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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Paraphrase of 5TH ARMY cable 6029 in reply to our PX 58346 is reproduced for information. Paraphrase begins.

1. Report of 88 DIVISION substantially correct. Lawless elements not necessarily communists organized in the MODENA - BOLOGNA - REGGIO Area with possible object of taking over local government at opportune moment. Scattered attacks have occurred against isolated landowners. There a considerable number of armed individuals in MODENA Area although AMG reports Partisans formations in areas BOLOGNA and MODENA are handing in arms satisfactorily. Rumors of arms and ammunition caches but no definite locations.

2. Small local riots and acts of banditry may be expected but no evidence of large scale uprisings in September. Carabinieri considered insufficient and poorly equipped. Recommend they be reinforced, given better arms, and partially motorized.

3. Reported leaders in BOLOGNA Area are GRANDI ALBERTI and a certain "GIANNI". Leader in MODENA Area is DIDIMO FERRARI whose gang is believed responsible for numerous robberies killings blackmail and intimidations. * Recommend FERRARI be apprehended as a threat to security.

4. VEGONA Area is relatively quiet and stable. End of paraphrase.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

TS/18/3/CA

30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Franco Italian Frontier

TO: Acting President

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2. Please return to Civil Affairs Section.

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R. R. CRIPPS, Col.
OSO CA SECTION.

Encls: "Notes on political situation in Val D'Aosta
and activities of No.1 Special Force".

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Franco Italian Frontier

FILE No. TS/18/3/CA.

TO : Political Advisors.

27 March 1945 194

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Please return to Civil Affairs Section.

Encl:

President would be

interested to see this paper.

R. R. CRIFFS, Col.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

DSJ/FAL/seb

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3rd December 1944.

To: Distribution as below.

From: Major Tulloch,
No. 1 Special Force,
att. Patriots Branch, A.C.

The attached extracts from the report of a
Medical Officer of this unit who spent the period
July to November in the BHEA, PLACEXXA, LUNENSE
area are forwarded for your information.

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R.I. TULLOCH,
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for Commander, R.N.V.R.,
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-----MEDICAL

An investigation into the alleged contamination of food stuff with typhoid by the Germans proved to be unproductive. There was no evidence whatsoever to support the allegation.

Chemical warfare preparations in 323-LL were also investigated. At present there is no further indication that these preparations are being followed up.

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

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

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

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

Shortage of warm clothing, especially boots, may

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account for minor degrees of exposure affects during the winter.

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

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

PARTISANS

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We should not forget the conditions. This community supplies not only the food and shelter for the partisans but also the hostesses and the material for German prisoners. My experience of the hospitality, generosity and courage of these people is very vivid - the more remarkable by virtue of the fact that they live in an atmosphere of constant tension, refuelled only by the circulation of fantastic rumour.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) Partisans crossing the lines or on being overrun should receive more encouragement and have official gratitude supplied by the responsible authority.
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27th November 1964

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17th November 1944.

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Copy No. 3

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

The following is a report received from our British Liaison Officer in Southern Piedmont, who has returned to his base after a visit to TURIN.

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

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

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Money is very scarce and one always get at least three credit notes in change payment for stores. Train and tram prices have stayed at pre-war level. Travelling about the town was not unduly difficult. You

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

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

I met VALLIETTA, chief of the FIAT organisation. He gave me the following information:

1. The FIAT works are at present making five hundred cars a month for the Germans. This figure represents the minimum output in order to avoid machinery and workers being sent to Germany. The Germans are considering PIEMONTE to be a danger area in view of possible sabotage action. They have said they will only allow him two weeks stocks of raw materials. He has replied that it is impossible to work unless they give him four months stocks. He will possibly be given two months stocks.

2. He can turn to production of one thousand vehicles a month as soon as we arrive.

3. He wants to keep the float of five hundred vehicles going as it is certain that when the Hun goes he will take with him all possible material. This float would mean that we would have immediately available five hundred vehicles.

4. The whole FIAT organisation will be available for us as soon as necessary.

5. The following has also been organised by FIAT: The town has been divided into north and south sections. Feeding arrangements have been made, so that two hundred and fifty thousand maximum hot meals can be served per day every day for one month. If the electric power is blown, reserve of wood are held.

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

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

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PATRIOT ACTIVITIES IN PIEMONTE REGION

REPORT No. 8

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(previously held by the Partisans) on the 3rd of November.

A force of over 1,000 men with armour and artillery support was used by the enemy in the attack. Partisan losses were not heavy but their supplies are now very low.

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PERSONALITIES. The C.L.N. is known to include the
 Avv. PELLEGRINI - Liberal
 Ing. ROSELLI - Christian Democrat
 " SILVESTRINI - Socialist.

MONDOVI COMMITTEE.
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PATRIOT FORMATIONS IN PIEMONTE REGION
REPORT No 7 - LOCATIONS, STRENGTHS OF
PATRIOT BANDS

Ref: Map Italy Rd. 1:200,000

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74th GARIBOLDI BRIGADE, area S. of ACQUI 0-6201.

MONTMAGNO band of 600 men.

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51st and 3rd GARIBOLDI BRIGADES under "MARZO" and "DAN".

ROMAGNOLI band under LIBERO.

CAUSTIZIA & LIBERTA band under Capt. TAUSTO.

These forces occupy area bordered by the PIACENZA BOBBIO VOGHERA roads. Reported earlier during the month to be on the offensive against enemy forces.

PAVIA has town group of 400 men.

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TORINO PROVINCE :

Bands S.E. of TORINO and S.W. of ASTI are now banded into 9 GARIBOLDI DIV commanded by NANNI.

3 GARIBOLDI DIV comprises:-

42 GARI. Bde - strength	920 -	Commander NEGRE
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41 " " "	620 -	TACCINO

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CUNEO PROVINCE :

VAL PELLICE Bde, 400 men, arms and military value good, commanded by RENATO. 4883

VAL CERNIASCO Bde, 400 men, arms poor, commanded by UCCIO.

NEZARD formation, 1800 men, area VAL VARAITA N-5578. No information as to arms.

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VAL D'AOSTA PROVINCE:

5th GAST DIV., J Area 600-700 unarmed, area BIELLA J-3781, between GROSSO and outposts BIELLA with western limit BIELLA, eastern limit GROSSO river. The leader and the political commander ITALO are communists - considered unscrupulous (London report).

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PATRIOT ACTIVITIES IN PIEMONTE REGION.
REPORT NO 6. LOCATIONS AND SIGNIFICANCE OF
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2 Alpini Div. consists of two detachments one 900 Str ~~4880~~ in the mountainous country between the T. VARAITA and the ~~4880~~ PO valley, approx area SANFRONT Sh 7 N 7085 - West of SAMUZZO N 8483 - north of COATIGLIONE N 8374 - North of SAMPIRE N 6077

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and the other 700 strong, in the mountainous area between the VAL MAIRA and the VAL GRANA, extending as far East as MONTI ALI, SH 10, N 7460.

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Elements of a Matteotti Bde now rather widely dispersed, are in the Val Susa, Val Grisonne and Val Pellice. Leader is "MANGIALLINI" who also controls several bands directly. Bde ~~4859~~ 4859 and locations are as follows:-

General area NARZOLO Sh 7 H 7542. Base of Matteotti Bde.
Leader "CONSTANTINO" Str 100.

Agrogno Band, leader Lt. "VIALAN" Str no known.

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General area LUSIGNA H 6604. Part of Matteotti Bde. Leader "ROMANERO" Str 200. Part of Matteotti Bde. Leader "PAULICCI" Str 100.

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4. AOSTA PROVINCE

The bands in this province are well armed and organised, many of them having BIO's with them, and being in W/T communication with allied HQ. The most prominent leader in the VAL D'AOSTA is "Mezzard" who has considerable control over the bands in the area other than his own. Here as elsewhere the bands are at present nearly all in the mountains, but when the German withdrawal takes place they may be expected to occupy the nearest towns.

Western VAL D'AOSTA (North of R DORA BALTEA)

In the Comba di VERTOSAN sq 60 there are the following bands:-- Comba di Vertosan Band, Leader " Bert " Str 260 arms 100 Carbines.

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South of R Dora Baltea. Dora Baltea Band, leader " Pedro" Str 1500, arms 100 MMG, 120 LMG, Carbines, rifles, etc: is in area M EMILIUS sq H 89.

Fenis Band, leaders " Arnold" and " Mark" Str 360 arms 17 Sten, 100 Carbines is in the Val di FENIS sq H 99.

Champorcher Band, leader " Silvio Pedro" Str 500 low arms, are around M GLACIER sq H 99.

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Monte Rosa Band, Str 240, arms 20 Sten, 120 Carbines; is around M ROSA sq H 98.

Fila Band, Leader "John" Str 40 arms 30 Stens, 30 Carbines.

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Other Areas

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A band of 60 armed with 40 carbines is at IVREA.

1 Gruppo Orco Pedro; Str 400 is at LOCANA H 9067.

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The main Patriot concentration is in the VAL D'OSSOLA. Bands in this area are as follows:-

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The M.Zeda Band, previously reported, is still around M.ZEDA D 7732. No particulars are given as to strength and arms.

6. VERCELLI PROVINCE

Varallo area. 1 Garibaldi Bde. Leader "Ciro" Str. 800 is around VARALLO D 5406. This is also the H.Q. of the Moscatelli Garibaldi Division which now appears to be far less important than stated in previous reports. There is no information as to numbers and arms.

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EXTERIOR ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL REGIONS
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The most important concentrations of Patriot Bands and of arms are in Aosta Province, in the VAL D'AOSTA and tributary valleys. Next in importance are Turin, Cuneo and Novara Provinces. In Vercelli, Asti and Alessandria Provinces there are very few Patriot bands.

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All the Patriot Bands and formations in Cuneo Province are nominally under the leadership of a "Major MAURI" who is in contact with No 1 Special Force Missions. For further information regarding this personality see Master Sitreps.

Scattered throughout the mountainous areas of the Province are the Alpini Divs. These originated in Italian Army Alpini soldiers who took to the hills in Sept. '43 under their own officers. Although the individual bands are widely separated they still maintain their identity with the Divs. Politically they are probably the least communist in sympathies. Locations are as follows:-

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4 Alpini Div. Str 1500 are on the high ground around 4853 the rd BAGNASCO O 2342 - ORREA O 1425.

2 Alpini Div. consists of two detachments one 900 strong in the mountainous country between the T. VARAITA and the Upper PO valley, approx area SANFRONT Sh 7 N 7085 - West of SALUZZO N 8483 - north of COSTIGLIONE N 8374 - North of SAMPREYRE N 6077

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and the other 700 strong, in the mountainous area between the VAL MAITA and the VAL GRANA, extending as far East as MONTICIANO, SH 10, N 7460.

There is a further concentration, apparently inside the area of the Alpini known as Grappo Leo, strength 1100, in a smaller area on either side of the upper Vne. dell'Alpi in sq N 55.

The Val di Stura Band, described as well armed, is around ARGENTIERA N 3858. Str is 500. This also is probably independent.

The Lenghe (Garibaldi) Div is in the Lenghe mountains in approx. area bounded by MARECCE SH 7 C 1475 - CASTIGLIONE O 2277 - thence East to Rd MONTICIANO D'ALBES O 2776 - MONTICIANO SH 10 O 3058 - MARECCE O 2655 - CARRY O 1462. Elements of this Div are 16 Gar. Bde. around CISSONE SH 7 O 2570 leader "SERGIO" and a group of 2000 Partisans directly under "Major MAURI" around BELVEDERE, SH 10, O 2263. There is a further group of 800 around MONTICIANO SH 7 O 1772.

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Patriot Bands in Turin Province are now reported to be less numerous than was indicated in Report No 1. In addition, owing to mopping up operations the tendency has been for larger Patriot Formations which had been formed, to break up into their component bands, and generally for formations to become smaller or to retire further into the mountains. This has been the case in the area West of Turin, in the Val Susa, Val OMISONE and Val POLICE.

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Elements of a Matteotti Bde now rather widely dispersed, are in the Val Susa, Val CHISSONE and Val PELLICE. Leader "MANOLLELLINI" who also controls several bands directly. Bands and locations are as follows -

General area MINEROLO Sh 7 N 7331. Bde of Matteotti Bde.
Leader "CONSTANTINO" Str 100.

Agrognio Band, leader Lte "VIALAN" Str no known.

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General area LUERNA H 6604. Part of Matteotti Bde. Leader "ROMANTERO" Str 200. Part of Matteotti Bde. Leader "PAULUCCI" Str 100.

In same area, but independent of Matteotti Bde. is 4 Garibaldi Bde. Leaders "Maj BARBETTO" and "SALUZZO" Str 1000.

General area GLAVINO H 7826. Part of Matteotti Bde. Leader "NICOLETTI" Str 3 - 400. A "Marcellini" Band Str 30 is at CULIANA H 7822.

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General area PIROSA H 6520. Part of Matteotti Bde. Leader "MARCELLINI" Str 150 of which 40 armed. Part of Matteotti Bde. Leader "TRICO" Str 50.

A further "Marcellini" Band Str 200 is around M. ALANTON H 4548 in the Upper VAL SUSA.

A Band led by "ANDERA" and "BABBACANI" Str 700 all armed, is at FORNO H 7065 in the Upper Val GRANDE.

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In TURIN itself there are reported to be 10,000 Patriots
 under Gen. TRABUCCI (see Master Sitreps particulars, this
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 somewhat loosely organized in GAP's.

4. AOSTA PROVINCE

The bands in this province are well armed and organized, many of them having BLO's with them, and being in W/T communication with allied HQ. The most prominent leader in the VAL D'AOSTA is "Mezzard" who has considerable control over the bands in the area other than his own. Here as elsewhere the bands are at present nearly all in the mountains, but when the German withdrawal takes place they may be expected to occupy the nearest towns.

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- 1 Bde, leader "Cion" is North of MUNDARICA O 0518
- 2 Bde, leader "Romolo" is around PIRE DI TEOO sq. O 11
- 3 Bde, leader "MANZINI" is around CIA DI LANGAN SW of MARIORA O 0109
- 4 Bde, leader "Ciarne" is around M GARDE O 0708
- 5 Bde, leader "Vittorio" is around PIERA N 9304
- 6 Bde, is at BASSICO O 2208

The Bde. bands are of approx 500 strength. There is no information as to the extent to which they are armed. 2. Div. Commander is one "C. 100".

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- 1 Bde, leader " Cion" is North of MENDACIA O 0518
- 2 Bde. leader " Romolo" is around PIVRE DI TECO sq. O 11
- 3 Bde. leader " MANZINI" is around CIA DI LANGAN SW of TRIORA O 0109
- 4 Bde. leader " Ciarne" is around M GRANDE O 0703
- 5 Bde. leader " Vittorio" is around PIGNA N 9304
- 6 Bde. is at MESTICO O 2208

The Brigades are of approx 500 strength. There is no information as to the extent to which they are armed. The Div. Commander is one " Cion".

3. Savona and Genova Provinces and Borders. The following bands and formations are located in this area.

- 8 Garibaldi Brigade. Leader " Bisagni". Location CERNIGALLI SH 8 F 3376. No further information. (Border of Piacenza Prov)

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2 Garibaldi Brigade. Leader not known. Location TORALICIA SH 10 P 1660 (Genoa Province)
 16 Garibaldi Brigade: 2 dots, one at MARZAGLIA SH 8 P 3480, strength 700, well armed, leader "Enzio", the other at CAMARAGNA P 3670 strength 2-300 well armed, leader Lt. "Montenegrina" (Border of Piacenza Prov)
 74 Garibaldi Brigade: Location is RONZANE SH 7 O 4071. No other information (Border of Alessandria Prov)
 Aquil Band. Leader "Luciade" strength 300, well armed. Location is AQUIL O 4380 (Border of Alessandria Prov)
 Malare Band is located at RIALTO SH 10 O 4332. No further information. (Savona Prov)
 1500 Patriots were reported North of CALBO LIGURE P 8065 on either side of the R STURA. This report is unconfirmed. (Genoa Province)

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The following bands are independent but work with the 1 Ligurian Garibaldi Div:

Rossone Band; strength 100, location M VEDARA P 6538, Vittorio Varra band, strength 100, location CASTIGLIONE P 6522

Rutland Band, strength 250 location CARANDA P 6616.

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The following bands are independent but work with the 1 Ligurian Garibaldi Div:

Rossone Band; strength 100, location M VOLBURA P 6538, Vittorio Varra band, strength 100, location CASTIGLIONE P 8622

Rutland Band, strength 250 location CARNIA P 6616.

The M Biseia band is West of ARZENO P 3942 strength 3-500

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- 1 Bde, leader "Cion" is North of MINERCA 0 0518
- 2 Bde, leader "Romolo" is around FIEVE DI TEOO sq. 0 01
- 3 Bde, leader "MANZINI" is around CIA DI LANGAN SW of TRICIA 0 0109
- 4 Bde, leader "Gianni" is around M. GRANDE 0 0708
- 5 Bde, leader "Vittorio" is around PIGNA N 9304
- 6 Bde, is at SESTICO 0 2208

The Bdes are of approx 500 strength. There is no information as to the extent to which they are armed. The Div. Commander is one "Cion".

3. Strengths and Arms of Bands

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- 2 Bde. leader "Romolo" is around PLEVE DI TEOO sq. O 11
- 3 Bde. leader "MANTINI" is around CEA DI LANGAN SW of TRICPA O 0109
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Rutland Band, strength 250 location CARNEA P 6616.

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COMMENT FROM N.Y.U. N°66.

ITALIA COMBATTÉ

Bulletin 181. From Resistance Front.

The patriots of Comodossola dispossess now of a few planes and have bombed the fascist positions of Laine and Laveno, sinking two transports. Garibaldi Brigade "Osoppo" attacked continuously the traffic on the main road Trieste-Venezia, German losses are:

42 dead, 32 wounded and 18 prisoners, 19 sections of sabotage on the rail-roads with success. Nazi-fascists attacked "Osoppo" but have endured heavy losses.

On Monte Grappa heavy losses by Nazi-fascists. After a heroic fight, C.C. of the battalion "Italia Libera" Ludovico Tedesco was killed and 124 patrol after have used their last bullet were captured and hung and 22 executed. Mussolini sent his congratulations to the Black Brigade for hanging the prisoners.

Enemy's attack in Val Trompia failed. The patriots on the south zone have interrupted the road Bobbio-S. Stefano. In Province of Piacenza patriots captured two trucks, transporting petrol.

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13th. October 1944.

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for D.L. D R A G H
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

COMMENTS FROM

CORRIERE DI FIRENZE

October 13th. 1944.

CONSIDERABLE LOSSES INFLICTED BY THE PATRIOTS
TO THE NAZI-FASCISTS.

The enemy is obliged to reinforce their troops
and means caused by the increasing activity
of the Patriots.

13th. October 1944.

B.L. Dragage
B.L. DRAGAGE
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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RADIO ROMA

October 12th, 1944.

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Eulogy of the Italian Patriots

ROBERT W. KENNY, the Governor of the State of California
declared :

The Italian Patriots have been very useful with their arms
to the Allies; they love their country and hasten the moment
in which Italy will be again united and in peace.

13th. October 1944.

E.L. BRAGG
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