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Summary Sitrep
on North Italy
Up to 1100 hrs 2 May 1945.

Venice City completely undamaged. Power, water and food
o.k. 100,000 refugees among 400,000 population. CLN-prefect
appointed.

(Source: Venezia Region telegram)

110 tons transformer oil stored by Partisans in Piedmont Region.

AS representatives meeting with CLN in Milan.

20-ton motor ferry working across PO at Pavia.

Surprising cooperation with AMG in Genoa.

(Source: Special Force telegram)

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Up to 1100 hrs 1 May 1945.

The FIAT works, in Turin, seem to be in condition to restart working as soon as some raw materials are provided.

Renato Ricci killed himself.

About 200 hierarchs executed in Milan so far.

Other arrests: Eric Maria Gray Teruzzi, Calcano, Gervasio Valentini, Luisa Terida, Enzo Grossi, Rachelle Mussolini and her two youngest children Romano and Anna Maria.

The socialist Fassono has been appointed Prefect of Turin and Giovanni Rovida - communist - mayor of the town.

Bagliani, regional delegate for the fascist republic in Romagna and Emilia, executed.

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The prefect of Milan has decreed that all extraordinary tribunals, commissions of justice, tribunals of the people, must immediately interrupt all activity and postpone all executions until the Allied Military Government undertakes all administration of justice. Torture chamber discovered near Monza.

(Source: ROME PRESS)

American troops driving toward Tranto. 8th Army troops beyond the Piave. Yugoslav troops in Pola.

(Source: INFORMATION DIVISION, PER RADIO MONITOR).

Milan water and power O.K. Trams operating. Food situation in hand but will need attention. City considerably damaged. CIN not yet agreed on nominees for offices. 40 Fascists executed.

(Source: IV CORPS TELEGRAPHIC 31777).

Wadi Admiral Decente had revoked naval search orders April 13.

(Source: SPECIAL FORCE TELEGRAPHIC 31777).

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Up to 1100 hrs 30 April 1945

Major part of power stations in North Italy reported in good condition.

High frequency station at Turin destroyed by Germans.

Metallurgical and mechanical installations for the most part intact. FIAT and ILVA in condition to carry on production.

Teruzzi, Calzagno and Parenti arrested.

Public meeting in Piazza SS Apostoli yesterday. Speakers and banners asked for a new "truly democratic government", punishment of fascists, an end to the monarchy and no "sanitary cordon" between North and South Italy.

Source : ROME PRESS

Towns of BADIA (Rovigo Province) and GEMTO (Ferrara Province) only slightly damaged. Public utilities generally functioning. COMACCHIO (Ferrara Province) badly damaged. Food supplied. Grain and sugar generally plentiful in this area. Work of C.I.F. in GALLIERA area (Bologna Province) highly commended, and usually operating well elsewhere.

Source: AMG 8TH ARMY SITREP DATED 29 APRIL.

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Up to 1100 hrs 28 April 1945

Mussolini executed: Radio Milan, monitored by Information Division, 40, announced (at 0900 hours) that Mussolini was shot after having been judged by the People's Court, after an asserted refusal to turn him over to the Italian Government.

Radio Milan also announced that the following were publicly shot:

Roberto Farinacci - Secretary of the Fascist Party.
Alessandro Pavolini - Minister of Propaganda.

(At 1100 hours the above reports had not yet been confirmed by official Allied Sources.)

BRITISH TROOPS OF THE EIGHT ARMY CROSSED THE ADIGE RIVER AND ARE ATTACKING THE GERMAN DEFENCES BETWEEN VICENZA AND VENICE.
BRITISH FORCES CAPTURED ROVIGO AND CLEARED THE SECTOR EAST AND NORTH-EAST OF THIS TOWN.

AMERICAN TROOPS REACHED THE SWISS BORDERS AT PONTE CHIASSO (COMM. BERNALTO, BRESCIA, DRETI, PADOVA, HAVE BEEN LIBERATED.

Source: INFORMATION DIVISION P.R.O., A.C.

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Scorza, Ramona and Eandi arrested.

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Parma, tried by a tribunal of the people, was executed in

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In Genoa, C.E. Basilio, fascist prefect of the province, tried

and executed.

Mussolini and other fascists handed over to the C.L.N. of Milan.

In Verona, Padova, Udine and Treviso the patriots have attacked

the Nazi-fascists.

Armando, Cavallaro and many others executed in Bologna.

A worker's demonstration to be held in Milan on the first of May.

Discussions between patriots and German troops for the cessation

of all fighting in Lombardy and Piedmont.

Liguria is without news.

General Cadorna, commander in chief of the troops of the North,

invites the patriots and partisans to facilitate the advance of the

allies.

The C.G.I.L. of Milan sent a message to the C.G.I.L. of Rome, ex-

pressing joy for the liberation from the fascist tyranny.

Source: Italian Newspapers

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AVANTI : 1. Message of the Socialist Party to the population of the North. The Direzione of the Party met yesterday and passed resolutions, asking formally 1. that all powers be retained by the Northern C.I.N. and their appointments be confirmed, 2. that partisan formations keep their organization, arms and banners and be allowed to continue to wage war against the Germans, 3. that a C.I.N. congress be summoned immediately in Rome to receive the message of the North and to designate the new government, 4. that no "sanitary cordon" or line of demarcation be allowed to divide the provinces of Italy - exception made only for the necessities of war.

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The patriots treat German prisoners according to international conventions, waiting to hand them over to the Allies.

Turin strikers and workers have occupied all the works, plants and industrial firms; patriots and population are fighting against the last naz-fascists.

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The Province of Spunna has a partisan as Prefect.

The Socialist leader of the Milan C.L.N. asks the Bonomi Govt. to resign; "We want an exclusively renovated Govt - he said - formed by representatives of the truly democratic forces, by men who can prove that they have always fought against Fascism and for the well being of the working classes".

Radio Milano Libera sent a message to Toccauti asking him to return to Milan.

Benito Mussolini and his suite were refused entrance into Swiss territory.

The Directorate Board of the C.L.N. of northern Italy is formed by: Pami, Magliani - Action party; Martelli, De Gasperi - Christian Democrats; Arnesani, Jacini - Liberals; Lombardi, Pontini - Socialists; Longo, Severi - Communists; Commissioner for the town and province of Milan, Riccardo Lombardi - Action party.

Pavia, Ivrea, Vercelli, Vercelli, Brescia, Como, and Alessandria, reported liberated by the patriots.

Source: Italian Newspapers

However there was in Varese. The situation was factory despite severe damage. No bridges on Lake River. Communications with civilians on North bank established by ferry and covered railroad bridge. Though electricity for immediate needs. Limited water supply expected ready shortly. Food o.k. City and provincial towns on ground.

Source: Telegram

German specialists in Bergamo.

Source: 10 4 45 telephoto call

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Val D'Aosta Germans captured asked permission to "treat without

Source: Italian Newspapers

German: Buna now in Verona. All functioning. Situation satisfactory despite severe damage. No bridges on Adige River. Communications with civilians on North bank established by ferry and limited railroad service. Enough electricity for immediate needs. Limited winter supply expected shortly. Food O.K. City and surrounding towns OK.

Source: Telegram

German: Speerheads in Bergamo.

Source: 15 A 3 Telephone call

German - Nothing important destroyed so far. G.L.N. asked for food to be flown in as only 3 days' supply on hand. Change over to G.L.N. has worked admirably according to Maj. Davidson, PLO at Genoa. Go-verse want credit given their action by SAC. 2,000 Germans in port area surrendered unconditionally. 4,200 in central area expected to do same. Electric station saved. Only part of port blown. General Helldorf, Nazi commander, partisan prisoner. Partisan success called remarkable and worthy highest praise.

Val D'Aosta Germans garrison asked permission to retreat without assistance to Switzerland and in turn would give all transport and weapons to Partisans, turn over all Black Brigade and perform no demolitions.

Source: Special Force Radiogram

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