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WEEKLY SECURITY REPORT
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CREMONA INFANTRY DIV

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1. GENERAL SECURITY

General situation unchanged, the new Home Secretary's (REMITA) statement on public security has been welcomed by the people, who hope that the situation will improve in the future.

2. ATTITUDE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AND LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION

A large number of strikes have occurred this past week, for an increase of wages, to cope with the high cost of living.

3. DEMONSTRATIONS

In TURIN on 16 Dec at 1000 hrs, the unveiling of a bust of Pietro PERRONO who was killed by the Fascists in 1922 took place at the Camera del Lavoro.

Remarkable was the number of red flags and posters against the movement of the "Uomo Qualunque", the Monarchy and the "Gruppo Cavour" who is supporting the reaction". After a brief speech made by the anarchist GIANNINO and the Secretary of the Camera del Lavoro, the Mayor ROVERA made a violent speech in which he said that the mistakes done in 1922 will not be repeated and that at any rate the workers will be able to find the arms where they are, to fight against the reaction. Someone in the crowd shouted that they knew where the arms were to be found. The Monarchy was attacked "as responsible for Fascism" and also the Lieutenant General who interviewed GIANNINI Guglielmo, Manager of "the Uomo Qualunque".

The representative of the Liberal Party did not speak due to the shouts of protest from the crowd.

A woman spoke and said that her son had been killed by republican fascists and the man who killed him is now in the CC RR. She said that this is all due to the Monarchy which protects the CC RR.

An anarchist and a representative of the F I O M (Federazione Italiana Opereai Metallurgici) made speeches. The demonstration dispersed in an orderly manner.

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On 15 Dec at MASSANDRIA, III In 1st Alpini Regt took over the guard at the S Giuliano Telephone Exchange, which was formerly carried out by II In 24 Inf Regt.

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Another search was made in the area of SUTRANO (SERRAVALLE SCHIVIA P 942839). Material recovered are shown in 1 HLU G 1/21 of 18 Dec.

6. GENERAL

Reliable information states that in the RDMLA area there are 12,000 communists, 8,000 socialists, 5000 demo-christians and 4,000 liberals.

The socialist party in NOVARA have received a letter in which is stated the type of policies to adopt, so as to be collateral with that of the communists. Action squads must be ready for a "Coup d'etat" by 15 March.

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1 British Liaison Unit

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General situation remains unchanged.

2. ATTITUDE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AND LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

The Turin Xmas collection has been very successful, it is thought that it will be possible to distribute more than 25,000 Xmas parcels.

3. DEMONSTRATIONS.

On 5 Dec at Biella the metal workers struck in order to obtain higher wages, on the basis of the Fiat agreement made a few days ago.

On 8 Dec Dr Edgardo Sogno of the Liberal Party, spoke on "The crisis, and the Liberal solution". Many people attended the meeting. Towards the end of the meeting Avv Carlo Micca new secretary of the Action Party in MILWA spoke against the army, saying that it has reactionary tendencies. When asked by Mr Clerici (Liberal) whether he included the Combat Groups in that statement, and especially CHIAMATI, he replied that his words were meant for the soldiers, who left the Country in the hands of the Germans on 8 Sep 43.

On 11 Dec the workers of the tannery industries in BIELLA went on strike to protest against the present cost of living. On the 12 Dec at 1000 hrs about 50 workers raided the Veralde and Fiorino factories to find out whether anyone was working. No incident is reported.

On the 11 & 12 Dec postal workers of Acqui struck, as a protest against the Government's failure, to pay them an advance on the increased bonus, and on the 12th & 13th the postal workers of Novi Ligure struck for the same reason.

4. GUARD SITUATION.

Guard situation unchanged. (Repeater Station at San Giuliano J 8602 taken over by III/I Regt Alpini 17 Dec 45)

5. INFORMATION ON ARMS DEPOTS AND HIDDEN ARMS.

On the 13 Dec two guns and a MG were seized in the Municipio of Borgo D' Ale J 3557, at Stazzano O 9584 a raid was carried out, and a quantity of arms seized. 1 REU letter G 1/24 18 Dec refers.

6. GENERAL.

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At *OLEGGIO*, on 14 Dec, during the funeral of an ex-partisan, an argument arose between the Priest of the town and the local Communists, who wanted to enter the church carrying their banner. The representatives of the Communist Party did not enter the Church.

Attached as appx "A" copy of an article, "*LIUNELLO PROLETARIO*", which appeared in the *GAZZETTA D'ITALIA*.

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No. 123

Friday 14 December 1945

G A Z Z E T T A D ' I T A L I A

LUCULLO PROLETARIO

The night before last, at the Giardino Restaurant, across the PG, the food was excellent. To begin with an hors d'oeuvres composed of ham, sausages, Russian salad, eggs with mushrooms, mushrooms, cucumbers, anchovies with green sauce was served. We then had a very good 'risotto' with butter and truffles and parmesan cheese. The dinner reached its peak when roast-beef with potatoes, spinach and salad was served; the dinner ended with cream cake, various quantities of cheese and fruits of the season. Huge quantities of white spumante and "grignolino" helped to make the dinner even the more sumptuous. We might add that wines flowed freely, because according to reports the quantity of wine which was drunk was beyond all expectations. In honour of whom was all this luxury meant for? In honour of the five representatives of the British Trade Unions, LUTHER, BALLOE, TINKER, etc., who are visiting Italy in order to contact our country's Trade Unions, and to find out about the hardships of our workers. This dinner was also attended by the Mayor of Turin, two vice-mayors, the two general secretaries for CGIL, UGLI, and the two vice-mayors, the two of the Camera del Lavoro, military representatives, representatives of AMG and British news reporters who were in our town on business.

The Guest is sacred, we know that. The guest must be honoured, he must be treated with respect. But to honour the five British guests was it really necessary, to treat 93 persons to dinner (82 guests and 5 drivers)? We reckon that all this luxury must have cost at least 1000 Lire per person; the Camera del Lavoro had to pay, therefore, 93,000 Lire at the expense of the workers who pay down certain sums meant for other purposes. Why wasn't this sum spent in a better way, by inviting to a modest Christmas party the poor people of the town.

It is easy to guess what the guests must have thought of this, as they are coming from a country where war rations are still in force and where nobody is allowed to spend in public restaurants more than 10 shillings, equivalent to 200 Lire. They must have thought that Italy has surplus food, or perhaps they must have made up their minds that in Italy there are some people who are quite irresponsible of their actions.

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4. GUARD SITUATION.

Guard situation unchanged. (Repeater Station at San Giuliano J 3602 taken over by III/I Regt Alpin 17 Dec 45)

5. INFORMATION ON ARMS DROPS AND HUMAN ARMS.

On the 13 Dec two guns and a MG were seized in the Municipio of Borgo D' Ale J 3557, at Stazzano G 9584 a raid was carried out, and a quantity of arms seized, 1 BLU letter G 4/24 13 Dec refers.

6. GENERAL.

At GEMDI some spinning mills had to discharge a number of their workers, owing to the lack of raw materials.

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4. CHIEDI SOSTEGNO.

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5. INFORMAZIONE ON ARMS DEALS AND MILITARY ARM.

On the 13 Dec two guns and a MG were seized in the Municipio of Borgo D' Ale J 3557, at Stazzano O 958, a rifle was carried out, and a quantity of arms seized. I RUJ letter C 1/24 12 Dec refers.

6. GENERAL.

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On 12 Dec, at TRENTO, "Society Lenola" gave a dance to the men of VI Pz 7 Arty Regt; the leader of the Partisans expressed his appreciation of the troops, and his wish that the friendship between Partisans and soldiers would increase.

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1. GENERAL SECURITY

The Government crisis has about ended. The number of armed robberies has decreased since last week, but the population are clamouring for energetic police action to punish the criminals responsible for past incidents.

2. ATTITUDE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AND LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION

There has been an increase of leaflets for and against the Monarchy. The Monarchist Party has greatly increased its activity lately. The murder at VILLARBASSE is being closely followed by the public, who believe the police are working on important clues which may give good results. The economic problem in TURIN is still a cause for concern. In spite of the present increase in salary, the average worker is still unable to meet the expenses of family life.

3. DEMONSTRATIONS.

On the 2 Dec 45 at TURIN the first meeting of the ANEI (National Assen of ex-Internees) took place. Various party representatives made speeches.

At MONDOVI on the 2 Dec a demonstration was carried out by about 100 unemployed persons in order to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to their precarious economical condition. No incidents.

Information has been received from the FOSSANO Garrison that in BUSCA area there is discontent amongst ex-PSOW and ex-internees because they have not yet received the sum of 5000 lire they were promised. It seems that during the demonstration that took place on the 24 Nov, the President of the ex-Internees Assen suggested plundering shops if the help they had been promised did not come. On the 6 Dec at ALESSANDRIA, the local President of the CLN, LONGO, held a conference on the subject - "Some aspects of the actual politics of the PCI."

At ASTI, the half hour's strike on the 23 Nov due to the crisis in the Government, was announced by means of leaflets asking the workers to stop work and protest against the crisis in the Government which had been provoked by Conservative and reactionary parties who try to destroy democratic victories of the people and hinder their aims."

On the 2 Dec at BIELLA the Biellese Socialist Congress took place. It dealt with an order of the day containing ten points with regard to the party's politics, internal organisation, schools and economy.

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On the same day from 1500 to 1600 hrs at VILLADOSSOLA an hour's strike was carried out in favour of PARRI. Not all the workers agreed with the strike. In fact in MONTECATINI only half of the workers stopped working. The mass of workers who had stopped working did not take part in the demonstration where Ing BALLERINI, Mayor of DOMODOSSOLA, made speeches.

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In General it was a weak demonstration and the a/m speaker did not succeed in convincing the people; to questions he put to the assembly - "Do you want PARRI?" "Do you want ORLANDO?" and other names of politicians, the crowd did not answer.

On the 5 Dec at TREGATE, the Secretary of the CAMERA DEL LAVORO of NOVARA, CARETTO, held an anti-Monarchy meeting wherein he said that the Monarchy was responsible for 20 years of Fascism, for the declaration of war, for the deaths of DON MINZONI and MATTEOTTI, and for the houses destroyed: "Our fight will never end until we have wiped out the Monarchy and all the Monarchists."

On the 4 Dec in VERCELLI, in the CP premises, the ex-partisan Capt BOLLEARO Antonio, Commander of the 74 Garibaldini Bde, held an anti-partisan army ready for any emergency.

On the night of the 7 Dec, the Hon JACOMETTI (Andrea) of the Communist Party, who had returned from ROME, held a conference on "the crisis and the people responsible for it." He attacked the Monarchy, the Liberals etc. The conference was held in the Coccia Theatre of NOVARA. Many people attended. Finally he added that if the Lieutenant of the Realm formed a Government which would side with the right wing, he would not hesitate to take up arms to fight against that which the Italian people did not want.

4 GUARD SITUATION

III/1st ALPINI has taken over guard duties (1 Officer and 40 men) at the DUCA d'ACOSTA Barracks in ALESSANDRIA and at Cittadella (1 NCO and 8 ORS).

5 INFORMATION ON ARMS DUMPS AND WAR MATERIAL

Investigations are still being carried out in order to find out the exact location of the dumps previously reported, especially in the GRAVELLONA area.

6 GENERAL

Schools at VEMARIA REALE have closed due to lack of heating. The students have been sent to ALESSANDRIA where the heating is good.

A glass factory will re-open in ASTI as soon as the promised coal arrives. It will employ about 240 workers.

The CLN of BIELLA has publicly deplored the incident which took place on the 27th at the Liberal Party's premises, where Secy CERA was injured by members of the left party.

In NOVARA area the movement on behalf of the "Uomo Qualunque" is developing on a large scale.

The contraband activity has been greatly reduced on the Swiss frontier, the Swiss authorities being warned by phone every time a gang of smugglers is reported.

Reference the throwing of grenades in the Camera del Lavoro of INTRA, the person responsible is a 16 year old boy. The youth's Mother was also found posting leaflets reading "We are ready to avenge the Duce."

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Attached herewith copy of an article from the newspaper "LA LOTTA" dated 30th Nov regarding an operation carried out by men of the 11/22 Regt. Sitrep 23rd Nov refers. Also attached a copy of a notice displayed in public vehicles in TURIN.

LA LOTTA (The Fight)
(Organ of the Italian Communist Party of NOVARA)

FASCIST BRIGADES

Last week in VALLE ANTOGGIORIO, between CRODO and BACHENO, elements of the CREMONA Bn, had the unpleasant surprise of coming across a gang of fascists (including a German) lead by the ruthless individual known as MARTINATI, and a fight soon started. How does it happen that the Manager of the newspaper "IL POPOLO DELL' OSSOLA" who looks after arms and weapons which he finds hidden everywhere, especially in the houses of the Communist partisans, did not not publish this incident in his paper?

We wish to remind the "POPOLO DELL' OSSOLA" as well as all the citizens longing for public order, that the arms, the real ones, are still hidden. Sometimes they are found, not in the hands of the Communists, but in the hands of those who have so widely contributed to our Country's misery and shame, and whom the Communists decided to fight ever since two years ago.

In this new fight of the reactionary forces we are ~~not~~ siding up with the soldiers of the CREMONA because we are aware that these reactions are fomented by the old regime which is not dead, and which someone has an interest in bringing back on its feet again.

NOTICE

Refugees from the Soviet Union !

Without modern arms or eqpt to protect you from the rigours of winter, you, in 1941 were sent to RUSSIA by the Fascists ; the same Fascists who are responsible for the plight in which we find our country and families today.

These same people today, are all concern on your behalf and seek to know of your sufferings and, with a pitying smile, they generously press a packet of cigarettes in your hand.

Refugees from RUSSIA, Beware !

We do not need the miserable charity of such traitors ; of their affected pity we have no need ; We are the ones who suffered. As for what they give us, it is ours - ours by right by the fruits of our labour - they themselves have never worked.

Refugees from RUSSIA ! Beware !

Those, who like yourselves have experience German and Fascist concentration camps - those who for their love of liberty and justice have been imprisoned by the regime, are the people who with their outstretched hand of friendship know that in you they will find an ally to fight and destroy Fascism, and to regain a future of peace, liberty, justice, work and prosperity for all.

The Refugees from the horror camps of Germany.

incident in his paper?

We wish to remind the "POPOL DELL'OSSOLA" as well as all the citizens longing for public order, that the arms, the real ones, are still hidden. Sometimes they are found, not in the hands of the Communists, but in the hands of those who have so widely contributed to our Country's misery and shame, and whom the Communists decided to fight ever since two years ago.

In this new fight of the reactionary forces we are ~~rather~~ siding up with the soldiers of the GRIMONA because we are aware that these reactions are fomented by the old regime which is not dead, and which someone has an interest in bringing back on its feet again.

NOTICE

Refugees from the Soviet Union!

Without modern arms or eqpt to protect you from the rigours of winter, you, in 1941 were sent to RUSSIA by the Fascists; the same Fascists who are responsible for the plight in which we find our country and families today.

These same people today, are all concern on your behalf and seek to know of your sufferings and, with a pitying smile, they generously press a packet of cigarettes in your hand.

Refugees from RUSSIA, Beware!

We do not need the miserable charity of such traitors; of their affected pity we have no need; We are the ones who suffered. As for what they give us, it is ours - ours by right by the fruits of our labour - they themselves have never worked.

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Those, who like yourselves have experience German and Fascist concentration camps - those who for their love of liberty and justice have been imprisoned by the regime, are the people who with their outstretched hand of friendship know that in you they will find an ally to fight and destroy Fascism, and to regain a future of peace, liberty, justice, work and prosperity for all.

The Refugees from the horror camps of Germany,
Fascist Prisons, and the Partisan War.

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Subject :- Weekly Security Report

SECRET

To :-
HQ 7 AGRA

1 British Liaison Unit

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1 GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION

With the exception of a few strikes in industrial areas, and a large distribution of leaflets and posters, the Government crisis seems to have passed without noticeable public disorders.

2 ATTITUDE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION

There is no real change in the people's attitude towards politics, the crisis seems to have left the population with the feeling that it is merely part of a cycle of events that will ultimately right itself.

3 DEMONSTRATIONS

On the 25th of November in the Cinema LUX of TURIN, the first meeting of the ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE PARTIGIANI d'ITALIA (National Partisans' Association) was held; about 1000 partisans belonging to the ex-formations attended; although the Mayor of TURIN, RIVEDA, endeavoured at first, to carry the meeting on an organised and disciplined basis, it became apparent by various spokesmen's attitudes that the meeting was assuming an aspect of individuality, insofar that the lecturers failed to express any programme or direct plan of action.

Amongst the general approval, someone asked that the partisans' cards be checked in order to take steps against some of their chiefs who have enriched themselves at the expense of the masses.

On the 26th of November, in TURIN, a strike was held to protest against the resignation of the PARPI Government; several representatives of the left party addressed the strikers in various boroughs of the town; in Piazza Sabotino the representative of the DEMO-CRISTIANS on wishing to address the assembly was threatened and told to keep quiet; the liberal representative refrained from making a speech.

The meetings broke up without incidents with the assembly singing the "Internationale" and "Bandiera Rossa" (Red Flag).

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On the 28th of November in one of the rooms of the Palazzo di Giustizia of BIELLA, the trial against the "Brigadiere" GMIOSINI was taking place. The accused was not sentenced to death, so the people started to rough handle the judges, the lawyers and the CC RR. Upon the arrival of the guards of 1st Bn 22 Inf Regt, order was re-established; nobody was injured with the exception of the defendant who will recover in about ten days.

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At ACQUI, NOVI LIGURE, ALESSANDRIA, CUNEO, ROSSANO and BIA and on the 25th November at ASTI, demonstrations took place against the resignation of the PARI Government; spokesmen were the local representatives of the various parties; the demonstrations were not approved by the population who believe that the politicians should look after problems of a more serious nature.

At NOVI LIGURE, ALESSANDRIA and CUNEO, demonstrations were held against the Monarchy.

On Sunday the 25th November at VILLADOSSOLA, the people celebrated the first anniversary of their insurrection against the Nazi-fascists; the demonstration, which should have commemorated all the dead of the 1939-1945 war, degenerated into a meeting of an extremist nature. Spokesmen were: ING. DE CRISTOFORI, Manager of the Montecatini Factory in VILLADOSSOLA and President of the Partisans' Association in BELLADOSSOLA, PROF. NOVATI, Prefect of NOVARA, whose speech can be considered as one instigating a civil war, the "Comrade" ANITA of NOVARA's Women's Communist Federation, and "Comrade" CARBONIO, President of the "Giornale del Lavoro" of NOVARA. In the speeches delivered by the two ex "Comrades" they emphasized that the brave partisans will be able to act, if necessary, against the reactionaries. The co-operation of the partisans in the war of liberation was particularly emphasized, whilst the task carried out by the troops of the Army was ignored. Representatives of these troops attended the celebration upon request of the town's committee, who had promoted it. This criticism of course, caused the indignation of our soldiers, who have largely co-operated to down the Nazi-fascist oppressor, and who are proud of the sacrifices, and of the blood, they have shed to reach their goal. The civilian population who attended showed that they were annoyed and bored, and most of them left the premises before the speeches were over; the only ones to remain on the spot were some partisans.

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On November 27th, signs had been posted on the walls of NOVARA, instigating the workers to react against those who are responsible for the present political situation. In the afternoon the "Camera del Lavoro" compelled all the factory workers to strike. These strikers assembled in Piazza Martiri della Libertà at 1630 hrs.

The strikers, numbering about 3000, carried slogans praising the PARTY Government.

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The speakers on this occasion were the representatives of the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, the Action Party, of ELI, UDI and ANPI, who exhorted the workers to keep united, and to react against any manoeuvre on the part of the liberals, and to Demo-Christians. Many women attended the meeting. No party flags were exposed. At the end of the meeting the strikers walked down the avenue, some of them carrying the Red flag.

At the premises of the Liberal Party, a group of demonstrators tore down signs and hurled insults at the members of the party. ANV CERA, Secretary of the Liberal Party in BIELLA, on wishing to address the people, was insulted and struck in the face.

Several students were asked to join in the demonstration, and at their refusal, three of them were beaten up and injured. It is well to note that of the students injured, one was an ex-partisan and the other a re-patriated prisoner of war from GERMANY.

On the 20th November at 2030 hrs, ANV PATRIAL of the Action Party and Francesco LEONE of the Communist Party, both from NOME, held a meeting at the Teatro Civico of VAREMBI. The speakers vituperated against the new rising fascism and called for the Monarchy, and exhorted the population to be in readiness for any eventuality.

At AOSTA, the Communist Party held a meeting and the speaker, GARRINO, was loudly whistled at.

4. QUADROS SITUATION

At MONTMAYOR, ELI ad AN has taken over guard duties from IL/ELI at the Cittadella barracks.

5. INFORMATION FROM RIGANO TO ELI, NOME AND EAR MATERIAL
On the 30th November, from reliable information received, ANV carried out a raid in BORTOLINO DI CARBONIA (P. 0530); in the house of TRANQUILLO ANTONIO. AN and ANV material as per T. B. L. H. Letter G. 11/21 dated 3rd December 1947, were found.

The same depot at BORTOLINO was found empty. Reliable sources report that through the frontier border the extracurriculars are receiving arms and am from the "MAJORS" with whom they are in close contact, by means of radio transmission.

On Nov 28, at 2130 hrs, a van (Spa 41) was seen in VIALE di OTTOBRE, ANV of NOME with an armed car on board. The truck was one belonging to the Cooperative Garbaldina, and was heading towards MONTANA and ALBA.

Investigations are being carried out in MONTANA to trace two armed cars and an arms depot which are reported located in the area.

On 27 Nov an inspection was carried out in the CROCEA garage where it was reported that Allied material was to be found. The outcome of the search proved negative.

6. GENERAL

The village of MONTANA is run entirely by Communists. Some members of the Communist Party have received on account of a recent scandal. Some members of the OIA (ex-partisans) were arrested by the CC NR for black market racketeering.

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4 GUARDS SITUATION

At AMORIO, 25 of 20 has taken over guard duties from 11/31st at the Cisterna de Barridos.

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INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO HENRY DUNN AND CAR MATERIAL. On the 24th November, from reliable information received, 7th Army carried out a raid in BUSTOLINO DI CASABIA (P 0020), in the house of ROSARIO ANTONIO. An aid car material as per 1 B 2. Whistler G. 1/21 dated 3rd December, were found.

The aid car at BUSTOLINO was found empty.

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On Nov 23, at 11:30 hrs, a van (spa 21) was seen in VILLAVIEJA CIRCUMVALLATION OF NOVIRA with an aid car on board. The truck was one belonging to the Cooperative Cordillera, and was heading towards BUSTARA and ALBARRA.

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The Communist leaders, and most of the population are reported to be in possession of hidden arms.

NOGATALLI has turned over the command of the "united forces" forces of the NOVIRA region to GEMIANO BRING (known as MORA).

APPX A - Copy of Notices displayed in BIELLA

APPX B - Report of a meeting held at VILLADOSSOLA

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Dec 45

Y.W. Ybancas
for Lt Col
CG

APPENDIX "A" to COLUMBIA INC
DIV Weekly Security Report
6214 Dec 45

C O P Y

WORKERS OF BIRMLA !

CITIZENS !

Through the evilness of those who do not want our country to arise, democracy has been struck at, thus leading to the crisis of the Government and the subsequent resignation of Mr. PAVAR. The reactionary forces have mobilized themselves to impede the application of the new "purge laws", and find avoidal provisions which would have affected war and fascist profiteers, and black market speculators.

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By protesting against these manoeuvres to weaken democracy and to lower Italy's prestige in the world, we feel sure that we are voicing the feelings of the workers, and of all true democrats who look to their country and intend to work for its reconstruction.

It is imperative that we invite the GMI to oppose these conservative forces who are enemies of the people in the design to gain power.

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We must be ready to prevent the recurrence of fascism in any shape or form. Organize yourselves, and unite yourselves closely with the true democratic parties, with the "Comitato del Lavoro" and with those who are acting in the country's interest, so as to make your voices heard in protesting and asking that a true democratic government be formed which is the only one that will guarantee the rebirth of the nation and the destruction of any attempt by new fascist elements.

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BIELLA
26 NOV 45.

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APPENDIX "B" to CREMONA INC
Div Security Report of 4 Dec.

COPY

VILLADOSSOLA
31 Nov 45

Pursuant to the attack against the "Camera del Lavoro" of INTRA a meeting was held at VILLADOSSOLA. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the internal commissions and the GLM together with the managers of the factories.

The attack, which was contrary to all civil rights, and particularly violated, the individual rights to free association, as permitted by the law, was unanimously deplored.

Such acts are detrimental to the pressing need of reconstruction, which besides being a material issue, is first and foremost, a moral and social one.

The authorities must compel everyone to obey the existing laws and to act energetically to enforce this obedience.

The undersigned have decided to send the following telegram to the "Camera del Lavoro di INTRA".

"Arrogantly deny and indignant for the attacks against your representatives of internal commissions, of GLM and industrialists of VILLADOSSOLA express their solidarity and their true comprehension as to the seriousness of this attack against liberty and social rights STOP

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Subject :- Weekly Security Report

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To :- HQ 7 AGRA

Herewith Weekly Security Report by CRIMONA Inf Div, translated and passed to you for info.

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28 Nov 46
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Y. H. Ch. May 1300
Lt Col
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WEEKLY SECURITY REPORT
by

CREMONA INFANTRY DIV

1 GENERAL SECURITY

As a result of Press reports of several cases of armed robbery, the population are concerned about the present state of law and order in Italy, as they feel the Police are unable to maintain order.

2 ATTITUDE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION

The CLMs are putting up a strong press campaign to maintain their positions.

3 DEMONSTRATIONS

The strike which took place in TURIN on 15 Nov on the part of FIAT, LANCIA and VIBERTI workers, and later joined by the tram workers, has not been approved by the majority of the population and also by a great number of workers themselves, who were compelled to obey orders.

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At CHIARI, the Communist Party has posted signs on the town's walls with the purpose of informing the farmers that the land and lease contracts have been postponed. It is evident that the Communist Party's aim is to show that its Minister of Agriculture, GULLO, looks after the farmers' welfare. The last part of the signs asked that the land be returned to the farmers.

At ALESSANDRIA, on Sunday 18 Nov, a conference, organised by the Socialist Party, took place in the premises of the "Popolavoro Ferroviari."

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At NOVARA a meeting was held on 21 Nov by the parties at the CASA del POPOLO. About 4,000 persons attended. The members of the several parties made speeches, and especially on the part of the left parties the people were urged to keep united and ready to fight any fascist reaction in the NOVARA region.

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5. ITEM ON HIDDEN ARMS

Following info received from reliable sources:

A raid was carried out on 24 Nov at the house of TORRI CARLO, in CASALE CORTE CERRO. Details of arms and amn confiscated are given in 1 BLU letter G 1/21 of 27 Nov.

Investigations are still being carried out in order to locate the arms dumps in the COGGIOLA and CAMANDONA areas, which have been previously reported.

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6 GENERAL

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An anonymous letter has been sent to Signora ROVIERA Noemi, because she, together with her daughter, visits the men's canteen of I Bn at BIELLA. The letter was signed by a group of partisans. She was warned that if she continues visiting the men's canteen reprisals will be taken against her.

The President of the Epuration Commission of NOVARA, COLOMBO Renato, (Filo Fanti), has been ordered to tender his resignation since he had 18 charges either of theft, swindles, bankruptcy etc. On 23 Nov at 1930 hrs shots were fired near the FERROVIA FORTRESS (Railway) of ALESSANDRIA. It was ascertained that the shots were fired by the owner of a nearby farm against unknown persons who attempted to steal wood.

It is reported that MOSCATELLI has given orders from ROME to his most faithful followers to distribute arms and be ready. In the area of DOMODOSSOLA it was noted that the campaign against military personnel has increased. The same applies to personnel in VENERIA REALE, which is mainly carried on by ex-partisans.

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CONFIDENTIALSubject :- Report on Incident which occurred at ALESSANDRIATo :-
HQ 7 AGRA

51 British Liaison Unit

G4/2

Appended herewith copy of report on the above subject
passed to you for information.Field
Nov 45
JES/RGT*Y.W. Hamet-Meyer*
for Lt Col
General StaffC O P YNo 540
TURIN, 22 Nov 45

An incident occurred in ALESSANDRIA between two soldiers of II Bn 21 Inf Regt and two unidentified civilians. It is thought advisable not to give too much importance to the fact, as it was likely caused by isolated extremist agitators. However, investigations are being carried out to identify the two individuals.

On the night of 17 November at about 2300 hrs, the Privates COSTARDI Mario and LODA Angelo, whilst on their way to the barracks, were stopped by two individuals with a bicycle each, who were walking out of the Inn "DELLA POSTA" in VIA FAA DI BRUNO. The two individuals were thoroughly sober, and drawing their revolvers, said: "We no longer salute that way (i.e. military salute), but this way (the closed fist salute); this is the Communists' salute; and are you waiting to side with us? In four or five days' time we will get rid of all of you, both officers and soldiers; we have a large quantity of arms, so you had better make up your mind as quickly as possible. We are aware you intend blocking the bridge on the BORMIDA, but we will do away with it just the same. The other day we saw you inspecting the bridge." (On Tuesday the area was receded to find out whether it was possible to establish a road block on the BORMIDA bridge).

This argument lasted about five minutes, after which the two individuals withdrew their revolvers and rode away on their bicycles. Our two soldiers never spoke a word and were not a bit impressed by the arms pointed against them. They have stated they are able to recognise the two individuals.

(Signed) ADELMO PEDERZANI
Chief of Staff

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This argument lasted about five minutes, after which the two individuals withdrew their revolvers and rode away on their bicycles. Our two soldiers never spoke a word and were not a bit impressed by the arms pointed against them. They have stated they are able to recognise the two individuals.

(Signed) ADELMO PEDERZANI,
Chief of Staff

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CONFIDENTIALSubject :- Security Report on the Province of ASTITo :-
HQ
7 AGRA

51 British Liaison Unit

G4/2

Appended hereunder security report passed to you for information.

Field
Nov 45
FVH/RGT*Y.W. Hamilton Major*
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He is assisted by officials mostly from ex-partisan formations. Most of them are very young and inexperienced.

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The Chief of Cabinet is sly, cunning and unscrupulous. He has had several mistresses, and at the moment carries on with a blonde who was formerly working in a circus. He has a hostile attitude toward Questore PASTORINO, whom he hoped to succeed in the post. He has not taken any active part in the partisan campaign.

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(signed) Giorgio Gervasoni,
Col.

Subject :- Weekly Security Report

SECRET

51 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To :- HQ

7 AGPA

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No change.

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On the 9th 1 offr and 20 men of the 21st Regt, were placed at the disposal of AMG to search the Alessandria Genoa train. 45 quintals of flour were sequestered. No incidents.

5. Infm on Hidden Arms

Reported existence of an arms dump in the neighbourhood of Camandona (BIELLA) investigations are being carried out.

VARALLO. A search was made for a reported arm dump in the basement of the cinema, a negative result.

Investigations are being carried out to locate the arm dump in COGGIOLA (BIELLA).

Arm dump reported in VALLA ANTRONA near the Miniera D'oro, investigations being made.

Small dumps reported at Cascina Bindellina and Cacciana (S.E. of BERGOMANERO) searches are being made.

8th Nov. Successful raid carried out at OVADA - CASCINA, our letter 15th 01/21 refers.

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G.L. "GIUSTIZIA E LIBERTA"

16 Nov 45

UN ERRORE (A Mistake)

The majority of the workers in Turin have shown in these last few years great political sensibility; they have always been at the head of any movement whose aim was a complete democratic renewal of our country.

Lately, a feeling of uneasiness has prevailed in our factories; once the enthusiasm of liberation was over, the slow proceeding of the epuration, the tendency to re-admit undesirable persons in the factories and that of supporting reactionary forces, together with the difficulties entailed by the coming winter, have created in the workers the feeling that they are being robbed of the positions they have obtained by insurrections.

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The majority of Turin's population has the same right as the workers' class to oppose any reactionary or neo-fascist movement, but certainly, it is not through strikes, that only cause confusion, that this aim can be reached.

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Subject :- Propaganda Leaflets

51 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To :- HQ
7 AGRA

The att translation of a pamphlet appeared on walls in
ASTI on the night of 10 Nov, and is passed to you for infm.

Field
19 Nov 45

A W. Hamilton Meyer
for Lt Col
General Staff

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WORKERS'

The rottenness of today's social order is revealed by the inability of present leaders to cope with, and resolve the grave problems of hunger, unemployment and low wages - this state of affairs can, and must be resolved by a workers revolution, to gain political power by force.

The bloody experiences which the working classes have undergone in recent times go to prove that, neither the constitution, nor the so-called government of the people can eliminate the exploitation, black markets and the subsequent miseries in which our leaders have placed us.

Now that fascism in a disguised form is arising and capitalism is already sinking its claws into the well worn flesh of the workers, the time has come to follow the footsteps of Marx and Lenin's theories and ideals because the revolutionary party assumes the right to foster the feeling that the workers have, in knowing, that only by a proletarian revolution, can their complete emancipation come about.

Long Live the Revolution !

The young Communists
1930

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Subject:- Report on Recce for Acen - PIEROLA

31 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To:- Hq, 7 AGRA.

1. On 5 Nov the Comd of III/XI Regt went on a recce to PIEROLA to find out the acen situation. When the offr approached the local authorities on the matter, they clearly made it understood that, a garrison of Italian type in the town would not be appreciated.

2. In any case, they appealed against any occupation of the Cantù di Torino bks, also, of the smaller bks occupied by the Finance Guard, or of the stores and machinery of the R.I.V. in VILLAR PIEMONA (a ball bearing factory); neither in the G.A.F. bks available as it is now used by the ex-partisan's Co-operative Transports.

3. The above report by GIRONA DIV is forwarded for your information.

Field.
15 Nov 45.
/MRS.


Lt Col.
General Staff.

Subject:- Weekly Security Report

SECRET

51 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To:- HQ. 7AGRA.

Herewith Weekly Security Report by CREMONA Div transmitted and passed to you for info.

Field.
/4 Nov 45.
JLS/KJS.

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for Lt Col.
General Staff.

1. GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION

No change.

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4. GUARD STATE

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Gd on CIM Dump at GARDINA Airport has been withdrawn, as all the have been taken away.

5. ITEM ON HIDDEN ARMS

(a) 54 rifles have been taken from the PS HQ at DOMODOSSOLA.

/(b) Movement.....

- (b) Movement of arms still takes place in the V.I. BOGNARDO. It is reported that the trucks employed are those of "Cusio" Partisan Transport Coy. Investigations are being carried out in this area. Some of the trucks have been observed at TRECCATE.
- (c) Information has been received that an arms hide exists at COGGIOLA just NORTH of BIELLA.
- (d) Copy of article published on 2 Nov in "Il popolo d'Ossola" is attached at Appx "B".

6. GENERAL

- (a) It is reported that Moscatelli has been replaced by the Communist Giro. It is believed that Moscatelli resigned, and has been sent to Southern Italy as the leader of the ANPI and secretary of a Communist Federation.
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PPX A

GAZZETTA D'ITALIA

10 Nov 45

A forced search and a theft of 40,000 lire.

Three men from the auxiliary police arrested.

An incident which once more indicates the necessity of an epuration in the auxiliary police force, took place yesterday at SANTENA. Three men from 2 Coy 2 Bn of the said fm, belonging to the Questura, Guido NAVONE of Lorenzo 23 years, Felice SILANO of Sebastiano 19 yrs, and Franco BLENGINI of Ugo 18 yrs, in collaboration with a certain Michele CIAIOLO of Edoard 23 yrs ex-auxiliary agent, having stopped a truck and confiscated it, proceeded to TETTI GIRO, near SANTENA. Here, with the intention of robbery, they carried out two forced searches in the houses of Giuseppe CHIESA called the Gorilla and of Giuseppe FIGLIA, with the pretext of looking for stolen merchandise. In the house of Amelia TRONCO they stole during the search a bracelet, an ear ring and a golden ring valued at 40,000 lire. The woman started to protest in a loud voice and consequently phoned up the CC RR of SANTENA who immediately intervened.

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APPX B

IL POPOLO D'OSSOLA

DOMODOSSOLA

2 Nov 45

To those of the "LOTTA"

The newspaper the "Lotta" of last week again attacked the CC RR and military personnel who had carried out a search for arms in the house of a well known communist in CREDO and BACENO.

One cannot understand how the journalist can have the face to state that the communists have no hidden arms.

This, honourable communist of the "Lotta" is disclaiming the truth. Either you and your newspapers are liars or your "communist friends", are you who have more than once stated to the under signed that the "faithful arm" will never be handed in; "Who knows the mountains might need us again? After all its better that it perishes by rusting!"

That gentlemen do not carry arms is known very well to officers of our Army, but arms can be found in possession of people who are are not gentlemen, both these you must prove my dear communists.

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51 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To :- Chief of Staff
CREMONA INF DIV

Ref your 368-I dated 17 Oct 45.

1. A copy of your letter was sent to 315 FSS for investigation.
2. Attached is a copy of their reply, giving the results of their investigations.

Field

7 Nov 45

JLS/fem

for Lt Col
GS

" The following are the results of investigations by this section

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There is no indication that on a previous occasion DEDINI used the name of CASTALDI, and there is nothing of a suspicious nature known against DEDINI.

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Subject: Security Reports.

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HQ 7 AGRA

5 Nov 45.

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Ref your G4/2 dated 19 Oct 45.

A copy of your letter was sent to 315 FSS with a request that they investigate.

Attached is a copy of their reply, B/4 dated 1 Nov 45, giving the results of these investigations.

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W. J. L. [Signature]
Capt
G.III(I)

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C O P Y

Subject:- DEDINI Vittoria.

B/4

To:- G.III (I), HQ 7 AGRA

From:- OC 315 FS Section.

Ref your I.135/87 of Oct 20 45.

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There is no indication that on a previous occasion DEDINI used the name of GASTALDI, and there is nothing of a suspicious nature known against DEDINI.

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DEDINI on the occasion of his visit was accompanied by RAMFONE Maria who is well known in TURIN as a Communist propagandist and is employed at the Party HQ in TURIN.

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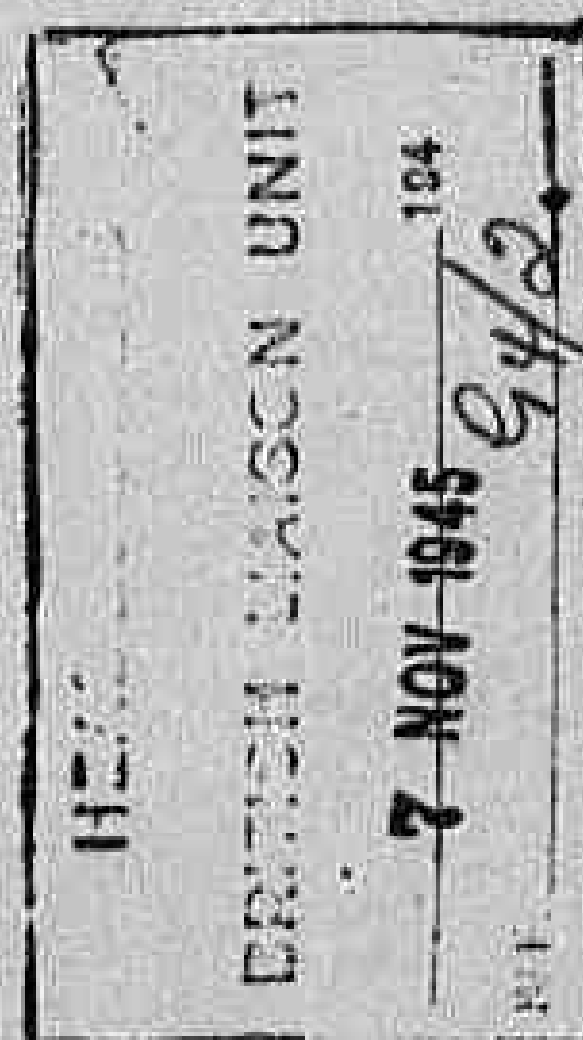
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SECRET

51 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To :- HQ 7 AGRA

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7 Nov 45

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for Lt Col
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6. GENERAL

- (1) At INTRA there have been several recent resignations from the Communist Party.
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Appendix 'A'

Novara 26 - 31 Oct 45

LA LOTTA

BAGNO

The usual search for arms in communist houses.

A Commander of a 'Grenada' detachment acting on trustworthy information carried out a search for hidden arms in the house of the partisan Giacometti of Grocco.

We think it is those who say that the communists are preparing an insurrection, are really those who are secretly arming themselves.

Those who carry out these raids can rest assured that the only weapon they will find in communist houses is the one to be feared most - "democracy".

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Domodossola 26 Oct 45

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We remember that many of these officers, silent and unassuming, unlike many partisans, who have enriched themselves by overthrowing the tottering remains of fascism, bear wounds from the war in which they have shown great courage in battle.

We resent 'La Lotta's' questioning why these raids for arms take place. Why does he not know the reason? Perhaps for a new 'March on Rome'? And why does he not mention the successful raids in Valsesia, Lombardia and Val Formazza, of arms proved to have been hidden by Communists? Has he not heard on the wireless of a raid on Communist

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The people of Ossola are grateful to the CREMONA, ¹⁹⁰⁷ whose devotion to duty is a great contribution of law and order.

APPX C

Milan 28 Oct 45

LA SQUILLA ALPINA
OSSOLO

Masera

During the night of the 18th Oct two armed men presented themselves at the Villa of Signor Giuseppe CERETTI. They tried to get the maid to open, saying that one of them was the son of the gardener. Instead of opening the door, the Ceretti det at Domodossola was phoned up. The two men, threw some hand grenades in the garden, and fired a few shots with a machine gun and went away unharmed.

After a short time a few Italian Infantry men arrived, accompanied by the CC. A guard was mounted throughout the night.

Malesco

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Those who insult these soldiers, who do nothing but their duty, and have fought for our liberation, should know that a soldier does not interrupt a dance of his own accord but on orders from higher authority. These orders were most probably given for a very good reason, and not merely for the purpose of intruding into the recreation of the people. Therefore, if certain people would desist from accusing the fighting men, both soldiers and partisans, of using fascist methods, they would do more good to the community than they are doing at present.

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51 British Liaison Unit

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Field. New
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for Lt Col.
General Staff.

Subject:- Inquiry into Theft and Hiding of Arms on Lake d'Orta

CONFIDENTIAL

To:- HQ, AMG.

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The population is 99% anti-communist but unless you yourself are prepared to set the good example by putting away some of the terrorist chiefs, we shall never move nor shall we ever speak.

And if the AMG does not act in this area, England and America will keep on losing prestige in favour of Russia.

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Thief in the house of SCHMIT at GRASSANO: On the early evening some partisans entered the house and took away provisions. When the chiefs of the partisans had left, during the night other goods, mainly consisting of linen, were taken away. This linen without the initials which have been removed, can still be found in the vicinity. It is easy to recognise this linen because a similar kind of linen of the same fine quality, though different size, may be found in houses of the same neighbourhood. Through energetic interrogation of the custodian of the house it is certain that one may obtain valuable details. It is also necessary to identify "Ciprin".

/Thrift from HQ.....

Theft from Mrs. Emilia Bonfanti in Casara: (Mattresses and linen).

The lady must know who had lived in the house for some time. It is only fear that stops her from talking. If several people were privately interrogated, amongst whom the lady would be included, and if the arrest of certain people were previously carried out, she would be able to speak.

Theft from the ex-Major Capra: During the night doors were broken in and leather was stolen from the stores. Next morning Capra protested to some partisan HQ where receipts as for legal requisitioning were given to him. In spite of this, it is still declared that it is not known where the leather has gone to. If it was requisitioned legally why was it not done with the owners' consent. It is believed that Capra, like all the other people in town, knows a lot but dare not talk owing to the threats that warn him to keep quiet about the case.

Pellizzari thefts: Considering that the victim of these thefts was a member of the GINAI, the theft was about the only one to have been reported to the Gestura and the CC.RR. It is, therefore, worth following up. This gives you the chance to act, especially as the HQ of the "REDI" has admitted in writing that the stuff was taken for war purposes.

The theft was carried out in three stages: early in February 1946, as soon as the partisans entered the house, something was carried away. All the town saw the partisans carrying on, their backs turkish and linen towels, red waistcoats which they said were made from the rich people's quilts, pillow-cases used as sacks to carry food to the house of MUGGERI, at COLMA, and expensive silk stockings and jumpers already well known, worn by girl partisans. The other articles, mainly female apparel were carried away during two months, especially by the women of the town.

Finally, several boxes and trunks were carried away to a nearby locality on the night 25/26 April. From this locality, the articles stolen, from here and other towns, are today being carted away to be sold.

Who can give information on the thefts in General?

The unit commander stationed in the place, that is:

HQ of OSSEOLA area (with the exception of the Col who lived and is still living terrorised by his subordinates and who was always kept in the collar).

HQ II Div Garibaldi "REDI".

HQ of the "Boriselli" Bn, the X Rocca Brigade.

Volante Assurra Bn members of the X "Rocco" brigade.

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Information with regard to the theft at Villa PELLIZZARI:

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The various messengers: the communist SURR, and especially the old man who lives on the right after the curve in the street that runs from the road to the Municipio; it is a white house with green shutters.

/Angelo's widow.....

Angelo's widow (it is easy to find her surname because her husband was one of the three martyrs of Casa Muggetti della Colma) she lives at BORGOMASSA.

Angelo had carried away considerable material from houses and had taken it to Colma. Among the communists were the Mayor of CESARA and the ex-representative of the workers' club who knows quite a lot as he was one of them.

Houses suspected of sheltering hidden arm and stolen goods:

Arm: in houses belonging to Swiss people or abandoned villages especially in COLMA and CESARA ALTA. In houses occupied by communists. At CESARA in Via Mons. Garga, in the first house of the Kindergarten on the right, coming towards the centre of the town lives PISTOLETTI with another communist. PISTOLETTI was once of the so-called "Polizia Partigiana" during the clandestine period and is wanted by the Gestapo of NOVARA. Also, in the houses of SUMER, COMELLI at LAGNEMILLA and ANDRIZZI at MONIO. Houses of partisans and mistresses of partisans.

For stolen goods:

Besides the a/m houses of partisans (list is in your possession) also search in the house of BROCCO BARBOTTI at MORRA, who has daughters at CESARA. Farmhouses opposite the cemetery (isolated farmhouse).

To obtain information:

Interrogate the masons (FALDA, CERNI, GIACOBINI in CESARA) who built the hidden passages.

Minute searches should be carried out especially for subterranean passages, attics, in rooms which have hidden entrances through cupboards and behind furniture.

Question proprietors of horses and mules (FALDA at CESARA), who lent their transport to remove stolen goods.

It is suggested that questioning be made outside CESARA of MONIO and to several at a time and secretly so as not to compromise the informers.

It is desired also, that the arrest of the most dangerous chiefs be previously carried out.

Reasons for arrests:

It is said that robberies carried out at the expense of the CESARESI were reported to the Gestapo of NOVARA. The "TEDI" admitted to having taken away goods from the house of PELLIZZARI. This would be sufficient reason to arrest the chiefs and the storekeeper so that they may now state where the goods not necessary for use of war have now been stored.

The continued explosions at CESARA from plastic bombs, to celebrate feasts including that of 8 Apr the first Sunday in August, is mainly for the purpose of splitting wood every day in the farmhouse on the right of the road to ALTO, opposite the

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The already mentioned PISTOLETTI is also wanted ¹⁹⁰⁰ by the questura. Only a swift and sudden action carried out in the area can save the situation and avoid the threat to democracy and the prestige of the AMT.

NOTE: It is requested that this information may not be shown to anyone as it may cost the life of the informer.

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EL British Liaison Unit

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for Lt Col.
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The population is 98% anti-communist but unless you yourself are prepared to set the good example by putting away some of the terrorist stuff, we shall never move nor shall we ever speak.

And if the AMI does not act in this area, England and America will keep on losing prestige in favour of Russia.

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for Lt Col.
General Staff.

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That in the house of SCHIER at GRASANOIA on the 24th evening some partisans entered the house and took away provisions. When the chiefs of the partisans had left, during the night other goods, mainly consisting of linen, were taken away. This linen without the initials which have been removed, can still be found in the vicinity. It is easy to recognise this linen because a similar kind of linen of the same fine quality, though different size, may be found in houses of the same neighbourhood. Through exacting investigation of the custodian of the house it is certain that one may obtain valuable details. It is also necessary to identify "Giapin".

/Threat from Mrs.

Theft from the Emilia Romagna in 1943 (Matters and Linen).

The lady must know who had lived in the house for some time. It is only fear that stops her from talking. If several people were privately interrogated, amongst them the lady would be included, and if the arrest of certain people were previously carried out, she would be able to speak.

Theft from the of Major CAPRA During the night doors were broken in and leather was stolen from the stores. Next morning CAPRA protested to some partisan HQ where receipts as for legal requisitioning were given to him. In spite of this, it is still declared that it is not known where the leather has gone to. If it was requisitioned legally why was it not done with the owners consent. It is believed that CAPRA, like all the other people in town, knows a lot but dare not talk owing to the threats that warn him to keep quiet about the case.

PHILIPPAZI The Commissioning that the victim of these thefts was a member of the GHAI, the theft was about the only one to have been reported to the Quartiera and the CC.RR. It is, therefore, worth following up. This gives you the chance to act, especially as the HQ of the "REBI" has admitted in writing that the stuff was taken for war purposes.

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Finally, several boxes and trunks were carried away to a nearby locality on the night 25/26 April. From this locality, the articles stolen from here and other towns, are today being carried away to be sold.

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HQ of the "Bardicelli" Bn, the X Bocea Brigade.

Volante Azurra Bn Woodhouse of the X "Rocco" brigade.

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Information with regard to the theft at Villa PHILIPPAZI.

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- Volante Annunzio Bn weapons of the X "Rocca" brigade.

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The clients of the "REDI" who are well known to you; the persons who always lived in the villa; OGGOLA - partisans: MVI (Missress of FERRO), MARIA (?), MARIA (of VILLABESOLA); see list of partisans who were at the "REDI" Hq at OGGOLA; MARUFA (Rosetta) owner of a BAKARILLI, fiancée of GALLI is still in possession of very expensive nightdresses (blue with pink and red spots) and lingerie and gowns which might be easily recognised. The latter has been hidden in her house. Also Santino ARDIZZI, of MOCONE, storeman of the "REDI", who handles material being transferred from one place to another. Ann are also hidden in his house. (He lives at MOCONE in the Inn before coming to the bridge, on the night, going towards OGGOLA).
The various messengers; the communist SUMI, and especially the old man who lives on the right after the curve in the street that runs from the road to the Mulodopio; it is a white house with green shutters.

/Angelo's widow.....

Angela's widow (it is easy to find her surname because her husband was one of the three leaders of Casa Magottti della Colma) she lives at ROMECHIELI.

Angela had carried away considerable material from houses and had taken it to Colma. Among the communists were the Mayor of Colma and the ex-representative of the workers' club who knows quite a lot as he was one of them.

Houses suspected of sheltering hidden arms and stolen goods

Arms in houses belonging to Swiss people or abandoned villages especially in Colma and GEMARA ALTA. In houses occupied by communists. At GEMARA in Via Roma. Large, in the first house of the kindergarten on the right, coming towards the centre of the town lives FIMBOLINI with another communist. FIMBOLINI was once of the ex-called "Polizia Partigiana" during the clandestine period and is wanted by the authorities of GEMARA. Also, in the houses of SUM, COMELLI at ROMECHIELI and ANDRIANI at NOKIO. Houses of partisans and mistresses of partisans.

For certain information

Besides the a/m houses of partisans (list is in your possession) also search in the houses of BROLO BARBOTTI at NOKIO, who has daughters at GEMARA. Embroiders opposite the cemetery (isolated furniture).

To obtain information

Interrogate the persons (FALDA, GEMELLI, ALCONINI in GEMARA) who built the hidden recesses.

Minute searches should be carried out especially for subterranean passages, attics, in rooms which have hidden entrances through cupboards and behind furniture.

Question proprietors of houses and miles (FALDA at GEMARA), who take their transport to move stolen goods.

It is suggested that questioning be made outside GEMARA of towns and to several at a time and secretly so as not to compromise the informers.

It is desired also, that the arrest of the most dangerous chiefs be provisionally carried out.

Reasons for arrests

It is said that robberies carried out at the expense of the GEMARINI were reported to the authorities of NOKIO. The "Reds" admitted to having taken away goods from the house of FIMBOLINI. This would be sufficient reason to arrest the chiefs and the storekeeper so that they may now state where the goods and the for use of war have now been stored.

The confirmed employers at GEMARA from plastic banks, to celebrate fears including that of 8 April the first Sunday in August, is mainly for the purpose of gathering wood every day in the mountains on the left of the road.

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51 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To :- HQ
7 AGRA

Herewith Weekly Security Report by CREMONA Div translated and passed to you for info.

Field
3 Oct 45
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9/2
for Lt Col
General Staff

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BRIGNASCO are being investigated.

(d) Raids are being organised in area ACQUI - OVADA.

/General.....

6. GENERAL

- (a) NOVARA. Unconfirmed reports indicate that in the province of NOVARA arms and amn are being brought down from the hills, and being distributed amongst the Communists.
- (b) At CESARA DECOG the extremists say they are being surrounded by spies of the Badoglio army.
- (c) GRIGNASCO. It is reported that the Communists in this area are awaiting the Consulta, and the signal to attack military buildings.
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HQ 7 AGRA

22 Oct 45

No 2 District.

Copy: 51 BLU (Personal for Lt Col SLATER)

I forward two examples of "subversive" propaganda, L'UNITA is a consistent offender.

I would be grateful if these examples could be shown personally to Commander 2 District.

I ordered that the offenders in the "INTRA" incident should be dealt with severely. They were, and I feel it is up to the Allied Command to see that subversive propaganda against the officers of the GRUPPO CREMONA is not permitted as a result.

CMF
FRM

W. P. P. P.
Brigadier
Commander

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A SOLDIER OF THE "CREMONA" GROUP WRITES TO US.

The arrest of the 14 soldiers, made at Intra, has caused a great impression among the soldiers belonging to "Cremona Group". The crime committed by them, if we want to call it so, consisted in having taken part in a typical democratic demonstration. The requests were: grant of vote to the soldiers, a speedy demobilisation of the elder classes, the epuration of reactionary officers and the driving out of the monarchy.

Unfortunately in the Army the soldier is still kept under the heel of the old and stiff discipline. We ask for a speedy and conclusive demobilisation of the elder classes. We want our needs to be taken into consideration and settled as soon as possible. Promises only are not sufficient. When we had to fight we never asked to be released, we realised what the situation required at that time. We require the epuration of the reactionary officers and the institution of an earnest committee operating inside the Army.

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We consider as reactionary the officers who would like to create hostile feelings between soldiers and partisans. We consider as reactionary those officers who, on their idea of an "apolitical army" are not smothering politics, but democracy within the Army, while they themselves are speaking of politics inasmuch that they are causing a disgusting propaganda in favour of the Monarchy.

We want the Costituente to express as soon as possible the judgment of the people in order to destroy the remnants of Fascism which we soldiers, sons of the people, will have totally destroyed.

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Example 2. ORDER OF THE DAY translation by 51 BLU

Taranto 7 Oct 45.

Subject:- Security Report

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51 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To:- HQ 7 AGRA

Herewith Security Report by CAMELIA DIV, with special reference to NOVARA.

Field.
24 Oct 45.
JMS/KJS.

Lt Col.
General Staff.

Further to the Weekly Security Report. I think it advisable to point out and deal separately with the situation in the NOVARA Province.

News from various sources, most of the reliable and confirmed, indicate the a/m area and more particularly the area round CAMELIA, as being centres of very active clandestine organisation, of an insurgent nature. In the latter area especially, the activity of agitators has been particularly noted; secret meetings are being held; armed civilians are apparently being trained; words and phrases stimulating a revolt and concealed by threats of a strong action in the near future are being heard; telephone conversations have been tapped by us which were undoubtedly in code. On the other hand a well organized interception service has been set up by individuals of the extreme-left, especially as regards the city's telephone lines; recently an exceptional flow of foreign currency has been noted and an intensified intelligence service with the aim of gathering news as regards our forces, their strength, role and locations; an increased traffic of arms and a pressing request for purchasing arms and war material has been reported.

All this is being carried out under the powerful but latent protection of the local authorities, not excluding the police; in addition we understand that several individuals of the Police Service have been recruited from the ranks of partisans belonging to the extreme-left, thus guaranteeing the safety of the movement.

On the other hand, and according to very reliable information, the attitude of the Prefect NOVARA, although a socialist, expresses openly his views on 'fusion', thus supporting the previous statements.

In this respect I would point out the following fact, which in addition to many other facts gives an insight into the Prefect's attitude:

On the 13 Oct the Prefect NOVARA in the presence of the Col 22 Regt, Major TOMA PARTER and the Intelligence Officer of 22 Lf Regt, declared that the Mayor MISCANT upon returning from RUS was expected to attend a meeting held at the Coccia Theatre, concerning the Council, but that he was prevented from doing so as he had been accidentally shot in the hand and the Prefect him-

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From our various sources, most of the reliable and confirmed, incidents the a/m area and more particularly the area round OMENA, as being centres of very active clandestine organisation, of an insurgent nature, in the latter area especially, the activity of agitation has been particularly noted; secret meetings are being held; armed civilians are apparently being trained; words and phrases stimulating a revolt and concealed by threats of a strong action in the near future are being heard; telephone conversations have been tapped by us which were undoubtedly in code. On the other hand a well organised interception service has been set up by individuals of the extreme-left, especially as regards the city's telephone lines; recently an exceptional flow of foreign currency has been noted and an intensified intelligence service with the aim of gathering news as regards our forces, their strength, role and locations; an increased traffic of arms and a pressing request for purchasing arms and war material has been reported.

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However, pending confirmation of information received from a very reliable source it would appear that MISCALINI attended the meeting, and instead of giving a report to the Council he addressed a speech on behalf of HMSA, saying that it was not true that she had asked ITALY for indemnities. He therefore, took up a definite attitude towards the Allies, stating also: they helped us, but they don't let us forget it.

It seems that the ^{very} tone of the speech found the favour of the audience, who shouted out: out with the Allies, out! We are prepared to go back to the mountains to get rid of the Allies, out!!!

/Amongst other.....

Amongst other things MOSCATELLI alleged that he was wounded in an accident between his car and an allied armoured car, and had not been accidentally wounded with a revolver.

MOSCATELLI is the leader of this seditious movement in the Province of NOVARA and PIRPO CORPO in OMBRIA. This movement is increasing daily and assuming the aspect of an armed organisation and should not be ignored.

Both MOSCATELLI and PIRPO CORPO are now known; there is no doubt that they are acting in perfect union and co-operation.

Unconfirmed news but sufficiently reliable because they are coming from various sources state that in Rome MOSCATELLI contacted the Russian Vice Commissioner of Foreign Affairs (Security Report G 4/2 of 17 Oct 45); circulation of foreign currency in the Province has been noted and many individuals, known to be unemployed, are in possession of several 1000 Lire notes. It has also been stated that MOSCATELLI brought back from Rome 500,000 dollars which were given to him by Nicola KATSEPOFF (Security Report G 4/2 of 17 Oct 45).

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Herewith Weekly Security Report by OUTPOST Div, translated and passed to you for info. Sources of special info as follows :-

Note 1)
" 2) 22 Regt.
" 3)

Field
24 Oct 45
JMY/GB

for
for Lt Col,
General Staff.

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21 Oct 45.

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

The situation has not greatly changed in our territory, similarly as in other cities of Italy, the only remarkable ~~change~~ from a political point of view that has taken place has been the demonstrations organized and backed by the Socialist and Communist Parties which took place on Sunday 14 Oct 45. No incidents have marred any of these demonstrations. The fact, however, that three out of the six Government parties (Liberal, Dem-Christian, Labour-Democrats), have abstained from any of these demonstrations which were intended to solicit the calling of the "Costituyente", is remarkable. Another point to be noted is that at these meetings in the different cities, three Ministers now in power (Menni, Fogliatti and Scoccimarro) have taken a very prominent part. This action on the part of Ministers has given particular cause for a campaign in the press which has throughout the week made particular stress on the incurable divergencies of the many parties, the substantial contrast in methods and ideas that are dividing the men and the parties at the moment in power.

The problem of the elections is undoubtedly the primary question to be decided to-day. Such a statement might appear absurd when confronted with the present problems of economy and food. Still elections, if held soon, will give the country a chance to settle down to the work of re-construction and rebirth which is necessary if the Nation must be saved from ruin. The elections problem remains, however, unsolved. Contrasting passions and individual interests of the various parties and bosses still make it impossible to come to any understanding. The interest of the majority of the population is on the contrary quite clear. Those who are above any party feeling or personal interest and who do not intend to see in any way the sacrifices of their Country and the liberty of the people jeopardized would want this problem solved immediately. For this reason, to-day discussions are taking place to decide as to how the electors should be made to vote in a way that will express the ~~real~~ wish of the country.

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The other section of the political parties, especially the extremists, proclaiming that the citizen is free to vote or not would delete the obligatory vote. (The reason for this is to eliminate the vote of the mass of the citizens who, not taking active part in politics and, therefore, not members of political party, undoubtedly do not sympathize with extremist parties.) ²¹ This section is ~~also~~ for the proportional representation, that is to say a list of representatives selected by every party. They also affirm that to maintain public order and assure the liberty of vote the people themselves, with their

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It is also apparent that the extremist Ministers have thought fit to call these public meetings with the sole purpose of overcoming the resistance of their colleagues and impose their own will on their future decisions that will have to be taken with regard to the elections.

President

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Hidden dumps in the area of TRIVERO (JZ-593) and STERNA (JZ-686).
Hidden dumps in VERTINO - GAMBELLATO TRIVERO - VADALLO FERRA (JZ/9-36/9).
Searches in the area of NETRO (JZ-776) have proved fruitless.

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A soldier of the 44th S. I. T Coy was approached in the Bar Room in VERMIRA KEALE by a civilian who claimed to be an Airty Capt and who asked him to hand over arms to the partisans, asserting that otherwise they will take them by force. He asserted that the partisans amount to a division. The description of the civilian is as follows :-

The reaction of the civil population to the present political situation in the country is that of disgust. There is nothing worse than being continuously held in a turbulent state of insecurity and uncertainty. Honest Italians whilst seeing the internal situation of the country still unsolved are presented with the sight of politicians who do nothing but tell, insult each other and quarrel over the pickings to be had.

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3. DEMONSTRATIONS.

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5. THE ARMS WAREHOUSE AREAS.

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2 dumps of hidden arms in NOVARA.

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6. GENERAL.

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Height about 1.80 metres, hair brown, eyes brown, thin, lame due to war-wound in the left foot.

At VIMARIA REALE a landress has been warned by partisans not to work for the soldiers of the Cuneo because they are "Republicans", adding that they are waiting for the time when these try to go away so that she will suffer for having worked for the soldiers.

All the ex-internees of VIMARIA REALE were invited to the Casa del Popolo on the 17th to give an account of their activities; they were all given the membership card of the Communist Party. On the night of the 15/16 Oct at CUNEO certain unknown people wrote on the walls of the city "Up with the Battalions of Mussolini - Up

the Duce - Up the King - Up with the Army. These inscriptions were rubbed out on the morning of the 16th.

Prof ATTILIO MONTE (Demochristian) Regional chief of Labour in Lombardia under the A.N.C. speaking with an officer of the 7th Arty Regt said that he was surprised that the Crema Div has not yet been disbanded, adding that the parties of the C.L.N.I. have agreed that as soon as the Constitution has been decided on the Army will be disbanded to construct another Republican and Democratic Army.

At BERGAMO a member of the communist party asked a soldier to what party does he belong at which the soldier retorted, "to any party except yours".

At a meeting in BERGAMO the officer in charge of the picket of "Joe" barracks had to stop soldiers from whistling at the participants of the meeting. Another soldier blasted the tricolour with the Royal Crown as opposed to an anti-monarchy poster.

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In the area of ARONATE (4 Km NW of NOVARA) heavy MG practice has been carried out.

In the area between ANERA and MENATE (D.80) unidentified Italian military vehicles have unloaded last week quantities of arms and am. In the area East of the Tendeppio towards TRONATE and in the area East of S. Sella canal (East of BICOCCA) armed groups of about 3 to 10 have been seen carrying out a regular tactical exercise. When they noticed that they were being watched they opened fire on the infantry.

A convoy of trucks carrying a great quantity of arms crossed the bridge at OLIVGIO (J8282) under the eyes of the civil police. It was heading towards LOMBARDIA. (NOTE 3).

(sgt) ADOLFO PEDERZANI, Colonel,
Chief of Staff.

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Subject :- Security Report.

51 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To :- HQ 7 ACRA

The following report received from MLO with 22 Inf Regt, CREMONA INF DIV, is forwarded for your info.

Field
20 Oct 45
/FEM

for Lt Col
GS

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5. On Sunday 14 Oct, in his public speech, at VERCELLI, MOSCATELLI stated that when FRI ALEXANDER had ordered the partisans to come down from the mountains and strike the Germans they had refused. They came down and struck with success only when they thought it was time to do so. MOSCATELLI's speeches have always conveyed Anti British feelings to the audience.
6. On Sunday, 14 Oct, Dr VALCARENCHI (Communist) and Engineer BALMERINI (Socialist) in their address to the people of VERCELLI stated that if Fascist elements try to delay General Elections they will be forced to use arms and thus make their way to power. After the meeting several persons of these two parties commented adversely on the tone of the two speakers.

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Subject:- Propaganda Posters.

51 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To :- HQ 7 ACRA

Attached is a translation of a poster put up in CAMELLI O 4786, for your info.

Field
20 Oct 45
JLS/EM

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for Lt Col
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

RESERVED FOR COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS

APPEAL

TO ALL COMRADES SERVING UNDER THE RED FLAG.

OUR SOCIALIST COMRADE BONFANTINI AS WELL AS ROCCA THE COMMUNIST ON SUNDAY LAST AT THE BALLO TIMAGRE HAVE APPEALED TO ALL THEIR FOLLOWERS TO KEEP THEMSELVES READY TO TAKE UP ARMS IF THEY DO NOT WIN AT THE FREE ELECTIONS.

AS WE HAVE NOT ENOUGH MACHINE GUNS, SQUAD LEADERS ARE TOLD TO ARM THEIR MEN BY HAVING AUTHORITY TO REQUISITION ALL THE OLD THINGHOONS OF THE FAMOUS FASCISTS.

CAMELLI - 8-10-45

(U.Q) 1200

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Subject: Attitude of Local Press

54 British Liaison Unit

G 4/2

To: HQ 7 AFRA

Herewith translation of an article which appeared in "Giustizia e Libertà" organ of the action party dated 10 Oct 45, forwarded for info.

Field,
19 Oct 45,
/MS.

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Lieut Colonel.
General Staff.

WITH REFERENCE TO A PROCLAMATION

Ref proclamation No. 10 by Lt Col PIERRE and published in yesterdays newspapers wherein it orders all parties to move out within 48 hrs of the premises occupied by them, it is our duty to note that:-

1. This concerns private property too which reason this should be dealt by Italian law. The ANG can requisition all premises they want (and it seems to us that even here in Turin this has been carried out in a great way) but for future handling of civilian premises this should be handled by Italian Tribunal.
2. The proclamation which orders parties to evacuate premises occupied by them, with the exception of a few, may set the reader who does not know how things stand, to think that the parties are usurpers of premises with the exception of a few, while on the other hand its vice versa there has been no occupation of premises which does not conform with the law. If there has been cases to the contrary they have certainly been exceptional (nor do we intend to be excused).
3. 48hrs notice, we think is rather going a bit too far, and nor do we find that it conforms with Anglosaxon legislation or ours.
However, we think that the proclamation has very little regard to the parties and perhaps unaware of how things stand; however, it is unjust to relieve as the commentary in yesterdays newspaper the "Gazzetta D'Italia" states. By reading this article it seems that if in this coming winter the population of TURIN does not find enough accommodation it is the parties to blame. Perhaps the newspaper believes as every other reader of the "Uomo Qualunque" that it be bother if the parties packed up. We do not want to think that Lt Col PIERRE thinks the same way. We all understand that nowadays due to lack of accommodation everybody must restrict themselves as much as possible and the parties will be the first to set the example, but it will be unworthy for those who have helped us to regain our liberty to stifle political life by taking away all its material necessities.

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51 British Liaison Unit

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Report by COMINT DIV, passed to you for

for Ident Colonel,
General Staff.

No. 349 "I"

16 Oct 45.

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The Commander of the Garrison thinks it advisable to arrest the two
individuals who are considered dangerous as regards the peace of the town.

(Sgt) Delio Federzoni,
C of E.

A proposito di una ordinanza

In merito all'ordinanza numero 10 del ten. col. Fiore, pubblicata nei giornali di ieri, che ordina ai partiti lo sgombero di locali entro 48 ore, un debito di lealtà e di sincerità ci impone di far notare:

1) Che si tratta di rapporto di natura privata, patrimoniale, che dovrebbero essere riservati alla legge italiana. L'A.M.G. può richiedere, tutti i particolari esigenze, tutti i locali che crede (e ci sembra che di questa sua potestà si sia avuta anche lui a Torino, in modo non trascurabile), ma per le eventuali contravvenzioni sulla destinazione degli immobili urbani esistenti i tribunali italiani;

2) che il testo dell'ordinanza, la quale ordina ai partiti di sgomberare tutti i locali, ad eccezione di quelli per i quali v'è il consenso dell'ente di diritto, può far pensare ai lettori (già della realtà delle cose che, tranne poche eccezioni, i partiti sono dei socialisti usurpatori di locali, tranne appunto poche lodoviche eccezioni, mentre tutti sanno che è vero l'inverso, e che se qualche caso di occupazione non conforma a legge v'è stato (e non intendiamo certo smentirlo), esso è stato tutto eccezionale;

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Subject :- Security Report.

To :- HQ 7 AGRA

54 British Liaison Unit

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Herewith report received from CHURCHMAN Div, translated and passed to you for info.

Field

19 Oct 45
JLS/PM

per Lt Col
OS

" On 7 Oct 45 at the Hotel Principe Torinese there arrived a certain person who presented an identity card issued by the ANPI (ANTIFASCIST Section) dated 5-10-45 No. 62/1, with the name of LUDWIG VITTOREO of Pinerolo and Maria Fortanelli. Two months ago the same person had been at the same hotel and presented identity card with name of CASIMIRO.

CASIMIRO alias LUDWIG goes often to France; in his suitcase he keeps an officers' blouse uniform; whilst he is staying in TURIN he is visited by various prominent persons at the head of the Communist movement. He leads a brilliant life. It is almost certain that he hides documents in the lining of his coat on the right side. He is tall and dark, and has a small moustache; he carries himself in a distinct manner.

With him is Marina RIVAROLI of Corso Angelina born in TURIN on the 19 Mar 1916 and in possession of identity card No. 199082 issued by the "Comune" of TURIN on 20 Jun 45.

On the night of the 7 Oct 45 he was responsible for sending two young persons to find accommodation in the Hotel Principe Torinese. One of them is called Pasquale ILIA of Augusta and Maria Santucci born 5 May 1903 resident in 5 Via Roma 2400.

There is sufficient reason to believe that CASIMIRO alias LUDWIG works for NKGB and is in charge of the liaison between the Italian and French 'collins'.

" On 7 Oct 45 at the Hotel Principe Torinese there arrived a certain person who presented an identity card issued by the ANPI (Associazione Nazionale Partigiani Italiani) dated 5-10-45 No. 66/1, with the name of LUIGI VITTORIO DI PRINCESSE and Maria Fortunata. Two months ago the same person had been at the same hotel and presented identity card with name of CASTELLI.

CASTELLI alias LUIGI goes often to France; in his suitcase he keeps an officers' identification; whilst he is staying in TURIN he is visited by various prominent persons of the head of the Communist movement. He leads a brilliant life. It is almost certain that he hides documents in the lining of his coat on the right side. He is tall and dark, and has a small moustache; he carries himself in a distinct manner.

With him is Maria PRINCESSE of Coppa Angiolina born in TURIN on the 12 Mar 1916 and in possession of identity card No. 190882 issued by the "Comune" of TURIN on 20 Jun 45.

On the night of the 7 Oct 45 he was responsible for sending two young persons to find accommodation in the Hotel Principe Torinese. One of them is called Pasquale ALA of Augusto and Maria Santucci born 5 May 1908 resident in 5 Via Roma 2441.

There is sufficient reason to believe that CASTELLI alias LUIGI works for ALA and is in charge of the liaison between the Italian and French "cellists".

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