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Partisan battle casualties are few. In the stable prisoner zone a well run hospital is available, but in the areas of the Italian and German divisions the zones are so weakly held by the partisan forces that the concentration of casualties in any one place was considered inadvisable. In these zones a casualty has a better chance of survival by hiding in a commandant's house.

Medical stores are in very short supply, but they have not been asked for as it is felt that ammunition has a higher priority value.

Civilian hospital facilities exist but their effectiveness is limited by the shortage of supplies and by the standard of medical ability available.

A small epidemic of typhoid fever is now occurring, but it is not proving the impact that would be expected in view of the low hygienic conditions prevailing. Due no doubt to the high state of natural immunity except the population. Apart from this the general health of the people is satisfactory.

At the beginning of the winter in poorer areas, it is clear that mal-nutrition may be an important factor with which to contend next spring. The people of SSJL, the poorest of the rural areas visited, will probably weather the winter provided that the enemy do not burn more food stuffs. An attempt is being made to import corn from the richer area to the north. There is no doubt, however, that mal-nutrition will be a serious problem in the towns of SSJL, CARA 2, and in SSJL. As an indication of their plight, columns of women were met crossing the mountain passes in a snow

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Salt is even now only obtainable in very small quantities and then only through the Black Market at 250 lire a kilo, which virtually prohibits its use by the poorer people.

Shortage of warm clothing, especially boots, may

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account for minor degrees of exposure effects during the winter.

There were no reports of any cases of typhus, but it must be realized that most battalions are lousy. There appears to be no provision at the moment for disinfection of men who cross the lines.

Finally it should not be necessary to point out that many ex-P.C.I.s who have crossed through the lines may require most careful and sympathetic handling if they are ever to be re-employed in an active capacity.

PARTISANS

My impressions are confused largely because they attempt to generalize on diametrically opposite extremes. One will see in rapid succession examples of courage and cowardice, generosity and cruelty, dishonesty and integrity. But there emerges, in my opinion, the feeling that the Italian partisan is combating under conditions of stress - not the least of which is the psychological handicap of recent defeat and the disillusionment of experiencing the exposure of the exploitation of Italy by the Fascists, in a creditable manner. It is necessary to appreciate first the essential difference between the Italian partisan and the "hangers on" who have no intention of fighting, but merely evading conscription into the Republican Army; secondly the shortage of good officer material; thirdly the very natural suspicion of any Italian who attempts to exert any strong disciplinary control over his unit and lastly, the significance of the word "bradescan" in the Italian mind.

I have mentioned before the tendency towards lowering of British prestige among partisan forces in this zone - the factors giving rise to this are for the most part out of our control - there is, however, one source of complaint which I feel could be neutralised. The impression is gaining ground that the Allies are disinterested in partisans largely for the reason that partisans crossing the lines, or on being overrun are not treated with the consideration they believe themselves to be entitled.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) Partisans crossing the lines or on being overrun should receive some encouragement and have official certificates supplied by the responsible authority.
- (ii) I recommend that the bolstering of partisan morale by personal signals of encouragement and encouragement to Italian commanders, the supply of cigarettes, chocolate, etc. should become a more definite part of our policy. Provisions without material support are undesirable.
- (iii) The planned commitment of coordinating missions under a senior officer will be most workable, but it may be that their successfulness will be greatly hampered during the winter by difficulties of travel.
- (iv) Disinfection of persons crossing the lines should be carried out.
- (v) Reconstituted P.O.L.s should if possible pass through the hands of a "rehabilitation" unit as soon as this is practicable.

27th November 1944

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Report Detachment

No. 1 Special Force

MURDER SITREP No. 10 of 9th December 1942

SECRET

1. a) There were only ten days or nights out of the thirty in November on which air operations were possible. Out of 19 sorties attempted 17 were successful to the North East, the Apennines and Southern Piccadilly. Twenty three of the seventy sorties were unsuccessful failed because of adverse weather on route or over the target.

b) To date there has only been one night and one day in December on which operations have been possible. Twelve loads were delivered: six by day and six by night.

MURDER SITREP No. 10 of 9th December 1942

1. One arch of the ROSTER PAPPIA (13/5493) railway bridge has been destroyed by bombing. It had been reopened to traffic the day before. The road bridge and the narrow-gauge railway bridge on the bed of the river are intact and carrying continuously heavy traffic.

2. Many deserters from the front, chiefly Austrians, pass through ROVERETO (136/7104) in civilian clothes.

3. The Germans are now importing captured women between the ages of 14 and 20 to work for the TSDT organization, especially from villages with partisan sympathies.

4. It is reported that ten per cent of the prisoners in Italy are being recalled to Germany to be formed into new units. POWs, civil prisoners, which is being used exclusively for GERMAN deserters, is reported to be already full.

5. a) Rail traffic to GERMANY via RAVENNO between 12th and 25th November - 124 trains consisting of:

2004	trains of troops, etc., horses.
270	" " " " " "
30	" " " " " "
493	" " " " " "

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NORTH CAROLINA (contd.)

5. b) Rail traffic from Winston-Salem via TAYLOR for the same period - 142 trains consisting of 3129 empty troop trucks.

426	empty of coal
132	" " ammunition
516	" " army stores
424	" " fuel tankers
343	" " trucks
27	" " timber
6	" " sugar
226	" " empty.

PHILIP

It is reported from 2.10.44 that the Germans are threatening full reprisals such as the execution of the city's inhabitants who do not denounce the British, the shelling of suspected houses and the demolition of all houses in the "British area" of the city and the deportation of all the residents in an area in which prisoners are found.

PILGRIM

1. The situation of the Germans in Southern Piedmont is becoming serious due to shortage of arms and ammunition. A new penetration into the valleys is expected although to date the Germans have been held.

2. It is reported that elements of the Military Committee of the C.I.M.A.I. in Italy have been arrested by the Germans.

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Comd. No. 1 Special Force.

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3. Rail traffic using TWICE goes to Austral. From 22nd October to 4th November every day 3 trains daily, including means containing tobacco, agricultural products, wheat, scrap iron and a number of hospital coaches.

3. 57 1/2 mil ex-2.W.s have already been pressed through into JUCOSOL-VI, and another 40 are expected shortly.

4. At BICINPICE (48/4205) the Germans are constructing the positions and owners of houses at BICINPICE have been asked to specify the accommodation available in their houses for the billeting of FUSOIST 5.9. and GAWO.5.9.

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1. The road and rail bridge at OUTIGLIA (63/7412) is reported to be in use again. The railway from C.ASTRI-
FR.NCO (37/646) to VODEM has also been repaired. The
engine repair shops at S.NTUCROST STATION which (74/3474) are working 'all out'.

9. The WILSON TIGER (42/2741) airfield is garbaged by a large number of B-29 superforts. The WILSON aircraft factory is constructing aircraft, but the type is not known.

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MOORE 2177 17.27

1. Defences are being built from VIENTIANE to RIVIERA (40/2500). W.C. of the 1907 organisation is reported to be moving shortly from 2200V to 2200 (40/2201). A ford is being built between RIVIERA (24/1223) and 2200 (40/2201) to replace the STANCO (24/1223) bridge should the latter be demolished. The General Officer in charge of these defence works has 2,000 in 1907 (24/2222) where the heavy has been asked to supply 1,000 men for labour.

2. All traffic using 1907 (24/2222) pass to 1907 (24/2222) from 22nd October to the 1907-1908 season. 1907 (24/2222) including 1907 (24/2222) troops, a 1907 (24/2222) products, wheat, scrap iron and a number of hospital coaches.

3. At 1907 (24/2222) have already been passed through into 1907 (24/2222) and 1907 (24/2222) are expected shortly.

4. At 1907 (24/2222) the 1907 (24/2222) are constructing gun positions and 1907 (24/2222) at 1907 (24/2222) have been asked to specify the accommodation available in their houses for the billeting of 1907 (24/2222) and 1907 (24/2222) troops.

1907 (24/2222)

1. The road and rail bridge at 1907 (24/2222) is reported to be in use again. The railway from 1907 (24/2222) to 1907 (24/2222) has also been repaired. The engine repair shops at 1907 (24/2222) STATION 1907 (24/2222) are working 'all out'.

2. The 1907 (24/2222) airfield is garrisoned by a large number of 1907 (24/2222). The 1907 (24/2222) aircraft factory is constructing aircraft, but the type is not known.

1907 (24/2222)

1. Two wooden bridges are being constructed on 1907 (24/2222) at 1907 (24/2222).

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LOUARK-ADIA (contd)

2. A message originated on 27th November reports that the C. J. N. A. I. has elected STYVAL CALORIA as Military Commander with CALIO and D. J. I. as Joint Second-in-Command. They have also elected a Socialist Chief of Staff and one Liberal and one Christian Democrat Deputy Chiefs of Staff.

ELEMENTS

1. 36 Australian, New Zealand and British ex-S.V.s are serving with partisan bands in the BRILLIA area.

2. ZOC Agent of the LOUARK-ADIA division have joined the partisans of the 3rd BRILLIA Division. They brought with them their tools and equipment.

3. The morale of the German troops in BRILLIA is reported to be very low. Their military stores to have vanished and they empty their stores, selling the contents to civilians.

4. Our mission in Southern Piedmont reports that nearly all the Germans have left the COCA area and that patriots in the area are now only expecting attacks from Fascist troops, which they are confident of being able to break up.

For Command, S. E. V. M.,
Comm. No. 1 Special Force.

Distribution

1. U.S. Ambassador, British Embassy.
2. Lt. Col. S. J. S. Chief of Staff's Office, A.C.
3. Brigadier Voloshin, A.C.
4. Political Section, A.C.
5. Col. R. J. S. Officer, Patriots Branch, A.C.
6. Advanced Detachment, Patriots Branch.
7. Col. D. J. S. Economic Section, A.C.
8. Mr. Reuter, S. E. V. M.
9. Major Page, I. S. V. M.
10. Regional Commissioner, Piedmont.
11. Regional Commissioner, Lombardy.

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PITONOTES

1. 36 Australians, New Zealand and British ex-P.O.s are serving with partisan bands in the BRILL zone.
2. 700 Allied of the up to 2000 division have joined the partisans of the 1st Brigade Division. They brought with them their rifle and equipment.
3. The morale of the German troops in PAVOT is reported to be very low. Their military section to have vanished and they empty their stores, selling the contents to civilians.
4. Our mission in Southern Piedmont reports that nearly all the Germans have left the OSS area and that patriots in the area are now only expecting attacks from German troops, which they are confident of being able to break up.

E.I. TULLOCH,
Major,
1st Commander, E.P.O.R.,
Comd. No. 3 Special Force.

Distribution

1. U.S. Ambassador, British Embassy.
2. Lt. Col. Shino, Chief of Staff's Office, A.C.
3. Brigadier Union, A.C.
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5. Col. A.C.R. Seigne, Patriots Branch, A.C.
6. Advance Detachment, Patriots Branch.
7. Col. Dunsen, Economic Section, A.C.
8. Mr. Rayner, A.C.B.
9. Major Page, I.S.I.D.
10. Regional Commissioner, Piedmont.
11. Regional Commissioner, Lombardy.
12. Regional Commissioner, Tullis.
13. Regional Commissioner, Venezia.
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No. 5 Detachment

No. 1 Special Force.

MUSTER SITREP No. 33 of 20th November 1944

IC: BARBIA

Our Senior MUSTER Mission has established contact with our B.F.O. in Southern Piedmont.

EMILIA

1. Alpini prisoners from the NORTH 2034 Division stated that the Division has now been reduced to 5,000 men instead of the original 14,000.

Another source states that due to mass desertions the NORTH 2034 Division is believed to have been disbanded.

2. On the ABBOND front (97/3210) Germans have repaired telephone lines they had previously removed and they are endeavouring to restore electric light to the area. Mines have also been removed from prepared road demolitions.

3. The railway line from MODENA to VIENNA (87/3143) and MODENA to VERONA is in use again.

4. German atrocities on the civilian population continue at C.S. 250. 40 people were first machine gunned then hung up after death. In NORTH 2034 (98/9525) 4 families which included 2 children under 6 months old were killed.

NORTH 2034 IT

1. It is reported that Austrians of the VIENNA Division are not allowed leave for fear they should join the partisans.

2. The German Command has organised the gathering in of all large dogs in TRIESTE VIENNA in UDINE.

Note:- The significance of this is not clear at present.

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101 BARBIA

Our Senior Staff Division has established contact with our S.I.O. in Southern Piedmont.

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1. Alpine prisoners from the NORTH ROSSA Division stated that the Division has now been reduced to 5,000 men instead of the original 14,000.

Another source states that due to mass desertions the NORTH ROSSA Division is believed to have been disbanded.

2. On the ASTRONT front (97/3210) Germans have repaired telephone lines they had previously removed and they are endeavouring to restore electric light to the area. Lines have also been removed from prepared road demolitions.

3. The railway line from ASTRONT to VIGNOLA (97/3142) and ASTRONT to TARRA is in use again.

4. German atrocities on the civilian population continue at C.S.T. 130. 40 people were first machine gunned then burnt up after death. In NORTH ROSSA (97/9523) a families which included 2 children under 6 months old were killed.

NORTH EAST ITALY

1. It is reported that Austrians of the VIENNA Division are not allowed leave for fear they should join the partisans.

2. The German Command has organised the gathering in of all large dogs in ASTRONT to VIGNOLA in UDINE. Note:- The significance of this is not clear at present.

3. A reliable source reports that 40 extra trains were to be run to Germany to carry away all surviving material stored in the zone.

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NORTH EAST ITALY (contd.)

4. On 30th October the reclaimed land of AQUILIELLA (40/5186) was flooded.

5. Our mission in the area north of TREVISO reports that the OSCOPPO Division has been approached by a German Major with a Russian. He wanted four points:

i) OSCOPPO to fight the Communists with arms supplied by the Germans.

ii) leave unmolested the workers on German fortifications.

iii) OSCOPPO not to fight German troops.

iv) To maintain secret meetings.

He also expressed a private wish to treat with the Allied representative in this area. OSCOPPO Division replied in the negative to all point except (iv) and R.I.C. has refused to treat with German at present. It is considered useful to maintain contact as we often learn of German plans.

The enemy intends to fortify between PINZANO (24/1633) and SPAGNOLIS (24/1031) and between TOLLINZANO (2452) and IMPUGNOLLO (0752).

German Major wanted specific guarantee for non-molestation of this work.

German is believed by participants in the discussion to be the representative of the VENETO LITTORALE.

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Major,
for Commander, R.M.V.R.,
Comd. No. 1 Special Force.

Distribution

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Major,
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HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION
 1 P.O. 384
 CIVILIAN SERVICE DIVISION
 P. 111018 BRANCH

Ref : 51/P.M.

Subject : Intelligence Reports.

TO : See Distribution.

25 November 1944.

Ref. 51/P.M. dated 30 August 44.

It is notified that the distribution of Intelligence Reports by the Mr. Colonel Patrick O'Leary, Director, is being discontinued forthwith. It is considered that the ground is already sufficiently covered by the intelligence force which is available in the Master Airframe put out by No. 1 Special Force.

R. G. D. SPICER,
 Colonel,
 Director,
 Airframe Branch.

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 No. 1 Special Force

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 Region IV, V, Pasco, 1111.

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Ref. SL/AMM. dated 30 August 44.

It is noticed that the distribution of intelligence
received by the Adv. Section Patrol Branch, Caracas, is
being discontinued forthwith. It is considered that
the ground is already sufficiently covered by the intelli-
gence which is available in the Sector Nitrogen set out by
No. 1 Special Force.

W. J. S. Smith

W. J. S. SMITH,
Colonel,
Director,
Patrol Branch.

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- Merida, Quintana, Llaneros,
- Venezuela.

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No. 5 Detachment

No. 1 Special Force.

MUSTER Sitrep No. 32 of 23rd November 1944

PIEDMONT

1. Our senior E.L.O. Major Temple, who had established contacts with C.I.M.A.I. in TURIN, was killed in a motor accident shortly after his recent visit to TURIN.

2. Three advance parties to MUSTER missions have been infiltrated to PIEMONTE.

a) AGOSTA area

b) PIVIA area

c) Senior mission for ILLAN

All these missions have established W/T contact with base and are busy making local contacts in the areas to which they were infiltrated prior to moving into their own zones.

3. A.A. Guns in TURIN are being replaced by medium artillery.

PIVIA

1. Our E.L.O. in Southern Tullis reports that on the night of 7th November the BOICCA 3.A.P. were brought to battle by the Germans. Most of the Northern part of BOICCA was at one time in the 3.A.P.'s hands. The enemy lost 200 men, 2 armoured cars, 6 lorries and some light artillery and 1000. The 3.A.P. dispersed in the morning.

2. There is only one railway working from IODM to CASAR VALICO (7/6660).

3. A message from one of our missions in the Apennines on the 10th November an outbreak of TYPHUS in

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PIEDMONT

1. Our senior B.I.O. Major Temple, who had established contacts with C.I.N.A.I. in TURIN, was killed in a motor accident shortly after his recent visit to TURIN.

2. Three advance parties to LUZER missions have been infiltrated to PIND/CNE.

a) ACSTA area

b) RIVYLA area

c) Senior mission for VIZAN

All these missions have established W/T contact with base and are busy making local contacts in the areas to which they were infiltrated prior to moving into their own zones.

3. A.A. guns in TURIN are being replaced by medium artillery.

VALLE

1. Our B.I.O. in Southern Emilia reports that on the night of 7th November the BOICGNA G.A.P. were brought to battle by the Germans. West of the Northern part of BOICGNA was at one time in the G.A.P.'s hands. The enemy lost 300 men, 2 armoured cars, 6 lorries and some light artillery and 1 G.S. The G.A.P. dispersed in the morning.

2. There is only one railway working from LODRM to CASTEL FRANCO (27/6660).

3. A message from one of our missions in the Apennines reports on the 19th November an outbreak of TYPHUS in the area North West of CASTEL NUOVO di C.A.F.G.M.Ni. (I 1409). So far 30 cases have been reported.

NORTH WEST ITALY

1. Our mission in the VICENZA area reports that despite

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NORTH EAST ITALY (contd)

the agreement published on 14th November guaranteeing no more mopping-up or deportation of citizens, this zone is undergoing vast mopping-up and citizens are being deported even although they are in possession of documents which are in perfect order.

2. Following patriots' action on the PONTE RACHICIONE which resulted in the bridge being blown and a train loaded with war material being derailed, ten youths were shot, one being fourteen and another sixteen years of age. All were blameless, being in transit through the area when arrested.

3. To avoid pressing through-traffic through UDINE railway station, Germans are building a line from the 6 km. post on the PONTE RACHICIONE through VILLANOVA (25/4419) to PRADAMANO (25/4516). Patriots are interfering with the works and it is estimated that it will take at least one month to complete.

4. UDINE is full of German and Fascist troops, police, staffs, stores and workshops. It has been confirmed that petrol and ammunition is stored even in the crypt of the Cathedral. The population has been forced to evacuate entirely. VI. BORLISI, VI. H. KILLI, VI. PRACUSO and main buildings in PI. Z. ULTERIO, PI. Z. VICTOR RICINIEL and PI. Z. VENTI SEPTIMBRE.

5. a) The following is a resume of the rail traffic to and from Austria. Period 29th October to 4th November

To Austria

Via TREVISO - 93 trains totalling 2,759 wagons consisting of:

360 empty	180 grain
235 passenger	116 motor transport
174 railway material	60 cattle
26 rolling stock	360 miscellaneous
485 timber	148 machinery
370 scrap	100 bridging material
35 explosives	30 searchlights
35 Red Cross	30 wirecords
35 troops	

no more mopping-up or deportation of citizens, but that is undergoing vast mopping-up and citizens are being deported even although they are in possession of documents which are in perfect order.

2. Following patriots' action on the PONTE BACHIGLIONE which resulted in the bridge being blown and a train loaded with war material being derailed, ten youths were shot, one being fourteen and another sixteen years of age. All were blindfolded, being in transit through the area when arrested.

3. To avoid pressing through-traffic through UDINE railway station, Germans are building a line from the 6 km. post on the PONTEBACHIGLIONE (25/4219) to PORDENONE (25/4516). Patriots are interfering with the works and it is estimated that it will take at least one month to complete.

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5. c) The following is resume of the rail traffic to and from Austria. Period 29th October to 4th November

To Austria

VI. PRONISO - 93 trains totalling 2,759 wagons consisting of:

360 empty	120 grain
235 passenger	116 motor transport
174 railway material	60 cattle
26 rolling stock	300 miscellaneous
465 timber	148 machinery
370 scrap	100 bridging material
35 explosives	30 searchlights
35 Red Cross	30 aircrews
35 troops	

From Italy

VI. PRONISO - 92 trains totalling 2,317 wagons consisting of:

35 railcars	276 petrol
729 coal	325 Red Cross
140 timber	73 bridging equipment
315 ammunition and explosives	75 troops
	35 passenger
203 empty	50 motor transport
350 miscellaneous	30 guns - total 120 guns
31 Russian troops	31 straw

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NORTH ITALY (contd)

5. b) Numerous trains went to Austria during the week ending 10th November bearing men and material of two divisions, said to be destined for the HUNGARIAN front.
- c) Traffic from Austria for the period 5th - 11th November:
- 47 trains totalling 1,563 wagons consisting of:
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|---|-----------|
| 205 coal | 40 horses |
| 250 G.I. stores | 81 timber |
| 550 empty | 32 petrol |
| 150 unidentified troops, tanks and V.T. | |
| 105 Italian troops and V.T. | |
| 161 ammunition and explosives | |
- d) Observers confirm that cars marked with RED CROSS carry ammunition.

Major,
For Commander, R.N.V.R.,
Command, No. 1 Special Force.

Distribution

1. H.B., Ambassador, British Embassy.
2. Chief of Staff, A.D.
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Distribution

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4. Political Section, A.C.
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DAILEY ROUTINE ORDERS
by
Captain T. I. M. Scully.
C.O. British Detachment.
R.Q. Allied Commission, C.M.F.

No. 149/44.

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23 Nov 44.

In the Field.

686. ROUTINE Duty N.C.O. for Friday 24 Nov 44 - L/Sgt. Cumberland, E.A.

Reveille 0630 hours.
Breakfast 0700 - 0745 hours.
Lunch 1145 - 1330 "
Dinner 1730 - 1900 "
Lights Out 2330 "

687. POSTAL

The following is published in conjunction with GAOs 942 and 943 for the information and guidance of all concerned. Further information on this subject may be obtained from the British Postal Section, HQ AG Bldg.

(a) Postal Orders - Purchase of.

1. Effective immediately, the amount of postal orders which may be purchased by any member of H.M. Forces in this theatre on any one day is limited to a maximum of £2.25.0d.

2. The NCO i/c Postal Section (Br.) will ensure that postal orders not exceeding the above amount are purchased on behalf of any individual.

(b) Postal - Christmas Arrangements.

1. The Expeditionary Force Message (EFM) service will be suspended to all destinations with the exception of NEW ZEALAND between the inclusive dates 6 to 25 Dec 44. The use of standard texts Nos. 47 to 53, 64 and 152 will NOT be permitted in messages to NEW ZEALAND during the period referred to above.

2. The suspension is necessary owing to the impossibility of coping with a large increase in traffic that would otherwise arise during the Christmas period.

3. This order does not apply to other telegram services referred to in GAO 588/44, which will continue to operate as usual.

688. NAATI & FIRE ISSUES

Supplies will be available as follows:-

OFFICERS in Room 46, HQ Bldg, 1st floor, right wing.

1000 - 1230 hrs } Sat., Sun., and Mon., 25-27 Nov 44.
1400 - 1700 "

Before NAATI purchases are made it is in the interests of all officers that a means of identity, as of this Headquarters, be shown.

ORs at 36 - 36 Principe Amedeo (Next to Vaccari Hotel)

1000 - 1230 hrs } Sun and Mon 26 & 27 Nov 44.
1400 - 1700 "

1000 - 1230 hrs } Tuesday, 28 Nov 44.
1800 - 2000 "

No NAATI supplies will be sold to any OR unless he is in possession of a ration book.

689. DISCIPLINE - DUTY N.C.O.

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689. DISCIPLINE - DUTY N.C.O.

In addition to the Night Duty Clerk on duty at the British Orderly Room, a Duty N.C.O. will be detailed daily in these orders.

He will be referred to in all matters of discipline or any unusual occurrences effecting O.Rs. of this Headquarters etc. after 1800 hours on the day detailed, by telephoning the Duty Clerk on numbers 478985 - 478986.

(SGd.) T. I. M. Scully, Captain.
O.C. British Detachment,
H.Q. Allied Commission, C.M.F.

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NOTICES.FOOTBALL.

The u/m team will represent this Headquarters tomorrow Friday, 24 Nov 44, versus C.I.S.D.I.C., at the Rundinelli Stadium.

Fus. Donaghy, L.

Pte. Attwood, F. Fur. Cooger, J.

Pte. Gibbs, L. Fus. Foy, T.D. Rfn. Brice, J.
(Capt.)

Pte. Grierson, E. Pte. Burgess, S. Gun. Viles. L/Cpl. Orphan, L. L/Cpl. Allen, S.

Kick-Off ; 1400 hours. Team will assemble in the lounge, Albergo Genova, at 1300 hours.

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17th November 1944.

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From: No. 5 Detachment,
No. 1 Special Force.

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The average German one met in the streets was very shoddy and many had Italian arms and equipment. The morale of the troops was very indifferent. A tremendous lot of the swaggar has gone out of the Germans. They are having daily round ups in the streets of civilians to be sent to dig trenches, some in Germany and some east of the TICINO river.

Trams and telephones work still but the gas is now a very acute problem. It is only available from seven until eight in the morning, at lunch time from twelve until one and in the evenings from seven until eight. Even so the flow is so very it is almost impossible to boil water on it. All motoring and cycling within the city has been stopped due to the sabotage that has been done.

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MAES, Date

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know, of course, that the Cardinal has not actually been arrested but everyone who enters or leaves the house is very strictly cross examined. Incidentally, the clergy here are doing excellent work for the cause.

The weather is terrible up here and clothing one gets from the shops is so much rubbish; but again you can get the good stuff if you pay.

I met VERGARA, chief of the FIAT organization. He gave me the following information:

1. The FIAT works are at present making five hundred cars a month for the Germans. This figure represents the minimum output in order to avoid machinery and workers being sent to Germany. The Germans are considering PIEDMONT to be a danger area in view of possible sabotage. They have said they will only allow him two weeks' stock of raw materials. He has replied that it is impossible to work unless they give him four months' stock. He will possibly be given two months' stock.
2. We can turn to production of one thousand vehicles a month as soon as we arrive.
3. He wants to keep the fleet of five hundred vehicles going as it is certain that when the Hun goes he will take with him all possible material. This fleet would mean that we would have immediately available five hundred vehicles.
4. The whole FIAT organization will be available for us as soon as necessary.
5. The following has also been organized by FIAT: The town has been divided into north and south sections. Feeding arrangements have been made, so that two hundred and fifty thousand maximum hot meals can be served per day every day for one month. If the electric power is blown, reserve of wood are held.

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6. There is also a reserve water supply in the FIAT works. I believe that the IANCIA and MICHELIN works have similar feeding arrangements but on a smaller scale. The necessary food stocks for these projects are already hidden."

For Command.
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for Commander, R.M.V.R.,
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MUSTER Sitrep No. 31 of 20th November 1944

PIEDMONT

1. A new enemy drive in the VAL D'ACSTA is reported.

2. The Germans are reducing the railway line from TURIN to MILAN to single track. The rails from the other track are being transported to GERMANY by train.

3. Partisans are organizing the defence of industrial plants in BIELLA and the VAL LOSSO area, but await stores to put the scheme into operation.

4. A big German withdrawal from the Alpine frontier through VAL TANARO is reported. The recently repaired ORMEA (91/1455)-ORIVA (91/2550) railway is being used for this and there is also heavy traffic on the ASTI - ALESSANDRIA road.

5. The bridge over CASALE MONFERRATO (57, 52/6531) is reported in full working order again.

6. The railway bridge over the TANARO river on the BOCCA - CICLIT line (90/1753) was blown up at NIVELLA (90/1754) on November 14th.

7. FIAT works at MIRAFIORI (56/9922) restarted work on 15th November. They are producing motor transport.

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5. The bridge over CASALE MONFERRATO (57, 53/6531) is reported in full working order again.
6. The railway bridge over the TANARO river on the ROCCA - CIGLIE line (26/1752) was blown up at NIVELLA (20/1754) on November 14th.
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LIGURIA (contd.)

3. Our British mission in Southern Piedmont reports that Assault Craft, including "Human Torpedoes" were withdrawn from VENTIMIGLIA. Some of these craft were ordered to put in to SAN REMO on 23rd October where the naval bombardment blew them to pieces with the resultant destruction of many houses. Undamaged assault craft left next day for ONEGLIA (103/2235).
4. Artillery and war materials are being concentrated in VALLE D'AGUTTA (102/C503) by the Germans and the evacuation of the whole civilian population throughout the entire valley has been ordered.

TOMBARDIA

1. An I.S.X.D. source reports that the Germans, helped by Fascists, are continuing to arrest civilians not employed in war industries or in work for the occupying forces. The weekly average of arrests in the MIJAN area alone is about 1,000 people who are concentrated at BONTRIO and sent from there by rail to GERMAN.

2. The same source reports that at an official meeting the German military authorities stated that as a result of a petition to HITLER by the Italian Government, industrial establishments will not be destroyed, but that instead all machines will be destroyed, i.e. turbo-alternators, transformer machines etc., in electric power stations. It appears that the same in the hydro-electric basins will not be blown up. It is not necessary to emphasize the seriousness of the measures adopted.

It is pointed out that the Germans have not granted the request to preserve undamaged at least a small amount of energy for the most important public utilities, therefore total destruction is expected. CAVERI, in his speech on 20th October at LIAN, declared that the industries, with the exception of war industries, would be safe. An evident case of deceit for purposes of propaganda.

NORTH WEST ITALY

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1. At CANTO D'ALBA (CG 1353) 1,000 workmen are constructing galleries in rocks to house VLT and other works from TURIN.

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SOUTH WEST ITALY (contd)

5. Floodings in the ~~vicinity~~ area are being extended to the west as far as CAMBRINO (75/3201) ferry.

6. All bridges over the LIRNOVA river have been demolished by the population on orders from the German Commander.

7. Our mission north of UFFI reports on the 11th November that every member of the UFFI C.V. and all group leaders in the plain were arrested, including the commander of the "underground" Division.

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9. On the 17th November railway traffic was resumed over an emergency bridge on the bed of the river PAVE alongside PAVE RIVER (75/3231).

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MUSTER Sitrep No. 30 of 16th November 1944

PIEDMONT

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2. The same source reports that the stores of SANT'ANNA DI MONTEZZAGO (C) in PONDONE (30/0952) are daily emptied of war materials by the Germans. This material is carried by road to CUNEO main railway station.

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4. The enemy is now loading hostages on road convoys and trains in an effort to discourage sabotage by patriots. Civilians are also being made personally responsible for guarding roads, railways and dumps and are made to answer for their security.

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ITALIA

Our mission in Southern Emilia reports that Germans are moving troops in COLLAONA (85/0235) and SUSANI (86/0737). Their objective is to destroy the power station at IGGONCHIO (96/0932).

NORTH EAST ITALY

One of our missions north of VICENZA reports that demolition chambers are being dug in the eastern end of all the ISOMZO bridges.

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MUSTER Sheet No. 24 of 12th November 1944

PITIMONT

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- (a) Think of your family,
- (b) Any war material recovered will be paid for,
- (c) The Americans have demanded 500,000 Italians for the war with JAPAN. Partisans will be used as cannon fodder.

Our mission states that this propaganda has little effect but asks that it be ridiculed in Allied broadcasts.

2. A signal received via Switzerland reports that with reference to the C.I.N.A.I. Delegation's visit to Southern Italy, the Communists have insisted that the delegation must include one of their commanders. This presumably will be GALLI.

3. In the enemy recapture of AIB4, Partisan casualties are known to have been heavy.

4. A recent air raid on TURIN was welcomed by the population. Raids, particularly by day, help civilian morale, as the Fascists are too confident.

5. One company of a COLONNA LEGGERA of the MONTE ROSA Division tied their officers to trees and deserted with their arms.

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MASTER Sitrep No. 29 of 12th November 1944

PRELIMINARY

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6. It is reported from an A.A.I. source that it is now known that a general strike covering all TURIN and PIEMONTE which lasted for 2 hours on 28th September was called as a protest against the shooting of hostages.

COMPARIA

1. Strong enemy forces are reported to have begun a

Civilians of
Partisans:

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LOMBARDIA (contd.)

simultaneous clean-up of Partisans in the valleys CAMONICA, SABBIA (E 1935), BROCCIA (E 0385), SCALVE (E 9815) and CAVALLIN (K 2029). Partisan losses have been light so far, but many houses and thousands of shepherds' huts have been burned and very many civilian hostages taken, some of whom were hanged or shot by the enemy.

2. The situation in VAL D'OSSOLE now is that Partisans control most of the valley and the railway tunnel. The whole valley seethes with political intrigue and a powerful Partisan Communist leader has been sent away from the valley after an unsuccessful attempt to seize control.

3. One of our missions in Northern Lombardy reports that the Germans are making preparations to blow up the dykes on the right bank of the PO.

LIGURIA

1. Our mission in the French frontier zone reports on 27th October that the GENOA POLANDANTUR ordered the immediate execution of the plan of demolitions, which consists of destroying all the rail and road network from AIBENNA (9292/3612) to SAVONA and from L. SEZAIL to GENOA, leaving intact the trichiale GENOA - SAVONA - ALESSANDRIA as an escape route.

2. In LIGURIA all important centres are garrisoned by Fascist Blackshirt troops.

3. On the road between S. GIUSEPPE (81/4547) and CIVA (2650) near MONTENAPOLIO (3449) there are reported to be many trucks which are removing machinery from the MONTENAPOLIO plant.

TIVOLI

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FIGURE

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2. In FIGURE all important centres are garrisoned by Fascist Blackshirt troops.

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FIGURE

1. Near CATTOLIC, no civilians are permitted to use a ferry to cross the PO. CATTOLIC has been practically under Marshall's law since 23rd October, when a German headquarters was established there.

2. One of our missions in the North East reports on the 5th November that lorries are on the point of leaving for BOLOGNA with new arms described as 'G.S.'. Further enquiries are being made. The Germans are reported to be practising arms drill.

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APPENDICES

1. An I.S.I.D. source reports that the enemy intends to safeguard SPMZIA and that every pier is ruined. SAVONA is the most important LIGURIAN harbor for military stores. GENOA is used mainly for food supplies.

2. From ARTA comes the report that the COMANDO UNICO has appointed four new Inspectors to the town area.

3. The Germans are reported to be digging along the NURE (60/5912) and ADDA (60/7028) from the VIA EMILIA to the PO with the object of flooding the plain.

NORTH WEST ITALY

1. A report received through A.A.I. sources states that Partisans in VENEZIA have instituted their own currency which is good for small transactions with the local population.

2. In BELLUNO (40/5282), PORTOGAR (40/2521), BIVASSANA (40/2676) and between the TIGILLI-MYTO and ISONZO rivers the entire population between the ages of 16 and 60 has been mobilized for work on fortifications.

3. Our missions north of VICENZA report that in addition to shootings and burning of houses over 1,000 head of cattle were confiscated by the Germans after the GRAPPA offensive against Partisans. It is also reported that when attacked, the Fascists sent women and children ahead of their troops.

4. The swollen state of the rivers after the recent heavy rains have resulted in the holding up of the missions' activities.

5. A report dated 7th November states that railway locomotives are being transferred from VINICE to TREVISO.

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for Commander, R.M.V.R.,
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CIRCULATION SHEET

Date 8 - NOV 1944

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MURDER SITREP No. 23 of 6th November 1944

NORTH EAST ITALY

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"SCOGNO emphasises that CADORNA is accepted now and he only requires official seal. Only difficulty now is that of posts to be given to GALLO and BARRI."

2. They should be made Deputy Commanders with equal rank. Socialists object to this and want to have a deputy Commander added. Socialists should obviously be told that GALLO and BARRI are military and not Political.

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4. After SCOGNO's return he will be taken to VENETO also.

5. PRINCHI organisation report to have best organised transport system in North Italy.

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1. An official source states that the food situation in AOSTA province is satisfactory. There has been a good grain harvest and the Germans have exported only a small quantity. Oil is lacking and fats and cattle are scarce. It is difficult, however, to distribute grain in account of the damage done to railways and the lack of motor transport.

2. Our Italian mission in Eastern Piedmont reports that to make up for lack of transport the Germans have

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ordered the requisitioning of bicycles. Air action on the river crossings will be very efficient causing appreciable delay and congestion of motor and horse-drawn transport.

3. Our mission in Southern Piedmont sums the following list of other members of the C.I.N.

CINECOMMITTEE includes:-

AVV. PELLEGRINI	- Liberal	Quadr
ENG. ROSSINI	- Christian Democrat	Quadr
AVV. MASTRINI	- Socialist	

MONDOVI COMMITTEE

PROF. PIZZERI	- Liberal	Quadr
AVV. CANTINO	- Christian-Democrat	Quadr
AVV. TAVAZI	- Christian Party	Quadr
AVV. TAVAZI	- Socialist	Quadr

4. It is confirmed that VI D. 0331, including TOURNAI and the fraction with SWITZERLAND, is completely occupied by the GERMANS.

SIGUAL

5. Detailed anti-scorched directive for the port of GENOA has been acknowledged by the resistance organization in GENOA.

EMILIA

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Passage received via Switzerland gives following
set up in I.T.N.:-

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- (a) Railway workers for sabotage with an information service directed by one of the chief railway mechanics.
- (b) City squad 'A' of 10 liberals.
- (c) City squad 'B' of 10 Action party.
- (d) City squad 'C' of 10 Action party.

Each city squad has its own director.

2. Owing to lack of materials above groups have concentrated on the capture of arms, transport, etc. Material and protective arms are sought for the execution of an organized sabotage plan.

3. Protection of public services and industrial plants:

(a) A plan is being considered for the protection of hydro electric plant, drinking water, illumination, trams, etc. Cooperation of technical personnel, politicians and military has been received.

(b) For the protection of industrial plant leading industrialists in Milan have been contacted. Further progress depends on the Economic Commission of the C.I.N.L.I. with which subjects have arranged collaboration on the military side.

(c) Arrangements are being made with food producers for the removal of foodstuffs which would form a reserve for the population during the crisis and the post-liberation period.

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MUSTER Sitrep No. 27 of 4th November 1944

NORTH EAST ITALY

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The last three groups are GARIBALDI Brigades but not definitely Communists.

2. COMANDO UNICO in ZONA 'X', which controls 10,000 Partisans, 3,000 of whom are armed, have 100 cars

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and trucks and control oil wells producing 3,200 litres per day. They have a broadcasting station and a newspaper.

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MUSTER Sitrep No. 25 of 31st October 1944

LOMBARDIA

1. The following message has been received from General CADORNA via one of our missions north of MILAN:

"NAZI FASCISTS try in every way possible to exterminate partisan activities by arresting leaders and breaking up formations. In PIEMONTE after heavy clean-up between CALVI DI CUTO and BUSA formations are reorganising but are short of arms and ammunition. A clean-up is imminent in VAL CA'ONICA. In VAL SESIA the bands, weakened by the recent attacks, have moved into the lateral valleys and the plain. OSSOLA formations are undergoing a heavy clean-up by 6,000 Germans with armoured vehicles. In the VINEIO, the GRAPPA bands have been destroyed. The situation is difficult for formations and the population of FRIULI, who are harried in on one side by the GERMANIA and on the other by the SLAV bands.

In every sector ferocious reprisals are being made on partisans and population. Winter finds the formations without any clothes, socks, shoes and blankets, and everywhere there is a shortage of arms and ammunition. The G.I.N. and General Command are determined to overcome every difficulty and to stimulate partisan activities as much as possible."

A signal is being sent from "General ALEXANDER's H.Q.", thanking CADORNA for his information.

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(b) IZO stated that 90% of the Committee's expenditure is directed to the military effort and the remaining 10% is used for relief work. The Allies only contribute a small part of the funds which is used on straight resistance. No money is given by C.I.N.A.I. for Party Politics.

(c) They were of the opinion that local Committees should be used for Interim Administration. They added, however, that bands would not always resist committees unless ordered to do so under threat of military sanctions by C.I.O.R.N.A. If bands are not controlled there would be chaos.

3. A further signal has been received from our B.L.O. in the North East (see MUSTER Sitrep No. 24 of 30th October LOMBARDIA para 1).

(a) ZOMCHI, Political President of the C.I.N.A.I. states that North Italy is being drained of its wealth by the Germans. The Patriots lack explosives to interfere with them.

(b) He is of the opinion that a General Strike could be staged when desired (chiefly in Lombardy and Piedmont) but that it could only be done once. They would require one week's notice. When the strike begins they ask that it should be given full publicity by the B.B.C. to show that it has the approval of the Allied High Command.

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NORTH EAST ITALY (contd.)

4. The following information is given by our mission in the area north of UDINE:

"The following information is given about the ninety three Russians who came over to the Partisans and which may be applied in general to the many thousands already operating in Italy to-day.

They arrived in Italy via TARVISO. Average age 32. Majority are Cossacks from the DON KUBAN. Seventy six percent are from ROSTOV. Majority are recruited from German prison camps. Others are volunteers already compromised through collaboration during occupation Russian territory. A few are civilians forced into service. Their senior officers are mainly ex-Czarist refugees. Junior officers are ex-Soviet officers whilst a few others are chosen from the ranks of the volunteers.

When recruited they received promises of independence and territorial concessions including FRANCE. On arrival in ITALY they receive no pay and live by loot. They are lousy having no spare clothes other than those stolen. Arms are mostly Russian with some German and Italian. In UDINE zone there were six infantry and one cavalry regiment. These remnants are accompanied by about three hundred camp followers of Russian women and children and old people in horse drawn transport."

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3. The same source reports that

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(27/7731) as a reprisal against GKP activities.

ii) On September 20th in BOLOGNA 18 men and one woman were tried by the Fascists. Eight received the death sentence and 11 prison sentences up to 11 years. The victims were executed on 24th September at the BOLOGNA rifle range.

iii) Men are being rounded up and sent to the concentration camp at CARPI (74/5381). All machinery in war factories is being moved or destroyed.

iv) Food situation in BOLOGNA is good but people are scared of the shelling. Clean-up by the S.S. continues.

4. A signal originated on 22nd October by one of our missions in Emilia reports that the Germans have decided to remove 50 million lire worth of machinery from the OPTICINE REGIMENT at REGGIO EMILIA. Removal was to have been completed within 48 hours (i.e. by 24th October).

5. The Germans are planning to blow up engine sheds, conduit and gasometer in P.R.M. before evacuating the town. A very heavy drive is now in progress in the plain to round up all men for work in the 20 fortifications.

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2. There is a very great shortage of petrol, even senior officers are being ordered to travel by train.

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PIEDMONT (contd.)

whenever possible. All Italian vehicles must be gas-propped.

3. 1) From our mission on the Franco-Italian border comes the report of heavy snowfalls. Germans are said to be retiring from the Alpine passes as a result.

ii) There is a report of increased traffic in SUSI and CHISONTE valleys, carrying material for defence works. It is reported that the "WILIA" have received orders to transfer from PIEMONTE to LOMBARDY and that Germans are compiling lists of Fascist troops willing to go to Germany.

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MUSKAT Sitrep No. 24 of 10th October 1944

EMILIA

1. (i) Our mission in Southern Emilia reports that the COMTO CROCE Brigade consists of 700 men all of whom are well armed and trained. They are organized on a military and political basis. Their morale is excellent but their difficulties are increasing due to the recent enemy drives in the area which have caused a deterioration in the food situation.

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(b) Both are confident that in the event of an enemy withdrawal, his retreat would be harassed and other retained provided that explosives could be supplied for sabotage work.

(c) The prompt arrival of Allied missions with a strong personality at the head of each is considered essential.

(d) In addition to comads already organized in the cities they have bands upon whom they can rely to support the activities of the local committees.

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(f) Both representatives have been told by our B.I.O. that they have only to assume control until the arrival of A.I.O. They naturally press for acknowledgement if they succeed in their task but accept this ruling.

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1. Our British Mission in Southern Piedmont again reports that German women are leaving TURIN.

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3. The civilian population report that there is a noticeable tendency on the part of the enemy to acquire civilian clothes, mules and hand carts. They obviously have very little transportation and although we assume that they have a number of S.P. guns in the area, military transport seems to be almost nonexistent.

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5. An O.S.S. source reports that North and North West of TURIN the CANAVESANO and LANCIO valleys are again firmly in Partisan hands and that the second and fourth CARINALDI Divisions are almost back to their original strength.

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North East Italy

1. From one of our Italian missions north of VICENZA comes the report that 8,000 men are being employed by the Germans on the fortifications. More details have been asked for.

2. In the ROZZA ZARTTI (37/1704) area six civilians were tortured and later killed by the Germans for being patriot sympathizers.

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4. From one of our Italian missions in the area north of PADOVA comes the report that the destruction of industrial and military installations and transport units, dock installations and the scuttling of vessels which they are unable to transfer to the Gulf of PAVIANO is being prepared in Venice. The town has no food reserve.

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MUSTER SITREP No. 23 of 27th October 1944

EMILIA

1. The following signal has been received from one of our missions in Southern Emilia reporting the results of the bombing of BOLOGNA on 12th October:

Population is terrorised by the innaccuracy of the bombing. Civilian houses both inside and outside the town have been hit. There were also hits on the University, the Clinic and numerous roads. No military targets were damaged with the exception of railway tracks. Damage resulted in 48 hour interruption of traffic.

2. A signal from the UNIFIED MILITARY COMMAND EMILIA ROMAGNA received via one of our missions states that the population of BOLOGNA enthusiastically awaited liberation. The bombing on the 12th October caused damage in the working class quarter and the hospital. The population is depressed and in despair as a result of this bombing.

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Comment: There is at present no known safe channel through which this representative could reach southern Italy.

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EMILIA

1. A signal received via Switzerland gives the following information with regard to German demolitions:-

i) The following main power stations have already been blown by the Germans:

(a) BEVERA near VENTIMIGLIA,
Kilowatts 6,000

(b) MUSCHIOSO in the Appenines,
Kilowatts 10,000

ii) REGGIO EMILIA transformer station (74/3373) is mined.

iii) Demolition squads of six men under an N.C.O. are already in occupation of the principal transformer stations of MORTARA (58/2742), RAIZOLA (57/6036) and ALTSSANDRIA VOGHERA. The sub-station BRESCIA (COMO) (32/1601) has also had charges laid in it.

iv) These demolitions would deprive the North of Italy of electric power for a period of unpredictable length as the enemy has also destroyed lines pylon by pylon. People on the spot have no arms with which to protect these installations.

PIEDMONT

1. A message from our British mission in Southern Piedmont states that according to a very reliable source the DUCE himself is furious at the capture of the town of ALBA for the following reasons:

(a) It is the first city captured by Patriots.

(b) It was a direct defeat of the REPUBLICAN forces.

2. Same source reports that the DUCE has given orders that it must be recaptured at any cost. Three companies of German troops with armour are reported to have joined the investing forces. The Partisans are hoping for air support to assist in its defence.

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North East Italy

1. An O.S.S. source reports that the determined enemy effort to clean up CA'ONICA SABBIA (Z 1925) and THOMIA (Z 0326) was unsuccessful as the Partisans avoided contact with the superior enemy forces.

The situation in the North East remains very fluid.

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MUSTER Sitrep No. 22 of 25th October 1944

PREDOMONT

1. An O.S.G. source reports that the plan for Partisan occupation of PREDOMONT upon German withdrawal assigns commanders to 11 sectors and each town in the region with TURIN Military Commander in command of all. Harsh law will be imposed to prevent political parties attempting to seize control.

2. The same source reports that following the recent battle in VAL D'OSSELY, 3,000 Partisans escaped to a safe area. Lack of food may cause some of them to move into Switzerland.

3. The same source also reports that while Germans were unloading baggage at a hotel in TURIN on the 9th October the baggage truck was blown up wounding 12 (Germans). The German commander is reported to have ordered the immediate shooting in the street of nine hostages.

4. (a) Information has been received via London that the Germans have evacuated the valley St. St. BERNARD after destroying various road communications. There are no partisans in this valley.

(b) There are about 1,700 Germans in the main and secondary valleys of AOSTA. All Italian guards and Police have been replaced by Germans who have begun to remove telephone material from AOSTA.

5. Our mission in the CUMBO area reports that the Germans have 2,000 troops massed at PREDOMONT (63/1684) preparing to attack and retake AOSTA (63/2795). (MUSTER Sitrep No. 20 of 18th October refers).

6. From the leader of our organization in PREDOMONT comes the following reports of progress on consumption

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6. From the leader of our organization in PITTDONT comes the following report of progress on consumption and power supplies:

(a) according to the EDISON engineer the big power station at ESTERRE ROBERTA will be very difficult to protect.

(b) The Director of the Electrical Company at BOLOGNA will hand to the Allies, on their arrival in the town, the plans of the electrical system in VENETO with proposals for its protection.

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(c) The leader of the patriot bands in the SPILLIA area is supplying men for squads to protect sub-stations in MILAN. Arms have already been found for them.

7. The Commander of the LANCHI partisans in the GUNTO area has started a small arms factory in his area. So far it produces only mortars and mortar bombs.

8. From a later report received in MILAN, it appears that the Germans and Fascists have reoccupied DOMO DOSSOLA (15/1040).

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(b) The German garrison of the LOVERE (34/4499) - SARVICO (34/4493) area has been disarmed by patriots.

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4. Our mission in the CUNEO area reports that the Germans are using the following route for evacuation of troops in LIGURIA - VENTIMIGLIA area - CIMA DI MARA (91/9112) - PASSO DI COLLAERTUTE (9415) - TANARELLO (9718) - PIACOLA (9918) - COLLA DI SAN BERNARDO (0312) - NAVA (1017). Troops using this route then proceed via CRUSA (1425), GRESSIO (92-93/2330), STVA, GIRO (21/4450) and ACQUI. Those last six towns have been cleaned up during the last week.

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(Comment: If the above information is correct it is to be presumed that a road has been constructed beyond (V.V. 7720)).

V.V. 7720

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2. A report from our mission in the VROCA area states that there are few Russian and Czech troops in the area. They do police and guard duties.

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B.L. DRAGE, Major.
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No. 1 Special Force.

MUSTER Sitrep No. 21 of 19th October 1944

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2. A British officer with our mission in Southern Emilia reports on the 14th October that he has met two representatives of the PARMA C.N.I. which is a clandestine body consisting of 5 members representing the Communists, Christian Democrats, Partito d'Azione, Socialists and Republicans (sic. presumably Liberals). Their present intentions are:

- (a) to raise money from the PARMA citizens,
- (b) to appoint anti-Fascists for civil government of the province,
- (c) to prepare lists of Fascists and their acts.

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1. One of our Italian Missions north east of MILAN reports that with arms the Partisans would be able to control the MILAN - TURIN road and safeguard industries and power plants.

2. (a) One of our missions south of TURIN reports that according to a reliable source no provincial C.N.I. has yet been formed in CUNEO (90/C3).

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(b) The names of the members of the ALESSANDRIA
(70/711) Committee are:

Liberal	AVV. FERRARI MARIO
Christian Democrat	AVV. BRUSASCA
Part. d'Azione	PROF. PICCININI
Socialist	AVV. PASSONI MARIO
Communist	AVV. VEGGI RENATO

(c) The names of the members of the ASTI (69/411)
Committee are:

Liberal	AVV. RICCO RUTURI
Part. d'Azione	DOCT. CORTESE GIOVANNI
Communist	PIATONE FELICE
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4. A report received via Switzerland from our British Mission North of MILAN states that in view of the Politico-Military crisis caused by the Communists in BERLIN and of its industrial importance it is urged that a resolute but diplomatic senior officer be sent there soonest.

Comment: A strong mission is standing by for the BERLIN.

5. An I.S.I.D. source reports from TURIN that there are some 500 men of the "X" Flotilla M.A.S. and 200 paratroopers of the "MOISONE". The Fascists are intended to be rearguards to the German Army. There should be 2,500 policemen remaining in the town.

6. According to an C.S.S. source the following industrial establishments are scheduled by the Germans for destruction before their withdrawal:

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FIAT MIRAFIORI
FIAT AERONAUTICA
ITALI
S.P.A.
MOTORI L.NCI.

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Committee are:

Liberal AVV. RICCO BARTURI
Part. Nazionale DOTT. CORTELIO GIOVANNI
Communist PIATONE FELICE
Demo Christian SCOTTI ALESSANDRO

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Comment: A strong mission is standing by for the BTL.

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TURIN

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FIAT ANTONAUDICA
ITALIA
S.P.A.
MOTORI LANCIA

ASTI

STABILIMENTI LIGCCANICI

CUORGNE

FABBRICA BROWZINE BOTTO

7. A British Mission West of TURIN reports that 20 Russians have deserted to the patriots with their arms. The German Company Commander in the area has taken 20 civilians from ORBASSANO (56/9122) and threatens to shoot 10 this Sunday and 10 next week if the Russians are not handed over.

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LIGURIA

1. An O.S.S. source reports on the 11th October that the LIGURIAN RIVIERA is completely empty of German troops and that the 90th P.G. Division is leaving PIEDMONT and going East.

2. The head of our British Mission South West of CUNEO reports that the Patriot commander in the area has earmarked 2,000 armed and equipped men for the defense of public services in CUNEO.

3. S.I.O. with our mission North of MILAN reports that Major TURRI, the leader of a large group of Partisans in the area South of TURIN, has joined the liberal party and thus has a headquarters on the S.I.N.

LOMBARDIA

1. According to an O.S.S. source the following industrial establishments have been earmarked by the Germans for destruction before their withdrawal:

MILAN

BRIDA
PIRELLI
ALFA ROMEO
INNOCENTI
MACCARTHY MARINI
ISOTTA FRASCHINI

VARESE

MACCHI

SESTO CALENDE

PODI (Possibly CIAI, Compagnia
Industria Aeronautiche Italiane)

BRUSCIA

O.M.
TURRI (Probably TUBIFICIO)
TARDINI (Metallurgica Italiana Cia.
Tempini)

CARBONE VAL TROPIA

BRETTA

CREMONA

ARM ITALIA

TOVERE

FRANCHI GREGORINI

NELLO

STABILIMENTI TUDOR

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3. B.I.C. with our Mission North of MILAN reports that Major LAURI, the leader of a large group of Partisans in the area South of TURIN, has joined the liberal party and that has a mouthpiece on the C.I.N.

COMTARDIA

i. According to an O.S.S. source the following industrial establishments have been earmarked by the Germans for destruction before their withdrawal:

MILAN

BREDA
PIRELLI
ALFA ROMEO
INNOCENTI
MAGNETI MARINI
IES PIA TRASOMINI

VARESE

MACCHI

SESTO CALENDE

DOCI (Possibly CIAI, Campagna Industriale Aeronautiche Italiana)

BRESCIA

C.M.
TUBI (Probably TURBICO)
TEMPINI (Metallurgica Italiana Cia Tempini)

CAREONE VAL TROMPIA

ARETTA

GRONOW.

ARM ITALIA

LOVERE

TRACCHI GREGORINI

MELEO

STABILIMENTI TUDOR

MELENANO

STABILIMENTI SARONIO

BAGNANO

The Blast Furnaces.

2. (a) An Italian Mission North of BERGAMO reports that the active C.I.N. members for BRESCIA are:

Demo Christian
Part. d'Azione
Liberal

MAGNETI MAZIO
PASSELLIA
Pellizzari

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(b) and those for BUGATO

Part. d'Azione ZILASCO and CERRI

(c) Nazi-Fascist reactions render the functioning of political Committees impossible in the towns.

NORTH EAST

1. Our British Mission north of UDINE reports that the Germans have entirely occupied CARNIA (S.E. of TOLMEZZO) where they burn houses and rape the women. A member of the mission was a witness to these atrocities.

2. Our Italian Mission north of VINCENZA reports the names of members of the Provincial Committees of the C.I.N. as follows:

ROVIGO

BERLINI UMBERTO } Lawyers
RIZZINERI NINO }

PADOVA

ZAMBONI ADOLFO }
GIACO VILI SERASTIANO } Professors
FENICCHETTI }
ZANCAN }
BELLONI } Doctor
PARBI }

VERONA

CONTALDO PARDALUPI
DEBOSIN MARIO

VINCENZA

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8. Col. Bowman, (Friuli), A.C.C.
9. Col. McCarthy, (Patriots' Branch), A.C.C.
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11. Col. Denmore, (Economic Section),
12. Mr. Rayner, S.W.B.
13. Major Page, I.S.I.D.
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No. 1 Special Force.

MUSTER Sitrep No. 20 of 12th October 1944

GENERAL

Recent reports from a mission in the BERGAMO area indicate that some sort of agreement has been reached over the composition of the General Command of the C.L.N.A.I. General CADORNA appears to have been accepted as Commander with a Communist representative as Second in Command and a PARTITO d'AZIONE representative as Chief of Staff. Full details regarding this agreement have not yet been received and it is not certain whether all parties, particularly the Liberals, have accepted it.

In confirmation of previous reports information has been received from an Italian Mission north of MILAN that the Germans have started to evacuate stores, machinery and medical supplies via the TONALE pass (20/3745) towards the BRENNER.

The Ministry of War Production has left MILAN and the destruction of armament factories in the west has begun.

PIEDMONT

1. Report from DOMO D'OSCOIA received via Switzerland states that despite strong enemy attacks, the Patriots held their own at ORNAVASSO (30/N14) and that they have successfully counter-attacked at CANOGGIA which lies across the river from ORNAVASSO.

The political GIUNTA is still at DOMO D'OSCOIA and order is reigning in the valley.

2. A message from the British Mission in the CUNEO area states that the town of AIBA (69/2795) was occupied by the Patriots on the 10th October.

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PIEDMONT

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The political GIUNTA is still at DOMO D'OSSOLA and order is reigning in the valley.

2. A message from the British Mission in the CUNEO area states that the town of ATRA (69/2785) was occupied by the Patriots on the 10th October.

3. (a) A British Mission west of TURIN reports that most of the factories in the area are not producing vehicles but spare parts for them.

(b) The same mission reports that according to a German source all German women are to leave Italy shortly.

4. A unified command has been established in the BITTIA (43/DII) and VERCELLI (57/O15) areas. In the Alpine valleys, the approach of winter, the already heavy snowfalls and the lack of food and ammunition have put the Partisans in an almost

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untenable position. They have had to abandon Val VIV (55/7040) and IACO DELLA ROSSA (55/6212) to the Germans who are now pushing south to VAL SUBA against strong Partisan resistance.

APPENDIX

The Germans have been much more aggressive than last week. Resuming their attempts at clearing the network of roads leading north from the coast. On 11th October they occupied SCURANO (55/0553) and took up positions which temporarily secured the road. They were forced to withdraw again on 13th October.

The enemy is expected to launch a strong drive in the area so as to ensure the destruction of the large power-stations at ISOIA (55/9545), RIMANI (55/9140), RIOSO (55/9138) and SOBOO (55/9036) as well as the dam at 55/9275.

Outbreaks of Diphtheria, totalling 32 cases have been reported from RADI (54/616) and PIANZANO (55/8154). Measures to limit this outbreak are being taken by the Partisan authorities who have started a hospital of 30 beds at COPNIGLIO (55/9350).

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PATRIOT HEADQUARTERS

CIRCULATION SLIP

Date

FOR 26-28.) For information
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Major Drago

Capt. Knell

Capt. Glasgow

Capt. Harris

Capt. Kocco

Remarks

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 Capt. Knell
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This report should be read in conjunction with "Italian Patriot Bands in the Alps" dated 24th August. - 62/Rab.

PIEDMONT

2. Types of Groups

(a) GARIBOLDI formations: These are communist in tendency and very anti-monarchist. A political commission is attached to each brigade. 90% of the men are not interested in politics. (S.I.O. 30 Sept.). They are probably the strongest organisation in PIEMONTE; the second, fourth and fifth Garibaldi "divisions" as well as other formations which may be separate from the "divisions" are reported.

(b) Action Party formations: Several are reported, of good military value, but nevertheless "political".

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3. ALESSANDRIA

The MUSTER mission to this area was briefed as follows on 25th September:

Major MAURI (Italian Army) commands the area bounded by the following points - CAMALZ, MILLESIAMO, TENDA PASS, COLLE DI LARCHE. Within this area he has organised a force of some 10,000 men in 5 brigades.

16th Garibaldi Brigade, area North West of ACQUI.

74th Garibaldi Brigade, area south of ACQUI.

MONTMAGNO band of 600 men.

51st and 3rd Garibaldi Brigades under "MARZO" and "DIE".

ROMAGNOL band under LIBERO.

GIUSTIZIA e LIBERTA band under Captain FAUSTO.

All these forces, together with several smaller units, amount to some 4000 - 5000 men and occupy the area bordered by the PIACENZA BOLOGNA VOGHERA roads. They are at present on the offensive against large enemy forces which had been attacking them supported by tanks and artillery. The partisan thrust is in the direction of VOGHERA, which is reported to have been captured. A similar thrust is in progress against PIACENZA.

PAVIA has a town group of some 400 men.

ALESSANDRIA itself is notoriously Fascist. It must however be taken into account that all the principal Italian towns now contain an organised, if unarmed, group of men who have been instructed to take over public installations at a given moment. Instructions to that effect have been passed through the Central Committee at MILAN.

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TURIN

The MURDER mission to this area was briefed as follows on 23 September, (No. 1 S.E. MU/775):

The following is a list of the known patriot groups in the TURIN area upon which you may be able to call for assistance.

VAL DI LAMMO band - 700 men well armed under ARMANDO and BARACCHINI, VORAGNO area (55/8157).

"DAN".

BORGAGNANO band under LIBERO.

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VAL DI LARNO band - 700 men well armed under ARMANDO and BARACCHINI, VORAGNO area, (55/8157).

MARCONI Brigade - 1,000 men unknown armament under MARCONI. Split in small groups of 100-200 men between VAL DI SUSÀ (55/5439) and VAL DI PO (57/5887). They only occupy the heights as the Germans continue to hold the valleys.

GLIAVINO band - 1,500 men (700 armed) under VIAN west of GLIAVINO (55/7727).

Geribaldi Brigade - 1,000 men (armament unknown)
under BARBATO and SALIZZO area VAL PELLICE.

The MATTEOLI Brigade is apparently also known as the VAL CHISONE Brigade, commanded by MARCELLIN. It consists of 700 men, poorly armed, military, active, Liberal-Monarchist, considered reactionary by the political bands. (MLO. 1st October).

5. The following formations have also recently been reported in TURIN.

(a) Second GARIBOLDI Division, 1,000 men, poorly armed, commanded by BATTISTA, in LANGE valleys which had recently been cleaned up by Fascists. (MLO. Sitrep 30th September).

(b) Fourth GARIBOLDI Division. 1,500 men, poorly armed. Area: both sides, middle and lower VAL SUSA. Commanded by VALEHIO. (MLO. 30th September).

(c) VAL SANGONE Brigade. Area: CHISONE and upper SUSA. 700 men poorly armed, military, active, Liberal-Monarchist. Commanded by RICCLETTA. (MLO. 1st October).

(d) STELLINA Brigade. Area: mountains near SUSA. 300 men, poorly armed, Action party. Commanded by LACHI.

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6. CUNEO

Since report referred to above dated 24th August and headed "Italian Patriot Bands in the Alps", the following formations are reported:-

(a) VAL PELLICE Brigade. Commanded by RIMATO. 400 men, Action Party, arms good, military value good.

(b) VAL GERMANASCA Brigade. Commanded by UCCIO. 400 men, Action party, arms poor, military value quite good. (Source of (a) and (b): MLO. 1st October).

(c) "MEZARD" formation in VAL VALETTA. 1,500

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(c) "MEZARD" formation in VAL VARAITA. 1,800 men, no further details. (RLO. 23rd September).

7. VERCELLI

5th GARIBOLDI Division. Area: BIELLA between GRESSONEY (29/2707) and outskirts BIELLA with western limit SERSA, eastern limit SERSA river (30/5794). 3 Brigades, 600 - 700 unarmed, 1,000 possible recruits.

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arms and explosive scarce. The leader and the political commission IRAIO are communists and unscrupulous. The majority of the troops are more reliable. (London report 28th September).

8. NOVARA

OSSOLA is now reported as a liberated area but the exact strength and character of the patriot formations are not known. A London report of 2nd October mentions the OSSOLA division, commanded by Major SUPERNI. 420 armed and 180 unarmed.

Major Hogan

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 MUSTER Progress Report for period ending
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The following extracts have been taken from
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Despite the strength of the enemy opposition it is comforting to know that all missions have so far evaded capture and are in constant communication with this H.Q.

2. The continued bad weather during the past week has again prevented the infiltration of any MUSTER missions.

The extended delay has meant that we have not been able to take advantage of the September - October moon period and we now have to consider the possibilities of dropping the parties during the dark period. This will require a review of the drop points previously selected, and consultation with the R.A.F. as to which ones they would be prepared to fly given suitable weather.

3. There are increasing indications from the field that the Committees of liberation and other resistance organizations are becoming "MUSTER conscious" and are planning in some detail the steps they can take in the event of a German withdrawal. The following is a summary of the progress that has so far been made in this direction.

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SMILLA

BOLOGNA 5th Army have sent a directive through our mission east of SPEZIA to the patriots in the BOLOGNA area, instructing them to move into the town now and to lie low until they receive a signal to block rail entrances to the enemy inside the city. The signal for action will be given by an aircraft flying over the town. In view of the present difficulties of communication between the mission and the BOLOGNA Committee and in view of the mission's other

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commitments it is proposed to send in a W/T operator and set to Bologna itself to receive 5th Army directives.

MODENA The MODENA Committee of Liberation has ordered a plan of action which they have referred to the 5th mission for approval by A.A.I. This plan envisages coordinated action by clandestine forces within the city of MODENA and by the bands in the neighbouring hills. The city will be taken over and all important buildings occupied and protected. Road blocks will be established on all exits from the city and the Carabinieri, Civic Guards and Finance Guards, under one command, will prevent looting and control the population.

The first phase of the plan requires the movement of some 1,000 patriots now in the hills towards the city. We have sent instructions that although the plan is approved in principle, it must not be implemented without orders from A.A.I. We have also instructed this mission to move with the patriot forces towards the town and to keep in close touch with the military leaders.

PARMA Another mission in this area reports that the Comando Unico of PARMA province is planning the occupation of the PARMA plain by patriots. The following four formations will be used to occupy PARMA itself:

GIULIA Division

GIUSTIZIA e LIBERTA Division

47th and 12th CARABINIERI Brigades

5th Army have approved in principle the occupation of PARMA by patriot forces and will send the action signal via the mission.

LIQUORIA

SPICOLA The mission in this area, which is under the command of the First LIQUORIAN

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The first phase of the plan requires the movement of some 1,900 patriots now in the hills towards the city. We have sent instructions that although the plan is approved in principle, it must not be implemented without orders from A.A.I. We have also instructed this mission to move with the patriot forces towards the town and to keep in close touch with the military leaders.

PARMA Another mission in this area reports that the Comandante Unico of PARMA province is planning the occupation of the PARMA plain by patriots. The following four formations will be used to occupy PARMA itself:

GIULIA Division

GIUSTIZIA e LIBERTA Division

47th and 12th GARIBOLDI Brigades

5th Army have approved in principle the occupation of PARMA by patriot forces and will send the action signal via the mission.

LIGURIA

SPERZA The mission in this area, which is with the command of the First LIGURIAN Division, reports that a plan has been made to occupy SPERZA. 5th Army have also approved this plan and will give the necessary signal for action.

IMPERIA The Second LIGURIAN GARIBOLDI Division, which operates in Western Liguria, has sent out a plan for expelling the Germans from the area between the French frontier and

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SAVONA. This plan, however, requires the cooperation of fairly substantial Allied forces from the French Riviera and is not, at the moment, practicable. It is hoped to infiltrate a British mission to this partisan Division to investigate its possibilities of action unassisted by regular Allied troops.

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A mission on the French frontier, which is in contact with the TURIN Committee thinks it inadvisable that there should be any mass descents on to TURIN and recommends that only a dozen or so men from each band should be allowed to go into the city and that the present civil police organisations should be responsible for maintenance of order there. It is hoped to clarify the complicated political and military situation by sending the leader of a mission at present in the CUNEO area to TURIN to discuss the whole position with the TURIN Committee.

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RESISTANCE IN THE FIELD

North East Italy

Omitted.

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5. North Italy

The situation continues to be fairly static. The Germans make half-hearted attacks every time the partisans become a nuisance but usually withdraw after a short struggle.

Danger lies in the fact that owing to extremely bad weather no supplies have been dropped to the area, and the partisans are running short of arms and especially ammunition.

The main centres of activity have been West of Lake Maggiore and North West of Lake Garda.

6. North West Italy

The week has also been quiet in the North West. Confused movements of German troops have been reported in lower Piedmont - confused probably owing to the fact that the bands have destroyed most bridges between CUNEO and ASTI and sometimes manage to trap convoys between two blown bridges.

Our missions are now chiefly concerned with making plans for the moment when the Germans evacuate the area. This has Germans are doing very frantically, usually substituting first VOIES DEUTSCHE troops for German troops, then replacing the latter with Fascist elements.

A British officer, who was demolition instructor to the bands South of MONDOVI, has returned after crossing the Italian border. With him came two envoys from the TURIN C.I.N. with a wealth of information regarding the situation there and in the CUNEO - MONDOVI area.

Briefly, the BRIGIST and CUNEO bands are in control of their areas, and are engaged in active sabotage. Bands in the other Alpine valleys and in LIGURIA are trying to survive until the German withdrawal. In the MONDOVI area the Germans are beginning to treat the partisans with respect, have granted them certain belli-gerent rights, have agreed to take hostages and even proposed an exchange of prisoners.

7. Spanish War

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A British officer, who was demolition instructor to the bands South of LONDOVI, has returned after crossing the lines into France. With him came two envoys from the THIRTY C.I.B. with a wealth of information regarding the situation there and in the OUNEO - LONDOVI area.

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7. Appennino area

The week was, on the whole, calm. The partisans are unable to interfere seriously with enemy communications owing to acute shortage of ammunition. On the other hand the enemy is too busy preparing for retreat, repairing roads and bridges, to give trouble to the partisans.

The salient events of the week are:

The report that containers of war gas have arrived in the SPILL area (the question is still being investigated).

The wholesale evacuation of the civilian population from the area south of L. SPILL, and the desertion of all men to the PO line, where they work on fortifications.

The increasing number of desertions from Fascist units to the partisans. On 7th October, 200 men from the MONTE ROSA Division deserted to the partisans, taking wireless equipment with them.

On the British side, contacts between our B.I.O.s and the Committee of the various large towns in the area are being maintained.

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MUSTER Sitrep No. 19 of 15th October 1944

GENERAL

1. Italian w/c operator in MILAN reports on 12th from a reliable source that the removal of materials towards Germany continues. The destruction of war factories in PIEMONTE has begun and the Germans have mined other factories and public works. The destruction of oil fields in PIEMONTE, LOMBARDY and EMILIA continues. The Ministry of War Production has left MILAN and dependent sections are to follow.

PIEMONTE

2. An Italian mission north of IVREA reports on the 13th that the food situation is excellent. A sole command has been established in BRIVIA. A report for the whole of the VERCELLI province and is recognized by the C.I.M. I.

3. British mission in the Franco-Italian frontier reports on the 10th that according to VARELLA (partisan leader) the TIR. A. Battalion (Republican Partisans) are ready to desert. They have been told to await the right moment.

4. This mission also reports that an anti-Partisan organization has been formed in TURIN consisting of 300 officers and 900 troops commanded by VENTURINI. Its function is to circulate in the city armed with pistols and grenades and attack Partisans. Light internal defenses have been set up in TURIN.

IVREA

5. British mission east of SESTO reports that according to Italian Army deserters there are only small German forces left in the mountains. The enemy is withdrawing all heavy equipment along highway 12

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PIEDICONT

2. An Italian mission north of IVREA reports on the 11th that the local situation is excellent. A sole command has been established in BIVIGLIA for the whole of the VARESE province and is recognized by the C.I.N.C.E.I.

3. British mission in the Franco-Italian frontier reports on the 10th that according to MARCELLIN (partisan leader) the 7th N. battalion (Republican fascists) are ready to desert. They have been told to await the right moment.

4. This mission also reports that on 10th-11th two German divisions have been formed in TURIN consisting of 300 officers and 900 troops commanded by FIEUTENANT CORONATI C.I.. Its function is to circulate in the city armed with pistols and grenades and attack Partisans. Light internal defenses have been set up in TURIN.

TURIN

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5. British mission east of SUEZIA reports that according to Italian Army deserters there are only small German forces left in the mountains. The enemy is withdrawing all heavy equipment along highway 12 and using minor roads for infantry. The enemy has prepared the following utilities for demolition: the dams at FONTANAVERGIA (97/2125) and RIGOLUNATO (97/3321), and the substation at STRETTAR. (97/3824).

VENEZIA

6. A British mission north of VICENZA reports on the 11th that according to SS C-ot-in working with them.

15,000 Germans and fascists are starting a grand clean-up in the streets of ASIAGO (37/1310). MONTE D. SUBIO (36/3094) and TAVISTO. The object is to prepare this zone for a German retreat.

Major, G.S.,
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MUSTER SITREP No. 12 of 12th October 1944

PRIORITY

1. The RIVIERA Patriot command reports via Italian W/T link on 9th October that large amounts of food and other goods leave by rail from PORTO VERCELLI via NOVARA and VERCELLI to SWITZERLAND. The food situation in the area is bad and there is famine in Val d'AOSTA..

2. It is reported from LONDON on the 9th that the FRANCOIST sabotage organization, (which has a good reputation), is being formed into a body of at least 200, which would come directly under C.I.N....I. for police and security. They would be non-party men chosen from best troops and would be used if crises arises.

3. It is reported from SWITZERLAND on the 9th October that OSSOLA regards itself as already liberated and has set up free administration. Failure to deliver means to defend its liberty will mean cries of a second war. Prisoners had burned off supplies from EDISON plant at FORCIOSOL, which supplies a fair percentage of northern Italy including ILLN. Orders have been sent to turn them on again, so as not to invite strong attacks.

4. British Liaison officer on the FRANCO-ITALIAN frontier reports on the 6th that his Italian organiser is back from TURIN, where he met Committee of liberation. He reports that public opinion is worried about the internal situation in the event of a German withdrawal. The A.I.O. asks whether he is authorised to discuss with the committee urgent measures to be taken to ensure order pending the arrival of A.I.G. He considers this should be stressed against possible rising to great difficulties and delays in contacting people.

In view of the delay in putting MUSTER missions into the field and the need for concrete plans to be worked out as soon as possible, we are instructing two A.I.O.s to commence discussions with the TURIN Committee pending the arrival of a more senior mission in TURIN.

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PIEDMONT

1. The BRITISH Patriot command reports via Italian W/T link on 9th October that large amounts of food and other goods leave by rail from BORG MARELLI via NOVARA and VAPINE to SWITZERLAND. The food situation in the area is bad and there is famine in V.I. D. 0511.

2. It is reported from LONDON on the 9th that the French sabotage organization, (which has a good reputation), is being formed into a body of at least 200, which would come directly under G.I.N....I. for police and security. They would be non-party men chosen from host groups and would be used if crisis arises.

3. It is reported from SWITZERLAND on the 8th October that OSSOLA remains itself as already liberated and has set up free administration. Failure to deliver means to defend its liberty will raise cries of a second WARSAW. Complaints had turned off supplies from EDISON plant at DOITTOSSOLA which supplies a fair percentage of northern Italy including MILAN. Orders have been sent to turn them on again, as it is not to invite strong attacks.

4. British Liaison officer on the BRASCO-ITALIAN frontier reports on the 8th that his Italian organizer is back from TURIN, where he met Committee of Liberation. He reports that public opinion is worried about the internal situation in the event of a German withdrawal. The A.L.O. asks whether he is authorized to discuss with the committee urgent measures to be taken to ensure order pending the arrival of A.W.G. He considers this should be started at once, possibly trying to great difficulties and delays in contacting people.

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In view of the delay in putting LUVERNE missions into the field and the need for concrete plans to be worked out as soon as possible, we are instructing the A.L.O. to commence discussions with the TURIN Committee pending the arrival of a more senior mission in TURIN.

5. The senior representative of A.L.O. reports on the 8th October that the TURIN Committee is worried by the separatist agitation carried on by local elements in collaboration with French elements. The Committee has sent its own representatives to investigate. A.L.O. represents those who are demanding autonomous administration. Further information on this matter will be sent. (A.L.O. through he does not mention any particular area, he is probably referring to V.I. D. 0511).

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6. The leader of the former "LOIERS" missions to the F.F.I., who is at present handling Italian affairs in France, reports that agreement reached with Italian Partisans at present in French territory that naturally in France they remain under French command, but when Italian soil is liberated they should be allowed to return to Italy.

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7. In reply to enquiries regarding grain situation an Italian organiser signals the following message on the 8th October:

(a) Official statistics given by the Council of Corporations for 2nd DM. province show estimated production of 1,200,000 quintals. 500,000 consigned to state granary.

(b) About 150,000 quintals carried off by Germans but difficult to check this figure.

(c) Proportions expected to be similar in other provinces.

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APPENDIX "A"

11th October 1944

to agree the situation in TURIN and PIEDMONT will be extremely complicated in the event of a German withdrawal before the arrival of Allied troops. In order to assist the TURIN and Local Committees to maintain order until A.M.C. arrives, we propose reorganising and strengthening the British Missions in PIEDMONT. Our ultimate aim is to have a strong central Mission in TURIN working with the Committee of Liberation and sub-missions in the provincial capitals working with the local Committees. This reorganisation will be carried out in the following three phases, the first two to take place before the German withdrawal:-

Phase 1 (which will be completed as soon as possible).

The infiltration of a Senior British officer (a Lieutenant Colonel) with staff to be senior British Mission in PIEDMONT. They will be dropped to the present senior P.L.C. in the CUNEO area as soon as the weather permits. The latter will then move to TURIN itself with a W/T operator, leaving behind the remainder of his own mission.

Phase 2

The new senior mission will set up a base nearer to TURIN and probably in the CRIVONE or SUSA area. Sub-missions will be infiltrated to various locations to operate for the time being with the partisans in BIELLA and ALESSANDRIA and AOSTA and VERCELLI areas. The opening up of limited W/T communications between sub-missions and the Senior Mission will take place.

Phase 3

To take place during or after General German withdrawal:

The Senior Mission will move into TURIN to join the British Liaison officer there. The sub-missions will move into the provincial capitals. Full W/T intercommunication between sub-missions and TURIN will be opened up. All British missions will complete the change-over from partisan work to liaison with Committees of Liberation for reconstruction and maintaining order.

In phase one you and the leader of the mission you are working with will continue your present duties, reporting direct to this Headquarters. In Phase

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In phase one you and the leader of the mission you are working with will continue your present duties, reporting direct to this Headquarters. In Phase two you will continue, but working in close liaison with the Senior Mission. In Phase three you will join this mission as experts on TORINO Province and on the areas you have been working in. The execution of Phases one and two is already held up, however, by prolonged bad weather and may take some time to complete. Pending

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the arrival of this Senior Mission in your area or the British Liaison officer in TURIN, you are therefore authorised, after consultation with the leader of the other British mission, to commence discussions with the TURIN Committee, regarding preparations for a German withdrawal. Amongst many points they must consider urgently are the following:-

1. Protection of public utilities such as electricity, water, telephone exchanges, radio stations.
2. Organisation and control of police forces, both regular and partisan.
3. Food supply and rationing.
4. Movement of bands.
5. Ultimate disbanding and disarming of partisans.
6. Control of distribution of captured enemy and Fascist arms.
7. Treatment and disposal of surrendering German and Fascist troops.
8. Temporary replacement of Fascist officials.
9. Obtaining and hiding petrol and transport.

It must be made clear to the Committee that any arrangements they make will be only provisional and subject to review by A.M.G. when it arrives. Do not commit Allies by making any promises and keep us fully informed of all discussions and plans.

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Subject: Report on PIEDMONT

To: Lt. Col. Shipp, Chief of Staff's Section, A.C.C.
 (Copy to: Col. McCarthy, Patriots' Branch, A.C.C.
 Col. Peasey, (LIGURIA), A.C.C.
 Col. Marshall, (PIEMONTE), A.C.C.
 Mr. Rayner, P.W.E.

From: No. 5 Detachment,
 No. 1 Special Force.

The following extracts are taken from a report by a British Liaison Officer in the CUNEO area. Some of his information has previously been passed by W/I, (see Muster Sitrep for 22nd September), but not at such length.

The date of the report is 26th September.

"We eat excellently and live in hay lofts. There is the usual patriots' telephone system and courier service and down in the valley electric light. The girls are all remarkably well dressed and the houses comparatively clean.

At the moment there is a considerable and continuous rumbling of Jerry demolitions and I think he is really off this time. We rather thought that there might be a clean-up by the Italian Black Guard to give the Germans time to get out if attacked but The Hun troops passing through this area are in an absolute shambles, also they are quite lost because as soon as we see which road they are taking our lads pop on ahead and blow up the bridges. The Huns are poorly armed and clothed and travelling by any means possible, on foot, bicycle or horse cart and as our people say their morale is bassissimo. The general cry is "We don't want to fight the Partisans just let us go through peacefully". They've got a hope. So far though we have had no deserters. Their hopes seem to be based on the fact that Hitler has promised them a new secret weapon due for delivery on October 1st, which will destroy all our guns, planes, tanks, ships in a

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"Major MAURI is very sound and keen and keeping up incessant attacks on the Germans and German communication system. Incidentally you might also mention the III Division on the wireless, they get one hell of a

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"Now a few general observations.

FOOD. The food situation should not cause any real distress in PIEDMONT although in the towns there may well be serious shortages. This could, however, be to a very large extent met by proper distribution as in the villages there is food wasting.

The main shortages will be:-

- 1) Milk
- 2) Fats
- 3) Flour
- 4) Meats or Fish
- 5) Cooking fuel.

In order to effect proper distribution a supply of petrol and tyres will be necessary and I suggest that these are given high priority on your loading lists. The actual distribution can be left to the Partisans themselves. There are quite a number of lorries hidden but mostly without tyres - unfortunately I cannot give you a detailed list but they are mostly of the Fiat - Lancia tribe.

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Liguria, however, presents a very different problem. It is not agricultural like Piedmont, and even now the partisan supplies of flour, etc. are coming from this area. Incidentally when we are supplied by land, where will supplies come from - France or Italy (the latter I hope)?

MEDICAL. There are no serious illnesses rampant in this area, although of course children have rickets from bad diet. Stocks in chemists shops are quite good, you can still buy Pronosil and the various Salvia drugs here, bandages, thermometers, etc., although the bandages are of poor quality and may

even be of crepe paper, so unless there should be a sudden serious outbreak of say typhoid, stocks should last.

POLITICAL. The present political situation is very complex and far more time is spent in arguing about who is going to control what and when, instead of getting on with the present job.

The citizens are very solidly behind the partisans' movement and everywhere do everything they can to help.

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PATRIOT BROS. II
CIRCULATION SLIP

Date 14 OCT 1944

FOLIO 2-1-22) For Information
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Major Drage	
Capt. Knell	
✓ Capt. Glasspool	<i>Log</i>
✓ Capt. Harris	<i>12/14</i>
Capt. Rocco	
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No. 1 Special Force

4 OCT 1944

MUSTER Sitrep 9th October 1944

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LIGURIA

1. A mission in the SPEZIA area informs us that there seems to be no doubt that the Germans intend using gas in the near future. It appears to be a type of mustard gas called Blue Cross. Brigata Nera and the Militie have already received gas masks and inoculations are being given with a mixture known as Saucerstoff to immunise the people against the gas. This gas can only be launched by air and causes suffocation and paralisation of the nervous system.

2. This mission also reports on the 6th that the enemy is destroying all important installations but the port is still intact.

3. Another mission in this area reports on the 6th that deserters from German Fascist Militie state that only one enemy division including S.S. and demolition engineers is left on the APUANIA front. Civilians, cattle, household goods, etc. are being evacuated to CISARO area from towns south of SPEZIA and AULLA.

4. The GUVETC mission reports that the LIGURIAN coast is now mostly guarded by the Italian San Marco division.

LOMBARDIA

5. The mission with the Fiamme Verdi organisation in the BERGAMO area reports on the 6th that the Fiamme Verdi, as Italian soldiers, remain true to General CADORNA and Italia-Allied command without party interference. Six brigades and one civilian brigades in BRESCIA are under Fiamme Verdi command. This mission also reports that the committee do not accept CADORNA as sole commander.

PIEDMONT

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PIEMONTE

6. A mission in the CUNEO area reports on the 6th that in the VALLE D'ANVERA there is a continual withdrawal of troops. Lost vehicles are marked on the outside with a red cross but carry arms and munitions inside.

7. An I.S.I.D. source reports on the 27th that according to the son-in-law of the General Director of FIAT, the FIAT Turin works are producing 7 - 10 trucks a day for

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The Germans and also parts of cars which are being hidden. The Germans are taking away from FIAT all materials containing rare metal alloys such as chrome and manganese.

9. A mission on the French frontier reports on 4th October that towards the end of October the bad weather plus lack of arms and equipment will make life impossible for partisans in the region LANZO and GERMAN:SCA. Possibly one third of the total can be supported in the mountains and the plain.

Major, G.S.

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14 OCT 1944

No. 1 Special Force.

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Muster Sitrep No. 17 10th October 1944

GENERAL

1. The following is an additional part of the message to the Patriots' Committee and the Italian Government received from the C.N.I.I. on 7th September, (see Muster Sitrep of 3rd October).

(a) The Germans and Fascists have recently burnt 40 farm houses and shot 17 peasants as reprisals (ages not stated). They burnt 70 houses and farms and shot 15 peasants as reprisals in the lower NOVARA area.

(b) The Italian party informs H.E. BONOLI that Professor QUINLINC DIVONA, after displaying heroic conduct, was shot at INALCO on 7th September. The C.N.I.I. asks for a broadcaster exposing this crime.

POLITICAL

2. The following reports have been received from the British Liaison Officer who is in closest touch with the C.N.I.I., referring to the status of the senior Italian officer who was infiltrated as the representative of I.A.I. with the Committee. (See Muster Sitrep for 21st and 22nd September. He will be referred to as "Colonel X").

(a) An incomplete message, dated 22nd September, states that the Military Committee, apart from the Motion Party led by PARRI and the Communist Party led by GILLO, holds the view that the Allies should have appointed Colonel X as commander and that he should have assumed command on his arrival. He was unwilling to do so without the full support of PARRI and GILLO which was not forthcoming.

(b) A report on the 37th states that the C.N.I.I. session lasting for ten hours on the 27th ended where it began. The liberals proposed Colonel X as commander with a political council of party representatives.

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(c) The British Liaison officer considers that it is impossible for Colonel X to take command without orders

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from General Alexander and the Italian Government. These orders are indispensable for unity of command, which he and will continue to be totally lacking. The role of the five parties should be political advisers to the Military Commander. He is asking Colonel X in the strongest terms to reconsider assuming command.

(d) General FIORI, the commander of the large FIANZINIAI organization in IOMARDI, is not very popular with the C.I.M.A.I., as he has no political party.

PIDMONT

3. The above source reports on 22nd September that the COMITATO MILITARE PIDMONTI having been elected locally is not keen to take orders from the C.N.I.A.I. He believed Colonel X's visit to TURIN would improve matters. In a later message of 24th September, he reports that Colonel X has just returned from a successful trip to South Piedmont, where he found the TURIN Committee and Major MAURI to be sympathetic supporters and was greatly impressed by the patriot bands.

4. Another British mission on the French frontier reports that the Italian organizer of the mission has returned from TURIN where he met the Committee of Liberation. He reports that public opinion is rather worried about the internal situation in the event of a German withdrawal.

5. A senior Italian liaison officer reports on the 7th October that he has returned from DOKO D'OSCOIA, having succeeded in establishing unified command of all units in this large liberated area. The political set up is being reorganised. The military situation is delicate and more are urgently required.

6. A patriot (reliability probably fair) who has recently arrived from MILAN reports that PARRI (see para 2 above) has gone to the OSOIA valley to set up C.N.I. or Government in the liberated area.

7. An I.C.I.D. source reports on 27th that the FIAT management has come to an agreement with the German Command on the deportation of workers. The Germans have arranged a special curfew between 1900 hours and 0600 hours, so that they can round up

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PIEDMONT

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LIGURIA

8. British mission reports on 7th that MASSA and CARRARA have been evacuated. 7,000 men have been sent to work on the PO fortifications and the women to the PONTREOLI area. Desertions by ALPINI from the MONTE ROSA division are reported.

9. Another mission in this province reports on 8th that 4,000 head of cattle and all horses have been taken by the Germans in the plain.

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PATRIOT BLANCH

CIRCULATION SLIP

Date 10 OCT 1944

FOLO 20 + 21) For information
Attachment....) For action

	Major Drage	<u>See</u>
①	Capt. Enell	
②	Capt. Glasspoe	<u>See</u>
③	Capt. Harris	<u>WNA</u>
	Capt. Rocco	

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No. 5 Detachment

No. 1 Special Force

MUSTER Daily Sitrep 7th October 1944PIEMONTE

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2. It is also reported that 100 lesser members of the Committee have been arrested in TURIN and a special tribunal is being instituted for immediate trial.

LIGURIA

3. A mission in the Saezia area has reported on the 3rd that all I.O.D.F. work has been stopped finally, as from the 20th September. Another British mission reports on the 4th that the Germans are removing all live stock from the LAVERNA area.

LOMBARDY

4. It is reported by an Italian mission on the 5th that the harvest is very good this year. It is, however, impossible to know how much is left in store, as the German partisans and peasants are taking the wheat away. It is not clear whether this mission refers to the whole of Northern Italy or just LOMBARDY.

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No. 1 Special Force

MUSPER Daily Sitrep 5th October 1944

PIEDMONT and LIGURIA

1. British Mission near CUNEO reports on 1st October meeting the Communist Commander and Chief of Staff from LIGURIA. They were full of their own importance and their reports which are being sent out by courier should be divided by five. Their ranks were "Major General" and "Colonel".

2. An I.S.L.D. source reports on 17th September that in TURIN the Germans have blown up Air Force Establishments in CORSO FRANCOIA after removing the most valuable machines and making the remainder useless. It is expected that the same will be done to the LANGLI establishment. In the PIAT works at CHIERI everything useful is being packed.

3. British Mission on Franco-Italian frontier reports German supply services left TURIN and CARMAGNOLA for BRINZO.

4. The same Mission reports that in most towns the clandestine committee of liberation representing all parties has been formed largely by patriot bands, and will inevitably be influenced by the politics of the bands. This is not, however, serious. Usually the sole force capable of taking action is the police. The Mission has insisted that the police be under the control of the committee in the interval before the arrival of Allied troops. The bands are only to be called in if necessary.

5. The TURIN committee has given orders to all bands to deal summarily with all Fascist organisations except MONTE ROSA. This can only cause disorder and the Mission has insisted on some form of trial.

LOMBARDY

6. An I.S.L.D. source reports on 13th September that the Carabinieri clandestine organisation in MILAN already has 11 officers and 900 other ranks, and can be increased at the right moment. They are asking for arms, but have been asked if they cannot get arms from other sources.

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3. British Mission on Franco-Italian frontier reports German supply services left TURIN and CARRACOLA for BRESCIA.
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EMILIA

7. British Mission reports on 2nd October that the COMANDO UNICO in PARMA province is now constituted as follows: Commandant and Chief of Staff as before (see MUSTER Sitrep of 1st October); three vice-Commanders and three political commissars representing Communists, Christian Democrats and "Civilian Party".

7. (contd.)

The Command now controls all patriots in PAMBA province, and is rapidly tightening up discipline and getting tanks prepared for attack. It has defined accommodation and defence zones for each Brigade. It has issued orders forbidding cash requisitioning, and over an O.S.S. W/M link has sent a message to the War Minister asking for 3,200,000 lire for the upkeep of 3,200 partisans for one month.

GENERAL ECONOMIC

3. The following has been received via LONDON:

VALERIO Director of EDISON reports:

- (a) EDISON supplies between 60% and 70% of the electric requirements in NORTH ITALY, of which 30% comes from their GESOLA works and 10% from SPINCA.
- (b) SPINCA produces current working for 42 period system as well as for 50 period; GESOLA works 12 period only.
- (c) In GESOLA measures are being taken to prevent blowing dams and to protect stations from possible raids by Germans.
- (d) An attempt is being made for local patriots to take similar measures in SPINCA.
- (e) 3 plants in para(a) above produce about 500 million kilowatt-hours per annum. Of all the EDISON plants in occupied ITALY these are easily the best to try to save.

for Major, U.S.,
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Date - OCT 1944FOLIO .194...) For information
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1	Major Drage	<i>seen</i>
2	Capt. Knell	✓
3	Capt. Glasspool	<i>seen</i>
4	Capt. Harris	<i>seen</i>
5	Capt. Reece	

Remarks

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PATRIOT BRANCH
CIRCULATION SLIP

Date 1761 100 - 2

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①	Major Drago	<u>Seen</u>
②	Capt. Enall	✓
③	Capt. Glaspeol	<u>Seen</u>
④	Capt. Harris	
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No. 1 Special Force

MUSTEL Daily Sitrep 3rd October 1944

GENERAL

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PIEDMONT

2. British Mission on the Franco-Italian frontier reports on the 28th that he has had a meeting with the TURIN Military Committee. A general is a technical member and the remainder are politicians. There is no head of the committee. Their plans are based on the hypothesis of an allied attack via the ALPS: patriot bands are to assist by attacking enemy communications and occupying towns. Bands SOUTH of PELLICE will move to CUNEO, those between PELLICE and AOSTA to TURIN, those in the AOSTA valley to CHIVASSO, and those in LANGHE to ASTI.
3. The AOSTA Committee includes Professor FREDERICO CHABOD, Avvocato ARBANEY, AMEDEO BERTHON, Avvocato CATELL, and Engineer TITEL. The latter is the head of the COME wireless communications.
4. The same mission reports that the Germans are mining the CHISONE valley up to CLAVIERE but not up to SUSÀ. Nearly all aerodromes in PIEMONTE are reported blown up and with the damage camouflaged.
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LOMBARDY

6. The senior Italian liaison officer in MILAN reports on 30th that the patriots have a plan to isolate MILAN by cutting all railway communications. It is based on the simultaneous sabotage of all signal boxes and underground electric stations. They will act on orders received from No.1 Special Force, or in any case a few days before the German evacuation so that German materials will be blocked in the stations. No.1 Special Force is awaiting A.A.I.'s decision.

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EMILIA

7. No further details of the proposed plan for occupying MODENA and PARMA have emerged. The MODENA partisans give as their motive that, unless they take the town, they will not be recognised as true patriots by the allies.
8. The official military body controlling the PARMA patriots is reported by a British officer to be as follows:

Commander - Capt. CECILIANI
 Chief of Staff - Lt. Col. CIPRIANI
 3 political commissars representing Christian
 Democrats and Action Party.

ECONOMIC

9. An I.S.L.D. report has been received that according to members of the German High Command there is a very serious shortage in Germany of special corrective alloys for steel. The Germans are endeavouring to send to Germany all available quantities of these alloys in the production areas of COGNÉ, ACSI, SESTO TORINENSE, VAL D'OSSOLA, BRUGO and DAREO, VAL CAMONICA, SESTO SAN GIOVANNI, FORGO, MELLA, BRESCIA and TREVIGIO.

The German Command has negotiated with the Patriots in VAL D'OSSOLA on the lines that they will not interfere with the patriots provided that the latter do not interfere with the transport of these alloys. A great quantity has already been despatched through SWITZERLAND via CHILSO, DOMOGROSSOLA and LUINO.

The view has been put forward by the Patriots that it is useless to bomb the establishments referred to above, as the Germans will then remove the power plants which they very badly need.

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There are now 33 missions in W/T contact with No.1 Special Force. It is proposed to increase this figure to 50 W/T links during this moon period, which should ensure efficient control of both normal and MUSTER missions.

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6. A British mission in the SPEZIA area sends the following report on EMILIA dated 28th September.
- (a) The Partisans wish to occupy MODENA. The National Committee of Liberation has ordered Partisans towards town and courier has brought plan of action. MODENA itself has 2 organisations, the "GRUPPI AZIONE PATRIOTI" and the "SQUADRE ARMATE PROLETARIE" under command of DE FRANCISCO, an ex-Major of Carabinieri.

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(b) The plan calls for the city to be taken over and all important buildings such as military academy and barracks, telephone and telegraph exchanges, post office etc. to be occupied by MODENA patriots and reinforced by men from the mountains. The city is divided into 3 zones complete with rendezvous and reinforcement centres. Road blocks are to be established on all exits from the city.

(c) The Carabinieri Civic Guards under one command will prevent looting, control traffic, etc.

(d) This plan calls for reinforcements totalling 1900 mountain men who are to approach city from all roads except CARRARA on Route 12 at date still to be fixed. This plan has been agreed upon except for a few details. Concentration area for Partisans is approximately SASSUOLO 86/4454 and MARANELLO 86/5052.

(e) The mission leader continues that he also possesses certain Republican defence plans and understands that all important buildings have been mined and Germans intend leaving 250 Black Shirts plus squad of Saboteurs when they retreat. There was a false alarm on 8th September on report that Partisans were about to attack. As a result of this the Germans stated they would take over the defence of the city from the Republicans, but the mission leader considers this unlikely.

7. We have instructed the above mission that the patriots must not march on MODENA without orders from General ALEXANDER transmitted by the mission. For the time being the patriots are to concentrate on organisation, training, and counter-attack measures.

8. Another mission in approximately the same area sends the following report dated 21st September from PARMIA.

(a) Orders have been given to all ITALIAN military commands to withdraw north of the PO.

(b) A train left PARMIA on 21st for PLACENZA loaded with explosives.

(c) Bridges in PARMIA have been mined.

(d) German troops and transport are in the Citadel.

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4. British mission in SPALLA area reports on 24th that "MODENA" Patriot divisions having divided into two parts to march on BOLOGNA and MODENA respectively were attacked by the Germans. Contact is not yet re-established with the first part, but the second part still intends moving towards MODENA on receipt of ammunition and orders from the Committee of Liberation.

ENEMY WITHDRAWAL

5. British mission in Vax Chisom (Piedmont) sends on 25th September the following unconfirmed report. There are 15,000 Germans in BUSA - Mont Genis area. VON KLASSE, the German Commander in TURIN, and VON LAGEN (identity not stated) left for Germany last week. There are two companies of German snootours in TURIN with the task of destruction of factories. German police and signal personnel are reported leaving. The risk in TURIN and VIAREGIO has been reduced. The mission states that the above should be treated with reserve as German movement is very confused.

6. An I.S.I.D. source reports that artillery, trucks and tanks are moving from IIGURIA towards TURIN. At SAVONA preparations have begun for the destruction of the harbour.

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MUSTER Progress Report for week ending 23 Sept 44

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Progress has also been made in preparing the field for action in the event of HANNAH 'E' and 'G' conditions arising, and to receive our special missions. General preparatory directives have been passed to the D.I.H.A.I. and to Regional Committees of Liberation and other resistance organizations, instructing them to organize themselves so that they can preserve law and order and safeguard public utilities official records etc., in the event of an enemy withdrawal from their areas before the arrival of Allied troops.

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A plan for taking TORIN has been submitted by one of our missions in the eastern Apennines, but this appears to require the delivery of large quantities of arms and material which is not at present possible owing to the extremely difficult aircraft situation.

Contact has been established with the MODENA Committee through another mission in the Western Apennines and it is hoped that a conference will take place in the near future. In FIMMONT Major CHAPLIN has been invited by the TURIN Committee of liberation to go to TORIN and discuss the situation with the Comit ee. In addition to the above we have sent instructions for representatives of the GENOVA and TURIN Committees, fully briefed on the political, military and economic situation, to come out and give us an up-to-date picture of the situation. It is hoped that these representatives will report to C.I.C. missions in Southern FRANCE during the next few days.

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Unfavourable weather is an adverse factor which must be accepted and which will become more frequent in future months. Therefore all the more serious is our complete inability to put into the air more than three or four planes on a night when all factors are in our favour. A proportion of even these few sorties are rendered

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frustrated by mechanical defects in the aircraft, or by the inexperience of the crews of the targets they are visiting.

As a result the stores situation in many areas has become desperate. For two weeks operations in the mountains from TOLBERT to VIOLETTA led by British officers have been meeting heavy enemy attacks. For two weeks there has been only one successful sortie to this area. They have been able to hold out till now, using stores dropped in the plains some weeks ago, but if their resistance is to continue and to be of value to the Allied armies, supplies to German formations, as to any other military formation, must be on a regular basis. Missions in the JERUSALEM area report that they have not a single round of M.O. ammunition left, and say that it is useless to allot them elaborate RATION rules without giving them a round of ammunition with which to carry out their tasks.

However the position will to a certain extent be improved in view of the fact that 805 sqz will shortly be undertaking operations for us from JERUSALEM.

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APPENDIX 'A'

C.I.N. GENERAL Command

1. General CADORNA reports meeting with Political and military representatives who all welcomed him warmly. Committee National Liberation met on 28th to consider following:-

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- (c) Recognition of direct control of provincial commands over bands.
- (d) Coordination information services.

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(d) The Central H.Q. controls directly the Milan command and the Regional Command from which depend the bands either directly or through the zone commands. Independent forces still, however, exist.

(e) There are 21 zone commands, i.e. 5 for EMILIA, 2 for LIGURIA, 5 for PIEMONTE, 4 for LOMBARDY, 5 for VENETO.

(f) The General Command acts chiefly in an organising capacity. The work of the operational command has been slowed down by difficulties of communication.

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Informant had never been Secretary to Wolf, but had been his close friend for over a year. She had met him through Dr. Kriegbaum, the late Director of the Kunstgeschichtliche Institut, Florence, who had been killed in the air-raid July 1943. Wolf was a career Consul. He had studied with the present German Ambassador Rahn at Heidelberg and the two were friends. He was also a friend of the Stauffenberg family, of the late German Ambassador to Italy, von Hassel (both executed for their share in the plot against Hitler), and of the present German Ambassador to the Vatican, von Weizsäcker (with his staff implicated in the plot against Hitler).

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Wolf had considered staying behind in Florence when the Allies entered. He felt, however, that it was his duty to report back to his Superiors at Pesano and left Florence on July 27th. He raised no objection to his informant remaining behind, and allowed his two interpreters, Wild and Pöpper to take a different route, so that they might have the chance of making good their escape.

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Wild. Interpreter. Half Italian and married to an Italian wife. Lecturer in German History at the University of Florence. Had relatives in the Partito d'Azione. His cousin, Signor Henriquez, was murdered by Alberti, Chief of the S.S. in Florence. Anti-Nazi. Aided Communists during the German occupation.

Popper. Younger man. Shared Wolf's views. *Also a lecturer in Florence University.*

It is reported from an Italian source that Wolf, Wild and Popper were executed by the S.S. on their return to Germany.

3. S.S. Control of the German Diplomatic.

The leading S.S. in Florence were Alberti, and Austrian fanatic, personally responsible for murders of anti-Fascist Italians: Gold. His successor, June 1944. Aged about 40, stout, jovial, but equally capable of a ruthlessness.

Dollmann. Not personally assigned to Florence, but frequently in the town between May and July. In mid-July he was called to Hitler's H.Qs, at the time of Mussolini's visit, and was there when the attempt was made on Hitler's life. (Dollmann had previously accompanied Hitler on his state visit to Italy, May 1938, as an Obergruppenführer, Dolmetscher in Stab des Reichsführer S.S. Himmler.)

Dollmann persuaded Wolf to live in the Excelsior. According to informant, Wolf considered Dollmann had the special mission of controlling his actions. At Pesano, Ambassador Rahn was similarly sharing a villa with Obergruppenführer Holitz. The latter had replaced General Toussaint in his functions at Verona.

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INFORMANT'S WORK WITH "SIGNAL".

Fräulein Kiel explained that after the publication of "Dame" had been suspended, as being not sufficiently political, she was invited to write for "Signal". She contributed an article on the work of Dr. Kriegbaum and arranged with Dr. HAAS a photo-grapher and friend of Kohn, for propaganda on the theme "Florence the Open City". She interested her employers the "Deutsche Verlag" enough for them in May 1944 to send down Dr. Kumpmann from Berlin to take a special series of pictures on the preparation for organising Florence as an open town.

"Signal" she pointed out was managed and partly financed by the O.K.W. Mitteleister Solz was the chief Editor.

At Fascino Dr. Weill was the representative of the Deutsche Verlag. Just before the evacuation of Florence, Weill offered her the job of correspondent for the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" in Italy, which she refused.

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✓	Capt. Harris	<i>no</i>
	Capt. Rocco	

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*file 503**W. G. Cooper*

I was lately able to have a conversation with Prof. Guido..... who left Milano on September 19th and arrived here Tuesday September 26th. His route was Passo della Cisa, Porta del Marmi, Pisa, Florence. He assured me that he had given all military information to the Allied Headquarters Viareggio. Here is the news of political and civil character that I gathered.

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During his journey Prof.....was in contact with the population and the Committees in the zones just liberated and found widespread disappointment freely expressed. The people are asking for means of transport and more liberty of communication and circulation which would certainly facilitate the return to more normal conditions.

The deplorable inertia of the population is mainly due to the prohibition to move about and to excessive red tape. In Pisa for instance even a month after its liberation the situation is still very serious. It is greatly to be hoped that these serious conditions do not encourage those fatal tendencies to anarchy, disorder and communism, which are caused by these bad economic conditions. In the clandestine circles of Northern Italy people are heard to say that the Allies are altogether too lenient with Fascists Neo-Fascists and collaborationists. On dit : that in Rome things go on as before, the usual recommendations, the usual pull and that persons who have really done something to help, but lack backing, do not get on."

PATRIOT BRANCH
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Date 5 - OCT 1944

FOLIO.....)For information
Attachment.....)For Action

①	!	Major Drage	!
2	!	Capt. Knell	!
3	!	Capt. Glaspool	! <i>Wes</i>
4	!	Capt. Harris	! <i>10210</i>
	!	Capt. Rocco	!

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No. 1 Special Force

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5. Major Fielding of the mission in TOLLEZZO area reports that information is constantly being received from civilian sources to the effect that a proportion of the arms dropped to the area of the CARBONDI Organisation is being buried for use after the war

"against the Anglo-Americans and to further the Communist cause". He is trying to discover the location of these secret dumps.

M J C H. H. H. H.
Major, G.S.,
for Commander, P.N.V.R.,
Commanding No. 1 Special Force

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Date **28 SEP 1944**

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PARA 2. A. ALO REPORTS RECENT PARTISAN ACTIVITIES HAVE RENDERED
UNUSABLE MAIN ROAD GENOA-PIACENZA

B. RECENT GERMAN CLEANUP IN MONTE GRAPPA (B30) REGION
RESULTED IN ENEMY OCCUPATION OF AREA

FORCING BLO TO MOVE ELSEWHERE.

C. THREE SMALL BRIDGES DESTROYED ON ROUTE 63 BETWEEN CASI-
NA (L25) AND FELINA (L24). PATRIOTS NOW CONTROL THIS AREA.

PARA 3. NTR.

PARA 4. A. FASCIST MILITIA GARRISON AT CIANO DXENWA (L16) ATTACKED
AND FORCED OUT OF VILLAGE AFTER SUFFERING HEAVY CASUALTIES.

B. SEVERAL TRUCKS DESTROYED ON ROAD NORTH OF FELGNA (L24)

C. 25 SEPT 15 TRUCKS OF FASCISTS WITH 4 TANKS AND 2 ARMD
CARS ARRIVED GIAVENO (H72) REQUISITIONED RADIOS BYCYCLES FOOD THEN AM-
BUSHED PARTISANS AND ROUTED AFTER LOSING 8 KILLED 12 WOUNDED.

D. BLO AND ALO BOTH STATE THAT RECENT CLASHES PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED HERE BETWEEN GERMANS AND PATRIOTS IN ASIAGO (B 00) - MONTE
GRAFFS (B30) AREA HAVE COST ENEMY OVER 1000 CASUALTIES.

E. 19-21 SEPT PARTISANS IN VAL CAMONICA (A00) SABOTAGED
ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS.

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(Source - GIM).

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C. C.L.N. MILANO
D. C.I.N. GENOVA
E. C.I.N. VENEZIA
F. C.L.N. BOLOGNA

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K. A number of C.I.N. PROVINCIALI (Provincial Political Committees)

L. COMITATO MILITARE REGIONALE, which has under it

M. COMANDO MILITARE REGIONALE.

This command comprises:

N. COMANDO ZONA
O. BRANDE CONTROLLATE

(varying number in each region)

(contd)

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The chain of command is complicated by the fact that the COMITATO MILITARE INTERREGIONALE has direct relationship with each COMITATO MILITARE REGIONALE; and the C.I.N. PROVINCIALI have direct relationship with the COMANDI ACMA and BANDE CONTROLLATE.

3. Personalities: (source SIM)

A. C.I.N.A.I. 7 members.

Col. PILZONI	(non-political)
Aw. ARPIANI	(Liberal)
Dott. CASC	(Christian Democrat)
DUCAITI	(Communist)
OLIVIERI	(Socialist)
Dott. ALBASINI	(Action party)
CICCIONI	(Secretary)

B. C.I.H. TORINO. 5 members.

Prof. GRECO	(Liberal)
Aw. IBOIS	(Christian Democrat)
Dott. ECA	(Action party)
Rag. PASSONI	(Socialist)
Dott. SACCHETTI	(Communist)

C. C.I.N. MILANO. 5 members.

Aw. CODA	(Liberal)
TARONI	(Socialist)
BEIRAMINI	(Communist)
Dott. CASO	(Christian Democrat)
Name unknown	(Action party)

D. C.I.N. GENOVA

Aw. MARTORILLI	(Socialist) alias PRIMO (is or was arrested)
Col. BALBIS	(Action party)
Comm. dr. MIRO	(Communist)
Aw. TOMASI	(Action party)
Dott. NEGRI	(" ") alias RENATO SECONDO
Aw. FAZIO	(prob. Action party)

Of the above, the first three form K, the Military Committee.

E. C.I.N. VENEZIA (names unknown)
F. C.I.N. BOLOGNA (names unknown)

G. COMITATO MILITARE INTERREGIONALE. 6 members.

3. Personalities: (source SIM)

A. C.I.N.A.I. 7 members.

Col. PIZZONI (non-political)
 Av. ARFETIANI (Liberal)
 Dott. CASO (Christian Democrat)
 DUCATTI (Communist)
 OLIVIERI (Socialist)
 Dott. ALBASINI (Action party)
 CRECCONI (Secretary)

B. C.I.N. TORINO. 5 members.

Prof. GRUCCI (Liberal)
 Av. LIHOIS (Christian Democrat)
 Dott. EOA (Action party)
 RAG. PASSONI (Socialist)
 Dott. SACCHETTI (Communist)

C. C.I.N. MILANO. 5 members.

Av. CODA (Liberal)
 TARONI (Socialist)
 BRITRAMINI (Communist)
 Dott. CASO (Christian Democrat)
 Name unknown (Action party)

D. C.I.N. GENOVA

Av. MARTORELLI (Socialist) alias PRIMO
 (is or was arrested)
 Col. BALBIS (Action party)
 Comm. dr. MIRO (Communist)
 Av. TOFFASI (Action party)
 Dott. NEGRI " " alias RENATO SECONDO
 Av. FAZIO (prob. Action party)

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 F. C.I.N. BOLOGNA (names unknown)

G. COMITATO MILITARE INTERREGIONALE. 6 members.

Prof. PARRI (Action party)
 "GALLO" (Communist)
 ARGENTON (Liberal)
 Av. PARDINI (Socialist)
 Name unknown (Christian democrat)
 plus Gen. CADORNA (Military Adviser)

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L. COMITATO MILITARE REGIONALE.

1. TORINO. 5 members.

CONTELLA (Liberal)
 PRACASSI (Christian Democrat)
 Dott. PISO (Action party)
 Ten. CAZZERA (Socialist)
 OTELLO (Communist)

2. MILANO. 3 members.

ALONZI (Liberal)
 CARLI (Action party)
 Federici (Socialist)
 OLIVO (Communist)
 Name unknown (Christian Democrat)

3. GENOVA (see D.) 3 members.

Other personalities unknown.

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MUSTHR Sitrep 21 Sep 44

1. British Mission BRZLIA area (Reliability A) reports 19th September that 10,000 Germans with artillery, mechanical transport and horse pack transport moved night 17-18 September from PARMA to REGGIO. It was rumored that they were heading for RIMINI.
2. Same source reports German engineers have moved to GENOA to destroy port installations.
3. No. 1 Special Force report (reliability not stated) that members of the Gestapo have arrived in MILAN and it is possible that they intend to start deportations. At the first attempt to carry these out, the food syndicates propose to mount a general strike.
4. Mission BERGAMO area reports that General CADORNA's position is under discussion. The liberals and the Christian Democrats favour one command only. Other parties wish to attach CADORNA with CARRI and CALLO to operational command. A more detailed directive from the Allied Command and the Italian Government would cut short further detrimental discussion.
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(b) MONTELLA has gone to command valley. He is reported to be honest and will try to keep out of party politics.

(c) In order to strengthen MONTELLA's position and to counter possibility of a communist coup by VESCATI, SANDRO (who has been preserved by C.I.M.A.I. as political commissioner) and MONTANTINI, our Swiss representative has instructed Lieutenant PATRISON (British) and TOMARKI to support MONTELLA.

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5. No.1 Special Force are endeavouring to have infiltrated from Switzerland a leading technician to organise counter-spy of electric system, at first clandestinely with Committees of Liberation and later openly with MUSTER missions:

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No. 1 Special ForceMUSSEN Slitrop 25th September 1944

1. Our representative in the PIERREIS area reports that the frontier southwards from MONTECASSIO is held by the Germans. The French appear to be taking no action at present.
2. We have received a report from the VAL BOSSOLA stating that the local Commander SUPERTI is accused of corruption, incompetence and of dealings with the enemy. He has been recommended for the Partisan Military Tribunal.
3. Our liaison officer with General CADONNA reports that he is about to start discussions with a view to the unification of command in the VAL BOSSOLA. He states that the situation is extremely favourable to keep the valley free provided that help in arms, trained personnel and W/T is sent and Air Force intervention is given. The possibility exists for landing planes, at least bombers, and there is definite possibility for day dropping of both men and material in the area of SANTE MARIA MAGGIORE.
4. We have received a message from the field stating that the medical situation in TURIN is fair. Bandages of crepe paper are being used. Water is supplied from the LANZO valley; alternative supply VERBIA.
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MUSTER Sitrep 24 Sept 44

1. British Mission in CUNEO area reports that the situation in PIEMONTE after the evacuation of the Germans will be serious owing to shortage of milk, fats, meat, fish and fuel. The medical situation is not bad at the moment. The situation could be eased by good distribution to enable full use to be made of supplies from the surrounding agricultural areas. TURIN is considered always to have been self-supporting in time of need. An acute housing situation is likely to develop in TURIN as the present evacuees will return immediately after the Germans leave.

Political Situation: Essentially pro-Allied, but TURIN has always been very pro-communist, and trouble is likely to arise from this at a later date. The rest of PIEMONTE is mostly anti-Communist. The Mission considers it is essential to take very firm action at the beginning of the liberation, since all parties will obey the Mission's advice; whereas they will start inter party action if left to themselves.

2. British Mission in SPEZIA area reports on 19th September that the Germans have put up notices to the effect that if any vehicles are attacked or Germans killed, they will burn the houses and kill 20 people for one German. This has affected the popularity of the patriots.

3. The following has been received from an Italian source in TURIN (reliability good) via LONDON, dated 26 August. The PIEMONTE Committee is composed of one representative of each of the five parties. The following groups are each commanded by a Colonel and represented on the Regional Command by a General: GARIBOLDI, MATTEOTTI (Socialist), JUSTICE-LIBERTY (Action), LIBERAL and DEMO-CRISTIAN. The Regional Command is intended to control action squads in the cities, and the above party groups commanded by their Colonels; but it is uncertain how far the various parties will collaborate. The PIEMONTE Committee functions well.

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5. British Mission in PINEROLO area reports on 19 Sept that the TURIN Committee has a plan for partisans to descend from the hills and liberate TURIN. The Mission asks for a directive on the subsequent disarming and incorporation of the partisans.

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20 Sept 44.

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1. A message has been received from Major MAURI leader of a patriot organisation in the North West addressed to General ALEXANDER. He states that everything is arranged for reconstruction during period between the evenings withdrawal and the Allies' arrival. He is ready to occupy CEVA, MONLOVI, CUNEO, FOSSANO, BRA, and ALBA, and to advance on TURIN. In all the areas in which he is operating he will be able to reestablish public administration.

2. No 1 Special Force are requesting Major MAURI to coordinate his plans with Major TEMPLE (British mission in CUNEO area).

Sed. X X X X X X

Major for Commander R.N.V.R.
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19 Sep 44

MUSTER REPORT

1. Our BLO S.W. of ZILLUNG reports that GARIBOLDI bands in his area are regarded as Communists by other parties. BLO comments that some commanders are Communist but rank and file are very mixed. All towns and villages have organised movements known as Gap directed by CLN which assist Partisans and carry out sabotage themselves.

2. Our representative in SWITZERLAND reports that appointment of MAGLIANO as commander of local bands is not popular and may have unfortunate consequences. The locals want MURARD to remain in command. General CADORNA, who appointed MAGLIANO, has been asked to investigate.

3. The following information has been received from the field. Reliability unknown:-

"On 4th September Germans blew up PADUA airport".

4. Our BLO in the CUNEO area reports:-

- a. Definite signs of German withdrawal in TURIN.
- b. Fascist families are being moved to VENICE from CUNEO.
- c. The PAVLE Division has left CUNEO for VENICE.
- d. The Germans are destroying the airfield at

SAVIGNANO SHEET 60, reference 9682.

5. MUSTER missions for No 1 SP. Force for TURIN, MILAN, GENOA and Western LISURIA will be ready to go during the next few days.

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MUSTER Report.

17 Sep 44. Reported that in Milan and Lombardy there is an independent party representing the opinion of the middle and artisan classes. Party is in no way connected with those engaged in subversive activity and is only theoretically fused with the C.L.N. of Milan. Reported to have considerable following of persons of every class and includes ex-soldiers and workmen.

2. Existence of organization for preservation of order and avoidance of German sabotage is already reported to exist in TURIN. Our mission in TURIN area has intimated its intention to reach a working agreement with main Partizan groups for preservation of order and will warn leaders that they will be held responsible for any disorders in their areas.

3. Same source reports that in most circles Italian Government and C.L.N. seem to enjoy little confidence possibly because little is known of future policy. Garibaldi Pzan divisions spend most of their time and funds on Communist propaganda and intend seizing power at first possible opportunity.

4. Major TEMPLE GUNEO area has had talks with Major TOMASSO Aide-de-Camp to General TRABUCCHI who commands TURIN Resistance and is Chief of Staff 4th Italian Army.

Major TEMPLE gained the impression TURIN Committee is more interested in political than military aspect. TRABUCCHI wishes Major TEMPLE to visit TURIN during the next few weeks to boost morale and galvanise Military Committee to some action.

TRABUCCHI thinks it unlikely that when Germans pull out Fascists will surrender. At the moment Fascists are too strong for Partizans to overcome.

5. Major TEMPLE is making arrangements to send out representatives of GENOA and TURIN Committees fully briefed in political and military affairs.

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It is proposed to issued daily reports on all matters bearing on No 1 Special Force RANKIN operations. These reports, which are signalled to this office, will be circulated to you as rapidly as possible, and will be prefixed MUSTER.

It is requested that any comments you may wish to make be forwarded to this office.

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Major,
for Comd. No 1 Sp. Force.

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MUSTER Report14 Sept 44.

1. British Mission SPEZIA area report telegrams 12th that GUIDO BUFARINI has reported to Fascist Council as follows:-

- a) General military situation grave but no desertion. Germans to slow the war will use after V.1. secret weapon V.2., V.3. and V.4. GOTHIC line will be defended furiously.
- b) BOURGEOIS class responsible Fascist downfall.
- c) FUHRER has declared in case of German defeat he will not hesitate ask Russia for armistice.
- d) Has failed check Patriot movement which is concentrated mostly in region EMILIA province.

2. Above report was received C.L.N. MILAN.

15 Sept 44.

1. British Mission South West of MODENA report that MODENA representative has not yet arrived with him but provisional orders have been issued by C.L.N. Emilia Romagna who has ordered Armado and 400 men to prepare march on BOLOGNA and for Barbolini with 1,000 men to march on MODENA. At MODENA the group Pzans will come under Barbolini. If proposed march on these two places and an all out effort is to be a success it is essential stores and ammunition be dropped at earliest.

2. Colonel Picrentini of Fiamme Verdi organisation reports Bal Camonica power stations are entirely under Pzan control in full agreement with engineers and their staffs.

3. Giovanni Tonetti a member of the regional C.L.N. in charge of area Venice Trente Trieste provinces with 400 armed men states plan complete for removing and cutting of under-water demolition fuzes at docks and on cause-ways to mainland. Demolitions at arsenal and docks have also been counteracted. 300 police will take possession of Fascist German Headquarters.

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SPECIAL OPS SITREPS NO 9.

1. Air Ops night 8/9 Sept. Two successful three failed due one technical trouble one no reception one wrong reception.

2. A. Partisan strengths lately reported. Area (MONTE GRAPPA) RB 2901 MATEOTTI Bde 240 armed 900 unarmed GARIABDI Bde 180 armed 1500 unarmed ITALIA LIBERA Bde 250 armed 1200 unarmed second ITALIA LIBERA Bde (Bde) 15 armed 700 unarmed. Partisans PIEDMONT following recent enemy drives estimated total 12000 armed 18000 unarmed. K MATEOTTI Bde in VAL CHISONE has regrouped in smaller bands operating in general triangle QH 48360 GIAVENO 7626 LUSERNA 7602 with total effectives 1560. BLO VAL STURA area reports band of 140 at MOLLIERE (N5530) 300 south of DEMONTE (N6447) 300 VAL GESSO (N7543) 150 St. ETIENNE.

B. Pz N3 and 4 HYGURIAN GARIBALDI DIVS regrouped after recent German drives moving towards GENOA leaving forces to operate on rds from CHIAVARI and rd GENOA-PIACENZA.

C. MOSCATELLI's GARIBALDI Div now operates through SESIA and ANZASCA valleys West of Lake ORTA with 2000 effectives.

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4. A. M BIANCO factory in lower BRESCIA province making mines forced closed due sabotage.

B. Aircraft parts and shell case factory at BORGOMANERO (GJ7093) destroyed.

C. American LO team and Pzns have further paralysed route 52 into AUSTRIA by blowing bridge of M CROCE DI COMELICO (B8086).

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