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Public Safety

Please see 17A para 3 X, for information. You will note that the writer is an Italian ~~officer~~ Patriot Representative.

M. Pasby for Cmd.

9 April 45

D/Director Patriots Branch.

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Patriots Branch — Seen. Thank you.

Grant Dixon 20 Apl
for DPS.

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M. Probey for Cmd
↓ D/Directa
L.G Sub/Com.

13 April 45

Patriots Branch (7)

Directa -
1/ Reference to minute 5 para 3
I cannot deal with OLMEDA Dino as he must be somewhere forward from where his claim was advanced.

G. Farrell
Capt.

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M. Pickyfle

& D/D.

Director - (3)

In a conversation over the telephone with Dr. Pertusi of M.O.O.I it was agreed that such cases as the one stated in para 9 folio (17B) in principle should be sent to the Pescia hospital - Further details will be available upon Dr. Pertusi's return from Florence and Poggio where he will be going on the 11th inst.

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G. Farquhar
Capt.

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EXTRACT from RELAZIONE No. 15 N.212 of 19/June 1945

OBSERVATIONS: 1) Demobilisation of units has been completed without incident and with good discipline. Collection of arms has been sufficient. Reemployment needs to be encouraged.

2) Army recruiting agencies have not yet begun enlistment: they appear to be slow and badly organized.

3) Payments of bonuses has begun and difficulties have been met.

Total demobilisation in 8 Army area about 6000 partisans.

Cap. M.CASTELLI d'ARAGONA
Patriot Representative
HQ/A.M.G. 8 Army

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Al n/ A.G.I. Patrio Branch
" n/ A.M.G. 5^ Army
" Ministero Guerra Ufficio Patrioti
" Ministero Italia Occupata Ufficio Patrioti

Oggetto:
relazione n. 15
n. 212

A seguito della relazione n. 14 in data 20 maggio 1945

20 maggio Udine contatti con il comando unico
29 " Udine " " il Comando Gruppo Garibaldi
30 " rapporto alla Special Force
31 " Vermons contatti con la autorità alleate
1° giugno Pordenone " " " " e comandi partigiani
2° " Gradisca " " " " " " "
3 " Udine riunione con il comando Friuleto
4 " " " " " e rapporto alle autorità All.
5 " Palmanova contatti con l'elemento partigiano
6 " Latisana " " " "
7 " Udine " " " "
8 " Pordenone preparazione per la smobilitazione
9 " Udine rapporto all' A.M.G.
10 " Pordenone preparazione per un centro provvisorio di smistamento
11 " Pordenone " " lo smobilitazione
12 " smobilitazione dei reparti della zona.
13 " Pordenone e Spilimbergo ove si verifica la smobilitazione.
14 " Pordenone controllo delle partenze e delle ultime operazioni di smobilitazione
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16" Palmanova controllo delle attività partigiane
17" Trieste contatti con l'elemento locale e con l'A.M.G.
18" Udine contatti con l'elemento partigiano.

Osservazioni:

1°) La smobilitazione dei reparti si è verificata senza incidenti, e nel complesso con cerimonie improntate a serietà e disciplina da parte dei reparti. Il versamento delle armi è stato eseguito, il rimpiego occorre sia maggiormente potenziato. Su ciascuna delle cerimonie si riferirà in secondo tempo.

2°) Le commissioni di arruolamento nell' esercito per ora non hanno ancora arruolato nessun elemento; si dimostrano fiacche e disorganizzate.

3°) Il pagamento dei premi è stato già iniziato, incontra qualche difficoltà.

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Fino ad oggi sono stati smobilitati complessivamente circa 6000 (seimila) partigiani.

Cap. Camillo d'Aragona
Patriot Representative
A.M.G. 5^ Army

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Col. Comandante d'Armata
Ufficiale Rappresentativo
presso l'8^ Army

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19 giugno 1945

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ALLIED MILITARY GOV BRANCH
EIGHTH ARMY.

ON/ITALY.

17 Jun 45.

SUBJECT : Welfare Offr for Italian Trps.

MEMO.TO. Eighth Army.

Copy to: HQ Allied Commission, - attn. Col. Griffo.
HQ AMG VENEZIA Region.

1. It has been reported to this Br that there is considerable unrest among the local population in the employment of an Italian named PARAVACHINI by Eighth Army as Welfare Officer for Italian Troops.

2. This man is alleged to be a notorious Fascist and if this fact is so his continued employment by the Allies might be considered undesirable. PARAVACHINI is at present working and living in the Monaco Hotel, VENICE.

3. Will you please look into this matter and let us have an answer as to what action is considered desirable at your earliest convenience.

Major,
for Air Commodore,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

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From : Patriot Representative with HQ AMG 8 Army

To : AC Patriots Branch

Ref: 180 18 May 1945

Report no. 14

A list of visited areas from 7 to 20 May.

Observations : In the Friuli Province two separate groups have operated under the united Command of Col. E. Grossi who was appointed on 27 April.

The two formations have entirely different methods and political directives. Because of the tension with the Slavs and for security reasons which have been recommanded it is impossible to give a precise report on the situation.

For the time being there have been no incidents only a feeling of expectation and discomfort. Political propaganda is strong.

Since the losses of Maj. SNEE and Maj. CORBIN from AC. Patriot Branch and AMG. the presence of another officer who will give directives is indispensable.

Capt. M. Casilli d'Aragona

MP.

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All' HQ/ A.C. Patriot Branch
" Ministero Guerra(Gabinetto)
" " Italia Occupata
" Ufficio Patrioti Presidenza delConsigli

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COMANDO SUPREMO
FIRENZE

OGGETTO: Relazione sulla 66° Brigata Garibaldi "Piero Jacchia"

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Il 1 Agosto 1944 ero presso la Brigata perchè avevo portato al Commissario Politico Tommaso la somma di L.30.000.= offerta per i Partigiani dal Cav.Martini di Casalfiumanese e in quel giorno fui invitato, col Commissario Politico della Brigata Tommaso (Aldo Bacchilega di Castel S.Pietro), Ivo Bassi, il Capitano medico Iacchini, il Tenente Attila, a recarmi nella Canonica di Vedriano (S.O.di Castel S.Pietro) e lì i menzionati del C.L.N. di Bologna a nome del C.M.U.E.R. mi comunicavano la mia nomina a Comandante la 66° Brigata Garibaldi e fu stabilito il mio nome in quello di Col.Orfeo. Vice Comandante della Brigata il Tenente Attila, Capo di S.M. il Capitani Iacchini, Commissario Politico Tommaso.

Il 2 Agosto la Brigata ai miei ordini, per l'incominciata azione di rastrellamento da parte delle forze germaniche e delle co.nn. si trasferiva, in formazione di gruppi guerriglieri, sul monte Alafine.

Dal 2 al 14 Agosto 1944 la Brigata ai miei ordini ha portato felicemente a termine azioni di imboscata ad elementi delle forze germaniche nella zona Giugnola-~~[illegible]~~Pancaldoli-Casoni di Romagna.

Il 14 Agosto tutta la formazione si portava a Rapezzo nella cui zona agiva la 36° Brigata Partigiani.

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Dopo il combattimento la Compagnia di Attila fu assorbita dalla 36° Brigata, il rimanente della 66° Brigata (18 Agosto 1944) si adunava nella cresta montana fra Monterenzio e Monte Calderaro, cresta dominante le due vallate del Sillaro e dell'Idice.

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Il 7 Settembre 1944 per invito del C.M.U.S.R. mi portai col capitano in S.P.E. Serpieri Piero (Freccia) a Bologna dove presi contatto col Comandante il C.M.U.R.R. e col suo Capo di S.M. Capitano in S.P.E. Scarani; avevo affidato il comando della 66ª Brigata a Poggi Eros (detto Folino) studente in medicina di Castel S.Pietro), consulente militare il Tenente di complemento Paolucci (detto Orso) di Castel S.Pietro.

L'abboccamento col Comandante del C.M.U.S.R. portava alla mia nomina di consulente militare per le Brigate 36ª-62ª-66ª- Mattesotti e Stella Rossa, Brigate che dovevano marciare su Bologna.

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Il Commissario Politico Bacchilega Aldo continuò la sua attività (lodevolissima sempre) stando in Castel S.Pietro.

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Non ho mai perso il contatto con i partigiani, col Commissario Politico e col C.M.U.E.R. ma il 2 Novembre ho dovuto abbandonare la zona perchè i tedeschi facevano rastrellamenti casolare per casolare, mi portai perciò a Castel S.Pietro presso quel C.L.N.

Il giorno 28 Novembre per ordine del C.M.U.E.R. mi trasferii a Imola ed ho preso contatto col locale C.L.N. lavorando sempre con esso, perdendo quasi totalmente il contatto con la 66ª Brigata; ero però sempre in collegamento col Commissario Politico Bacchilega di Castel S.Pietro dal quale avevo notizie che i gruppi della 66° Brigata, pur divisi, continuavano efficacemente la lotta nella pianura e nei G.A.P. di Bologna.

Il 29 Marzo 1945 il C.M.U.E.R. mi comunicava per iscritto di tenermi pronto per raggiungere Bologna perchè assegnato ad altro incarico.

Forse il precipitare degli eventi non ha permesso al C.M.U.E.R. di farmi portare a Bologna e perciò il C.L.N. di Imola mi ha affidato il Comando militare di quella piazza.

Non mi è possibile dare gli elenchi degli appartenenti alla 66° Brigata Garibaldi Piero Lacchia, produrre il carteggio, segnalare i finanziatori della Brigata, segnalare le molteplici azioni partigiane, segnalare il nome dei caduti, dei feriti, segnalare i meritevoli di ricompensa, in quanto tutto il carteggio, ruolini compresi, il materiale del Comando, compresa una radio trasmittente catturata ai tedeschi, è stato dal Commissario Politico Bacchilega interrato nei pressi del Comando la Brigata poco innanzi di lasciare la zona occupata e che poteva essere raggiunta dalle truppe germaniche allora in atteggiamento contrattaccante.

Di ogni azione, di ogni cosa amministrativa e di quanto altro riguardavano fatti o cose della 66° Brigata, con diligenza veniva fatta relazione al C.M.U.E.R.

Segnalo che presso la 66° Brigata trovavano degno posto un Maggiore aviatore inglese caduto perchè con l'apparecchio colpito dalla contraerea tedesca, due sottufficiale aviatori sud-africani, un ufficiale inferiore medico americano.

I quattro su menzionati, alla fine settembre 1944 per loro espresso desiderio, vestendo l'uniforme inglese, furono accompagnati da guide sicure e provate, praticissime della zona, verso la linea di combattimento (zona di Casone di Romagna) per il tentativo di oltrepassare la linea e raggiungere l'esercito alleato. Non posso dire se il tentativo abbia avuto esito felice in quanto noi ho

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Forse il precipitare degli eventi non ha permesso al C.M.U.S.R. di farmi portare a Bologna e perciò il C.L.N. di Imola mi ha affidato il Comando militare di quella piazza.

Non mi è possibile dare gli elenchi degli appartenenti alla 66° Brigata Garibaldi Piero Jacchia, produrre il carteggio, segnalare i finanziatori della Brigata, segnalare le molteplici azioni partigiane, segnalare il nome dei caduti, dei feriti, segnalare i meritevoli di ricompensa, in quanto tutto il carteggio, ruolini compresi, il materiale del Comando, compresa una radio trasmittente catturata ai tedeschi, è stato dal Commissario Politico Bacchilega interrato nei pressi del Comando la Brigata poco innanzi di lasciare la zona occupata e che poteva essere raggiunta dalle truppe germaniche allora in atteggiamento contrattaccante.

Di ogni azione, di ogni cosa amministrativa e di quanto altro riguardavano fatti e cose della 66° Brigata, con diligenza veniva fatta relazione al C.M.U.S.R.

Segnalo che presso la 66° Brigata trovavano degno posto un Maggiore aviatore inglese caduto perchè con l'apparecchio colpito dalla contraerea tedesca, due sottoufficiale aviatori sud-africani, un ufficiale inferiore medico americano.

I quattro su menzionati, alla fine settembre 1944 per loro espresso desiderio, vestendo l'uniforme inglese, furono accompagnati da guide sicure e provate, praticissime della zona, verso la linea di combattimento (zona di Casone di Romagna) per il tentativo di oltrepassare la linea e raggiungere l'esercito alleato. Non posso dire se il tentativo abbia avuto esito felice in quanto non ho più viste le guide che li accompagnavano.

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In piena coscienza affermo che la 66° Brigata Garibaldi Piero Jachia, animata da sicura fede patriottica, per il valore dei suoi gregari ben merita la riconoscenza della Patria; partigiani perfetti, soldati valorosi, hanno affrontato ogni rischio con la serenità dei forti, per amore della Patria, della libertà, con un unico scopo: abbattere il nazi-fascismo.
La 66° Brigata Garibaldi Piero Jachia non è seconda a nessun altra.

Mi è doveroso segnalare il Commissario Politico Bacchilega Aldo per uomo serio, intelligente, instancabile nelle sua attività, onesto, buono, valoroso.
Io non sono iscritto a nessun partito.

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Io sottoscritto, [illegible] Pil. in [illegible] Gino fu Ugo classe 1916, dichiaro sul mio onore e sotto la mia personale responsabilità, quanto segue:

Nei mesi di Maggio, Giugno, Luglio, Agosto, 1943, mi trovavo in licenza di convalescenza in seguito ad intervento operatorio subito nel Maggio presso l'ospedale militare di Bologna. Il giorno 6 settembre 1943 il centro affluenza per il personale sotto, di stanza a Ferrara, presso il quale ero stato in forza per tutto detto periodo, mi comunicava di essere tutto di nuovo abile al servizio ed io venivo assegnato all'80° gruppo autonomo B.T. Si costituiva in Roma (Prima - Porta) il gruppo di presente formazione e proveniente dalla divisione in gruppi autonomi del 3° stormo B.T. all'87° Gruppo B.T. il quale fino ero stato in forza prima del mio invio in ospedale. Il 7 settembre partivo per Roma, dove la Guardia R. Repubblicana avvertiva all'incirca altrettanto del personale della R. Aeronautica.- L'otto settembre mi presentavo al comando di detta caserma, dove mi veniva comunicato che due giorni dopo sarebbe stato formato l'80° gruppo e venivo provvisoriamente alloggiato presso la casa dell'aviatore .- La sera, mentre mi recavo a detta casa, venivo a conoscenza dell'armistizio attraverso il proclama del Gen. Badoglio .- Alla casa dell'aviatore regnava già grande confusione e la maggiore parte degli Ufficiali era in borghese .- La mattina dell9 mi recai alla caserma, ma il Comandante di questa non aveva ordini e non ne dava di suoi(gli avieri portavano già vivi i loro effetti mentre per tutta la caserma regnava già quel senso di liquidazione che si doveva poi concretare maggiormente nei giorni seguenti.) Il Ministero della R. Aeronautica, dove andai immediatamente, le cose non erano migliori: Ufficiali Generali che passeggiavano nell'anticamera di S.E. il Ministro, discutendo della cosa, un gran andare e venire, su ordini niente !- Alla casa dell'aviatore, al posto del mezzo dorso, gli ufficiali in divisa erano in due .- A Roma rimasi sino al giorno 19 ed il tempo lo trascorsi fra la casa dell'aviatore e il Ministero, sempre sperando che qualcuno prendesse in mano la situazione, o per lo meno che ci venisse data via libera, senza quella cosa prendesse un carattere di diserzione .

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La mattina del 19 vestito di un paio di pantaloni Borghesi, prestatami da un Ufficiale di Fanteria partivo per Forlì dove arrivavo in serata presso la mia famiglia .-

Nel periodo su accennato rimasi stretto contatto con i seguenti ufficiali, che abitavano con me la casa dell'aviatore:-Maggiore Pil. Orlandini Magg. Pil. Mascorich, Magg. Pil. Mocci , Ten. Pil. complemento Moroccini.-

Il Magg. Orlandini mi fece compagnia per circa una settimana cercando come me di fare il proprio dovere di Ufficiale, poi una mattina mi disse che avrebbe cercato di raggiungere l'Abruzzo assieme la Magg. Mascorich,- Entrambi questi ufficiali speravano che li giungessero presto gli alleati.-Non li vidi più e solo in un secondo tempo, quando ero già a Forlì, sentii la radio fascista denunciare che prestava servizio, nell'aviazione repubblicana, la Medaglia d'oro Orlandini . Ma lui? - Il Magg. Mocci, fuggito dal Gennania, dove era stato fatto prigioniero dai tedeschi, giunse alla casa dell'avia-

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ero stato 15 giorni prima del mio arrivo in ospedale. Il 7 settembre arrivo per Roma dove la Caserma di Cabelle provvedeva all'inoltro ultriore del personale della R. Aeronautica.- L'otto settembre mi presentavo al Comando di detta caserma. Qui mi veniva comunicato che due giorni dopo sarebbe stato giunto l'aereo e vivo provvisoriamente alloggiato presso la casa dell'Aviatore .- La sera, mentre mi recavo a detta casa, venivo a conoscenza dell'armistizio attraverso il proclama del Gen. Badoglio .- Alla casa dell'Aviatore regnava già grande confusione e la maggiore parte degli Ufficiali era in borghese .- La mattina dello mi recai alla caserma, ma il Comandante di questa non aveva ordini e non ne dava di suoi(gli avieri portavano già via i loro effetti mentre per tutta la caserma regnava già quel senso di liquidazione che si doveva poi accentuare maggiormente nei giorni seguenti.) Al Ministero della R. Aeronautica, dove andai immediatamente, le cose non erano migliori: Ufficiali Generali che passeggiavano nell'anticamera di S.E. il Ministro, discutendo della cosa, ma gran andare e venire, ma ordini niente !- Alla casa dell'aviatore, al posto del mezzogiorno, gli ufficiali in divisa erano in due .- I Tedeschi erano il giorno 19 ed il tempo lo trascorsi fra la casa dell'aviatore e il Ministero, sempre sperando che qualcuno prendesse in mano la situazione, e per la sera che ci venisse data via libera, senza quelli conti prendesse un carattere di disertore .
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Ci dissero che aveva tentato di varcare le linee con un aeroplano prelevato in uno dei campi di Roma.- Il Ten. Morescini rimase fin dal giorno precedente la mia presenza . La casa dell'aviatore era diventata nel frattempo un soggiorno pericoloso perché si aspettava da un momento all'altro l'occupazione di questa da parte dei tedeschi . Ciò mi decise a partire, non escluso il vuoto che si andava creando attorno a me .-

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A Forlì, dove aveva potuti appoggiare alla R. Accademia Aeronautica, vai una situazione ancora più critica. Gli allievi erano fuggiti in gran p rte . L' accademia saccheggiata dalla popolazione e poi occupata dai tedeschi. Alcuni Ufficiali dell'arma, che io non conoscevo, collaboravano già questi ultimi.- Mi misi in contatto con i seguenti Ufficiali: Cap. Pil.i S.P.T. Vecchi Corradino, Cap. Pil. in S.P.T. Carini Vincenzo, Cap. Pil. S.P.T. Salvesi Aldo, Cap. Pil. in S.P.T. Bianchi Emilio, Cap. Pil. Pilot. A. Pilot. Guglielmo, Ten. Pil. complemento Sanovini Sandro, Ten. Pil. complemento Bani Mario, a i quali in seguito si aggiungevano: il Cap. di Vascello S.P.T. Caimmi Lando, mio amico d'infanzia e di studio, e mio cognato: Cap. Pil. S.P.T. Vecchi Piero.- L' Aviazione Repubblicana aveva già cominciato ad mettere i suoi bandi . Decidemmo tutti insieme di rimanere fedeli alla Patria e di avvertirci a vicenda dai periodici, per comporre di fatto stato i gli uomini. A questo primo incontro partecipavano sicuramente i Ufficiali Ten. Parigi, Ten Vano. S.P.T. Caimmi, e i Ten. Sanovini e Bani . Con gli altri ci si sarebbe comunicato .- Gli alleati si attendevano di giorno in giorno e non pensava di attendere a quel modo più di un anno .In dicembre incontrai il risi(che non si vedeva più da tempo in casa mia) in Riviera in ufficiale della repubblica. Già nell'ottobre il Capitano Dalvadori aveva raggiunto a Padova ve aveva ritirati dovuti ancora per altro ripetendere servizio . Nel marzo perdemmo di vista questo Ufficiale . Seppi poi che il Capitano Perlaiora stato inviati in congedo.Non lo rividi più . Il Cap. Vecchi riuscì a ottenere un congedo da Padova. Una mattina di Dicembre venne a casa mia per chiedere se avessi avuto delle armi per inviare ai ribelli.-Il Ten. Bani, impaurito dalle chiamate che ci succedevano e dal fatto che un vano armi dei cittadini al fondo e potevano essere presi da un momento all'altro ed inviati in Germania, dopo aver richiesto a lungo, finì col presentarsi al Municipio di Forlì, dove rilasciavano dei congedi provvisori. Con questo Bani sperava di guadagnare tempo, ma fatto che gli alleati tardavano, finì di recarsi a Padova dove tenne il congedo.- Il Ten. Sanovini resistè fino al Aprile e poi spinto dall'esempio degli altri partì per Padova in uno al Cap. Giunchi, e ottenne il congedo.-

Il Cap. Vecchi il Ten. di Vascello Caimmi rimasero sempre fedeli alla parola data lealmente alla mia ordinanza: Aviere di governo Stiffani Paolo di Giovanni classe 1922 di Lecce che, lasciato temporaneamente da me, in base alle disposizioni allora vigenti, per un periodo di tre mesi presso la sua famiglia ed in Roma all'aeroporto di Forlì, era rimasto a casa mia e continuò fedelmente in suo servizio, senza rispondere a chiamate di sorta, sino all'arrivo degli alleati. Da me fu provveduto di vestiario borghese, vitto, alloggi, e paga da Aviere . La sua posizione in casa mia fu quella dell'ordinanza sino a che, con l'arrivo degli alleati potè raggiungere la sua famiglia.- Nel dicembre un Ten. S.P.T. dell'arma di Fanteria, Fabbretti Franco, entrò in contatto con i rappresentanti Partigiani del Fronte della resistenza, facendomi conoscere il Sacerdote Don. Diego Ruffilli . Attraverso lui conobbi il Ten. Col; Sant'Ilari degli Alpini ed Ufficiale del Stato Maggiore. Con questo sergente mi trovavo settimanalmente in casa del Sac

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[illegible] Ten. Cacciani e Doni. Con gli altri
pensare di attendere quel Doni [illegible] il mese in giugno e nes
[illegible] non si [illegible] in dicembre incontrai il
repubblica. Ed nell'ottobre il Cappellano [illegible] dori ancora [illegible] Padova
perdemmo di vista questo Ufficiale. Seppi poi che il Doni ne [illegible] ottenne
niente invece di congedo. Non lo rividi più. Il Cap. Vecchi riuscì a ottenere
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della chiesa che di cuoco [illegible] del fatto che [illegible] dal citta
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data unitamente alle sue ordinanze vivre di severo [illegible] Dopo di Gi
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l'insieme degli alleati. Io mi fu nuovamente di ventario borghese, vitto,
alloggi, e paga da [illegible]. Il suo servizio fu sempre mia [illegible] quella dell'or
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lui conobbi il Ten. Dell'ami Sani. Negli ultimi giorni di Gennaio dal Sta
to Maggiore. Con questa persona mi trovavo settimanalmente in casa del Sac
dote. Con me erano il Vecchi ed il Doimi. Nel febbraio ci fu una richiesta
di parte di un gruppo di Partigiani che erano nel Parmigiano, per un Ufficia
Pilota che dirigesse i lanci di materiale affidatati dagli alleati.
Parti il mio nominativo. Il Ten Vascello Doimi si offrì quale Ufficiale
per le bande. La richiesta non ebbe però seguito.-In tanto il Cap. Vecchi
si era recato a Bologna e siccome la casa frattanto, sempre per tramite del
sacerdote, era entrato in contatto col Dott. Novelloni Sulla del C.L.N.
clandestino di Forlì appartenente lui per istrada, presso il Comitato
di Bologna alcuni giovani che intendevano [illegible] le bande. Da al
lora mio cognato si installò a Bologna ~~[illegible]~~ per collaborare con detto
Comitato ed io rimasi a Forlì servendo da collegamento fra lui e il Dott.

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Revellucci per operazioni del genere . Questo sino ai primi di Giugno.-
Il Ten di Vas. Caiani era tornato a Cesenatico presso la sua famiglia e
io non lo vidi più.- Attorno a noi si era intanto formato il vuoto e ca-
pivamo che presto o tardi saremmo stati scoperti tanto più che numerosi
Ufficiali e sotto Ufficiali dell'arma , che erano stati nostri colleghi
oppure alle nostre dipendenze, prestavano servizio a Forlì e sapevano di noi.-
Il Magg. Pil. Parisi Paulo in S.P.E. da Roma , aveva assunto il Comando del
Centro affluenza repubblicano di Forlì. Io ero stato alle sue dipendenze al
30° Stormo per un paio d'anni, e al momento del rimpatrio, ero addirittura Uf-
ficiale addetto al Comando dell'87 Gruppo, da lui comandato. -Altro Ufficiale
che prestava servizio in Forlì era il Ten. Pil. S.P.E. Colmenti Aniello, mio
compagno di Squadriglia in oltre tre anni di guerra , che a me seppe solo dire
che dell'Aviazione Repubblicana era considerata un disertore e trattato di
conseguenza .-

Verso la fine di Maggio persone amiche mi ce mandavano che con molta proba-
bilità il mio nome era in lista e che mi tenessi pronto a scomparire.-
In quei giorni il Magg. Parisi mi mandò a dire per tramite del Ten. Boni, già
prese attenzioni che era bene io seguissi il suo esempio perché mi esponevo a ric-
chi inutili, e poche sere dopo, la questura telefonò per chiedermi se il Magg.
Parisi ~~dell'Aero~~ aveva telefonato in quel momento da casa mia.
In sorveglianza sorvegliando del telefono, era uno dei trucchi più usati(io
non parlavo al Magg. Parisi dell'Aero) ed io capii essere giunto il momento
disperibile. Ci trattenni ancora pochi giorni perché, con il Ten. Sansolini,
che pur prese attenzioni per ottenere il congedo rimaneva in stretto contatto
con me, cercavo di ottenere un piano dell'aeroporto nel quale fossero indicate
le mine poste per distruggerlo in caso di ritirata.Il Ten. Sancovini ci serviva
per questo di un capo operaio addetto ai lavori e da lui personalmente conosciuto
sciuto.Visto però che i nostri sforzi non approdavano a niente di solido deci-
si di partire il giorno 9 Giugno portando con me mia moglie che da otto mesi
attendeva un bimbo, e mia madre. L'ordinanza rimaneva a casa per sorbare
i collegamenti, fra me e il Comitato di Forlì,sino al giorno 23 e poi,es-
sendo pericoloso soggiorno anche per lei, mi raggiungeva.-
Pochi giorni dopo i tedeschi occupavano la mia casa e vi installavano un uffi-
cio. Ufficiali repubblicani Italiani e persone borghesi cercavano varie vol-
te di me tentando conoscere, presso i vicini, dove io mi fossi stabilito.
Non fui però tradito da nessuno .- Dovendo allontanarmi da Forlì portandomi
con me la moglie in condizioni delicate e la mamma di 63 anni, onde evitar e
loro eventuali rappresaglie, cercai di abbreviare il mio soggiorno nella
repubblica Sociale spostandomi a Sud. Mi recai quindi presso alcuni parenti
di mia moglie che abitano in un paesino di montagna a W di Rimini (40 km.
in linea d'aria da Forlì)Borghi .- Lì giunto presi contatto con i patrioti del
luogo che svolgevano una attività più di parte che altro. Vivendo un poco
presso la mia famiglia e gran parte alla macchia, per evitare i rastrellia-
menti e portare un aiuto ai coloni ai quali i tedeschi razziavano il bestia-
me, giunsi al 29 Settembre. Il giorno dopo l'artiglieria alleata iniziava
la sua azione su Borghi e dopo combattimenti, durati una settimana, occupa-
vano la località.- Ai primi di novembre gli alleati occupavano Forlì.

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[illegible] di [illegible] io. Persone amiche mi ce uniscevano che con molta probabilità il mio nome era in lista e che mi tenessi pronto a scomparire.-
In quei giorni il Magg. Parisi mi mandò a dire per tramite del Ten. Boni, già presentatosi che era bene io seguissi il suo esempio perché si esponevo a rischi inutili, e poche sere dopo, la questura telefonò per chiedermi se il Magg. Parisi ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] telefono in quel momento di casa mia.
La servaglia [illegible] rispondendo al telefono, era uno dei tedeschi più usati(io non sentivo il Magg. Parisi dall'[illegible] ed io credo essere giunto il momento disponibile. Mi trattenni ancora pochi giorni perché, con il Ten. Sandolini, che pur presentatosi per ottenere il congedo [illegible] in stretto contatto con me, cercavo di estendere un piano d'[illegible] aeroporto nel quale fossero indicate le mine poste per distruggerle in caso di ritirata. Il Ten. Sansovini si servivo per questo di un capo operaio addetto ai lavori e da lui personalmente conosciuto. Visto però che i nostri alleati non approdavano a niente di nulla decisi di partire il giorno 9 Giugno portando con me mia moglie che da otto mesi attendeva un bimbo, e mia madre. L'ordinanza eliminava a casa per sorbarmi i collegamenti, fra me e il Comitato di Forlì, sino al giorno 23 e poi, essendo pericoloso soggiorno anche per lei, mi raggiungeva.-
Pochi giorni dopo i tedeschi occupavano la mia casa e vi installavano un ufficio. Ufficiali repubblicani italiani e persone borghesi cercavano varie volte di me tentando conoscere, presso i vicini, dove io mi fossi ai hilito. Non fui però tradito da nessuno .- Dovendo allontanarmi da Forlì portandomi con me la moglie in condizioni delicate e la mamma di 65 anni, ed a evitare e loro eventuali rappresaglie, cercai di abbreviare il mio soggiorno nella repubblica Sociale spostandomi a Sud. Mi recai quindi presso alcuni parenti di mia moglie che abitano in un paesino di montagna a W di Rimini (40 km. in linea d'aria da Forlì)Borghi .- Lì giunto presi contatto con i patrioti del luogo che svolgevano una attività più di parte che altro. Vivendo un poco presso la mia famiglia e gran parte alle macchia, per evitare i rastrellamenti e portare un aiuto ai coloni ai quali i tedeschi requisivano il bestiame, giunsi al 23 Settembre. Il giorno dopo l'artiglieria alleata iniziava la sua azione su Borghi e dopo combattimenti, durati una settimana, occupavano la località.- Ai primi di novembre gli alleati occupavano Forlì.

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Tre giorni dopo mi recavo in quella città dove incontravo il Cap. Novazzi Mario Ufficiale Pil. in S.P.E. ; altro Ufficiale dell'arma che sapevo trovarsi in Forlì sino dall'otto settembre e che non si era mai presentato . Mi misi a sua disposizione per formare il C.A.R. e per reclutare gli elementi ricercati ed i materiali già appartenenti alla T.A. .-
Dall'11 Novembre mi trovo in forza a detto Centro pronto a riprendere il mio posto nell'arma aeronautica, posto effettivamente da me mai abbandonato.

(Ten. Pil. S.P.E. [illegible] GINO)

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DICHIARAZIONE

Posso attestare che il Dott. Gino Magnani, Tenente Pil.R.A., é stato in contatto strettissimo con il movimento cospirativo Emiliano-Romagnolo coadiuvando particolarmente il sottoscritto e il Comitato del Partito D'Azione di Bologna per collegamenti, aiuti a richiamati per raggiungere i partigiani ecc... Questa attività, seria e proficua é continua in accordo col cognato Piero Foschi, Cap. Pil.R.A. (che più particolarmente era a contatto con me) dal Gennaio al Giugno 1944.-

Poi mi risulta che il Ten. Magnani é arrivato a Borghi dove ha saputo essere a contatto con gli amici del luogo.-

Forlì 10/11/1944

fto. Dtr. Nullo BEVELACCI
Via Giorgio Regnoli 50 A.

Per C.C. all'originale in possesso dell'interessato.

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D I C H I A R A Z I O N E

Io sottoscritto Don. Diego Ruffilli domiciliato in Forlì (Cappuccini)dichiaro sul mio onore e sotto;la mia persona le responsabilità che i fatti della relazione presentata alla R. Aeronautica dal Ten. Pil.in S.P.E.Magnani Gino fu Ugo classe 1916 nei quali sono citato,corrispondono a verità.

(Don. Diego Ruffilli)
Chiesa dei Cappuccini Forlì.

Forlì li I Marzo 1945

li,3/3/1945

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C O M U N E D I B O R G H I -Prov.di F O R L I '

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Si dichiara in scienza e coscienza che il Ten.Pil.S.P.E. MAGNANI Gino fu Ugo e di De Giovanni Livia, classe I916,é risiedu-to nel comune di Borghi dal 9Giugno I944e che lo stesso non ha mai ade-rito in nessuna maniera al Governo della Repubblica Sociale Fascista né alle chiamate dei Comandi germanici sia per il servizio militare che per il servizio del lavoro.

Borghi li 18/ ottobre I944

IL COMMISSARIO
fto.(OLIVETI avv.Andrea)

Visto:IL Capo DEI PATRIOTI
fto.(BALDISSERRA Secondo)

Per C.C. all'originale in possesso dell'interessaàente

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D I C H I?A R A Z I O N E

Io Sottoscritto Valentini Enotrio domiciliato in Borghi, dichiaro sul mio onore e sotto la mia personale responsabità, quanto segue.

Il Ten. Pil.in S.P.E.Magnani Paolo di Giovanni Classe 1922 da Lecce intervennero decisamente quanto alcuni tedeschi tentarono portarmi via del bestiame da lavoro riuscendo ad impedirlo con un contegno che fece capire a quelli che non sarebbero usciti vivi dal podere. Sempre il Ten.Magnani,in analoga circostanza,dalla quale io ne uscii ferito da un colpo di rivoltella sparatomi nella colluttazione,accorse in mio aiuto.

(Valentini Enotrio.)

Borghi li 1 Marzo 1945.

Visto: IL SINDACO (AVV;Oliveti Andrea)

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- Il sottoscritto, Franco Fabretti di Michele e fu Zelma Pratelli , nato a Macerata Feltria li 28/2/1912 e domiciliato in Forlì Viale Roma N 13, espongo quanto segue per sommi capi e lo sottopongo a convalida di chi può provarlo e del C.L.N., non perché si riconosca per iscritto quanto ò potuto fare ma poiché; quale Ufficiale in S.P.E. dell'Esercito Italiano dovrò rendere ragione del mio operato dall'8 di settembre 1943 in poi alle Commissioni Militari Italiane ed Alleate che giudicheranno.-

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-Per quella vecchia ruggine sempre esistita fra ogni Ufficiale dell'Esercito (specie se di carriera)ed il fascismo con tutte le sue milizie,io nutrii sempre una cordilissima antipatia per tutti i fascisti dall'ultimo dei militi al sommo gerarca; antipatia che divenne odio feroce dopo l'8 di Settembre 1943 per ragioni che stimo superfluo esporre,a chi sa ed è provato quanto e più di me.-
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-(Il Ten. Col. Di lorenzo lavorava allora ad organizzare formazioni ribellistiche della montagna, ed a Santa Sofia collaborò al colpo in seguito al quale furono uccisi quattro ufficiali del genio tedesco all'albergo del paese e si venne in possesso dei piani germanici di fortificazione in tale settore; tali piani,avrei dovuto portarli a Roma io ma in seguito furono, per ragioni che non conosco, rimessi per altra via).-
- Alla Parrocchia dei Capuccini, intorno a tale sacerdote, riuniva gruppo di ufficiali, specie in S.P.E. (Colonnello Fioravanti, Ten.Col.Montanari, Ten. Col.Severi, ufficiali di aeronautica,marina),allo scopo di rimanere raccolti, in contatto, di avere un punto di riferimento per consigliarsi , sapere , riferire, eventualmente agire.-Alcuni di tali Ufficiali (Ten;Col. Montanari,Ten; d'aviazione Magnani Gino quale esperto per aviolanci,Capitano di marina Caimmi Lando per collegamenti, ed il sottoscritto), offrirono i servigi e la perizia loro quando richiesti, a reparti Patriottici Democristiani in formazioni sulle montagne del Parmese.-
- Lavorai quale rappresentante dell'impresa carceraria di Forlì, impresa tenuta da mio suocero con me daccordo nelle stessa comunità di odio contro tedeschi e fascisti;ebbi così modo,di avvicinare elementi di pulizia e militari nazifascista, di sapere, di informare. Fra l'altro seppi dell'indirizzamento e ricerca delTen.Col. Di Lorenzo che resi edotto in tempo.
Di quanto sopra, può far fede il Reverendo Don Diego Ruffilli.-
- Ero nel contempo in contatto col Sig. Giuseppe Margoni, membro del C.L.N.ed anima di un movimento di informazione ed azione.
Durante un primo tentativo di liberazione dal carcere dei detenuti politici e secondo istruzioni impartitemi dal Sig. Giuseppe Margoni provocai un colloquio fra me ed il Direttore del carcere che non seppe prestarsi però ad assecondare l'azione. Sospettato in [illegible]

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In località S.Leonardo, La Selva, (vicinioria Forlimpopoli); funzionai quale informatore -staffetta facendo capo sempre, tramitivari, al detto Sig. Morgagni .-
-Proposto dal Partito Democristiano, entrai a fare parte del C.L.N. al Comando Piazza di Forlì, quale Rappresentante Militare del partito stesso, diretto, in periodo cospirativo, dall'amico Angelo Raffaelli.-

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Diressi, con l'ausilio del Parroco di Carpena Reverendo Don Mario Vasumi e dell'amico Goberti Mario la formazione, organizzazione, armamento ed assetto delle squadre e gruppi S.A.P. e G.A.P. Democristiani che passarono poi alle dipendenze del Comando Piazza stesso.-

-Collaborai al secondo tentativo, ottimamente riuscito, di liberazione dei detenuti politici del carcere di Forlì.-

Per confezionare il vitto necessario a nutrire gli uomini delle G.A.P. annidati nella città e pronti all'azione, sempre daccordo col titolare dell'impresa, preparavo il colpo per fare uscire i viveri dal magazzino del carcere, come da ordini del comandante la Piazza di Forlì Sig. Gardini. L'arrivo delle truppe Alleate rese inutile tale tentativo.-

Ho fatto, come tutti i compagni ed amici Patriotti, quanto potevo per la lotta comune.-

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AL HQ/ A.M.G. 8ª Army

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situazione partigiani 159

A seguito della relazione n. 12 in data 23 aprile

Castel Bolognese - La lunga sosta invernale del fronte in Castel Bolognese non ha consentito la formazione di un compatto nucleo di partigiani che abbia avuto un vero e proprio carattere militare: il nucleo dei G.A.P. e quello dei S.A.P. ha svolta una azione più informativa e di appoggio alle formazioni della montagna che di vera e combattiva azione. Purtuttavia vi sono stati alcuni episodi di una certa entità, diretti contro elementi fascisti locali econtro i tedeschi, di cui si sta redigendo dettaglia relazione.

IMOLA - Maggior número di patrioti organizzati hanno operato in Imola e dintorni. Oltre alle organizzazioni locali dei G.A.P. e S.A.P. Imola ha dato numerosi partigiani alla 66ª Brigata Iachia, organizzatas i nell'aprile 1944 e che ha operato, come unità organica fino all'ottobre dello stesso anno, per dar poi vita a nuclei G.A.P. e S.A.P. ed a un battaglione che , al comando di "Libero" ha operato contro i tedeschi, e che ora è in via di ricostituire una Brigata.

Notasi un certo attrito tra lèlemento partigiano locale, e tra alcuni comandanti, sembra per motivi personali. La situazione è un pò delicata anche per la presenza di numerose truppe polacche che hanno a volte un atteggiamento di una certa diffidenza. L'elemento che è in via di arruolamento mostra aver bisogno di un forte inquadramento.

L'azione del Comando Unico Emilia Romagna è maggiormente sentita in queste zone più vicine alla sede del comando stesso; non sembrerebbe disutile la presenza di uno dei dirigenti di tale ente ,anche solo per un non lungo periodo di tempo, in queste zone.

L'arruolamento nelle costituende Brigate incontra lar he adesioni da parte di tutto l'elemento partigiano, rappresentando il coronamento della lon aspirazione ,da lungo tempo espressa, di formare unità partigiane accanto a quelle delle truppe regolari.

Castel S.Pietro In tale piccolo paese vi è stata solo l'organizzazione G.A.P. e S.A.P. con non numerosi elementi. Diversi sono stati invece coloro che hanno raggiunto le formazioni della montagna. La relazione delle attività e delle azini compiute, unitamente agli elenchi degli appartenenti a tutte le formazioni verrà presentata non appena sarà possibile portare a termine gli accertamenti.

In tutte le zone si nota una sensibile ccitabilità dovuta alla lunga permanenza dell'occupazione tedesca, alle feroci rappresaglie esercitate da le truppe nemiche e da le "brigate nere", il che ha provocato un comprensibile senso di reazione. La situazione sembra di una certa delicatezza e può esser indice della stato d'animo che si trverà man mano che l'avanzata procede verso il nord.

cap.M.Casil i d'Aragona
Patriot Representative

23 aprile 1945

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cap.M.Casilli d'Aragona
Patriot Representative

23 aprile 1945

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To : HQ AC Local Gov. Sub-Commission Patriots Branch
From : HQ AMG Umbria-Marche Region
Subject : Patriot Representative PESARO
Ref : R5/507/24
Date : 21 April 45

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1. Reference your 51/17/ENG/PAT 7th April 1945
2. The u/q copy letter PU/A/155 re above is forwarded for your information.

For the Regional Commissioner

S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

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PESARO PROVINCE
UMBRIA-MARCHE REGION
C M F

Subject: Patriot Representative Pesaro
To : Capt. Margheri
HQ. Umbria-Marche Region
From : P.C.

Ref.: PU/A/155
Date: 17 April 45

Ref your R5/507/24 dated 10th April.

1. The Prefect has been asked to requisition a car for him and is endeavouring to do so.

2. When he has a car he will be given the necessary circulation permit.

for C.A. MARRY

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S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

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UMBRIA-MARCHE REGION
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Subject: Patriot Representative Pesaro
To : Capt. Margheri
HQ. Umbria-Marche Region
From : P.C.

Ref.: PU/A/166
Date: 17 April 45

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for C.A.WARREN, Major, A.U.S.,
Provincial Commissioner,
Pesaro-Urbino Province.

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/t/ B. WHITE, Major,
Executive Officer.

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Translation

From : 8 Army Patriots Branch (Capt. Casilli d'Aragona)

Ref. 00149

Subject : Report No 12.

To : HQ/ A.M.G. 8 Army

: HQ/ A.C. Patriots Branch

Observations:

1) Capt Casilli d'Aragona feels the necessity of better contacts between himself and the central bodies. It appears that all the reports he sent in during the last 8 months have received no reply. He does not therefore know if she has interpreted correctly the instructions issued by A.C. Patriots Branch.

2) He has sent in a separate report for the areas he has visited.

3) Concerning the assistance he point out the necessity of paying the various classes of compensation at the earliest possible opportunity and eventually at the time when the Alexander certificates are issued. It is therefore necessary that the Ministry of Occupied Italy should see that the necessary funds should be available in due time where and when required.

Original passed to M.O.O.I.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 51/17/Eng/PAT. 12 April 1945.

Subject: Assistance to former Allied Ps.o.W.

To : H.Q. AMG. 8th Army.

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1. Ref the last paragraph of report No. 11 (ref 00/107) dated 1 Apr from Capt. Cecilli D'Aragona, Patriot Representative with your HQ.

2. For your information is given below an extract from a letter from the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) concerning the procedure to be followed with regard to claims connected with assistance to former Allied Ps. o.W. May the attached Italian translation of this letter be passed to Capt. D'ARAGONA for action please.

3. Extract from ASC/6-9/MJM/mm/6 dated 10 Mar 45. F120/53/2.

" Citizens who can prove to have given assistance to Allied ex Ps.o.W. should apply to nearest Provincial Finance Office, bringing with them all original documents signed by Allied ex Ps.o.W.

" These applications will be channelled to Allied Screening Commission (Italy) who will investigate and where necessary authorise payment. "

F. CRAIG,
Lt.Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

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Translated by J.D.R.

Al ' HQ. AMG 8 Army

Oggetto: Assistenza ad ex prigionieri di guerra Alleati.

1. Si fa riferimento all'ultimo paragrafo del rapporto n. 11 (n.00/107) datato 1 Aprile del Cap. CASILLI D'ARAGONA, rappresentante dei Patrioti presso codesto Comando.

2. Per conoscenza si trasmette qui appresso un estratto di una lettera della Allied Screening Commission (Italy) che concerne la procedura da seguirsi nei confronti di richieste attinenti ad assistenza prestata dd ex prigionieri di guerra Alleati. Si prega di inoltrare l'allegata traduzione in Italiano della presente lettera al Cap. D'ARAGONA per le necessarie misure.

3. Estratto della lettera ASC/6-9/HJB/RB/6 datata 10 marzo 1945.

"Quei cittadini che possano dimostrare di aver prestato assistanza ad ex prigionieri di guerra alleati debbono richiedere il rimborso delle spese sostenute al piu' vicino "Provincial Finance Office" presentando tutti i documenti originali firmati da ex prigionieri di guerra alleati.

" Dette richieste verranno inoltrate alla Allied Screening Commission (Italia) che effettuera' gli accertamenti necessari ad autorizzare il rimborso o il pagamento".

Lt.Col. F. CRAIG,
D/Director, Local Govt S/C.

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Translated by J.D.M. 19

TO : Hq. AC. Patriots Branch
and for information
TO : HQ. AC. AMG 9th Army
SUBJECT: Report No. 11
DATE : 1 April 1945
REF : CO/107

Following the report No. 10 dated 17 February 1945

1 to 4 Feb. Forli
5 Florence
6 Siena
7 to 19 Rome. Contacts with A.C. Patriots Branch, with Patriots Office, with Ministry of Occupied Italy. Request of funds for partisan formations and preparation of assistance program.
20 to 21 Naples
22 to 23 Rome - Contacts with A.O.O.I.
24 Pesaro - Instructions to form the assistance
24 Committee
25 Cesena - Contacts with Hq. 8 Army and with H.A. Medical
26 Forli, same as above and AMG
27 Cesena same as above
28 Pesaro, same as above
1 March Faenza - Contacts with local partisans
2 Cesena, same as above and AMG
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17 War area - Visit to partisan formations
18 " " " "
19 Forli - 1st meeting of assistance Committee
20 Cesena - Contacts with Hq. AMG.
21 Faenza - same and partisan Command.
22 Fognano - same,
23 Ancona - same and local AMG
24 Brisighella, same and military Hq.
25 Castrocaro, same.
26 Faenza - Contacts with partisans
27 " - Meeting of assistance Committee

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Office, with Ministry of Occupied Italy. - Request of
funds for partisan combat use and organization of
assistance program.

20 to 21	Naples
22 to 23	Rome - Contacts with A.M.G.I.
24	Pesaro - Instructions to form the assistance
24	Committee
25	Cesena - Contacts with HQ. 8 army and with U.S. Medical
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22	Sogmaro - same,
23	Ancona - same and local AMG
24	Brisighella, same and military HQ.
25	Castrocaro, same.
26	Faenza - Contacts with partisans
27	" - Meeting of assistance Committee
28	" - Meeting of the Committee and payment of subventions
29	Castrocaro - Contacts with AMG
30	Forli " "
31	Forli " "

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Notes - The necessity for a speedy reimbursement of the expenses afforded by Italian civilians in helping former P.O.W. has often been pointed out. May I be allowed to draw the attention of competent bodies to the subject. I also wish to draw attention to CLAUDA Dino's case which was put forward, through HQ. AMG. Forli, Prov. Finance Office, in November 44.

(signed) Capt. CAMILLI D'ARAGONA
Patriot Representative.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 51/17/Eng/PAT. 7 April 1945.

Subject: Patriot Representative, PESARO.

To : HQ. Umbria-Marche Region.

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1. Ref the report from the Patriot Representative at PESARO forwarded under cover of your R5/307/24 of 31 March 45.

2. The authority quoted by Capt. MARCHETTI in para 10.2.(a) is now out of date and will be cancelled in the new Patriot Directive about to be issued. His transport should be requisitioned for him by the Prefect, who it appears is willing and able to do so.

3. His difficulties with regard to a circulation permit are not understood, as it is not thought that neither your HQ or AMG 8th Army can have any objection to providing him with such permits as are necessary for the performance of his duties.

4. May this point be investigated please.

F. CRAIG,
Lt.Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt S/C.

Return file to me after Rec 2 has been [illegible]

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L2 APR Recd 51/17 JDR for translation 2/14/45

TO :- Civil Affairs Section, Patriots. Branch. AC
FROM :- HQ. A.C. Umbria Marche Region.
SUBJECT :- Patriots Representatives Report.
REF :- R5/507/24
DATE :- 31 March 1945.

The w/q copy letter and two copies of report are forwarded to you as requested.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

S.PICKERING,
Lt. Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

C O P Y

Subject: Weekly report Patriots Representative Ref: PU/A/155

To : Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi-Marche Region

From : P.C. Pesaro-Urbino Province. 26 March 1945

1. Herewith the report of Capt. Marghera, Patriots Representative, attached to this HQ.

2. Please forward the two extra copies to HQ. A.C. - C.A.S. P.B. and to Ministero Italia Occupata, Sottosegretario di Stato.

/s/ C.A. WARREN, Major, A.U.S.
Provincial Commissioner,
Pesaro-Urbino Province.

Encl: Three Copies.

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1 APR 1945
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Translated by J.D.R.

FROM : HQ. CMG Pesaro Province, Abruzzi-Marche Region, Patriot Repts.
TO : Provincial Commissioner.
SUBJECT: Report.

1. Visited areas.
The organisation of my office, the formation of the commission, and the lack of transportation have prevented me from establishing contacts with the patriots of the province and forming a clear idea on the situation in various areas and communes.

2. Political tendencies.
The political tendencies of partisan formations which already showed a tendency towards extreme policies during the underground period, have now become decidedly communistic. According to information I have received the situation has been and is quiet. There have been no incidents worthy of note.

3. Collection of arms.
Having no data concerning the collection of arms in our files, I have gathered information from the leaders and vice commandants of the bands. Such information is fully truthworthy but I plan to check it as soon as it is possible to establish contacts with partisan and non partisan elements on the outskirts.

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Summing up: It is my belief that the "V Garibaldi Brigade Pesaro" has been disarmed almost entirely. With regard to the Brigata Garibaldi Bruno Lughi and the G.A.P., on the contrary, I believe that only a partial demobilisation and collection of arms has taken place and was effected in a most unsatisfactory manner.

I have often been told that much attention is given to disarmament of patriots and little to the disarmament of other persons. And this was the case after 8 September 1943, and the German retreat, when many people were able to obtain and retain arms.

It appears that fascist elements are keeping their arms for personal defense or in vague hopes of offensive returns. Others keep them for personal defence or for the defence of their property, others to trade them, and others having become sentimentally attached to them (especially where pistols are concerned), finally others keep their arms for political reasons.

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4. Enlistments.

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About 400 patriots have been enlisted, it is believed though that this figure is below the actual figure because at present it is impossible to check enlistments of members of small formations not included in the reports and lists of the Brigades.

It would appear that many more wish to enlist. The Mayors of the Communes, considering the fact that enlistment are temporarily suspended, have been requested to keep a list of all those who wish to enlist.

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5. Reemployment.

I do not know the number of patriots that have been reemployed to date. It appears from the files that a few mayors(in reply to a request from AMG) have reported the number of unemployed patriots. These lists are not complete (the data necessary to proceed to reemployment is missing) and represent 4 Communes only. These lists show that there are 53 unemployed.

I believe this is one of the most important problems to solve. I will do every-thing possible to reach a satisfactory solution.

6. Repatriation.

About 20 patriots have been repatriated. In the province there are still many patriots from Northern Italy, as soon as possible, I will arrange that they find a satisfactory position in civil life.

7. Issue of certificates.

Certificates have already been issued some while ago. It appears that many worthy persons have not received the certificate because they were not members of the major bands, or for other reasons.

I will investigate the situation and possible a new issue of certificates may be necessary.

8. Ceremonies.

On 25 of February the "Day of the partisan and of the soldier" was celebrated. It was not possible to accept volunteers because of the suspension of enlistment.

9. Hospitalisation.

None. A short while ago a patriot from Lombardia was wounded while clearing mines. As a result he had to have a leg amputated. I wish to be informed if there is a convalescence home where the patriot could be sent awaiting the liberation of his home.

10. Notes.

1. The selection I intended to do amongst the patriots has proved impossible because of the time that has elapsed since the liberation. In the past it would have been possible to obtain the bona fide collaboration of the patriots leaders, to-day it is much more difficult because the leaders are all interested in showing that they have been commanding very large formations.

2. It is of paramount importance for my work that a motor vehicle should be put at my disposal. HQ. AMG. 8th Army have authorised me to hire a motor car at the normal rates. The Prefect of Pesaro has offered to requisition a motor car; in this case I would meet with difficulties concerning the circulation permit from A.M.G.

Therefore I wish :

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(b) If this is possible, and in consideration of the fact that the motor vehicle requisitioned by the Prefect (civil authority) could be used by an officer attached to AMG , that I be granted authority to use the normal Allied military permit.

(c) The above is requested because it may be impossible find anybody willing to hire a motor car while it would be easier to requisition one that the owner is keeping out of circulation hoping to use it in better days.

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(d) Meanwhile, in order to avoid any further delay, should I find a motor car for hire, I will take it forthwith having definite settlement pending awaiting an answer to para. (a) and (b).

5. The provincial Patriot Committee has been formed. The Office is being organised with equipment that the mayor of Pesaro is placing at my disposal.

(signed) Capt. Mario Marghieri
Patriots Representative,
HQ. AMG. Pesaro-Urbino Province.

Copy to : Regional Commissioner
HQ. AMG 8th Army, Patriots Branch
HQ. A.C. CA.Section, PatriotsBranch
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Translated by J.d.R.

FROM : Lt. B. De LUCA, Patr.Rep.8th Army,Canadian Corps
TO : Maj. Corbin, A.C., HQ., 8th Army
: Maj. Guiscard, ASG, 17 Main CanadianCorps.
: HQ. AG. Patriots Branche.
DATE : 26 January 1945.

The second half of January was spent in collecting at Ancona and Jesi the necessary equipment for the organization of the Partisan Centre and to look for an adequate building in Ravenna.

Such has been equipped with indispensable installation will accomodate up to 500 partisans. At present recommendations are foreseen for 300. The centre will begin operating from 1 February. For the above reasons it was impossible for me to inspect the area of the Canadian Corps, but I understand that there are no wars.

Partisans up at the front live in good harmony with the Italian Soldiers, who praise the behaviour of the latter. In town also there have been no difficulties. In towns now show more interest for the National Army.

No recruiting officer has so far come in this area with the exception of a Captain who once came to contact us and never returned.

The growing desertion of the partisans in carrying out a campain favourable to the Army, and this attitude has coincided with the return from Central Italy of Commander "Bulow".

During the last days 20 more patriots have been demobilized, and one of them asked and found work, the other 19 being peasants have returned to their land. Of them, two came from Southern Provinces and were repatriated. Three russian partisans have been passed and recommended to P.S.S. for repatriation.

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Partisan strength return is the following:

At the front	262
At rest	67
At the deposit	56
In hospital	51
Convalescents	17
Detached to various assignments	39
Total Strength	502.

De-militarized patriots who could not return to their homes, these being still in occupied territories, are about 30 and their number will augment within the next few days. They will stay at the centre until repatriation will be possible.

It will therefore be necessary that rations be sent from 1 February, when the centre's kitchen will be in operation we will feed also the de-militarized patriots who are in hospital.

The patriots representatives office have been established in Via di Ripa 126, ROME A.

(signed) Lt. DE LUCA
Patriots Representative,
8th Army, Canadian Corps.

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Tel. Ext: 93

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

SUBJECT :- Patriot Representative's Reports

OA/200
2 Feb 45

PATRIOTS BRANCH, HQ AC

1. The attached reports from Major A. MAGRI and Capt Casilli d'ARAGONA are forwarded for your information and any necessary action.

H. G. [illegible]
GSO II,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

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FROM : Commandant Gabriele Pietroti,
the Mil.Pen. with the Polish Corps.
TO : Major Mayer, AMG-CIC, Recv. 5 Corps.
SUBJECT: Report No.4, 1 Annex.

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Wicked rear. On 29 and 30 January, in Ancona (Marche). Considerable activity of the patriots numbering from 130 to 150, 100 of which belonging to the S.A.P. Pelt., 15 to the GAP detachment of 28th Brigade, about 10 in the 36th Brigade Garibaldi, very few in the "Comacchi" formation.

Political tendencies. Communist in the members of 36th Brigade Garibaldi and of Ancona (many members belonged to these formations not so much for their political ideas as for the other organization of the units.)

Non political in the members of the GAP and Corbari band.

Collapse of arms. Arms have been turned into the H.Q. following the Allied orders. I will presently send in the figures of collected arms. During the underground period an abundant quantity of arms was merely totally lost because of abandonment of the ordnance.

Present situation of the patriots. The transfer from guerilla to normal life has taken place with no hindrances. Almost all patriots have returned to civil life. Those who had their families in other provinces have been repatriated. There have been no enlistments yet in the Italian Army although many patriots want to enlist and await the arrival of recruiting Authorities.

Losses. Six patriots fell among wounded in hospitalized at Ancona and the local C.L.N. given a daily subvention of 50 lire no less dependents. The Brigadiers C.L.N. has distributed about 5,000 lire to the patriots of the area.

The Zone I Patriots Committee has not yet been instituted and the Mayor in Ancona, appointed by the C.L.N. in the "Comune" there are several patriots.

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Suggestions. Many patriots want to enlist in the Italian Army, and although I signalled the names to the 3rd recruiting detachment nothing has so far been done. I suggest that Patriots Representatives be authorised to decide directly about the patriots who have find applications for enlistment.

Personal situation. May I point out again that I must be given a roadworthy motor car or at least 5 new tyres which I could fit on a motor car which could be hired or requisitioned. But I must have a means of transportation and cannot be dependent of half hazard motor vehicles which might or might not be found.

I enclose a form of the displacement of the main formations that operated in the area.

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

(signed) Major Magri.

Dovedale 27 January 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH.

Ref: 51/17/Rue/PAT. Ext. 374

Subject: Enlistments in to the Army. 6th Feb, 45.

To: HQ. A.M.G. 8th Army, 5 Corps

Report No.10. 12

Reference paragraph 2 of Patriot Representatives letter No. 0053 dated 1st February 1945 on the above subject. Information is incorrect. Patriots may still be enlisted.

We suggest the Recruiting Officers in Eighth Army area be contacted forthwith.

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

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Translated by J.P.N.

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FROM: Patrols Representative, MANILA
TO : Patrols Branch A.C. H.Q., SCAP
AND THE FOLLOWING ON:
to : Hq. A.G. 4th Army
: Hq. A.G. 5th Corp
: S.A.C., MANILA
REF : CCMC
DATE: 23 January 1945.
SUBJECT : Partisan activity.

I herewith transmit the reports and the lists of the guerillas who operated in the Province of Bataan, for the Cement of Manila and neighbourhood.

Separate such lists have been duly screened and approved by the Provost M.P. who was ruling on the above formation during the underground period.

The combat letter will be issued on 25 January by the G.H.Q. of Bataan.

(signed) Capt. C-Fld Officer.

Attached 1 report CAP, 2 G.O.I., 1 Bott. Revenue, 1 supplement to Bott. Command.

Detailed reports of the guerilla activities are of no interest to the Patrolers Branch. They are strictly a concern of the Personnel Office of the Presidency of the Council.

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FROM : Hq.Allied 8th Army, 5 Corps
TO : AG. B. - Patriots Branch, Rome.
REF : 0053.
DATE : 1 February 1945.
SUBJECT : Report No.10.

Jan.15. - Faenza. Collection of reports of the Partisans of the GAP (ex Ravenna Gatt).
Jan.17. - Cesena. Issue of certificates to GAP Groups.
Jan.18. - Forlimpopoli. Check of activities of the Forlimpopoli Committee.
Jan.19. - Ravenna. Check of reports and collection of data of the G.A.P. groups.
Jan.20. - Forlimpopoli. Contacts with local partisan Command.
Jan.21. - Cesena. Local C.A.C. issues the certificates to the G.A.P. group.
Jan.22. - Russi. Contacts with C.L.N. in order to obtain data on the local G.A.P.
Jan.23. - 24. - Faenza. Check of partisan activity, organisation of the ceremony connected with the issue of the certificates. Meeting of the local C.L.N.
Jan.25. - Forlì. Inspection of the Zona del Partigiano.
Jan.26. - Faenza. Issue of certificates (vide letter n.0048).
Jan.27. - Faenza. Employment of a few partisans.
Jan.28. - Sogliano. Contacts with the local partisan Command.
Jan.29. - Savignano. Contacts with the local partisan Command.
Jan.30. - Forlì. Contacts with the recruiting Agencies.
Jan.31. - Ravenna. Contacts with the Partisan Command.

Notes. (reference is made to your letter n. 36/INT dated 28 december last).

1. Collection of data in the localities mentioned in this report, has been done directly by Allied Units who do not give a receipt, any kind of check up is therefore impossible. Only when meeting organized bodies of patrioms it is possible to get a correct data; but when there are small units or local groups, disagreement is very difficult and can be considered as non existent (reference to all previous correspondence).

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2. Enlishment in the Army. I have already previously signalled the ultraselfishness of the recruiting agency, at least as far as green North of Cattolica and on the Adriatic shore are concerned.

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I am aware of the considerable difficulties that were met, but I believe that much more could and should have been done. I understand that on 26 January enlistments were suspended. Could you please give me confirmation of this news (vide report G.I dated 10 Sept. last and letters ref. 0044 dated 25 Jan. last and letter ref. 0020 dated 17 Jan. last.).

3. Issue of certificates. Considering the importance of the matter, I have always sent the lists of those to whom certificates were being issued. Foreseeing the large bodies of patriots that will be met in the future it will be necessary to give bigger lots of certificates to the C.A.Cs. and A.H.Q.I.C. not to be caught short of certificates when the necessity will arise.

4. Suggestions. I refer to my letter ref. 0044 dated 23 Jan. and I find that closer liaison amongst the Patriots Representatives would be necessary. A fortnightly meeting could be held to exchange ideas and mostly to adopt the same policy. Closer contacts with the center would also be useful.

(signed) Capt. Quilli d'Arragon.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

SUBJECT :- Patriots

OA/200
19 Jan 45

PATRIOT BRANCH, Hq AC,
APO 394

1. Enclosed herewith for your information is report from Capt E. Casilli d' Aragona, Patriot Representative, 5 Corps Area.

E. C. Casilli
GSO II,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

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translated by J.D.P.

To: ACHQ Patriots Branch. Rome.

Subject: Report No. 9.

Ref: 0021

Date: 15th January, 45.

1st Jan. FORLI

2nd Jan. FORLI at the "Casa del Partigiano". Courses for research and neutralisation of mines have begun - teachers and instruction material have been supplied by Eighth Army HQs. Two officers of the Italian Army (Magg. Basili, 2 Ten.Salvatori) attached to Emilia region, who will direct the work when the course will be completed, attend the course.

3rd Jan. MELDOLA - contacted local partisan command.

4th Jan. FAENZA - first contacts for demobilisation. Instructions for the institution of a Welfare Committee.

5th Jan. RIMINI. Upon orders of HQ AMG Eighth Army I returned to Rimini to get in touch with the Partisan Committees and control their activities.

6th Jan. PESARO - Meeting of all the representatives of the Partisan and institution of a new Committee.

7th Jan. FANO - ANCONA - Meeting with the representatives of the partisans. At Ancona meeting with the president of the ANPI.

8th Jan. PESARO - Reunion with the commanders of the partisans.

9th Jan. URBINO - Reunion with the commanders of the Partisans.

10th Jan. RAVENNA - Contacts with the Patriots Representative and with the Partisan command. 1682

11th Jan. FAENZA. Contacts with the Partisan Command.

12th Jan. FORLI. Inspection of the "Casa del Partigiano" and of the training courses for the mines.

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13th Jan. CESENA. Contacts for the institution of a Partisan Welfare Committee.

14th Jan. CESENA - FORLI. Contacts for the ceremony connected with the issue of certificates at Cesena.

15th Jan. FAENZA - Preparation for the issue of certificates at Faenza.

Observations concerning enlistment of partisans.

I refer to the letter No. 0022 of same date. May I point out that I would consider the opportunity of boosting the recruiting agencies, and of a closer cooperation between recruiting agencies and Patriots Representatives.

Means of Transportation.

As often signalled, it is indispensable that Patriots Representatives should have serviceable means of transportation. At present the hired motor car assigned to me has the tyres which are entirely inadequate. Tyres are unavailable onthe place, and Allied HQ cannot supply a whole set of tyres. I point this out so that provisions may be taken in due time and thus avoid a standstill in the work.

(Sgd.) Capt. CASILLI D'ARAGONA.

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Translated by J.d.R.

OFFICE OF COL. Remo CORRADI.

Liaison officer at the 8th Army with Patriots Bands operating in liberated areas.

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20 November 1944.

To : H.Q., A.C. APO 394

Copies to : HQ. "Raggruppamento Bande" for Central Italy " ROME

REPORT ON PASSED ACTIVITY.

Following my letter dated 10 November 1944 I inform ~~to~~ of the following

- On 16 November I went to Macerata to bring some documents concerning the screening of Patriot non commissioned officers and to ask Allied Authorities to hasten the issue of certificates to the "Sparteco" Brigade.

- On 17 November I went to Jesi to give the AMG Officer the documents concerning 351 certificates already issued and received by the above officer.

- On 18 November in Ancona to hand to the Command of the "Ancona "Brigade the list of the Patriots who died and whose families have already been awarded the 5.000 lire compensation. Such list had been requested by the Provincial Commission for the assistance to Patriots.

- On 19 November I returned to Jesi to fetch the documents of operational actions of the II Settore (underground military organisation) and to give a few certificates.

- At Macerata I found out, from the Patriot Nicola Rampa, that the 36th Brigade "Garibaldi" - Bianconcini - presently in Florence, was commanded by "Bob" of Faenza, and operated at Brisighella. The Brigade is an off-spring of the Centro Patrioti of Bologna.

Strength : about 1600 men;
Formation : 3 Btgs. each of 5 Companies.

Political tendencies: Prevailingly comunist; a minority has no political tendencies.

The Brigade is now in Florence, billetted at the Rossini Barracks.

signed Col. CORRADI Remo.

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Translation

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To : Patriot Branch. HQ A.C.C. ROME
Copy 8th Army H.Q. A.M.G.
X Canadian Corps.

Oct. 8th 1944

Subject : Patriots report n°5
Following report n° 4 dated oct. 18 - 1944

18 Oct. RICCIONE - Reunion of the C.L.N. to examine a report of some local citizens to obtain the recognition of partisans. The C.L.N. expresses a contrary opinion which is approved by the writers.

19 Oct. CATTOLICA -Got in touch with the 8th Army P.W.B., for serial articles on the partisans.

20 Oct. PESARO - Obtained the supplementary lists of the Brigata Lugli, and forwarded them to the C.A.C. for the award of certificates.

21 Oct. CESENA - First contacts with the local C.L.N. and with the partisan Commanders. Operations being still in progress in the Area, after greeting and thanking them, the forwarding of the report has been postponed.

22 Oct. S.GIOVANNI Surrender of arms by one group G.A.F.

23 Oct. RICCIONE - Reunion with the Commanders of the Conca Area.

24 Oct. PESARO - Formation of a committee for the assistance to the Patriots, and introduction of the members to C.A.O.

25 Oct. PAGNO DI ROMAGNA Contacts with the C.A.O. and with local partisan Commands to start the work of checking up and verification in this Area, as per instructions of 8th Army H.Q.

26 Oct. 8th Army H.Q. for general instructions.

27 Oct. CATTOLICA -To hand in the report to the C.A.C. and clarification of the position of the partisans of the Area.

Observations. The motor vehicle assigned is nearly unserviceable. Another one has been requested from the local Allied Authorities. In consideration of the state of the roads it is essential that Motor Transport should be in perfect running order; the assignment of semi unserviceable motor vehicles means only a waste of time, hindrance to the service and necessitates constant application to local authorities who have their own exigiencies and who can not always detach motor vehicles from their own duties for our use.

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We enclose a copy of the decisions adopted by the C.L.N. on oct. 19th.

The report recommending the award of the certificates for Riccione; mentioned at the meeting of Oct. 18th has been forwarded on Oct. 22nd.

The report of the introduction of the members of the Patriots Committee of Pesaro has been forwarded on Oct. 26th.

Prof. Aldo MORINIELLO

Cap. CASILLI d'ARAGONA.

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I R A N S L A T I O N

REPORT OF THE RE-UNION HELD ON OCT 18th

IN RICCIONE

Present : Viverelli major (Soc) Corazzini Vieri (Lib)
Bianchi (Com) Angelini (p.d.'Az.)
Salavotti (Com)

Capt. Casilli read a report on the partisan activity from July 1943 to the date of liberation -

The Committee unanimously approved the report.

Capt. Casilli read the report of the Pesaro C.L.N. inasmuch as it concerns the report of Tassani; he furthermore read the part of the report of the Brigata Lugli concerning the Tassani Report.

He questioned individually the members of the C.L.N. about granting Tassani recognition, together with the other members - The Committee unanimously expressed a contrary opinion, with the exception of Valmori Giovanni from whom precise explanations are expected.

Viverelli

Corazzini Vieri

Bianchi

Angelini

Salavotti

Cap. Casilli

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Ref : 51/Pat. 15 Nov.44.

Oggetto: Relazione dei Rappresentanti presso il X° Corpo Canadese.

Alla : Presidenza del Consiglio
Ufficio Patrioti.

Si trasmette per competenza la relazione del mese di ottobre n. 5, riguardante l'attività svolta dai Rappresentanti presso il X Corpo Canadese.

Col. G. FAVA,
Ufficiale di Collegamento,
Patriots Branch.

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Report — ~~Relation~~ of Capt. Guido REZZARA, Representative of the C.L.N. with the 8th Army. 10th Army Corps.

BIBBIENA - 9th September 1944.

1) The Major Dott. Mario MICHELINI is a dentist and a young, active, good element - The local Partisans say that he is of Communist ideas.- In this Commune all parties and partisans are represented. The C.L.N. has been dissolved.

Never the less the town is still under enemy fire and very calm. In general the situation is good. The partisans are still armed and are operating under the Allied Command. In the local barracks of the Carabinieri is arranged the third battalion Licio Nencetti on the 2nd Garibaldi Brigade under the Command of Lt. Socconi Raffaello : - the battalion is divided in three companies, each of them under the Command of : Lt. Giovanni Lastrucci; Lt. Tellini Vittorio; Lt. Villani Giuseppe. All excellent elements & well disciplined.- The activities of this band must be distinguished in two periods:

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Second Period: the band belonged to the formation leaded by Maj. Caponi, and encamped at Vallecchie (Falterona). After the disjunction of this band, this formation took an autonomous character for lack of connection (liaison) with other groups. In that period the band operated in the area of Pratobagno, Vallesanta (Rombocchi zone and in Romagna zone of Galetta, S. Piero in Bagno, Mandrioli, Falterona).

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Report about the report of Capt. Guido REZZARA, Representative of the C.L.N. with the 8th Army. 10th Army Corps. Bibbiena 9th September 1944.

Report about Capt. Villani Giuseppe, Lieutenant Nencetti, second Lt. Second Lt. Tellini Vittorio, second Lt. Lastrucci Giovanni

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of the 23rd Garibaldi Brigade, which is in Arezzo. They will be delivered to the Patriot Branch of Arezzo as soon as the band will have (performed) accomplish its actually actions.

The representative of the C.L.N.
with the 8th Army.
1st Corps.

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REPORT
~~Relation~~ No 1 of the report of the CIM - Giuseppe LEVI CAVAGLIONE to the 10th corps at Patriotic Branch - HQ ACC -
- R O M E -

6th September 1944

Situation at Figline Valdarno (Prov. of Florence).

In the area of Figline Valdarno acted a formation of partisans, commended by BRUNORI Narciso and by POGGESI Athos, both of Figline. I have discussed with them all the problems concerning the partisans. The formation was composed of nearly fourty men who acted in the territories of Figline, Bugella, Vaggio, Incisa, Monastero, Castelnuovo, Gaville and Pavelli. They killed about a hundred of germans and fascist and captured 15 german soldiers who were delivered to the British troops, they destroyed about a sixty enemy vehicles and sabotated about twenty E.Loco, and thirty bridges, as well as war material and rolling stock.
The formation had lost in fightings 5 killed (among them a polish deserter belonging to the german army, whose name is not known) 2 wounded and 2 prisoners.
The formation had for armament 1?1 guns and machine-guns - 20 of of them are at S. Giovanni Valdarno by a certain BILLI Guelfo and the other 11 are delivered to BRUNORI Narciso in the carabinieri barracks of Figline. The formation was of a communist political tendency. The desarmament has caused pain to the partisans, but ithas provoked no incident. Some of the partisans are now employed as auxiliary police, and they argue because they have to work with the carabinieri, who had just been at the service of the

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Germans, and had handed the patriots during the nazi-fascist period. The kind and correct behaviour of the British troops has favourably impressed the partisans and has elimated all points of attrition. Only one unpleasant incident happened among some civilians and a group of italian soldiers (No 2 A.K.G. Evacuation Camp) - who sang the fascist hymn "Giovinezza". The commander of that group is Lt TOTTI Tuccio. A woman and a partisan already wounded by the few mens had been ill treated by the soldiers. The incident has been closed later on without further consequences. To-day on my presence and upon my proposal the C.L.N. of Fiaiano held a meeting. After having observed the noise and the irrefutiness of the actions, which had been accomplished by the partisans, it has been promised to effect approximatly a ceremony in their honour and assign to each partisan, a sum of L. 1000 as a recompense of demobilitation. He also promised to help as much as possible the needy families of partisans, who were killed in the fight for the liberation.

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20 Ottobre 1944

Oggetto: Relazione Sig. LEVI CAVAGLIONE.

Alla Presidenza del Consiglio -
Ufficio Patrioti.

Si trasmette, per competenza, l'unita relazione pervenuta dal Sig. LEVI CAVAGLIONE, rappresentante del C.L.N. presso il 13° Corpo.

Col. Guido TAVA
Ufficiale di Collegamento,
Patriots Branch.
Civil Affairs Section.

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SUBJECT :- Weekly Report, Capt REZZARA

Main HQ, AMG,
EIGHTH ARMY
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PATRIOT BRANCH,
RC & MG SECTION, ACC HQ.

1. Please find herewith weekly report in duplicate, submitted by Capt REZZARA, Patriot Officer attached to 10 Corps.

2. Attention is drawn to the para which indicates transport difficulties of the reporter. Efficiency of these representatives is being adversely affected by reason of poor transport facilities.

3. There are Patriot representatives at SIENA unable to assume their duties because they were sent there without transport. This matter was discussed with Major DRAGE.

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Col. MAC GARRY		
Maj. MAC [illegible]		
Maj. DRAGE		
Capt. SILVADORI		
Col. FAVA		
C. C.		

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E. F. Rees
~~Staff Captain~~,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

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26 August 44.

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Arezzo : I contacted two Italian officers of the Patriot Branch for the Province of Arezzo, Lt. Antiocchia Corrado patriot representative of the C.L.N. and Lt. Torrini patriot representative of the Military Centre.

With the above mentioned representatives an agreement was made, which only needs the approval of Col. Griffin, with regard to the bands of the 23rd Garibaldi Brigade Pio Borri concentrating in Arezzo, that certificates should be distributed by means of the local Patriot Branch which is compiling lists of partisans wishing to enrole in the Italian Army. The Patriot Branch was also getting a list of undesirable elements. The Patriot Branch would arrange re-patriation of ex-partisans to their homes in liberated territory and would provide employment to ex-partisans of the area and of provinces still under enemy occupation. For the autonomous bands, that is, formations not under the 23rd Garibaldi Brigade, distribution of certificates would be made at the H.Q. of the bands by means of the local A.M.G. officer, possibly together with the Italian representative of the Patriot Branch.

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Capt. Rezzara
Patriot Representative of the C.L.N.
attached 8th Army 10th Corps.

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
Patriots Branch Rome

Aug.28th 1944

During the ~~last~~ past few days I went several times to Impruneta, where t e local situation repeatedly required my intervention. In said locality, there operated the "Arno Group" now "Teseo", organised by the demo-Christian Party (Committee of Liberation of Florence) under orders of Lt.A.A.De Luca. The group, of the strength of 200 men, was divided into 4 bands, respectively at Impruneta, Bagnolo, Pozzolatico and Galluzzo. In the Commune there was also a detachment of the 22 bis "Garibaldi" Brigade (organised by the Communist Party of Florence) under orders of a certain Pozzi, operating in liaison with the Arno Group. The disarmament of this last group was effected without any difficulty (there are still some partisans doing police-service); the communist detachment is rather reluctant to deliver the arms, especially in the locality of Tavarnuzze.

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I contacted the communist representatives, who excused themselves for their behaviour to the Mayor by saying that he is not a native (he is a Sardinian) and therefore not liked by the population, and moreover hostile to the Party. In order to accent collaboration they required a new mayor, and a number of members in the communal Council equal to that of the other organised party of Impruneta (the Demo-christians). Judging it impossible to grant such requests, as the Mayor had proved to be a very competent and honest man and was

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when trusted by ~~the~~ A.M.G..I did my best to persuade them. Following ~~this~~ the release of two young men who had been arrested,which helped ~~helped~~ to the pacification,the communists promised to change their minds and to examined the possibility of joining ~~to~~ the Council. They also promised to try to persuade the Tavernuzze communists to deliver the arms no later than Aug.31,as fixed by the C.A.C.. The situation at Impruneta is now less strained.

I then went to Reggello Valdarno,where there had been operating a "Tricolore Persec" formation,organized by the demochristian party of Florence,of the strength of 100 men,under orders of Politi Giuseppe.,called "Braccio forte". The band was operating since March in the area from Consuma to Castelfranco;it had a very good individual armament,1 skoda; 3 "mitra": ~~it had had~~ 3 of its men had been killed. When I visited them, about 60 men were still serving with the allied Commands, patrolling and ~~reconnoitring~~ doing reconnaissance work in the zone of Reggello,Castelfranco and Pian di Ecc. For this reason it did not appear to be fit to talk of disarming and dissolving the band; but I do not think this will offer any difficulty.

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The Representative of Patriots

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The Representative of Patriots
With the 8th Army.
(Dott. Luigi Bianchi d'Espinosa)

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Patriot Representative of the C.L.N.
attached 8th Army 10th Corps.

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Patriot Representative of the C.L.N.
attached 8th Army 10th Corps.

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Aug.26 1944

PATRIOT BRANCH

R. . ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION ROME

Following my letter of Aug.19th, which remained as all others unanswered, I enclose a copy of the weekly report which I have delivered to-day to the ANG of the 10th Corps.

I need not add that I am repeating the requests I made in my former letters.

representative of the C.N.I.
with the 8th Army, 10th Corps

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REPORT OF CAPT. GUIDO REZZARA REPRESENTATIVE OF C.L.N.
WITH THE THE 8th ARMY, 10th CORPS

Aug. 26, 1944

REPAIRS TO MOTOR VEHICLE: As I had ~~foreseen~~ anticipated in my former report dated 19 c.m., during this week my activity was nearly ~~non existing~~ nil owing to the lack of transport. In Arezzo it was impossible to find a car which could be requisitioned, or a work-shop with spare-parts for the necessary repairs, so that I had to send the car to Perugia to the Boni garage. I expect it to be back in Castiglion Fibocchi to-night or at late t to-morrow morning.

AREZZO: I met there two Italian officers, representatives of the Patriot Branch for the province of Arezzo: 2nd Lt. Antiochia Corrado representative of the C.L.N. and Lt. Torrini representative of the Military Center.

Said representatives and I have agreed that, previous authorisation from Colonel Griffin, the release of ~~diplomas~~ certificates to all bands belonging to the XXIII Garibaldi Brigade Pio Borri, gathered, or about to gather in Arezzo, would be effected through the local Patriot Branch, which would also see to making lists of ex-partisans asking to be enlisted in the Italian Army. The Patriot Branch also agreed to make a third list of the undesirable individuals.

The Patriot Branch would also see to repatriating the ex-Partisans belonging to the South provinces already liberated, to reemploying the ex-Partisans of the Zone itself, and those residing in still occupied ~~occupied~~ North ern provinces.

To the so-called autonomous bands, i.e. those formations who refuse to join the XXIII Garibaldi Brigade, certificates ~~diplomas~~ will be awarded ~~released~~ in the center of the bands' residence by the local Governor and possibly with the intervention of an Italian representative of the Patriot Branch.

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LATTRINA: Yesterday certificates for the Raoul Band,which does not belong to the Garibaldi Brigade and calls itself autonomous,have been delivered to the Governor. The release to the ex-Partisans is scheduled Monday 28th and,if nothing interferes,I intend to attend the ceremony.

Lt.LASTRUCCI BAND : This is the band operating under orders of the Command of the First Reg.Indian Cavalry.- On date 24 c.m. the Italian liaison officer expressed again his satisfaction in the name of his Colonel,for the activities of

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Guido Renzema
representative of the C.I.N. with the 8th Army
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A.M.G. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION ROME

Further to my ~~lines~~ letters of 2nd, 5th and 12th inst., to which I have received no answer to date, I beg to hand you herewith copy of the weekly report which I have to-day presented to the A.M.G. of the 10th Corps. The reports dated 2nd and 12th were sent you through A.M.G., whilst the report dated 5th was handed to you personally by Prof. Guido Lucatello, Rome, with whom you can get in touch, if required, at the head office of the Partito Liberale Italiano in Rome, Via Frattina 89.

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TO CAPT. GUIDO REZZARA, REPRESENTATIVE OFC.N.L. WITH
THE 8th ARMY, 10th CORPS.

CASTIGLION FIBOCCHI. I visited the twenty partisans, commanded by Lt. Lastrucci of Florence, who are going to serve with the 1st Indian Cavalry Regiment in the Talla area. I delivered to them one "mitra" with four magazines which I had received from two partisans of Raoul's band on 12th August. Lt. Lastrucci is an excellent and experienced partisan leader. His men, who as Lt. Lastrucci himself know the area in which they will have to operate perfectly, are all excellent fellows. On the 16th inst. the Colonel commanding the Indian Regiment expressed his satisfaction to 2nd Lt. Rossi, Italian liaison officer, ~~with~~ for the profitable work which the partisan band is doing.

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The local partisans too have to be watched. The local Band was led by a certain "Bob", an ex-mechanic, a bad character from every point of view, who had been sentenced by the Arezzo Tribunal

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for common crimes. The band deserves its reputation of being ~~to be~~ a gang of thieves. I should deem it advisable to deny "Bob" the patriot diploma. The band is composed of 38 men. It was formed at the beginning of February and has been operating in the area of Lanciolini, S.Giustino Valdarno, Peterna, Arcuaberra, Levano. Bob, though owing to be a communist, maintains that the band was non-political. The arms have been delivered to the local Command of RR.CC. Most of the partisans have settled down.

LORO CIUFFENNA. Political situation satisfactory. Mayor: Brogi Mariano. He does not belong to any party, but is of liberal tendency. President of the Committee for Liberation: Pierilli Luigi, communist. Both active, honest, reliable men. The local band is from every point of view one of the best I have seen up to date. It is composed of 48 men still operating on demand of the British Command. Their service is highly appreciated, so that the Allied Command has provided them with new automatic arms. Commander: Rodolfo CHIESI, professor of natural Sciences in S.Giovanni Val d'Arno, infantry captain of the reserve, is a real animator and has succeded in making his band a perfect formation. The band was formed by him on Sept.25. It is absolutely non-political: the only aim inspiring all its members is the liberation of the national ~~ground~~ soil from the Germans and the fascists. I suggest that the Command should award the Commander and all the members a special praise. Area of operations: LORO CIUFFENNA, PRATOMAGNO.. The list of the members of the band has been delivered to the Governor of Terranova Bracciolini. The diplomas have not yet been delivered.

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8 Lebel guns, 8 T.S. muskets, 15 guns pattern 38, 42, 91; 1 German gun, 36 grenades, 202 magazines cl.6,5 and 8. Whilst 1 revolver, 3 Breda "mitra" 30, 1 Levis "mitra", 1 "mitra" Bren were delivered

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to Major Dolan of the British Army, who brought them to Loro Ciuffenna and put them at the disposal of the band commanded by Cap. CHIESI, whose brilliant activity I have already mentioned.

2 automatic revolvers were delivered to the A.M.G. Command. The men of the "Libero" band left on the 16th of the c.m. for Arezzo.

I have also conferred with CANNONI Aristo, commander of the already dissolved band "Ugo Cannoni". It was composed of 22 men, who have all settled down; it was a non-political band. The captain ~~dis~~ delivered no arms, saying that he had sent them back to the Mameli band of Capt. Chiesi; but I do not believe this to be true. Cannoni ought to be watched.

RaOUL Band . I have at last been able to meet the commander . This band is autonomous, non-political, composed of 38 men, most of whom ~~have settled down~~ are well organized. He will deliver the lists to the Governor of Laterina and of Pergna. He delivered the arms to the RR.CC. of Laterina: 28 Italian and 8 German muskets, 11 grenades, 103 Italian and 69 German magazines. I have a faint ~~feeling, not the certainty,~~ suspicion that the band may have hidden some automatic arms.

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4. REPORT

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PATRIOT BRANCH

ROME

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Last week I visited the Valdarno zone. In nearly all Comuni, Partisan Bands, mostly organized by the C.L.N. of Florence, were operating.

LORO CIUFFENNA= In this Comune a company of the 22bis "Garibaldi Brigade" (organized by the Communist Party of Florence) was operating. It consisted of about a hundred men, scarsely armed (13 guns, 1 tommy-gun). Zone of operation: Pratomagno. The formation is well disciplined and its work has been appreciated by the Allied Commands; when I was there the Patriots were being employed by said Commands especially in reconnoitering. I should think that when this service is over, there will not be any difficulty in dissolving and disarming said company.

In the territory of the Communes of S.GIOVANNI and of FIGLINE and CAVRIGLIA another company (4) of the same "Garibaldi Brigade" under control of the C.L.N. of Florence was operating; Commander: Candidate Officer BILLI Guelfo, resident of Cavriglia. The company amounted to 120 men and when they formed they had only 5 muskets and completed their equipment with arms (tommy-guns and muskets) taken from nazis and fascists. They have supplied excellent work performing acts of sabotage, attacking German columns, etc. I attach a brief report, signed by Billi. Even after the arrival of New-Zeelanders the company has gone on working with the Allied troops. When I was there only a detachment of this company was still operating, while most of them in the Comune of S.GIOVANNI had been released and was dissolved. The C.A.C. of this Comune complained [illegible] the same complaint we

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In the ~~Communi~~ Communes of S.GIOVANNI and MONTEVARCHI the local Committees of National Liberation, with representatives of the 5 Tuscan parties, are in full development. They are strictly collaborating with A.M.G. authorities and no difficulty has arisen. In CASTELNUOVO DEI SABBIONI and in MELETO the Nazi have perpetrated savage deeds when they withdrew, with mass execution of the male population; the Patriot Band under Command of Billi did the utmost to assist the inhabitants. I point out that in LORO CIUFFENNA the nazis hanged three old men and left the ropes hanging from the trees as a warning to the population.

Quite different is the band operating in TERRANUOVA BRACCIOLINI, which has been stigmatised by the Mayor, by other citizens and by the local A.M.G. authorities, rather as a gang of thieves than a band of Patriots. The inhabitants complain of unlawful actions of this band, who, even after the arrival of the Allies, have been causing incidents especially in the frazione of CAMPOGIALLI. The band is under orders of a person who makes himself be called by the pseudonym of BOBBI, and who appears to have been sentenced for theft. The band is composed of about 60 men; "Bobbi" insists that they were depending ~~on~~ upon the C.L.N. of Florence, but the Committee for National Liberation of the Terranuova Comune and the Mayor maintain that the band acted always independently and never took orders from any political authority. In effect the band, besides molesting the population, acted sometimes against the Germans from whom they captured some tommy-guns and some machine-guns. When I was there the situation was calming down; some of the men were still being employed by the Allied Command in reconnoitering. I had a long conversation with "Bobbi" in the presence of the local C.A.C. and he seemed to have been persuaded into releasing and disarming the band as soon as the service under

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In all the ~~Comuni~~ Communes which I visited I gave the Mayor and the Partisan leaders the necessary orders for the creation of Patriot Committees (as foreseen by notice 30/1/Pat of July 1 of this Section) which will see to the recognition of the

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Patriots and to their reemployment in ~~the~~ zone I and rehabilitation. Reemployment in the zone I am concerned with offers no particular difficulty.

I then visited some ~~Comuni~~ Communes of the Province of Florence. In CERTALDO operated a detachment of the "Garibaldi Brigade" "Spartaco Lavagnini" of Siena, led by Franz Bianchi (Called Guerri) under direct orders of the Command of the Brigade. It was composed of 20 men, well armed, ~~so much~~ inasmuch as they had been supplied by allied airplanes, ~~as~~ and because they had taken arms from the Germans. They performed several acts of sabotage (interrupted telegraph and telephone lines, blew up a bridge); disarmed some Germans and some "Militiamen" of the National Republican Guard, and handed over the city to the Liberators. At present the group is being dissolved; some men are still employed in police service at the orders of a marshall of the Carabinieri (himself an ex-Partisan); these men will also be released as soon as a sufficient number of carabinieri have come.

This Comune as well as CASTELFIORENTINO are among those which have suffered severe war damages. There is functioning a local C.L.N. to which, together with representatives of the Communist Party, belong men ~~fro~~ of different tendencies. The Committee works in close collaboration with the A.M.G. authorities. This Committee wanted, as well as the Partisans, to compel the ex-fascists to do compulsory work (same thing happened in other Comunes of the Province of Florence as I will specify ~~hereafter~~ later). I believe I have succeeded to persuade the representatives of the C.L.N. and the Patriot Leader to desist from this arbitrary and illegal activity.

In this Comune I must point out a certain Brogi, resident of a frazione of Fiano, described by everybody as a dangerous individual, and as a disturber of public order. He makes speeches and calls himself an envoy of the C.L.N. of Florence (but the Certaldo Committee absolutely disowns the doings of [illegible] to be verified in Florence

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orities.

Some political elements of the Commune of CASTELFIORENTINO are less favourable to collaborating with the A.M.G. Together with the C.N.L. I have tried to persuade them. In said city there are about 30 Patriots, some of whom served with the above mentioned "Lavagnini Brigade" of Siena, while some other served with the "Guido Boscaglia" which had been organized by the C.L.N. of Pisa. They performed various deeds, disarming Fascists and Germans (whom they handed over to the French troops); killing a marshal of the Republican Guard. These Partisans, like those of Certaldo, mostly belong to the Communist tendency. About ten of these men are still being employed in police service.

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On the Contrary, ~~to this~~ the local political situation appears to be rather delicate, owing to the fact that after the Liberation a second Liberation Committee was created, as the underground Committee (chiefly composed of immigrated men) and had strongly displeased the local people. Among others, the underground Committee was charged with falsifying a great many Liberation Bonds of the Tuscan C.L.N. As this rivalry

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might interfere with collaboration with the A.M.G., in a conference with the local representatives we came to the agreement that temporarily only the second Committee will function, till the C.L.N. of Florence (to whom I shall report as soon as possible) take the necessary measures. The same kind of difficulties has arisen among the Partisans, as a certain Bini, (a Patriot who had been working with the Lavagnini Brigade of Siena and had come to Montespertoli after the Liberation) had turned up as appointed leader of the local Partisans. Following the request of the C.A.O. and after agreements made with said Bini, we appointed Galli to represent the Patriots in the Comunal Council and to be responsible to the Allied authorities for the disarmament of the Patriots.

As I wrote in my last report (Aug.1) I again inform you that another company of the III Rosselli Brigade, who had been operating in the territory of Montelupo, have not been able to effect the order of retiring to Florence and have dispersed. Some men could pass the front-line, among others the Commander of the Company, Lt. Carli, who has been seen by the Montespertoli Patriots.

In the ~~Comuni~~ Communes of Tavernelle Val di Pesa and S. Donato in Poggio there was ~~acting~~ the "Faliero Pucci" Group, in touch with the C.L.N. of Florence, composed of 45 men at the orders of SIMONETTI Sebastiano. They fought three battles, capturing from the enemy some arms and a motor car; they had 2 dead. The Patriots have all been disarmed and are employed; those residing in liberated countries are beginning to repatriate.

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22nd bis Garibaldi brigade

VITTORIO SINIGAGLIA

4th Company

COPY OF LIST OF ACTIONS

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2 ACTION

Bridge called "Balestri" blown up: a large truck loaded with benzin destroyed, 5 Germans killed

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The Commander

1928

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1929