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APR. 1944 - APR. 1945

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On 9th Febr, 1945, Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission stated that the policy of releasing Prisoners of War was under review by AFHQ and that no requests for release could be dealt with until a decision had been reached.

I.P.W. Sub-Commission promised to notify Public Safety as soon as the policy was settled.

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H. C. H.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14012/16/PS

10 April 1945

SUBJECT : CG.FF P.O.W.

TO : Commanding General, CG.FF.

1. Reference is made to your letter N. 14708 dated 4 April 1945.
2. As already intimated in our letter of even number dated 23 Feb. 1945, the release of CASCOLE Salvatore cannot be authorized.

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John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

4th April, 1945.
N. 14708

Reply to AC/14012/16/PS, dated 9/2/1945,

Subject : Release of Italian PW.

To : A.S. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome

With ref. to the a/m letter, it is communicated, that the GG.FF. CASCOE Salvatore, interned at Benevento - R/40323 Camp 202 - has not yet been released.

Therefore it is requested kindly to take up the matter with the competent body so that the a/m military may be released.

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EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE FM.		
LIC. & REG.		
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ADM. OFFICER		
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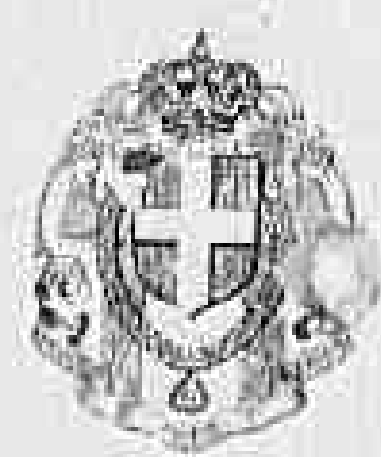
By Order
Col. Quirino Giombini.

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MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE
Comando Generale della Guardia di Finanza
- Ufficio Militare - 4 APR 1945

Divisione I4708 Sez. *Allegati*
Ortol. N°
Risposta al f. del 9.2.1945
Div. N° A.C./I4012/I6/P.S.
OGGETTO Rilascio di
prigionieri italiani.-

Roma.
QUARTIER GENERALE COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA SUB
COMMISSIONE APO 394

In relazione al foglio che si riscontra, si comunica che il finanziere CASONE Salvatore, internato a Benevento - R/40323 Campo 208 - a tutt'oggi non è stato liberato.-

Si prega pertanto di voler complacentemente interessare l'ente competente per la liberazione del suddetto militare.=

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO
CAPO DELL'UFFICIO DI SEGRETERIA
(Quirino Giombini)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

AC/14012/16/PS

23 February 1945

SUBJECT : GG. FF. POW.

TO : Commanding General, GG.FF.

With reference to your letter 21377 dated 18 Dec, 44, and this Office letter AC/14012/16 dated 9 Feb, 45, it is stated that CASONE Salvatore is employed in a co-operator Unit in this theatre and is therefore ineligible for release.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

9 February 1945

AC/14012/16/PS

SUBJECT : Release of Italian P.W.

TO : Ministry of Finance
GG.FP. General H.Q.

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Reference is made to your letter N°21377 dated 18 December, 1944. This Sub-Commission has been informed that the release of GASONI Salvatore has been authorized. The records show that VITRANO Angelo was released to Italian military authorities on 28 November 1944.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512.

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1 February 1945

SUBJECT : Release of Italian PW.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(for Public Safety Sub-Com).

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1. Reference your AC/14012/16/PS dated
11 January 1945.

2. The release of R 40323 CASONE Salvatore
has been authorized and our records show that
VITRANO Angelo was released to Italian Military
authorities on 28 November 1944.

3. It would be appreciated if future
requests for release of Italian PW could be screened
by your IPW Sub-Com. before submission to this HQ.

for Assistant Chief of Staff G-5.

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J. Comdr.

Copy to : IPW Sub - Commission.

TO	DATE	DATE
COL CHAPMAN		
COL YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANCOCK		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
NO 394

Tel : 4 9001 - 502

11 January, 1945

20/14012/16/75

SUBJECT : CO.FF. personnel.

TO : AFHQ Chief of Staff C-2.

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1. The Commanding General of CO.FF. has asked this Sub-Commission to enquire into the possibility of releasing Vittrano Angelo now in civilian concentration camp No. 81-1-20547, and Casone Salvatore in R/40923 Camp 206 Naples.

2. It will be appreciated if the cases of these two prisoners can be examined with a view of releasing them for duty with the Corps of Guardia di Finanza if there is no objection on security grounds.

B.W. Loxton

JOHN A. CHURCH
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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 CC.FP. Generali H. C.

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 18 December 1944

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TO : Allied Commission - P.S. Subcommission
 SUBJ. : CC.FP. Vitrano Angelo and Cascone Salvatore.

This H.Q. has been informed that the depending CC.FP. VITRANO Angelo and CASCONI Salvatore, taken prisoner some time ago, have been repatriated and are actually interned, respectively in concentration camp. SI/I/285647 civ. and R/40323 Camp 203 Naples.

We beg You to be so good as to examine the situation of above soldiers, in order to interest, if there is no objection, the concerned Allied Authorities in order to let them at freedom and allow them to go back in the Corps which, as You know, urgently needs personnel for its tasks of Financial and Judicial Police.

A kind answer will be appreciated.

the Commanding General
 Aldo Lymanino /

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Roma

18 DEC 1944

Ministero delle Finanze

COMANDO GENERALE P. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

- Ufficio Militare -

Allied Commission
Public Safety Sub Commission

APO 394

Divisione
Prot. N° 21377Legge
Allegato

Ritornello al f. del

OGGETTO Finanzieri terra VITRANO Angelo e
CASONE Salvatore.-

E' a conoscenza di questo Comando Generale che i propri dipendenti f.t. VITRANO Angelo e f.t. CASONE Salvatore, a suo tempo catturati prigionieri, sarebbero stati fatti rientrare in Italia ed attualmente si troverebbero internati, rispettivamente, nei campi di concentramento N° 81-1-285647 civ. ed R/40323 Camp 208 Naples.

Si prega di voler esaminare benevolmente la situazione dei militari predetti e, qualora nulla osti di voler interessare gli organi alleati competenti per ottenerne la liberazione in modo da permettere loro di rientrare nelle file del Corpo che, come è noto, ha urgente bisogno di personale per la esplicazione dei propri compiti di polizia tributaria e giudiziaria.

Sarà gradito un cortese cenno di riscontro.-

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(Aldo Aymonino)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 994

Tel : 478708

AGC/14754/78

15 September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Defascism.

TO : Liaison Officer for Defascism
(Attention : Major Palmieri).

With reference to A/GO 250 dated 15 July 1944, action has been taken by this Sub-Commission as follows in respect of officials and Police Agencies with which this Sub-Commission is interested :-

Ministry of Interior - Questori and Agents of Public Security.

In agreement with Interior Sub-Commission, the setting up of the Defascistification Committee to cover this service was delegated to Public Safety Sub-Commission. Action was initiated through the Chief of Police of the Ministry of the Interior - Dr. FERRARI, and the following were subsequently appointed for the purpose :-

SAVINI RIGOT	Moh. Dott. Oliviero.	President.
BATTAGLIA	Achille	Member.
ROSATI	Carlo	Deputy Member.
SCIORILLI - BORELLI	Umberto	Member.

Ministry of War - Royal Carabinieri.

The Commanding General has submitted the following names of Committees, divided as follows :-

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For Generals and superior officers :-

Army Corps General	Luigi AMANTEA.	President.
" " "	Pietro AGC	Member.
" " "	Francesco GUIDO	Member.

For Lt. Colonels :-

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Divisional General Alfredo FERRARI President.
 Brigade General Filippo CARUSO Member.
 Colonel Mario IMBESI Member.
 Lt. Col. Carlo CACIATI Secretary.

For Majors, Captains, Lt's and 2/Lts.

Div. General Alfredo VERRINI President.
 Lt. Col. Bruno BERSANTINI Member.
 Lt. Col. Carlo CACIATI Member.
 Capt. Giovanni CATTANEO Secretary.

The question of whether the returns will be submitted by Public Safety in respect of the CG.FF. is being cleared with Army Sub-Commission and a reply is awaited.

Ministry of Interior - Fire Brigade and C.D. Officials.

By agreement with Interior Sub-Commission, this Sub-Commission will supervise these subjects. A Committee has been appointed as follows :-

President : Prof. Arturo RISPOLI.
 Member Ing. Carlo VALBUCA.
 " Ing. Giuseppe PULICIO
 Deputy Member, Ing. Mario GALANI.

Ministry of Finance - Ministry of War : Royal Finance Guards.

Representations have been made to the Minister of Finance respecting the appointment of a Commission to deal with the higher ranks of the CG.FF. To date no Commission has been appointed, as the question has arisen as to whether such Commission shall be appointed by the Minister of Finance or Minister for War. The Minister of Finance has been requested to press for an early settlement of this issue. - This has now been cleared, and Finance Sub-Commission will deal with the CG.FF.

Ministry of Agriculture - Royal Forest Guards.

This is being dealt with by Agriculture Sub-Commission.

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Ministry of Grace and Justice - Prison Officials.

In agreement with Legal Sub-Commission, Public Safety will cover Prison Officials. A Commission has been appointed - named hereunder :-

President : A. E. PAGANO Giuseppe.

Member FERRANTI Ferrante.

Member M. SERRAVALDI Tino.

In the case of the Agents of Public Security, Fire Brigade and Prison Officials, the forms accompanying A/OS 250 have been distributed to the President of the appropriate Commission, the procedure explained to them, and request that the returns be submitted to this office, together with a summary of the names of Officials against which action has been taken by the 3rd and 18th of each month.

A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director,
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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15 September, 1944

SUBJECT : Defascistization.

TO : Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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1. In reply to your letter, ACC/14754/PS, dated 10 September 1944, the GG.FF Commissions, (two), one for officers and one for men is in process of being formed.
2. When formed, they will come under the Ministry of Finance. This Sub-Commission undertakes to obtain the progress reports called for by DF/CA/AS.

Joint Directors
Finance Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081
Ext : 365

12 September, 1944.

ACC/14012/16/PS

SUBJECT : Epuration Committee for GG.FF.

TO : His Excellency Stefano SIGLIANTI,
Minister of Finance.

1. With reference to our letter 12th August, 1944 and your reply of 26th August 1944 respecting the above.
2. It is requested that you inform this Sub-Commission as to the progress made in the discussions as to whether the proposed Commission shall be appointed by the Ministry of War or the Ministry of Finance, as we are most anxious that the epuration proceedings shall commence as early as possible.

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A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

See 14754/PS

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Tel : 478708

10 September, 1944.

ACC/14754/PS

SUBJECT : Defascism.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission
Army Sub-Commission.

With reference to DF/6A/AS dated 5 September 1944,
will you please indicate if the submission of the fortnightly
returns in respect of the G.C.F.P. will be undertaken by
Finance Sub-Commission or Army Sub-Commission.

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A.E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON, IN UNISON WITH THE
"CLANDESTINE FRONT OF RESISTANCE" BY THE BRIGADE
GENERAL OF THE

REGIA GUARDIA DI FINANZA

PHILIP CRIMI.

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R E G I A G U A R D I A D I F I N A N Z A

PHILIP CRIMI.

Around the end of the month of August 1943, the undersigned was called from Naples to Rome by the General Headquarters of the "Guardia di Finanza", in order to preside the Board of Examiners who were to judge of the admissibility of applicants to the Royal Academy and Application School; the Board was to take its work on September the 4th 1943 (see Doc:n.I).

On September the 8th I was in Rome performing the above stated duty; of the three Generals of the R. Guard of Finance at that time in the Capital, only I had no men under my command, and for this reason I cannot be charged of not having executed the orders coming from the Head Commander to resist to German attacks.

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Command,placing under its orders the Division "PIAVE".

The sentiments of those who were taking part (Conte
Calvi di Bergolo,General Maraffa and Col.Montezemolo)gave
the impression that there would be no cooperation with
the Nazi-fascists,which was conformed by later facts.

While I was at home,extraneous to the dramatic events
which occurred,due to the fact that I was on mission in
the Capital,the General of the Division of the "Regia
Guardia di Finanza" POLI FRANCESCO called me to the General
Headquarters,intrusting the charge to coordinate the

service of the Regia Guardia di Finanza with the Command of the Open City (September 12th).

I did not refuse the charge for the following reasons:

- The Command of the Open City was working exclusively for the interest of the roman population;
- The exponents of the above stated Command were not suspected of cooperating with the Germans;
- The spirit of command was clearly anti-German.

From the 13th to the 24th of September I fulfilled the charge even with the hope that, finding myself finally with men at my orders and foreseeing that from one moment to the other events would precipitate in favor of the Allies, I would have been able to give a notable contribute to the liberation.

My every action was informed by the same spirit which animated General Maraffa and Col. Montezemolo.

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About the end of September the Division PIAVE was disarmed and the Generals Calvi di Bergolo and Maraffa were arrested. Col. Montezemolo made himself undiscoverable while I declared myself ill, not intending in the least way to cooperate with the Germans who already had direct command of the Police in Rome.

I hoped that the declared illness would have freed me from trouble. It didn't turn out this way. General Poli Francesco as soon as he received the declaration of my illness, to which was connected a certificate complaisantly given by the Lieutenant physician Ruggeri Michele, director of the medical service of the "LEGIONE ALLIEVI", he ordered me urgently to undergo legal medical assurances at the Military hospital of Celio (see Doc:n.2).

Never, not even to the simple Financier has been given such treatment. According to military laws to an ordinary soldier ill in his own home the most rigorous discipline which could be ordered was to have a fiscal visit in his own home. At any rate I bowed to the sanitary investigations.

I owe to the patriotism of Lt. Ruggeri and of my brother-in-law Lt. Physician Carlesino Euclide, then first helper at the Celio Hospital, if investigations were protracted as long as General Poli ceased from his office, notwithstanding the repeated urging on made by the General Headquarters to the Direction of the Hospital (see Doc:n.3).

Meanwhile, in the first decade of the month of October Captain Argenziano made known to me that:

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- also the captain of the Royal Carabinieri Aversa was

seeking for the military organization of the Clandestine

Front of Resistance through a Party;

- the Lieutenant of the R. Guardia di Finanza August de

Laurentis was already in contact with members of the

Action Party (Partito d'Azione).

It was then that I asked capt. Argenziano to put himself

in contact with this latter Party. After not few mistrusts

and misunderstandings, remounting a long chain, around the

end of October, at Capt. Argenziano's home (Via Arezzo n.1),

while I was still out of service being for the time object of sanitary investigations, a first meeting took place among the undersigned, Col. Montezemolo and Prof. Bauer of the Military Committee.

The former, as it is well known, has barbarously been murdered by Germans, the latter is actually in Rome.

In the above said meeting:

- I received the first instructions concerning the cooperation of organized financiers in the clandestine Front of Resistance;
- I was asked about the strength of forces military, as far as organized financiers were concerned, which at that time amounted at around fifty officers and some hundreds of sub-officers and troops;

- they intrusted me peculiar charges to be fulfilled at the "posto di blocco" (military blockade);

- I was ordered to predispose a plan of evacuation from Rome of the financiers in case they were to be seized by the Germans. The locality selected for the company of partisans was St. Gennaro which was studied by the Lt. Col. Lionti and later approved by the sublieutenant D'Angelo Guido.

As for myself I had made known how I had organized the partisans of the Guardia di Finanza (doc.: n. 4; the contribute of the Regia Guardia di Finanza for Clandestine Front of Resistance) and the greatest trust could be placed on the

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I begged Col. Montezemolo and Prof. Bauer of the National Committee of Liberation to keep me constantly informed of the elements of the Guardia di Finanza in service and out of service who were working on the Clandestine Front of Resistance with the aim to obtain unity of address in the struggle. As a consequence the nominated were referred to me from time to time; in this way it was for the sublieutenants Patrizi, Politi and Spaccamonti who were working in the outside company of partisans (bande esterne), for the financiers

Guerrigopolesi who were working in the military ranks of the parties.-

I insisted in my petition, even with the purpose to avoid that at the end the fearful who were thinking of only saving their own skin would pass as patriots profitting of the friendships and relationships.

Successively in the home of Cottafavi (Via Barnabao Oriani n.71) in two plenary reunions of the members of the military organization (Col. Montezemolo, Col. Pacinotti, Col. De Michelis and the respective secretaries) were determined the charges of the Guardia di Finanza of Rome in relation to the need of the Clandestine Front of Resistance.

The persons mentioned are all actually present in Rome and can testify of my presence at the reunions. In regard to Col. MONTEZEMOLO, often declared by persons as not present, I have one of his autographed letters in which he fixes the date of the appointment for a reunion. (See doc:n.5).

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As it results from documents n.4, the patriotic organization 221 of the Royal Guard of Finance was constituted as follows:

- a nucleus operating with the external bands of Col. De Michelis Ezio of the Royal Army; Commander of Central Italy Bands (actually private secretary to the Minister of war). With these nuclei worked the following officers; Patrizi, Spaccamonti, Politi, Parlante;
- two news gathering centres at the dependence of Lt. Col. Simonetti (actually of the Command-garrison of Rome) through

the captain of the Royal Guard of Finance Marinelli Libero, directed by Lt.Col.Lionti and Major Tani;

- an arms,munition and victuals refurnishing centre at the dependence of the Central Italy Bands Command,directed by Lt.

Parlante Michele;

- a transportation and connection centre for the utility of the external bands,directed by Lt.Melzani;
- a counter-espionage centre directed by Lt.de Laurentis Augusto;
- a connection centre with other police forces(captain Menichetti);
- an economic-social observation centre amidst Germans(civilians);
- elements of connection with the Front of Resistance(Lt. Maconio,Capt.Marinelli).

Around the end of November,General Poli who,from the constitution of the Social Italian Republic,held the command of our Body,asked his setting to rest from service,which was ex officio granted to him.

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They with their personal controlling influence succeeded in

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letting the men perceive by intuition that the Guard of Finance was collaborating with the clandestine Front. If, shortly before, the Body had had deserters by hundreds (almost 240 only in the "Legione Allievi"), those who rightly were afraid of being attracted in the nazi-fascist orbit, now had to stick close together, because there was a clandestine head in my person, who acted on behalf of the Allied Forces.

Security took hold of each of them and each of them remained at the appointed place so that I could present, on the night of June the 4th, to Colonel Collock my Financiers at their service place, including the Capitol previously occupied by them.

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The patriotic traditions of the R.Guardia di Finanza,the afflux of auxiliaries,purposely made to subtract the youth 421 attached to the patriotic parties from the military fascist service and make them actively work for the cause of liberty,brought into the barracks such a spiritual climate that the normal charges(scarce at that)were fulfilled with great neglect when they weren't completely ignored.

The patrols destined on duty during the curfew gave reports (still held by the Command of the Legione Allievi)only against the transgressions caused by German soldiers or hierarchs

of the Fascist-Republican Party (see doc. n. 7-C-9).

It was a notable fact to the Roman population that the so called "posti di blocco" held by the Financiers were not such although contrary to the official orders; instructions reserved to the dependent personnel commanded that in no way the afflux of foodstuffs into Rome should be hindered.

This did not escape the German Command who disposed for vigilance of the Financiers a flying squad (squadra volante) in civilian clothes whose commander was Lt. Lippermann. Nevertheless the work of the soldiers did not slack, in fact it became more intense by the cooperation of the partisans who crossed the Posti di blocco to enter and leave the City.

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In the same way were presented as negative 1621 inquiries made, always in the month of May, at the Posto di blocco. (Naturally none of these operations were actually made).

The reckoning was made on twenty-two reports but the percentage of the dates have value for the whole period which runs from September 8th 1943, to June 4th 1944.

the nazi-fascist traitors.No results can possibly be imputed to the R.Guardia of Finance(see among other things the phonogram 2.6.1944).

Several times from German authorities the guards at the military blockade(posti di blocco)were notified of the arrival of Patriots from the northern part of Italy,and instructions were accordingly given for their arrest.On the contrary, particular orders were immediately passed over from the organized Commands of the R.Guardia di Finanza to favour in any possible way the entry of any civilian.

The seizure of men was so clamorously sabotaged that only exceptionally(three times in all)was asked the help of the Guardia di Finanza.In the month of February 1944,three hundred youth who took refuge on the terrace of Via Nazionale were saved by the sublieutenant Lepore who warned in time the arrival of the German SS. who came upon following the secret accusation of a Hungarian female citizen a certain De Mist Emma.

In the same month a seizure of men was personally directed by the self proclaiming Quaeator Caruso at Largo Brancaccio. The sub-lieutenant Palmieri Giulio on that occasion was by the same Caruso threaten for having taken away two financiers from the place assigned to them by the Quaeator and harshly

deceived by the sub.Lt.Iannuzzi who began discussing about the validity of the passes of those employed by the Companies working for the Germans while the sub.Lt.Mittiga favoured the escape of the surrounded.

On the occasion of an operation made by the police in the month of March 1944 in the locality of Borgata Gordiana, the Lt.I.G.S.Sojlin and the sub.Lt.Iannuzzi, after having dispersed the troops and having succeeded in distracting from their charges a great number of the Pubblica Sicurezza men, they made themselves undiscoverable during the whole activity.

This incident was remarked and commented by Lt.Molisani of the Politic Delegation of the Republican-Fascist Party who referred the event to the Vice-Secretary Pizzirani.

Around the end of the month of April the R.Guardia di Finanza following the order of the Command of the Police, had to cooperate in the seizure of men together with a platoon commanded by an inferior officer who worked from 26.4 to 9.5.1944.

A few ciphers shall clear up, without useless comments, the praise-worthy activity of these soldiers who acted under the direct orders of a Captain of the National Republican Guards and under the vigilance of two delegates of the Republican Guards Fascist Party who were supposed to be simply on-lookers.

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To the Superior Allied Military Commando
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To the Royal Guards of Finance Commando

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The epuration of the officers of the Royal Guards of Finance has not yet been done. Isn't it enough what they have done after the armistice, until the arrival of the Allied Commando? Did,nt ~~they~~ you know how they have kept the soldiers as slaves and have made ~~them~~ work for the Germans, during the period of the Republic? And they have made them sign (for the Republic) with abuse of power and threats of prison, and they have oblidgeed them to put on the "sword" (gladio). You dont,t even know about all the big transports of food that they did in agreement with the civilians ,letting suffer the people and the soldiers while they have their homes full of everything. Do some inquiries and you will see tha it is only the truth.

These beautiful actions have been especially done by the Legione territoriale di Finanza- Via dell'Olmata 45- Rome. Do some inquiries please, and the whole truth will come out. The officers of the Carabinieri who have adhered to the Republic will be regulary sent home, and so must be done for the officers of the Commando of the Royal Finance Guards- ,eg. Terr.

This is the epuration's justice

Waiting, I thank you

