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12 March 1945

Director.

Recognition of Patriot - Lt. S. Forti.

1. The papers opposite were brought to this Office by Lt. Col. Derry of the Allied Screen Commission who stated that Forti's family had received no recognition (financial or otherwise) and asked if the matter could be investigated.

2. We have an old file on this patriot, from which it would appear that particulars of his activities (summary at (5) below) were received here, but the only action taken was to pass them to Major Drage at "Adv. Let. Patriots Branch".

3. Suggested action.

(a) Forward the reports to the Commissariat for Veterans for consideration ~~for~~ a decoration.

(b) Ask Col. Fava to investigate the question of paying Lire 15,000 to his family.

(c) Inform the screening agency of (a) and (b) above, pointing out that Italian decorations are at the moment "frozen" and no immediate result can be expected.

4. Our old file would appear to be Top Secret on account of certain information of possible operational value, which is now out of date.

5. Summary of Forti's activities.

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D. Occupied himself by taking general hindering action against Germans. He was forced to go into hiding, at Norcia, with his family, and there associated with Liberation Committee and studied the military aspects of the area.

E. He associated escaping P.W. (including Capt. T. O''Brien), Recaptured arms and ammunition taken by Germans.

F. United the groups on the plain of Castelluccio.

He was with them when attacked by Germans, and was responsible for the failure of the attack.

G. Made plans for escaped P.W. and organised supplies for them.

H. With the round up of April 44, the partisans had to take to the country and disperse. He kept them in touch, getting funds to them from Rome. Blocked the main road near Anatrice.

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J. Felt compelled to go and join the allied offensive although sick. On the way attempted to blow up bridge at Forche di Civita with aid of 2 British ex P.W. Surprised by German patrol and captured, in order to allow escape of British companions. Shot after refusing to give information.

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22 March 1945

U.S. Allied Commission,
Civil Affairs Section,
Patriots Branch
APO 394 - U.S. Army.

Lt. Sergio FORTI.

With reference to your letter 38/PAT of
14 March 1945, now forwarded to this H.Q. by Allied Screening
Commission (ITALY).

This Headquarters wishes to record its appreciation
of the assistance you have and are giving in this matter.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,

S. I. Derry

S. I. DERRY
Lieut. Colonel, G.S.
G-2 (P/W) Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 38/PAT. +

14 March 1945.

Subject: Lt. Sergio FORTI.

To : Allied Screening Commission.
(Italy).

1. Ref your G-2 (P/W)/1096/345 dated 9 March 1945.
2. The above mentioned Patriot was posthumously awarded the Italian Gold Medal (the highest Italian military decoration) on 18 Feb. The question of whether his family has received the L. 10,000 which is payable by the Italian Government to the relatives of patriots killed in action against the enemy, is being investigated.
3. All papers forwarded by you with the above mentioned letter, are returned herewith.

F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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9 March 1945

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To: Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Sub-Commission,
Officer i/c Patriots Branch
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Further to the visit of Lt. Col. DERRY and Major
BYRNES (Allied Screening Commission) to your office on 5th March.

The attached correspondence, received from the War
Office, regarding the services rendered to the Allied Cause by
Lieutenant Sergio FORTI, is forwarded for information and necessary
action.

Attention is drawn to Lieut. O'Brien's request for the
return of the documents and we shall be glad if you will return them
to this office for onward transmission.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,

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S. I. DERRY
Lieut. Colonel G.S.
G-2 (PW) Section.

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