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FROM DEC. 1944

JUN 1945

CATALOGUE.

To : CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Minute No. 13.

A report has been received, copy attached as Folio 65, from our L.O. with 52 B.L.U. This report had been forwarded to the Minister of War drawing attention to the unauthorised and unofficial political action on behalf of Senore SCOCOMARRO and asking them to take whatever action they considered necessary in this matter.

19 June 45.
/agc

Colonel "A"
m.m.i.a.

SPHAW King

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To. V.P. CH.

Ref your letter enquiring regarding 60 first para.

In an interview with H.E. Nepici yesterday evening enquired what was intended by this statement.

He replied that it was a political statement intended to back up the action of C.N.A.I. who in the short interim period between the arrival of Allied and the departure of the enemy had immediately recalled the dream of the puppet Fascist government. It was a popular action there being particular allusions.

We are perfectly aware of the position of the Allies and have no intention of passing ^{any} further down on the subject.

18 MAY 45

R.A. Shippey

Good.
gph

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N° 11.

VP.

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R. R. Higgins

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gph

MP 21/5

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L. Galt (Patt)
8 JUN 1945

N° 12.

W. H. H. H. H. H.

MMIA.

See folio 65.

VP is of the opinion that telling Scoccimano that he is a "naughty boy" would be useless.

It is really a matter for the Government whose army, it is alleged, is being undermined. Would you care to take up with Minister of War

9 June

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MINUTE SHEET NO. 3

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Minute No. 8	
To: C.A. Section.	
See Folio 59.	
1. The remarks made by H.E. Scoccimaro as condensed in the review of the Press referred to, appear to show that he does not appreciate the policy of AMG with regard to Patriots. This is particularly in evidence in paras. 4 and 5. 2. I propose, with your approval, when I see him tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock to ask him for what reason he made these statements and from whence he got his information, because I am not in agreement with these remarks. I propose furthermore to make it quite plain to him that in the handling of Patriots in the North our main object is to get them rehabilitated as civilians and not to keep them in formed bands in residential camps or anything of the nature that is likely to keep them idle and with their arms. On the other hand we will treat them with all fairness and endeavour to find them work if necessary, and above all to return them to civilian life as ordinary citizens making arrangements whereby his representatives can carry out those things that are necessary by way of registration of their activities, payment and granting of such other rights as the Italian Government has granted to Fighting Partisans. 3. I can see no real object in asking him to withdraw his statements in the press as these are now several days old and it will only draw attention to the fact that they have been published. 4. I also propose to ask H.E. if he realizes that there is to be in the North of Italy, Allied Military Government, because from all the things that I have seen in the last seven days I can only conclude that he does not realise this fact.	
L.G.S.C.	
To Benito	
Local Govt S.C.	
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C.A. De Habitant has added a few	

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L.G.
by H.E. Scoccimaro
26 Sept. 45
PM

N.A.
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R.G. Scoccimaro

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To Director
Local Govt S.C.

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Henry H. Col

16 May

Auth.
L.H.
by N.A.
26 Sept. 45.
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N.A.
RAC
26 Sept. 45.
1/11

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C.A. Section

A precis of a report of an interview granted by Seccimano to the Italian press is given at (52), for your information.

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Lt Col. Director
Patriote Branch

22 March 45

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To: Patriots.

- 1) Your minute (5) and folio 52 have been brought to the attention of the V.P.
- 2) While it is quite true that S. is wrong in his premises and is "talking big", there does not seem to much reason for our being alarmed over a press report like this.

W.G.S. J. *W.G.S. J.*
C.H. Lee

24 Mar 45

RHS

Director Local Govt Sub Com.

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C.H. Lee

24 Mar 45

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W.A.S. J.

Director Local Govt Sub Com.

(59) for your information.

Patrols Branch.

23 Apr 45

M. Pasby
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6 Feb. 45	To: M.A.I.A. Folio 34. Ref. attached from P.M.C. 1. No information was given by Patriots Branch. 2. May we please have your comments. Craig Rue. To Patriots Branch. ② Ref above. 1. The statement made at F 34 is quite correct and is approved by M.A.A. 2. It is not known, however, how it got into the press — not through us! L.M. Long 203 McClellan M.A.A.	34
7 Feb. 45.		
13 Feb 45	Note: - As economy measure, agreed between Major Shee and S.I. or Rob. hand to read newspapers in Central Reference Library for two weeks beginning 16 Feb. 45. Patriots Branch newspapers to be cancelled for that period. Report from the Rob. hand expected 20 Feb 45	14
28 Feb 45	Note: For Central Patriots - Col Foran sent	4.

Branch.

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7 Feb 45.

To Patriots Branch.

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MVA

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Report from DeLoach dated 26 Feb 45

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28 Feb 45

Note *4.* Gen Cond Tabor - Col Fava spoke. Agreed that six Italian newspapers, representing the six main political parties, could be read in Col Fava's office & relevant extracts translated.

A.P.

C O P Y

Subject: Report on Political Incident involving
Discipline - LEGNANO GRUPPO.

To : OC 52 BLU

From : MMIA LO, 52 BLU.

I called at HQ LEGNANO Gruppo and had a talk with the Chief of Staff, Col GAROFOLI, regarding the above incident, for which I submit herewith the following report:-

It appears that the Minister Signor SCOCCIMARRO, Deputy Sec of the Communist Party, paid an unauthorised visit to the 68th Regt stationed in barracks at BRESCIA, on 23 May, and gave a political talk to the soldiers in support of his party, which is strictly contrary to all orders.

The OC 68th Regt, Col DE RENZI, had not been advised or had any knowledge of the Minister's presence until he arrived at a later hour, when he found the meeting had already concluded. He made his acquaintance with Signor SCOCCIMARRO and being a minister, he was careful to use a certain amount of tact and gave him to understand that at least he should have contacted him in the first place.

Col DE RENZI reported the incident to General UTILI, who in turn wrote direct to the Ministry of War with a full report, and also requesting a ruling as to what action he should take in the event of a further occurrence of this nature.

General UTILI did not report the matter to you as he considered it an internal affair.

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Captain.
MMIA LO.

8 June '45.

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Italia Nuova of 6 June 45.

Communist meetings in the barracks organized by Scoccimarro.

A few days ago in a Milano barracks, from the secondary entrance, suddenly a motor car and several lorries entered, bearing communist flags, signs and posters. They stopped in the courtyard and from the car the Minister of Occupied Italy, Scoccimarro, descended. He made a vehement and very sinister political speech to a group of ORs. Then one of the ORs was allowed to speak who expressed his personal opinions, anything but complimentary and often insulting for the Army and for the officers. According to the statements of some of the ORs who took part in this disgusting episode, it appears to be characteristic that a member of the Government, violating all the duties connected with his position, ignoring the regiment's C.O. should have hiddenly entered some barracks with the obvious intention of once again undermining the discipline of the Army, and should furthermore have permitted and approved a soldier insulting in his own barracks, his officers and the Italian Army.

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SO(M) Liaison Staff,

Rome.

4th June 1945.

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Patriots Branch,
Allied Commission.

Subject: Pay of PartisansReference telephone conversation
J/Cdr. PROBY - Captain ORME.Enclosed please find copy of a
despatch appearing in the "Manchester
Guardian" Weekly Edition dated 13
April 45, as requested.Captain,
SO(M) Liaison Staff.

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PARTISANS IN NORTHERN ITALY

From our own Correspondent. ROME, April 6

As the liberation of Northern Italy after nineteen months of German occupation becomes more imminent the Italian Government has been busy during the last few days making special decrees to meet the new situation.

The decrees recognise those partisans who have been acting under the Northern National Committee of Liberation as being entitled to all the emoluments due to regular soldiers. There seems no doubt now that regular battalions of partisans will be found in numbers in Northern Italy. The total is put at 100,000 by those who have recently been there, and many of these battalions will be needed for special duties as the Allied armies advance.

Already both on the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts partisans who have crossed the lines are working in harmony with the new Italian divisions now in the line.

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Review of the Press.

" IL TEMPO " 24 May 1945

" Il Tempo, an independent morning paper, in its issue of 24 May publishes the following, among other measures of the Italian Government: ". It appears also that Allied bodies, controlling the activities of the Ministry of War, have raised many and serious objections to the proposed intake of units and ranks, drawn from partisan formations, into the Italian regular Army.

Such intervention, notwithstanding the relaxation of the control, announced last February by Mac Millan, indicates how the Allies have maintained all privileges of interfering in all Military matters".

NOTE No other paper in today's issue has mentioned the above facts. It is to be expected, though, that other papers, and especially the various political parties press will make this matter the subject of editorials and more or less veiled criticism.

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ALL THE PRESS OF 21 May 1945

INDEPENDENTE - TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO ecc....

A proclamation of Cadorna for the surrender of arms.

In a proclamation addressed to all partisans and patriots of Corps of Volunteers of Liberty, Gen. Cadorna said the following:

" You have been generous and obedient during the uprising, also to-day you must be obedient and earnest in the surrender of your arms and in the return to civil life. It is indispensable that with your behaviour of these days you should give evidence of your political maturity, in order to avoid even the smallest doubt arising on your true attachment to the Country, and to reassure all the people that there will be no repetition of regrettable episodes, and that our true democracy does not mean to bestow privileges upon any body. Before the 7th of June, and according to the directives set by Allied Headquarters, under the responsibility of the leaders and of the war Commissars, all arms will have to be collected and turned in".

The proclamation, furthermore, states the provisions that have been taken in agreement with the Italian Government, by the Command of C.V.L. in order to protect the rights of the Patriots, hasten their return to civil life, and to productive activity, and sponsor their admission into the regular army.

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DECREES PASSED BY C.L.N.A.I.

H.E. Medici was asked by Col. Cripps how the C.L.N.A.I. could issue a decree abolishing laws and legal provisions issued by the Republican puppet Government in Northern Italy, during the German occupation, when a Decree of the Legitimate Italian Government had already abolished all laws and legal provisions of the puppet Government, since October 1944.

H.E. Medici replied that during the two days that C.L.N.A.I. remained in charge in Milan (being legitimately recognized by the Legal Italian Govt.) it was entitled to issue decrees and provisions.

Furthermore, the decree abolishing "Socialisation" of industries and trades was considered the most urgent law of the puppet Government which called for immediate repeal. Also, during the rule of C.L.N.A.I., none of the Legitimate Italian Laws issued in Rome since the German occupation of the North had officially reached the North.

The action taken by the C.L.N.A.I. was therefore necessary.

The matter was mentioned by the "Unità", as a result of information from Ministry of Occupied Italy, the source of which will be given to-day.

(see min 10)

M.P. 21 May 45

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"END OF A LINE"

THE FASCIST SOCIALIZATION, ABOLISHED WITH A DECREE OF THE C.L.N.A.I.

The Ministry of Occupied Italy ^{gives notice} informs of a decree issued by the C.L.N.A.I. abolishing the Fascist Socialisation of all firms.

The decree, ^{acknowledging} ~~establishing~~ the political maturity of the tradesmen, who were not lured by the demagogic and antinational plan of the republican fascism, ^{The decree} ~~establishes~~ the rules for the settlement of those firms that had been socialized by fascism."

by Cap di Rebilant

NOTE Quoted from the Communist paper "Unità" 15 May 1945.

During the republican fascist rule in Northern Italy, the puppet Government "socialized" all the firms, handing over to the tradesmen under State supervision, the control of all industrial and commercial concerns, thus abolishing all private enterprise.

The C.L.N.A.I., may well have issued a decree abolishing the socialisation, while in power in Northern Italy, i.e. during the German occupation, while certain emergency powers had been granted to the C.L.N.A.I. by the legitimate Italian Government.

All such powers, including that of issuing decrees, have ceased since the liberation and establishment of A.M.G.

Furthermore the Italian Government at the Cabinet meeting

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 which are only the privilege of the Italian Official Government. *only*

PAGE(S) MISSING

REVIEW OF THE PRESS

(see 59A)

22 April 1945

Almost the entire daily press today reports statements given yesterday by the Ministry of Occupied Italy, Scoccimarro, at a press correspondence:

He illustrated the plans which the Government, in agreement with Allied Authorities has made to cater for the needs of the partisans of the North, as these regions are liberated by the advancing armies.

He stated that as soon as a territory is liberated, all the partisans will be gathered into centres where they will receive the help and assistance and where they will remain in their own formations.

Those who wish it will be demobilized, and a bonus of 1000 lire will be paid to them; wounded and invalid patriots will receive 5000 lire compensation; while the dependents of the dead will receive compensation of 10,000 lire.

Those that are not be demobilized will receive the same pay as combat troops and may be reemployed for war police tasks, or in the rounding up of enemy parties left in liberated areas by Germans and fascists.

Mr Scoccimarro speaking of the employment of partisans said that they will be employed with the Carabinieri that the Allies are taking to the North.

Mr Scoccimarro continued stating that in liberated areas we have already achieved some results. It is known that partisan formations, have been fighting with acknowledged on the side of the Allies.

Three Centres have been organized where partisans are assisted, helped and equipped by the Ministry and by the Allies. There is also a hospital for partisans and a home for partisan women is being organized.

Furthermore the institution of the governmental committee, who will be charged with the implementation of the procedure agreed for recognition of the ranks of the Volunteers of Liberty up to Lt. Colonel, is being hastened.

Finally the Minister has announced that a decree will shortly be issued authorising a memorial ribbon (medal) as an evidence of having taken part in the partisan fight, which will to be granted to the volunteers of Liberty.

Other legislation is studied, which will grant to the partisans and their dependents, the same rights granted to the members of the Italian Forces, as concerns compensation, ~~retirement~~, and pension, as well as all other moral and material factors.

Comunicato del Ministero

Tempo

Espresso, L'Unità, Libération

La Repubblica - 18 Aprile - Sunday 22 Apr.

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" IL POPOLO " 22 Aprile 1945.

PER I PARTIGIANI DEL NORD. Un cordone sanitario-economico ci separerà dalle provincie del settentrione.

Nel pomeriggio di ieri S.E. Scoccimarro, Ministro dell'Italia Occupata, ha ricevuto i rappresentanti della stampa al Palazzo dei Miracoli. La ragione principale della riunione era l'illustrazione dei provvedimenti che saranno presi a favore dei partigiani all'atto della liberazione completa del Nord. A tale scopo in ogni provincia che verrà liberata, sarà costituita una Commissione provinciale formata da un rappresentante del M.I.O. di uno del C.L.N. e di uno della Prefettura. Saranno quindi approntati campi di raccolta ed ospedali per i partigiani (si suppone uno per ogni due provincie) ai quali saranno proposti ufficiali del M.I.O. scelti tra i partigiani stessi; i partigiani saranno utilizzati per il più rapido impiego bellico mantenendoli le loro formazioni; essi saranno impiegati inoltre in operazioni di polizia e di rastrellamento. Chi lo desidera sarà mobilitato e gli sarà dato un premio di lire mille, se ferito di lire cinquemila. Alle famiglie dei caduti saranno date diecimila lire.

Si sta inoltre accelerando la costituzione della Commissione governativa che dovrà curare l'applicazione delle misure deliberate dal Consiglio dei Ministri del 18 gennaio 1945, per il riconoscimento dei gradi rivestiti dai Volontari della Libertà (fino a quello di Tenente Colonnello). Sarà quanto prima approvato un Decreto per il conferimento di un nastrino a testimonianza della partecipazione alla lotta partigiana da conferirsi ai Volontari della Libertà e sono allo studio altri provvedimenti legislativi intesi, nel campo degli assegni, delle pensioni e di tutte le altre provvedimenti di carattere morale e materiale, a far riconoscere ai partigiani e alle loro famiglie gli stessi diritti riconosciuti ai militari dell'esercito.

Durante la conferenza Scoccimarro, richiesto se appena liberata l'Italia settentrionale verrà costituito un cordone sanitario-economico fra le provincie del Nord e quelle Centro-Meridionali, ha dichiarato che tale cordone vi sarà per evitare squilibrio di prezzi e di speculazioni.

Si tratta di un problema non solo economico ma anche di direzione politica.

Il cordone economico-sanitario dovrà avere la più breve durata possibile e tutta una serie di provvedimenti dovrà essere rapidamente approntata per effettuare la sutura delle due parti dell'Italia.

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in the following papers.

Tempo
Corriere del mattino
Risorgimento liberale
Avanti
Unita #
Italia nuova

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Article Headed "CHI STAMO"

This paper is being produced by partisans and is dedicated to partisans.

First of all we wish to be the voice of the Italian partisans, to express their thoughts, their wishes and necessities, their plans and in particular we represent the partisans that come more or less directly under the influence of No.2 Patriots Centre, 5 Army. Although we refer to the above partisans we endeavour to maintain general interest.

The problems of the partisans are many and we wish in this paper to contribute to clarifying them now and solving them in the future. These problems interest the organisation and the assistance of our comrades on the other side of the lines, as well as of those who have come through the lines and are operating at the side of Allied troops, or are being reorganised to reenter in the fight. But our principal concern is to explain, discuss and clarify what the real problem and the essential role the partisan will have to play in the reconstruction of the Country.

The reconstruction will have to be moral at first, material later.

The moral solidity of the Italian people has undergone severe trials during the 20 years of fascism. Flattery, personal ~~advancement~~ ^{hypocrisy} had come to take the place of devotion to duty, honesty and sincerity. The citizen from the first years of childhood onwards has suffered from all the organisation of the past regime and intellectual suffocation.

The 25th of July destroyed fascism and that dominating class, but has not cancelled the huge ruins in the moral field.

The partisan youth, the best part of our youth, which has felt the stronger impulses arising from an ideal of liberty and justice which have always remained alive, will have to make it their concern to lead the way in the period lacking direction which will ensue after the war.

(signed) GRESCIA.

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NOTE - This paper is edited by the Command of the Pesca Centre.
 Lt. William A. Woolford ~~manager~~ ^{responsible editor},
 Capt. R. Bianchini
 S. Ten. Agostino Pirotti (Italian Military Patriot Representatives
 Responsible editors.

It is not known who Grescia is. It contains a summary of war news and several imaginary stories of partisan life.

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The 25th of July destroyed fascism and that domineering class, but has not cancelled the huge ruins in the moral field.

The partisan youth, the best part of our youth, which has felt the stronger impulses arising from an ideal of liberty and justice which have always remained alive, will have to make it their concern to lead the way in the period lacking direction which will ~~come~~ ^{issue} after the war.

(signed) GRESCIA.

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NOTE - This paper is edited by the Command of the Pesca Centre.
 Lt. William A. Woolford manages ~~a responsible editor.~~
 Capt. R. Pianegiani { Italian Military Patriot Representatives
 S.Ten. Agostino Pirotti { Responsible editors.

It is not known who Grescia is. It contains a summary of war news and several imaginary stories of partisan life.

Extract from Minso of Charles,
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Secoimario

Asked if he knew anything about the departure of
partisan volunteers for the front line, as published in the
daily newspapers of April the 6th, he answered that he knew
nothing about, although he had requested information to the
Ministry of Interior. He also stated that if necessary he
would release a statement to the press on the matter.

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Translated by J.D.R.

FROM : HQ. AC. Patriots Branch
TO : M.O.C.I., Chief of Cabinet
REF : *81/PAT*
DATE : 5 April 45
SUBJECT: Avanguardia Partigiana.

We transmit the enclosed petition that the "Avanguardia Partigiana" has forwarded to the Allied Commission.

The organization claims to be legally instituted, but it does not appear to have any official recognition by the Italian Government, also we have reasons to doubt on its methods and tasks, we therefore believe that it should be dealt with likewise to the "Comando Superiore Partigiano".

We transmit the enclosed petition in order that action be taken if found necessary.

We would appreciate to be informed of the measures that you will take on the matter.

Lt.Col. F. BRATG.

/mfg.

Hold pending result of (5-4)

MP 6/4

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 81/PAT

5 Aprile 1945.

Oggetto: Avanguardia Partigiana.

Al : Ministero dell'Italia Occupata,
Cape di Gabinetto, Roma.

Si trasmette l'acclusa istanza che l'"Avanguardia Partigiana" ha inoltrato alla Commissione Alleata.

Trattandosi di un'organizzazione che si dice legalmente costituita, ma che non risulta sia riconosciuta dal Governo Italiano e sui metodi e finalità della quale abbiamo ragione di nutrire dei dubbi, si ritiene debba essere trattata alla stessa stregua del Comando Superiore Partigiano.

L'acclusa istanza viene trasmessa affinché codesto Ministero, qualora lo ritenga opportuno, prenda le misure del caso delle quali si gradirà avere notizia.

P. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt S/Com.

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Translated by J. D.R.

FROM : AVANGUARDIA PARTIGIANA
TO : General Direction Allied Headquarters, Rome.
DATE : 3 April 1945.

Excellency,

May I be allowed, on behalf of the Executive, to inform you of some plans that we wish to put into action.

This Command of the National Association of "Avanguardia Partigiana" (legally instituted) at the General meeting held in Rome on 19 March last decided to form amongst its members and with volunteers one or more partisan Battalions, which will receive military instruction in modern warfare and on the new automatic weapons and any other arms that are issued to them.

These Battalions will be commanded and instructed by Officers, and N.C.Os., drawn from the ex Italian Army. It is pointed out that we have decided to enlist in our formations a few medical officers. You should supply the above battalions with uniforms, shoes, arms, camp equipment, pay, stationery, rations, billeting, medicines, and motorised transportation. Such formations will operate in agreement with the National Army and with Allied Armies.

Three soldiers of the Battalion of "Avanguardia Partigiana" will be entrusted with a flag which they will take over the lines, going by sea, by land or airborne, or with such means as your Excellency indicates to us.

This Command wishes to establish in due time and place in the operational area in FLORENCE a Centre for all its armed members, more liaison Centres could be established between PISA and ANCONA.

This Command wishes to establish closer contacts with your Ministry through the appointment of purposeful and competent representative.

The premises which we occupy temporarily and which will be used to billet our partisan formations are situated in Via S. Michele (Trastevere) at the institute of that name.

Trusting to obtain a quick acknowledgement to the matters of this petition, I wish your Excellency will accept the expressions of my highest esteem

CENTRO ESECUTIVO

Il Comandante

(signed) Giovanni De Bernardo

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CENERO ESQUINO

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P.S. - We receive daily application from Officers, N.C.Os., and O.Rs. formerly belonging to the Italian Army, enlistment in our partisan formations. They wish to be allowed to fight with the volunteers of liberty. Being regularly transferred, the above personnel could become members of our military democratic family.

Note for the Director. It is my belief that the above letter should be forwarded to M.O.C.I. with the recommendation to deal with the "Avanguardia Partigiana" in similar way as they intend to deal with Comando Superiore Partigiano".

Cap. di Partigiani

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PRECIS OF ARTICLE FROM:

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO OF 5 APRIL 1945

Partisan Units leaving for the front.

The oath of allegiance. ~~ceremony~~ ^{ceremony} at the grave of the Unknown soldier and at the martyres of the Ardeatine Caves.

This morning about 100 members of Avanguardia Partigiana departed for Florence and the Front line. They were mostly Romans and Napolitans who had been irregimented by the "Avanguardia Partigiana". In the last few days over 1000 volunteers organized by the "Avanguardia Partigiana" and coming from the Naples provinces, from Calabria, Sicily and Umbria have equally departed for the front line. Billets and barracks of Avanguardia Partigiana seem to be established at the ancient Giubbonari School.

S.E. Scorsum's attention has been drawn to this article. His reply was "if necessary I would release a statement to the Press"

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To be discussed by D/D master
with Seccomano 6 Apr 45

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BU 7 Apr 45

REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 28-3-45" AVANTI "

U.S. recognize the merits of "Comando Superiore Partigiano".

Brigadier General William Donovan, Director of Strategic Services of the U.S. Government "as a testimonial of sincere gratitude for disinterested help", has sent to "Comando Superiore Partigiano" merit certificates for the collaborationists of the Comando who took a part in war services, during the German occupation of Rome.

Noted

no action to be taken

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS, 22 March 1945.

"GIORNALE DEL MATTINO"

An interview of Mr. Scoccimarro to the "Giornale del Mattino" concerning the partisan warfare, the present and future status of partisans in occupied as well as in liberated Italy.

Mr. Scoccimarro explained what the tasks and duties of his Ministry were, in connection with the partisans, what has been done on their behalf with the cooperation of the Allied : Patriots Centre, Patriots Hospitals and Patriot Women's Home.

Mr. Scoccimarro ~~was~~ furthermore stated that it can be assumed that the Partisans in the North must be about twice the number of the men in the regular Army. It is his belief that the majority will demand to be allowed to continue the fight, and will therefore have to be received wholesale into the Army. A part of them should be employed on various police duties behind the lines, and the remaining should be reemployed in civil life.

He furthermore explained what the partisans are at present doing behind enemy lines. Sabotage and general obstacles to the Germans who are forced to take large units from the front line in order to counteract partisan activities.

He stressed the necessity of obtaining first of all political unity between the North and liberated Italy.

He calls for the disinterested work of all in the reconstruction of Italy. Asked whether anything was done to investigate horrors and atrocities committed by the Nazi-Fascists, he answered that such investigations will be the responsibility of specially appointed committees and that criminals will be tried by Italian judges on the same ~~sight~~ of their crimes.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 18-3-1945.

" RICOSTRUZIONE "

Reports the Cabinet Meeting held on 16-3-45. Amongst other decisions it has also decided to recognize the ranks of patriot officers.

Referring to a decision generally approved formerly, the ranks that Patriots have had while having formations of "Volunteers of Liberty" against the Nazi-fascists will be recognized up to Lt.Colonel or equivalent ranks, and granted to patriots leaders proportionally to the unit commanded in war actions.

Officers and N.C.Os. on permanent active service will be returned to their former rank, and can obtain promotion for special gallantry only through the normal procedure established for advancement for war merits. Provisions are made for those patriots who lead formations of volunteers of liberty who desired it, to be transferred into the active service at the moment of the reorganisation of the Armed Forces, with a rank to be established, when the present war will be ended.

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Note 1. Similar announcements also appeared in the following publications in Florence

Corriere del Mattino 17 Mar

Argenteo del Popolo 16 Mar

M.P. 19/3

Note 2 Capt di Robilant will speak with the Italian Govt Press office, & arrange that this Branch shall be informed of any matter concerning Patriots that has been released for publication.

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M.P. 19/3

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS 17 March 1945.

" IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO "

Beyond the front lines. Gallant raids of the Garibaldi Patriots.

Ministry of Occupied Italy publishes the following deeds of the patriots :

- In Montecchio 30 patriots raided a German requisition party while requisitioning cattle. The patriots took the money, killed 7 Germans, and Fascists and dispersed the cattle.
- In Reggio Emilia area patriots attacked the Nazi-Fascists Headquarters at Fraticelli and took all arms.
- Near Casal Monferrato the patriots attacked two lorries of fascists on patrol duty. Passengers were all killed or captured.
- Other such raids have been carried out on the Novara-Arona and on the Milan Turin-High ways.
- Headquarters of the Cremona Group have sent out a message of praise for a patriots unit at present fighting in the lines alongside with the Italian regular Units.

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REVIEW OF PR. PRESS - 3/3/45.

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"IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO"

Partisan action notwithstanding heavy reprisals.

Patriot Units in Liguria have attacked during those last days the nazi-fascist garrison of Passo del Bosco and killing one member of the garrison. As a reprisal the Germans in the nearest town killed 10 civilians included a 10 year old child.

In Emilia sabotages against rail systems have been carried out.

"ITALIA NUOVA"

37 Nazi-fascist spies executed by Bologna patriots.

From 20 December 1944 to 12 January 1945 37 nazi-fascist spies were executed by the partisans. As a reprisal Germans have executed 557 civilians and many mass reprisals.

Sabotages have been carried out against road and rail transportation.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 1 March 1945

L'UNITA'

The Piemontese working class resists stubbornly to the invader. A report of labour resistance in all Piedmont to Germans and collaborationists. Another general report on G.A.P. and S.A.P. patriot actions in the region.

IL POPOLO

A message of former prime Minister Orlando to the Emilia patriots, encouraging them and calling them to the fight.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALEH.E. Medici visits partisans formations.

The undersecretary of State for occupied territories has just returned from a visit to the partisan formations in operation areas and has taken all the necessary welfare provisions. The undersecretary has visited several rest camps and hospital for partisans which has been organized by Allied Authorities in cooperation with the Ministry of occupied territories and Ministry of War.

H.E. Medici has appreciated the high spirit of the patriots and has assured them that all provisions will be taken on ~~their~~ behalf of the partisans of occupied Italy, when their territories will be liberated.

M.P.

1 MAR Recd

REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 28 February 1945.

" IL CORRIERE DEL MATTINO "

Heroic resistance of a group of patriots. During the last weeks 20 patriots trying to cross the river Reno to join the partisans of Bologna were attacked by overwhelming German forces. The fight lasted over three hours and ended only when all patriots had been killed.

" ITALIA NUOVA "

Same report as "Il Corriere del Mattino". Furthermore it announces that Partisans of the G.A.P. detachment Aristide have executed the well known war criminal Major Todaro.

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File *45*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 81/PAT.

26 February 1945.

Subject: Summaries of Italian Press.

To : Col. FAVA
(for attention of Capt. J. de Robilant).

1. Will you please ensure that we receive copies of all relevant cutting from Italian Press as before.
2. Since Patriots Branch ceased to order newspaper, no copies of cuttings have been received.
3. All Papers should be scrutinised daily in the Reference Library.

M.P.

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

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18 Feb 45 / 91
SUBJECT: - RAVENNA Partisans

Main Headquarters,
EIGHTH ARMY, CMB.
Tele Ext: 90.

M 528 CI

13 Feb 45

D *18 Feb*
Patriots Branch,
Allied Commission, CMB.

The attached copy of EIGHTH Army News of 12 Feb 45
is forwarded for your information ref pages 2 and 4 where
marked.

GSI(CI)

A. Colynhouse
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Major G.S.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 14-2-1945.

" LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA "

Patriots activity in Piedmont and Emilia.

In Piedmont Patriots have resisted against many German attacks.

In Emilia, notwithstanding numerous German Attacks the patriots maintain their efficiency and carry out actions mentioned in the Headquarters bulletins.

" A V A N T I "

Strong partisan actions in the lower Val Barbera.

In Liguria patriots who had already distinguished themselves sabashed a German column killed 12 men and captured 52.

" L ' UNITA' "

In the North. New heroic actions of the patriots.

Radio Moscow reports patriots actions in:

Piedmont where heavy casualties were inflicted to the Germans;
Emilia, where vast sabotages have been carried out;
Milano,- sabotages against arm and ammunition dumps;
Ferrara: three German officers were killed in their motor car.

ALLIED [REDACTED] CC AMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Purchase of Newspapers.

FILE No. 31/PAT.

TO : HQ. Comdt.
(Purchasing Officer).

16 February 1945

I certify that 1,188 lire have been spent
on newspaper for the period 1 February 45 to 15
February 45.

RMS
Sgt.,
Chief Clerk.

RMS/alc.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 12-2-45.

On the front line a partisan brigade is fighting.

The story of the Brigata Maiella how it has organized itself since December 5th 1943, and how it has operated.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 11-2-45." DOMENICA "

The fight of the Patriots.

A digest of Patriots activities in Milano and Torino during last week, reporting assaults on Nazi-Fascist barracks, sabotages of enemy transportation and of factories producing war material.

" L'ITALIA LIBERA "

A partisan hero in Romagna.

The story of the Brigata Corbari, and of how the Chief was killed by the fascists.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 10-2-1945.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE

IL MOMENTO

L'INDIPENDENTE

L'AVANTI

L'ITALIA LIBERA

L'ITALIA NUOVA.

Report Nazi- atrocities in the
Neighbourhood of Spezia, Sarza-
no and in the Lunigiana.

" L ' U N I T A ' "

Heroic activity of the Maiella Brigade. The Minister
Scoccimarro has written to the Maiella Brigade, praising
them for the gallantry they showed since over one year
and wishing them good.

" L ' E P O C A "

German admissions of Partisan activities and successes in
Italy.

" L ' E P O C A "

(Courrier from the North).

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Swiss reports of partisan activities and Nazi-Fascists
repressions in Northern Italy.

7 FEB Recd

REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 7-2-45.

" ITALIA NUOVA "

Battle in the Valdossola between Partisans and Fascists.

United Press receives the particulars of the withdrawal of German troops from Valdossola. Fascist units have asked to join the patriots. On the 5 Feb. considerable fascist reinforcements which engaged the patriots troops.

Gen. McCreary decorated Ten. Boldrini (Sulow) and expressed his satisfaction and praise for the patriots of Rombo.

The Artillery Group Aosta has been decorated with the highest Italian military decoration.

" AVANTI "

Enemy column captured by the partisans.

The patriots captured an enemy patrol with 1 German Officer, 5 H.C.O.S., 19 privates and 7 fascists.

" L'INDIPENDENTE "

Italian Patriots attacked two fascist barracks at Gonzaga (Mantova). Five enemy transports were destroyed and the Germans suffered about 50 casualties.

" LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA "

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Clashes between patriots and fascists in the Novara area.

Same report as "Italia Nuova".

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 6-2-45.

" ITALIA NUOVA "

Domodossola recaptured by Italian Partisans. German troops have left the Valdossola and republican troops have immediately joined the partisans occupying Domodossola, and smaller centres.

The "Medaglia d'oro al valor militare" (highest Italian military award) has been conferred to Ten. Boldrini, known as Capt. Bulow during the underground period.

Gen. Mc Reery, C. in C. 8th Army has made the investiture.

" RISORGIMENTO TO LIBERALE "

Same report as Italia Nuova.

" IL POPOLO "

Same as above.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 4/2/45. P 35" IL LAVORO "

Gallant Patriot Chief captured and killed at Cuneo.

Tancredi Galimberto, commander of G.I. formations in Piedmont was captured on 28 November in Turin. Cross examined and tortured he was murdered near Cuneo on 2 December 1944. The population made such demonstrations near the grave that the cemetery had to be closed.

Mayor Drage.

See marked para.
I don't know how
far this is
official??

L. Helton

Patriots Branch

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From : "IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO"

5 Feb 1945.

Military Notes.

Volunteers for the Combat Groups.

Following a recent agreement between Italian and Allied Authorities it has been directed that the advanced combat groups can enlist directly certain numbers of volunteers.

The provision has a special significance because it shows what steps are taken to reduce bureaucracy in the Italian Army.

Mainly the patriots from the regions that will be liberated can find immediate employment, without going through all the formalities of procedure.

Above provisions show the appreciation of Allied and Italian authorities for the partisan's work.

JDR/sik.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 3-2-45." DOMINICA "

The fight of the patriots.

gives an account of the help and shelter that an American, Air Force officer, a Capt. Chester Kingman, found with the patriots after a forced landing in Northern Italy.

Points out the present and future danger of "desperado" fascists from the liberated provinces, who know that they will never again be allowed to return to their home towns and therefore are and will be cruel and ruthless with the populations of the occupied territories.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 2:2:45" L'UNITA' "

The Minister Scoccimarro broadcasts in behalf of the "Giornata del Partigiano e del Soldato".

" IL MOMESETO "

Requests of the partisans brought up to Bonomi.

The President Bonomi has received a Committee of invalids veterans and partisans. The Committee has expressed requests and the President has promised his recommendation.

Another Committee of partisans was received by the undersecretary for Interior, Mr. Nole.

" L'AVANTI! "

Patriots near Modena conquer a German tank and use it in attacking Nazi-Fascists barracks.

In Genoa the partisans invaded a cinema house and stopped the projection of a new reel showing Mussolini's speech in Milano.

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The red Kerchiefs of the partisans.

Red Kerchiefs of partisans were seen yesterday in Rome. The partisans were members of the Toscana Units who fought in Florence and having enlisted, are at present at the divisional training centre of Cesena. They complained of having found unenthusiastic atmosphere amongst the staff of the centre, which apparently is disorganized. Blankets are missing and it was tried to tear off one of the partisans the red kerchief.

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The newspaper denounces it as a scandal and calls the centre a sabotage centre. Points the matter over to the Ministry of War's attention.

" RICOSTRUZIONE "

Quotes Allied bulletins reporting partisan's activities against German patrols on the Sarnano river.

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Purchase of Newspapers.

FILE No. 61/FAT.

TO : HQ. Comdt.
(Purchasing Officer).

2 February 1945

I certify that 837 lire have been spent
on newspapers for the period 16 Jan. 45 to 31
Jan. 45.

Per D
Sgt.,
Chief Clerk.

DMS/mfg.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 1 February 1945.



Gen Clark inspects Canadian troops and the
Headquarters of Italian Partisans.

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Translated by J.D.R.

of 21 Jan 1945
The Weekly Newspaper "DOMENICA" publishes the following interview:-

A partisan of the Alps reports:-

1. The birth of the partisan movement in PIEMONTE was spontaneous and the movement began when individuals grouped together and escaped into the mountains where Germans and fascists could not reach them. They had neither arms nor equipment and received food from the local population who were sympathetic and helpful.
2. In the mean time, the Germans, believing that the war in Italy was over, withdrew from the mountains abandoning all equipment which could not be removed having previously made it unserviceable in a haphazard way.
3. Little by little small bodies of partisans took shape and all classes of Piemontese patriots, including staff and senior officers, joined the bands regardless of their position in the bands and of their previous rank in the Italian Army.
4. When the Germans attempted to return to their previous positions, they found them occupied by the partisans and at that time, November 1943, sabotage of enemy transport and local attacks against the Germans made their first appearance. During that period, the patriots who were operating in the mountain valleys were working on their own initiative and there had been no contact with the GIMs which had been created in the towns. Politics had no influence on the bands which were only interested in fighting the enemy, leaving all other matters to a more appropriate time.
5. With the help of the local population, a real partisan government was set up in the valleys and all local matters were controlled and cared for by the partisans who even established food rations for the population.
6. In February when the partisan organization was complete, Fascists and Germans attacked the valleys with three German and 3 Fascist Divisions. The partisans who had been warned let the Germans get well into the valleys. It was noticeable here that the Fascist behaviour towards the local population was far worse than that of the Germans.
7. At a given signal the partisans attacked enemy transport, then sabotaged roads, bridges etc. The fight lasted about three weeks and the patriots were greatly praised by French officers who had crossed the border and by American airmen who had made forced landings during their operations.
8. The patriots suffered heavy casualties, almost 150 killed and over 400 wounded who were taken care of in mountain hotels transformed into hospitals. German losses were 328 dead and 43 lorries destroyed. Special patrols attached leaflets detailing the results of the operations in the town.
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10. To the German surprise, whilst the round up was in progress, sabotage continued steadily in the cities.
11. At the beginning of Spring, partisan formations grew stronger with new recruits coming through the French border and from the cities. Business men from the cities brought large amounts of money to the partisans. A printer arrived with a printing press on a lorry and newspapers were printed and distributed. Concentration camps for Germans and Fascists were set up but also, unfortunately, the patriots suffered many casualties. Arrangements were made with the chiefs of the French resistance movement and airborne supplies from the Allies began to arrive.

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12. The Italian patriots were entrusted with the task of preventing German reinforcements from getting through the Alps when the Allies landed in Provence and until a strong bridgehead could be established in the Rhone Valley. These orders meant that what had previously been guerrilla warfare would now become actual fighting. The Germans augmented their roundups and every valley was relentlessly attacked early in JUNE.

13. On 17 August the Germans attacked from the French side as well as from the Italian side. The French could not resist and the Italian patriots were attacked by the German Divisions from both sides of the Alps. Total enemy losses were 8 Divisions strong of about 80,000 men with artillery, armour and aviation while ~~lesser~~ the patriot ~~side~~ ^{side} were about 40,000.

14. Nevertheless, The Piedmontese Patriots held their positions for 15 days and all German transport through the mountains was entirely stopped during that period. From the ground, patriots were directing allied planes against enemy convoys which were also being held up by road sabotage. The patriots also attacked German lorries and tanks with explosives, hand grenades, machine guns and by dropping huge boulders on them.

15. After 15 days, when the Allies had penetrated deeply into the Rhone valley and towards the mountains, the patriots had to withdraw to the French border where they met American and French Officers. Patriot casualties were 500 dead and over 2,000 wounded.

16. The patriot Divisions, having held their positions 9 days longer than had originally been intended, according to orders, dispersed and prepared themselves for further action which took place in September when the patriots occupied the towns of AIRA and MENDIVI which they held for nearly a fortnight.

17. 6000 partisans who held the mountain passes to the last, had to shelter in France where they were at first met with formal courtesy but after a few days were treated as prisoners of war and sent to concentration camps which they could only leave by enlisting in the Foreign Legion.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS.

25 January 1945

AVANTI!

Patriots sentenced to death by Mussolini's courts.

A broadcast from Milano has announced that the Milano and Piacenza Military Courts have sentenced to death 12 Patriots.

L'UNITA'

Neither the round ups nor the winter will stem the patriot's activities in Brianco.

A report on the high spirit of patriots in the mountains of Lombardy showing that the patriots will carry on their activities notwithstanding Nazi Fascist round ups or difficulties and hardships connected with the center.

REVIEW OF THE PRESS

24 January 1945

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ITALIA NUOVA.

The communique of the "Fronte dell' Resistenza" informs of Patriots activities north of Spezia, when a German staff car with four German senior officers on board was blown up. In Genova patriots have killed 25 Nazi fascists, 8 were wounded and 7 prisoners were made. On December 9 the C.O. of a German SS regiment was killed.

AVANTI!

Same news as above.

LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA.

In the Emilia province Patriots held their ground against German forces on January 1st.

L'UNITA'

A messianic appeal to Italian patriots of the North not to let any German unit get out of Italy, now that German troops are going to be withdrawn from Italy to the Russian front.

Reports the formation of a committee at the Ministry of occupied territories for the cooperation between patriots and members of the armed forces.

The committee is sponsored by all the bodies of the Government of the C.L.N. of the A.M.P.I., of U.D.I. of U.N.U.C.I., and of C.G.I.I. The activities will take place on February 18.

Reports patriots activities north of Spezia and in Genova.

Col. G. G. G.
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To Pats For File

" ITALIA NUOVA "

Provisions on behalf of the Patriots adopted during the Cabinet meeting held on 19 January 1945.

1. Allotment of one billion lire for extraordinary subventions to the families of E.Ms. of the three forces who are in especially great need. Above subventions will be payed by communal committees in which all social elements will be represented to insure impartiality in the payments.
2. Commanding Officers of operating units will have special funds for the payment of subventions and bonuses to the soldiers and their families who are in greatest need.
3. Payment of an enlistment bonus, effective since December 1944 to the families ~~in distress~~ of E.Ms. who are in stressed financial conditions. The bonus will be of 3.000 lire for recalled E.Ms. and of 2.000 lire for recruits, and will be payed by the mayors of the E.Ms. Comunion the evidence of a document of the commanding Officer of the military district proving the enlistment of the applicant's relative.

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The Cabinet has also decided:

- a). to authorize a subscription on behalf of the Patriots to be done in the three Forces, to evidence the solidarity and attachment among the combatants.
- b). To recognize to the volunteers of liberty, at the moment of the reorganisation of the armed forces, and pending necessary ascertainment, the ranks (up to E. Colonel) which they had in fighting units of the patriots.

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- c). To entitle the Patriots to the same military rewards recognized to the members of the Forces.
- d). To institute a ribbon (decoration) for all patriots who have been at least three months with the bands, or who have been wounded in action.
- e). To grant patriots and their dependents ^{economic} same provisions granted to the members of Armed Forces.
- f). To grant same pensions to military and civil patriots and their dependants fallen or invalided as are granted to members of the Armed Forces, or to those who have suffered from enemy's violence.

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20 January 1945

IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO

Heroic resistance of the Ligurian Patriots.

Further particular on the German 24 days offensive against the Patriots North - East of Genova.

IL POPOLO

Same report as "Il Giornale del Mattino".

L'ITALIA LIBERA

Unsuccessful round ups of partisans by Fascists and Germans in Liguria and Lombardy.

A broadcast from Moscow reports partisan activities in Lombardy and Liguria and how the partisans avoided being surrounded by the Germans.

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The Cabinet meeting of 18 January 1945.

Provisions of behalf of the Patriots.

" IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO "

Same as "Avanti".

" IL POPOLO "

Same as above.

" RISSORGIMENTO LIBERALE "

Same as above.

" ITALIA LIBERA "

Same as above.

A patriot Division "Giustizia e Libertà" captures fascist officers.

A patriots division has carried out sabotages on the rail roads, and have captured 5 fascist officers and 5 militiamen.

" RICOSTRUZIONE "

Patriots activity.

A summary of patriots activities in Pied 146 and Lombardy during October, November and December.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS

" A V A N T I "

Successes of patriots in Piedmont and Lombardy.

Reports on patriots activities in the above regions.

" ITALIA NUOVA "

The organisation of a "day for the soldiers and patriots".

C.C.L.N. is organising for the near future a "day for the soldiers and the patriots".

Particulars of the organisation are being studied.

" L'ITALIA LIBERA "

Two months of fighting in Piedmont and Lombardy.

A report on patriots activities in Lombardy giving the returns of sabotages successfully carried out.

" A V A N T I "

Patriots executed in Milano.

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The Fascist radio has announced that 12 patriots have been sentenced to death. Other heavy sentences ranging from life imprisonment to three years of imprisonment have been passed on 13 more patriots. Nine of the death sentences were executed on the 17th inst.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 0.1.45.L'UNITA.

Wholesale enlistment of the "Lavagnini" Brigade in SIENA.

A story of how the patriots of Siena enlisted in the Italian Army notwithstanding the fact that they were not allowed to maintain the partisan formations and officers.

L'UNITA.

All help to the partisans.

Roman tradesmen subscribe over 120,000 lire for the patriots of the North.

L'ITALIA.

Mano Verdi, Italian broadcasting commentator from New York has announced that Gen. Clark has promised further arms and equipment to the Italian patriots. There are also news of patriots activities in the Venice area where sabotages have been carried out.

It now appears that the Pistoia patriots hid from the Germans the wheat crop and distributed it to the local population.

RECOSTRUZIONE.

A patriot belonging to the democratic band "Francina" operating in BOLOGNA, tells a story of Nazi-Fascist persecutions, and of the hardships of life in that town.

IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO.

Patriots actions in the Venice area reports of carious sabotages carried out by the Venice patriots notwithstanding bad weather and difficulties in obtaining supplies and equipment.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 14. 1. 45.Corriere di Roma.

Growing activity of the patriots in Liguria. Patriots have attacked Italian SS and a German Command at Borghetto di Vara. Sabotages against enemy communications in Liguria as well as in Piedmont.

Italia Nuova.

Same report as Corriere di Roma.

The Quotidiano.

U.S.A. praise the Italian patriots. A member of the American Congress has praised the Italian patriots and what they did to hinder the German war effort.

Gallant resistance of Piedmontese patriots.

Germans attacked patriots with large units in Piedmont as well as in the Emilia and Liguria. Germans make wholesale deportations of Italian men to Germany.

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Purchase of Newspapers

FILE No. 81/PAT

TO : Purchasing Officer

17 Jan 45 194

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Sgt.
Chief Clerk.

Review of the Press.

19 Jan 45

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Corriere di Roma.

British M.P.s on the Italian Front congratulate Italian Patriots for their co-operation with the Allies.

While visiting the Canadian Corps British M.P.s were told by Canadian senior officers of the Patriots work and of their collaboration with Allied troops.

The Canadian Officers stated that, without the Italian Patriots, their task in Italy would have been twice as difficult and would have cost three times as much in men and equipment.

Italian Patriots praised by an American Member of Congress.

The work and attitude of the Patriots was praised by V.M. Izac, member of the American Congress.

Avanti.The heroic fight of Patriots in Piedmont and Emilia.

German and Fascist troops had to be employed against the Patriots to stem their activity in Piedmont, Emilia and Liguria.

Nazi terror in Milano

German reinforcements called in to stop the revolt. Germans have rushed troops to Milano to stop the revolt and the strikes.

10,000 people have been arrested.

Curfew has been brought to 2100 hours.

L'Italia Libera.

From the Cuneo to the Emilia Region the Patriots are fighting the enemy.

Reports of vast patriots activities in all northern Italy.

Canadian senior officers express their appreciation of the work of the Patriots

La Voce Repubblicana

Labour frictions in Milano and Torino.

News signalled from Switzerland of strikes and revolt in Milano and Torino.

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Italia Nuova.Patriots Resistance in Piedmont

Bitter fighting in progress in Val di Serra since 2 Jan 45.

Il Popolo

Patriots activities in the Piedmontese mountains passes. -
Serious strikes in Milano - Germans make over 10,000 arrests and make the curfew earlier.

L'Unita.

Giuseppe di Vittorio, over the radio sends a message to the tradesmen of the North inviting them to the Resistance.

German reinforcements rushed to Milano for the repression of strikes and revolts.

Patriot activity, praised at U.S.A. Congress.

Recostruzione.

New strikes at Milano and Torino.

Risorgimento Liberale.

Strikes at Milano and Torino.

German troops rushed to Milano to control the situation.

Il Quotidiano.

Patriots activities in Liguria, Venice and Piedmont.

The tragedy of the Garfagnana.

A report on the life and sufferings of the Patriots, and of the German persecutions in the Garfagnana area.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS

12 January 1945

CORRIERE DI ROMA

Strikes and troubles in Milano, Torino and Genova.
 news arrived in Washington from Switzerland signal serious strikes
 in Milano, Genova and Torino. In Torino the situation is most
 serious and Germans have asked for reinforcements. In Genova
 Germans have made many arrests.

IL POPOLO

Same information as "Corriere di Roma".

AVANTI!

Battle between patriots and Fascists at Sestri Ponente.
 Reports of sabotages and clashes between patriots, fascists and
 Germans which happened during the month of december.

ITALIA NUOVA

Sestri Ponente occupied during one night by the Patriots.
 At the beginning of December Patriots occupied Sestri Ponente ,
 disarmed the German garrison. After the Patriots had left Nazi-
 Fascists warned out severe reprisals.
 The Newspaper also reports other activities of the patriots in
 northern Italy.

L'ITALIA LIBERA

Battles in the streets of Sestri Ponente .
 Same report as Italia Nuova.

IL TEMPO

Strikes in Milano and Torino.
 Same report as " Corriere di Roma".

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L'UNITA'

Clashes in the streets of Sestri Ponente.
 Strikes in Torino and Milano.

Siena Partisans enlisted in the Italian Army .
 About 800 patriots belonging to the Raggruppamento Monte Amiata
 and "Lavagnini" Brigade have been enlisted in the Italian Army.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE
Strikes in Milano.

RICOSTRUZIONE

Patriots action against a Fascist Division .
Reports of daring by Patriots against Nazi-Fascists in Piedmont
and Emilia.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS.

11 January 1945

CORRIERE DI ROMA.

The "Gazzetta di Lausanne" announces that Patriots have occupied the Cisa Pass between the German Front in Tuscany and the Po Plain. Germans have started an offensive against the patriots. Patriots actions and sabotages against Germans and Fascists in Piedmont and Emilia.

German Activities.

A Patriot, who has been prisoner of the Germans, and who could escape through the lines, has reported of German activities in Bologna and surroundings.

ITALIA NUOVA?

Guerrilla in Piedmont and Emilia.

Reports of patriots activities in Piedmont and Emilia.

In this region on 28 December Patriots attacked a Fascist Division and captured 4 guns and large quantities of ammunition. Sabotages on the Brenner Area.

L'ITALIA LIBERA

Prisoners and Greces captured by patriots of "62 Brigata Garibaldi".

Report of the same news as Italia Nuova.

AVANTI!

Patriots of the "Garibaldi" attack a fascist division.

Same report as "Italia Nuova".

L'UNITA'

Strikes in Northern Italy notwithstanding german armour.

A report of Moscow broadcasting station praises Italian tradesmen who in the North uphold all Fascist and German production with strikes.

Reports Patriots Activities in all Northern regions.

Gen. Mischi

RICOSTRUZIONE

A Patriot brigade avoids being encircled by the army.
Gen. Mischi killed by Patriots.

LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA.

Gen. Mischi killed by Patriots.

QUOTIDIANO.

Gen. Mischi killed by Patriots.

Translated by J. de R.

REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 10.1.45.

Il Tempo.

General Mischi executed by Turin Patriots. It is reported that the Turin Patriots have killed General Mischi, Chief of the General Staff of the Republican Army.

Other actions have been carried out against German and Fascist officers.

L'Italia Libera.

Gives same news as "Il Tempo" and a report on Italian Patriots in France, showing that the majority of them have been sent to a concentration camp at Greuble (?).

Avanti!

General Mischi has been executed by the patriots. Death of the commander of the "Brigata Matteotti". Brigata Matteotti had captured the Porretta Pass and kept it until arrival of Allies.

La Voce Repubblicana.

Activity of Patriots in Liguria.

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Ricostruzione.

Quotes same report as "La Voce Repubblicana."

Il Corriere di Roma.

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Il Risorgimento Liberale.

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Review of the Press - 9/1/1945Corriere di Roma.

German offensive against the Patriots of Liguria.

Germans have operated against the Patriots near Genova for 24 days. Patriots have suffered heavy casualties but have saved a great part of their equipment. News which have come through the lines describe German activities in the Liguria.

Il Tempo.

One million of Italians between life and death.

A description of life at Bologna. German oppression and cruelties.

Avanti!

Patriots of Lombardia resist German attacks.
Same report as "Corriere di Roma".

Patriots executed.

Several executions have taken place in Northern Italy.

A Partisan Brigade at the Front.

A report of a Partisan Brigade which has fought with the Allies from the Majella to the Bologna front.

The brigade has a strength of about 400 men - ~~about~~ 45 dead and about 100 between missing, prisoners and wounded. According to the newspaper the whole brigade is decidedly republican.

L'Italia Libera.

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Heavy losses of the Partisans in Liguria.

Some informations of the "Corriere di Roma".

"Guerriglia in Lunigiana".

A detailed and romantic story of Patriots activities in the Lunigiana (Liguria). German atrocities are also described.

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8 January 1945

1. Please be advised that the Information Division
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Central Reference Library holds one (1) copy of all local papers
for reference and ^{where} made available to all Sub-Commissions.

2. Arrangements for the purchase of local newspapers
for Sub-Commissions are made through the Headquarters Commandant's
office.

[Signature]
GEORGE W. CASHMAN
1st. Lt. Inf.
Public Relations Br.

6 January 1945

REVIEW OF THE PRESSCORRIERE DI ROMA.

Anti German movements of tradesmen in Northern Italy.
10000 Nazi and Fascist killed by the Patriots during 1944.
High American appraisal to Italian gallantry.

Labour troubles and sabotages in industrial plants at
"Fiat Mirafiori", at "Marzetti Caproni" and "Dalmine" in Milan
and Bergamo. General strikes by the Patriots and lock out
by the authorities. Senator Lister Hill has praised the
gallantry of Italian Patriots who cooperate with the Allied armies.

L'UNITA!

Quotes same statements as "Corriere di Roma".

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE.

Quotes same statement as "Corriere di Roma".

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE.

Prof. De Laurentis murdered the "Black Brigades".

IL POPOLO.

Quotes the same report as "Corriere di Roma".

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AVANTI.

Quotes and explains the same report as "Corriere di Roma".

ITALIA NUOVA.

Quotes same report as "Corriere di Roma" and describes the
issue and circulation of anti fascist newspapers and leaflets
in Northern Italy.

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ITALIA LIBERA.

Our best companions are in the North.

An editorial illustrating the casualties amongst the Patriots in the North.

ITALIA LIBERA.

Quotes the same report as "Corriere di Roma".

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L'UNITA'

Gino Mencini, a communist burned alive by the Black Brigades.

The Communist Gino Mencini has been tortured by the "Black Brigades" of Parma. His name was given to a Partisan Brigade.

Sabotages in the Venice.

During December partisans have carried out important sabotages against the rail system in the Venice.

German activities in the Emilia Region.

AVANTI.

German traffic up set by the Patriots.

Patriots sabotage the rail system in the Venice.

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Review of the Press - 4 January 1945.CORRIERE DI ROMA.

Four women and one old man hung by the Germans at Casola.

Partisans are setting up lists of German crimes in the Casola area.

IL QUOTIDIANO.

Unceasing fights of the Partisans.

A balance of partisan activity during 1944.

RICOSTRUZIONE.

Heavier partisan blows to the Nazi Fascists. A balance of partisan activity during 1944.

LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA.

Germans attack the partisans in the Venicy.

L'UNITA'!

The fight of 6000 Patriots against german forces four times stronger.

One wist/allment of an article describing the fight of the "Ciro Menotti brigade" against the Germans in a region of occupied Italy.

ITALIA NUOVA.

German Headquarters attacked by the Patriots.

In the Parma province in Emilia the Patriots have attacked a German Command. The German Officers and soldiers escaped having lost 2 dead and 23 prisoners.

A report on German activities and a balance of patriot's activities during 1944.

Review of Press - 3 January 1945.

L'UNITA:

One year of partisan successes.

260 bulletins of the "Fronte della resistenza" have given during the past year the balance of patriot activity which can be summed up as follows.

During the first months of 1944, 18 military camps have been attacked, 7 factories and 5 aircraft were destroyed. In April 2,000 Germans and fascists were killed by the patriots.

In July, the patriots captured over 1,000 sub-machine guns, and one military train with 10 guns and over 1,000 men. 500 Germans are killed and one aircraft factory is destroyed.

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Now at the beginning of 1945 patriots are continuing the war with the greatest hardships.

L'ITALIA LIBERA:

Same as UNITA.

AVANTI:

German offensive against the patriots in the Venezia.

120

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IL POPOLO:

A briefer balance than the one of UNITA of patriot activities during last year.

CORRIERE DI ROMA:

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Two patriot centres have been established where the patriots receive sanitary assistance as well as food and clothing.

Review of the Press - 2 January 45.

CORRIERE DI ROMA.

Palazzuolo and Marradi return to life.

Contribution of the Patriots.

Patriots numbering 420 working on road repairs in the mountains, and cooperating with the Carabinieri to reestablish normal conditions in the area.

AVANTI.

Patriots destroy truck loaded with ammunition.

Patriots have carried out sabotage against rail bridges near Bologna, and have blown up an ammunition train in PIEMONTE.

L'UNITA.

One year with the E.L.A.S. Partisans.

A story of Italian partisans fighting with the Greek E.L.A.S. partisans.

H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
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Chief Clerk. Sgt.

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PRESS REVIEW OF 30 DECEMBER 1944.

" L'UNITA' "

A story of the Garibaldi Division "Ciro Menotti".

Reconstruction and democratization of the areas
controlled by the Partisans.

" A V A N T I "

Patriots in the Venecy attack and sabotage German
transports.

REVIEW OF THE PRESS - 28/12/44.

" L'UNITA' "

Barracks of republican Troops destroyed by Patriots at Roncade (Venice).

During the night between 15 and 16 Dec. patriots destroyed the republican barracks and killed four militiamen.

Earlier in the month sabotage against rail transportation.

" L'ITALIA LIBERA "

Snow falls hinder Patriots activities.

Patriots activities have been hindered on all the front line by heavy snow falls. The Roncade (Venice) republican barracks have been destroyed by patriots.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS. 27 December 1944. *4*

" CORRIERE DI ROMA "

Sharp resistance of the Patriots of Emilia.

Enemy actions against the patriots meet with sharp resistance. In PIEDMONT fights are reported between patriots and Nazi-Fascists who seem to have suffered heavy casualties: 300 dead and 500 wounded in the LANGHE territories. In MILANO the patriots raided a clothing warehouse.

" A V A N T I "

Nazist terror in Emilia.

Nazi cruelties in executing patriots.

" L'ITALIA LIBERA "

A great battle between Patriots and Nazis in the Langhe (Piedmont).

Same news as "Corriere di Roma"

The editorial points out that the collaboration of patriots has been declined by Allied Authorities in Belgium.

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" LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA "

The Emilia population under Nazi terror.
Families of anti-fascists held as hostages.
Same news as "Corriere di Roma".

" IL TEMPO "

Same news as "Corriere di Roma".

There is furthermore an interview with an Italian Officer, a former prisoner of the Germans, who succeeded in escaping and crossing the lines, in which the life of Bologna is described.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS OF 24 Dec. 1944" I L P O P O L O "

Patriots in the Val d'Aosta;

An editorial of praise to the Patriots of the Val d'Aosta, demanding that the patriots who have crossed the French border and are at present interned in France concentration camps should be allowed to return to Italy and continue the fight in the mountains.

" R I C O S T R U Z I O N E "

Partisan actions against the enemy's lines of traffic

A list of sabotages carried out by the Patriots in Piedmont, Lombardy and the Venecy.

" R I S O R C I M E N T O L I B E R A L E "

Farinacci would have killed Farinacci.

News from Switzerland seem to show that Farinacci would have been killed by patriots.

" L ' I T A L I A L I B E R A "

Numerous patriots attacks against enemy transports in the Venecy.

Reports from Switzerland state that Farinacci was killed by the patriots;

Record of many attacks against enemy transportation by the Patriots.

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" L ' UNITA ' "

Messages of solidarity to Italian Patriots.

On Christmas Eve numerous messages of solidarity have been sent to the Patriots by Mr. Bonomi and all political parties.

REVIEW OF THE PRESS OF 25 Dec. 1944." A V A N T I "

"La Rivoluzione Socialista. "

Brigata Matteotti.

Members of the Brigata Matteotti have visited the office of Avanti, and have told about the life and gallantry of the Brigata Matteotti in the Liguria region.

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REVIEW OF THE PRESS OF 20 DECEMBER 1944.P.M." L'UNITA' "

- From the marshes of Ravenna the Patriots were ambushing the enemy.

Now the 28th Brigata G.A.P. armed only with hand grenades and portable arms, has broken an attack of German armoured troops.

- About 1,000 patriots of the Ravenna Area have operated in the low lands of the shore. Ammunition was mostly that which had been taken from the enemy untill Allied Airborne armament was received. Liaison was maintained with Allied H.Qs. for three months.

- The Ravenna Patriots have now been organised by the Allies and are fighting side by side with them.

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" ITALIA LIBERA "

Same as L'Unita'.

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" ITALIA NUOVA "

Flying bombs plants destroyed by the Patriots.

It appears that the Patriots in Northern Italy have destroyed a plant which was producing flying bombs.

100 Patriots have been successfully operating in the rear of the German lines in the Ravenna area. They have now been organised by Allied Commands.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 81/PAT.

22 December 1944.

Subject: Purchase of Newspapers.

To : Information Division.

1. Copies of all Italian daily newspapers are required by this Branch and it has been the practice in the past to purchase these papers and claim refund from the Purchasing Officer.
2. It is now understood that these can be obtained through you. If this is so can this Branch please be supplied with copies from 1 January 1945 onwards.

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for R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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