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10A for your information.

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col A/Q to rec.W. P. L. Col
MAG. HMIA.SP
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Actg Chief Comman.
Chas. C. A. S.

13A is submitted for information.

25-4-46.

E. J. Dye Colonel.

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Ex Comm.

To see 13A.

b Bw have a copy but will pass to m m 1A to see
 m return of file.

As you know I am opposed to sending to the Italian
 Govt. copies of such a report on the basis of the action
 taken at 12A which referred to the activities of
 a political party and requested the Italian Govt.
 to carry out a thorough investigation in St. Govt.
 territory.

In any case I feel that m m 1A should take any action
 they think fit.

26/4/46

M. P. C. A. S.

July 26/46
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V. P. C. A. S.

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Thank you.

The Prime Minister has specifically

personally asked for all reports on these subjects
 to be sent to the Govt.

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V.P.C.A.S.

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Thank you.

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the one that Dr. Bombassei has in - out of

course with no such request as was contained

in para 2 of 12 A.

MS 27/4

L.F.S.C.

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To See 13A. Mrs. 405. It is proposed to give
a copy of the Report to the Govt. representative
at this time.

Shirley M.M. (L.F.S.C.)

Agreed to send copy

also to M.M.A. Murray of

has had L.A. Committee meeting on 29/4/46

Action taken. 3/5/46
V.P.C.A.S.

MS 27/4

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Translation by M.B.

GG. RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 7/11/46

Nr. 666/3

8-NOV 1946
14-197/1To : ALLIED COMMISSION
P.S. Sub CommissionR O M E

SUBJECT : EMILIA. Arrest of the members of an armed gang.

18A

Follows note Nr. 666/3 of the 18th April 1946.

Following long and difficult investigations led by Capt. VESCE in the MODENA Territory, most of the people responsible for the armed robbery perpetrated on the 16th April last in the PORTO ROCCA Ammunition depot (by which Artillery Sgt. Mj. VASSELLI Attilio was killed), have been identified.

They are :

BOTTAZZI Dante - student, aged 23, born at Castelfranco d'Emilia, leader of the gang.
VANZINI Ettore - aged 25, from Castelfranco d'Emilia.
COVONI Rino - aged 22, from " "
REVERTERI Walter - aged 22, from " "
REVERTERI Bruno - aged 43, from " "
DE CARLO Evaristo, aged 42, from Vignola di Modena, living at Castelfranco d'Emilia,
STORPACZINI Giuseppe, aged 23, from S. Cesario Solfanaro (Modena) living at Castelfranco d'Emilia.
BOTTAZZI Guido, aged 24, from " "
CAVALLERI Eugenio, aged 22, from " "
BERTONI Elio, aged 19, from " "
LALLE Alberto, aged 39, from Savignano Solfanaro (Modena).

The 3rd, the 4th, 5th and 6th of the a/m persons, confessed their crimes. The others, still at large, are actively searched for.

The truck, which was used for the crime, was sequestered.

Some of the a/m persons are presumably responsible for most of the crimes which took place after the liberation in the MODENA District.

It was also definitely ascertained that the group of the aggression were political ones.

We reserve further news on the matter.

The General Commander

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 666/3 di prot. Roma, li 7 novembre 1946
 Risposta al " del " Allegati "

OGGETTO: Emilia - Arresto dei componenti di una associazione a delinquere.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA P.S.

R O M A

Fa seguito al foglio n. 666/2 del 18 aprile 1946.

A ocommento di complesso e abilissime indagini condotte personalmente dal capi tano VESCE, per la maggior parte nel territorio della provincia di Modena, sono stati in questi giorni individuati quasi tutti i responsabili dell'aggressione armata com messa il 16 aprile s.a. in danno del deposito di munizioni di Ponte Ronca (Bologna), nel corso della quale fu barbaramente ucciso il maresciallo d'artiglieria Attilio VARELLI.

Essi sono:

- BOTTAZZI Dante - studente, da Castelfranco Emilia, di anni 23, organizzatore e enpeggiatore;
- VARELLI Ermen - di anni 25, da Castelfranco Emilia;
- GIOVONI Rino - di anni 22, da Castelfranco Emilia;
- RAVERTERI Walter - di anni 22, da Castelfranco Emilia;
- RAVERTERI Bruno - da Castelfranco Emilia, di anni 21.

Ha seguito al foglio n. 666/2 del 15 aprile 1946.

A coronamento di complesso e abiliissime indagini condotte personalmente dal capitano VESCO, per la maggior parte nel territorio della provincia di Modena, sono stati in questi giorni individuati quasi tutti i responsabili dell'aggressione armata commessa il 16 aprile e.s. in danno del deposito di munizioni di Ponte Rocca (Bologna), nel corso delle quale fu barbaramente ucciso il maresciallo d'artiglieria Attilio VARELLI.

Essi sono:

- BOTTAZZI Dante - studente, da Castelfranco Emilia, di anni 23, organizzatore e capo-giátore;
- VANZINI Ernes - di anni 25, da Castelfranco Emilia;
- GIOVONI Rino - di anni 22, da Castelfranco Emilia;
- RAVERTERI Walter - di anni 22, da Castelfranco Emilia;
- REVERBERI Bruno - da Castelfranco Emilia, di anni 43;
- DE CARLO Evaristo - di anni 42, da Vignole di Modena, residente a Castelfranco Emilia;
- STOPPAZZINI Giuseppe - di anni 23, da S. Cesario Solfanaro (Modena), residente a Castelfranco Emilia;
- BOTTAZZI Guido - di anni 24, da Castelfranco Emilia;
- CAVALLINI Bruminio - di anni 22, da Castelfranco Emilia;
- BERTONI Elio - di anni 19, da Castelfranco Emilia;
- LABILE Alberto - di anni 39, da Savigliano Solfanaro (Modena).

Dai suddetti il terzo, quarto, quinto e sesto, tratti in arresto, si sono resi confessori. Gli altri, latitanti, sono attivamente ricercati.

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fu sequestrato l'autoscarro usato per il delitto.

Ad alcuni elementi di tale banda si attribuisce la maggior parte dei delitti verificatisi nella provincia di Modena, dopo la liberazione, nel triangolo Castelfranco - Sassolino e Piumazzo.

E' stato accertato, infine, in modo indubbio, il movente politico dell'aggressione.

Riserva di notizia.

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

" Pranotto Brunetti "



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IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
" ~~Prodotto~~ Brunetti "

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(Translation M.B.)

CC. 87. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 27/6/46

Nr. 55/38-2 R.P.

To : ALLIED COMMISSION
P.S. Sub Commission

R O M E

SUBJECT : Padua. Demonstration against the Russian Delegation.

Follows note Nr. 55/38 R.P. dated 26th inst.

I beg to transcribe the following wire here received from the Commander of the Padua CC. 87. Coy:

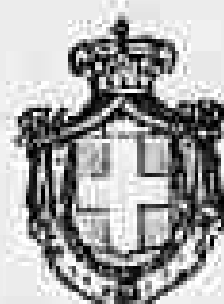
" This morning, at 11 a.m., some one thousand demonstrators organized by the Labour Chamber gathered at the local Piazza Insurrezione. They went to the local University and to the Prefecture, asking that provisions be adopted against the Giulian students. Some Committees were received by the dean and by the Prefect, who both assured them that measures will be taken. The demonstrators broke up at 12 a.m. without any incidents. "

TO	INIT	DATE
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
CHIEF OF STAFF		

The General Commander

sgd/ BRUNETTO BRUNETTI

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri ~~Reale~~

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

o/f.o.

N. 55/38-2 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 27 giugno 1946

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Padova - Dimostrazione contro la delegazione russa.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

R O M A

Fa seguito al foglio 55/38 R.P. in data 26 corrente.

Trascrivo il seguente telegramma spedito in data 26 corrente dal comandante della compagnia carabinieri di Padova:

""Ore 11 stamane circa mille dimostranti organizzati camera lavoro dopo essersi riuniti questa Piazza Insurrezione si recavano locale ateneo et prefettura reclamando provvedimenti carico studenti giuliani. Commissioni ricevute rettore et prefetto ottenevano assicurazione senso desiderato. Dimostranti scioglievansi ore 12 senza incidenti"".

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Brunetto Brunetti -

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TRANSLATION M.C.

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office
No.55/38 R.P.

ROME - 26 June 1946

To: Allied Commission
Public Safety S.C.
ROME

SUBJECT: Padova - Demonstration against the Russian Delegation.

On the 24 inst., the Russian delegation, composed of an officer and five students, arrived from Milan.

In the afternoon the delegation visited the local university to get into contact with the Italian youth movement, but it was received with outward hostility by the Giuliani students.

Shortly after, at the Prefecture, the Soviet delegation had a meeting with some of the students, who justified their attitude to the present international situation in connection with the Venezia Giulia.

The Soviet officer assured the students that he would take an interest in the question with his government.
Public order normal.

The General Commander
Brunetto Brunetti

TO	DATE	TIME
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CHIEF OF FIREARMS		
CHIEF OF MILITARY POLICE		
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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri ~~Real~~
UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 55/38

di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 26 giugno 1946

Risposta al

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Padova - Dimostrazione contro la delegazione russa.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ARSENIA

Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza

R O M A

Il 24 corrente, proveniente da Milano, giunse a Padova la delegazione della gioventù sovietica, composta da un ufficiale e cinque studenti.

Nel pomeriggio la delegazione si recò alla locale università per prendere contatto col fronte della gioventù italiana ma fu fatta segno a dimostrazione ostile da parte di studenti giuliani.

Successivamente, in prefettura, la delegazione sovietica ricevette una rappresentanza di studenti giuliani i quali chiarirono che il loro atteggiamento derivava dall'attuale situazione internazionale relativa alla questione giuliana.

Il capo della delegazione assicurò gli studenti che si sarebbe interessato presso il proprio governo per rappresentare i desideri dei giuliani.

Ordine pubblico normale.

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Brunetto Brunetti -

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Reference signal 3335 dated 26 May 46.

Elections in Emilia Region passed without incident. Behavior of population on polling days exemplary. No meetings in public places. Extensive propaganda by means of posters by all parties. No evidence of intimidation, bribery etc. All provinces visited by officers of the group. Prior to 2 June only incidents were

(A) Bombs thrown against Camera del Lavoro Bologna on 2 occasions also against Casa del Popolo Bologna.

(B) Bombs thrown at Anpl building Modena

(C) On 30 May attempt to hold Monarchist meeting in Bologna shouted down.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

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Telephone: EMILIA 7

Reference: AC-LG/PS/34.20

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A.C.H.Q.

(through Lt. Col. Walters,
Chief Liaison Officer,
Bologna.)



15th Mar.

1. With reference to previous reports
(a) AC-LG/PS/34.18 of 16 April '46 and
(b) AC-LG/PS/34.19 of 27 April '46.
2. Further information has been received since the submission of the abovementioned reports to the effect that General ROVEDA (para 4(b) of I(a) above) has been substituted by a certain Giberti Mario.
3. Giberti, battlename "Rubens", is described as being aged about 24-25 years, born at Vezza no sul Crostolo, formerly a farm worker.
4. Until 1 March '46, he was an under officer of the Auxiliary Police of the Questura, Regio Emilia, on which date he was dismissed.
5. He was seen in Vezzano on 10.3.46, and since that date in Como, where he was believed to be awaiting the arrival of funds (from what source is not known).
6. Roveda is still believed to be connected with the Communist military organization, but in what capacity is not known.

7. With reference to para 4 of I(b) above.

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7. With reference to para 4 of I(b) above, a certain Segre of the local P.C.I. is associated with Gorini.

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Andrew G. P. Way
ANDREW G. P. WAY, MAJOR
Allied Commission Liaison Officer
(Public Safety)

Forwarded

John A. J. Walters
T. A. J. WALTERS, LT. COL.,
Chief Liaison Officer,
Bologna.

Copy to: G.II, 217 Area
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TRANSLATION T.B

CC. RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

A.57/32 A.B

Rome, 30 April 1946

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub/C.
R O M ESUBJECT : Explosion of a bomb in the seat of the "Italian
anti-Fascist movement"At Parma, at 5 p.m. of 29th inst. a bomb blew
up in the seat of the "Italian anti-Fascist movement".The bomb was hidden in a dust-bin by unknown
men.

No casualties.

The building was lightly damaged.

Near the same seat there was found a bill
bearing the writing:"Cudgel, cudgel (baton)
which clears the brain
sickle and hammer
will not triumph over you".THE GENERAL COMMANDER
Ranetti

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 57/22 di prot. R.F.

Roma, li 30 aprile 1946

Risposta al

del

Allegato n.

OGGETTO: **Parma - Scoppio di un ordigno nella sede del "Movimento Antifascista Italiano".**

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

-Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza-

R O M A

In Parma, nella sede del "Movimento Antifascista Italiano", verso le ore 17 del 23 corrente, scoppiò un ordigno che sconosciuti avevano nascosto nel porta immondizie.

Nessuna vittima. Lievi danni al fabbricato.

Nelle immediate vicinanze della sede stessa fu trovato un cartello con la scritta: "Manganello, manganello - che rischiari ogni cervello - e la falce ed il martello - su di te non trionferà".

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Brunetto Brunetti -

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

20th Apr. '46

Telephone; EMILIA 7

Reference: AC-LG/PS/7a-8

Subject: THEFT OF MUNITIONS. PONTE RONCA,
ZOLA PREDOSA, BOLOGNA.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A. C. H. Q.

(through Lt. Col. Walters)
{Chief Liaison Officer,}
{Bologna.}

Reference signal ACBO/36 of 18 Apr.

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2. At about 2200 hrs, 16 Apr. '46, at Ponte Ronca, Zola Predosa, Bologna Province, a large truck carrying some ten men, at present not better identified, arrived at a dump of munitions recovered in this area and under Italian Army control.

3. The dump was guarded by one maresciallo (of the Italian Army) and one civilian. At the time the truck arrived, 3 other civilians living in the locality and employed at the dump were present.

4. On arrival, the maresciallo, Vanelli Attilio, attached to the Direzione di Artiglieria of Bologna, was called by one of those on the vehicle and informed that there were explosives on board to be taken into the dump. To his objections owing to the lateness of the hour, some excuse was made which apparently was satisfactory.

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5. Having entered the dump, the maresciallo was suddenly held up by other men armed with automatic weapons who had remained concealed on the vehicle until this moment.

6. The three workers mentioned in para. 3, Bavieri Pietro, Gotti Raffaele and Bellei Vincenzo, were forced by threats to load the vehicle with various munitions.

7. The civilian guard, Orlandi Floriano, was able to escape, and called the CC.RR. from Anzola Emilia.

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8. The station at Anzola is manned only by two CC.RR., and these accompanied by four "Auxiliary Volunteers" proceeded at once to Ponte Ronca on a passing vehicle.
9. On arrival shots were exchanged, but the thieves effected their escape.
10. During the shooting the maresciallo Vanelli was shot dead, whether because he may have recognised the thieves, or for some other reason, is not clear.
11. The munitions stolen consist of
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| 12 cases of handgrenades |
| 4 " " fuses |
| 2 " " caps |
| 8 " " "tritone" |
| 2 " " revolver ammunition. |
12. The responsibility for guarding the dump is that of the local Italian Army Artillery Command, and it does appear that most inadequate efforts were made to safeguard the premises - I maresciallo and I civilian guard only - considering the state of affairs in this area.
13. Energetic measures are being taken by CC.RR. to investigate the matter, but it is as yet too early to give any opinion as to their success or otherwise.
14. However, the incident provides further clear proof that there are persons, or organizations in this region who are prepared to go to considerable lengths to obtain weapons, explosives etc.
15. Handgrenades, for example, can hardly be required for any normal, peaceful, everyday purpose.

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16. Reference is made to the suggested motives behind the Savigno incident, as described in this office report AC-LG/FS/23.25-I dated 21 Jan. '46.

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Andrew G. P. Way
ANDREW G. P. WAY, MAJOR
Allied Commission Liaison Officer
(Public Safety)

Forwarded

T. J. Walters
T. J. WALTERS, LT., COL.,
Chief Liaison Officer,
Bologna.

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(Translation M.B.)

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 18/4/1946

Nr. 666/2

To : ALLIED COMMISSION
P.S. Sub Commission
R O M E

SUBJECT : Zola Predosa (Bologna district). Ammunition Depot
assaulted.

At Zola Predosa (Bologna district), during the night of the 17th April last, some ten armed persons broke into the Ponte Nuovo Ammunition Depot, seizing and carrying away on a truck an unascertained amount of ammunition and explosives.

The CC.RR.'s of the Anzola Station, promptly intervened, engaged a shooting fray against the evildoers, who succeeded in escaping after having killed with a mitra shower the Maresc. Magg. of Artillery VANNELLI Attilio, in charge of the Ammunition Depot.

Should additional informations be received, we shall communicate them to you.

The General Commander

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 666/2 di prot.

Roma, li 18 aprile 1946

Risposta al

del

Allegato n.

OGGETTO: Zola Predosa (Bologna) - Assalto al deposito di munizioni.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA -

- Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

R O M A

In Zola Predosa (Bologna), durante la notte sul 17 aprile u. s., una diecina di sconosciuti armati fecero irruzione nel deposito di munizioni di Ponte Rocca, asportando, a bordo di un autocarro, un quantitativo imprecisato di munizioni e di esplosivi.

I carabinieri della stazione di Anzola, prontamente intervenuti, impegnarono conflitto a fuoco con i malfattori, che riuscirono a dileguarsi dopo di aver ucciso con una raffica di mitra il consegnatario del deposito, maresciallo maggiore di artiglieria Vannelli Attilio.-

Riserva di ulteriori notizie.-

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Brunetto Brunetti -

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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27th April '46

Telephone: EMILIA 7

Reference: AC-LG/PS/34.19

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. QUESTURA REG-
GIO EMILIA.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A. C. E. Q.

(through Lt. Col. Walters,
{ Chief Liaison Officer,
{ Bologna.

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- 1) AC-LG/PS/23.4 of 22 Sept. '45
paras 23 et seq. *1401/5*
- 2) AC-LG/PS/23.4-I of 31 Oct. '45
paras 3 to 7, *1401/4*
- 3) AC-LG/PS/26.4 of 22 Nov. '45
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5. Cafarri is a Communist of long standing and was an active and well-known "Gappist". Just prior to this meeting, he had been dismissed from service in the Questura of Reggio Emilia, by order of the Ministry, as part of the policy pursued by the Questore, Dott. Mazza, for the removal

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al of all irregularly appointed "Partisan-Communist" officers among the Agents.

6. When questioned, the Questore stated that it had recently come to his knowledge that such a meeting had been held and that the facts as stated above agreed with the information in his possession.

7. In fact, the Questore was not a little surprised that Cafarri, who had been in service as a "Tenente" of the Corps of Agents since the date of Liberation in April '45, received the news of his dismissal without demur.

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31st Oct. '45

Subject: POLICE AGENCIES - RECRUITING OF PARTISANS.

To: Lt. Col. Walters,
Liaison Officer,
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1. With reference to this officer's previous report on the above subject, dated 22 Sept. '45, AC-LG/PS/23.4.
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3. QUESTURA.

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7. However, the danger that may arise from the presence of these men is still very real, and especially so if their desire to be formed into special partisan companies in the Corps of Agents is granted. The Questore is strongly opposing this, but the idea is supported by C.I.M. and Prefect.

8. PATTUGLIE CITTADINE.

Some 400 persons have so far been enrolled out of the proposed total of 1000. Patrols have begun to

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operate, three or four each night, consisting of 6 or 10 volunteers with a selected Agent in charge. These operate between 2300 hrs. and 0300 hrs.

9. The Commandant of the Corps, Gaetano Rabitti, has been seen by this officer, and gave a favourable impression. He was a former partisan officer, but does not appear to have any strong political bias. He declared that he wished to build up a force of responsible and law-abiding citizens as an aid to the normal forces of Law and Order, and that as far as possible he would do everything to prevent there being any suggestion of 'politics' in the selection of members, or in the activities, of the Corps.

10. At present this does seem to be the case, as it is known that a number of ex-students of the University, former officers, and others who can be described generally as 'anti-communist', have been accepted.

11. This is as satisfactory as it is surprising in view of the strong backing the formation of this Corps received from the C.I.N., Prefect, and Sindaco, and it is much to be hoped that the present state of affairs will continue.

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I6. In conclusion, it cannot be stressed too strongly that it is exceedingly difficult, in fact impossible, to carry out police work, much of it necessarily of a confidential nature, with the more or less compulsory aid of untrained, undesirable and often irresponsible personnel.

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—Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
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REGIA PREFETTURA DI BOLOGNA

N. 6535 gab.
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Oggetto: Servizio dei "Volontari ausiliari dei Carabinieri".
All. n. I

Bologna, 15.10.45

Ai SINDACI DELLA PROVINCIA.
(Escluso il Capoluogo)

LORO SEDI

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Alla QUESTURA,
Al GRUPPO INTERNO CC. RR.
Al " ESTERNO

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- 1) Fanno capo al Sindaco ad ogni effetto amministrativo e disciplinare, salvo al comandante di stazione di riportare al Sindaco i rilievi che dovesse fare e che rendessero necessario il suo intervento, a meno che non occorresse, nell'ambito della legge, un intervento immediato del comandante stesso.
- 2) Nei confronti dell'Arma, in appoggio, della quale soltanto possono essere impiegati, essi restano nella posizione di "collaborazione" e non di fusione con l'Arma stessa.
- 3) Sono impiegati, a richiesta rivolta dal comandante di stazione al Sindaco, soprattutto in quelle operazioni di servizio per le quali la forza dell'Arma sia da considerarsi insufficiente. La direzione dei servizi in tali casi rimane di esclusiva competenza del militare dell'Arma più elevato in grado o più anziano, a meno che la direzione stessa non sia stata assunta da un funzionario di P.S. legalmente investito di tale carica.
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10) Anche nei comuni non sedi di stazioni di carabinieri, i volontari saranno impiegati con le modalità di cui ai precedenti paragrafi e in particolare di quello n.3.

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Liaison Office I.C.F.

Bologna

22nd September 1945

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Ref. AC-LG/FS/23.4

Subject: POLICE AGENCIES. - RECRUITING OF PARTISANS.To: Lt. Col. Walters,
Liaison Officer,
Bologna.

1. Since the submission of this Public Safety Officer's monthly report for the period 5 August - 4 September '45, there have been certain developments in Bologna Province which would appear to call for special consideration.

2. Reference is made to paragraph 7 of the abovementioned report under the heading "Partisan Police".

3. In view of certain recent decisions made by the Prefect, CHM and Questore of Bologna as to the employment of Partisan Police, the present position is likely to become very much more serious.

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6. In a recent interview with the Questore, Jantaffi, this officer was informed that these additions to strength were made at the instance of the Prefect, CLM and Sindaco. Further, the Questore added that he had received instructions from the Government that this number was to be increased to 300.

7. This latter "instruction", if such has in fact ever been given, is indeed interesting in view of the fact that all other Questori in the Region complain of the lack of guidance given them by the

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Central Government as to the employment, or otherwise, of partisans as police.

8. In addition to the above, the Questura has formed night patrols "Pattuglie Cittadine". This action was also noted in this P.S. officer's monthly report.

9. The constitution of this force is as follows. The "Corpo" has been established by a decree of the Prefect with one Gaetano Rabitti at its head. This man is a former partisan officer, otherwise little is known about him. Enquiries are in hand.

10. It is proposed to enrol 1000 men, and it is stated that application to join must be made to the CIM who will give special preference to former partisans. All this information is given publicly in the local press.

11. It is quite obvious that no one who is not now regarded as a former partisan, has any chance of joining - in fact, no respectable citizens are likely to apply nor are they wanted.

12. Such patrols as have already appeared are not calculated to inspire any law-abiding person with confidence, nor a desire to join the organization.

13. All personnel are armed - well armed with pistols and automatic weapons, and this can only have been done from sources that were hidden and "undeclared" during the period of AMG - and are ostensibly under the control of functionaries of the Questura, and at the disposition of the latter.

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15. Lastly, but by no means least, at a recent meeting of all the sindaci of the province of Bologna, the Prefect authorized the enrolment of some 4-6 former partisans in each commune to work as police "aids" to the Carabinieri Reali.

16. As Communes cannot support the expense of Municipal Guards - the only form of Municipal Police that was recognized by AMG - these persons are to be maintained by each CLN. Obviously an incentive to further forms of extortion by CLN (who require little encouragement in this direction), and to dishonesty

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among the personnel concerned in order to live.

17. CC.RR. have vigorously protested against this organization, and have reported the matter fully to their higher headquarters.

18. These men are to be selected by local CLM and the prefects, the CC.RR. having little or nothing to say in the matter. Partisans only are to be considered.

19. Further, while armed, these individuals will not be sworn guards, and so technically will have no more powers than ordinary private citizens as to arrest, etc. However, they will be in a position to know all instructions etc. given to CC.RR. which can do nothing else but hamper the latter in their work.

20. Authority for this formation is stated to have been a 'verbal' instruction given directly to the Prefect, Borghese, by the Director General of P.S. in Rome.

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23. It appears to this officer that this is not so much an attempt to secure employment for ex-partisans, but to build up a "Party Police Force". 1366

24. With thoughts of the forthcoming elections in everybody's mind, the weight of an organized body of "Party Police", equal to and designed to outnumber the normal forces of Law and Order may well prove decisive. CO.MR. and Agents together, normally, number about 1300.

25. It can be said very definitely that the Prefect, Borghese, while in name a Socialist, is in fact more 'leftist' than many a Communist, and that he works hand in hand with the Sindaco of Bologna, Dozza, a very ardent and open Communist. Further, the CLN is and has always been completely dominated by the Communist Party, and ANPI who are asked by the CLN to supply the names of would-be 'police' candidates is nothing more or less than a Communist or-

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26. Apart from the obvious danger that these organizations will become a kind of "SHOCK FORCE" for the Communist Party, fashioned on the Nazi and Fascist model, there is the everyday danger arising from the employment of quite unsuitable, untrained and practically uncontrollable personnel in positions of trust and responsibility. This is but a mild description of the position and its possibilities.

27. While the need for additional police in this Province, and in fact throughout the Region is not denied, - in fact, it is, and has been constantly advocated - the raising of new and untrained forces of this type is to be strongly condemned.

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32. This officer has repeatedly, fully and at length advocated that the CC.RR. strength for this province - and now for the whole Region - be revised, and has so informed Col. Revenus, Sa Brigata and General Taddeo, Vice-Comandante of the General M.C., it ever if only a temporary increase is obtained.

6) no attempt is made by the Central Government to re-organize and re-establish the Questura on a fresh basis with new personnel in every grade.

34. Copy of CC.RA. report and translation re "Communal Police" attached for information.

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Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

Ref. AC-LG/PS/23.1

Subject: MONTHLY REPORT. - PERIOD 5 AUGUST - 4 SEPT. 1945.

To: Lt. Col. WALTERS,
Liaison Officer,
A.G. Bologna.

1. The first month during which Emilia Region has been again under the administration of the Italian Government has, generally speaking, been calm enough.

2. Two points were especially noticeable from the very first days.

a) Firstly, the very obvious disappointment of certain of the more disorderly political sections when it was found that the passing of A.M.G. did not mean that all Allied troops were also withdrawn. In fact, the change-over from ZIC Sub-Area to ZI7 Area in Bologna, which took place practically at the same time had a most calming effect, particularly when it appeared as a consequence that there were just as many officers and other ranks, if not more, visible in the town.

b) Secondly, the apparent dismay of some public officials, particularly certain Prefects and Questori when the support of A.M.G. was withdrawn. The chagrin of these officials when told that their proper channel for obtaining information and direction was through the Italian Government was almost ludicrous.

3. A particular instance may be given of this in the vexed question of "Partisan Police". Within 2 days of the finish of A.M.G., the Prefect of Bologna, who previously had been a staunch advocate for introducing such elements into the Questura etc., approached this officer asking for advice on this subject. Apparently, the responsibility for introducing such recruits, bearing in mind the former steady and consistent refusal of A.M.G. to approve this course, was not appreciated. The situation gave this officer no little malicious satisfaction, considering the previous public utterances, both in speech and press, of this official.

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a) It was most satisfactory that Col. BORLA arrived to

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take over the Command of the Legion of Bologna just before A.M.G. ceased. This officer has given a most satisfactory impression. He is very keen and energetic and has at once set an excellent example to all ranks under his command. Footwear has arrived in quite satisfactory quantities and uniforms are really believed to be at last on the way.

b) Progress in the formation of the Mobile Battalion is going forward steadily. Four officers under Major Ferrari have been detailed and other ranks, all volunteers, are being carefully selected. Fourteen tanks, type at present unknown, are due to arrive this day. It is to be hoped that there will also be a number of trucks as these would prove of greater utility in many parts of this region in view of the terrain.

c) It is most satisfactory to record that the C.C.R.R. have in no way relaxed their activities. There have been a number of well conducted raids, especially in Bologna, Modena and Forlì provinces resulting in arrests for possessing arms, kidnapping and murder. Inevitably sindaco, members of C.L.N., and former partisans are involved. Two particular instances may be given. Firstly the arrest of some 15 persons at Crevalcore, Bologna Province, for murder and robbery. This was a band of which 9 were found to be former partisans and led by an ex-Squadrista! The latter information was NOT given in the local newspaper accounts. Secondly, the arrest of 11 persons at Massa Lombarda, Province of Ferrara, found to be in illegal possession of 30 quintals of sugar, a considerable quantity of arms and other stolen property. Eight of these individuals were members of the C.L.N. and were adopting typically Fascist methods to dispose of the sugar solely for their own personal advantage.

It is clear that given adequate equipment and proper leadership and encouragement the C.C.R.R. can and will work well even under the difficult and unsympathetic conditions that exist in this area.

d) It is a disquieting fact that very little progress is now being made to repair damaged C.C.R.R. stations and barracks. Although financial arrangements in most cases had been approved during the period of A.M.G. and work had started, it seems now that some other obstacles have arisen with the result that little or nothing is being done. The position is serious as stations in the mountain districts are likely to be untenable this winter if left in their present

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condition.

e) Transport and POL are both as difficult and unsatisfactory as before. In fact, the POL position is daily becoming more grave. Many units, especially Military Police, who used unofficially to supply the CC.RR. on occasions have transferred elsewhere and the allocation allowed from official sources is ridiculously small.

f) It is understood that the Parma and Piacenza Groups are likely to be transferred to the Legion of Genoa at some date in the near future.

5. QUESTURA.

It has not been possible to contact directly all Questori in the Region during the month but special attention has been given to the conditions prevailing at Bologna and Modena.

a) B o l o g n a - As soon as the P.F.S.O. gave up his office in the Questura building with the end of A.M.G., partisans returned in strength, as was expected. It is quite obvious that many of these are thoroughly undesirable types with previous criminal records. In fact, in a particular case this was pointed out to the Questore himself by a CC.RR. major, but the former expressed himself as unable to do anything for fear of the consequences! Briefly, this Questura is a thoroughly unreliable and rotten organization, totally lacking competent functionaries and with a Questore who is definitely afraid to take strong action. This is a big disappointment, because Santaffi, a career man with 40 years service, and appointed especially at the request of A.M.G. at the beginning of June, started well, but is now absolutely dominated by the Prefect and Sindaco. A complete change in personnel, from top to bottom, is the only possible solution.

b) M o d e n a - The Questore, Cristofoli, is an ex army officer, not a career man. He has so far been able to prevent the re-entry of partisans into the Questura. A lack of dependable functionaries is again a heavy handicap.

6. OTHER POLICE AGENCIES.

These are all functioning in a more or less normal manner. The Guardia di Finanza are still carrying out certain special duties which this body undertook originally on instructions from A.M.G. Where Guardie Municipali, or etc., exist these are still carrying out certain special traffic

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duties for the military police.

With the withdrawal of units and consequently military police, these duties have if anything increased.

7. "PARTISAN POLICE"

There is a continual demand both in public speeches and in the Press that former Partisans be admitted to the Police Services. As was found in the earliest days of A.M.G., those who do wish to enter the service are almost invariably (a) Communists - at least they possess the party 'tessera' and would describe themselves as such, and (b) of doubtful, if not definitely quite unsuitable, character for such employment. The position is well known and need not be expanded here, but it does seem that until some official government statement is made, in the clearest terms, that former partisans will not be accepted in any police service as such, but only as recruits after adequate training, and without political bias, this campaign will continue.

A number of Communes have recruited former partisans as 'Municipal Police', and it is true that in some cases these men do prove useful to the C.C.M., especially when the latter are new to the district.

Generally speaking, however, these men wish to enter the Questura Service, or form their own law enforcement body under their former officers. As happens at present, both courses are equally unsatisfactory. Questura officials, probably somewhat compromised in the past, exercise no control, with the result that completely uncontrolled "police" actions are carried out with results that are only too well known.

In Bologna the Questura has formed certain night patrols - when previously suggested in the days of A.M.G. the idea was firmly refused - whose every action, however trivial, is warmly applauded in the daily press. However, anything less likely to inspire public confidence as police officers than the appearance of these armed parties of 6, and sometimes 8 men, can hardly be imagined. 356

8. PUBLIC SAFETY CONDITIONS GENERALLY.

The general public safety condition remains substantially the same as it was during the last month of A.M.G. control. There has however been a considerable increase in the number of cases of armed robbery. This type of

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crime does not appear to have any particular political significance and cannot be described as a type of partisan activity. It is more than likely due to the general economic and unemployment situation, and is the natural outcome of having large numbers of young men brought up under Fascism who now are not only unable to find work but do not honestly desire to work. Instances are reported of parties of from 2 to 20 men, all usually well-armed with pistols and automatic weapons, not only forcing entry into private houses but also holding up vehicles on the road and removing all valuables from the passengers, sometimes even taking the vehicle and its load.

Sixty-three cases of this type have been reported in the Region with arrests in eleven instances.

Cases of kidnapping and murder for apparently political reasons still continue. Twelve cases of murder, one of wounding and one of kidnapping have been reported.

The table below shows the position by provinces.

	1 Armed Rob- bery & at- tempts	2 Murder for apparent political reasons	3 Wounding under 1 or 2.	4 Arrests for 1 2	
Bologna	16	3	1	3	
Reggio Emilia	14	1			
Parma	4	2		3	
Piacenza				1	
Ravenna	3	1		2	
Forlì	2	3			
Ferrara	14	1		1	
Modena	10	1 (+ 1 kid- napped)		1	1350

In combatting this type of crime the CC.RR. are gravely hampered by lack of suitable transport and sufficient fuel to operate even those vehicles that are in use. Vehicles of the type "15 cwt." or "weapons carrier", and jeeps would be of inestimable value and it is to be hoped that the Mobile Battalion will be supplied with some vehicles of this kind.

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OTHER INCIDENTS

A shooting affray at Bazzano, Bologna, between CC. RR. and unknown persons who attempted to rescue a prisoner from the caserma. An exchange of shots lasted 6 hours during one night, but no one was wounded on either side. No arrests.

At Monterenzio, Bologna Province, partisans used the guns of some abandoned American tanks to shell a house occupied by an alleged former Fascist. Shooting was bad. The house was not hit and no person hurt. Weapons dismantled and made useless;

At Forlì, a large crowd demonstrated against the arrest by CC.RR. of partisans for crime. All work ceased in the town for one day, but no serious disorder. The Prefect addressed the demonstrators but the prisoner was not released.

10. POLITICAL SITUATION.

Meetings, accompanied by ever more propaganda, are continually on the increase, and even the most remote and inaccessible country communities are not neglected by the Parties. As ever the Communists appear more numerous and are certainly more vociferous. This party has a large following who possess the 'tessera' - but probably only for the advantages given by its possession. In this connection the Partito d'Azione started a new line by purchasing all the tickets for a week for a popular film at a Bologna cinema, and selling same at the Party's H.Q. on the production only of course of the Party 'tessera'.

There have been a number of political demonstrations in the Region, but all have been reasonably orderly. A week after the turn-over demonstrations were held everywhere. In Bologna, marchers, estimated between 100,000 and 150,000 filled the main square. The usual placards were carried and the usual speeches made.

It is possible to detect a certain "weariness" among many people at the continual speech-making by the various parties, and to certain violent actions attributed to the Communists. In fact, there is some reason to believe that the Communists are losing some of the support formerly given them by a certain section of more or less responsible individuals and are hence doing their utmost to press for the elections at an early date before this movement becomes serious.

Partisans.

These people continue to present the usual problems. It can be clearly stated that the name 'Partisan' is now

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practically synonymous with 'Communist'. All good Partisans are Communists, and vice versa. ANPI is a Communist headquarters, and it is useless for even those who actually fought in the mountains to go to this H.Q. for assistance unless in possession of the Communist Party tessera. This information was supplied by the leader of the Brigade of Justice and Liberty whose men are distinctly anti-communist and can in consequence get no assistance whatever. It is not a matter for surprise. The men at the head of ANPI are those who remained to the last at the head of CUMER - Barondini (Dario), Cocchi (Jacopo), Cavazzuti (Sigismondo) and Scarani (Carega). The two former have always been active communists.

There has been some attempt in the press to disassociate the Partisans from various crimes of violence attributed to them. However, in view of the number awaiting trial for crimes of murder, violence, extortion etc., this is a difficult proceeding to those who know the facts. Difficulties with these people, whether called Partisans or Communists, is likely to remain a problem for some time. Work is unattractive when an easy life can be had by simple robbery and extortion, with very little effort.

Press.

The local press has a strong communist bias. The standard of journalism is very low, and always tends to sensationalism. There is an almost daily agitation for the entry of Partisans into the Police, and the shooting of two young Communists (Partisans) in Bologna was given pride of place every day for a week in both the "Giornale dell'Emilia" and "Rinascita". Of course, the murder was ascribed to "fascist elements", but as one of these was definitely wanted by CC.RR. for murder, the motive may have been revenge. However, these two "heroes" who died for the cause were given a public funeral with a suitable oration by the Sindaco, DOZZA.

II. COURTS.

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These are functioning slowly and ponderously. Many A.M.G. cases are outstanding still, and there is some delay in dealing with arrests by military police etc. One interesting feature has been the firm refusal of the Procuratore del Regno, to date, in refusing "provisional liberty" to a number of Partisans, Sindaci, C.L.N. members, and other such, awaiting trial for extortion, kidnapping etc. This has been in spite of considerable press agitation, and applications by Prefects and other sindaci.

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Extraordinary Courts of Assize continue; their verdicts appear reasonable having regard to the evidence. However, in this connection two points may be noted as indicative of local feeling. A man, formerly an officer of G.N.R., after three months awaiting trial, was tried and acquitted in Bologna. On his return home to Reggio Emilia, he was at once re-arrested. Local Communist Partisans expressed their dissatisfaction with the verdict chiefly because a Demo-Christian Partisan had given evidence on his behalf. The Prefect when appealed to, stated he was helpless to intervene. The second point is that there are over 60 persons awaiting execution in the Region. There have been no executions as yet in the Region, and many are beginning to ask why. The threat of attempts on local goals is serious and by no means unlikely.

12. GENERAL.

The situation here is apparently almost exactly similar to that obtaining after World War I. Communism was ripe then as now and in the same centres and districts. At that time landowners were disposing of their estates owing to the impossibility of living on them, and the same thing is happening today, except that there is no question of "disposing" of estates, they are simply taken and occupied. Fascism began in these parts as the opponent of Communism, it remains to be seen what "ISM" will appear this time.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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16th April

Telephone: EMILIA 7

Reference: AC-LG/PS/34.18

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A. C. H. Q.

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{through Lt. Col. Walters}
{Chief Liaison Officer,
{Bologna.

1. The following information has been obtained from a source previously found reliable.
2. A number of recruits when presenting themselves at Military District H.Q. in the various provinces in Emilia-Romagna, have stated that, as members of the Communist Party, they have been instructed by their local party leaders to present themselves when "called up" and conduct themselves in an orderly disciplined manner until they have been properly armed and equipped. All should then await and carry out such further orders as they may receive from Party sources.
3. This is believed to be a part of the military organization of the Communist Party in Emilia, in connection with which the following persons are associated.
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- (c) Colonel Marzioli Luigi, Piacenza, a reserve Army officer;
- (d) Major (of Artillery) Ginferrè Carmelo, on duty at Piacenza;
- (e) Captain Mogiainschi, of Piacenza, a pensioned Army officer;
- (f) Captain Cammarosano Andrea, of Piacenza, a reserve Army officer.

5. The above information is additional to that given in this H.Q. report, AC-LG/PS/26.4,

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dated 22 Nov. '45, copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Forwarded for information.

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SUBJECT: Communist Activities - Bologna Province

TO : The Ministry of the Interior
Italian Government, Rome

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1. I am directed to forward for your information the attached memorandum N. AC/IG/PS/26.4 of 22 November 1945 on Communist activities in Bologna Province.

2. In view of the gravity of the allegations made in this report, it would be appreciated if the situation could be investigated thoroughly as soon as possible.

For the Chief Commissioner:



Copy to:
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Executive Commissioner

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1. ~~Exterior~~ ~~Enquiries~~ have been made as to the activities of the Communist party in Bologna Province, and the following report is drawn from a number of sources believed to be reliable. 128

2. Bologna, city and province, is divided into "cells" on the usual Communist pattern each one independent of the others, and having separate leaders and headquarters.

3. The city of Bologna has six such cells, and its leaders are charged with the duty of organising and maintaining contact with all "useful" elements of the former Brigata C.A.P.

4. These elements, mostly young men between the ages of 18 and 25, born and brought up under Fascism to believe that brute force and violence are symbolic of good citizenship, are those who in the first months after the occupation of this province, murdered some six hundred persons in cold blood and kidnapped many others whose fate is as yet unknown.

5. These form the "shock" troops of the Communist party, and are controlled by men with brains.

6. In the event that the party decides to resort to violence to gain its ends, plans are already prepared and each cell has certain objectives to carry out.

7. Here it may be added that the cell described above do not merely cover geographical areas, but have smaller branches and organizations in every industrial plant and all public works - railways, transport, communications etc.

8. The objectives to be gained at once are as follows:-

(a) The removal of all persons known to be contrary to the Communist party or who from their position, public or professional, are considered likely to be. Such categories include army officers, particularly Carabinieri; police officials; priests; persons who have occupied public offices, or who may have in any way some influence over the mass of the population; chiefs of former partisan groups who are known to be anti-Communist or even without definite political views of any kind.

(b) Seizure of the broadcasting station, post and telegraph offices, road and rail transport. As mentioned above, each of these organizations has already a nucleus ready to take possession when called upon. As regards the railways, the organization of the "Polizia Ferroviaria", dependent as far as can be ascertained from Rome, and locally the responsibility of the Capo 1340

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Compartimento for the HQs of Emilia, appears to be entirely recruited from former Partisan - and therefore Communist - elements.

(c) Occupation of the Questura, the sectional P.S. offices, CC.PP. stations. The admission of some 300 ex-Partisans to the Corps of Agents of the Questura, the recruiting of "Volontari in ausilio ai Carabinieri" from the same source in each comune, and the forming of the "Pattuglie di Cittadini" have a very obvious purpose.

(d) Occupation of barracks and other large buildings, in the city and province, having useful strategic positions.

9. Among the members of the G.A.P. who would be particular entrusted with such operations are many common criminals whose past history is known to those in control of the movement, and who maintain this control now by threat of denunciation.

10. Having served their purpose, if all goes well, these dangerous persons would themselves be eliminated by the real leader behind the movement.

11. Ever since the date of occupation, there have been repeated reports of clandestine formations drilling and practising in the mountains, and the sound of machine gun and light automatic fire could be heard daily in the more deserted and devastated areas during the summer months. This latter can be directly confirmed, but no proof of the former was ever forthcoming.

12. Certain particular localities in the province can be named as centres where Communism is strongest, and where politically inspired disturbances may be expected, e.g.:-

Buio, Molinella, Medicina, Galliera, S. Giovanni in Persiceto, Crevalcore, Castelmaggiore, Minerbio Marzabotto, S. Giorgio di Piano, Pieve di Cento, Argelato, Cassano Emilia, S. Benedetto Val di Sambro, Castiglione, Sasso Marconi, Sala Bolognese, S. Matteo Decima, Castel S. Pietro, Castenaso, Monterenzio, Castel d'Argile, Malacappa, and Granarolo.

13. In conclusion, the situation in the province is very similar to that obtaining after World War I. Communism was rife, then as now, the same centres and districts. As a consequence, landowners then were unable to live on their estates, and were disposing of them; there is of course now, no question of the landowners 'disposing' of their properties, they are simply seized and occupied. Fascism began in these parts as the opponent of Communism, and it remains to be seen what form of "ISM" will appear this time.

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To: Lt. Col. Walters,
A.C. Liaison Officer,
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The details of these lists are believed to be largely the work of "Jacopo" (Dott. Guochi), as stated in monthly report for Oct.

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13. Certain individuals can be identified as being definite local leaders.

(a) BARONPINI ELIO, better known locally as "Dario". This man was the leader of CUMER - Comando Unità Militare Emilia-Romagna - at the time of the

occupation. He is a strong and active Communist. Trained in Russia, he was the commander of a unit of the International Brigade in Spain. Later he went to Abyssinia, and organized Abyssinian irregulars against the Italians. He is considered, however, to be a better Communist than soldier. Latterly he has been more active in Milan, and Livorno where he is believed to have an important position (possibly Secretary) in the Camera del Lavoro. There is, too, some evidence for believing that this man has recently actually visited Russia, leaving Livorno on a Russian ship, and only returning to this country at the beginning of November. Since that date he has visited Bologna, but met very few people, as far as is known only (b), (c), (3), (j) and (k) below.

He is believed to be returning to Russia again in the very near future.

- (b) Dott. CUCCHI, better known as "Jacopo", former second in command to "Dario" when CUMER existed. A violent and dangerous type, believed to be largely responsible for the murders that took place in this province following the occupation. Then also known as "Il Boia" - the Executioner. A member of A.N.P.I. and as such travels over the whole region.
- (c) Walter NEGROSSI. Secretary of A.N.P.I. Believed to be associated with Cucchi in compiling the lists of those to be eliminated.
- (d) PACITTI, known as "Arturo", associated with Negrossi in the Commission of A.N.P.I. Believed to be responsible for several murders and kidnappings.
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(g) MALAGUTI, Secretary of the Camera del Lavoro of Bologna, who lends his active support to the "Federterra".

(h) BONAZZI, an associate of (g).

(i) Mario PIAZZA, who was a well known Communist agitator in this province after World War I and has now again started to incite the "contadini" against the land proprietors.

(j) BETTI, Communist party representative of the C.R.L.N., who has complete control over this body.

(k) DOZZA, Sindaco of Bologna, an active and convicted Communist who gave his support to the action of a certain "servizio d'ordine" which appeared at the Communist organized meeting for the "Co-

stituente" held in Bologna, as elsewhere, on 14 Oct. '45, and reported on corres. AC-LG/PS/26.3 of 1 Nov. '45.

This man has made every effort to enrol ex-partisans in the Vigili Urbani.

(1) Gianguido BORGHESE, Prefetto of Bologna, a prominent Socialist but in his actions and speeches is more "leftist" than some Communists.

A clever, astute individual, who like Dozza was plausible enough to win the support of A.M.G. during that period.

14. Certain particular localities in the province can be named as centres where Communism is strongest, and where politically inspired disturbances may be expected, e.g.:-

Budrio, Molinella, Medicina, Galliera, S. Giovanni in Persiceto, Crevalcore, Castelmaggiore, Minerbio Marzabotto, S. Giorgio di Piano, Pieve di Cento, Argelato, Ozzano Emilia, S. Benedetto Val di Sambro, Castiglione, Sasso Marconi, Sala Bolognese, S. Matteo Decima, Castel S. Pietro, Castenaso, Monterezenzo, Castel d'Argile, Malacappa, and Granarolo.

15. Nothing need be said about arms and ammunition, except that it need not be doubted that more than adequate supplies of both are available if and when necessary.

16. Sufficient information has come to light in the last seven months, during the whole of which period the writer has served in Bologna Province, for it to be stated that the facts as set out above are true. Whether disorders and disturbances will actually take place or not, it is impossible to say, but there is no doubt whatever that the possibility exists, and many Italian officials, civilian and military (who after all should know something of their fellow countrymen) are firmly convinced of their probability.

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17. In conclusion, the situation in the province is very similar to that obtaining after World War I. Communism was rife, then as now, in the same centres and districts. As a consequence, landowners then were unable to live on their estates, and were disposing of them; there is of course now, no question of the landowners 'disposing' of their properties, they are simply seized and occupied. Fascism began in these parts as the opponent of Communism, it remains to be seen what form of "ISM" will appear this time.

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ANDREW G. F. WAY, MAJOR
Public Safety Officer

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TRANSLATION M.C.

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CO.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office
No.114.16-1 R.P.

ROME - 12 April 1946

To: Allied Command
Public Safety S.C.
ROME

14/9/46

SUBJECT: Modena - Unruly behaviour by the Recruits of
the 5th Training Centre.

At Modena, on 2nd inst., military of the 8th CO. -
5th Training Centre - refused to rise when the signal
of reveille was given as a protest for insufficient
food.

With the intervention of the officer on duty and
other officers, they were finally convinced to rise,
but four of the men who refused were locked up.

While the Colonel, Commanding Officer, was crossing
the courtyard to interview the offenders, parties of
military began shouting in a provoking manner at same
time singing communist songs.

Order was re-established following the intervention
of the Commander and other officers.-

The General Commander
Brunetto Brunetti

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

o. n. o.

N. 114/16-1 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 12 aprile 1946

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: MODENA - Comportamento sedizioso di militari del 5° Centro Addestramento Reclute.-

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

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In Modena, il 2 corrente, i militari dell'ottava compagnia del 5° Centro Addestramento Reclute, in segno di protesta per il vitto insufficiente, alla sveglia, rimasero a letto.

Per l'intervento dell'ufficiale di picchetto e degli ufficiali di giornata, i militari si alzarono, eccettuati quattro, che furono rinchiusi nella camera di punizione.

Mentre il colonnello comandante attraversava il cortile, per recarsi presso i puniti, per svolgere opera di persuasione, i militari del reparto - in gruppi - elevarono grida sediziose al canto di inni comunisti.-

L'ordine fu ristabilito in seguito all'intervento del Comandante e degli ufficiali.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
- Brunetto Brunetti -

*Brunetti*

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( Translation M.B. )

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CC.BP. GENERAL COMMAND  
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 2/4/1946

Nr. 57/20 R.P.

To : ALLIED COMMISSION  
F.S. Sub Commission  
R O M E

SUBJECT : PARDI (Farma d.) Explosion of a bomb during a demonstration.

I beg to transcribe the following wire forwarded on the 2nd inst. by the Salsomaggiore CC.BP. Lieutenant:

" On the 1st inst. -at 8.50 p.m.-while 140 youths were singing patriotic songs at the outskirts of Pardi (Farma d.), some leftists threw a bomb which heavily wounded CERONITI Callisto, MACAROTTI Luigi, FONTANA Elise, and caused less serious wounds to further 15 persons. The three aforesaid casualties were transported to the Parma Hospital, where CERONITI had his right leg amputated. He died at 11 hrs. this morning.

From the first investigations, the hypothesis of a crime seems to be excluded. The incident was presumably a consequence of the elections, which had taken place at Pardi on the previous day and were won by the Democratic Christians. The Bomb was discovered to be a hand-grenade "Breda" loaded with anti-tank exploding stuff, and was probably kept by someone of the demonstrators. This possibility is supported by the circumstance that another demonstrator was in possession of a hand-grenade "Gipe", which was found near to the place. Investigations are continuing. "

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The General Commander  
sgd/ BRUNETTO BRUNETTI

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# Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 57/20 di pref. R. P.

Roma, li 3 aprile 1946

Risposta al

del

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Allegato n.

OGGETTO: Bardi (Parma) - Esplosione di un ordigno durante una manifestazione.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ARRENTA  
= Sottocommissione per la P.S.

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Trascrive il seguente telegramma pervenuto il 2 corrente dalla tenenza dei CC.RR. di Salsomaggiore:

"Ore 21,50 del 1° corrente, mentre circa 140 giovani, alla periferia di Bardi (Parma), cantavano inni partiti sinistra esplodevano ordigno che provocava ferite gravissime a CERONITI Calisto MACAROTTI Luigi, FONTANA Elsa et meno gravi altre 15 persone. Prime tre venivano trasportate ospedale Parma, ove al CERONITI veniva amputata gamba destra. Egli decedeva ore 11 questa mattina. Dalle prime indagini sembra esclusa ipotesi atto criminale et che incidente avesse relazione elezioni avvenute Bardi giorno precedente conclusesi vittoria democristiani. Ordigno est stato classificato bomba a mano Breda carica esplosive anticarro et presumesi fosse stata posseduta dimostranti medesimi. Circostanza avvalorata dal fatto che altro dimostrante era posseduto bomba a mano Sipe, rinvenuta adiacenze inesplosa. Presso indagini."

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
= Brunetto Brunetti =

*Brunetti*

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
Liaison Office: I.G.T.  
Bologna

28th Feb. '46

Ref. : AC=LG/PS/26.30  
Subject : Fascist literature.  
To : Headquarters,  
Allied Commission,  
Public Safety Commission.  
{through Lt. Col. Walters}  
{Chief Liaison Officer.}

1. The attached copy of a Neo-Fascist pamphlet was found in the street in Ferrara.

2. The pamphlet was issued by the S.A.M. and S.A.I.C. organizations (S.A.I.C. Squadra Izione Iginio Ghisellini, Iginio Ghisellini was Federal Secretary of the Fascist party, Ferrara, and was killed by Italian patriots in November 1944).

3. The author and source of distribution of the pamphlet is not known. Enquiry continues.

*Wardington Capt.*  
LEONARD A. E. EDDINGS, CAPTAIN,  
Allied Commission Liaison Officer.  
(Public Safety)

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*Walters Capt.*

LEONARD A. E. EDDINGS, CAPTAIN,  
Allied Commission Liaison Officer.  
(Public Safety)

Forwarded

*Walters Capt.*

T.W.J. WALTERS, LT. COL.  
Chief Liaison Officer.  
Bologna

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Copy to: C.2 217 Area

Encs. : 1 translation pamphlet.

TRANSLATION

Copy of a Neo-Fascist Pamphlet.

Fascists!

Ferrara, as yesterday, as today, as always, is the first among the first cities of this poor and ruined Italy of ours, which will begin the new fascist national renaissance. Ferrara, which has sacrificed a great part of her best sons for the Fascist Cause and for the greatness of Italy, is at the head of the movement.

After two months of what is commonly called "liberation", the S.A.M. has been formed and is glad and proud to inform of the constitution of the S.A.I.C. (Squadre Azione Igino Chisellini). S.A.M. and S.A.I.C. will work and fight together with all the other fascist squads of Italy for the purpose of giving back to our country the honour and greatness, that we have lost through the weak and stupid men who have today the power of ruling our Country.

Italians!

Hasten to enlarge more and more the Squadre Azione Mussolini and Squadre Azione Igino Chisellini. The actual persecutions far from beating our squads will furthermore reinforce our will to rise again. The antifascists must know that Fascism is not dead, because an idea which has been consecrated by the blood of our martyrs cannot die. The Communists must know that fascists will do everything possible with words and if necessary with arms to prevent them from getting power to subjugate the Italian people and hitch Italy to Russia. Fascism which is rising up again wants liberty and honour for Italy, wants the Italians on the same level with French, English, Russians, Jugoslavs; Fascists do not want and cannot stand Italy to be bowing to other nations.

Italians!

Hasten to enlarge more and more the Squadre Azione Mussolini and Squadre Azione Igino Ghisellini. The actual persecutions far from beating our squads will furthermore reinforce our will to rise again. The antifascists must know that Fascism is not dead, because an idea which has been consecrated by the blood of our martyrs cannot die. The Communists must know that fascists will do everything possible with words and if necessary with arms to prevent them from getting power to subjugate the Italian people and hitch Italy to Russia. Fascism which is rising up again wants liberty and honour for Italy, wants the Italians on the same level with French, English, Russians, Jugoslavs; Fascists donot want and cannot stand Italy to be bowing to other nations.

Italian people!

Fascism is defending your interests and those of the Italian Nation. It does not want war but if Italy is threatened in the integrity of her territory, all fascists will hasten with arms to defend her. 1336

The Fascism which is rising now is Republic, because the Monarchy has been the greatest ruin of Italy - is Republic because Italy is in the majority a republic - is Republic because the Monarchy has betrayed Italy and Fascism.

Fascists and Italians! Advance! For the greatness and for the safety of Italy!

We will return!

S.A.M. - S.A.I.C.

ALLIED COMMISSION  
Liaison Office, I.G.T.  
Bologna

28th Feb. '46

Ref. : AC-IC/PS/23.25-2  
Subject: INCIDENT AT SAVIGNO (BOLOGNE PROVINCE)  
22 November, 1945.  
To : Headquarters,  
Allied Commission,  
Public Safety Commission.

14191/1. 2A (through Lt. Col. Walters)  
Chief Liaison Officer.

1. Further to this Liaison Group letter  
AC-IC/PS/23.25 dated 15 Dec. 1945.

2. On 17 Feb. 1946 at 5 a.m., elements  
of the Mobile Battalion CC.RR. simultaneously  
put a cordon around the Communes of Ozzano Emilia  
and Budrio, Bologna, for the purpose of arresting  
individuals responsible for the incident at Savi-  
gno, Bologna, on 22 Nov. 1945, when a band of  
about 60 armed men entered the village for plun-  
der.

Six arrests were made, (all young men  
under the age of 24) who have confessed that they  
took part.

Eight other persons were definitely  
identified and warrants have been issued by the  
Italian judicial authorities for their arrest.

The total number of persons arrested  
to date on this incident is 13.

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Forwarded  
*W. Walters*  
 T. W. J. WALTERS, LT. COL.;  
 Chief Liaison Officer.  
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( Translation M.B. )

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND  
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 28/2/1946

Nr. 57/9 R.P.

To: ALLIED COMMISSION  
Sub Commission of F.S.  
R O M E

SUBJECT: Ravenna. Notices posted on walls.

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At Ravenna, during the night of the 17th inst., some unknown persons posted notices on the walls inviting the Polish soldiers to leave Italy and to return to their country.

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The General Commander

s/ BRUNETTO BRUNETTI

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 67/9

di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 28 febbraio 1946

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Ravenna - manifestini.-

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

R O M A

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In Ravenna, durante la notte sul 17 corrente, sconosciuti affissero dei manifestini in lingua polacca incitanti le truppe polacche a lasciare l'Italia e a fare ritorno nella loro Patria.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
-Gennetto Burnett-  
*Gennetto Burnett*

ALLIED COMMISSION  
Liaison Office I.G.T.  
Bologna

27th Feb. '46

Ref. AC-LG/PS/2.61

Subject: APPEALS.

To: Headquarters,  
Allied Commission,  
Legal Sub-Commission,  
(CHIEF LEGAL ADVISER).

{through Lt. Col. Walters}  
{Chief Liaison Officer.}

1. Reference directive AC/4083/L/1, dated  
8 Feb. 1946 from H.Q., Allied Commission, Legal-  
Sub-Commission.

2. Application for clemency in respect of

GESI Mario  
BARAVELLI Cesare  
MASETTI Volmer  
ZAPPATERRA Giulio  
BENINI Emilio  
TOSCHI Gianfranco  
ALIGHIERINI Flavio

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is forwarded herewith for consideration. Original documents with English translations are attached.

3. The Court record of these cases has been sent to H.Q., Allied Commission, Legal Sub-Commission by the Legal Officer of Allied Military Government, Region IX, upon the handing over of territory to the Italian Government. Therefore, this Liaison Group is not in a posi-

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 ZAPPATERNA Giulio  
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 MICHENINI Flavio

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4. It is noticed that each applicant for clemency had been convicted for illegal possession of arms by an Allied Military Court.

5. Illegal possession of arms in Emilia Region has been paramount to Italian police agencies in the detection of crime and it is thought that the Chief Legal Adviser would be glad to have figures of crime in Emilia Region as reported in the monthly report, Bologna Liaison Group for January 1946 as some guide to the state of affairs in this Region.

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Murders..... 19  
 " (political).. 14  
 Armed robbery.....150

6. Further 19 prison breaks have occurred in this Region since 12 Dept.1945 to date resulting in 230 prisoners escaping to liberty, many of whom were ex-partisan elements and convicted for illegal possession of arms and robbery.

*Waddington Capt.*

LEONARD A. E. EDDINGS, CAPTAIN,  
 Allied Commission Liaison Officer.  
 (Public Safety)

Forwarded

*Waddington Capt.*  
 W. W. J. WADDINGS, LT. COL.,  
 Chief Liaison Officer.  
 Bologna.

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*John W. Linn Col.*  
 T. J. WATKINS, LT. COL.,  
 Chief Liaison Officer.  
 Bologna.

Copy to: H.Q., Allied Commission,  
 Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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14.2.46

MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE.  
Minister's Office.

To: Lt.Col. Hammaford,

The bearer of this letter has been referred to me by the Minister.

He is Sorrelli Renato, president of C.L.M., Bologna Ferrarese, who has come to plead for the pardon of several partisans sentenced by the Allied Military Court, Ferrara, to 1 year's imprisonment for having failed to hand over arms. As these partisans, who have co-operated in the national liberation, appear to be good elements, I beg you lend a benevolent ear to what Sorrelli has to say and see whether the pardon may be granted.

(signed) Giorgio B... (rest of signature illegible)

He is Borelli Renato, president of the  
Colonna Ferrerese, who has come to plead for  
the pardon of several partisans sentenced by  
the Allied Military Court, Ferrara, to 1 year's  
imprisonment for having failed to hand over  
arms. As these partisans, who have co-operated  
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what Borelli has to say and see whether the  
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(signed) Giorgio B... (rest of signa  
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Translation

R. PREFETTURA DI FERRARA.  
Prot.No.0964 P.S.

18.2.46

To: Division Office,

Allied Commission,

B o l o g n a .

The partisan ROBERTO Ronato, president of C.L.N.,  
Cologna Ferrarese, has recently been to the Ministry of Grace and Justice at Rome to file a petition for grace forwarded by MAXIMILIAN Kolmer, GROSSI Mario, BARNABINI Cesare, ZAPPALERA Giulio, BENINI Emilio, TROSCI Gianfranco and MICHELINI Flavio;  
all partisans, who have been detained in the local prison since last July following conviction by Allied Military Court, on 6.7.45, to 1 year's imprisonment each for violating A.M.O. Proclamation No.I, art.IV, viz. being found in possession of arms. The petition has the warm support of this office, particularly in view of the fact that these men are partisans who have fought for the freedom of their nation, who have always behaved themselves well, and who will shortly be called to

arms.

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Mario, BARNABILL Cesare, ZAPPALERA Giulio, BRUNTI  
Milio, TOSCHI Gianfranco and MICOMINI Flavio;  
all partisans, who have been detained in the local  
prison since last July following conviction by  
Allied Military Court, on 8.7.45, to 1 year's im-  
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No. I, art. IV, viz. being found in possession of  
arms. The petition has the firm support of this  
office, particularly in view of the fact that  
these men are partisans who have fought for the  
freedom of their nation, who have always behaved  
themselves well, and who will shortly be called to  
arms.

I shall be very grateful if you will lend a favour-  
able ear to Signor Borellini and give your approval  
for the granting of the petition by the superior  
authorities.

(signed) THE DIRECTOR

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TranslationJUDICIAL PRISON OF FERRARA.

THE UNDERSIGNED,

Director of the Judicial Prison of Ferrara,  
following a verbal request from the Prefect  
of this Province

DECLARES:

1) that GESSI Mario, MICHELINI Flavio, ZAPPALÀ  
TERESA Giulio, BARAVELLI Cesare, DOMINI Ani-  
lio, TOSCHI Gianfranco and MASSETTI Wolmar  
have been detained in this judicial prison  
since 6th July '43, because on that date  
they were each sentenced to 1 year's im-  
prisonment by the Allied Military Court,  
Ferrara, for illegal possession of fire-  
arms;

2) that during their detention the above-mentioned  
ed men have maintained a good behaviour for  
which reason they were given domestic duties  
to carry out. They do their work with dis-  
cipline, precision and neatness and to the  
complete satisfaction of the Director;

3) that these same men have filed a petition  
for grace with the Allied authorities and  
the undersigned considers them worthy of  
the requested pardon.

they were each sentenced to 1 year's imprisonment by the Allied Military Court, Ferrara, for illegal possession of firearms;

- 2) that during their detention the above-mentioned men have maintained a good behaviour for which reason they were given domestic duties to carry out. They do their work with discipline, precision and neatness and to the complete satisfaction of the Director;
- 3) that these same men have filed a petition for grace with the Allied authorities and the undersigned considers them worthy of the requested pardon.

(Signed) THE DIRECTOR

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Translation

PROCURA DEL REGNO,

F e r r a r a

22 Feb. '46

No. 720

Subject: MARIO GESSI AND OTHERS CONVICTED FOR  
TRANSGRESSION OF A.M.O. PROCLAMATION  
NO. I, ARTICLE NO. 4.

To: Allied Military Commander, } Bologna  
 Emilia Region.

My attention has been drawn to the particular case of GESSI Mario - BERNARDINI Cesare - MASSETTI Rolmer - ZAPPALERA Giulio - BIANCHI Emilio - TESCHI Gianfranco and MICHELINI Flavio.

They were sentenced on 6.7.45 by the Allied Military Court, Ferrara, to 1 year's imprisonment each for transgression of A.M.O. Proclamation No. I., art. 4. They have already done 8 months and in consideration of the fact that they, as partisans, contributed to the liberation of the national territory, that they are so young and they had never before gone against the law, it is asked that the remaining

months be condoned.

particular case of GUSCI Mario - BENVENUTO Cs  
 sure - MASSETTI Walter - CARPENTIERO Giulio -  
 BERNI Emilio - TUSCHI Gianfranco and MICHEL-  
 LI Mario.

They were sentenced on 8.7.45 by  
 the Allied Military Court, Verona, to 1 year's  
 imprisonment each for transgression of A.M.G.  
 Proclamation No.1., art.4. They have already  
 done 8 months and in consideration of the fact  
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 liberation of the national territory, that they  
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 against the law, it is asked that the remaining  
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On my part I beg you to favourably  
 consider their position. I am of opinion that  
 an act of clemency would be advisable, inasmuch  
 as the greater part of the sentence has been  
 expiated.

(signed) Il Procuratore del Regno

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
Liaison Office I.G.T.  
Bologna

18th Feb. '46

Ref. AC-LG/PS/1521

Subject: DAMAGE TO RAILWAY PROPERTY.

To: Headquarters,  
Allied Commission,  
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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21st January 1946

Ref. AC=IG/PS/23.25-I

Subject: SERIOUS CRIME. - FURTHER REPORT ON THE INCIDENT AT SAVIGNO (BOLOGNA PROVINCE).

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,  
A.C.H.3.

1. With reference to previous report, AC=IG/PS/23.25, dated 15 Dec. '45, on above subject.

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4. Every house entered was searched for arms and the occupants were closely questioned by the thieves as to their possession. In some cases, there was evidence of accurate local knowledge as specific weapons in the possession of certain individuals were demanded.

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  - (d) RUBINI Luciano, age 24, of Savigno;
  - (e) BALLOTTA Remo, age 20, of Samoggia;
  - (f) RIGHI Genunzio, age 19, of Samoggia;
  - (g) LANZARINI Giulio, age 22, of Savigno;
  - (h) BERNARDI Ettore, age 21, of Savigno.
7. Apart from their respective ages, there are some individual points of interest with regard to

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those arrested so far.

8. DEL FERRO Sergio confessed to having had automatic weapons concealed in his house since the date of occupation. These he had produced and handed over prior to the raid to one of the leaders and organizers, in company with SCAGLIONI Alessio, Secretary of the local branch of A.N.P.I. at Savigno, who has also admitted having previously possessed hidden arms which he had produced for the raid. - RUBINI Luciano, has been identified as a former member of GNR, now turned 'Partisan'. Previous history of such a nature is by no means a bar to becoming a partisan and communist, and evidence of such "transfers" is not uncommon. The fact has been noted in previous reports. LANZARINI Giulio is a local partisan and communist leader known as "Il Biondo".

9. All those arrested are known to be partisans of the "present day", their activities during the actual war period are more obscure.

10. Examination of the above has definitely involved two well-known partisans as the responsible leaders and organizers of the raid,

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Both have been absent from their homes since the date of the raid and search is being made for them.

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12. As the result of investigation and searches in the locality a considerable quantity of arms etc., much in good condition, has been found.

13. CC.RR. have called on the population to surrender weapons etc. in their possession and a great deal of military equipment of all kinds has

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thus been handed in voluntarily.

I4. Special efforts have been made at Merlano, Samoggia and Vedegheto (all fractions of Savigno), Castelletto di Serravalle and Stiore and Oliveto (fractions of Montevoglio).

I5. Not all took advantage of the C.C.R.R. offer of "no questions asked" to arms handed in voluntarily, and some arrests resulted.

I6. At Vedegheto, DONDARINI Pietro, age 20, a former partisan but not one of those that took part in the Savigno incident, was found to have hidden a light machine gun and 6 belts of ammunition, 2 German rifles (ready loaded) and a quantity of hand grenades, all in good condition. At Castelletto di Serravalle, MANZINI Aliceto, age 41, and BERNARDI Armando, age 36, were each found in possession of German rifles and ammunition in good condition.

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18. The new feature is the object of the raid, the search for arms, as to which all concerned in the investigation agree.

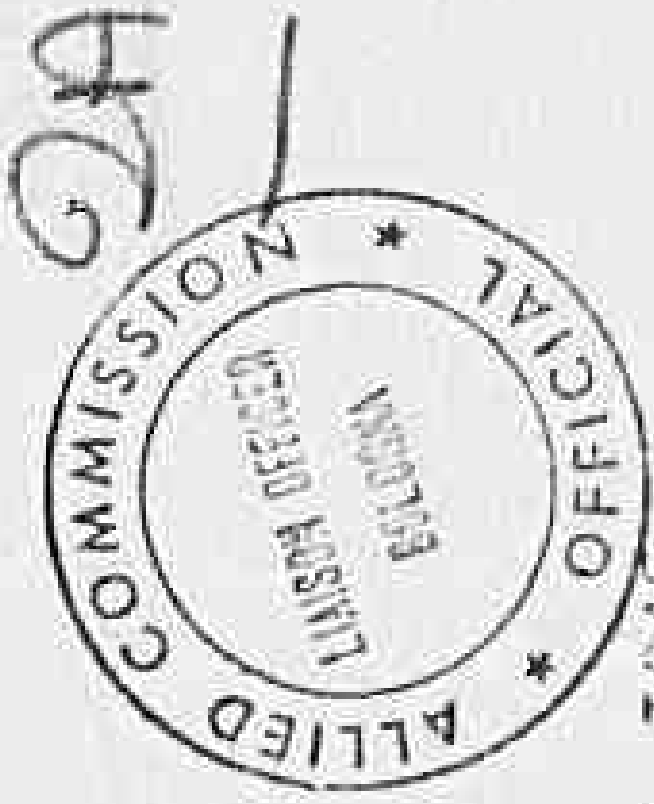
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15th Dec. 1945

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Ref. AC-LG/PS/23.25

Subject: SERIOUS CRIME. INCIDENT AT SAVIGNO (BO-LOGNA PROVINCE).

TO: Public Safety Sub-Commission,  
DATE: 18/12/45 H.Q.

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With reference to signal this H.Q. - Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.H.Q. dated 13 Dec. '45.

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6. Following this, other members of the band - 132\* there appear to have been at least 60 in all - entered the village, and proceeded systematically to plunder the place.

7. Bank, post office, shop and private premises were entered, and clothing, cash, valuables, foodstuffs and wine removed.

8. The party, who were all well armed and the majority masked, were in possession of three trucks

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which served to transfer them to the scene of operations, and afterwards to remove the loot.

9. The village was thus held until about 0100 hrs. 12 Dec. '45.

10. The actual value of goods etc. stolen was comparatively small, as precautions had been taken, particularly by the two branch banks, to keep as small an amount of money as possible on their premises following the armed robbery which had occurred at the branch of the Credito Romagnolo on 24 Nov. '45. (See below).

11. While on this occasion no one was shot or kidnapped, the community was completely terrorized by the action of many of the band who repeatedly fired bursts from their automatic weapons against the walls, windows and doors of houses.

12. CC.RR. re-enforcements were at once conveyed to the locality as soon as information reached Group and Legion H.Q. in Bologna.

13. 75 of all ranks of the Mobile Battalion were sent and the Captain Commanding the Internal Company is remaining on the spot to conduct enquiries.

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I6. The raid was well planned and executed, and one who was referred to as 'Capitano' gave orders which were at once carried out.

I7. Enquiries to date indicate that two local partisan leaders are definitely involved. Both are, some what significantly, missing from their homes and have not been seen since enquiries began.

I8. No actual arrests have been made as yet, though a number of suspects have been 'stopped' and held for examination, including two men believed to have driven two of the trucks involved. There need be no doubt that ex-partisans are responsible.

I9. As at Gaggio Montano, no telephone communication.

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tions exist, and the motorcycle used by CC.RR. was stolen by the gang.

20. As an indication of the state of affairs in this particular area, the following is the record of crimes reported since the 16th Nov. '45, the date of the incident at Gaggio Montano, within 10-12 miles radius.

21. BOLGONA PROVINCE.

At Castel d'Aiano, on 17 Nov. '45, a man was stopped in the road by another, who was armed, and robbed of cash.

At Ca d'Ercole, on 20 Nov. '45, 3 men were stopped in the road by a party of 6, who examined their documents and enquired as to their business. Being in possession of little money, were allowed to proceed.

At Prunarolo, on 24 Nov. '45, 2 armed, masked men, who appeared to be supported by others, entered and robbed the house of the priest.

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At Villa d'Aiano, on 10 Dec. '45, shots were fired at a CC.PR. patrol. No trace of individuals concerned.

#### MODENA PROVINCE.

At Pavullo, on 18 Nov. '45, 3 armed and masked men entered a house and stole cash, food and clothing.

At Spilamberto, on 21 Nov. '45, 6 armed and masked men went to a house and called for the owner. On his appearance at the door, an attempt was made to kidnap him, but as he struggled, he was shot and wounded.

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At Vignola, on 23 Nov. '45, 3 armed men entered a house and stole cash.

At Montese, on 25 Nov. '45, 4 armed and masked men stopped a merchant and robbed him of 125,000 lire.

At Santino di Montese, on 3 Dec. '45, an armed man stopped and attempted to rob a pedestrian. The latter struggled and was seriously wounded by shooting.

At Zocca, on 4 Dec. '45, the body of a man was found shot. Motive at present unknown.

22. As in the case of Gaggio Montano, incidents of this kind are to be expected just so long as the efforts of CC.RR. are hampered by lack of transport, and other means of communication are non-existent.

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ALLIED COMMISSION

Liaison Office I.G.T.

Bologna.

22nd November '45

Ref. AC-IG/PS/23.22

Subject: SERIOUS CRIME. INCIDENT AT GAGGIO MONTANO  
NO (BOLOGNA).

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,  
A.C.H.Q.

{ through Lt. Col. Walters }  
{ Liaison Officer, }  
{ Bologna. }

1. The following is a report of an incident involving murder, kidnapping and armed robbery that took place on 16 Nov. '45 at Gaggio Montano, Bologna Province.

2. In a region in which the conditions of public safety have steadily declined since the cessation of A.M.C., this occurrence is perhaps the worst example that has taken place with the possible exception of some "prison breaks".

3. Gaggio Montano is a small commune in the S.E. corner of Bologna Province, close to M. Belvedere, and was considerably damaged during the fighting in that locality last spring. It has a population of about 5,700 persons.

4. At about 1800 hrs. on 16 Nov. '45, some eight individuals entered the C.C.P.R. station on some pretext. Having done so, all produced arms - pistols and automatic weapons - and immobilised the five C.C.P.R. who were having their evening meal. It was a carefully chosen moment as the total strength of C.C.

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5. Having thus accounted for any opposition that might have obstructed their actions, some forty others, all similarly armed, entered the village. Guards were placed at the road approaches while certain houses and other premises were visited, searched and plundered.

6. It is obvious that the raid was carefully planned and organised, and was an excellent example of mixed banditry and political violence.

7. The premises of the 'Credito Romagnolo' were entered, the staff of five held up and 150,000 lire removed.

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8. Some six houses, all of well-to-do persons, were entered and thoroughly searched and plundered, clothing, valuables, money and food were taken.
9. In every case, the occupants were asked if they possessed the Communist party "tessera". In the absence of this document, they were invariably informed that they deserved to be shot and in fact that they were very fortunate not to be. No adherent of this particular political party suffered any loss whatever.
10. One man, BRASSA Aldo, the 'Partito d'Azione' member of the local C.L.M. was taken out and shot. This man had spoken openly against the violent actions of the Communists elsewhere, and there is no doubt that this was the reason for his removal.
11. Four other persons, CECCHELLI Adolfo, and CA PITANI Alfredo, both well known as having been Fascist Republicans, RAMAZZINI Bianca and BRASSA Guido (brother of the murdered BRASSA Aldo), were kidnapped, and so far their fate is unknown.
12. This small mountain community was in the hands of this gang until about midnight - six hours - when all left in the direction of Modena Province.
13. There is no telephone communication in existence, nor do the CC.PP. possess any form of mechanical transport, consequently it was some hours before the Tenenza at Riola received the information.
14. Having been so informed, this officer had to wait for chance means of transport to convey him from Riola to the scene, a distance of some 12-14 miles over winding mountain roads. A typical example of the difficulties with which CC.PP. are faced in trying to carry out their duties effectively.
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I6. The Questore himself has visited the scene and from enquiries made to date it seems evident that not only a number of former partisans from Modena Province, chiefly Pavullo, Montese, Sestola, Fanano and Zocca districts, were involved, but also many who escaped recently from the Modena and Bologna judicial prison, in particular one, BOLCIGNI, arrested for suspected murder and kidnapping during the A.M.G. period and who escaped in July from Bologna prison.

I7. Practically the whole band of fifty wore masks, and both these and their scarves were predominantly red.

I8. The Questori and CC.PP., both of Modena and Bologna, are planning certain operations jointly on a large scale - if transport can be found - on the in-

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formation gained by their enquiries so far.

19. However, the usual interference by C.I.N. has been experienced, who maintain that this is too big a job for CC.RR. alone and insist that former partisans must be called on to co-operate.

20. Considerable disagreement is outwardly expressed by this body at such incidents as this, but as usual every effort is made to shield Communists and former partisans - nowadays one and the same - from justice.

21. Obviously the "help" given to CC.RR. by former partisans, and not just those appointed as "Auxiliaries", will quite effectively prevent anyone who really matters from being arrested.

22. The Prefetto of Bologna is stated to have supported the demand of the C.I.N. that former partisans should be called upon to assist, which is not unexpected.

23. The incident itself is one that may happen in any part of the mountainous areas in the south of the provinces of Bologna, Modena and Reggio.

24. Communications by road are poor in the extreme, and by telephone non-existent.

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24 November 1945

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SUBJECT : Prisons, Ferrara.

TO : Minister of Grace and Justice

1. The attached copy letter received from the A.C. Liaison Officer Bologna, is forwarded to you for information and such action as is possible.

*Handwritten: John T. Chapman*  
JOHN T. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director.

Copy to L.O. Bologna

Your AC-LG/PS/3.18 dated 15th Nov refers

Encl: as above

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To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,  
A.C.H.Q.

{ through Lt. Col. Walters, }  
{ Liaison Officer, }  
{ Bologna. }

1. With further reference to this office report dated 9 Nov. '45, AC-LG/PS/23.18, regarding an attempted break by prisoners in the Judicial Prison, Ferrara, on 7 Nov. '45.
2. Since the above report was forwarded, information has been received of two further incidents at this prison.
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