptr	MORISIO	VITTEL.
Magg Cav	SEVERI	VITTEL. Left for ITALY early Aug 44.
Ten Art	GUGLIELMI	VITTEL.
Ten Aeron	LAZZERI	VITTEL.
Ten Ptr	AMBROSI Doberdo	VITTEL.
Ten Art	SPERANDIO Domenico	VITTEL.
S.Ten Ptr	MARTEGIANI	"
" "	GIANCOLA	"
" "	CAPRIOTTI	"
" "	DI EGIDIO	"
" "	GILENO	"
Col "	CHIUSI	BELGRADE. Ex Military Attache, BELGRADE.
Ten Col	CARATTI di Lanzocco	3 Alpini Regt.
Col Ptr	BRUNO	VERONA (GERMANY).
Col Art	MILANI	" "

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Col Art	MILANI	" "
Col Ptr	NICOTRA	" "
Cap	DELL'ANTONIO)	VERSEN (GERMANY). These two
Cap	DELL'ANTONIO)	brothers are natives of BOLZANO. They applied for German nationality and asked to be enrolled in the SS.
Gen	DEL PONTE	VERSEN (GERMANY). Collaborator and propagandist in favour of alliance with GERMANY.

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c) List of Officers known to be Fascists.

Gen		OLLEARO Alfonso	Ten Ptr	MELLO
"		TUCCI Carlo	" Art	GUGLIELMI Riccardo
"		VACCARO Michele	Ten Comm Aer	LAZZERI Mario
"		SCIPIONE Pietro	S.Ten Ptr	MARTELLANI
"		MAGGIORE PERNI Luigi	" "	AMBROSI
"		STIRATI	" "	SPERANDIO
Luog	Gen	QUASIMODO	" "	GIANCOLA
Magg	Cav	SEVERI	" "	CAPRIOTTI
"	Aer	SINZ	" "	DI EGIDIO
Cap		PALLADINI	" "	GILARD
"		MACCIOTTA		
"		MORISIO		

2. Officers who have sworn fidelity to the Italian Social Republic

(Jun 44 - Source 165)

a) Officers who have served in the Republican Forces in FLORENCE

Ten Col	ALESSANDRI Amedeo fu Silvio	On returning from convalescent leave 31 May 44 he was retired by Gen ADAMI ROSSI as he was not approved of by the Fascists. He lives at S.GIMIGNANO (Siena).
Ten Col SPE	RODINO Alfredo fu Cesare	Squadrista. He was serving under Gen ADAMI ROSSI and was one of the first to escape to the NORTH.
Magg Cpl	MAFFIOLI Carlo fu Giuseppe	Squadrista. Ardent Fascist, pro-German. Ex Podesta of UZZANO PISTOIESE. He escaped to CHIESA.
Cap Cpl	CIRRI Enrico fu Emilio	An opportunist and a swindler. He sold part of the troops' rations of bread and cigarettes to civilians at black market prices. He appears to have returned to his home at CASAIORE (Lucca).
Cap Cpl	GIUSTI Giuseppe fu Antonio	Squadrista - pro-German. Appears to be an honest man. Was formerly at the Corporazioni. He lives at

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Cap Cpl	CIERRI Enrico fu Emilio	An opportunist and a swindler. He sold part of the troops' rations of bread and cigarettes to civilians at black market prices. He appears to have returned to his home at CAMAIORE (Lucca).
Cap Cpl	GIUSTI Giuseppe fu Antonio	Squadrista - pro-German. Appears to be an honest man. Was formerly at the Corporazioni. He lives at FLORENCE, in Via GIUSTI 25.
Ten Cpl	ACROSINI Sergio di Tullio	Fascist. Was repatriated from GERMANY. Appears to have escaped to Northern ITALY.
S.Ten Cpl	DELFINO Cesare di Valentino	
" "	DE ROSE Vittorio di Luigi	
" "	FIORINI Arrigo di Torquato	
" "	GUIDONI Giorgio fu Quintilio	
" "	GENOVESE Antonio di Alberto	Fascist. Ardent supporter of the Republic.

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S.Ten Cpl	MUGNAINI Piero di Giocondo	
" "	RANDAZZO Salvatore di Faro	
" "	RIOLA Ettore di Vincenzo	Opportunist. He does not appear to have a clear conscience as he did NOT present himself at Garrison HQ after the arrival of the Allies.
" "	T.T. Giuseppe di Domenico	
Ten Cpl	GUIZZARDI Ettore fu Enrico	Fascist but harmless.
" "	MARTINOL. Battista di Marco	Before his military service he was Secretary of the P.N.F. at GEMONIO. He is still Fascist and pro-German.
" "	LAPUCCI Renzo fu Luigi	Opportunist who volunteered for the Republican Army. NOT interested in politics.
" "	MANNINI Novello di Pietro	Volunteer for money reasons - not interested in politics.
" "	PICCINI Emilio	Comes from a pro-German family - volunteer for money reasons.
" "	PASSERI Vittorio di Franco	Pro-Nazi-Fascist. Ardent supporter of the Republic.
S.Ten Cpl	ANTONELLI Guido di Pompilio	Parachutist who volunteered for the Republican Army. He escaped NORTH.
" "	BARTLATTO Giacomo di Antonino	Repatriated from GERMANY. He appears to have escaped NORTH.
" "	CENCHIAI Giorgio di Gino	Fascist. Ardent supporter of the Republic.
" "	CAPRA Attilio di Andrea	Got himself transferred to GHQ C.N.R. BRESCIA.
Cap Medico Cpl	ENI. Aldo di Nicolo	Fascist - Squadrista. Though his family was in ROME he went NORTH of his own free will.

b) Officers who are political informers of the Republican Fascist Party

Ten Col Cpl	COGLITORE Giuseppe fu Giulio	Console MVSN. Squadrista. Just before the occupation

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" "	MARTINOLI Battista di Marco	Before his military service he was Secretary of the P.N.F. at GERMINO. He is still Fascist and pro-German.
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Ten Col Cpl	COGLITORE Giuseppe fu Giulio	Console MVSN. Squadrista. Just before the occupation of FLORENCE he removed everything from the barracks of 7 MT Centre. Has escaped to Northern ITALY.
" " "	DEL VIVO Luigi fu Guido	Console of the MVSN - Squadrista. He was serving under the direct orders of Alfredo ROSSI, and indulged in theft and looting on behalf of the Nazi-Fascists. He escaped to Northern ITALY.

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Cap. Cpl	MASETTI Mario fu Galileo	Closely connected with Cap MAZZOLI and Ten Col DEL VIVO. He escaped to Northern ITALY.
Ten Cpl	ZAFFAJONTI Tommaso di Giovanni	Ardent Fascist, collaborator of the Nazis. He denounced Ten BATTAGLINI Renzo to Regt HQ prior to the Armistice, for being pro-British and spreading anti-Fascist propaganda in 7 MT Centro. He denounced him a second time to GNR for failing to respond to calling-up proclamations. He is a trusted member of the Republican Party and was sent to the Depot as an informer. He now appears to be going about freely in FLORENCE.
S.Ten Cpl	MONTAGNARI Luciano di Mario	Has escaped NORTH.

c) Officers collaborating with the Germans.

Magg Cpl	MONGANI Dario di Virgilio	Fascist. On orders of his Colonel he handed over all the equipment of 7 MT Centro to the Germans, though he could have held back at least part of it.
Cap Cpl	MAZZUCCHELLI Adolfo di Pasquale	Squadrista. He watched officers and reported their political ideas. He escaped to Northern ITALY.
" "	MAZZOLI Averardo di Massimiliano	Squadrista. Typical disreputable specimen of a Nazi-Fascist criminal. He took part in the murder of MATTEOTTI. He often boasted of having taken part during the early days of Fascism in the murder of Socialists and priests. He escaped to Northern ITALY.
" "	PELLI Anselmo di Emilio	He collaborated actively with the Germans at the Italo-German "Intendance". He is an

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		to GNR for failing to respond to calling-up proclamations. He is a trusted member of the Republican Party and was sent to the Depot as an informer. He now appears to be going about freely in MONTROE.
S.Ten Cpl	MONTAGNARI Luciano di Mario	Has escaped NORTH.

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Ten Col Cpl	NAPELLI Gerolamo di Vittorio	Lives in FLORENCE, Corso Tintori 25. Having reached the age limit he retired from the Army on 26 Jun 44. He appears to have collaborated actively with the Germans.

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Cap Cpl	ROCAI Damiano	Fascist. He was serving under the Prefect of LUCCA and took part in an action in that area against Patriots, during which he/~~was~~ wounded in the right thigh. As a reward he was transferred to a post directly under Gen ~~AMMI~~ ROSSI.
Ten Cpl	DE FILIPPIS Roberto di Francesco	Fascist for money reasons: he collaborated with the SS from 25 Jun 44 to 12 Jul 44 and had S.Ten TAVIANI's wife arrested as hostage, after TAVIANI had deserted and stolen the car belonging to Col NUCCI of the HQ of the Open City of FLORENCE.
Cap Cpl	MORENO Federico fu Alberto	Closely connected with MAZZOLI, MASETTI and DEL VIVO.
Ten Cpl	ROTILLI Enzo fu Luigi	Fascist informer.
" "	ROSSI Renato	Squadrista. He collaborated actively with the Germans, and betrayed the existence of large dumps of AF spares which had been hidden away.
S.Ten Cpl	BELLANDI Alessandro	Lives at FLORENCE in Viale dei Mille 15. He collaborated actively with the Germans as interpreter.
" "	TALINI Pietro di Sabino	Ardent Fascist. He collaborated with MAZZOLI and DEL VIVO in the recovery of equipment to be handed over to the Nazi-Fascists.
" "	TRAVISANO Ruggiero di Attilio	He is pro-Fascist, a boaster and a bully. He was discharged from the Army by the Fascists because, though he continually repeated that he wanted to go to the front line, when the occasion arose he pulled all possible strings to stay behind. He applied for the post of commander of a firing squad, but was turned down.

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Cap Cpl	MORENO Federico fu Alberto	Closely connected with MAZZOLI, M.SETTI and DEL VIVO.
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Cap Cpl	VINCENTI Guido di Luigi	He worked for the "SIEMENS" on the German fortifications in the FUTA area. His present whereabouts are not known.
Magg	MAGNI Giovanni	Squadrista, Chief of Staff of 201 Regional HQ. He is ADJUTANT ROSSI's "power behind the throne".
"	PARADISI	Squadrista, head of Services Section of 201 Regional HQ. He was in charge of the recovery of hidden equipment. He paid large sums of money to anyone who could give him information on such equipment.

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Cap	COLOMBO	Liaison officer to the Germans. He sold the "LANCIA AMBRA" car which he had at his disposal making out that it had been stolen. He then got another similar car from the Germans, which he also sold during the transfer NOTED, stating that it had been requisitioned by the Germans. (Cap G.VISCONTI Cesare, OC IE Section, Regional Military HQ; gave Source this information).
Gen	ADAMI ROSSI	OC 201 Regional HQ. It appears that from 28 Jul 43 to 8 Sep 43 he was paying large sums of money to informers reporting on the ideas of officers in his Army Corps. On 8 Sep 43 he let the Germans disarm the TURIN garrison, confining the personnel to barracks. It appears that he had great influence on the Military Tribunal at FLORENCE. Cruel and cynical, he caused many young men who had failed to respond to their call-up or deserted from the Republican Army, to be condemned to death or to other severe penalties. Amongst these, were Count Cmdr Odoardo COLETTI and S.Ten. PENCO.
Gen	BERTI	President of the Military Tribunal, FLORENCE. He pronounced death sentences and other severe sentences on many young men who failed to respond to their call-up or deserted from the Republican Army. It appears, however, that he acted exclusively on orders received from Gen ADAMI ROSSI. It seems that two days before the announcement of a trial, it was already known whether the accused would be sentenced to death or otherwise.

3. List of Officers serving before 4 Jun 44 with HQ and offices of the Republican Army.

(Document found at C.L.N. HQ)

Magg	MAGNI G.	201 Military Regional HQ - FPN 765
Gen Div	MAGALDI Renato	201 " " " - TURIN
Ten Col	SEMITORE Aldo	C of S 205 Military Regional HQ - MILAN - FPN 795
Gen	PENACCHI	205 Military Regional HQ - FPN 739
Col	DELL'ER. Renat.	

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Ten Col	SENATORE Aldo	C of S 205 Military Regional HQ - MILAN - FPN 795
Gen	PERUGINI	209 Military Regional HQ - FPN 739
Col	DELL'ERA Renato	
Gen	VALLETTI BORGHINI Alf.	1 Military Provincial HQ - FPN 841
Col	BOERIS Paolo	
"	OSSOLI	
Ten Col	ROSSOTTO Domenico	4 Military Provincial HQ ASTI - FPN 735
Col	MACHERILLA Giovanni	5 Military Provincial HQ NOVARA - FPN 709
Ten Col	GATTI R. Giuseppe	
Col	ODORICI Ovidio	8 Military Provincial HQ - FPN 813
"	EVODIO'	
"	BUTTI Renso	9 Military Provincial HQ GENOVA - FPN [illegible]
"	GRANDI Ferruccio	10 Military Provincial HQ ROVIGO - FPN 761
"	BOSIO Giuseppe	12 " " " BERGAMO - FPN 779

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"	CALLEGARI		
"	CARLETTI G.		
Ten Col	MENGHI P.		
Gen	CARISSIMO	14 Military Provincial HQ	- FPN 757
Col	CHIARI Enrico	15 " " "	VARESE - FPN 851
"	CORRADO G.	16 " " "	BRESCIA " 755
Magg	CACE		
Col	BIANCO	17 Military Provincial HQ	- FPN 799
"	ALBERTAZZI		
"	RAFFO Gaspare	18 Military Provincial HQ	SONDRIO - FPN 855
"	CALVI Federico	19 " " "	FPN 805
"	CANEPA Arturo	21 " " "	MANTOVA - FPN 791
"	CASALANI Giovanni	25 " " "	FPN 801
"	DE GIORGIO Benedetti	27 " " "	TORINO - FPN 857
Gen	D'AQUINO A.	31 " " "	FPN 847
"	RUFFO Nicola		
Col	FRASCATORI A.		
Gen	SISINNI Pietro	33 " " "	UDINE
Col	STRIPATI Arturo	37 " " "	BOLOGNA
Gen	FALCONI Enzo	38 " " "	
Col	BADINI Luciano	40 " " "	FPN 763
Ten Col	MOCCHI	53 " " "	" 829
" "	VLAHTLAVI	C of S 200 Military Provincial HQ - FPN 827	
" "	CAMAROTT.	Military Provincial HQ, PARMA.	
" "	ROSSI	" " " MODENA.	
Magg	ORATI P.	Ministry of Defence, head of Sec, Press and Propaganda Office.	
Col	SCALA	Ministry of Defence, Press and Propaganda Office.	
Ten Col	SCALFARO	Co-ordination Office, Army General Staff	
Col	LITURRI G.	Army General Staff - Liaison Group SOUTH	
Magg	GAUZER Vincenzo	Garrison HQ MASSA	
Ten Col	PISTICI	Garrison HQ, NOVI LIGURE	
Gen	GIANNUZZI Ettore	" " MILAN	
Cap	MARCHESIN Orazio	GNR Garrison Bn LUCCA	
Magg	PARLOCCIO Gino	GNR Depot PARMA	
Col	SOLETI Pasquale	President of Military Tribunal, ROME.	

4. Officers belonging to the Welfare and Propaganda Office of the Republican General Staff. (Document at CSDIC HQ)

Magg Compl	ORATI Pietro	Head of CPW Section, Ministry of Defence, ROME.
Cap Compl	JACOSTI Umberto	Propaganda Section, temporarily attached to Garrison HQ (Regional HQ for LATIUM) AQUILA.
" "	DE STASIO Giuseppe	Awaiting posting to Ten MENEL's Section (S.I.A.R.) (Regional HQ for LATIUM) ROME.
" "	PROIA Fortunato	Awaiting orders from Col MELLO, head of a section at HQ Ministry of Defence, ROME.

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Col	STRINATI Arturo	37 " " "	BOLOGNA
Gen	FALCONI Enzo	38 " " "	
Col	BADINI Luciano	40 " " "	FPN 765
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Magg	GAUZER Vincenzo	Garrison HQ BASSANO	
Ten Col	PESTICI	Garrison HQ, MONTE BELLUNA	
Gen	GIANNUZZI Ettore	" " MILANO	
Cap	MARCHESIN Oranzio	G&R Garrison Bn LECCO	
Magg	PAPUCCIO Gino	GNR Depot PADUA.	
Col	SOLETI Pasquale	President of Military Tribunal, ROME.	

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Cap Compl	JACOSTI Umberto	Propaganda Section, temporarily attached to German HQ (Regional HQ for LATIUM)AQUIL..
" "	DE STASIO Giuseppe	Awaiting posting to Ten SIBILL's Section (S.I.A.R.) (Regional HQ for LATIUM) ROME.
" "	PROSAM Ferruccio	Awaiting orders from Col ARMAO, head of a section at CMJ Ministry of Defence, ROME.
Centurione in S.P.E.	PUGLIESI Ugo	Awaiting posting to Ten TRILL's Section (S.I.A.R.), Regional HQ for LATIUM, ROME.
Ten Compl	CARCIONE Cicero	With STL FIL-FIAD, CMJ Ministry of Defence, ROME.
" "	BRAVETTI Carlo	Liaison Section, S.I...R. Provincial HQ, ROME.

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Ten Compl	FIORITO Aldo	Awaiting orders from Col ANELLO (E.I...R.), head of a section at GHQ Ministry of Defence, ROME.
Ten Cappellano	BATTAGLIA Filippo	Propaganda Section, temporarily attached to German HQ AQUILA. Regional HQ for LATIUM, AQUILA.
[illegible]		
S.Ten Compl	MOROSINI Mario	Secretariat of Welfare and Propaganda Office, Republican General Staff, ROME.
Magg Compl	DI LAURO Prof Raffaele	(Propaganda) - He was in charge of the editing of the messages to PW which are transmitted by wireless (E.I...R.) three times a week, on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday. Cabinet of the Ministry of Defence, ROME.
Capomanipolo GNR SPE	MARINI Giuseppe	At the disposal of Field Marshal GRAZIANI's Secretariat, GHQ Ministry of Defence, ROME.

5. Italian Officers who reported to ALATRI Garrison HQ as volunteers for the Republican Armed Forces. (Apr 44 - Document found at ALATRI)

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Magg	CORTESE Marcello	Born 19 Jun 1906, resident at ALATRI.
"	MAZZOLI Gregorio	Born 6 Mar 1894. Segretario Comunale, resident at VEROLI.
Cap	MARCCI Clementino	Born 11 Mar 1908. Chemist, resident at SUFFNO.
"	GIOVINAZZI Leopoldo	Born 16 Mar 1906. Chemist, resident at ALATRI.
Ten	AVERA Tullio	Born 28 Nov 1909. School teacher, resident at GIULIANO di ROMA.
"	CORSALE Amodeo	Born 2 Jul 1907. Bank employee, resident at ALATRI.
"	MARINUCCI Francesco	Born 3 Oct 1900. Head master of a school, resident at ALATRI.
S.Ten	BORZONI Giorgio	Born 10 Oct 1920. Student of Engineering, resident at MILAN.
"	CALABRIA Ernesto	Born 3 Nov 1914. Land owner, resident at ARPINO.
"	CERVO Alberto	Born 29 Sep 1921. Student, resident at PONTECORVO.
"	CERVO Roberto	Born 29 Sep 1921. Student, resident at PONTECORVO.
"	DI FABIO Giovanni	Born 18 Feb 1920. Accountant, resident at ALATRI.

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"	CERVO Roberto	Born 29 Sep 1921. Student, resident at PONTECORVO.
"	DI FABIO Giovanni	Born 18 Feb 1920. Accountant, resident at ALATRI.
"	GIOVANNONI Ivo	Born 21 Nov 1916. School teacher, resident at RALLANO.
"	MONTINI Alfredo	Born 4 Nov 1921. Student, resident at ARNARA.
"	PAOLUCI Alvaro	Born 16 Feb 1915. Lawyer, resident at GIULIANO di ROMA.

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S.Ten	ROSSI Benedetto	Born 9 Mar 1915. School teacher, resident at GUARCINO.
"	SALVATORI Salvatore	Born 8 Mar 1899. School teacher, resident at FERENTINO.
"	SCAPPATICCI Vincenzo	Born 16 Jun 1919. Student, resident at AQUINO.
"	SCIPO Antonio	Born 21 Dec 1901. School teacher, resident at VEROLI.
"	L. VOLPE Giuseppe	Born 14 Jan 1921. Student, resident at VEROLI.
Ten Col	BRABESTRO	OC "I" Garrison M.A.TRI.

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Translation of extracts from detailed interrogations by SEF/CSDIC of seven Italians.

Source No	498	SEF Ref	130 AB
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" "	529	" "	135 AB
" "	532	" "	136 AB
" "	534	" "	136 AB
" "	540	" "	137 AB
" "	549	" "	138 AB

Maps used: ITALY, 1:100,000

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B. REFERENCE MORCEM

1. Locations

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a) BOLOGNA

(1) (2) Sep 44 - Source 532)

Military District HQ, which at one time had evacuated to CASTELVECCHIO-la CROCE, subsequently returned to its old premises in Via FARINACCIO. The Military Tribunal was in a building at the corner of Via PALMACCHI and Porta CASTIGLIONE.

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(ii) (Sep 44 - Source 534)
202 Regional Military HQ, under General CIGLIO, in a small villa at the corner of Via TOSCANA and Strada MAGGIORE. F.P.No - 751.

b) MODENA (Nov 44 - Source 549)

About 150 recalled inf soldiers are quartered in the Military Academy building. They are the last remnants of four or five thousand men who were recalled to the colours but have gradually deserted. Those who are left are the most ardent Fascists and have taken the oath of allegiance to the Republic. Their OC is Gen SORIANI, who at the same time is head of the OVRA.

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c) SASSUOLO (End Oct 44 - Source 498)

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L 6247

d) VIGNOLA (Early Oct 44 - Source 498)

Black Brigade detachment of unspecified strength. Source was told that they included about 150 women, who had shown themselves to be even more ferocious than the men in their reprisals against Partisans.

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Town Plan
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c) No 7 Military Hospital, under Maggiore Oscar GUIDO, was transferred in Aug 44 to the Episcopal Seminary at IMOLA. It comprises the following wards:

Dermatological ward, with 100 beds.
Surgical ward, with 200 beds.
Medical ward, with 80 beds.
Isolation ward, with 10 beds.
Officers' ward, with 15 beds.

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Personnel consists of ten sisters and thirty soldiers, the latter being ex-patients retained at the hospital after recovery.

C. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

a) [illegible] (Nov 44 - Source 504)

Town Plan 11958585

Platzkommandantur and PO River Inspectorate (PO-Ueberwachungstelle) in the Castle.

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b) CASTELNUOVO DI GARFAGNANA (Nov 44 - Source 540)

HQ of an unspecified German Bn. Unit sign: circle and three oak leaves on left sleeve.

c) MONTECHIARE (29 Oct 44 - Source 498)

Sheet 97 L 4129 L 3018 L 3311

German HQ, probably of an inf regt, under a col, assisted by about fifteen other offrs. The HQ is said to have come from PIEVEPELAGO, and before that to have been at ARENONE.

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d) PAVULLO NEL FRIGNANO (29 Oct 44 - Source 498)

HQ of an inf regt in a villa known as LA PALAZZINA, NORTH of the village.

2. Dumps (Nov 44 - Source 549)

Large quantities of ammo dumped in the canals and ditches which intersect the flat ground EAST of Highway 12 between MIRANDOLA (Sheet 75, L 6892) and BASTIGLIA (L 6274). The dumps are camouflaged with netting. Ammo arrives there in lorries from the NORTH, crossing the PO by the pontoon bridge at SAN BENEDETTO PO. The principal dumps are in the vicinity of MIRANDOLA, MEDOLLA (L 6888), SAN PROSPERO (L 6482) and SAN LORENZO DELLA PIOPPA (L 6579). From these dumps ammo is sent either to SAN FELICE SUL PANARO or direct to the front line. "Requisitioned" civilians are employed at the dumps. The office for the registration of personnel is at SORBARA (L 6377).

3. Communications

a) Bridges (Nov 44 - Source 549)

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The following bridges, of importance from the traffic point of view, have either never been hit by bombs, or have only been slightly damaged:

Road bridge at MAVICELLO (Sheet 75, L 619689)
Railway bridge at MAVICELLO (Sheet 87, L 616681)
Road bridge at SANT'AMBROGIO (L 619636)
Road bridge over the SECCHIA at SAN PANCRAZIO (Sheet 74, L 544692)
Road bridge at PONTE DEL BACCHELLO (Sheet 75, L 619772)
Road bridge in MODENA (Town Plan 56706775).

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b) Roads (End Oct 44 - Source 498)

On the ABETONE-MODENA main road MT traffic was intense during the night hours, mostly proceeding northwards. There was also a considerable amount of horse and ox-drawn traffic, transporting [illegible] German materials. German transport columns were invariably escorted by armoured cars, owing to the fear of Partisan attacks. At PIEVEPELAGO there is a distribution centre for German northbound traffic.

4. Concentration Camps (5 Sep 44 - Source 534)

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L 8954

Concentration camp for Italians in the "Red Barracks" at CORTICELLA. Men who have been rounded up are collected there before deportation to GERMANY.

5. Miscellaneous (Sep 44 - Source 534)

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D. PERSONALITIES

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Col	RINALDI Giuseppe	OC No 1 Military Hospital, BOLOGNA (Sep 44).
Capitano	SEVERINO	Adjt No 1 Military Hospital, BOLOGNA. (Sep 44).
"	EMILIANI	Admin Offr No 1 Military Hospital, BOLOGNA. (Sep 44).
Col	SCAGLIETTI	OC No 2 Military Hospital, CESENA (Sep 44).
Maggiore	CERLINO	OC No 7 Military Hospital, IMOLA (Sep 44)
Capitano	PASQUINI Carlo	Admin Offr " " " "
"	RICCI	Surgeon " " " "
"	BARBIERI	Pharmacist " " " "
Tenente	RAGUGA Gerbero	Hospital " " " "
"	BONONCINI	OC Stores " " " "
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This report contains information on the MONTE ROSA Division.

Translation of extracts from detailed interrogations by SIB/CSDIC of two deserters from 3 BTN. of 1 Alpini Regt and of two members of 25 "C.U.E.I.O." Recce Unit.

Source	No	501	SIB Ref	122	AB
"	"	509	" "	128	AB
"	"	510	" "	128	AB
"	"	522	" "	131	AB

Maps used: ITALY 1: 25,000 Sheets 96 II SW & 96 II NE
1: 100,000 Sheets 70, 83 & 96.

A. MONTE ROSA

Information on the composition and general organization of the MONTE ROSA Division will be found in Report No CSDIC/SIB/AB 86.

Source 501 is a 19-year-old carpenter from LUCCA, who deserted in Nov 44 from 1 Pl 2 Sqn 23 Recce Unit. Reliability fair.

Source 509 is a 20-year-old draughtsman from BERGAMO, who served with the sigs pl, 15 Coy 3 BTN. Bn, 1 Alpini Regt from Apr to Oct 44 and then deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 510 is a 20-year-old draughtsman from VERONE, who served in the gun pl, 15 Coy 3 BTN. Bn, 1 Alpini Regt, from Apr to Oct 44 and then deserted. Reliability fair.

Source 522 is a 23-year-old regular Bersaglieri officer from REGGIO CALABRIA who was captured by the Germans and sent to a PW camp in GERMANY. He volunteered for the Republican Army and was posted to the Recce Unit of the MONTE ROSA Div. On 16 Nov 44, during an Allied attack, he surrendered together with nine of his men. Reliability fair.

B. 3 BTN. of 1 Alpini Regt

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1. Locations (6 Nov 44 - Source 509)
Bn HQ at [illegible], NE of stone quarry ("Cava di Sassi"), in a

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" " 522 " " 131 AB

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A. [redacted]

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B. 3 [redacted] Bn 1 Alpini Regt

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00770250 1. Locality (8 Nov 44 - Source 509)
Bn HQ at [redacted], NE of stone quarry ("Cava di Sassi"), in a building WEST of the road.

00790235 Bn HQ sigs pl (17 men) at [redacted], near the southern end of the CIPOLLAJO tunnel.

00800245 Food store and Bn kitchen near Bn HQ.
Bn field hospital in three wooden huts, measuring 5 x 3 m,

01840365 NW of CERRASSOLO, near the NE end of the road tunnel.
15 Coy in area between [redacted] (P 9904) and MONTE ALTISSIMO (P 9903)

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2. 15 Coy

a) Coy Organization and Strength (Nov 44 - Sources 509 & 510)

Coy consists of:

HQ
Gun Pl
Signals Pl
Pioneer Pl
Services Pl

WE strength was 340, which it actually reached before leaving GERMANY. Actual strength in Nov 44 was 154 men. A German WO was attached to Coy HQ as supervisor and a German sjt as interpreter. P.W.No was 86292/F.

b) Movements of Coy (Source 509)

19-21 Jul 44 - [illegible] by train.
21-24 " " - GENOA to CIVITAVECCHIA, where they encamped on the surrounding hills.
end Oct 44 - To front line, ANZI-MONTE ALTISSIMO sector.

c) Gun Pl (Nov 44 - Source 510)

(1) Organization and Strength

The Gun Pl consisted of:
One HQ Sec
Two Gun Secs
Two Ammo-carrier Secs
Two MT Secs.

WE strength was one offr, three NCOs and 81 ORs.
Actual strength was one offr, one NCO and about ten men (see below for losses and desertions).
HQ Sec consisted of:
One NCO section leader, armed with pistol
Two goniometer operators, armed with pistols
One range-taker armed with pistol
One mounted messenger armed with pistol
Two dismounted messengers armed with rifles G 98
One mtd orderly armed with pistol
One groom armed with rifle G 98
Two drivers armed with rifles G 98
One batman " " rifle G 98.
Each gun sec consisted of:
One Sec leader [illegible] armed with pistol
One layer, [illegible] with pistol
One loa[illegible] layer armed with rifle G 98

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19-21 Jul 44 - [illegible] by train.
21-24 " " - CERCA to CHIAVARI, where they encamped on the surrounding hills.
end Oct 44 - To front line, MONTE-SONTE ALTISSIMO sector.

c) Gun Pl (Nov 44 - Source 510)

(i) Organization and Strength

The Gun Pl consisted of:
One HQ Sec
Two Gun Secs
Two Ammo-carrier Secs
Two WT Secs.
WE strength was one offr, three NCOs and 61 ORs.
Actual strength was one offr, one NCO and about ten men (see below for losses and desertions).
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One mounted messenger armed with pistol
Two dismounted messengers armed with rifles G 98
One mtd orderly armed with pistol
One groom armed with rifle G 98
Two drivers armed with rifles G 98
One batman " " rifle G 98.
Each gun sec consisted of:
One Sec leader [illegible] No 1, armed with pistol
One layer, armed with pistol
One loader/ammunition driver armed with rifle G 98
One assistant layer " " " "
One assistant loader " " " "
Two gun drivers " " rifles G 98
Five men, armed with rifles G 98, to pass ammo to the loaders
Six drivers, with mules, are also attached to each sec.

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Each arm-carrier sec consisted of:
One Sec leader
Six carriers, who carry the arm from the magazine to the gun
Six men who hand the shells to the gun crew.
Each Wt sec consisted of:
One sjt sec leader
Four operators with one "DOM" set (range 7 Km MT; 10-12 Km MT)

(ii) Armament and Ammunition

The Gun Pl had:
One 75/9 gun, which could be dismantled into 12 parts for man-handling or into 6 parts for pack tpt; wooden wheels.
One 75/9 gun which could NOT be dismantled, with rubber-tyred wheels; this gun replaced a similar one which had been destroyed.
Pl allotment of ammn on 31 Oct 44 was 345 HE shells and 48 A Tk shells. On 7 Nov 44, when Pl relieved a German unit in the line, it took over 248 HE shells from the Germans and handed over to them its allotment as as above.
Individual armament consisted of rifles G 98 with sixty rounds and one hand-grenade per man. 32 rounds were carried for each pistol.

(iii) Personnel

The men of the gun Pl were of the 1922-25 classes, most of them 1924-5. They were recruited in ITALY and sent to GERMANY for trg. They come from the provinces of VARESE, BERGAMO, VICENZA and MILAN. Most of them intended to desert at the first opportunity.

(iv) Losses and Desertions

26 Jul 44 - Three killed and six wounded, one gun and 100 shells destroyed, during an air raid on the bridge at CARAVAGGIO (Sheet 83, P 2939).
Aug 44 - Fifteen men sent to ALESSANDRIA to fetch mules. Failed to return.
23 Oct 44 - Twelve men deserted before the Pl left CHIAVARI for the front.
11 Nov 44 - Two NCOs and twenty-two men deserted while

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11 Nov 44 - Two NCOs and twenty-two men deserted while in the line, some joining the Partisans and others crossing to Allied-occupied territory.

(v) Movements of the Pl

24 Jul 44 - Pl reached CHIAVARI
26 Jul 44 - 1 Gun Sec virtually destroyed at CARASCO (P 2939)
27 Jul 44 - 2 Gun Sec sent to TRIGORIOSSA (P 3041) to protect Div HQ against Partisan attacks.
22 Oct 44 - Pl reassembled at CHIAVARI
27 Oct 44 - OC and nineteen men of the Pl, with the two guns, reached ROCCHO (Sheet 96, L 0811).

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31 Oct 44 - [illegible] one gun sent into shop to [illegible] (recoil pl). One gun had to be [illegible] (by enemy artillery owing to lack of recoil).

9 Nov 44 - Assembly of the pl (Pittsburgh unit) with the guns, received on 3/Nov.

11 Nov 44 - On way to join regiment gun overturned and was damaged. Removed unserviceable.

d) Signal Pl (Nov 44 - Strength 3-0-)

(i) Organization and Strength

HQ of the Sig Pl was
One OC
One 2 i/c
One Sergeant
Six NT Sets (Nos 19 and five Nos 22 in each)
Four Switchboard Sets (One BD and three Nos 1 in each)
One Telephone Switchboard Set (Three sets)
Two Intercommunication Sets (One BD and two Nos 1 in each)
One Linesman Set (One BD and four sets).
Total NT strength - 37 sets
Actual strength - 37 sets.

Photographic unit was used to obtain NCO operators for ordinary telephone sets, [illegible] 1 Nos, ground radio army Nos [illegible].

(ii) Equipment

Four "ICOM" NT sets
Two "ICOM" " "
Eight km of wire in 1-km rolls
Eight sm telephones
One 10-line telephone switchboard
Two portable phone sets.

(iii) [illegible]

Daily [illegible] consisted of firing a .30 carbine rounds or rifle or P 38 pistols with [illegible]

(iv) Engagements by Sig Pl

[illegible] - Engaged in OPERATIONS

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Six 47 Sets (One 100 and Five 200 ft each)
Four Switchboard Sets (One 400 and Four 200 ft each)
One Telephone Switchboard Set (Three Men)
Two Field Telephone Sets (One 400 and One 200 ft each)
One Telephone Set (One 1000 and Four 200 ft),

Total WT Equipment - 37 Sets
Actual strength - 37 Sets.

Photographic team was used to erect the cable for ordinary telephone use, e.g. Counter-Battery, Wireless, Lines, ground under army Signals etc.

(ii) Equipment

Four "LORA" WT Sets
Two "MERA" " "
Eight km of wire in Line mile
Eight Telephones
One 10-line telephone switchboard
Two Field telephone sets.

(iii) Armament

Total load armament consisted of rifles & 30 rounds of ammunition per rifle or 9 MM pistols which is reserve per man.

(iv) Line routes of the HQ

24 Col Ll - From Post Office to CHILWELL
27 Col Kk - By Lorry to 30 Sig (Sheet 96 I SW) and CHILWELL to CAMPSFIELD.
28 Col Ll - From Post Office to CHILWELL (Sheet 96 II SW & 96A)

3. Miscellaneous (Row Ll - Column 305-310) 3887

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Fifty persons with forty cables brought supplies to the Bn. They were stationed on Column 28 at the road tunnel at Mile. They returned to Depot from CHILWELL every day and brought that to the Bn. A Signal Dog was attached to each units by sticking close to platoon. While the Bn was at CHILWELL, young men of the Division were trained by 30 replace casualties.

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C. 23 "CADELO" Recce Unit

1. History and Movements (Source 522)

The Recce unit of MONTE ROSA Div was formed at FELDSTEITEN from men of 25 Bersaglieri Assault Bn, three coys of which (SIENA, ROMA and MILANO Coys) were sent from ITALY to GERMANY. With the exception of a few who volunteered to remain with the unit, the Bersaglieri offrs were substituted by others who had until then been interned in PW camps in GERMANY. The name "CADELO" commemorates the former OC of the unit, Maggiore Girolamo CADELO, who was killed by Partisans in Oct 44.
Subsequent movements of the unit were:
27 Jul 44 - From GERMANY by rail to ARQUATA SCRIVIA (Sheet 70,O 9479)
27-29 Jul 44 - On bicycles to BORZONASCA (Sheet 83, P 3347)
29 Jul- 2 Nov 44 - Mopping-up operations against Partisans in BORZONASCA area.
2 Nov 44 - On foot to BORGONOVO (Sheet 83, P 3347)
3 Nov 44 - by lorry to SAN DONNINO (Sheet 96, L 0516)

2. Locations (9 Nov 44 - Source 501)

Sheet 96 II NE 14100612

HQ, with 1 (light) Sqn and 3 (Heavy) Sqn at SAN DONNINO.
2 (light) Sqn in the vicinity of CANTOMBLOCI cemetery, with orders to fight to the last.
1 Pl was at L 13950628
2 Pl " " L 14280633
OP " " L 14300623
Source was told by the OC 1 Pl that the squadron was supported by a tp of guns between CASCIO (L 1205) and CASTELNUOVO DI GARFAGNANA.

3. Organisation, Strength and Personnel

a)(Nov 44 - Source 501)
23 Recce Unit consisted of:
HQ
1 (Light) Sqn
2 (Light) Sqn
3 (Heavy) Sqn,
After the death of Maggiore CADELO, the unit was commanded by [illegible]an captain. Almost all the offrs were from the Militia. Most of the men belonged to the 1923, 1924 and 1925 classes and many of them had been in 34 and 96 Militia

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(Sheet 70,O 9479)

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b) Light Sqns (Nov 44 -Sources 501 & 522)

(i) Each Light Sqn consisted of HQ and four Pls, 3 of which 1, 2 and 3 Pls were light and 4 Pl heavy. WE strength of each Sqn was 210 all ranks, actual strength about 160.

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(ii) Each light Pl had four secs of eleven men each (actual strength in the line, nine men), viz:
One sec leader, armed with carbine G 98
One man carrying MG 42, armed with pistol
One ammo-carrier, armed with pistol and carrying two boxes of 300 rounds each.
One ammo-carrier, armed with rifle and carrying one box of 300 rounds and one spare barrel.
One rifleman, armed with rifle and carrying four belts of 50 rounds each and one spare barrel.
One rifleman, carrying cupdischarger and ten grenades.
One rifleman, with semi-automatic rifle and 120 rounds.
One rifleman with telescopic rifle and 90 rounds.
Two riflemen with rifles and 90 rounds each.
One 2 IC with rifle and 80 rounds.
Each of the last six men also carried four 50-round belts for the MG.
All men were mounted on bicycles.

(iii) The heavy Pl in a light Sqn consisted of:
HQ (OC and three messengers)
Two MG secs (each with two MG 42)
One Mortar Sec with two German 8.1 cm mortars.
MCs were to have been issued for tpt of the wpns, but never arrived, and wpns had to be carried on mules or in the sqn or unit HQ lorries.

Each MG sec consisted of:
Two gun-cadrs (the senior of whom was sec leader), armed with pistols.
Two wpn-carriers, armed with pistols.
Two tripod-carriers, " " "
Four ammo-carriers, armed with rifles.
Two motor-cyclists, " " "

Mortar Sec consisted of:
One NCO sec leader, who also acted as 2 IC Pl
Two NCO mortar-cadrs, armed with pistols
Two base-plate carriers " " "
Two barrel-carriers " " "
Two bipod-carriers " " "
Four ammo-carriers " " "
Two " cyclists " " "

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120 rounds.
One rifleman with telescopic rifle and 90 rounds.
Two riflemen with rifles and 90 rounds each.
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Two base-plate carriers " " "
Two barrel-carriers " " "
Two bipod-carriers " " "
Four ammn-carriers " " "
Two motor-cyclists " " "

Total strength of a heavy Pl was one offr and 42 ORs.

Allotment of ammn was:
1500 rounds for each MG
45 shells " " mortar
80 rounds " " rifle (5 in the magazine, 50 in the pouches and 25 in the haversack).
32 rounds for each pistol.
2 hand-grenades for each man.

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c) Heavy Sqn (Nov 44 - Source 501)

This consisted of:

HQ
1 (Pioneer) Pl.
2 (Cavalary gun) Pl, armed with 75mm I.I.G.18 guns.
3 (A Tk gun) Pl, armed with 75 mm PAK 38 guns.

3. F.P.Nos.

1 Sqn 81590/B
2 Sqn 81590/C
3 Sqn 81590/D

4. Desertions

Up to beg Nov 44 only twenty men from the Recce Unit had deserted, very few compared with other units in the MONTE ROSA Div.

D. PERSONALITIES

1. 3 BTR: Bn 1 Alpini Regt (Nov 44 - Source 509 & 510)

Capitano	MARCARINO	Brother of Maggiore MARCARINO, OC of 2 BARSANO Bn. OC 15 Coy until Oct 44, when he was replaced by
Tenente	RICCIONE Renato	formerly OC sigs Pl. At the moment in hospital.
S.Ten	PACIE	OC Pioneer Pl and acting OC Coy since RICCIONE went to Hospital.
S.Ten	LOMI	OC Gun Pl.

2. 23 "CADELO" Recce Unit (Nov 44 - Sources 521 & 522)

Maggiore	CADELO Girolamo	OC until end Oct 44 when he was killed by Partisans in revenge for his having three Partisans shot. Succeeded by a German capt, whose name Sources do NOT know.
Tenente	ROCCARINO Enio	Adjt. Volunteered to remain with unit when it was formed in GERMANY.
S.Tenente	VALPARAISO	Ordnance offr and asst to OC.
Tenente	POLETTO	OC 1 Sqn
Tenente	ZIRON Nicola	OC 2 Sqn. Ex Militia.
Tenente	ALFERA	OC 3 Sqn.
S.Tenente	CAVICCHIA	OC 1 Pl 1 Sqn
S.Tenente	CARACCIOLO	OC 2 Pl 1 Sqn
Maresciallo	LODONI	OC 3 Pl 1 Sqn.
S.Tenente	ROMAGNOLI	OC 4 Pl 1 Sqn. Volunteer.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Killed in Oct 44 and

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Tenente	FOLETTO	OC 1 Sqn
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Tenente	ALBERA	OC 3 Sqn.
S.Tenente	CAVICCHIA	OC 1 Pl 1 Sqn
S.Tenente	CARACCIOLO	OC 2 Pl 1 Sqn
Maresciallo	IACOPONI	OC 3 Pl 1 Sqn.
S.Tenente	ROMAGNOLI	OC 4 Pl 1 Sqn. Volunteer.
S.Tenente	BALESTRINO Dino	OC 1 Pl 2 Sqn. Killed in Oct 44 and succeeded by
Maresciallo	CARBONI Raffaello	Present OC 1 Pl 2 Sqn.
S.Tenente	MICHELI	OC 2 Pl 2 Sqn. Ex Bersagliere.
S.Tenente	PENNISI	OC 3 Pl 2 Sqn until Oct when he was wounded by Partisans and sent to hospital at ALESSANDRIA; succeeded by
Serg Magg	PORCU	Present OC 3 Pl 2 Sqn.

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S. Tenente	TREPICCIANO	OC 4 Pl 2 Sqn. Ex Bersagliere.
Leutnant	RAIMAR (?)	German offr who, with two sjts, is attached to HQ 2 Sqn.
S.Tenente	MUSSA Marco	OC Pioneer Pl, 3 Sqn.
S.Tenente	PARESCE	OC Cav gun Pl, 3 Sqn.
S.Tenente	REITHER	OC A Tk gun Pl, 3 Sqn.
S.Tenente	CERULLO	Former Welfare Offr; in Sep 44 transferred to Div Mil Tribunal.
S.Tenente	CAVARANO	Ordnance offr, wounded 1 Sep 44 in air raid on BORZONASCA.
S.Tenente	PROVENZANO	MT offr.

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B. REPUBLICAN FORCES

1. Locations

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Sheet 56 III SE 03662819 a) TURIN (Mid Sep 44 - Source 517)
Black Brigade HQ in the Casa LITTORIA, under Ten Col GAI.

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b) NOVARA (2 Aug 44 - Source 516)

(i) Recruiting centre for Italian SS in a modern building on the western outskirts of the town. Strength of the SS is believed to be about 300 men, offrs and NCOs being armed with MPs and the men with carbines, pistols and hand-grenades. They are all very young and have been given carte blanche to do what they like with persons or property.

(ii) 200 volunteers of very young classes quartered in the PASSALACQUA barracks. They form a "Special Corps" and wear all kinds of uniforms, Italian or German, without any special badge. They are said to be employed to spy on troops in the various barracks. Their OC is a Ten Col.

2. Operations against Partisans (Mid Sep 44 - Sources 515 & 518)

In the Province of CUNEO Republican police units were generally mixed with Germans and operated under the supervision of German offrs. Whereas the Germans are tending to mitigate their ferocity, atrocities committed by the Republicans are on the increase, especially against Partisans.
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3. Training Schools (Jun 44 - Source 519)(Cf CSDIC/CMF/SDU/AB 62)

Source attended the third course at No 1 School for Inf Offrs in the Citadel at ALESSANDRIA. Object of the course is to ascertain fitness to command troops. Length of the course varies; the first lasted one month, the third about three months. Pupils are regular or reserve offrs of ranks up to captain. They form a bn divided into five coys and the instruction is that normally given at an OCTU. A German major supervises the school.

C. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

Sheet 56 III SE 02802345

a) TURIN (Early Sep 44 - Sources 515 & 518)

(i) Offices of KESSELRING and his staff are nominally in Corso GALILEO FERRARIS, but actually there are only a few offrs and ORs in the building.

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(ii) Unspecified German HQ, often visited by Kesselring at the Villa RONA.

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(iii) Mot arty bn encamped on both sides of the TURIN-STUPINIGI road near RONDO BERNARDO. Source saw guns of various types, but mostly 150 mm; vehs had distinguishing mark consisting of a triangular flag and two red disks on a black background.

b) IVREA (30 Oct 44 - Source 519)

Sheet 42 J 2271

Garrison HQ in the "..." PERRONE" barracks.

c) NOVARA (2 Aug 44 - Source 516)

(i) About fifty Germans of a police unit, under a captain, occupy part of the PASSALACQUA barracks. They round up suspects and subject them to torture to make them talk. They have numerous requisitioned vehs.

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d) ASTI (10 Aug 44 - Source 517)

(i) HQ of an unspecified Div in the Hotel SOLE.

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(ii) Garrison HQ in Palazzo LITTORIO.

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c) CURSO (Early Sep 44 - Sources 515 & 518)

(i) HQ of German troops operating in area VAL STURA - French frontier-COL DI TENDA in the Villa MERTANA, Corso DANTE. About fifty telephone wires radiate in various directions from this HQ, which also has a WT stn.

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(ii) A general and other staff offrs working at the above HQ live in the Villa FERRARIS at SALUZZO.

Sheet
80 II SW
08755215

f) MONDOVI' (27 Sep 44 - Sources 515 & 518)

(i) German SS HQ under Maj WERNER in a villa at MONDOVI'. While the Major was directing mopping-up operations round ENTRACQUE he was replaced by Lt BOLDT. The villa is NOT marked on the map.

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(ii) Billeting offrs of an unknown formation have requisitioned Villa BRIOCHETTO. The first offr to take up quarters in this vicinity was an arty major who established himself in Villa MASI. Quarters for guard troops are in a villa at MR. Mot vehs are parked in the grounds under the trees.

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Sheet 56
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g) CHIERI (Mid Jun 44 - Source 498)

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2. Troop Movements (End Sep 44 - Sources 515 & 518)

About 10,000 men, many of them Austrians, Czechs and Ukrainians, passed through the CUNEO-MONDOVI'-CEVA area on their way back from PROVENCE, where they had been engaged in the CANNES area. They included Inf, HD arty (with animals requisitioned in the Alpine zone and in very poor condition) and not heavy arty. All unit signs had been removed. They moved chiefly at night and were frequently held up by damage to roads caused by aerial bombardment or sabotage.

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3. Communications (27 Oct 44 - Source 509)

Owing to the interruption of the rly line by air raids, traffic on the road between SPEZIA and LA SPEZIA is very heavy. Supplies for the front line are also conveyed by sea from GENOA to LA SPEZIA on "bettoline", which Source describes as resembling small one-funnel steamers. Source saw some of these craft attacked by Allied aircraft and believes that they are armed with two 20 mm MG and one small AA gun. They each have a crew of about twenty men. Generally each convoy consists of about twenty "bettoline" in groups of two or three. Distance between individual "bettoline" in a group is about 300 m and between groups from one to three km. Five of them were sunk by Allied aircraft in Aug 44 and Source heard from civilians that between Jan and Oct 44 about thirty had been sunk.

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4. Morale and Atrocities (Mid Sep 44 - Sources 515 & 518)

In PIEDMONT the number of atrocities committed by Germans has been steadily declining in recent months, possibly as a result of the decline in German morale. There seems to be a tendency to withdraw from western PIEDMONT all troops of pure German race, leaving the defence of this area to Austrians, Czechs, Poles, Ukrainians etc.

D. AIR

1. Air Raid Damage (27 Oct 44 - Source 509)

Sheet 94 P 284336 Although it has been attacked at least ten times, the road bridge on the GENOA-SESTRI LEVANTE road at LAVAGNA has never been hit.

2. Airfields (Early Sep 44 - Sources 515 & 518)

The Germans have demolished the runways, hangars, stores and workshops on the following airfields in PIEDMONT:

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LEVALDIGI	" " N 9471)
SAVIGLIANO	" " N 9083)
AIRASCA	" 68, H 8412)

The above airfields have been ploughed up.

E. PERSONALITIES

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Magg Art Oss	COLONNA	Republican. Collaborates with Germans.
Ten Pil	FUSO	
Cap Pil	GIUNTELLA Marco	Republican.

b) NOVARA (Jul 44 - Source 515)

Maggiore	TURRIS	OC 9 Bn 3 Alpini Regt
Capitano	OLIVIERO	OC 11 Coy 9 Bn 3 Alpini Regt
Tenente	[illegible]ERINI Cesare	In " " " " " "
S. Tenente	DALL'OLIO Guido	" " " " " " "

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c) No 1 School for Inf Offrs, ALESSANDRIA (Jun 44 - Source 519)

Colonnello	ANGELINI	OC School
Maggiore	DE CARLO	OC School Bn
Tenente	[illegible]EDOLIS	OC one of the coys.

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d) MONDOVI' (Sep 44 - Sources 515 & 518)

Colonnello	DACORD Giacinto	OC Military District HQ
Maggiore	BALBASSO	In Mobilization Office
Capitano	NUARA	In charge of military stores
Tenente	ROSSI Biagio	Republican volunteer
S.Ten G.A.R.I.	MILETA Giovanni	" "
Tenente	PERELLO Gaspare	Volunteered for Republican Army and was sent to HAMBURG
Capitano	RAMONI Guido	Fascist propagandist
S.Tenente	RICCIARDI	Italian SS. OC mopping-up dets.
Capitano	TINTO	Officer in the "ETTORE MUTI".
Capitano	GERMANO	Sicilian ougroffr. In charge of mil stores at MONDOVI' airfield. Sold foodstuffs from the S&N QUENTINO dump on the open market.
Maresciallo	MIGLIASSO Leone	Mechanic and instrument expert at airfield.
"	LEONE Camillo	Mechanic at airfield. Republican.
"	CAMILLI	Flying instructor. Collaborates with Germans.
"	BENTI	Republican. At Military District HQ.
"	TESSORE Michele	Informer
Major	WEBER	German SS
Captain	SCHMIDT	" "
Lt	BOLDT	" "

e) Miscellaneous (Sep 44 - Sources 515 & 518)

Col A.A.r.c.	MENICHI Federico	OC Commissariat, Air Force Centre, MILAN.
Magg A.A.r.c.	RAMNI	In Commissariat, Air Force Centre, MILAN.
Maggiore	RUGGERI	In charge of mobilization for forced labour, TURIN.
Cap A.A.r.s.	REVELLI	At CERVERE airfield. Republican

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Source 461 is a 20-year-old police agent from PERUGIA, who from Feb 44 until 15 Oct 44 served at a frontier post in the TERAMO area. Intelligent and fairly reliable.

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Source 503 is a 25-year-old insurance clerk from BOLOGNA. Reliability fair.

Source 506 is a 17-year-old mechanic from BARI, sharp-witted and precise in his statements. Reliability fair.

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Source 516 is a 20-year-old Alpino from FLORENCE, of mediocre intelligence. Reliability fair.

B. REPUBLICAN FORCES

1. Locations

Town Plan 23996378

a) MILAN (Mid Sep 44 - Source 493)

(i) HQ ALDO RESEGA Black Brigade, under COSTA, the Federal Commissioner, in the Fascist Federation offices in Piazza SANSEPOLCRO.

25356463

(ii) Secret Police (ex OVRA) HQ in Corso VENEZIA.

Sheet 19 IV SE 04904337

b) TIRANO (15 Oct 44 - Source 461)

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05204305

(ii) About fifty men of the Frontier Militia, under Tenente Aldo BACCHINI, in the former Carabinieri barracks.

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(iii) About 100 men of the Customs Guard in the former 5 Alpini Regt barracks. Although they are paid regularly, they do NO service and walk about the town unarmed.

c) VENICE (11 Jul 44 - Source 459)

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The unit sign was: 

The two letters are embroidered in yellow on a small rectangle of grey-green cloth, worn on the cap and on the right sleeve.

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C. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

Town Plan 28976670

a) MILAN (End Aug 44 - Source 503)

Flak HQ at MILAN. Numerous telephone wires lead to the building. Personnel consists of one major, five junior officers and ten ORs.

b) MONZA (Sep 44 - Source 465)

Sheet 45 I NW 31527748 31707755 31857725 31657720

(i) Source was told on what he believes to be reliable authority that KESSELRING's GHQ and other German HQs were to be transferred from BOLOGNA to MONZA in early Sep. About the middle of Sep a whole quarter of the town, between MRs, was requisitioned. The inhabitants of half of the houses were told to leave at once, while the inhabitants of the others were told that they would have to leave by Sep 28.

(ii) The OC Police and SD in Northern ITALY has his office in MONZA. Exact location NOT known.

(iii) Flak[illegible] is in the premises of the Opera Nazionale Balilla.

c) VAL TELLINA (15 Oct 44 - Source 461)

(i) SONDRIO

There are about 1000 SS in the town, engaged in mopping up Partisans in the VAL TELLINA. Source does NOT know where they are quartered.

(ii) TIRANO

Sheet 19 37 SE 04704527

About thirty men, over forty years of age and commanded by a capt, are quartered at the Albergo TIRANO, which is surrounded by a barbed-wire fence.

d) MESTRE (2nd Oct 44 - Source 516)

Sheet 54 C 628586

Numerous German infantrymen in the EDMONDO MATTER barracks, on Route 13, 500 m NORTH of the level crossing. The barracks is on the eastern side of the road. The Germans occupy the northern part of the barracks, the other part being occupied by Republican troops. There are about fifty horses and six or seven lorries in the barracks. In one shed there is a workshop.

e) VENICE

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e) VENICE

(i) (11 Jul 44 - Source 459)

Platzkommandantur in the Royal Palace, Piazza SAN MARCO. SS HQ also in Piazza SAN MARCO, in the premises of the "Assicurazioni Generali".

(ii) (30 Oct 44 - Source 460)

All the hotels on the LIDO, which has been declared a military area, are occupied by soldiers and naval ratings. Orders to the civilian population to evacuate have remained a dead letter owing to the impossibility of accommodating them in VENICE.

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2. Methods (Sep 44 - Source 465)

In MILAN the Germans have built walls round all edifices used as HQs. These walls are of concrete and sentries are constantly on duty at the firing slits. The walls are about 2 m high and 40 cm thick, and in front of them there are barbed wire fences.

3. Concentration Camps (May 44 - Source 503)

Sheet 62
P 514235

At FRASSINE, near MANTUA, there is a concentration camp, where about 10,000 Italian ex-soldiers (and some officers) are confined. They are to be deported in batches, presumably to GERMANY, and the first batch left on 23 May. The camp is quadrangular in shape and covers an area of about 700,000 square metres. It is guarded by eight sentries, armed with MPs, stationed at each corner and half-way down each side. Camp staff consists of one German senior offr, assisted by 12-15 junior offrs and NCOs. The prisoners are accommodated in large tents, without distinction of rank, each tent holding about 200 men. There is an infirmary under a German doctor and NO lack of the ordinary, indispensable medicinals. Prisoners do NOT receive any extra rations while in the infirmary.

D. AIR RAID DAMAGE

1. VENICE (15 Aug 44 - Source 460)

Sheet 51 II NW
C 70005045

As a result of an air raid, the hospital ship FREIBURG, lying at MR, was slightly damaged by bomb splinters. One of the small steamers plying in the lagoon was also hit and thirty passengers were killed. Some of the stained-glass windows of St. MARK's church were shattered.

E. NAVAL

1. VENICE (30 Sep 44 - Source 460)

C 70005045

Two hospital ships are generally moored off the Punta della DOGANA. One of them is the FREIBURG, and the other, of which Source does NOT know the name, has two funnels. Four corvettes armed with 20 mm MG and small guns, one of them the MELPOMENE, have been moored for about a month alongside the RIVA DELL'IMPERO, where there are also two camouflaged tank-carrying craft and some tugs.

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F. PERSONALITIES

1. VENICE (Jul 44 - Source 459)

Colonnello	MONACO	OC Provincial HQ Republican Army
Console	MORELLI	OC Provinicial HQ GNR
Capitano	SCANZIANI	Secretary to MORELLI. Native of MILAN.
"	FRANCESI	Adjt to MORELLI.
"	RIZZO	Formerly OC Carabinieri at S.M. ZACCARIA, now at Provincial HQ Republican Army.

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Tenente	LUXARDO	At Provincial HQ Republican Army.
"	ZANI	Head of the U.P.I. (Political Investigation Office).

2. Swimmers & Parachutists Bn, SAN MARCO Regt, IPSOLO (5 Aug 44 - Source 499)

Source gave the following names in addition to those mentioned in CSDIC/CMF/SDM/AB 70 and 77:

Tenente	ASTARITA	Admin Officer
"	PICCHIANI	OC 1 Coy
"	MANNELLI	OC 4 Coy
"	LENETTI	OC 5 Coy
Capitano	ORCFINO	Tried by court martial and shot on charge of having been in contact with Partisans.

3. Miscellaneous (Sep 44 - Source 465)

Ten Col	MENGI Pietro	Head of Mobilisation Office, Provincial HQ, MILAN.
Ten Col	OLDANI Giulio	OC Military District, MONZA.
Capitano	LUSSONI	In Map Department of Republican General Staff, TURIN. Collaborates with SS.

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Italian Interpreter to CSDIC.

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This report contains information on the Republican and German forces in EMILIA, TUSCANY and LIGURIA

Translation of extracts from detailed interrogations by SDM/CSDIC of nine Italians.

Source	462	SDM Ref	115 AB
"	492	" "	121 AB
"	493	" "	121 AB
"	494	" "	125 AB
"	495	" "	125 AB
"	496	" "	125 AB
"	503	" "	122 AB
"	507	" "	127 AB
"	508	" "	127 AB

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

A. PROBABLE

Source 462 is a 30-year-old ex S[illegible]-major from MILANO. Reliability fair.

Source 492 is a 37-year-old surveyor from PARMA. Reliability fair.

Source 493 is a 55-year-old Mercantile Marine engineer from LA SPEZIA, who has been serving with a Partisan band. He has a good memory, but his map-reading is poor and his locations can NOT be considered accurate. Reliability fair.

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Source 507 is a 24-year-old trader from BENEVENTO. Reliability fair.

Source 506 is a 51-year-old farmer from BOLOGNA. Reliability fair.

B. REPUBLICAN FORCES

1. Locations

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a) PARMA (19 Oct 44 - Source 493)

Town Plan
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HQ of Black Brigade at 1R. There are three check-posts, each manned by about twelve men of this brigade, at 1Rs.

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b) MODENA Area.

(i) (2 Nov 44 - Source 508)
GNR Legion HQ in the former Military Academy, under Console PELOSI. There are about 500 men there, very badly equipped.

Town Plan
56376604

(ii) (Sep 44 - Source 462)
In the GALLUPPI Barracks in Via SARACCENI were:
One "Public Order" Coy under Tenente SILVESTRI.
One "Territorial" Coy under Capitano MALAGUTI.
One Bn Black Brigade, composed of Tuscans.
Capitano MALAGUTI was in command of the barracks, having succeeded Maggiore Arturo MORI in Apr 44.
The "Public Order" Coy had a total strength of sixty men, divided into two pls of six secs each. The men were armed with carbines and 91, while almost all the offrs had MPs. In addition to these, there were ten MPs which were issued to ORs when engaged in round-ups.
72 GNR Legion Tpt sec was also in this barracks and consisted of one NCO (Source), four drivers and two DRs, with the following vehs:
One SPA T.L. 37
One FIAT BALILLA 508
One FIAT 1100
One FIAT 1500
One SPA 38 R
Two Fiat 626 lorries
One GUZZI ALCE light truck
One GUZZI ALCE MC
One [illegible] 500 MC
One [illegible] 500 MC with sidecar.
The sec drew its petrol from the Platzkommandantur.

(iii) (Early Oct 44 - Source 503)
About 25 men of the Black Brigade were quartered at SPILAMBERTO (Sheet 87, L 6353).

(iv) (18 Oct 44 - Source 503)
About 60 Italian SS under a Lt were quartered at CASTELFRANCO DELL'EMILIA (L 6660).

c BOLOGNA (End Oct 44 - Source 503)

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(iii) (Early Oct 44 - Source 503)
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(iv) (13 Oct 44 - Source 503)
About 60 Italian SS under a Lt were quartered at CASTELFRANCO DELL'EMILIA (L 6660).

c BOLOGNA (End Oct 44 - Source 503)

Town Plan 875439

(i) 9 Pioneer Bn quartered in 10 Cav Regt Barracks. It consists of specialist workmen, unarmed, under a Republican offr, and works for the Germans. 3867

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(ii) About a thousand "Volontari della Morte" (Suicide candidates), quartered near the barracks at the Porta D' AZEGLIO. It was rumoured that these men were to be left behind in the city when the Germans evacuated it, and would be employed as snipers.

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d) PONTREMOLI (12 Oct 44 - Sources 494 & 495)

Sheet 84
P 718402

About 70 men of the Black Brigade quartered in the premises of the Teachers' College (Istituto Magistrale), under the command of Tenente MORELLI, ex-stationmaster at PONTREMOLI. They are armed with MPs, hand-grenades and revolvers and have two BREDA automatic rifles.

e) MASSA area (13 Oct 44 - Source 496)

"LUPO" Br. of X Flotilla MAS was rounding up men, materials and cattle in the area.

B. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

a) MODENA Area

Town Plan
56656675

(i) (8 Oct 44 - Source 503)
Platzkommandantur and TODT office in the buildings of the Military Academy.
(ii)(End Oct 44 - Source 503)
SS HQ under a capt and three lts in the Carabinieri Barracks at C. SPILAMBERTO RAMONE (Sheet 86, L 5755). Some of the men are quartered in the barracks and some in the neighbourhood.
(iii) (18 Oct 44 - Source 503)
Halting place with hostel for tps in transit in an isolated villa NORTH of CASTELFRANCO DELL'EMILIA. On the date in question about forty soldiers of Lithuanian origin were staying there.
(iv) (2 Nov 44 - Source 508)
About 2000 SS quartered in private houses at COGNETO (Sheet 86, L 5165).

b) POGGIO RENATICO (20 Oct 44 - Source 507)

Seven or eight tanks of unspecified type and about ten armoured cars, camouflaged with foliage, were standing under the trees of the main square in POGGIO RENATICO (Sheet 76- H 0178).

c) VERONA Area

(i) (5 Nov 44 - Source 507)
Army HQ in Villa SANTUMBERTO (Sheet 96, L 7229), under

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56656675

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c) VERONA Area

(i) (5 Nov 44 - Source 507)
Arty HQ in Villa SANGUINEDO (Sheet 98, L 7229), under a major, a capt and two subalterns. Many field phone wires (on ground) run to the house.
(ii) (5 Nov 44 - Source 506)
German pack tpt unit of about 120 men under a capt and two subalterns at MALFOLLE (Sheet 98, L 7330). Source saw over fifty mules in the village. All stables are full, the cattle which were their previous occupants having been requisitioned.

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(iii) (5 Nov 44 - Source 506)
Many Germans in the village of MONTESICO (Sheet 87, L 7331). All private houses are occupied and tps are even quartered in the church, the campanile of which is being used as an OP.
(iv) (4 Oct 44 - Source 503)
About 400 Germans at VIRICA (Sheet 97, L 5330), some of them quartered in the village itself and some in the immediate vicinity. The offrs (one capt and two lts) are quartered in the Municipio.

d) PONTREMOLI Area (10 Oct 44 - Source 495)

Sheet 84 II SE
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(i) SS Coy of about 150 men encamped in the grounds of Villa PAVESI. The coy consists of about 150 men, divided into five pls. Unit armament: one small A tk gun, four MG 42, five MP of unspecified type. A number of motor vehs belonging to the coy parked under tall trees along the roads connecting Villa PAVESI with the PONTREMOLI-VILLAFRANCA IN LUNIGIANA Road.

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(ii) SS Coy of about 150 men quartered in four wooden huts measuring about 10 x 4 x 3 m, NORTH of TERLI. Some of the men were also quartered in private houses at 72503625 and 73433590. Unit armament consisted of an unspecified number of 8.1 cm mortars. HQ both of this and of the preceding coy in Villa PAVESI.

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(iv) Unspecified unit of about forty men encamped NW of MINUCCIO at MR. They guard the bridge over the MAGRIOLA Torrent and a dump of explosives.

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(v) Five German soldiers on guard duties at PONTREMOLI rly sta.

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(vi) Twenty-five men of an unspecified unit quartered in a private house SE of GUINADI at MR. They guard the neighbouring rly tunnel. Unit armament: one MG 34, one MG 42, one BREDA MG 37 and one Hungarian automatic rifle. The members commanded by a WO.

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divided into five pls. Unit armament: one small A tk gun, four MG 42, five MP of unspecified type. A number of motor vehs belonging to the coy parked under tall trees along the roads connecting Villa PAVESI with the PONTREMOLI-VILLA FRANCA. DI LUNIGIANA. Road.

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Sheet 84 II NW 635535 (vii) Unspecified unit of about eighty men, under an Austrian capt, quartered in the school at BORGO VAL DI TARO.

(viii) In the tunnel between GUELDI (P 6846) and BORGO VAL DI TARO there are about 700 goods trucks, most of them laden with machinery from the PONTRO TESNI ORLANDO shipyards at [illegible] SPEZIA; two trucks are laden with Italian 5 and 10 Lire silver coins; others contain leather, hides, civilian and military boots and other materials. Source heard this from the stationmaster and other railway men at BORGO VAL DI TARO.

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(ix) Goods trucks containing various materials are standing in all the tunnels on the line between PONTREMOLI and BORGO V.L DI TARO.

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(x) Source was told by railway-men that in the tunnel between MRs there are about sixty goods trucks, some of them laden with shells, while others are tankers full of petrol.

e) CASTELNUOVO NEI MONTI area (19 Oct 44 - Source 493)

About 1000 infantrymen quartered in the Municipio and the barracks at LAGHIRANO (Sheet 85, L 0365). OC is a major and unit armament consists of four or five small guns, flame-throwers and MGs. They train every morning in the bed of the torrent near the village. Their function is presumably the mopping-up of Partisans.

f) LA SPEZIA (23 Oct 44 - Source 496)

The garrison of LA SPEZIA consists only of about twenty (sic) Germans and about a hundred men of the Black Brigade. The harbour installations and arsenal have been demolished. There are NO ships left in the harbour and all AA guns have been withdrawn except for a few MGs.

2. 42 Jaeger Div (15 Oct 44 - Sources 494 and 495)

(Note: Sources have served with Partisans bands in the area, but their info on organisation should be treated with reserve).
25 Jaeger Regt of 42 Jaeger Div was in the area between COLLE CIPOLLAJO (Sheet 96, L 0001) and CASTELNUOVO DI GARFAGNANA (L 1308) and was occupying MONTE CORCHIA (L 0300), the PANIA DELLA CROCE, the PANIA SECCA, MONTE GROTTORONDO and MONTE ROTONDO (L 1107). Its total strength was about 3000 men, including many Austrians and Poles. The Regt consisted of two bns, each bn having four coys of about 400 men each. Regt HQ was at FILICAIA (L 0911). HQ of one of the bns was in the rly tunnel under the COLLE CIPOLLAJO.

3. PW and Concentration Camps

a) BOLOGNA (Oct 44 - Source 505)

Transit camp for PW in the vicinity of the race-course.

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a) BOLOGNA (Oct 44 - Source 503)

Transit camp for PW in the vicinity of the race-course.

b) PONTREMOLI (Oct 44 - Sources 494 and 495)

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About 300 civilians, of all ages but mostly men about thirty, rounded up in the areas of SARZANA and FIVIZZANO are in a concentration camp at MR. The camp is surrounded by a wire fence, with only one entrance, and is guarded by men from the Black Brigade unit at PONTREMOLI. The prisoners are used for work on the roads.

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4. Miscellaneous

Town Plan
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a) PISA (16 Oct 44 - Source 493)

The Sanatorium for Consumptives received orders to evacuate within 48 hrs. Source presumes that the buildings were to be taken over by German troops.

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b) MEYLAND MOSSI (17 Oct 44 - Source 493)

The petroleum wells, of which only three are now functioning, were closely guarded by German troops, because they had found out that large quantities of fuel were being secretly removed and handed over to the Partisans.

D. AIR RAID DAMAGE (23 Oct 44 - Source 496)

The MUGGIANO and ODERO TERNI shipyards at LA SPEZIA have been completely destroyed. During an air raid in Aug 44, an ASW dump at SAN BARTOLOMEO blew up.

E. AIRFIELDS (Jun 44 - Source 492)

PISA airfield was being enlarged and new runways being constructed. The airfield now occupies the whole of the triangle between VIAROLA (Sheet 73, L 0493), the rly bridge over the TARO (L 0286) and the road fork at CROCETTA (L 0786).

F. NAVAL (23 Oct 44 - Source 496)

The cruiser TARANTO, when hit by Allied aircraft, was being towed out to the mole to serve as a blockship, but was sunk before she reached her position. The cruiser BOLZANO has also been sunk. The passenger steamer MARCO POLO has been sunk as a blockship.

G. PERSONALITIES

a) MODENA (Sep 44 - Source 462)

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Console PLESSI	OC GNR Legion HQ.
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Capitano GNR MALAGUTI	OC GALLUFFI Barracks and OC "Territorial" Coy.

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D. [redacted] (Oct 44 - Source 496)

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E. AIRFIELDS (Jun 44 - Source 492)

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Maggiore GNR MORI Arturo	Ex OC G.ILLUPPI Barracks, now attached to Provincial HQ. Squadrista who fought in the Great War, the Abyssinian War and the Greek campaign. Commanded the firing squad which in Aug 44 shot twenty hostages in the main square at MODENA.

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Maggiore	BAGNI	In 72 Legion GNR
Capitano	REVETRIO	" " " "
"	FRIGERI	Admin offr 72 Legion GNR
Tenente	DE SANTIS	Formerly in Political Office, 72 Legion GNR, now in Questura.
"	SILVESTRI	OC "Public Order" Coy.

b) La SPEZIA (Aug 44 - Source 496)

Cap Vascello	BUSSOLA Mario	NOIC La SPEZIA
Cap Fregata	ARNASCH Michele	2 IC " "
Cap Vascello	RAIMONDO	OC Lighthouses and Beacons
Cap Vascello	ZOLI	OC Anti-Submarine School.

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Rapporto sull'annessionismo Valdostano

Marsiglia 16/11/44

Negli ultimi tempi i continui viaggi in Francia del Comandante Leonard e la venuta a Corse di alcune missioni Francesi fanno supporre che segreti accordi siano stati stipulati tra il Comando Settore alta e media Valle d'Aosta ed il Comando Francese circa una eventuale annessione della Val d'Aosta alla Francia.

Il Comandante Leonard ha da tempo provveduto a lasciare in Val d'Isère persone valdostane di sua fiducia, che sotto l'apparenza di espletare compiti militari circa il trasporto delle armi, non hanno altro incarico che di tenere un costante collegamento con le autorità francesi.

Gli articoli comparsi su " Combat " nella prima decade di novembre, dove si parla del 95% dei patrioti della Val d'Aosta che combattono per l'annessione starebbe a confermare tale ipotesi, poichè per quanto non sia da escludere un arbitrio dei giornalisti in questo senso, sembrerebbero suggeriti dagli elementi di cui sopra.

Il Generale Armand, avversario della corrente annessionistica è stato sottoposto ad un continuo sabotaggio, durante tutto il suo periodo di comando, da parte del Comando Settore, che, rappresentato quasi esclusivamente da valdostani si avvaleva dell'appoggio di tutte le formazioni valdostane della valle.

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In ultima analisi, il suddetto Comando di Settore, mascherando ideali di Italianità e di patriottismo, avrebbe fatto combattere le formazioni dipendenti per fini esclusivamente territoriali ed anti patriottici che esorbitano e sono contrari alla causa della liberazione e della indipendenza nazionale.

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2.a ZONA MILITARE

VALLE D'AOSTA

Marsiglia li 16 novembre 1944

RELAZIONE MILITARE E POLITICA SULLA VALLE D'AOSTA A TUTTO IL 2/11/1944

SITUAZIONE MILITARE

Nella 2.a metà di Ottobre, da parte di forti reparti nazi-fascisti, in prevalenza ucraini, furono condotti attacchi e rastrellamenti in grande stile contro le zone di: Valchiusella, Val Sesia e Val di Lanzo.

La conseguenza fu l'evacuamento delle valli in oggetto da parte delle formazioni partigiane che la presidiavano, dopo strenua difesa.

Le formazioni partigiane della destra orografica della valle d'Aosta, vennero perciò a trovarsi in grave pericolo causa l'impossibilità di una via di sbocco alla testata delle valli presidiate.

Il giorno 28 Ottobre ebbero inizio gli attacchi in val d'Aosta e da tale data fino al giorno 2 Nov. (data sotto la quale lo scrivente lasciò la valle unitamente alla banda di Cogne) diverse valli dovettero essere evacuate causa la forte pressione nazi-fascista. In particolare la situazione delle valli laterali, tutte confluenti nell'unico grande fondo valle, a tutto il 2 Nov. è la seguente:

DESTRA OROGRAFICA

Valle S. G. Bernardo	Occupata dai Tedeschi fin dai
Valgrisenche	primi di Agosto e Settembre
Val di Rhemes	Occupata dai Tedeschi in seguito al
Valsavarenche	rastrellamento del 2/11. Per Cogne si
Val di Cogne	allega rapporto a parte.
Val Clavalité	Presidiata ancora da nostre
Val di St. Marcel	formazioni
Val di Champorcher	Attaccata il 2 Nov. contemporaneamente a Rhemes, Savaranche e Cogne. Lo scrivente non sa il risultato.

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SITUAZIONE GEOGRAFICA

Val Ferret Val di Vertosan Val del G.S.Bernardo Valpelline Val di St. Barthelemy	}	Occupata dai Tedeschi da Agosto Evacuata dai partigiani da Luglio Ancora presidiate da nostre formazioni Presidiata dalla formazione già in Valtournanche
Valtournanche Val d'Ayas Val di Cresoney	}	Occupata dai Tedeschi in seguito al rastrellamento del 28 Ottobre Attaccata contemporaneamente. Lo scrivente non sa con quale risultato.

La formazioni di Val di Rhêmes e Valsavaranche sono riparate al completo con armamento in Francia (Val d'Isère) La formazione di Cogne (vedi rapporto a parte) è ripiegata in zona Ponia ed in Val d'Isère. Le tre suddette formazioni si trovano attualmente internate a Grenoble-Caserma Bizanet e trattate alla stessa stregua dei prigionieri tedeschi. Il Tenente Flik, comandante della formazione di Cogne, è riuscito ad ottenere in via eccezionale e grazie all'appoggio del Comando Americano, di rimettere in piedi una compagnia che collaborerà coi Francesi alle loro dipendenze in Val d'Isère fin tanto che le condizioni permetteranno di tornare in Val d'Aosta. Per gli altri internati vengono fatte proposte le più svariate, quali l'arruolamento nella legione straniera con ferma di 5 anni, escludendo il rimpatrio nell'Italia liberata o la possibilità di ricostituirsi in formazioni Italiane.

Il Comando di Zone (Gen. Arnaud) trovavasi in Valtournanche o presumibilmente è o in Val di St. Barthelemy od in Svizzera. Si pensa siano infondate le notizie della propaganda fascista circa la sua cattura perchè tutta la Banda di Valtournanche è riuscita a sfuggire all'accerchiamento.

Il Comando Settore Alta e Media Valle (Mesard) trovavasi a Cogne ed è ripiegato in zona Ponia con parte della banda.

SITUAZIONE ALIMENTARE

Molto precaria. Alcune formazioni già da tempo erano rimandate ai loro domicilio molti partigiani che lo potevano fare senza cadere in territorio nazi-fascista. Attualmente le valli presidiate da nostre formazioni offrono scarse possibilità di vita causa la stagione invernale. Quasi impossibile l'afflusso di viveri dal fondo Valle stante il controllo nazi-fascista.

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SITUAZIONE POLITICA

A tutto il 2 Nov. le formazioni erano suddivise in parti presso a poco uguali tra Garibaldini e Autonomisti Valdostani. Nessuna formazione Socialista. Di trascurabile entità le formazioni G.L. (Si allega a parte rapporto segreto sugli accordi con la Francia circa l'annessione)

ARMAMENTO BANDE

Le formazioni in genere hanno armamento deficiente. In massima parte proviene da colpi di mano. Un solo lancio è stato effettuato in Val di Champorcher da quando ha avuto inizio il movimento partigiano in Val d'Aosta. Accordi presi ultimamente tra il Gen. Arnaud ed il Comando alleato in Val d'Isère permisero il trasporto da Val d'Isère di quantitativi di armi attraverso i colli di Galisia e di Tivolet in Valsavaranche. Data le difficoltà alpinistiche dei 2 colli e l'inverno precoce fu possibile solo di armare convenientemente la banda di Valsavaranche. A Cogne in particolare, grazie all'opera intelligente e disinteressata di tecnici e operai dello Stab. Cogne furono costruite molte pistole mitragliatrici copiate dallo "Sten" americano, bombe a mano ed ordigni esplosivi di grande efficacia. Un forte quantitativo di Sten in fabbricazione è rimasto bloccato dall'attacco del 2 Nov.

SITUAZIONE GENERALE

Data le difficili condizioni sopra accennate e poichè è praticamente impossibile ad una formazione che abbia dovuto evacuare una valle di ritornare nella valle stessa causa la sistematica sorveglianza da parte dei nazi-fascisti di qualsiasi possibilità rifornimento, occorrerebbe poter portare al più presto alle formazioni ancora esistenti in valle aiuti per quanto riguarda: viveri, vestiario, equipaggiamento invernale in genere, armi e munizioni.

Per quanto riguarda un eventuale collegamento dell'alto potrebbe essere tentato a mezzo di pattuglie particolarmente addestrate attraverso i valichi montani che da Val d'Isère e dalla Svizzera portano in Val d'Aosta.

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SETTORE ALTA E MEDIA VALLE D'AOSTA
BANDA " ARTURO VERRAZ "

Val d'Isère li 7 Novembre 1944

RAPPORTO SULL'ATTACCO ALLA VALLE DI COGNE DA PARTE DI FORZE NAZI-FASCISTE

IL GIORNO 2 NOVEMBRE 1944

In notte sul 2 nov. 1944 forze nazi-fasciste, valutate in seguito a circa 1000 individui, occupavano le località di Poignon ed Oren, situate rispettivamente sulle dorsali di sinistra e di destra della valle di Cogne. Dette località erano presidiate da nostre pattuglie avanzate, che collegate telefonicamente con il posto di Blocco sito in fondo valle a Chevril, diedero immediatamente l'allarme.

Alle prime luci dell'alba, dette forze iniziarono la discesa alle spalle del posto di Blocco, malgrado le difficoltà rappresentate dal terreno roccioso fortemente innevato. Viste l'impossibilità di difesa del posto di blocco, diedi l'ordine che il gruppo che lo presidiava ripiegasse su Vieyes. Detto ripiegamento venne fatto nel massimo ordine, trasportando a Vieyes tutto l'armamento ed il munizionamento del gruppo. La retroguardia provvide a far saltare il ponte già in precedenza minato.

Per la difesa della valle disponevo di circa 150 uomini.

Alle ore 8 i nazi-fascisti occupato il posto di Blocco provvedevano a far affluire rinforzi lungo la strada di fondo valle e ripartivano in attacco in direzione di Vieyes.

Mentre facevo sistemare a difesa sulle posizioni di resistenza il grosso della banda, con alcune pattuglie agli ordini miei e del Ten. Canova provvedevo a ritardare l'avanzata degli attaccanti.

Alle ore 10,30 questi occupavano Vieyes mentre con la retroguardia mi ritiravo sulla posizione di resistenza, adiacente alla stretta che chiude la valle, dove inizia il canale dell'acqua per la centrale idroelettrica di Poignon.

Alle ore 12, favoriti dalla nebbia e dalla neve che cadeva copiosa, i nazi-fascisti si avvicinarono a 500 m. circa dalla posizione. Ad una breve schiarita attaccarono decisamente, appoggiati da fuoco di armi automatiche e di mortaio. Ricacciati dal fuoco contemporaneo di tutte le nostre armi, tentavano con ripetuti attacchi di oltrepassare lo sbarramento. Alle 13, viste l'inutilità dei tentati-

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-vi, tornarono sulla posizione di partenza, lasciando sul terreno morti ed abbondante materiale.

Allora con una pattuglia agli ordini miei e del suddetto Ten. Canova approfittando dell'oscurità ci avvicinammo alle loro linee e con fuoco improvviso, dando l'impressione di un contrassalto, riuscimmo a seminare un panico tale che i nazi-fascisti si diedero ad una fuga disordinata.

Perdite nostre: 15 dispersi - 1 ferito
" " avversarie: 20 morti o feriti in proporzione.
Catturato: 1 mitragliatrice, 1 fuc. mitragliatore, abbondante materiale.

Causa il deficiente quantitativo di munizioni rimasto (200 colpi per armi automatiche, colpi da fucile in proporzione) il Comando di Settore, vista l'impossibilità di una efficace difesa della Valle qualora i nazifascisti avessero attaccato in forze il giorno successivo, nella notte diede l'ordine di sgomberare la valle stessa.

Una metà circa della banda, col Comando Settore, ripiegava in zona Fenis, usufruendo della galleria Cogne-Acqua Fredda.

L'altra metà, in relazione agli accordi presi dal Comando di Settore col Cap. Bourget della F.F.I. Francesi che occasionalmente trovavasi a Cogne in missione, agli ordini miei e del Ten. Canova raggiungeva Val d'Isère il giorno 5 nov. 1944 attraverso i colli di Lauson (3300) Nivolet (2560) Galisia (3000) dopo faticosissima marcia tra neve abbondante e tormenta.

Il Cap. Bourget aveva insistito affinchè una parte della banda ripiegasse in Francia, dove egli personalmente avrebbe provveduto a farla armare ed equipaggiare convenientemente.

L'armamento automatico della banda è stato dato in ugual parte al contingente di uomini rimasto in zona Fenis. Il rimanente, portato a spalla fino in Val d'Isère, ci è stato quivi tolto ed accantonato dai Francesi.

Da successive informazioni risulta che l'occupazione di Cogne da parte nazi-fascista non avvenne che il giorno 4 nov. 1944

IL VICE COMANDANTE DELLA BANDA
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The following list has been compiled on the basis of statements made by police functionaries in FLORENCE, PISTOIA and LUCCA, and should be treated with reserve pending further confirmation.

LIST OF QUESTURA FUNCTIONARIES IN REPUBLICAN ITALY (1 Jul 44)

ALESSANDRIA

Questore	ALLOATI	Luigi
Vice Questore	VENTRICHI	Alfonso
Commissario	D'ANCA	Giuseppe
Commissario Aggiunto	FINA	Giuseppe
" "	DI GUIDA	Domenico
" "	RAPOLLONA	Achille
Vice Commissario	BELLAFORTE	Giacomo
"	ACCORDI	Antonio

AOSTA

Questore	LAURO	Vittorio
Vice Questore	MOSCA	Pasquale
Commissario	ROSSI	Edmondo
"	ROSSO	Alberto
"	DE VITA	Lorenzo
Vice Commissario	PALMA	Giuseppe
"	RAFFETTI	Carlo Raffaele
"	ADAMO	Antonio
"	ZACCARIA	Luigi

ASTI

Questore	BONET	Augusto
Commissario	LANDOLFI	Enrico
"	PISTICCIONE	Domenico
"	COSTA	Tommaso
Vice Commissario	PASTORINO	Giacomo
"	PUGLIESI	Sergio
"	MICELI	Salvatore

BELLUNO

Questore	ZAVARRO	Antonio
Commissario Capo	VAIVARENGHI	Pietro
Commissario Aggiunto	OVENGO	Felice
" "	MARCELLO	Vincenzo
" "	BRUNO	Francesco
" "	DE BERNARDIS	Matteo
Vice Commissario	DE BELLIS	Ferdinando
"	GAFFRI	Antonio
"	VASSALE	Salvatore

BERGAMO

Questore	PARD	Giuseppe
Commissario Capo	VILLE	Giuseppe

BRESCIA

Questore	ROSSI	Carlo Alberto
Vice Questore	TOMATIS	Filippo

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ALESSANDRIA

Questore	ALIOATI	Luigi
Vice Questore	VERTECCHI	Alfonso
Commissario	D'AMICA	Giuseppe
Commissario Aggiunto	FINA	Giuseppe
" "	DI GUIDA	Domenico
" "	BARCELLONA	Achille
Vice Commissario	BELLANDELLO	Giacomo
"	ACCORDI	Antonio

ASTI

Questore	BONET	Augusto
Commissario	GANDOLFI	Durico
"	PISTICCIONE	Domenico
"	COSTA	Tommaso
Vice Commissario	PASTORINO	Giacomo
"	PUGLIESI	Sergio
"	MICELI	Salvatore

BERGAMO

Questore	FUSO	Giuseppe
Commissario Capo	VILLA	Giuseppe
" "	GIUNTA	Francesco
Commissario	GESSA	Guido
"	TORELLA	Pasquale
Commissario Aggiunto	MARCIALIA	Emanuele
Vice Commissario	DI LORENZO	Domenico

AOSTA

Questore	LAMBRO	Vittorio
Vice Questore	MENNA	Pasquale
Commissario	ROSSI	Edmondo
"	MOSSO	Alberto
"	DE VITA	Lorenzo
Vice Commissario	PAGNA	Giuseppe
"	BARETTI	Carlo Raffaele
"	ADAMO	Antonio
"	ZACCARIA	Luigi

BELLUNO

Questore	ZAVAGNO	Antonio
Commissario Capo	VANVARENBERGH	Pietro
Commissario Aggiunto	OVERZO	Felice
" "	MARCELLO	Vincenzo
" "	BRUNO	Francesco
" "	DE BERNARDIS	Matteo
Vice Commissario	DE BELLIS	Ferdinando
"	GAGNI	Antonio
"	VITRIALE	Salvatore

BRESCIA

Questore	ROSSI	Carlo Alberto
Vice Questore	TOMATIS	Filippo
Commissario Capo	PASSARI	Cesare
" "	MIDOLO	Emilio
Commissario	GIOIUZZA	Benedetto
Commissario Aggiunto	FIORANNI	Antonio
" "	DE LUCA	Riccardo
" "	COPENTINO	Domenico
" "	CHIMIENTI	Giovanni
" "	RICCIARDI	Luigi
" "	CONTI	Ivo

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BOLOGNA

Questore		CAPURSO Mario
"		BENINI Camillo
"		ROSSI Aldo
Vice Questore		COCLITO'E Leopoldo
Commissario Capo		SIRENE Alfredo
"	"	LA BIANCA Giuseppe
"	"	CRASSO Attilio
"	"	SCIASCIA Pietro
"	"	GIANUSSI Antonio
Commissario		FURIA Giuseppe
"		D'ATTILIO Umberto
"		AMEDA Giovanni
Commissario Agg		MENGHINI Giorgio
"	"	MARINA Nicolino
"	"	[illegible] Umberto
"	"	CANDELA Sebastino
"	"	DI STEFANO Vincenzo
"	"	DI STEFANO Stefano
"	"	CARLO Salvatore
"	"	CAIAZA Giovanni
"	"	CIOCCARELLI Francesco
"	"	BONZANI Genarose
"	"	PAOLINO Gerardo

NAPOLI

Vice Questore		MAROCCO Pietro
Commissario Capo		SANTORO Ulisse
"	"	VENANI Achille
Commissario		SERENA Vincenzo
"		CASELLI Giuseppe
"		PLANESE Pasquale
Commissario Agg		SERENA Giuseppe
"	"	SANTAMARIA Gaetano
Vice Commissario		PINTO Salvatore

COMO

Questore		ADINOLFI Attilio
Vice Questore		DE NICOLAIS Costantino
Commissario Capo		CORSELLO Paolo
Commissario		FINZI PASQUINONI Clinto
"		LOIACONO A. Antonio
"		TOMASINO Benedetto
"		SCARPO Vincenzo
"		TIRONI Gino
Vice Commissario		AMATI Carlo
"	"	RUGGO Rosario

CREMONA

Questore		MARCHIANTI Ugo
Commissario Capo		AMATO Attilio
Commissario Agg		DUCCI Carlo
"	"	MARINI Francesco
Vice Commissario		DI TERLIZZI Domenico
"	"	D'ERCOLE Giuseppe
"	"	NICOTORE Gennaro

CUNEO

Questore		LAVEZZI Domenico
Vice Questore		DE ITALIA Giuseppe
Commissario Capo		TORCHIA Francesco
Commissario		NATOLI Aristide
Commissario Agg		SANDRINI Giuseppe
"	"	ROMITI Ugo
Vice Commissario		GIOVANNINI Federico
"	"	CANTARO Antonio
"	"	SANGIORGIO Giovanni

GENOVA

Questore		MORCIA Mario
Vice Questore		NERI Antonio
"	"	[illegible] Carlo
Commissario Capo		FURFERO Pietro
"	"	BRODARDI Francesco
"	"	NICOLAOU Onofrio
"	"	[illegible] Pasquale
Commissario Agg		[illegible] Luigi
"	"	[illegible] Filippo
"	"	[illegible] Giuseppe
"	"	[illegible] Giuseppe
"	"	[illegible] Ilio
"	"	[illegible] Corrado
"	"	[illegible] Carlo
"	"	[illegible] Ricardo

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Commissario Agg	"	VALENTINI Giorgio
"	"	PANTA Nicolino
"	"	RUSSO Umberto
"	"	CALZOLA Modestino
"	"	DI STEFANO Vincenzo
"	"	DI STEFANO Stefano
"	"	CALLO Raimondo
"	"	GALEA Giovanni
"	"	CIACCHERALI Francesco
"	"	ROSSINI Canerino
"	"	PAOLINO Corrado

FOGGIA

Vice Questore	MAROCCO	Pietro
Commissario Capo	SANTORO	Ulisse
" "	VENANI	Achille
Commissario	SERENA	Vincenzo
"	CASTELLI	Giuseppe
"	PIARULLI	Pasquale
Commissario Agg	SENNA	Giuseppe
" "	SANTAMARIA	Gaetano
Vice Commissario	PINTO	Salvatore

GENOVA

Questore	MORCIA	Mario
Vice Questore	NERI	Antonio
" "	MELLA	Carlo
Commissario Capo	ROMERO	Pietro
" "	BROCCARDI	Francesco
" "	NICOLAI	Onofrio
" "	RUDERISTANO	Pasquale
" "	ALADORI	Luigi
" "	CARDONI	Giovanni
" "	DI MARINO	Vincenzo Giovanni
Commissario	TALLINA	Alberto
"	D'AGOSTINO	Pietro
"	GABRIELLI	Stanislao
"	MASCIANO	Andrea
"	SALERNI	Gaetano
"	DEL TESCOVO	Isidoro
"	CALVI	Salvatore
"	FARRARA	Guido
"	COLVANO	Vincenzo
"	SCHIAVI	Carmelo
"	CIPULLO	Salvatore
"	PLORITA	Giorgio
"	CATANIA	Gino
" Agg	VACHIOCCHI	Umberto
" "	TORLA	Mario

Questore	MARAGALLO	Ugo
Commissario Capo	MARO	Attilio
Commissario Agg	CAPPI	Carlo
" "	MAZZEO	Francesco
Vice Commissario	DI GIROLAMO	Domenico
" "	PISCIOLO	Giuseppe
" "	PASQUARA	Gennaro

QUESTO

Questore	SAVINI	Domenico
Vice Questore	DELEGALA	Giuseppe
Commissario Capo	TESCHIA	Francesco
Commissario	NAPOLI	Aristide
Commissario Agg	SANTINI	Giuseppe
" "	POLLERI	Ugo
Vice Commissario	CHIARUCCI	Federico
" "	CANTALO	Antonio
" "	SANTOSTASO	Giovanni

Commissario Agg	CIAMPOLESI	Luigi
" "	ZANINI	Filippo
" "	PARADISO	Giuseppe
" "	MOSCILLO	Giuseppe
" "	CORTI	Aldo
" "	SICOLARO	Corrado
" "	MARINI	Carlo
" "	CERUSOLO	Riccardo
" "	MORANTI	Savino
" "	ZUCCO	Giuseppe
" "	VACCHIANO	Giusto
" "	PATTI	Adriano
" "	DE SANTIS	Giuseppe
" "	[illegible]	Michele
" "	[illegible]	Rodolfo
" "	VITTO	Guido
" "	UCCIO	Arturo
" "	PERONTI	Antonio
" "	D'ANIELLO	Pasquale
" "	ASCOLI	Vincenzo
" "	ANGELI	Guido
" "	MARATTA	Luigi
" "	COTASSO	Alto
" "	MILITARI	Alberto
" "	SANTA	Ubaldo
" "	VASELA	Nicola

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IMPERIA

Questore	ANTONACCI	Palmo
"	MENDERTI	Ugo
Commissario Capo	AMATO	Attilio
" "	MAROTTA	Orazio
Commissario	CLARIZIA	Francesco
"	ALBANO	Salvatore
"	ANIELLO	Amerigo
Commissario Agg	CHIOMIZZOLA	Alberto
" "	INGALLINA	Salvatore
Vice Commissario	JEDONI	Lucio

MANTOVA

Questore	RIPERTI	Ugo
Commissario Capo	CINELLA	Giuseppe
Commissario	PISONI	Mario
Commissario Agg	ROMOLO	Enrico
" "	BRUNO	Raffaele
" "	ROSANGELI	Francesco Saverio
Vice Commissario	ROCCO	Camillo

MODENA

Questore	PAPA	Antonio
Commissario Capo	CAPURRO	Attilio
Commissario	TAGLIATELA	Nicola
"	LEMBO	Antonio
Commissario Agg	VECCHIONE	Francesco
" "	TEDESCO	Giovanni
Vice Commissario	MUSCARI	Vincenzo

NOVARA

Questore	ROMANO	Antonio
Vice Questore	AMATO	Giovanni
Commissario Capo	GIULIANO	Raffaele
Commissario	CERIOLO	Andrea
"	GALLO	Guido
"	BISCAGLIA	Riccardo
Commissario Agg	SALETA	Achille

PADOVA

Questore	ANGUILLANO	Baldassarre

LA SPEZIA

Vice Questore		PROTANI Emanuele
Commissario Capo		IPPOLITO Umberto
Commissario		VIGILANTE Lodovico
"		ARCIDIO Nicola
Commissario Agg		BELLUSSO ANIELLO Corrado
Vice Commissario		COZZI Paolo
" "		D'ARIENZO Serafino
" "		LANCELLOTTI Lorenzo

MILANO

Questore		SANTAMARIA
Vice Questore		TOMASIS Filippo
" "		PETRUCCELLI Achille
" "		MANCINI Nicola
Commissario Capo		FISICARO Paolo
" "		SIGNORI G.Battista
" "		GALLO Giuseppe
" "		DI CARLO Filippo
" "		PASSARESI Franco
" "		FILERI Agostino
" "		RENZA Salvatore
" "		GRIFFINI Marcello
" "		TERESA MATTIUA Alberto
" "		COCO Carmelo Carlo
" "		PRASSETTI Vincenzo
" "		ANDRIANI Giovafatte
" "		GOTTA Lorenzo
" "		BUCCIELLI Raniero
Commissario		PARILLA' Raffaele
"		NUVOLONI Gustavo
"		DE ANDREIS Alfonso
"		RUSSO Francesco di Angelo
"		ADONE Gaetano
"		SANSONE Vito
"		MAZZARINO Pasquale
"		CENSARIO Giuseppe
"		ANTONUCCIO Ciro
"		CIARAMELLA Carmine
"		LANCELLOTTI Giuseppe

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Commissario	PISANI	Mario	"	"	PETRUCCELLI Achille
Commissario Agg	BONOMO	Enrico	"	"	MANCINI Nicola
" "	BRUNO	Raffaele	Commissario	Capo	FISICARO Paolo
" "	ROMANELLI	Francesco Saverio	"	"	SERNERI G.Battista
			"	"	GALLO Giuseppe
Vice Commissario	ROCCO	Camillo	"	"	DI CARLO Filippo
			"	"	PASSANTSI Franco
MODENA			"	"	PILERI Agostino
			"	"	RENZA Salvatore
Questore	PAPA	Antonio	"	"	GRIFFINI Marcello
Commissario Capo	CAPURRO	Attilio	"	"	TRENTA MATTIDA Alberto
Commissario	TAGLIATELA	Nicola			
"	LEMBO	Antonio	"	"	COCO Carmelo Carlo
Commissario Agg	VECCHIONE	Francesco			
" "	TEDESCO	Giovanni	"	"	FRASSETTI Vincenzo
Vice Commissario	MUSCARI	Vincenzo	"	"	AMERIANI Giosafatto
			"	"	GOTTA Lorenzo
NOVARA			"	"	BUCCELLI Ramiro
			Commissario		BACILA' Raffaele
Questore	ROMANO	Antonio	"		NUVOLONI Gaetano
Vice Questore	AMATO	Giovanni	"		DE ANGELIS Alfonso
Commissario Capo	GIULIANO	Raffaele	"		RUSSO Francesco di Angelo
Commissario	CERICOLO	Andrea			
"	GALLO	Guido	"		ADONE Gaetano
"	BISCAGLIA	Riccardo	"		SANSONE Vito
Commissario Agg	SAIEVA	Achille	"		MAZZARINO Pasquale
			"		GENNARIO Giuseppe
PADOVA			"		ANTONUCCIO Ciro
			"		CLARIZIA Corrado
Questore	ANGUILLARO	Baldassare	"		LANCELLOTTI Giuseppe
Vice Questore	FAILLA	Giovan Battista			
Commissario Capo	PONTE	Ernesto	"		CUCCARO SANTISSIMO Alfredo
Commissario	DI PEDE	Vincenzo			
"	CARAVA	Filippo	"		MAGLIO [illegible]
"	BASILA'	Antonio	"		SCILLONE Mario
Commissario Agg	VELASCI	Brandisio	"		VESSI Diego
Commissario Agg	CAPRIPI	Guglielmo	"		ROSSI Umberto
Vice Commissario	LO RICCO	Alessandro	Commissario	AGG	CASALE Guglielmo
" "	MORACO	Giuseppe	"	"	BRESCIA Pasquale
" "	VACCARI	Tommaso	"	"	PIGLIOLO Ettore
			"	"	SALERNO Giulio
			"	"	PERVILLI Ferdinando
			"	"	PATANIA Arturo

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Commissario Aggiunto	SCARLONE	Filadelfio	Vice Commissario	VALENTI	Ubaldo
" "	BATTAGLIA	Luigi	" "	CONDORELLI	Filippo
" "	DISPANTE	Guglielmo	" "	FUGLISTER	Bernardino
" "	CAUTELE	Luigi	" "	ARAGNO	Gennaro
" "	LANZELOTTI	Vincenzo	" "	FRANCO	Cronzo
" "	GRECO	Edoardo	" "	SANTINI	Andrea
" "	LA GRAGNIA	Guido	" "	MOSELLI	Enrico
" "	PETRILLI	Francesco	" "	PALADINO	P. Paolo
" "	PERRARO	Luigi	" "	MONTINI	Giovanni
" "	GASCHA	Gino	" "	SARETTA	Domenico
" "	DE GIACOMO	Leonardo	" "	DE FOCATIS	Domenico
" "	LEONE	Giovanni	" "	PATOCCOLLO	Aldo
" "	SERAO	Eugenio	" "	PERUCCI	Vincenzo
" "	DI GIORGI	Tommaso	" "	ANDOLINA	Osvaldo
" "	GIUNTI	Gino	" "	ALESSI	Giuseppe
Vice Commissario	DI BARTOLO	Vincenzo	" "	COPPAR	Federico
" "	MAFFA	Antonio	" "	MASTORILLI	Luigi
" "	GRADI	Marcello	" "	CUNGATOLO	Antonio
" "	TANZI	Alfredo	" "	NAPOLZO	Andrea
" "	VIGOLANI	Antonio	" "	DE NICOLA	Giuseppe
" "	DI STEFANO	Pietro	" "	ZITO	Francesco
" "	GRADILANI	Edgardo	" "	TERRANOVA	Sebastiano
" "	SCIALDONE	Carmine	" "	MARINO	Guido
" "	SIMONE	Giuseppe	" "	DI BENEDETTO	Guglielmo
" "	D'AGNA	Raimondo	" "	LO GIUDICE	Bartolomeo
" "	NAPOLITANO	Achille			

PARMA

Questore	SPANO	Francesco
Vice Questore	TARONZI	Ciriaco
Commissario	MORITA	Ugo
"	LA VIA	Giacomo
"	D'AVANZO	Eugenio
Commissario Aggiunto	MOLINARI	Ottavio
" "	LONGHO	Raffaele
" "	PERGONZ	Umberto
Vice Commissario	CELLURALE	Emilio

PIACENZA

Questore	CALOSSO	Pietro
Vice Questore	MURGIA	Natale
Commissario	ETOI	Antonio

PAVIA

Questore	BELVEDERE	Andrea
Vice Questore	BAFFA	Francesco
Commissario Capo	VENTANO	Bartolo
Commissario Agg	CARBONARI	Anselmo
" "	FONDIONE	Giovanni
" "	PELLEGRINO	Antonio
Vice Commissario	RIZZOTTI	Giovanni

RAVENNA

Questore	BODINI	Benedetto
Vice Questore	BARILE	Vincenzo
Commissario Capo	BARBERA	Luigi

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"	"	DI GIORGI	Tommaso	"	"
"	"	GIURTI	Cino	"	"
Vice Commissario		DI BARTOLO	Vincenzo	"	"
"	"	MAPPA	Antonio	"	"
"	"	GRADI	Marcello	"	"
"	"	TAMBI	Alfredo	"	"
"	"	VIGGIANI	Antonio	"	"
"	"	DI STEFANO	Pietro	"	"
"	"	GRANELLINI	Edgardo	"	"
"	"	SCIALDONE	Carmine	"	"
"	"	SIMONE	Giuseppe	"	"
"	"	D'ACUNA	Raimondo	"	"
"	"	NAPOLITANO	Achille	"	"

PARMA

Questore	SPANO	Francesco
Vice Questore	TARDOZZI	Ciriaco
Commissario	ROMITA	Ugo
"	LA VIA	Giacomo
"	D'AVANZO	Eugenio
Commissario Aggiunto	MOLINARI	Ottavio
" "	LOMBARDO	Raffaele
" "	PERRONE	Umberto
Vice Commissario	CELLURALE	Emilio

PIACENZA

Questore	CALOSSO	Pietro
Vice Questore	MURGIA	Natale
Commissario	SESIA	Antonio
"	GIORGI	Umberto
"	BUCCIO	Giuseppe
"	PAPALE	Antonio
Commissario Aggiunto	RICCIO	Benedetto
" "	SCALZONE	Francesco
" "	CARNOVA	Fabio
" "	DI MACCIO	Alfredo
Vice Commissario	[illegible]	Filippo
" "	RACCUGLIA	Benedetto

PAVIA

Questore	BELVEDERE	Andrea
Vice Questore	PAPPA	Francesco
Commissario Capo	PEITANO	Bartolo
Commissario Agg	CARBONARI	Anacleto
" "	FORNIONE	Giovanni
" "	PELLEGRINO	Antonio
Vice Commissario	RIZZOTTI	Giovanni

RAVENNA

Questore	RODINI	Benedetto
Vice Questore	NARILE	Vincenzo
Commissario Capo	BARBERA	Luigi
Commissario	PASTARELLO	Mario
Commissario Agg	MEDDIA	Raffaele
Vice Commissario	VIGEVANO	Aristide
" "	BURLO	Lorenzo
" "	BELLETTIERI	Francesco Paolo
" "	CICCONE	Ferdinando

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REGGIO EMILIA

Questore	LOTTI	Pietro
Commissario Capo	SERRAO	Federico
" "	PIETRANTONIO	Vittorio
Commissario Aggiunto	MARCHI	Aldo
" "	MENDIA	Giuseppe
Vice Commissario	PARCOLI	Luigi
" "	PAPOFF	Giulio
" "	SORGI	Claudio
" "	APPIGLIONE	Rosario

SAVONA

Questore	SALOM	Giuseppe
Vice Questore	GIOIA	Goffredo
" "	DI CAPRILIANO	Michele
Commissario	LO PIANO	Giuseppe
Commissario Aggiunto	MERCURIO	Baldassare
" "	PISACANE	Carlo

TORINO

Vice Questore	FINOCCI	Silvio
" "	DELLA CORTE	Alfonso
Commissario Capo	SIGISMONDI	Giovanni
" "	BRUGNETTI	Guido
" "	BENCI	Romolo
" "	RACELLA	Francesco
" "	PISACANE	Giovanni
" "	GUERRERA	Gaetano
" "	MARFIS	Carlo
" "	RUSSO	Domenico
" "	RENZI	Vincenzo
" "	VASELLI	Francesco
" "	ROSSETTI	Francesco Saverio
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" "	LAUFER'	Italo
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SONDRIO

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" "	CERERE	Nicola
" "	FALBONE	Salvatore
" "	DARNE	Mario
" "	PRASSO	Aldo
" "	MENDOLA	Salvatore
" "	VACCA	Mario
" "	DE CHIARA	Rosa
" "	DE FALLANIS	Filippo
" "	CELI	Giuseppe Beniamino
" "	LOCCHI	Walter Scott
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TORINO

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Commissario Capo	SIGISMONDI	Giovanni	" "	MORFILLI	Luigi
" "	BRUNETTI	Guido	" "	CONSENZA	Antonio
" "	BRUNI	Romolo	Vice Commissario	GUIDOTTI	Nicola
" "	FAMELLA	Francesco	" "	SANNINO	Carlo
" "	PISACANE	Giovanni	" "	ZAPPETTINELLO	Pietro
" "	QUARTIERA	Gaetano	" "	CHIODINI	Carmine
" "	MARTIS	Carlo	" "	CARONE	Luigi
" "	RUSSO	Domenico	" "	CECERE	Nicola
" "	ROMEI	Vincenzo	" "	RAISONE	Salvatore
" "	VARELLI	Francesco	" "	IMPROTA	Mario
" "	ROSSETTI	Francesco Saverio	" "	TRASSO	Aldo
			" "	MENDOLA	Salvatore
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TRENTO

Questore	MARRA	Pietro	Questore	MESSIOLI	Riccardo
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" "	GLAQUINTO	Attilio
" "	DE CANDIA	Giovanni
" "	RUGGERO	Antonio
" "	CALANDELLO	Emilio
" "	PISCIOTTA	Calogero
" "	SALVATI	Gaetano
" "	ARGILLE	Antonio
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Source	No 473	SIM Ref	119	AB
"	" 474	"	" 119	AB
"	" 475	"	" 119	AB
"	" 476	"	" 119	AB
"	" 477	"	" 119	AB

Maps used: ITALY 1:100,000 Sheets 81, 92-93
1: 50,000 Sheet 103 IV
1: 25,000 Sheets 96 II NE & SE.

A. PRELIMINARY

Source 473 is a 34-year-old upholsterer from ROME, who was a sjt in 6 Coy, 2 Bn 6 Inf Regt. Reliability fair.

Source 474 is a 26-year-old "caporal-maggiore" from LEGHORN, who served in 7 Coy, 2 Bn 6 Inf Regt. Before joining the army he was studying chemistry. Reliability fair.

Source 475 is a 22-year-old student of architecture from FLORENCE, who was a "caporal-maggiore" in 8 Coy, 2 Bn 6 Inf Regt. Reliability fair.

Source 476 is a 24-year-old shopkeeper from LA SPEZIA, who was a "caporal-maggiore" in 9 Coy, 2 Bn 6 Inf Regt. Reliability fair.

Source 477 is a 19-year-old waiter from ROME, who was a corporal in 10 Coy, 2 Bn 6 Inf Regt. Reliability fair.

B. 2 Bn 6 Inf Regt SAN MARCO Division

1. Organisation (Oct 44)

The Bn consisted of:

Three rifle coys (6, 7 and 8)
One supporting weapons coy (9)
One signals coy (10)

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a) Rifle Coys (Source 473)

(i) Each Rifle Coy consisted of: 3817
HQ Sec
Three rifle pls of four secs each
One drivers sec (twelve drivers with three carts and four or five horses).

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(ii) Each Rifle Sec consisted of:
One Section leader, armed with MP, pistol and dagger.
One Asst Section leader, armed with semi-automatic rifle.
One Ammo-carrier, armed with pistol and carrying two boxes of 300 rounds each.
One ammo-carrier, armed with rifle mod 98 and carrying one box of 300 rounds.
One rifleman, armed with telescopic rifle.
One " " " cup-discharger.
Three riflemen armed with rifles mod 98.

b) 9 MG Coy (Source 476)

(i) Coy consisted of:
MG Sec
Three pls of two secs each.

(ii) Each MG Sec had two MG and consisted of:
One Section leader, armed with pistol and MP; theoretically supposed to have binoculars and compass, but rarely had them.
One messenger, armed with rifle.
One range-finder, armed with pistol.
Two MG squads, each composed of:
One squad leader, armed with pistol and carrying aiming gear, one spare barrel and one box of 300 rounds.
One MG-carrier, armed with pistol.
One tripod-carrier, armed with pistol.
Three ammo-carriers, armed with rifles and each carrying two 300-round boxes.
One magazine-carrier, armed with rifle and carrying two magazines and one AA mounting.

c) Signals Coy (Source 477)

(i) Coy consisted of:
One Sigs Pl
One Mortar Pl of four secs, each with one 8.1 cm mortar
One Gun Pl with two 75 mm L 16 13 guns
One Pioneer Pl
One Transport Sec, with carts and horses.

(ii) The Pioneer Pl, has the same organisation and armament as a rifle sec (four secs of ten men each), except that

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One magazine-carrier, armed with rifle and carrying two magazines and one AA mounting.

c) Signals Coy (Source 477)

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One Sigs Pl
One Mortar Pl of four secs, each with one 8.1 cm mortar
One Gun Pl with two 75 mm L 10 L8 guns
One Pioneer Pl
One Transport Sec, with carts and horses.

(ii) The Pioneer Pl, has the same organization and armament as a rifle sec (four secs of ten men each), except that it has NO telescopic rifles or cup-dischargers.

2. Locations (27 Oct 44)

Sheet 96 II NE
L 13450705 a) Bn HQ (Source 475) 3846
Near MONTE MORONDO.

b) 6 Coy (Source 475)
Between C.SOLO (Sheet 96, L 1305) and MOIAZZANA (L 1304)

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c) 7 Coy (Source 474)
1, 2 and 4 Secs of 1 Pl between the village of LE BOCCHETTE (L 0802) and SBOTTOMONDO (L 0904); 3 Sec with Coy HQ at CONTRADA C.CORNOLA (L 0904). Source does NOT know locations of other pls.

d) 8 Coy (Source 475)
In the CASCIO (L 1305)-CAMPO (L 1406) area. 2 Pl had on its left flank a unit of the MONTE ROSA Div, believed to be 1 Coy BRESCIA Bn.

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L 10850391

e) 9 Coy (Source 476)

Source only knows location of his own sec, which was at HD.

f) 10 Coy (Source 477)
Two secs of the Pioneer Pl were in the line with 6 Coy. Source can give NO other details.

3. P.P.Mon

Bn HQ	-	83623/A
6 Coy	-	83623/B
7 Coy	-	83623/C
8 Coy	-	83623/D
9 Coy	-	83623/E
10 Coy	-	83623/F

4. Morale and Desertions

a) General (Source 475)

Morale among NCOs and men is very low and most of them are waiting for the first chance to desert. Offrs, on the other hand, are less anxious to desert, some of them because they are convinced Fascists and pro-Germans, and many others because they are afraid of compromising themselves.

b) Desertions

(1) 6 Coy (Source 475)

Sheet 103 IV
T 17009400

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End Aug 44 - 1 and 2 secs of 1 Pl under S.Ten GIANGIACOMO were attacked by Partisans near ROCCI. The offr was killed and the men at once joined the Partisans.

End Aug 44 - Cpl Filippo FERRARI was accused of collaborating with the Partisans in blowing up a minefield at CAPO MOLE and was shot by order of [illegible] Coy [illegible]

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End Aug 44 - 3 and 4 secs of 1 Pl went over to the Partisans in the course of an action during which their offr, S.Ten BAGLIANESI, was wounded.

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(ii) 7 Coy (Source 474)

9 Oct 44 - Coy HQ Sec, consisting of Serg Magg CALLI, Cap Magg CANAPOGLIA, BRUGNERO and PUCCETTI, Caporale SCARSI and Soldati UFOSSO and NOVA, deserted near PALLARE (Sheet 92-93, O 4442), taking with them the coy safe, containing Lire 500,000.
18 Oct 44 - Sergente CASARINI deserted from ROCCHETTA CAIRO
20 Oct 44 - Three QRs deserted from ROCCHETTA CAIRO (O 4453).

(iii) 8 Coy (Source 475)

10 Aug 44 - A section leader and three men deserted from SAN BARTOLOMMEO DEL CERVO (Sheet 103 IV, T 2795), compelling a sentry to go with them. The sentry was recaptured and shot by order of the OC Coy, Sen FERIANI. S.Ten DI STEFANO was compelled to command the firing party.
15 Aug 44 - Sergente IUPPA deserted. On the same day, 3 Pl, together with Mortar sec and an MG sec, under S.Ten DE STEFANO, went over to the Partisans near CHIAPPA (O 2502), taking with them their mortars and MGs and one 75 mm gun. A few days later S.Ten DI STEFANO was wounded in a clash with Germans, captured and taken to hospital to await trial.
26 Aug 44 - Five men deserted during the move from CHIAVARI to CASTELNUOVO DI GARFAGNANA.

(iv) 9 Coy (Source 475)

25 Sep 44 - 1 Sec 1 Pl under Offr Cadet Mario CHEZZI deserted en bloc near POGLI (O 2513).

5. Personalities (end Oct 44)

a) Bn HQ (Source 475)

Maggiore	UCCELLI	CO Bn. Ardent Fascist.
Ten	ROMAIOLO	Adjt.
Oberlt	KUHLWEIN	German Liaison offr.

b) 6 Coy (Source 473)

Ten	TALAMO Rodolfo	OC Coy
S.Ten	GIANGIACOMO	OC 1 Pl. Killed by Partisans end Aug 44.
S.Ten	BASILARESI	OC 1 Pl. Severely wounded in clash with Partisans in early Oct 44.

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10 Aug 44 - A section leader and three men deserted from SAN BARTOLOMEO DEL CERRO (Sheet 105 IV, T 2799), compelling a sentry to go with them. The sentry was recaptured and shot by order of the OC Coy, Ten PERLANI. S.Ten DI STEFANO was compelled to command the firing party.
15 Aug 44 - Sergeante IUPPA deserted. On the same day, 3 Pl, together with mortar sec and an MG sec, under S.Ten DI STEFANO, went over to the Partisans near CHIAPPA (O 2602), taking with them their mortars and MGs and one 75 mm gun. A few days later S.Ten DI STEFANO was wounded in a clash with Germans, captured and taken to hospital to await trial.
26 Aug 44 - Five men deserted during the move from CHIAVARI to CASTELNUOVO DI MAGRA(NAR).

(iv) 9 Coy (Source 475)

25 Sep 44 - 1 Sec 1 Pl under Offr Cadet Mario GHEZZI deserted en bloc near POGLI (O 2513).

5. Personalities (end Oct 44)

a) Bn HQ (Source 475)

Maggiore	UCCELLI	CC Bn. Ardent Fascist.
Ten	SOMAIOLO	Adjt.
Oberlt	KUHLMEIN	German Liaison offr.

b) 6 Coy (Source 473)

Ten	TAIANO Rodolfo	OC Coy
S.Ten	GIANGIACOMO	OC 1 Pl. Killed by Partisans end Aug 44.
S.Ten	BAGLIARESI	OC 1 Pl. Severely wounded in clash with Partisans in early Oct 44.
S.Ten	PIEROLONI Luberto	OC 2 Pl.
Maresciallo	IAVARONE	OC 3 Pl.
Sergente	PIEDIVILLA (German)	Interpreter.
Sergente	PALZBERG (German)	Attached to Coy.

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c) 7 Coy (Source 474)

Capitano	BURRONE Giulio	OC Coy
S.Ten	ARENA Romolo	OC 1 Pl
S.Ten	CAPASSO Elio	OC 2 Pl.
S.Ten	DUERRA Giuseppe	OC 3 Pl.

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d) 8 Coy (Source 475)

Ten	PERIANI Umberto	OC Coy. Ex "M" Bn offr.
S.Ten	AGOSTINI	OC 1 Pl.
S.Ten	SETTE	OC 2 Pl.
S.Ten	ROMANELLI	OC 3 Pl.
Maresciallo	PARADECK (German)	Attached to Coy.
Sergente	CONRAD (German)	" " "

e) 9 Coy (Source 476)

Capitano	BERGONZI Alfredo	OC Coy
S.Ten	CACCIATERRA Gioacchino	OC 1 Pl.
S.Ten	DE CARLI Romolo	OC 2 Pl.
S.Ten	DE ROSA	OC 3 Pl.

f) 10 Coy (Source 477)

Capitano	MESSINA	OC Coy. Presented on occasion of MUSSOLINI's visit to GRAFENWOHR (Jul 44).
S.Ten	CARONI	OC Gun Pl.
S.Ten	CALISAI	OC Mortar Pl.
S.Ten	COSTANTINI Silvio	OC Pioneer Pl.

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S.Ten	[illegible]	[illegible]
S.Ten	DE CARET Romolo	OC 2 Pl.
S.Ten	DE ROSA	OC 3 Pl.

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S.Ten	GALESAI	OC Mortar Pl.
S.Ten	COSTANTINI Silvio	OC Pioneer Pl.

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Appendix "A"

Order issued by OC 6 Coy, 2 nd 6 Inf Regt SAN MARCO Division

RE, P.F.No 83623/S
22 Aug 44.

To all Subordinate Sections

To all Subordinate Sections

ORDER No 2

Sentence of Death

Seaman ("Moro") Filippo PERRARI, tried by Field General Court Martial on the charge of instigating others to desert, of maintaining intelligence with the enemy and making defeatist propaganda, has been condemned to death by shooting in the back.

The sentence was carried out in one of our strongpoints, at dawn on 22 Aug 44.

The civilian Casimiro MARCONI, enemy agent, charged with instigating to desertion and sabotage of military works and with subversive propaganda, was condemned to the same penalty.

The Special Tribunal has also sentenced:

PERUGINI	Nicola
VALENTINI	Antonio
PIGNONE	Pietro
[illegible]	Mario

found guilty of having planned to desert with PERRARI, without, however, carrying out their plan, to be sent to an internment camp.

The inexorable sword of Justice has fallen upon one who, forgetful of the sacred duty incumbent on every soldier and of the oath of allegiance he had taken, betrayed his country, his honour, his unit and his comrades, and let himself be led astray by the insidious words of the enemy's paid agents.

May our ranks which have thus been purged, be closed still more firmly against the enemy invader and the insidious propaganda of traitors.

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(Signed) Ten Prog TAIANO Adolfo
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This report contains information on the MONTE ROSA Division.

Translation of extracts from detailed interrogation by SIM/CSDIC of four Italian deserters.

Source No	467	SIM Ref	117 AB
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"	"	469	"	"	117 AB
"	"	470	"	"	117 AB

Maps used: ITALY 1:100,000

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Source 467 is a 30-year-old peasant from TERNI, who joined 1 Alpini Arty Regt in order to get away from a PW camp. He is politically neutral and seems reliable.

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2 MORBEGNO Bn
3 TIRANO Bn
One HQ Coy
One reserve coy or bn.

1 Alpini Arty Regt, composed of:
Two bns 75/13 guns
Two bns 105/28 guns.

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Plus the following divisional tps:

One Pioneer Bn
One Signals Bn
One Reserve Bn
One Recce Unit, consisting of Bersaglieri
Three A tk coys (two light and one heavy)
One Supply Coy
One Bakers Coy
One Butchers Coy
One Medical Coy
One Light Tpt Coy, consisting of 150 men, with 90 horses.

1. Alpini Bns

Each Alpini Bn had five coys, of which 1, 2 and 3 coys were rifle coys, 4 coy was the "supporting weapons coy" ("compagnia armi di accompagnamento"), armed with 8.1 cm mortars and six HMG 42, and 5 coy the signals coy. /six

a) Rifle Coys

Each Rifle Coy consisted of:
One HQ pl
Three Rifle Pls
One Mortar Sec
One MG Sec.

Strength of each coy was 308 ORs and six offrs. Of the latter one was OC Coy, three were OC pls, one was the MO and one the Vet.

i) HQ Pl consisted of three offrs and 62 men, divided into six secs, viz:

HQ Sec (3 offrs and 10 ORs)
Phone Sec (4 ORs)
Supplies and Services Sec (23 ORs)
Medical Sec (8 ORs)
Mule-Drivers Sec (17 ORs)
Messengers Sec (10 ORs)

HQ Sec included a German interpreter, and one German offr and two German ORs were also attached to it for liaison purposes.
The Supplies and Services Sec consisted of:
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One Clothing and Equipment Storeman

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One Asst Rations Storeman
One Clothing and Equipment Storeman
One Ordnance Storeman
Two Armourers
One Head Cook
Five Cooks
One NCO i/c Drivers
Five Drivers
One Tailor
One Shoemaker
One Saddler
One Barber

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The Medical Sec consisted of:
Two med orderlies, of whom one was section leader.
Six stretcher-bearers.

The Mule-Drivers Sec consisted of:

One NCO section leader
Sixteen drivers
Numbers of mules and drivers might be increased or reduced according to requirements. The sec had five carts and sets of harness.

The Messengers Sec consisted of:

One NCO section leader, armed with BERETTA MP.
One Cpl or L/Cpl armed with rifle and Very pistol.
Eight messengers " " " " " "

ii) Each Rifle Pl consisted of one offr and seventy ORs and was divided into seven secs, viz:

HQ Sec (5 men)
A tk rifle Sec (15 men)
Four Rifle Secs (10 men in each)
Supplies Sec (10 men)

HQ Sec consisted of:

One Cpl and medical orderly, armed with pistol and carrying first-aid kit.
One orderly armed with rifle and Very pistol, who always followed the OC Pl.
Three messengers armed with rifles and Very pistols, for comms between OC Pl and three section leaders.

A Tk Rifle Sec consisted of:

One NCO section leader, armed with BERETTA MP.
One Cpl or L/Cpl, armed with BERETTA MP.
One MG carrier (MG 42), armed with pistol.
One ammo-carrier, carrying two boxes of 300 rounds each; armed with pistol.
One ammo-carrier, carrying one box of ammo and box containing accessories and spare parts; armed with rifle.
Ten A Tk rifle carriers (actually there was only one A tk rifle for instructional purposes).

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Rifle Secs consisted of:

One NCO section leader, armed with BERETTA MP.
One Cpl or L/Cpl, armed with rifle mod 98 and Very pistol.
One MG carrier (MG 42), armed with German pistol.
One ammo-carrier, armed with German pistol and carrying two boxes of 300 rounds each.
One ammo-carrier, armed with rifle and carrying one box of 300 rounds and box of spare parts.

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One rifleman armed with semi-automatic German telescopic rifle.
One rifleman carrying semi-automatic rifle fitted with cup-discharger and box containing 30 grenades (10 AP & Tk, 10 HE and 10 for propaganda leaflets).
Three riflemen armed with rifles mod 98 and each carrying two packages of 50 rounds each, representing the sec's reserve of amn (total 300 rounds).
The MG-carrier, in addition to the MG 42, carried a case of spare parts containing one breech-block, one striker, one brush and one pull-through.

Supplies Sec consisted of:

One NCO section leader armed with BERETTA MP.
Nine men armed with rifles mod 98, each in charge of a mule.

iii) The Mortar Sec consisted of:

One NCO section leader, armed with BERETTA MP.
One Cpl or L/Cpl range-finder, armed with German pistol.
Two Cpls or L/Cpls, each in charge of one mortar, armed with German pistols.
Two mortar carriers, armed with German pistols.
Two firers, armed with German pistols, who carried the bipods.
Two loaders, armed with German pistols, who carried the base-plates.
Eight amn-carriers, armed with rifles, each carrying two cases containing four shells each.

iv) The MG Sec consisted of:

One NCO section leader, armed with German pistol.
Four Cpls or L/Cpls, each in charge of one MG 42, armed with German pistols.
Four tripod-carriers, armed with German pistols.
One man in charge of amn-carriers, armed with rifle.
Eight amn-carriers armed with rifles, each carrying two boxes, each containing six 50 -round belts.

v) Total Armament of a Rifle Coy

72 Pistols P. 38
168 Rifles Mod 98
32 BERETTA MPs
12 Semi-automatic telescopic rifles

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2 8.1 cm Mortars
4 MMG 42
2 Hand-grenades per man.

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vi) Ammunition

Each Rifle Coy carried 18,000 rounds of SAA as reserve, in addition to the following quantities of ready-to-use ammo:

16 rounds for each pistol
60 " " " rifle
1200 " " " MG
2100 " " " MMG
1000 " " " BERETTA MP
237 " " " mortar.

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(vii) Transport

Each Rifle Coy had:

1 small truck
5 heavy lorries
2 field kitchens, which can be either HD or towed.

b) Supporting Weapons Coy

Each Supporting Weapons Coy consisted of:

One HQ Sec
One Mortar Pl
One MG Pl
One Signals Pl
One Mule-drivers or Pack transport Pl
One Supplies and Services Sec.

i) HQ Sec consisted of:

Two WOs
One Sjt accountant
One L/Sjt quartermaster's clerk
One L/Sjt orderly-room clerk

ii) Mortar Pl was divided into three secs, each having two 8.1 cm mortars and seventeen men, viz:

One NCO sec leader, armed with BERETTA MP
Two mortar commanders, armed with pistols P. 38
Two barrel-carriers, " " " "
Two bipod-carriers, " " " "
Two baseplate-carriers, " " " "
Eight ammo-carriers, armed with MAUSER rifles.

In each Mortar Pl there was one man trained as range-finder.

iii) MG Pl was divided into three secs, each having two MG 42 and fifteen men, viz:

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iv) Sources could give NO information on the organisation of the Signals Pl, Mule-drivers or Pack Tpt Pl and Supplies and Services Sec. 3837

c) Signals Coy

Each Signals Coy consisted of:

One Signals Pl, with three WT sets and an unspecified number of phones.
One Gun Pl, with two 75 mm guns.
One Pioneer Pl.

Sources could give NO other details.

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2. Changes of Organization in 2 Alpini Regt (Aug 44)

To replace desertions, 2 Alpini Regt received reinforcements consisting of three pioneer pls (each of thirty Bersaglieri cyclists), one of which was allotted to each bn, their function being to maintain communication between Bn HQ and Coys and between one coy and another, to demolish bridges and to mine roads.

Pls of four secs have now b en reduced to three secs; strength of each sec is now 8-9 men; Pl HQ secs, supplies secs and A tk rifle secs have been abolished. Coy HQ Messengers Secs have been reduced from ten men to five.

3. 1 Alpini Arty Regt (Sep 44)

The Regt consists of four bns. 1 and 2 bns each have three tps of four 75/13 guns each, and each of these bns has about a hundred mules. 3 and 4 bns have three tps of four 105/28 guns each, horse-drawn; number of horses unknown. Strength of each tp is about 300 men.

B. Locations

a) 2 Alpini Regt (26 Oct 44)

In area between CASTELNUOVO DI GARFAGNANA (Sheet 96, L 1308), FIATTONE (L 1406), CAMPO (L 1506) and LIMA (Sheet 97, L 1903).

b) 1 Alpini Arty Regt (15 Sep 44)

Sheet 8
F 151447 3 HQ 2 Bn at AVEGNO, in an isolated house about 50 m SOUTH of the cemetery, WEST of the "provinicial" road.
F 154438 4 and 5 tps 2 Bn at VESCINA. The men were in tents in a chestnut wood, near their guns. The tents were in course of being dug in to make them less vulnerable. The mules of 4 Tp were in a chestnut and olive
P 154440 wood about 200 m NORTH of VESCINA church. The mules of 5 Tp were in
P 142450 a chestnut and oak wood about 60 m NORTH of AVEGNO church, between the
P 154473 road and the PESCIO Torrent. 6 Tp was SOUTH of USCIO; it had only recently been formed and had neither guns nor mules.

C. Uniform

All ranks wear Italian uniforms, made of cloth in stock before the Armistice.

Distinguishing Signs

Alpini - On the collar, green flames and the Roman gladius, encircled by a laurel wreath. On the Alpini hat, the Alpini badge, for ORs in black cloth, for offrs in gold braid. The feather in the hat is black, with a pompon which varies in colour according to the unit

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b) 1 Alpini Arty Regt (15 Sep 44)

Sheet 8
P 151447
P 154438
P 154440
P 142450
P 154473

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HQ Coy 2 Alpini Regt	- blue
BRESCIA Bn	- green
MORBEGNO Bn	- white
TIRANO Bn	- red.

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Artillerymen - On the collar, as for the Alpini, but with yellow piping. The badge on the hat is the same as for the Alpini, but with crossed guns instead of rifles.

All members wore / the MONTE ROSA Div sign, with the Div motto "Honour and Faith", on the breast and on their hats.

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1. 40SPA Bn

Bn HQ	-	87265/A
1 Coy	-	87265/B
2 Coy	-	87265/C
3 Coy	-	87265/D
4 Coy	-	87265/E
5 Coy	-	87265/F

2. 1 Alpini Arty Regt

Regt HQ	-	84336
HQ 2 Bn	-	87705/A
4 Tp	-	87705/B
5 Tp	-	87705/C
6 Tp	-	87705/D

E. Morale

On the whole extremely low. The number of desertions has been very large and the average is about fifty in every coy or equivalent formation. Some NCOs and Alpini sent to PIEDMONT to obtain mules failed to return. The one and only cavalry tp in the Div, consisting of thirty-six men under a lt, disappeared en bloc, taking their horses with them, as soon as the Div reached ITALY.

F. MUSSOLINI

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G. PERSONALITIES (Oct 44)

1. Div HQ

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HQ 2 Bn - 87705/A
4 Tp - 87705/B
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1. Div HQ

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Gen	RICCI Goffredo	GOC Div until early Jul 44
Gen	CARLONI	" " since " " "
Gen	PICKER (German)	Attached to Div HQ.

2. 1 Alpini Regt

Ten Col	PASQUALI	OC Regt
Ten Col	FARINACCI	OC Regt until it left GERMANY for ITALY, when he was transferred to Div HQ. Brother of Roberto FARINACCI.

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2. 1 Alpini Regt (cont)

Maggiore	GUARINI	OC AOSTA Bn. Ex Federal Secretary of FORLI'.
Cap	MOLINAR	OC 3 Coy AOSTA Bn
Cap	POGGI	OC 2 Coy AOSTA Bn
Cap	FORNASARI	OC INTRA Bn.

3. 2 Alpini Regt

Ten Col	CHIERICI	OC Regt
Cap	LOCATELLI	OC BRESCIA Bn
Ten	NOZZADINI	OC 1 Coy BRESCIA Bn
Cap	FERABRANI	OC 2 " " "
Cap	VENUTI	OC 3 " " "
Ten	MARZAROTTO Basilio	OC 4 " " "
Ten	SCOCCI	At Bn HQ
S.Ten	PINI	OC 1 Pl, 3 Coy BRESCIA Bn
S.Ten	MARTINAZZO	OC 2 Pl, " " " "
S.Ten	BRESSAN Giorgio	OC MG Pl " " " "
S.Ten	NAVA	OC Mortar Pl " " "
Ten	WEINBERG (phon)	German Liaison offr at HQ BRESCIA Bn
S.Ten	HELLER	" " " 3 Coy, BRESCIA Bn.

4. 1 Alpini Arty Regt

Ten Col	GROSSI	OC Regt
Cap	D'ORNEA	Adjt
Cap	ANZIL	OC 2 Bn
Ten	VARDANEGA	OC 3 Tp
S.Ten	RUFFINI	2 IC 5 Tp
S.Ten	BERGOMINI	In 5 Tp
S.Ten	FERRI	" " "
S.Ten	FOLLI	" " "

5. Nominal Roll of 1 Coy AOSTA Bn 1 Alpini Regt (23 Oct 44)

HQ Platoon

HQ Sec

Ten	FRENGUELLI Glauco - OC
Ten Med	ACCARDI Giuseppe
Serg magg	BIAGETTI
Mar	LANGSEN
Cap magg	KIMPSEL
Cap magg	MAYER
Serg	CARDUCCI

Telephone Sec

Messengers Sec

Serg	BRUNIA
Caporale	OLIVIERO
"	PEZZINI Giulio
Alpino	QUARTI
"	SALVAGNI
"	APRIGONI
"	SORBAROLI
"	GIOVAGNETTO
"	MASSA
"	MANZONE
"	BRAGALLI

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S.Ten	MARTINAZZO	OC 2 Pl, " " " "
S.Ten	BRESSAN Giorgio	OC MG Pl " " " "
S.Ten	M.V.	OC Mortar Pl " " "
Ten	WEINBERG (phon)	German Liaison offr at HQ BRESCIA Bn
S.Ten	HELLER	" " " 3 Coy, BRESCIA Bn.

4. 1 Alpini Arty Regt

Ten Col	GROSSI	OC Regt
Cap	D'ORNEA	Adjt
Cap	ANZIL	OC 2 Bn
Ten	VARDANEGA	OC [illegible] Tp
S.Ten	RUFFINI	2 IC 5 Tp
S.Ten	BERGOMINI	In 5 Tp
S.Ten	FEHRI	" " "
S.Ten	FOLLI	" " "

5. Nominal Roll of 1 Coy AOSTA Bn 1 Alpini Regt (23 Oct 44)

HQ Platoon

HQ Sec

Ten	FRENGUELLI Glauco - OC
Ten Med	ACCARDI Giuseppe
Serg magg	BIAGETTI
Mar	LARSEN
Cap magg	HIMPSEL
Cap magg	RAYSZ
Serg	CARDUCCI

Telephone Sec

Caporale	SCARPELLINI
"	BOSSI
Alpino	PERETTI

Coy HQ Sec

Caporale	TRAINI
Alpino	DEL GRANO

Messengers Sec

Serg	BERERA
Caporale	OLIVIERO
"	PEZZINI Giulio
alpino	QUARTI
"	SALVAGNI
"	APRIGONI
"	SOREGAROLI
"	GIOVANETTO
"	MASSA
"	MANZONE
"	FUMAGALLI

Supplies and Services

Serg	DI RAFFAELE
Caporale	MARTINELLI
Alpino	MOCCA
"	DI LULLO
Cap magg	VOLTA
"	RASTELLO

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Stretcher-bearers Sec

Caporale	CIRILLO
Alpino	CILLERAI
"	MORELLI
"	PASPARINI

Mule-drivers Sec

Alpino	VENTUROLI
"	GUERRA
"	LANDUZZI
"	CAPELLA

1 Platoon

HQ Sec

Ten	VERONI - OC
Caporale	PINTO
"	BOTASSO
"	CALIANO
Alpino	CAMBA
"	MORELLI P.
"	MOLINO
"	POSCHIAVINI

1. Sec

Caporale	MAIOCCHI
"	ZAGARELLI
Alpino	BERTOLOTTO
"	BERTOCCHI
"	GATTI G.
"	BEGGIANI
"	MONTARONE
"	BONADONNA
"	CUNICO
"	FOGLIOLESI

2 Sec

Caporale	TEDOLDI
"	PASIN
"	PRATO
Alpino	BOSIO
"	ROSI
"	MUSSO
"	VAL
"	BITOSSI
"	PALCO
"	BRUNI

3 Sec

Serg	PAPPANI
Caporale	RUTTA
Alpino	GAMBO
"	ZANETTI
"	CASANTELLI
"	ZIGGIOTTI
"	BORGIS
"	GIORDANENGO
"	BERSON-GIACCHETTI

4 Sec

Caporale	PIGHI
"	MICHELUCCI
Alpino	AGGIO
"	BEDCARIS
"	LOMBARDI
"	PEDCHIO
"	MATURANI
"	LANUAGLO

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Ten	VERONI - CC
Caporale	PINTO
"	BOTASSO
"	CALIANO
Alpino	CARGA
"	MORELLI P.
"	MOLINO
"	FOSCHIANTI

2 Sec

Caporale	TEDOLDI
"	PASIN
"	PRATO
Alpino	BOSIO
"	ROSI
"	RUSSO
"	DAL
"	BITOSSI
"	FALCO
"	BRUNI

4 Sec

Caporale	PIGHI
"	MICHELACCI
Alpino	ARGIO
"	BENCARIS
"	LOMBARDI
"	PECCHIO
"	MATURANI
"	LANUFOLO

2 Platoon

HQ Sec

S.Ten	RADAONI Mario - CC
Serg	BOSCHI
Caporale	BUFFIO
"	SANTUCCI
"	FANTINI
Alpino	DARDANONI
"	GILLIO
"	GHINETTI

Caporale	MAIOCCHI
"	ZAGANELLI
Alpino	BENCOLOTTO
"	BERTOCCHI
"	GATTI G.
"	BERGLANI
"	MONTARONE
"	BONACCORSI
"	CUNICO
"	FOGLIOLEI

3 Sec

Serg	RAFFANI
Caporale	RUFFA
Alpino	GAGGO
"	ZANETTI
"	CASARTELLI
"	ZICCIOTTI
"	DONGIS
"	GIORDANENGO
"	BERTON-GIACCHETTI

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1 Sec

Caporale	FUSACALLI R.
"	GAMBA
Alpino	PERICO
"	TAPASCONI
"	FONTANA
"	GIOVANARDI
"	CHIESA R.
"	FERRARI
"	BELLINI
"	ROMANINI

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2 Sec

C.M.	TAGINI
C.M	BARACCHI
Caporale	GHISLANDI
Alpino	PANZERI
"	SPADA M.
"	MASSERINI
"	RICHIUTI
"	USLENGHI
"	CANCELLI

3 Sec

Serg	FRIGERIO
C.M.	MANGOLINI
Caporale	RIZZI
Alpino	CIPRIANI
"	FILISETTI
"	BRIGNOLI
"	SEMPERBONI
"	PIFFARI
"	BIANCHI
"	CURZI

4 Sec

Serg	DEGLI INNOCENTI
Alpino	SERRI
"	POLONELLI
"	GATTANI
"	DE LORENZI
"	DRESTI
"	MANICI
"	BONSIGNA
"	AZZOLIN
"	CANTARELLI

3 Platoon

Ten	PORTINARI	- CC
Serg	MAIOCHELLO	- 2 IC
"	PELLEGRINI	- 1/c 1 Sec
"	PAOLETTI	- " 2 "
"	FABERI	- " 3 "
"	FEVERELLI	- " 4 "

Mortar Sec

Serg	REVELANO
C.M.	PELLIZONE
Caporale	CASINI
"	FUMAGALLI
"	VOLONTE'
Alpino	PANZANI
"	ORLANDINI
"	COSSOLETI
"	RONCHIS
"	PEZZI G.P.
"	ALBONETTI
"	AGODINO
"	BARNINI
"	MORIGGI
"	AGENTI
"	BENZANELLI
"	CUCCO

MG Sec

Serg	MOLTENI
Caporale	SANTAGOSTINO
"	SOMASCHINI
"	MASSOL
Alpino	FLAVANINI
"	BOTTONI G.
"	MAZZOLANI A.
"	BRUMANA
"	FORESTI
"	VANOLI
"	CAPPONI
"	CAVALLI
"	GHILARDELLI
"	PELLEGRINI
"	MAZZOLENI E.
"	BABINI (?)

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"	DRESTI
"	MANICI
"	BERSIGA
"	AZZOLEN
"	CANTARELLI

3 Platoon

Ten	PORTINARI	- OC
Serg	TAUCHELLO	- 2 IC
"	PELLEGRINI	- i/o 1 Soc
"	PAOLETTI	- " 2 "
"	FABBRI	- " 3 "
"	PEVERELLI	- " 4 "

Mortar Soc

Serg	BERLAND
C.M.	PELLIZONE
Caporale	C SINI
"	FUMAGALLI
"	VOLONTE'
Alpino	PAN[illegible]I
"	ORL[illegible]DELLI
"	COSSOLINI
"	RONCHIS
"	PEZZI G.P.
"	ALBORGHETTI
"	A[illegible]ODINO
"	B[illegible]NELLI
"	MORIGGI
"	[illegible]ENTI
"	[illegible]ARELLI
"	CUSCO
"	FO[illegible]A
"	GIRANDI
"	SACRINI

MG Soc

Serg	MOLTENI
Caporale	SANTAGOSTINO
"	SOMASCHINI
"	MASSOL
Alpino	FIAVANINI
"	BOTTONI G.
"	MAZZOLANI A.
"	BRUMANA
"	FORESTI
"	VIGOLI
"	CAPPONI
"	CAVALLI
"	CHILANDELLI
"	PELLEGRINI
"	MAZZOLENI E.
"	BABINI (?)
"	MAZZOLENI C.

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Subject: Denunciation sent by Mr. Busico Giuseppe against the Italian Officer, Marrone Giovanni Battista of the 9th Infantry Regiment fighting in Croatia, who, as he says, deserted his post and now, reappearing often on the spot, tries to obtain a job, as teacher, in the local school.

Capt. Selby

for info + action if necessary

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S/I/102 AFA 2830 (3)

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SUBJECT: Giuseppe DOSSI

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
G/I/102/1
12 Nov 44

TO : Political Section M.M.I.A.

The Ministry of War state that there is no truth in the story that Giuseppe DOSSI - ex fascist official - is serving as a colonel with an Italian Combat Unit under an assumed name.

Major Gen
M.M.I.A.

Nord S.

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This report contains information on the Republican and German Armed Forces in Northern ITALY and lists of Republican Personalities.

Translation of extracts from detailed interrogations by SIM/CSDIC of five Italians and from captured documents.

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B. REPUBLICAN FORCES

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1. Locations

a) BOLOGNA (Sep 44 - Source 427)

Town Plan 91024763

SS Political Police interrogation centre in small villa in Via VENDOLI, popularly known as "Villa Verde" ("Green Villa"). Notorious for the tortures to which suspects are subjected during interrogation.

b) VERONA Area (Aug 44 - Source 428)

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About sixty GNR personnel quartered in the "Casa del Comune" at BOVOLONE' VERONESE.

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2. Units

a) 116 Field Fortifications Engr Bn (May 44 - Source 416)

(i) Organization

Bn consisted of four coys, under the command of Ten Col VENTURINI of PARMA, who replaced Capt REGGIO D'ACCI, the original CO.

(ii) Strength

1 Coy - 250 men
2 Coy - 250 "
3 Coy - 250 "
4 Coy - 100 "

(iii) Armament

20 carbines mod 91 per coy.
2 Breda MG at Bn HQ.

(iv) Transport

1 lorry at Bn HQ.
2 carts per coy, drawn by horses or mules.

(v) Location

When Source left Bn, it was at STAGNA, near POSCIPONTI, but he does NOT know its present location.

b) 92 Legion Territorial Defence Militia (Jun 44 - Source 425)

(i) Organization and Location

2 Bn of this Legion consists of three coys. HQ is at POLA and the remainder of the bn is split up into small garrisons all over Southern ISTRIA. Location of 1 Coy is unknown, HQ 2 Coy at LUPOGLAVO (Sheet 77 A, N 5596), HQ 3 Coy at ALBONA (Sheet 65 B, d 0210).

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(ii) Functions

Maintenance of public order, rounding up men who fail to join up and workers who desert themselves from work.

(iii) Strength

Each coy is about 150 men strong.

(iv) Armament

Individual: Officers, NCOs and VPs: ORs, rifles mod 91.
Unit: One MG, one 8.1 cm mortar and four automatic rifles per coy.

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(v) Transport

Two armoured cars and three heavy lorries. Other transport is supplied as required by German SS HQ POLA.

(vi) Personnel and Pay

Personnel consists of men of all ages, some volunteers, others conscripts. An unmarried private receives 900 lire a month, a married pte 1150 lire, a married sjt-major 2300 lire.

3. Training Schools (Aug 44 - Source 428)

a) CRR NCOs School, BOSCO CHIESANUOVA

(i) Location and Organisation

Sheet 49
F 691741

The school is housed in the BRUNO MUSSOLINI Barracks, formerly the Principi di PIEMONTE Homo. It consists of two coys, 1 coy (militiamen) being about 150 men strong and 2 coy (carabinieri) about 115 strong. Between May and Aug 44 there were three successive OCs, whose names Source does NOT remember.

(ii) Armament

Individual: carbines and daggers. The school also possessed about eight automatic rifles, ten BREDA 37 MGs and six 4.5 cm mortars. Some of the carabinieri on the course succeeded in stealing a number of automatic rifles and carbines belonging to the school; these were handed over to the Patriot bands operating in the area.

(iii) Syllabus

Regulations.
Criminal Law, substituted after the change of status of the school by Military Law.
Weapons and their employment.
Signals.
Fortifications.

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Regulations.
Criminal Law, substituted after the change of status of the school by Military Law.
Weapons and their employment.
Signals.
Fortifications.
Map-reading.
General education.

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(iv) Miscellaneous

The school was originally intended to train NCOs for police duties, but afterwards it was converted into a training school for NCOs for fighting formations. This measure increased the discontent which already existed among the Carabinieri; desertions began and gradually increased in number. About the end of Aug all Carabinieri on the course were asked to sign a form whereby they accepted their discharge from the GC.RR and applied to be enrolled as volunteers in the Militia, for service anywhere. This induced many more men to desert, and when Source himself deserted on 31 Aug 44, there were only about thirty men left in 2 coy out of the original 115.

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C. GERMAN FORCES

1. Locations

Town Plan 025423?2

a) TURIN (25 Sep 44 - Source 449)

(i) Feldgendarmerie HQ in Corso CROCCO, at the corner of Corso FERRARIS. There are about sixty officers of various ranks there. The entrance to the offices is in Corso CROCCO and at the door there is a small flagstaff with a little metal pennant on it bearing the word "Feldgendarmerie" in German script. Quarters for officers on night duty are in the NE part of the building. Parking place for about thirty cars in that part of the former LANCIA showrooms which has been damaged by bombs. Each car has three metal pennants; two yellow ones with the word "Feldgendarmerie" on the front mudguards and one with the German colours on the radiator cap. In addition each car carries at the back a metal plate painted yellow, with the word "Feldgendarmerie". One of the cars carries a German eagle in gold above a number on the front bumper and a GOC's pennant on the radiator.

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(ii) HQ of a sec of the TODT Organisation in the NIZZA Cav Regt Barracks in Corso UNIONE. The same barracks houses specialised personnel used for guiding and escorting MT convoys and an "Enrolment and Posting" sec of the Republican Labour service; the latter is under Dr ROLANDO (or ROLANDI), of TURIN, who also acts as interpreter. There are about nine Junior German officers in the barracks. The TODT vehs are parked round the barracks and are cam with nets.

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(iii) In the FIAT main building at LINGOTTO there is an office for liaison between the TODT Organisation and the FIAT MIRAFIORI works. Personnel consists of one German officer, with Republican clerks, interpreters, telephone operators etc.

(b) Lake MAGGIORE Area (Apr-May 44 - Source 445)

Sheet 31 D 735208

(i) Check-post, consisting of a mixed detachment of about ten Germans and Republicans at MG. It controls all traffic on the three roads which meet EAST of the PONTE TOCE Bridge. Military personnel are always stopped at the post, as Partisans sometimes try to get into LUINO or BELLINZONA disguised

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012258 (ii) HQ of a sec of the TODT Organization in the MITRA Cav Regt Barracks in Corso STUPINIGI. The same barracks houses specialised personnel used for guiding and escorting MT convoys and an "Enrolment and Posting" sec of the Republican labour service; the latter is under Dr ROLANDO (or ROLANDI), of TURIN, who also acts as interpreter. There are about nine junior German officers in the barracks. The TODT vehs are parked round the barracks and are can with nets.

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(b) Lake MAGGIORE Area (Apr-May 44 - Source 445)

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D 786199 (ii) Check-post at INTRA bridge, manned by 10-12 Republicans armed with carbines or MPs. Mot vehs are forbidden to cross the bridge. Reinforcements consisting of 20 men armed with MPs are always standing ready with a lorry on which an MG is mounted, in the RYAN barracks about 1 km NORTH of the bridge. The post
D 785198 can be avoided by passing behind the mill SOUTH of the bridge and crossing the bed of the river.

(iii) Patrol of 10 Germans along the road between ARONA and DORMELLETTO (J 7896). It can be avoided by using along the rly line.

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c) BORGO CHIESANUOVA (Aug 44 - Source 428)

Various German units spend short rest periods in the hotels in the village (Sheet 49, F 6874).

d) TRIESTE (Jun 44 - Source 427)

600-700 Ukrainian tps quartered in the schools and at the Casa del Fascio. They are used for AA duties and are very pro-German. They denounced a civilian who tried to persuade some of them to desert to the Partisans. About 40 Germans of an AA unit under a capt are quartered in a small villa near the Sheet 57 G 043829 IRAM factory.

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e) POLA Area (12 Oct 44 - Source 436)

(i) 400 SS in the 5 Arty Regt Barracks. OC is a capt and there are about 10 officers in all. Individual armament, automatic rifles or MPs. Transport, a few heavy lorries, with black sting on white background as distinguishing mark. The men are used for police duties and against Partisans.

N 875859

(ii) 300 men of the German army in the inf barracks. They have only a few officers and the men are mostly Austrians and Poles. They co-operate with the SS in mopping-up operations and also provide guards for the POLA-DIGNANO rly.

N 883968

(iii) About 200 men under a lt quartered in the elementary school (former Austrian barracks) at DIGNANO. They have NO MT, but about 20 horses. Function and armament unknown.

N 792003

(iv) About 180 men under a lt are guarding the powder-magazine in Fort MARMAROLA.

(v) In all the villages along the POLA-TRIESTE rly line there are small German garrisons which provide guards for the rly.

2. Services

(a) WT Stations (20 Sep 44 - Source 445)

Static WT stations are completely under German control.

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or an unit under a capt was quartered in a small villa near the PRUU factory.

c) POLA Area(12 Oct 44 - Source 445)

Sheet 77 A
N 887875

(i) 400 SS in the 5 Arty Brat Barracks. OC is a capt and there are about 10 officers itself. Individual armament, automatic rifles or MPs. Transport, a few heavy lorries, with black stag on white background as distinguishing mark. The men are used for police duties and against Partisans.

N 875859

(ii) 300 men of the German army in the inf barracks. They have only a few officers and the men are mostly Austrians and Poles. They co-operate with the SS in mopping-up operations and also provide guards for the POLA-DIGNANO rly.

N 883965

(iii) About 200 men under a lt quartered in the elementary school (former Austrian barracks) at DIGNANO. They have NO MT, but about 20 horses. Function and armament unknown.

H 792003

(iv) About 180 men under a lt are guarding the powder-magazine in Fort BRIONI.

(v) In all the villages along the POLA-TRIESTE rly line there are small German garrisons which provide guards for the rly.

2. Services

(a) WT Stations (20 Sep 44 - Source 445)

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Static WT stations are completely under German control.

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(i) Station TO 1 is used for civilian broadcasting.

(ii) Station TO 2 is used for interception and jamming.

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(iii) Station TO 3 is used for interception on short and ultra-short waves. It comes under the Ortskommandantur. Personnel consists of two German junior officers and German WT operators; twenty Italian civilians, of whom seven are classified as foreman, for maintenance of motors, batteries, transformers and electrical equipment in general. The foreman are supervised by German NCOs and check up on the apparatus every thirty minutes. Continuous service, with three shifts of eight hours each. Each workmate receives Lire 210 a day, plus the same rations as German soldiers. Minor disciplinary offences are punished with stoppages of pay ranging from half a day to three days. The penalty for absenteeism is death by shooting. All men are equipped with respirators. Only the Germans are armed, with MPs.

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b) PW Camps (Feb 44 - Source 445)

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(i) A PW camp was under construction near the SW corner of the cross-roads NORTH of DESENZANO. PW were badly treated. The camp was surrounded by a double internal wire fence and a single external fence. At the sides there were four wooden platforms, on each of which were a S/L, a telephone and an LMG. On one of the platforms there was an alarm bell. Camp life was regulated by the sounding of a siren.

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L 554867

(ii) Two other PW camps were under construction in the same area, one EAST of the canal, and the other WEST of it. German troops were working on them.

3. Morale and Atrocities (Sep 44 - Source 445)

The TURIN newspaper LA STAMPA stated that as a reprisal for the trial and shooting of CANEPA, hostages were selected at random from among the population and shot. 150 were shot at TURIN, the same number at BOLZANO and MILAN, and 100 at REGGIO EMILIA. At TURIN, besides SS detachments, twenty men from seven lorries which were passing through the town, took part in the massacre. Source was told by a German sjt that the hostages were political detainees.

D. PERSONALITIES.

1. 1/6 Field Fortification Regt Bn (May 44 - Source 426)

Ten Col	VENTURINI, Mario	OC. Native of PIAVE.
Cap	REGGIO D'ACCI, Vladimiro	Former OC.
Cap	LO PIANO, Agostino	OC 1 Coy. Native of CATANIA.
Cap	SIMONETTI, Guido	OC 2 Coy. Believed to be an OVRA Agent.
Ten	PIERRO	Former sjt, then went to 2 Coy. NOT an enthusiastic Fascist.

2. 61 Legion Territorial Defence Militia (Jun 44 - Source 435)

Console	[illegible] Alberto	OC Legion.

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L 555869
L 554657

(ii) Two other P7 camps were under construction in the same area, one EAST of the canal, and the other WEST of it. German troops were working on them.

3. Morale and Atrocities (Sep 44 - Source 445)

The TURIN newspaper LA STAMPA stated that as a reprisal for the trial and shooting of CARUSO, hostages were selected at random from among the population and shot. 150 were shot at TURIN, the same number at BOLOGNA and MILAN, and 100 at REGGIO EMILIA. At TURIN, besides SS detachments, twenty men from seven lorries which were passing through the town, took part in the massacre. Source was told by a German sjt that the hostages were political detainees.

D. PERSONALITIES.

1. 116 Field Fortification Engr Bn (May 44 - Source 416)

Ten Col	VENTURINI, Mario	CO. Native of PADUA.
Cap	REGGIO D'ACCI, Vladimiro	Former CO.
Cap	LO PIANO, Agostino	CO 1 Coy. Native of CATANIA.
Cap	SIMONETTI, Guido	CO 2 Coy. Believed to be an OVRA Agent.
Ten	PENSO	Former adjt, then went to 2 Coy. NOT an enthusiastic Fascist.

2. 61 Legion Territorial Defence Militia (Jun 44 - Source 425)

Console	SARNO, Libero	CO Legion.
Mayg	MARIANI	CO 2 Bn. Ex Army Officer.
Ten	VERZIN, Guido	CO 2 Coy.
S. Ten	BONARDIN, Antonio	Ex 2 Coy.
Ten	MARTIN, Bruno	CO 3 Coy.

3. GNR NCOs School, BOSCO CHIESANUOVA (Aug 44 - Source 428)

Magg	MALOCCHI	Instructor in Criminal Law.
Ten	COZZOLINO	CO 1 Coy. Native of PADOVA.
Cap	ROSSI	CO 2 Coy.

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4. Miscellaneous (Sources 427 and 445)

Gen	RICCI	Has been removed from the command of the GNR and since Sep 44 is said to have assumed command of the GTL.
-	BUCCI	OC Italian SS and head of the Political Office in BOLOGNA (Sep 44). Always wears civilian clothes. Age 44-45. Native of FROSINONE.
Ten Col	GHINELLI	Ex Carabiniere. Collaborates with Political office, BOLOGNA. Brutal interrogator. He and his wife are said to have moved to VOGHERA (Sep 44).
Ten Col	PERRINI CENERONI	OC GAF M.MCO Barracks, La SPEZIA (Apr 44).
Ten Col	AGOSTINI	President of medical board which examines volunteers for X Flotilla MAS (Apr 44).
Magg	FUGGI, Beniamino	OC "MAI MORTI" Bn, now known as R.GUARDIA Reserve Bn, La SPEZIA (Apr 44).
Magg	BANDELLI	OC BARBARIGO Bn, La SPEZIA (Apr 44).
Magg	MICHELONI	Adjt GAF M.MCO Barracks (Apr 44).
Magg	DE MARTINO	OC LITO Bn, La SPEZIA (Apr 44).
Cap	MARSIGNONI	2 IC BARBARIGO Reserve Bn, La SPEZIA (Apr 44).
Cap	SPADOLINI, Ugo	OC Black Bde, BOLOGNA (Sep 44).

5. Military Districts HQ, CHIETI (16 Nov 43)(Captured Document)

Rank	Name	Class	Function
Col Ftr	DANESE, Giuseppe	1883	OC
Ten Col Ftr	DE NICOLA, Federico	1888	-
Magg S.C.M.	CIALLO, Antonino	-	-
Cap Ftr	SALERNI, Adolchi	1887	Rations Offr.
Cap Aut	TRENTONI, Giulio	1885	-
Cap Medico	STIRA, Federico	1893	Garrison MO.
Cap Amm.vo	DEPOSITO, Guido	1905	-
Cap Ftr	LUSSU, Antonio	1892	Censorship.
Ten Aaron	G.V., Doschico	1915	-
S.Ten Ftr	DEFOURTH, Sylvester	1898	Rations Offr.

6. 23 Military Provincial HQ, CHIETI (16 Nov 43)(Captured Docum

Ten Col	ANTONUCCI, Ercole	-

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Ten Col	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Dr Bernaglione. Collaborates with Political Office, BOLOGNA. Brutal Interrogator. He and his wife are said to have moved to VOGHERA (Sep 44).
Ten Col	FERRITO, GIACOMO	OC SAN MARCO Barracks, LA SPEZIA (Apr 44).
Ten Col	AMOSTINI	President of medical Board which examines volunteers for X Flotilla MAS (Apr 44).
Magg	FUMAI, Bonfemino	OC "MAI MORTI" Bn, now known as S.BARBARIGO Reserve Bn, LA SPEZIA (Apr 44).
Magg	DEFUSHAI	OC S.BARBARIGO BN, LA SPEZIA (Apr 44).
Magg	MICHELONI	AAJt S.M MARCO Barracks (Apr 44).
Magg	DE MARTINO	OC LITO Bn, LA SPEZIA (Apr 44).
Cap	MARTORANI	2 IC BARBARIGO Reserve Bn, LA SPEZIA (Apr 44).
Cap	SPACCIAROLLO, Ugo	OC Black Bde, BOLOGNA (Sep 44).

5. Military District HQ, CHIETI (16 Nov 43)(Captured Document)

Rank	Name	Class	Function
Col Ptr	DANESE, Giuseppe	1883	OC
Ten Col Ptr	DE NICOLA, Federico	1888	-
Magg S.S.M.	GIGLIO, Antonino	-	-
Cap Ptr	SALERNI, Adolchi	1887	Nations Offr.
Cap Aut	TROTTMANI, Giulio	1889	-
Cap Medico	STIRU, Federico	1893	Garrison MO.
Cap Amm.ne	ESPOSITO, Guido	1905	-
Cap Ptr	LUCES, Antonio	1892	Conscripting.
Ten Aerom	SAVA, Domenico	1915	-
S.Ten Ptr	ESPOSITO, Salvatore	1898	Nations Offr.

6. 23 Military Provincial HQ, CHIETI (16 Nov 43)(Captured Document) 3825

Ten Col	ATTANASIO, Ercole	-
Magg Medico	DE NUCCIO, Giovanni	-
Cap	LEPORATI, Camillo	-
Cap	VALERIO, Paride	-
Ten	PASSONI, Vittorio	-
Ten	TANEO, Vincenzo	-
Ten	PAONE, Antonio	-
Ten	RICCIARELLI, Alessandro	-
S. Ten	PANESSA, Ettore	-
	VENZA, Michele	-

7. Welfare Office for Families of Serving Soldiers, CHIETI (16 Nov 43) (Captured Document)

Cap	SPADONI, Ruggero	-

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6. Provincial Reform Depot, CHIETI (29 Nov 43)(Captured Document)

Ten Col ORLANDI, Gaspare

9. Officers registered from GUERRINI and Republican Army (29 Nov 43) (Captured Document)

Ten SCUTTI
C. Ten CORAZZI
S. Ten CANZI
S. Ten DE VITO

10. 2 Military District, CHIETI (29 Nov 43) (Captured Document)

Ten Col MANELLI, Pietro
Ten Col PERONE, Riccardo
Major CALVITTI
Major DE CECCO
Cap ZILIOLI, Vincenzo
Cap VISCITA
Cap C.RENDO
Cap GIORGINI
Cap CAPODIFERRO
Cap GIANNO
Ten DE LEONI
Ten CERTO
S. Ten ROCCI
S. Ten CAPA

11. 23 Mixed Depot, CHIETI (29 Nov 43) (Captured Document)

Major NARDONI, Edgardo
Cap CATI, Giuseppe
Ten BOLOGNINI
Ten SISTO
Ten D'ANDREAMATTEO
Ten MORI
Ten SARCO
Ten DI CAMILLO
Ten ESPOSITO
Ten COCCO
Ten ZELLINI
G. Ten CIANCA
S. Ten CRISTOFARO
Ten Medico IERULLI, Gaetano

10. 9 Military District, CHIETI (29 Nov 43) (Captured Document)

Ten Col	MAZZELLI, Pietro	-
Ten Col	PERONE, Riccardo	-
Magg	GIANNOTTI	-
Magg	DE CESARE	-
Cap	PALUMBI, Vincenzo	-
Cap	VACCHI	-
Cap	C.RUSSO	-
Cap	CIOTOLI	-
Cap	CAPODIFERRO	-
Ten	CATANZO	-
Ten	DE NICOLA	-
Ten	CENTO	-
S. Ten	BOCCA	-
S. Ten	CARTA	-

11. 23 Mixed Depot, CHIETI (29 Nov 43) (Captured Document)

Magg	MASTRUCCI, Edgardo	-
Cap	CALI' Giuseppe	-
Ten	BONADONNA	-
Ten	SALATO	-
Ten	D' ALESSANDRO	-
Ten	MENNA	-
Ten	RUCCO	-
Ten	DI CAMILLO	-
Ten	ZUCCARINI	-
Ten	COCCO	-
Ten	DELLAIRA	-
S. Ten	CARDARA	-
S. Ten	TERRACINA, Ugo	-
Ten Medico	PERLOSA, Consalvo	-

12. 57 Military Provincial HQ. PESCHICI (29 Nov 43)(Captured Document)

Ten Col Art	RICCHI, Rodolfo di Cesare	1889	Acting OC
Cap Art	MINOLI Gaetano di Alfredo	1909	OC Establishment Office
Cap Ftr	MELAGO, Mario di G.Battista	1899	OC Personnel Office
Cap	PIGLIONI, Nicola fu Egidio	1912	OC Services Office
Ten Ftr	DE MENZIS, Carlo di Costantino	1913	OC Trg Office
Ten Ftr	FRINZO, Paolo fu Antonio	1914	At HQ
Ten Cav	VITA, Teodorico fu Cesare	1891	Acting OC HQ tps
Ten Ftr	CELLITTI, Enrico di Amadeo	1917	With HQ tps.
S. Ten	PUCCI, Giovanni di Marco	1906	With HQ tps
S. Ten	BUSCHO, Salvatore di Michele	1921	With HQ tps.

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S. Ten	NORMANNI, Colombo di Luigi	1897	With HQ tps
S. Ten	CIBELLINI-CLEMENTI, Bruno di Guido	1919	General Office
S. Ten	PERRINO, Giacomo fu Marco	1916	Trg Office
S. Ten	FALDO, Luigi di Domenico	1919	Admin Office
S. Ten	MARCHESE, Sebastiano di Franco	1921	Admin Office.

13. 57 Mixed Provincial Depot, FROSINONE (29 Mar 44)(Captured Document)

Ten Col Ftr	ISOLA, Guido di Pietro	1895	OC
Cap Ftr	MILANESI, Guido	1909	OC Admin Office
Ten Medico	BENEDETTO, Alessandro di Cosimo	1898	MO
S. Ten Ftr	TROCCHI REDI, Guido	1923	
" " "	MACCARONE, Mario	1920	
" " "	FRIA, Luigi	1915	
" " "	CITTADINI, Ruggiero	1930	
" " "	SCALERA, Donato	1920	
" " "	FURILLO, Antonio	1920	

14. Officers on detached duty (29 Mar 44)(Captured Document)

Magg Ftr	CATELLI, Arduino	1892	With Prefecture at FIUGGI
" "	PACIFICO, Francesco	1890	" " " "
" "	VALENTINI, Aurelio	1898	(With the SEPRAL
" "	RIBACCHI, Curzio	1909	(Provincial Rationing Office, FIUGGI)
Ten "	RUSSO, Ostilio	1906	With the SEPRAL, FROSINONE.
S.Ten "	FRIA, Adriano	1922	At C.I.T. Office, FIUGGI.

15. Officers attached to the German Command, FROSINONE (29 Mar 44) (Captured Document)

Ten Ftr	CORSALE, Teodoro	1907
S. Ten	LA WOLFE, Giuseppe	1921
"	DI FABIO, Giovanni	1920
"	SCUPO, Antonio	1890

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16. Officers on the Strength of the Mobilization Office, FROSINONE

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	Cosimo	1896	
S. Ten Ptr	TUCCINARDI, Guido	1923	
" " "	MACCARONE, Mario	1920	
" " "	FRAIA, Luigi	1915	
" " "	CITTADINI, Ruggiero	1920	
" " "	SCALEA., Renato	1920	
" " "	FURILLO, Antonio	1920	

14. Officers on detached duty (29 Mar 44)(Captured Document)

Mogg Ftr	CATELLI, Arduino	1892	With Prefecture at FIUGGI
" "	PISCIELLO, Francesco	1890	" " " "
" "	VALENTINI, Aurelio	1898	(With the SEPRAL
" "	RIBACCHI, Curzio	1909	(Provincial Rationing Office, FIUGGI)
Ten "	ROSSO, Catello	1886	With the SEPRAL, FROSINONE.
S.Ten "	FRAIA, Adriano	1921	At C.I.T. Office, FIUGGI.

15. Officers attached to the German Command, FROSINONE (29 Mar 44) (Captured Document)

Ten Ftr	CONSALE, Amadeo	1907
S. Ten	LA VOLPE, Giuseppe	1921
"	DI FABIO, Giovanni	1920
"	SCIPIO, Antonio	1890

16. Officers on the Strength of the Mobilization Office, FROSINONE (29 Mar 44)(Captured Document)

Ten Col Ftr	MORRA, Giuseppe	1886	OC Mobilization Off.
Cap Ftr	RITAROSSI, Giuseppe	1909	In " "

17. Miscellaneous (Captured Documents)

S. Ten GNR	SILVONI, Enzo	OC Liquidation Office 97 Legion MVSN, SIENA. (10 May 44)
Cap GNR	SANGINESI, Antonio	OC "External Garrisons" GNR, AREZZO (3 May 44)
Mogg	PLISCA, Gualtiero	OC 1 Mogt Territorial Defence Militia (56 Legion), PISTOIA (28 Apr 44)
Ten Col	GENOI, Giuseppe	OC OCTU, SIENA (12 May 44)
Cap	MARSHALL, Bonaventura	OC 2 Auxiliary Coy GNR, CASTIGLION FIORENTINO (19 May 44)
Col	PALLANTI, Zaccheo	OC 12 Military District, SIENA (12 May 44)
Ten Col	INTRIERI	OC Cohort Mountain and Forest Guard, AREZZO (3 May 44).

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18. 296 Territorial Cohort, CIVITA CASTELLANA (Sep 45)(Captured Document)

1° Seniore	PANZANI, Ilio	CC
Centurione	RISERBI, Giovanni	Adjt
Capomanipolo	MARILLANI	CC HQ Maniple
"	LOMBARDINI, Bruno	at HQ
Centurione	MENGELLI, Angelo	Attached HQ & Militia Sub-area.
"	VENTURA, Andrea	CC 1 Century
Capomanipolo	GRAVINA, Francesco	CC 1 Maniple, 1 Century
"	PORTIOLI, Remo	CC 3 " " "
"	MARTINI, Dino	CC 4 " " "
Centurione	TUSI, pietro	CC 2 Century
Capomanipolo	BINI, Guiseppe	CC 1 Maniple, 2 Century
"	MARINI, Giulio	CC 2 " " "
"	CASTELLINI, Vincenzo	CC 3 " " "
"	BENUCCI, Virgilio	CC 4 " " "
Centurione	PECORA, Attilio	CC 2 Century
Capomanipolo	DE CARIS, Donato	CC 1 Maniple, 3 Century
"	CULTRERA, Giovanni	CC 2 " " "
"	FABRI, Lido	CC 3 " " "
"	BELTRACCHI, Gino	CC 4 " " "

19. Members of the M.P.I. (Nucleo Polizia Investigativa), Provincial HQ ASCOLI (7 May 44)
(Captured Document)

Ten	VERDI, Emilio	CC M.P.I.
Aiutante Capo	APOLITOOLA, Umberto	IC Interrogations
Brigadiere	SOLITO, Nicarchino	In flying squad. Wounded by Partisans.
"	CASCIANINI, Alfonso	In flying squad.
"	CAVAZI, Raffaelo	IC Political Card-Index.
Milito Scelto	TARQUINI, Giorgio	In flying squad. Interrogator.
" "	STAFFIOCI, Egidio	In Political Investigation Office.
Allievo Milito	MECONI, Ovidio	In flying squad.
" "	SIGISMONDI, Guido	" " "
" "	MARINI, Oliveiro	" " "
" "	SENTINI, Marcello	Guard.
Milito	PACIONI, Carlo	Cyclist.

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"	[illegible], Dino	OC [illegible]
Centurione	TAVI, pietro	OC 2 Century
Capomanipolo	BINI, Guiseppe	OC 1 Maniplo, 2 Century
"	MARINI, Giulio	OC 2 " " "
"	CASTELLINI, Vincenzo	OC 3 " " "
"	BENZI, Virgilio	OC 4 " " "
Centurione	PEDORI, Attilio	OC 3 Century
Capomanipolo	DE CARIS, Donato	OC 1 Maniplo, 3 Century
"	CULTRERA, Giovanni	OC 2 " " "
"	FABRI, Lido	OC 3 " " "
"	BRATTOCINI, Gino	OC 4 " " "

19. Members of the N.P.I. (Nucleo Polizia Investigativo), Provincial HQ AREZZO (7 May 44)
(Captured Document)

Ten	VECCLI, Emilio	OC N.P.I.
Aiutante Capo	ARRATECOLA, Umberto	IC Interrogations
Brigadiere	SOLITO, Gioacchino	In flying squad. Wounded by Partisans.
"	CASCIANINI, Alfonso	In flying squad.
"	CAVARI, Raffaello	IC Political Card-Index.
Milite Scelto	TOMASSOLI, Giorgio	In flying squad. Interrogator.
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