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FROM SEPT 1944

TO DEC 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

Mem 1

C.A. As a matter of interest Folio 30 3330
is forwarded.
P.S. *Waller Doherty*
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Patents Branch / Please see 33. Have you any comment
before the matter is put before the Director of Public
Security, Ministry of Defence?
S. 30.15.
Ex 305.

Grand Prison 1000.

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P.S. No comment beyond that the same may be reported
in other cases of the same.

W.D.D.

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JUL 1948

To C.A. Sect. Folio 35A for information of 601. 5H White.
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2 JUL 1945

To C.A. Sect. Folio 35A For information of Col. S.H. White.
seen by
S.H. White
W. Chapman
Colonel JACD.
W. Chapman

Handwritten initials

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ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
R.A.A.C. QUESTURA BLDG. VIA S. VITALE

Tel. 478895

PSL/P/2/1152

Rome, 6th December 1945.

To : Commanding General
Director Public Safety S/C. A.C.H.Q.
Subject : Arrival in Rome of Partisans.

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Further to my letter PSL/P/2/1120 of 4th December 1945, attached hereto please find for your information copy of further report from Questore on above subject.

TO		
FOR		
JOINT DIRECTOR	6/10	14/12
AC. OFFICE		
ACE	10/5	15/12
AC. G. G.		
SONS		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

R. T. Millhouse
R.T. Millhouse, Lt. Col.
A.C. Public Safety, L.O.

Encs.: 1.

Copy to :

- G-2, R.A.A.C.
- D.P.M., R.A.A.C.

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TRANSLATION

Letter No.055925 UP A4A dated 5/12/1945 from Questura of Rome.

Subject : Partisans convened in Rome - Incidents.

To : Lt.Col. R.T.Millhouse, L.O.

Further to my letter even number dated 3/12/1945.

Other confidential sources, believed to be reliable confirm the intention of leftist parties to impose a Government of their own agreement with the support of their own armed forces. To achieve this purpose partisans are being gathered in the various towns of the Roman Hills.

These partisans in due time should be conveyed to Rome by trucks.

The leftist parties want to secure following Ministries : Interior, Justice, Epuration and Constituent, Finance, Treasury, Public Works.

Each motor transported Unit will have appointed tasks, namely the occupation of the Ministries' buildings, first of all that one of the Interior, of the Military Barracks, and of all other important centres of public and political activity.

Sgn. THE QUESTORE

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(Translation L.S.)

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GENERAL COMMAND OF CC.RR.
Situation and Liaison Office

30 AGO. 1945

Rome 25-8-1945

N°233/9-4 Ans N°AC/I4099/PS
of the 31-5-45

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TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB-COMMISSION P.S. ROME

SUBJECT: Journey of patriots in Sicily.

The inconvenient lamentation by this Sub-Commission happened on the last month of may, when the first contingent of partisan reached Sicily.

Service order soon disposed as avoided the repeat of such incidents.

d'order

The Colonel Chief of Staff

Ezio Poleni

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X	CAPO	
X	SEGRE	
X	POLICE	
	CC. & RR.	
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Handwritten: 30-8, 3/9

21 AGO. 1945



Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 233/9-4 di prot.

Roma, li 25 agosto 1945

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Viaggi di patrioti in Sicilia.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA-Sottocommissione di P.S.-
(in esito foglio n.AC/14093/PS del 31/5/1945) → ROMA

AL MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
(a seguito foglio n.233/9-1 del 15/6/1945) - ROMA

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Gli inconvenienti lamentati da Codesta Sottocommissione ebbero luogo nel maggio decorso, quando, cioè, cominciarono a giungere in Sicilia i primi contingenti di partigiani.

Il servizio d'ordine, subito disposto, ne evitò il ripetersi di incidenti di rilievo.

d'ordine  
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.  
- Ezio Polani -

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24 AGO, 1945

1999. : 1445/992/1595

**Subject:** U.S. Operations.

To : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission,  
Quebec Alliance Commission, 370, St.

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1. I submit for information and as a cause of interest the action taken by the C.L.N. of Nevada, Genoa, to secure a voluntary donation to the funds of the C.N.A. I do not think there is much we can do about it and although this is the only case which has actually come to light in this Region it does, I think, indicate, the procedure adopted by most of these Committees to secure funds.

2. The following is a brief resume of the events:-  
On 26th April about 1300 hrs the house of Mrs. Breda of No. 52 via S. Ilario, Genoa, was visited by 3 Partisans and she was ordered to accompany them to the Partisan Command of S. Ilario. After a wait of 2 hours she was seen by the Commander who advised her to stay quiet as there was probably a question of payment of money involved. About 1800 hrs the same day she was taken to via Romano, Nervi the H.Q. of the C.L.N. of Nervi.
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3. At this place Mrs Breda appeared before the Committee and it seems best to quote her own words as to subsequent events:-

" Sig. De Angelis and Ing. Sanguinetti charged me with having a post at the Fascio Femminile (Female Fascist Section), I confirmed, as it was true, to have been Vice Vice-Secretary from December 1937 till June 1938 and Secretary of the Rural Women from December 1938 till July 1943.

Ing. Sanguinetti acknowledged and declared himself that I had been one of the few that had worked for the good. Notwithstanding that they said to me that I must atone for such fault and they asked me to pay the Committee of Liberation at least 500,000 lire.

I could not avoid this imposition and I was obliged to sign a declaration with which I promised to pay a sum without limit of time.

By later disposal I consider my promise has been nullified, but the Committee of

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of information of Nervi still kept in hand the declaration signed by me.

On the 15th day at 7 pm. three other members of the Partisan Police "Severino" of Nervi, came to my home and searched it with the pretext to look for arms, with negative results, after that I was ordered to follow them to Villa Rognetti. The Partisan Police made the same charge to me of having been a Fascist Official, and precisely Vice Fiduciaria for seven months, therefore they said to me that I would have to pay for it.

I asked a partisan named Felice if I was to be kept all the night, and I was given a nasty answer, that the next I should be conducted to Marassi or to the Questura afterwards they made me pass the night in the canteen of the Villa. The next day at 1 pm. they cut my hair. After that the Partisan named BERLIS told me that if I wanted to rehabilitate myself I ought to pay something to their benefit.

Being not tranquil and very disgusted of their treatment equal to that given to young girls for immoral behaviour with German soldiers, and under the impression that other suitcases would happen to me if I did not pay I promised to pay them the sum of 50,000 Liras which I did the next day.

At 11 A.M. on the 13th June, three partisans of "Severino" the same three that came last time to fetch me, came to my house and asked me to make a declaration that I had given the fifty thousand lire willingly. I told them I would not make such a statement because it would not be true. They asked me if I had denounced the matter and I said, "yes to A.M.S.". 3330

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At 10 A.M. on the 13th June, three partisans of "Saverino" the same three that came last time to fetch me, came to my house and asked me to make a declaration that I had given the THIRTY THOUSAND lire willingly. I told them I would not make such a statement because it would not be true. They asked me if I had denounced the matter and I said, "yes to A.M.G.". 3330

They asked me what I had written to A.M.G. and I showed them a copy of statement. They then asked me to copy the last few lines which I did and handed it to them. They took it away.

Yesterday morning, the 12th August 1945 I was called to the C.F.M. at Keivi. I found there Ing. Sanguinetti Sig. De Angelis, Col. RAPPETTI and two other persons whose names I don't know. Ing. Sanguinetti asked me if I wished to pay the amount of lire 500,000 which I had promised to do but I said I would not do so. They made no reply and I came away."

4. As regards the event on 15th May when the sum of 50,000 lire was paid, I directed the Questore to investigate the case and his report is attached. From this it will be seen that the donation was deemed to be a voluntary one and no action was taken.

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5. In my opinion the mere fact of the C.I.N. sending for the proposed honor constitutes a threat and in consequence I sent for the three individuals involved.

6. I saw them and asked what authority they had to collect money for the C.I.N. and they stated they had no authority but indicated that their actions were on the same lines as all other Committees.

7. I told them that collections under such circumstances would cease forthwith but I doubt if this will be obeyed for they maintain that money is not obtained by threats and if the person refuses a donation the matter is closed.

8. Of the three individuals involved it is stated that Ing. Sanguinetti is a millionaire and made his money under the Fascist Regime and that Colonel Rappazzi has two brothers who were Squadristi. Of course both are now Communists. Nothing is known about Di Angelis.

9. As indicated above there seems little that can be done but the matter is being watched and any action possible will be taken in future cases.

For the Regional Commissioner:

*[Signature]*  
H.J. MATTHEWS,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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| TO              | 19/4 |
| DIRECTOR        | 20/4 |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR | 20/4 |

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For the Regional Commissioner:

*[Signature]*

B.J. HAYFORD,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

| TO              |       | DATE  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| DIRECTOR        |       | 10/14 |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR |       | 10/14 |
| EXEC. OFFICE    |       | 10/14 |
| POLICE          | 10/14 | 10/14 |
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TRANSLATION.

QUESTURA OF GENOVA

Genova 17. 7. 45/

Ref: LIG/SAF/635.

SUBJECT: Investigations referring to BREDA Luisa of Nervi

Referring to your above mentioned letter, the following has been ascertained.

It is true that Mrs. Breda was arrested at the end of April by partisans and this upon the definite orders of the CLN of Nervi.

She was taken to the Headquarters of the CLN and accused of having taken office with the local Fascio and she was obliged by the members of the CLN to sign a promise to pay the sum of L.500,000.

Later, after having been forced to submit to the procedure of having her hair cut because of co-operation with the Fascists she offered and paid to the nucleus of the partisan police at Nervi the sum of L.50,000, in order to avoid possible future impositions, this was on 17th May, that is to say at a period when revolutionary tumult was still high.

The receipt for this payment, which shows the spontaneity of such payment, was signed by the then Commander of partisan police, "Giberna" (real name MOSCATELLI Ugo), and handed to Mrs. Breda.

As such spontaneity did not appear to correspond to the methods which at that period were practised by the partisan formations which had come down from the mountains and had in some way to provide for the necessities of life, as in those moments nobody provided for them, this Questura enquired to find out the exact truth of the facts.

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No coercion whatsoever was practiced by the <sup>3000</sup> ~~3000~~ Commander "Giberna" who received the sum and attributed it to the wish expressed by Mrs. Breda - considering her Fascist past - to obtain in that way a document to show to anybody who might accuse her of being against the movement of liberation.

A certain indirect pressure had been brought to bear on Mrs. Breda by the partisan Maresciallo Boris who is reported to have said to her that she could rehabilitate herself by paying down a sum in cash.

The circumstances have been energetically denied by Boris who has since been epurated from the police after this Questura had been able to organise and enroll the scattered partisan police forces after severe epuration.



As already pointed out numerous similar cases happened, and even much worse ones such as the nightly murders. These were exceptional and tumultuous times of reaction by a people who had been subjugated for many years. It is therefore considered unpolitical to recall events of the past by trying to judge their legality which thing did not exist at that time and could not exist.

The receipt for the L.50,000 which was handed over is herewith returned along with the other documents referring to this matter

IL QUESTORE  
(Avv. G.B. Bianchi)  
(Sgd. BIANCHI)



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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

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No. 442/7112 Div.A.G.R. Sez. 2<sup>a</sup>

Rome, June the 23th, 1945.

In reply to letter No. AC/R4099/PS. of the 31/5/45

SUBJECT : Travels of Partisans to Sicily  
TO : The A.C. Public Safety S.C.

Since the 27th May ult. special dispositions have been requested to the Authority of Sicily and to the Prefetto of Reggio Calabria for the immediate disarmament of the patriots returning back home from the Northern Italy.

In regard to the incidents pointed out by your Commission, with the a/m letter, new dispositions to the same Authorities have been issued.

For the Minister  
Ferrari

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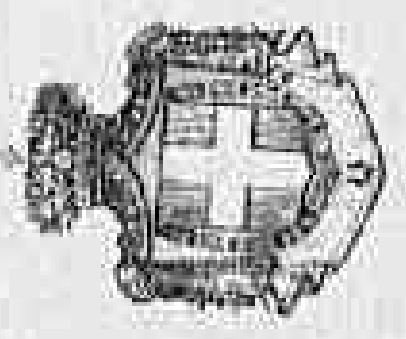
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Roma 23 Giugno 1945



Ministero dell'Interno  
DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione A.G.R. Sez. 2  
Prot. N. 442/7112 Allegati

Al l'on. COMMISSIONE  
ALLEATA  
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA P.S.  
ROMA

Risposta al Foglio del 31/5/45  
Dir. W.AC/K4099/PS.

OGGETTO Viaggi di partigiani in Sicilia.

Questo Ministero, fin dal 27 maggio, ha richiesto alle Autorità della Sicilia ed al Prefetto di Reggio Calabria Particolari misure, quale l'immediato disarmo, dei partigiani che provenienti dal Nord rientrano ora alle proprie dimore.

In occasione degli incidenti segnalati da codesta On. Commissione con la lettera a margine indicata, sono state emanate nuove disposizioni alle predette Autorità.

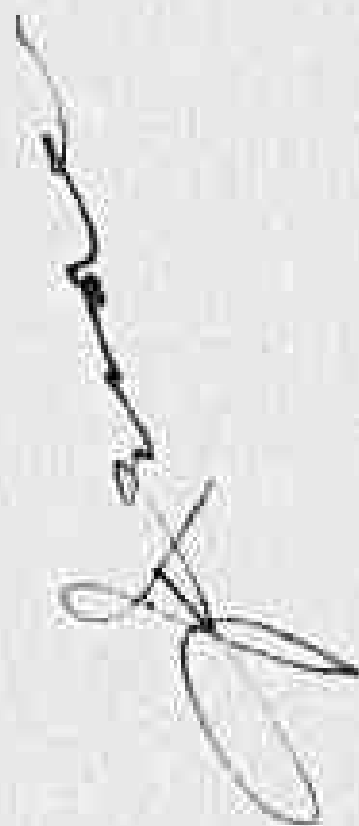
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ALLIED COMMISSION  
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE  
R.A.A.C. QUESTURA BLDG. VIAS. VITALE

PSY/SI

Subject : Partisans in Rome.

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission AC/HQ

From : Lt. Col. R. T. Millhouse, L.O.

28th June 1945

1. Owing to the Partisans Organisation in Northern Italy being disbanded, larger numbers have recently arrived in Rome where they have established themselves in several barracks complete with messes, arms etc.
2. They at present number nearly 1000.
3. A recent edition "Italia Nuova", claims that the partisans have set up their own police force and carry out investigations, perquisitions, confiscations, they arrest and blackmail people.
4. Two such operations have recently been broken up by the Police: (A) on the 25th June 45 hold up at Spada Club at Via Borgognona, when 14 arrests were made at the time, another arrest was made on the 26th, but 3 dressed as officers escaped with approximately a million lire.  
B) On the 26th June hold up at the house at Count Bennicelli, Piazza dell'Orologio, when 4 alleged partisans were arrested for attempted Blackmail.
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| TO              | INITIALS           | DATE |
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| DIRECTOR        | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2/7  |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2/7  |
| EXEC. OFFICER   | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2/7  |
| POLICE          | <i>[Signature]</i> | 5/7  |
| LIC. & REG.     |                    |      |
| PRISONS         |                    |      |
| ADM. OFFICER    |                    |      |
| SECURITY        |                    |      |
| LET OFFICER     |                    |      |

*[Signature]*  
R.T. Millhouse, Lt. Col. 3324  
A.C. Public Safety, L.O.

1. Brought to notice of Generali - M. of Interior personally by Col. Chapman on 2/7
2. On 7/7 Generali reported that numbers were never 400 and that Generali had given orders for disarming and return to homes *[Signature]*



ALLIED COMMISSION  
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE  
R.A.A.C. QUESTURA BLDG. VIA S. VITALE

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TO : Director Public Safety, Sub-Commission  
AC/HQ  
FROM, : Lt. Col. R. T. Millhouse, L.O.  
Subject : Armed robbery by Partisans.

Rome, 26th June 45

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Attached report from Questore is  
forwarded for your information.

R. T. Millhouse, Lt. Col.  
A.C. Public Safety, L.O.

| TO              | INITIALS | DATE |
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| DIRECTOR        | HW       | 29/6 |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR | HW       | 29/6 |
| ENCL. OFFICER   | HW       | 29/6 |
| POLICE          | HW       | 29/6 |
| L.C. & DES.     | HW       | 29/6 |
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TRANSLATION

From : Extract from Questura daily report dated  
26/6/45 .  
Date : 26th June 1945.

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On 25/6/45 at about 21.00hrs. a score of  
partisans of N°69 Via Dei Foraggi Section, entered  
"Spada" Club at Via Borgognona, armed with pistols  
and handgranades ordered the presents to deliver  
all the money in their possession.

P.S.Agents were immediately summoned upon  
whose arrival 3 patriots in officer uniform fled  
away taking along the stolen property, valued about  
1 million.

The remaining 14 partisans, among whom a  
woman, were disarmed and arrested.

So far 13 patrons of the Club have been iden-  
tified.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 479709

AC/14099/PS

21 June 1945

SUBJECT : Partisan Police Activity.

TO : RC Venezia, Attn: RPSO.

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1. For your information/action the attached are forwarded.

FFH/ae

*Francis J. Hatcher, Major*  
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, JAGD  
Director.

3 Encl.

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE  
R.A.A.C. QUESTURA BLDG. VIAS. VITALE

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ad.

To : AC/HQ Director P.S. Sub-Commission.  
From : Lt.Col.R.T.Millhouse,L.O.  
Subject : Partisan Police Activity.

20th June 45

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Attached translation copy of a report by the Questore is forwarded for your information and any further action deemed necessary.

*R.T. Millhouse*  
R.T.Millhouse, Lt.Col.  
A.C.Public Safety, L.O.

| TO              | INIT       | DATE |
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| DIRECTOR        | <i>flw</i> | 22/6 |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR | <i>flw</i> | 22/6 |
| EXEC. OFFICER   | <i>flw</i> | 22/6 |
| POLICE          | <i>flw</i> | 22/6 |
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FROM : R. Questura di Rome.  
N° : 021930 U.P. A.4C  
Date : 18th June 45  
Ogg. ; CATOZZI Artebano of Efem and of Calzolari Antonia,  
born at Ostellato on 3/4/1910.

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On 16th June three partisans, Carlesso Giuseppe, Guazzo Terenzio and Sperotto Bruno, called on this office showing a request from "Comitato Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia" and a letter from "Brigata Giovane Italia", Batt. VANIN Marostica. They said to have been charged of transferring Catozzi Artebano, arrested in Rome on charge of murder and cooperation with Germans, to Marostica.

A/m request was not taken into consideration also because Catozzi had been already denounced to the Italian Court by this office and consequently he had been put at the disposal of the Italian Judicial Authority.

Attached are copies of a/m letters.

Sgd. The Questore.

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TRANSLATION30<sup>e</sup>

FROM : " Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia  
(Nnte Morale D.L.5 apr. 45 N°224)

N° : 1179

Rome 16th June 45  
Via Savoia 13 Tel.865545

To : Questura Ufficio Politico  
ROMA

We introduce to you the following Partisans, now  
in charge of Police Service in Marostica(Vicenza ):

Carlesso Giuseppe, Guazzo Terenzio, Sperotto Bruno.  
who came to Rome with instructions to transfer the fascist  
criminal Catozzi Artebano to Marostica.

We beg to supply them with any information required.

p. The Comitato Nazionale  
Provvisorio  
Il Segretario del Comitato  
Sgd. Luigi Gaiani

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TRANSLATION

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FROM : Brigata "Giovane Italia "  
Com. Btg. " A. VANIN "

N) : 310

Marostica 15/6/45

Ogg. : Arrest of a Criminal.  
To : Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia  
ROMA

As criminal Catozzi Artebano has been arrested by your office, as his nazi-fascist activity was carried out in Marostica so that the accusation and witnesses can be produced only in a/m place, we ask for Catozzi be handed over to the three patriots Guazzo Terenzio, Sperotto Bruno and Carlesso Giuseppe, bearers of this letter and members of Partisan Police.

Sgd. The Commander of Btg.  
Marchesini Ulisse.

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Translation 306

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

N. 555/

7th June 1945.

To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

The following report has been received from the Rome Questore:

"" From confidential report it appears that Partisan elements returning from the North, carry with them on trucks, arms and ammunitions, which would be assigned both to the Communist Party and the Partisan Movement.

Those assigned to the Partisan Movement would be hidden by the Superior Partisan Command (settlement office).

Adequate instructions have been issued to the dependent offices and Commands for the institution of a special service entrusted with the discovery and tracing of the arms and the arrest of those responsible.

Results will be reported as soon as possible.""

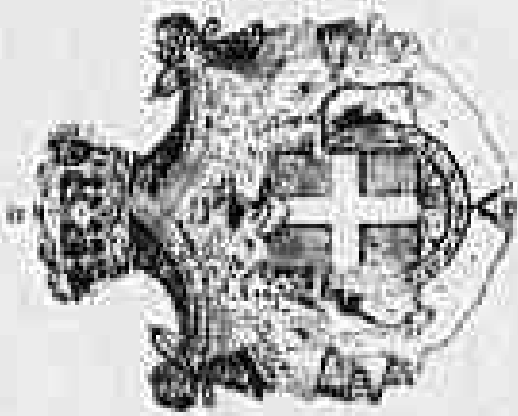
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# Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

N. 555/

Roma, 7 giugno 1945

ONOREVOLE COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza

R O M A

Comunico, qui di seguito, quanto riferisce il Questore

di Roma:

Viene fiduciarmente riferito che elementi partigiani rimpatriando dal Nord, importerebbero, a mezzo autocarri, armi e munizioni che verrebbero destinate sia al Partito Comunista Italiano, sia al movimento partigiano.

Quelle dirette al movimento Partigiano verrebbero celate a cura del Comando Superiore Partigiano (Ufficio Stralcio).

Sono state impartite adeguate istruzioni agli Uffici e Comandi dipendenti per la istituzione di speciali servizi atti alla scoperta ed al rintraccio delle armi e all'arresto dei re-sponsabili.

Mi riservo di far conoscere l'esito non appena possibile".-

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

W. S. G.

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Mi riservo di far conoscere l'esito non appena possibile". -

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TRANSLATION NO.

CC.RR. GENERAL HQ.

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13097 28 A

Rome 2 June 1945

n:71/575

Subject : Rome-Use of auto-vehicles illegally possessed by partisans.

To : Allied Commission Public Safety s/c.

From an liable source it is reported that in these days are coming from the North, many partisans, who are using auto-vehicles which are not legally property of them.

With these auto-vehicles not only the persons, but also arms and ammunitions, which are subsequently hidden in not identified places, are being transported. The place in which they use to hide the arms and ammunitions, are known only by some elements of the communist party, and of the Partisans Superior Command.

The matter a/b could cause serious incidents, and therefore it would appear necessary that the block post would made an attentive perquisition of the auto-vehicles as well as of the persons, coming from the North.

Commanding General  
Brunetto Brunetti

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| TO             |     |  |
| Commanding     | 6/6 |  |
| Deputy         | 6/6 |  |
| Chief Clerk    | 6/6 |  |
| Police         |     |  |
| Int. Aff.      |     |  |
| Prisons        |     |  |
| Administration |     |  |
| Security       | 7/6 |  |
| Chief Clerk    |     |  |





Laudate

## Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 71/575 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 2 giugno 1945

Risposta al

del

n.

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Roma - Uso di automezzi illegalmente posseduti dai partigiani.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA -Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

R O M A

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Fonte attendibile segnala che in questi giorni stanno affluendo dal Nord numerosi partigiani o pseudo tali, i quali fanno uso di automezzi non del tutto legalmente posseduti.

Con questi mezzi, oltre le persone, verrebbero trasportate numerose armi e munizioni che verrebbero occultate in nascondigli non potuti identificare, perchè noti solo a pochi elementi fidati del Partito Comunista e del Comando Superiore Partigiano.

Quanto viene segnalato potrebbe causare gravi ed incresciosi incidenti e, pertanto, sarebbe necessario che i posti di blocco perquisissero attentamente le autovetture e le persone che provengono dal Nord.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Brunetto Brunetti-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-686

4 June 1945

AC/14099/PS

TO : RPSO, Lombardia Region.

SUBJECT : Partisan incident.

1. Attached please find a report by Major Puddy
WRS of an incident in Arona on 21 May 1945, where the
partisans detained his engineer-interpreter, for such
action as you deem necessary.

2. A copy is enclosed for your Partisan Officer.

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

WD/ae

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14200/PS

Copy
14099

Tel : 478709

31 May, 1945

SUBJECT : Modena - 7 prisoners killed by Partisans.

TO : Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

The following translation of a report of incident dated 23 May 1945 has been received from the Commanding General CC.FR.

1. On the 9th inst, 4 agents of the MIRANDOLA Partisan Police, were ordered to escort 7 prisoners, one a woman, from the local prison to that of Modena. The transfer was effected by a truck.

2. During the trip one of the prisoners asked for a match, and while it was being given to him, tried to disarm the agent. The agent called to the driver to stop the truck which was done immediately. The agents believing themselves to be "aggressed", fired on the prisoners and killed them.

For your information.

R.M. Freeman, Capt. C.M.F.
R.M. FREEMAN, Capt. C.M.F.
Prison Officer.

RMF/G.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 369

31 May, 1945.

AS/114079/PS

SUBJECT : Patriot Travel - Sicily.

TO : Local Government Sub-Commission Patriots Branch.

1. The attached copy letter has been received from Capt Irvine Lynch Transportation officer A.C. Palermo, and is forwarded for your information and such action as you deem necessary.

2. This behaviour on the part of patriots has been brought to the notice of the Director of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior, and the Commanding General CG.MB., in order that special attention can be paid to Patriots travelling South.

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

PJW/C.

Copy to : Transportation S/C
Transportation officer A.C. Reggio.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
#0 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

31 May, 1945.

AC/14099/RS

SUBJECT : Patriot travel - Sicily.

TO : Commanding General Carabinieri
Director of Public Security, Ministry of Interior.

- 23B
1. The attached copy letter has been received from the A.C. Transportation officer Palermo.
 2. It brings to notice the behaviour of patriots travelling south, who are interfering with train schedules and the proper operation of the services.
 3. Forwarded for your information and such action as you consider necessary to prevent a repetition.

Handwritten: *Transmitted to the*
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

EJW/C.

Copy to : Patriots Branch
Transportation S/C
Transportation Officer A.C. Reggio.

See 37A for
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel : 478704

28 May 1945

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SUBJECT : Partisan Travel - Sicily

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. Reference conversation (Lt.Col. Wilson - Major Worthington) of 28 May '45.
2. Attached copy of letter received from Capt. Irvine Lynch Transportation Officer AC Palermo is forwarded for your information and necessary action.
3. Please forward copies of any letters outlining the action taken to overcome this position, to this Sub-Commission, and to Transportation Officer AC Reggio who will be covering Sicily w.e.f. 1 June '45.

TO	For the Director	
DIRECTOR	WV	30/5
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
CHIEF	WV	31/5
CH. & REG.		
REGIONS		
PA. OFFICER		
STAFF		
CHIEF CLERK		

C.R. Worthington
C.R. WORTHINGTON
Major

Copy to : Rail Division (Tn 4)
Senior Transportation Officer, AC Reggio

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COPY/mb

ALLIED COMMISSION
AC TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
PALERMO

IL/er

Ref : MT/4
Date: 21 MAY 1945.

SUBJECT : Behaviour on the part of the Partisans.

TO : Hq. Alcom, Tn, Sub-Comm.

1. I regret to have to report on the unsatisfactory behaviour on the part of the partisans.
2. Special trains have been laid on for their convenience one from Messina to Palermo and one to Catania. The rest of the journey is completed by passenger or freight train under programme and when same is not available a special is arranged and the train completed with freight.
3. The partisans are most undisciplined and threaten the Railway officials to get their way demanding Diesels and specials at a few minutes notice. It took 50 Carabinieri and 100 my officials to keep order.
4. Yesterday they left Messina on a Special and placed stones and sleeping on the line to prevent the Diesel from keeping Schedule.
5. I understand they have no warrant to travel as arranged when I mentioned this matter to Col. Thomas. Any person can come along and state they are Partisans.
6. Two disreputable characters representing to be partisans came to my office and demanded seats on the Diesel. I dealt with them in a appropriate manner.

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Sgd.

IRVINE-LYNCH, S/Capt.R.E.
Transportation Officer
Sicily

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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File

pe . Ext 321
4 May 1945

Ref : 36/O/PAT

SUBJECT : POL - Italian Military Patriot Representatives.

TO : Commerce Subcommittee.

1. Ref. your AC/5087/Commerce/POL.7 of 30 April.
2. It is thought that it would be quite impracticable to restrict the issues of POL to Italian Military Patriot Representatives, since it is essential that they should be able to move, without delay, as and when they are required.
3. This Branch is sorry not to be able to agree with the suggestion put forward by the Petroleum Section, but it is considered that to do so would materially reduce the effectiveness of the Italian Military Patriot Representatives, which in the interests of the Allied Forces, cannot be permitted at this juncture.

TO	BY	DATE
DIRECTOR	W.C.	30/5
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXECUTIVE		
PLANS	W.C.	31/5
LOGISTICS		
ADJUTANT GENERAL		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
D/Director,
Local Govt. Sub Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

ASB/ec

Ref. AC/5087/Commerce/POL 7

Tel. Home 478829

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SUBJECT : POL - Italian Military Patriot
Representatives.

TO : ~~Pol. Sec. AFHQ, BAAC~~

1. Our AC/5087/Commerce of 30 April 45 refers.
2. Attached is a copy of Patriots Branch 36/O/PAT of 4 May 45.
3. In the circumstances it can only be hoped that it will not be necessary to continue this variation from normal procedure for very long and Patriots Branch are hereby requested to bear in mind that coupons can be issued later through their Branch to enable these representatives to draw from CIP.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Maj. A. S. BRERETON

for W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Subcommission

1 Encl. as per para 2

Copy to :

~~Local Government 3/O - Patriots Branch~~
(Col. Craig) without encl.

Public Safety (Maj. Toallance) with encl.

DIRECTOR	10/6	16/6
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	10/6	16/6
EXEC. OFFICER	10/6	16/6
POWERS	10/6	16/6
LC & SEC.	10/6	16/6
PRISON	10/6	16/6
ADM. OFF.	10/6	16/6
SECRET	10/6	16/6
CIN.	10/6	16/6

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Translation.

CC.RR. Gen. HQ.

14099
12th May 1945.

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N. 51/2 R.P.

Subject : Modena - Victory Parade.

To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

In Modena, on the 30th April, 1945, at the attendance of Italian and Allied Authorities, there took place the victory parade of the partisan formations, who after having filed off along via Emilia, between two lines of applauding persons, surrendered their arms.

It is rumoured, however, that the number of these arms is much inferior to that really in possession of the partisans.

Commanding General
-Brunetto Brunetti-

3300

rv.



RISERVATO PERSONALE

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 51/2 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 12 maggio 1945

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n

OGGETTO: Modena - Parata della Vittoria.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione di P.S. -

R O M A

In Modena, il 30 aprile scorso, alla presenza delle autorità italiane e alleate, vi fu la parata della Vittoria delle formazioni partigiane, le quali, dopo avere sfilato lungo la via Emilia, tra due ali di popolo plaudente, consegnarono le armi.

Si vuole, però, che il numero delle armi versate sia di gran lunga inferiore a quello effettivamente detenuto dai partigiani.

TO	INT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE		
EC. & J. A.		
PRISON		
ADJ. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Brunetto Brunetti)

Brunetti

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

PS/23

12 May 45

SUBJECT : Alleged Reprisals against former Fascists

TO : SCAPO, AMG, 5 Army.

1. The attached is forwarded for your information.
2. In my considered opinion the matter is sufficiently serious to warrant the employment of military patrols at night and I would ask that arrangements be made to this end in the Provinces in this Region.
3. Although the accompanying report refers only to Milan, the position is much the same in the other Provinces of this Region where roaming so-called partisan bands seem to have no intention of obeying the notice to surrender arms.
4. As far as Milan itself is concerned the matter is being taken up direct with the Military Commander.

TO	For the Regional Commissioner,
DIRECTOR	17/2
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
EXEC. OFFICER	
POLICE	17/5
SEC. & ADJ.	
PRISON	
CTF/Reg	
SECURITY	
CHIEF CLERK	

C.T. FRANCIS,
Lt-Colonel,
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION

Copy to : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ, Allied Commission.
Regional Partisan Liaison Officer.

C O P Y

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
(MILAN CITY) QUESTURA.

TO : PPSO, Milan City (Copy for RPSO)

FROM : PSO, Milan City

SUBJECT : ALLEGED REPRISALS AGAINST FORMER FASCISTS

1. The following information is of interest regarding the reprisals taken against alleged former Fascists by the Partisan elements :-

Period -	25 April 45	to 0900 hrs	5 May 45	-	782	dead persons
"	- 5 May 45	to 0900 hrs	6 May 45	-	4	" "
"	- 6 May 45	to 0900 hrs	7 May 45	-	4	" "
"	- 7 May 45	to 0900 hrs	8 May 45	-	N11	
"	- 8 May 45	to 0900 hrs	9 May 45	-	7	" "
"	- 9 May 45	to 0900 hrs	10 May 45	-	15	" "
"	- 10 May 45	to 0900 hrs	11 May 45	-	13	" "

2. In each of the above deaths, the killings occurred during the period of darkness, the bodies being subsequently discovered in the early morning. Some 89 of the corpses have been identified as ex-prominent Fascists, but in the other cases the bodies are unidentified, and after killing the assailants removed all means of identification from the bodies with valuables.

3. I draw special attention to the above, as it is the opinion of the Questore and myself that except in the case of the identified dead Fascists, the greater part of the other victims are merely subjects of murder and robbery, undoubtedly committed by armed patriot elements.

4. I therefore recommend that every measure be taken through C.N.L.A.I. to cause an early date to be fixed that all Partisans deposit arms; that this present situation be ended, and those Partisan elements in possession of arms after the fixed date be dealt with under the powers of our proclamations.

Sgd. J. Kane, Capt.
Public Safety Officer,
Milan City

11 May 45, Ref PUS.2.11.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Message Centre No: D/2222

Date Time Rec'd: FEB 17 1230A

Precedence: **IMMEDIATE**

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TO HQ ALCOM MIA AMG 5 ARMY GSI(C) GSI (B) 'A' BRANCH 'Q' BRANCH

RESTRICTED

GOC 8th Army has no objection to recruiting parades taking place Sunday next. Carabinieri will be instructed to ensure that military traffic is not impeded by parades.

Action - P Safety SC
L Forces SC
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
CA Section
File (2)
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See (11) and Assoc. File SD/71
date 11/2/1945. Patriots (Col Craig)
concludes no further action

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TRANSLATION

18 FEBRUARY 1945
PARTISAN'S AND SOLDIER'S DAY

The meeting shall begin at 1030 at Piazza del Popolo.

At the preparation of the tribunes and at the placing of the palissade with movable elements to delimit the space reserved for the meeting, is charged Dr. Pasetti of the Ministry of the Occupied Territory in collaboration with the Commune of Rome.

On the stand Italian and Allied authorities, Diplomatic Corps and guests will take place.

Control of personalities who have access to the stand will be effected by a functionary of the Ministry of Occupied Territory and by officers of the local Military Command.

Invitation cards will be sent out by the said Ministry and Ministry of War.

On the right side of the stand the military band of the guard of Finance and the representatives of the Army associations will take place.

At the left side the patriotic associations and the group of the Italian women.

On the front an armed Unit, partisans and the band of the Aircraft.

At the arrival of His. Ex. BONOMI the War Minister and the troops shall pay military honours.

The Premier and His Ex. CASATI shall pass in parade the armed units and the partisans.

On the stand the above named authorities with three Italian women shall deliver to the command of partisans the Flag who will present it for the blessing.

At the end of this ceremony His Ex. BONOMI ~~will make~~ a speech and after him His Ex. CASATI and His Ex. Scoccimarro.

~~Immediately~~ afterwards the War Minister will decorate the flag with the medal of bravery and will distribute ~~awards~~ ^{medals} to seven soldiers and seven partisans.

The flag shall then leave the stand and shall be carried before the

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The troops, after having paid the Military honours to His Ex. BONOMI and CASATI shall go with the band of the Aircraft at their head, at the VITTORIALE where they will leave at the Sacrament of the War Flags the flag of War of the Partisans.

The brass band of the Guard of Finance shall follow with all the Unit of the partisans.

The column shall pass from Piazza del Popolo through Corso Umberto to Piazza Venezia.

During the passage the band shall play alternating marches with the Hymn of Garibaldi, Mameli and the Song of the Piave.
From Piazza Venezia the Unit in formation, the partisans and the

and the brass bands shall reach their barracks as orders that shall be given by a local military Command

VARIOUS:

- a) The flag of the partisans, when carried from the stand before the Unit and in Piazza Venezia and when shall move to be left in the saccharium shall have the following military honours:
Three attentions - Trooping the Colours - Hymn of the Piave.
- b) Troops and representans shall stay on attention during the blessing of the flag and the deliver of honours.
- c) At His Ex. BONOMI and CASATI's arrival and leaving at Piazza del Popolo : three attentions - Camp March - Military March.
- d) The honours shall be paid by the band of the Aircraft.
- e) The motor cars of the authorities and of the personalities shall arrive at Piazza del Popolo coming from Ponte Margherita, descending from the right side, after having left the persons near the entrance of the palissade they shall go on the left slope and shall parke at Via Ferdinando di Savoia, as the agents shall direct them. At the end of the ceremony coming down from the left slope they shall stop before the palissade and shall take away the persons and shall by the left slope get to the Ponte Margherita.
- f) The local Military Command has asked the Questura to give the necessary orders and the dispositions for the road traffic.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

AG/149/TAT.

Tel. 409081 - 580.

13th February, 1945.

SUBJECT : Patriot/Partisan Parade, Sunday 18th February, 1945.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region,
(Attention R.F.S.O.)
and for information

R.A.A.C.,
Patriots Branch, AG.

1. Information has been received that a combined parade of Italian armed forces and Patriots/Partisans will be held in Rome on Sunday, 18th February, 1945. In this connection it has been directed that:-

- a) this parade shall not be prohibited by this Commission,
- b) that MMIA will not issue arms,
- c) that MMIA will not issue clothing or provide transport.

2. In confirmation of telephone message to the R.F.S.O. of even date, he will ascertain where the parade will be held and make the necessary arrangements to ensure that no disorder takes place.

Walter Doherty

for JOHN T. CHAPMAN,

Colonel, I.A.S.D.

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

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MEMORANDUM.To Director of Public Safety.

Colonel Spicer, Patriots Branch, spoke to me on the 2nd January 1945, regarding the disarming of patriots. He is preparing a draft directive and in one paragraph dealt with the problem of disarming patriots in the event of a sudden collapse of enemy resistance in Northern Italy.

He proposed to say that in such an event the responsibility for disarming patriots would fall on Public Safety. Col. Spicer said he had a few patriot officers that it would be impossible for them to deal with this problem. I said that Public Safety Officers would give every possible assistance, as indeed they had in the past. However, it would be necessary for the powers of public safety officers to be clearly defined. Usually the most practicable method of disarming patriots was to persuade the leaders to assemble their forces and to call on them to surrender their arms en masse. At present all negotiations with patriot leaders are conducted by the Patriot Branch and some confusion would exist if Public Safety Officers interfered.

Col. Spicer agreed that the question needed further consideration and said he would raise the subject at the next Vice President's Meeting.

A.R. Wilcox

A.R. WILCOX Lt. Col.

2nd January, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: ACC/11099/P.S.

11th Oct. '44.

SUBJECT:- Discipline - TROILLO Band.

TO:- HQ AMI (A. Branch)

1. Attached is a copy of a report from the Provincial Public Safety Officer Oniel, Pinar del Rio.

2. As this band is a recognised unit of VIII Army, it is considered that you may wish to take disciplinary action in order to prevent recurrence of this type of disturbance.

FOR ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

G.E. WILSON. Brigadier.
VP CA Sec.
Dep. C. of S.

Copy to:- Patriots Branch.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: AGC/14099/P.S.

10 Oct. '44.

SUBJECT:- Discipline - TROILLO Band.TO:- R.C. Abruzzi-Marche. 9A

Ref. your RS/507/24 dated 3rd October.

1. Investigation shows that the TROILLO band of Patriots is in fact a recognized unit of VIII Army. The report of the Public Safety Officer Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Province has been forwarded to HQ AAI for information and any disciplinary action deemed advisable.

2. The instructions issued by the Provincial Public Safety Officer Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Province are noted and approved.

BY ORDER OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

G. R. Lypkin

G.R. LYPKIN. Brigadier.
VI CA Sca.
Dep. C. of S.Copy to:- Patriots Branch.
Public Safety S/c. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOWLANDIA REGION
APO 394

4 October 1944

Subject: Unlawful possession of weapons and explosives.

To : HQ, A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. In letter 700/15/CA from R.C. & M.C. Section (signed by Major Dollard), in which it is asked that energetic steps be taken to enforce the surrender of firearms and explosives, reference is made to instructions 50/1PAT dated 16th July 1944.

2. As I am not in possession of a copy of these instructions, would it be possible for one to be furnished to me, please.

C. T. Francis

C. T. FRANCIS
Lt Col
R.P.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
6 OCT 1944
A.C.C.

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EX OFFICER	<i>C.T.</i>	X ^y
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TO : HQ ACC Patriots Sub-Commission.
 FROM : HQ AME Abruzzi-Marche Region.
 SUBJECT : Patriots.
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 DATE : 3 Oct 44.

Herewith for your information and necessary action please, copy of report received from P.P.S.O. Chieti, which is self explanatory.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

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SUBJECT : Patriots.

TO : P.P.S.O. HQ ACC Region V.

FROM : P.P.S.O. Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces C.D.

REF : RS/177/CH.

DATE : 26 Sep 44.

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This band is operating with Army and have been granted 7 days leave. All are fully dressed in British battle uniforms and fully equipped with firearms and ammunition.

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FROM : R.P.S.O. Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces & C.D.

REF : R.S. 17/18.

DATE : 20 Sep 44.

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REMARKS

It has been brought to notice the arrival in MILANO, Province of Chieti, on 26 Sep 44, of 10 - 50 members of the THOR Band of Patriots.

This band is operating with Army and have been granted 7 days leave. All are fully dressed in British battle uniforms and fully equipped with firearms and ammunition.

Since their arrival many have been celebrating their "victories" by "playfully" discharging their firearms in the streets of MILANO and causing commance and creating disturbances. CC.RR locally are handicapped in dealing with men in such numbers so well equipped, and claiming that they are subject to the Allied Command, not the Italian. May the facts be brought to the notice of the responsible authority through Eighth Army please, and the undesirability of permitting patriots granted leave to carry firearms while on such leave, to areas south of the Rear Army Control Line.

In the meantime instructions have been given to CC.RR to take all necessary steps where actions by the patriots may give rise to a breach of the peace.

CHIEF.

(sgd) T. COTTON,
Capt. R.P.S.O.
Chieti, Pescara & Teramo
Provinces.

Brought to the attention of
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FILE : R.IX/PS/B/6.

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SUBJECT: Patriots.

TO : Acting Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ.,
Allied Control Commission.

1. Two copies of letter of even reference dated 21 Sep 44 are forwarded herewith for your information.

2. These notes have been compiled following my recent visit to FLORENCE to assist in dealing with Patriots and the views expressed are my own personal experiences and those of other officers with whom I collaborated.

For the Regional Commissioner,

E.J. BYE, Lt-Col.,
Regional Public Safety Officer,
Region IX.

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FILE : R.IX/19/8/6.

21 Sep 44.

SUBJECT. Patriots.

TO : Provincial Commissioners and Provincial Public Safety Officers, Region IX.

1. In dealing with Patriot problems in FLORENCE the following points emerged which may be found of interest and useful when similar problems arise in Region IX.
2. Patriots in the FLORENCE area, genuine and alleged, numbered about 4,000. They were presumed to be under the command of Lt-Col Niccoli, who was undoubtedly a true patriot and was whole heartedly on the side of the Allies.
3. The patriots were formed into two divisions, namely the Potente Division composed of five Brigades and the Giustizia Liberta Division with three Brigades. In addition, there were a number of "Action Groups" in the city. These were entirely separate from the two divisions mentioned above and were composed of residents of FLORENCE. These, apparently, only came into active operation on the entry of the Allies into the city.
4. Col Niccoli, with a small staff had his own headquarters in the Prefettura and the headquarters of the various Brigades and Groups were scattered throughout the city.
5. Of the five Brigades in the Potenti Division, four were Communist and one Socialist. The Giustizia Liberta Division was supposedly non-political, but without doubt, the majority of its members were strong supporters of one or other of the political creeds in Italy other than Communism, and the feeling between the two divisions was not good.
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7. It was found that any orders emanating from Col Nicelli or any of his Brigade Commanders were countersigned by the Political Commissario, otherwise they were void and of no effect.
8. The whole organization, if such it could be called, was so loosely knit that Col Nicelli could not tell me the name of anyone of his Brigade Commanders. Each Brigade and Division appeared to operate entirely independent of the others and the Action Groups seemed to be entirely outside the picture.
9. The Patriots were armed with various small arms, and a few light machine guns, hand grenades etc. All the leaders professed entire ignorance of the number and/or type of arms in their respective Brigades and lists of such could not be obtained although repeatedly asked for.
10. In an endeavour to bring some sort of order out of chaos, it was arranged for the patriots to leave their various headquarters and concentrate in a disused Military Barracks. Later, when fighting in FLORENCE ceased, the Patriots paraded and were inspected by the Corps Commander

under whom they had fought during the operations in FLORENCE. He handed certificates for the Patriots to the Divisional Commander.

11. Prior to the Parade an order directing them to surrender their arms by midday on 7 Sep @ and a memorandum thanking them for their services to the Allied cause was posted throughout the city.

@ - Note - The Parade took place before this expiry time. 12. Although a fair number of rifles, parts of machine guns and a large quantity of bombs and ammunition was surrendered there was no doubt that a large number of weapons, especially pistols, were withheld by the Patriots. As no lists of arms were available it was impossible to check the numbers surrendered.

13. The Patriots were informed of the serious view taken by the Allied Government regarding the non-surrender of their arms and later 10 Patriots were arrested for being in unlawful possession of arms (i.e., pistols) and were charged under Proclamation No. 1.

14. Of the large number of Patriots in FLORENCE, at the most not more than 600 fought in the line, the remainder wandered round the town and guarded their own particular headquarters. Several cases were reported of Patriots entering houses and arresting the inmates alleged to be Fascist sympathisers and several cases of murder were reported, alleged to be the work of Patriots. They were inclined to ride rough shod over the civilian population and, in many cases, themselves resorted to Fascist methods.

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It is necessary to deal very firmly with them and to disarm them as quickly as possible after fighting in the area concerned has ceased. It seemed evident in FLORENCE that many of the arms were retained, not for use against the Allies, but rather against their political opponents after we have left the country.

The parade of the Patriots and the issue of the certificates before the expiry of the time limit for the surrender of arms was not a success in FLORENCE and, in future cases, where large numbers of Patriots are being dealt with, the time limit for the surrender of the arms should expire before any certificates are issued and if it is obvious that large numbers of arms are being retained by the Patriots all certificates should be withheld. One cannot adopt the theory "No Arms, no Certificates" as it cannot be definitely

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ascertained that every individual Patriot possesses arms.

(c). Where there are large numbers of Patriots it will be necessary to allocate an officer to this duty alone, for a few days. It is a full time job.

(d). Labour Officers should be contacted to give priority to Patriots in obtaining work. It is very necessary that work be offered to them after disbandment, as they are otherwise without means of livelihood.

(e). Whilst fighting with Allied troops Patriots are fed by the Army, but as soon as fighting ceases the supply of food ceases. During the time which elapses between the cessation of fighting and disbandment it is necessary to continue to feed them. It has been recommended to HQ., Allied Control Commission that this should be done through AMG sources. If some effort to feed them is not made during the transition period serious disorders are likely to occur.

(f). It was found, with regard to repatriation of those Patriots whose homes are in Southern Italy or Sicily, that the best method was through Refugee channels, but, in these cases, it is necessary to stress the fact that they are not locked upon as Refugees.

(g). As previously mentioned, the control over the Patriots by their Commanders was practically negligible and, therefore, in towns where there are large numbers of Patriots it is advisable, if possible, to concentrate them in buildings or barracks by Brigades where some control can be exercised over them until they are disbanded.

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- (j). Lastly, it is advisable that a representative of M.M.I.A. should be present in the area as soon as possible after occupation to deal with applications from Patriots desirous of joining the Italian Army.
16. Finally, there is no doubt that although there are a large number of good, genuine Patriots who have the Allied cause at heart and who have fought well in the interests of their country, there are also very many who have found it convenient to become Patriots at the last moment and who have not fought or done anything in the interests of the Patriots. The officer dealing with the Patriots cannot possibly know all these people and must rely on the advice of the leaders to discriminate between genuine and bogus Patriots.
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Patriots Branch.
- E.J. BYE, Lt-Col.,
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