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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

From: Lieut-Col J.S.H. DOUGLAS,
The Seaforth Highlanders.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CLIF.

24 Oct 45.

DO/C/63/72

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To: Major-General L. BROWNING CB, OBE, MC,
Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MALIA).

Copy to: Major-General C.A. HEYDEMAN CB, MC,
Comd 2 District.

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HQ LEGNANO INF DIVISION.

LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 22 OCT 45.

A. LEGNANO UNITS.

1.	HQ LEGNANO Inf Div				
2.	52 HLU	K6388	BERGAMO	(Via Vitt Emanuele).	
3.	39 Sec CC RR	K6388	BERGAMO	(Via Crispi 4).	
4.	51 Sec CC RR	K6489	REMONA		
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5.	HQ 68 Inf Regt	K6388	BERGAMO	(Via Garibaldi 25).	
6.	Regt Mortar Coy	K6388	BERGAMO		
7.	Regt A Tk Coy	K6388	BERGAMO		
8.	I Bn	K6388	BERGAMO	(Caserna U Primo).	
9.	II Bn (less 6 Coy)	K8024	CRIGNA	(Caserna Manfredini).	
	6 Coy	M706	CASALMAGGIORE		
10.	III Bn	E6508	OLUSONE	(Moving to B ARSIZIO)	
	102 Coy	K3478	MONZA	(Villa Santa)	
	104 Coy	J9982	BUSTO ARSIZIO		
	110 Coy	K3478	MONZA	(Villa Santa)	
	123 Coy	K1483	SIRONNO		
11.	HQ 69 (Special) Inf Regt	E8140	SONDRIO		
12.	Regt Mortar Coy	E8140	SONDRIO		
13.	Regt A Tk Coy	E9739	TEGLIO		
14.	I Bersaglieri 'GOITO' Bn	E3832	DERVIO		
	5 Coy	E3524	VARENA		
	6 Coy	D4126	TACENO		
	7 Coy	E3828	BELLANO		
	8 Coy	E3832	DERVIO		
15.	II Alpini 'PILLOMATE' Bn	E5737	MORBEGNO		
	1 Coy	E3739	GRATEDONA		
	2 Coy	E4471	ALDESSIO		
	3 Coy	E9040	PONTE VALTELLINA		
	4 Coy	D4388	COLICO		
16.	III Alpini 'L'AQUILA' Bn	A0544	TIRANO		
	93 Coy	A3148	PONTE DI LEENO		
	108 Coy	A4839	IDOLO		
	119 Coy	A0544	TIRANO		
	143 Coy	A2171	BORMIO		
17.	HQ 11 Artillery Regt	F0568	BRESCIA	(Via Panoramica 10)	
18.	I Bty (25-pr)	F4183	GANGHANO		
19.	II Bty (25-pr)	F4853	PONTICHIARI		
20.	III Bty (25-pr)	F8260	CHIARI		
21.	IV Bty (25-pr)	F0568	BRESCIA		
22.	V Bty (17-pr)	F0568	BRESCIA		
23.	VI Bty (40-mm)	F3375	GAUDONE RIVIERA		
24.	51 Engineer Bn	K6388	BERGAMO		
25.	3 Field Coy	K6388	BERGAMO		
26.	51 Field Coy	K2033	PAVIA		
27.	51 Signal Coy	K6388	BERGAMO		

7. Regt A Tk Coy
 8. I Bn
 9. II Bn (less 6 Coy)
 6 Coy
 10. III Bn
 102 Coy
 104 Coy
 110 Coy
 123 Coy

11. HQ 69 (Special) Inf Regt
 12. Regt Mortar Coy
 13. Regt A Tk Coy
 14. I Bersaglieri 'COITO' Bn
 5 Coy
 6 Coy
 7 Coy
 8 Coy

15. II Alpini 'PIEMONTE' Bn
 1 Coy
 2 Coy
 3 Coy
 4 Coy

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 93 Coy
 108 Coy
 119 Coy
 143 Coy

17. HQ 14 Artillery Regt
 18. I Bty (25-pr)
 19. II Bty (25-pr)
 20. III Bty (25-pr)
 21. IV Bty (25-pr)
 22. V Bty (17-pr)
 23. VI Bty (40-mm)

24. HQ 51 Engineer Bn
 25. 3 Field Coy
 26. 51 Field Coy
 27. 51 Signals Coy

28. 51 Medical Section
 29. 244 Field Hospital
 30. 332 Field Hospital
 31. 51 S & T Coy
 32. LEGNANO Ord Rd Park
 33. LEGNANO ME Workshops
 34. LEGNANO III Platoon
 35. No 1 LAD
 36. No 2 LAD
 37. No 3 LAD
 38. No 4 LAD
 39. No 5 LAD
 40. No 6 LAD

BERGAMO
 BERGAMO (Caserma U Primo)
 CREMONA (Caserma Manfredini)
 CASALMAGGIORE
 CLUSONE (Moving to B ARSIZIO)
 MONZA (Villa Santa)
 BUSTO ARSIZIO
 MONZA (Villa Santa)
 SARONNO

SONDRIO
 SONDRIO
 TECILO
 DERVIO
 VARENA
 TACHINO
 BELLANO
 DERVIO
 MORBEGNO
 GRAVEDONA
 MADRINO
 PONTE VALTELLINA
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 TIRANO
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K6388
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 E3832
 E3524
 E4126
 E3828
 E3832
 E5737
 E3739
 E4471
 E9040
 E4388
 A0544
 A3148
 A4839
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 A2171

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 F4105
 F1853
 F8268
 F0568
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B. AUXILIARY UNITS. (Attached to LEGNANO Inf Div)

1.	3 Field Park Coy	K2035	PAVIA
2.	1 Field Bakery	K6388	BERGALIO
3.	183 Technical Unit	K6386	BERGALIO
4.	34 Surgical Unit	K7887	MESSICO
5.	51 Ambulance Unit	K6388	BERGALIO

C. LAFOVA UNITS. (Under Op Comd LEGNANO Inf Div)

1.	Regt 114 Inf Regt.	E1802	COMO (Villa Olmo)
2.	Porter Coy	E1802	COMO
3.	Regt A Tk Coy	E1802	COMO
4.	I Bn	D9905	VARESE
	1 Coy	J9588	GALLARATE
	2 Coy	J0994	SOLLA LOMBARDA
	3 Coy	D9905	VARESE
	4 Coy	D9905	VARESE (less one Pl at MESSICO K2471)
5.	II Bn	E0514	PORTO CERESIO.
	5 Coy	E0514	PORTO CERESIO
	6 Coy	E0514	PORTO CERESIO
	7 Coy	K0379	LEGNANO
	8 Coy	D9624	LUTHIO
6.	III Bn		MILAN (Caserma S Ambrogio)
	9 Coy		MILAN
	10 Coy		MEAN
	11 Coy		MILAN
	12 Coy		MILAN
7.	No 2 LAD	E1802	COMO

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From: GIL(Tre)

To: GEO1, S2 ELU.

As a result of the conference with the Comd 68 Inf Regt, the object of which was to get his co-operation in the "general toning-up" etc, in training measures, the following points emerge. He was both keen and co-operative, and the main difficulties pointed out by him are :-

1. Ref "general smartening-up". The last 320 recruits posted to his Regt from CESANO have many kit deficiencies. They were issued with only one article of clothing of each type, eg:

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Furthermore, this clothing is of unserviceable quality throughout, consequently a high standard of turn-out, not to mention hygiene, is at present very difficult.

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May strong representations be made to the Italian War Office to reinstate this monthly allowance, also authority for Div and Regt Comds to spend same on sports gear, etc. There is no doubt that the Italian amenities in the sport line do not compare with the British, but much can be done with improvisation and this reinstated allowance.

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Sjts:	114.64 "	" "	125.55 "
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Major,
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Subject: Reinforcements

52 British Liaison Unit,

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13 Oct 45.

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HQ Land Forces Sub Comd AG
(MIA),
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1. A serious situation is arising with regard to the reinforcements received by LEGHANO Inf Div from GESSANO: all the reinforcements are of an exceptionally low standard, and this is more apparent in the case of the 11 Arty Regt where it will be impossible to maintain the required number of specialists under these conditions. 25 of the recent arrivals in 11 Arty Regt are never likely to make efficient soldiers or for that matter soldiers at all, and one has only to look at them to realize it: 7 of them are actually illiterate, and I am told that they are vomiting, unkempt and unclean, and that the other soldiers object to having them in their billets: the fact that they know nothing about soldiering doesn't matter, but the fact that they cannot be taught does. It appears that they have come from Pioneers and other such units where intelligence is not a necessary attribute, but I fail to understand on what grounds they have been selected for posting to an artillery unit.

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Posted from other units 258
Personnel re-taken on str ... 22

Total 613.

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Lieut-Col.
 GS.

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Copy to: HQ LEGANO. HQ 56 MU.
 HQ 50 MU. 1st MU.
 HQ 51 MU. OC 11 Arty Regt.
 HQ 53 MU. OC 68 Inf Regt.
 OC 69 Inf Regt.
 OC 51 Div Bn.

HQ LEGNANO CHPTC.

LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 11 SEPTEMBER 45.

1.	HQ LEGNANO Gruppo	X6388	BERGAMO
2.	52 HJ	X6388	BERGAMO
3.	39 Carabinieri Section	X6388	BERGAMO
4.	51 Carabinieri Section	X6388	BERGAMO
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9.	II Bn	K3824	CREMONA
10.	III Bn	M3508	CLUSONE
	102 Coy	K9699	LOWRE
	104 Coy	M8413	ADESIO
	110 Coy	M9411	PRATO
	123 Coy	M6115	S MARTINO DEI CALVI
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	7 Coy	M3828	RELLANO
	8 Coy	M3852	DERVIO
15.	II Alpini 'PILMONTI' Bn	M5737	MORBEGNO
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	2 Coy	M4471	MADESIMO
	3 Coy	M8049	CHIESA
	4 Coy	M5628	GEROLA
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	119 Coy	A0544	TIRANO
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19.	2 Bty {25 pr}	M1853	MONTICHIARI
20.	3 Bty {25 pr}	L7092	MEERO
21.	4 Bty {25 pr}	M0560	TRUSOLA
22.	5 Bty A Tk (17 pr)	M1806	CHRONOBLO
23.	6 AA Bty (40 mm)	K6388	BERGAMO

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26. M Medical Section
 29. 2nd Field Hospital
 30. 3rd Field Hospital
 31. 51 S & T Coy
 32. Ord Field Park
 33. Legnano ME Workshops
 34. Legnano ME Platoon
 35. No 1 LAD
 36. No 2 LAD
 37. No 3 LAD
 38. No 4 LAD
 39. No 5 LAD
 40. No 6 LAD

AUXILIARY UNITS.

41. 3d Surgical Unit
 42. 1 Field Bakery
 43. 1st Tech Admt Sec
 44. 5 Field Park Coy

114 THE REGN, MANOVA GRUPO.

45. Regt HQ
 46. Mortar Coy
 47. 4th Coy
 48. I Bn
 1 Coy
 2 Coy
 3 & 4 Coys
 49. II Bn
 5 Coy
 6 Coy
 7 Coy
 8 Coy
 50. III Bn
 9 Coy
 10 Coy
 11 Coy
 12 Coy

16333
 E1806
 K7837
 K6065
 K6380
 E5788
 K6065
 K6380
 E0140
 E1805
 K6386
 E2033
 K6383

BRIGAD
 CERVOBBIO
 TRESCONI
 CALAVAGGIO
 BERGAMO
 PAVIA S. PIETRO
 CARAVAGGIO
 BRIGAD
 SO. DI. IO
 CO. IO
 BERGAMO
 PAVIA
 BERGAMO

K7807
 K6383
 K6184
 K2035

TRUSSARDI
 BERGAMO
 CERNATE
 PAVIA

E1802
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 PAVIA
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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

From: Lieut-Col J.S.H. DOUGLAS,
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52 British Liaison Unit,
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25 Aug 45.

Dear General

DO/G/63/67

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3. Leave.

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4. REPAIRS.

- (a) No improvement in MT spares situation. LADs are still too lightly loaded and unable to assist with Class II repair work due to this shortage.
- (b) VOR Table.

4 - 10 August.

	1st Line.	2nd Line.	Total.	HLR.
Motor cycles	17	78	95	26
Jeeps & Utilities	3	11	14	6
Trucks 15 cwt	15	45	60	9
Lorries 3 ton	29	68	97	7
Carriers	2	28	30	-

11 - 17 August.

Motor cycles	16	81	97	15
Jeeps & Utilities	1	17	18	6
Trucks 15 cwt	18	45	63	1
Lorries 3 ton	19	64	83	2
Carriers	2	29	31	-

Notes re VOR Table.

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	1st Line.	2nd Line.	Total.	HLR.
Motor cycles	17	78	95	26
Jeeps & Utilities	3	11	14	6
Trucks 15 cwt	15	45	60	9
Lorries 3 ton	29	68	97	7
Carriers	2	28	30	-

11 - 17 August.

Motor cycles	16	81	97	15
Jeeps & Utilities	1	17	18	6
Trucks 15 cwt	18	45	63	1
Lorries 3 ton	19	64	83	2
Carriers	2	29	31	-

though some moves have not yet been possible owing to some difficulties. The frontier between Lake COMO and Lake MAGGIORE will continue to be the responsibility of 144 Inf Regt, and not 69 Inf Regt as originally planned.

III Bn 114 Inf Regt has now relieved II Bn 68 Inf Regt in MILAN and the latter has been transferred to CREMONA.

3. Leave.

- (a) The leave situation in the Gruppo is now greatly improved by the raising of restrictions, etc, and they appear to be well satisfied. (b) We have received a copy of a report by HQ LIGENANO Gruppo to Ministry of War on the subject of the imprisonment and subsequent disappearance of one of their men - Art GIANNINI ENRICO, of 11 Arty Regt, in the TRIESTE zone. The report is somewhat long and remarkable (copy attached). Any assistance you could give would be greatly appreciated.

4. REPAIRS.

- (a) No improvement in MT spares situation. LADs are still too lightly loaded and unable to assist with Class II repair work due to this shortage. (b) VOR Table.

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Notes re VOR Table.

- (i) MT PI combined with MT Wkps for 2nd Line figures.
(ii) Vehs repaired and waiting collection not included.
(iii) VORs in unit lines awaiting minor repairs not included.

- (c) Replacement of HLR'd 'B' Vehicles. The present situation regarding vehs HLR'd and not yet replaced is shown in the following table :-

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Motor cycles	-	13
Cars	-	14
Trucks 15 cwt GS	-	24
Trucks 15 cwt Water	-	3
Trucks 15 cwt Office	-	1
Lorries 3 ton	-	26
Carriers Loyd	-	19
Carriers Universal	-	8
Ambulances Heavy	-	1

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely

Hutchinson

(Lt Col. Douglas absent on duty)

To: Major-Gen L. BROWNING CB CBE MC,
Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (MMIA).

Copy to: (less copy of GIANNINI report)
Major-Gen E.P. NARES, CBE MC,
Comd 2 District.

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LEGNANO GRUPPO

Location Statement as at 24 Aug 45.

1. Gruppo HQ (Main & Rear)	-	K6388	BERGAMO
2. 52 British Liaison Unit	-	"	"
3. 39 Carabinieri Sec	-	"	"
4. 51 Carabinieri Sec	-	"	"
5. HQ 68 Inf Regt.	-	"	"
6. Regt Mortar Coy	-	"	"
7. Regt A Tk Coy	-	"	"
8. I Bn	-	"	"
9. II Bn	-	"	"
10. III Bn	-	"	"
11. HQ 69 Inf Regt.	-	K8824	CREMONA
12. Regt Mortar Coy	-	E8508	CLUSONE
13. Regt A Tk Coy	-	E8140	SONDRIO
14. I Bersaglieri GOITO Bn	-	E8537	PLATTA
15. II Alpini PIEMONTE Bn	-	E9739	TEGLIO
16. III Alpini L'AQUILA Bn	-	E3832	DERVIO
17. HQ 11 Artillery Regt.	-	E5837	MORBEGNO
18. I Bty (25 pr)	-	A0544	TIRANO
19. II Bty (25 pr)	-	K6388	BERGAMO
20. III Bty (25 pr)	-	J9981	FUSTO ARSIZIO
21. IV Bty (25 pr)	-	F1753	MONTECHIARI
22. V Bty (17 pr)	-	K7092	NEMERO
23. VI Bty (40 mm)	-	F0658	ERESCIA
24. HQ 51 Engineer Bn.	-	E1806	CERNOBBIO
25. 5 Field Coy	-	K6388	BERGAMO
26. 51 Field Coy	-	K2035	PAVIA
27. 51 Signal Coy	-	K8824	CREMONA
28. 51 Medical Section	-	K2033	PAVIA
29. 244 Field Hospital	-	K6388	BERGAMO
30. 332 Field Hospital	-	"	"
31. S & T - 51 Coy	-	E6115	S MARTINO DEL CALVI
32. Legnano Ord Field Park	-	K7887	TRESCORE
33. Legnano ME Workshops	-	K6065	CARAVAGGIO
34. Legnano ME Platoon	-	K6388	BERGAMO
35. 1 LAD	-	E5788	PONTE S PIETRO
2 LAD	-	K6065	CARAVAGGIO
3 LAD	-	K6388	BERGAMO
4 LAD	-	E8140	SONDRIO
5 LAD	-	E1803	COMO
6 LAD	-	K6388	BERGAMO
	-	K2033	PAVIA
	-	K6388	BERGAMO
	-	K7887	TRESCORE
	-	K6388	BERGAMO
	-	K4184	CARNATE
	-	K2035	PAVIA
	-	E1802	COMO
	-	"	"
	-	"	"
	-	D9905	VARESE
	-	E0514	PORROCERESIO
	-		MILAN

Auxiliary Units attached.

36. 34 Surgical Unit	
37. 1 Field Bakery	
38. 183 Tech Maint Sec	
39. 3 Field Park Coy	
114. Inf Regt MANTOVA Gruppo.	
40. HQ 114 Inf Regt	
41. Regt Mortar Coy	
42. Regt A Tk Coy	
43. I Bn	
44. II Bn	
45. III Bn	

12. Regt Mortar Coy
 13. Regt A Tk Coy
 14. I Bersaglieri GOITO Bn
 15. II Alpini PIEMONTE Bn
 16. III Alpini L'AQUILA Bn
 17. HQ 11 Artillery Regt.
 18. I Bty (25 pr)
 19. II Bty (25 pr)
 20. III Bty (25 pr)
 21. IV Bty (25 pr)
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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "Legnano"
Sezione Personale e Segreteria

n. 04/8301 di prot.

P.M. 155, - 21 agosto 1945.

OGGETTO: Mancato rientro dalla zona di Trieste dell'art. GIANNINI
ENRICO dell' 11° reggimento artiglieria.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto

= P.M. 3800 =

e, per conoscenza :

AL 52° B. L. U.
presso Comando Gr. "Legnano"
(rif. fon. AQ/9/518 del 6.7.45)

= P.M. 155 =

Nel maggio u.s. prima ancora che fossero diramate dalle autorità alleate le disposizioni inerenti all'arresto dei militari nella zona ad est della linea Morgan, fu inviato in licenza di liberazione da parte dei reparti dipendenti un sensibile numero di militari aventi la famiglia nella predetta zona.

Il mancato rientro di molti di essi allo scadere della licenza provocò da parte di questo comando, che aveva avuto sentore di difficoltà riscontrate dai militari per il rientro al corpo, l'intervento delle autorità alleate aventi giurisdizione in detta zona per facilitare il compito di ufficiali all'uopo interessati per la ricerca e successivo rientro dei militari di cui sopra.

Sebbene le prefate autorità dimostrassero interesse per agevolare l'opera degli ufficiali, questi mi furono i militari rintracciati e fatti rientrare.

Accludo un elenco di militari ed automezzi ancora assenti dai reparti.

Coll'occasione ritengo opportuno dare conoscenza di una comunicazione pervenutami tramite 52° B.L.U. di un rapporto del magistrato inquirente per il litorale sloveno relativo all'arresto dell'art. ENRICO GIANNINI tuttora assente dal reparto (11° regt. art. "Legnano").

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tre - un promemoria di cui allego copia relativo ad al-
cune notizie circa l'arresto del militare.

In pari data ne trasmetto anche copia al 52° B.I.U. che nell'inviare a questo comando il rapporto del magi-
strato inquirente metteva a disposizione la propria as-
sistenza per le ulteriori esigenze dell'art. GIANNINI.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
"Liberto Utili"

Utili

C O F I A per il 52° B.L.U.

ARRESTO DA PARTE DI PATTUGLIA JUGOSLAVA DI ENRICO GIANNINI

Soldato Gruppo Combattimento Legnano (8° Army) avvenuto a Trieste il 14 maggio 1945 mentre trovavasi in regolare licenza militare e in divisa.-

ENRICO GIANNINI, nato a Trieste il 15 novembre 1924, figlio dell'avvocato Luigi, studente universitario, partito da Trieste, appena occupata da tedeschi, l'11 settembre 1943: da tale epoca partecipò come patriotta nella zona di Cassino alla lotta contro i tedeschi e fascisti.

Il padre avvocato Luigi, noto alla cittadinanza oltre che per la sua probità, per l'intransigente linea politica di fiero antifascista, partì da Trieste il 15 settembre 1943, seguito a brevissimo intervallo dalla moglie e dalla figlia, ricercate dai tedeschi e dai squadristi, e si recò nella zona di Campobasso e del Sangro a capeggiare bande di partigiani.

Dopo la liberazione di Roma, Enrico Giannini fece parte prima della 210 divisione italiana mobilitata a poi dal Gruppo di Combattimento "Legnano" (8° Army), e, come soldato, combatté costantemente fino all'ultima vittoriosa offensiva, attraverso Bologna, condusse alla liberazione dell'Italia Settentrionale.

Nello stesso tempo periodo di tempo il padre, ottenne di essere richiamato alle armi e, col il grado di Tenente Colonnello fu Ispettore delle truppe Italiane dipendenti dalla V° Armata americana e partecipò all'ultima vittoriosa offensiva, finché, richiesto dal comando della A.M.G. per l'Emilia, si recò a Ferrara ad assumere la carica di Prefetto di quella Provincia.

Al soldato Enrico Giannini, fu per il suo valoroso comportamento concessa una licenza premio per Trieste sua città natale, dove giunse il giorno 10 maggio. La sera del 14 maggio verso le ore 19, mentre passeggiava con la signorina Miranda LO Presti sua ex compagna di scuola lungo la via Roma verso la via Bellini, fu fermato da una pattuglia jugoslava, la quale gli contestò di essere sprovvisto di documento personale e fu condotto e rinchiuso in una stanza del liceo Dante in viale Margherita dove trovavasi già un detenuto e dove nei giorni successivi ne convennero numerosi altri.

L'indomani - 15 maggio - il professor Luciano Serti, presso il quale Enrico Giannini aveva trovato temporanea ospitalità, essendo ancora la famiglia Giannini lontana da Trieste, consegnò nelle mani di un ufficiale di guardia del liceo Dante, la licenza, da cui si desumeva l'identità dell'arrestato Giannini e legittimità della sua presenza a Trieste.

Nel ricevere tale documento, l'ufficiale stesso assicurò che il Giannini sarebbe stato rilasciato.

Dal racconto fatto dai signori Vinicio Lagotolào, geometra, abitante in Trieste via S. Giusto n.1 e Sergio Basiliotti sottocapo agente di custodia abitante in Trieste in Via de Giacinti n.24 e da numerosi altri detenuti, risultò che il Giannini non fu mai interrogato, nonostante le sue vive insistenze e la sua protesta di essere soldato della 4ª armata inglese, fino alle ore 22 del 22 maggio.

Dopo questo interrogatorio fu rinviato nelle solite stanze dove trovavansi altri, tra cui i due suddetti destinati ad essere rimessi in libertà. Senonchè poco tempo dopo il Giannini fu fatto uscire ed introdotto in altra stanza vicina, dove, tra gli altri, trovavansi dott. Antonio d'Este, abitante in Trieste via Commerciale n. 23; Ermenegildo Michieli agente carcerario; due artisti dell'ispettorato di polizia; due agenti di questura (uno di essi certo Carlisi); un milite portuario.

Da rilevarsi che ad alcuni di costoro era contestata la qualità di fascisti e di militi e che portavano sul viso e nel corpo i segni di sanguinose percosse.

Mentre i detenuti della prima stanza furono effettivamente messi in libertà il giorno 23 maggio, quelli della seconda stanza furono durante la notte trasferiti altrove.

Da allora non si sono più avute notizie e tracce benchè minimo sul conto del Giannini.

Il padre dello scomparso, avvocato Luigi Giannini, accorso a Trieste partecipò alle ricerche già iniziate da amici. Presentato ed accompagnato dal Sig. Gino Marovic abitante in Trieste Galleria Protti 4, poté parlare con il Commissario del liceo "Dante" e con il comandante dello stesso tenente Pricio, i quali gli offrirono in visione una specie di ruolino dei movimenti. In un primo momento, il commissario signor Lonzar Alojs dichiarò che il Giannini era stato "mandato avanti". Richiesto di maggiori spiegazioni, si allontanò dalla stanza dove avveniva il colloquio come per andare ad esperire qualche indagine. Tornò dopo circa 20 minuti, asserendo che il Giannini sarebbe entrato nel liceo "Dante" il 13 maggio e che ne sarebbe uscito perchè liberato il 24 maggio.

A sostegno del suo asserto, mostrava un registro dal quale risultava l'ingresso del Giannini il 13 maggio e mostrava altresì un foglio sul quale erano scritti diversi nomi tra cui quello del Giannini che secondo una annotazione apparentemente fatta in secondo tempo, comune a diversi altri, sarebbe stato rimesso in libertà il giorno 24 maggio. Alla obiezione che la data dell'arresto era errata, il commissario si limitò a rispondere che così risultava; all'altra obiezione che se il Giannini fosse stato rimesso effettivamente in libertà, si sarebbe immediatamente recato dal Professor Serti, e poi al comando militare inglese, dal quale dipende, il commissario rispose che per lui risultava fatto uscire e che non poteva rispondere di ciò che gli fosse toccato fuori della porta del Liceo "Dante". Soggiunse anzi che a Trieste c'è il mare, ci sono i trams e, quindi, numerosi e gravi pericoli.

Il tenente Pricio diede a sua volta a sicurazione, che secondo lui, al Giannini non si poteva far rilievo di sorta, che aveva visto la licenza militare del giovane e che pertanto anche lui pur senza esserne in grado di precisarne la data aveva disposto per la scarcerazione.

Da quanto sopra si deve concludere che la versione desunta sia a voce sia dalle carte del Liceo "Dante" non è attendibile.

E' invece purtroppo grandemente probabile che Enrico Giannini abbia seguito la sorte del triste drappello uscito la notte tra il 22 e il 23 maggio dal liceo "Dante" e convogliato verso destinazione ignota. Poichè ambo le scritturazioni sui ruolini, data la comprensibile confusione di questi primi momenti, si sono rivelate manchevoli e fallaci, o potrebbe essere stata persa dopo la notte del 23 ogni traccia del Giannini, sembrerebbe opportuno che le indagini tenesse presenti i nomi di Antonio d'Este, Ermenegildo Michieli, Carlisi, per stabilire in quale tempo

e in quale luogo il destino del Giannini si è diviso da quello degli occasionali compagni.

Se sarebbe inoltre necessario che il Commissario del Liceo "Dante" e il tenente Princic fossero diligentemente e scrupolosamente richiesti di tutte le notizie sul caso e in particolare sulla persona fisica e sulla funzione di colui o di coloro ai quali è stata affettuata la consegna, la notte del 23 maggio, oltre che dal Giannini, anche dagli altri sopra nominativi.

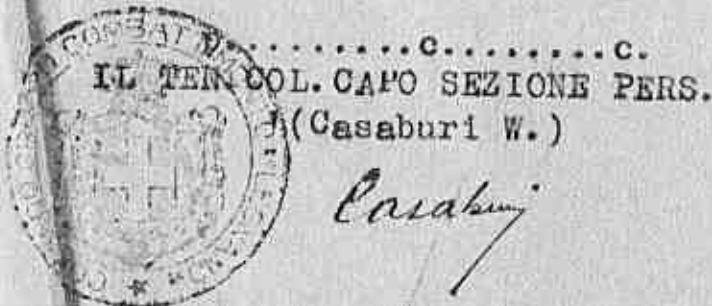
Poichè dalla testimonianza dei detenuti è risultato:

a) che al Giannini, il quale veniva dai guardiani gratificato in tono di disprezzo di epiteti come questi: "Badogliano, Porco d'Inglese" fu improvvisamente imposto, nella notte sul 23 maggio il cambiamento di cella.-

b) che, durante la sua detenzione al liceo "Dante" (dal 14 al 22 maggio) il tenente Princic ed altri dissero al Giannini che anche egli avrebbe potuto essere rilasciato in libertà se sul suo conto non ci fosse stato un punto interrogativo.

Sembra molto importante chiedere decisamente ai ripetuti Ufficiali jugoslavi in che cosa consistesse tale punto interrogativo e quale è stata la ragione che li ha determinati a cambiare la cella del Giannini e ad avviarlo a un destino dal quale si sono poi rifiutati di dare la menoma notizia.

Si deve aggiungere che tutti i compagni di carcerazione hanno attestato e sono pronti a ripetere a chi vorrà interrogarli che il Giannini durante gli otto giorni della sua permanenza al Liceo "Dante" ha tenuto contegno dignitoso sì, ma disciplinato e corretto, tale da non giustificare nessun provvedimento disciplinare da parte degli incaricati della custodia.



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

Land Forces

27 April 1945

AG 091.711/011 GCT-0

SUBJECT: Redesignation of Italian Units

TO: Commanding General
15th Army Group
APO 777

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1. Reference is made to 15th Army Group letter 1605/50/57/C-3 SDI dated 11 April 1945.

2. The question of unit titles was fully discussed with the Italian War Ministry at the date of formation of all Italian Combat Groups, and any deviation by Italian Units from designations published in this HQ Overall Order of Battle Italian Army, File 150/922.5 should be discouraged. In view of the request contained in the letter under reference, the following additions to titles of units within the INFANTRY Group have been agreed by all concerned and will be published as an amendment to this HQ Overall Order of Battle:-

OLD TITLE	NEW TITLE
1 Bers Bn 69 Inf Regt	1 Bers Bn (GOITO) 69 Inf Regt
2 Alp. Bn 69 Inf Regt	2 Alp. Bn (PIEMONTE) 69 Inf Regt
3 Alp. Bn 69 Inf Regt	3 Alp. Bn (L'AGUILA) 69 Inf Regt

3. It is regretted that the title of 3 Inf Bn 69 Inf Regt cannot be changed as there are no assault-trained reinforcements available. It is essential that this battalion should be regarded as a normal infantry battalion. The title "69 Inf Regt" will remain unchanged for similar reasons, since only normal infantry reinforcements can be supplied.

4. Orders will be issued through the Italian War Ministry to ensure that no further demands for special titles are made by Combat units.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

A. B. KING
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant GeneralCopy furnished:
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67 INF REGT (.) I BERS BN (GOITO) (.) II ALP BN (PIEMONTE) (.) III ALP
BN (L'AQUILA) (.)

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THIRD (.) MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR
ON FORMATION OF LEGNANO GP IN 1944

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SUBJECT: Designation of Units - Italian Combat Gps HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (BS)

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1. A request for the re-designation of regts and bns of the LEGNANO Combat Gp has been submitted to this HQ by 52 BLU, through HQ Fifth Army.

The reason given for the request is that the names proposed by the BLU are in fact their traditional titles, and that, for reasons of morale, these titles should be re-introduced forthwith. This headquarters concurs that the former designations should be re-established.

The current and proposed regt and unit names are as follows:

Current Designations68 Inf Regt

- 1 Inf Bn
2 Inf Bn
3 Inf Bn

69 Inf Regt

- 1 Bers Bn
2 Alpine Bn
3 Alpine Bn

Designations proposed by 52 BLU68 Inf Regt

- I Bn
II Bn

IX Assault BnSpecial Inf Regt

- "GOITO" Bersaglieri Bn
"PIEMONTE" Alpini Bn
"L'AQUILA" Alpini Bn

2. The current titles of Italian Combat Units were published in MMIA letter ref TS/G/29 dated 26 Sep 44, Appx 'C'. It is presumed that units were designated in consultation with SMRE.

3. It is appreciated that it is most important that historic titles should be retained whenever possible, and it is suggested that a possible solution, bearing in mind the desirability of brevity and simplicity, would be to designate the two regts under discussion, as follows:

68 Inf Regt

- I Bn
II Bn
IX Assault Bn

Special Inf Regt

- 1 Bersaglieri Bn (GOITO)
2 Alpini Bn (PIEMONTE)
3 Alpini Bn (L'AQUILA)

4. The re-designation of the units of the LEGNANO Combat Gp may result in similar applications from other Groups. It is requested, therefore, that the regt and bn titles of all other Italian Combat Gps be reviewed at an early date.

1. A request for the re-designation of regts and bns of the LEONARD Combat Gp has been submitted to this HQ by 52 BLS, through HQ Fifth Army.

The reason given for the request is that the names proposed by the BLU are in fact their traditional titles, and that, for reasons of morale, these titles should be re-introduced forthwith. This headquarters concurs that the former designations should be re-established.

The current and proposed regt and unit names are as follows:

Current Designations

68 Inf Regt

- 1 Inf Bn
- 2 Inf Bn
- 3 Inf Bn

69 Inf Regt

- 1 Bers Bn
- 2 Alpina Bn
- 3 Alpina Bn

Designations proposed by 52 BLU

68 Inf Regt

- I Bn
- II Bn
- IX Assault Bn

Special Inf Regt

- "COITO" Bersaglieri Bn
- "PIEMONTE" Alpini Bn
- "L'AQUILA" Alpini Bn

67 Regt

2. The current titles of Italian Combat Units were published in MMIA letter ref TS/G/29 dated 26 Sep 44, Appx 'G'. It is presumed that units were designated in consultation with SHAEF.

3. It is appreciated that it is most important that historic titles should be retained whenever possible, and it is suggested that a possible solution, bearing in mind the desirability of brevity and simplicity, would be to designate the two regts under discussion, as follows:

68 Inf Regt

- I Bn
- II Bn
- IX Assault Bn

Special Inf Regt

- 1 Bersaglieri Bn (GOITO)
- 2 Alpini Bn (PIEMONTE)
- 3 Alpini Bn (L'AQUILA)

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