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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref : SD/540.2

October, 1945

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. Br. 1331 of the 25 September 1945 and I enclose herewith copies of the statements of the Italian Officers BARBA and UMARI.

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M. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section

Dr. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA,
Acting Representative of Yugoslavia,
Advisory Council for Italy.

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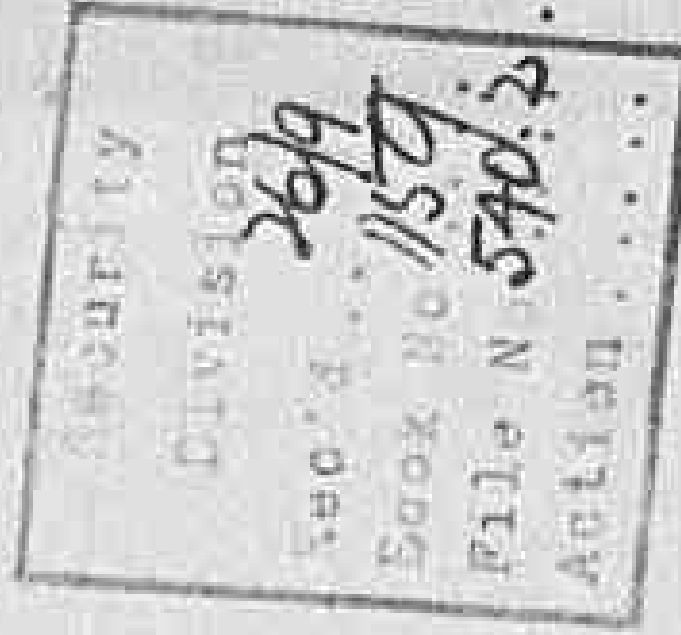
JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Br. 1331

Rome, September 25, 1945.

SUBJECT: Removal of gold belonging to the Yugoslav National Bank.

TO: Headquarters Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission - Security Division.



1. Reference is made to your letter SD/540.2 dated June 21, 1945.
2. We regret we are not able to furnish you with any valuable information regarding the Finance Commission mentioned in Para 2 and 5 of said letter, the matter being under consideration of our Government.
3. It would be much appreciated if you could deliver to this Delegation the copies of statements taken from the Italian Officers Barba and Lunari.

Rudjankuba, sec.

For Dr. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA,
Acting Representative of Yugoslavia
Advisory Council for Italy.

Action.....

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For
DR. SLOVEN J. SLODLAKA,
Acting Representative of Yugoslavia
Advisory Council for Italy.

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C.A. Section

Letter to A/representative of Yugoslavia, AOI., submitted for V.P.'s
signature please.

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Security Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref: SD/540-2-32

21 September 1945

Subject: Yugo Slav National Bank - Removal of gold

To : Deputy Delegate of Yugo Slavia,
Advisory Council for Italy.

Would you please expedite reply to our letter ref. SD/540-2 Para 5-
dated 21 June 1945 subject as above.


JOHN W. CHAPMAN
COLONEL, J.A.G.D.,
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY
SUB COMMISSION.

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HEAD, JARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref: SD/540.2 - 32

16 June 1945

Subject: Yugo Slav National Bank - Removal of gold

To : Deputy Delegate of Yugo Slavia,
Advisory Council for Italy.

Would you please expedite reply to our letter ref. SD/540.2
dated 21 June 45, subject as above.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
COLONEL, J.A.G.D.,
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY
SUB COMMISSION. 970

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.2

21 June 1945

SUBJECT : Yugo Slav National Bank - Removal of gold

TO : Deputy Delegate of Yugo Slavia,
Advisory Council for Italy.

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1. Reference your Pov. Br. 756/45 dated 10 June 1945.
2. The Italian Officers Barba and Luneri have been traced and interviewed. Their statements are of little value as they are only able to say that the gold was transferred from Castelnuovo to Cattaro where it was handed over to a Commission of Finance Officials who, it is believed, later took it to Tirana. Neither officer is in a position to say what took place later.
3. Col. Barba stated that his adjutant that period was Lt. Mario ROSSI, Artillery, not CC.RR.
4. Lt. Col. Genova Alberto has not yet been found, but enquiries are being continued to trace both Genova and Lt. Annibale ROSSI.
5. Any information available regarding the Finance Commission referred to in Para 1 would be of assistance.

CBH/nb

JOHN R. GRADMAN,
Colonel I.A.C.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

Copy to: Liaison Division

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Gold

FILE No. 396/EC(L)

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission

13 June 1945

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File No 540.2

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1. A dossier on the above subject was forwarded by Executive Commissioner's office to Civil Affairs, with 6 June letter 4611/21/EC.
2. This letter recommended that Public Safety Sub-Commission deal with Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to A.C.I.
3. As the matter has passed into your hands, the attached letter of June 10 from Yugoslav Delegate is forwarded to you, being pertinent to the subject.

1 Encl: Copy of ltr no.
Pov.br. 756/45 of 10.6.45.

W. Neuberg
Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

COPY

JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY
pov. br. 756/45

Rome, 10th June 1945

The Acting Representative of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and with reference to his Note Pov. br. 510/45 of April 23, regarding the gold of the National Bank of Yugoslavia taken by the Italian Army, has the honour to inform as follows:

1. A more detailed information has been received as to the identification of Lieut. Rossi of the 11th Battalion of Carabinieri Reali whose Christian name is Annibale.
2. It is requested, please, with reference to the Chief Commissioner's Note of April 23, 1945,
 - a. to inform the Acting Representative of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy about any statement which might have been so far taken from Lt. Col. Guido Barba and Major Angelo Lunari;
 - b. make necessary arrangements for the purpose of investigations being continued and statements taken from the other two officers, i.e. Lt. Col. Genova Alberto (alleged to be in Venice) and Lieut. Rossi Annibale, since there is no more area in Italy where they might be hidden from the personnel of the Allied Security Service.
 - c. Lt. Col. Genova Alberto should be interrogated about the gold taken by the Italian Army at Cetinje, Niksic and Hercegnovi, i.e. about all the gold of the National Bank of Yugoslavia taken by the Italians and amounting a total of approximately 8.371,5 kgr.

/s/

Dr. S.S.

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Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Tel: 735

6 June 1945.

Ref: 4611/21/EC.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav National Bank - Removal of
Gold by Italian Army.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

The attached file from Liaison Division is sent to you as it is considered the correct channel of dealing with this matter is between Public Safety Sub-Commission and Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy, with copies of letters to Liaison Division. Action remains to be taken on the Public Safety Sub-Commission letter dated 28 May.

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E. Horden
Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

Incl:
File 424/EC(L)

Copy to: Liaison Division.

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VP would like you to b/f when you have

more evidence

7 June

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/520.2

20 June 1945

SUBJECT : Yugo Slav National Bank

TO : Liaison Division

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1. Reference your 424/EC(L) dated 25 April 1945.
2. It has not so far been possible to trace the gold further than Tirana, although enquiries are continuing with regard to Colonel BARENGO who was at that time commanding the 2nd Div. Artillery Regiment and who may possess information on the subject.
3. It would greatly assist the enquiry if the Yugo Slav Authorities could supply any information regarding the Commission of Finance Officials referred to in the statement of Col. BARBA.

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

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Subject : Tracing of Italian Officers.CONFIDENTIAL.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E.
A 311.

8 June 45

To : Public Safety Sub Comm.A.C.
Security Division.

Reference your SD/540.2,15 dated 28th May 45,
and further to this HQ letter A 311 dated 30th May 45
(copy to you).

Enclosed is copy translation of a letter received
from the Ministry of War.

Should further information be received concerning
either of the officers mentioned in your letter it will, of
course, be communicated to you.

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[Signature]
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

TRANSLATION COPY.

From : Ministry of War.

Ref.No. 3246/M/Col.

To : M.M.I.A.

Date. 6th June 45Subject : Colonel BARENGO Mario. Arty, Reg Army.

Ref letter A/311 dated 30 May last.

1. We inform you as follows of the appointments held by Col. BARENGO from 1940 to 1943:-

From 15.6.40 - O.C.2nd Div.Arty.Regt.

From 15.11.41- Chief of Staff "Cacciatori delle Alpi" Infantry Division.

From 5.2.42. - 6th.Army H.Q.

From 10.6.42.- Administration 6th Army.

From 7.5.43. - S.M.R.E.

2. Col. BARENGO is not so far listed amongst the officers found in the course of the liberation of the country.

3. From information gained by the S.M.R.E. at which the officer held his last appointment, it appears that Col. BARENGO is in the North.

(Sgd) LOMBARDI
Col.

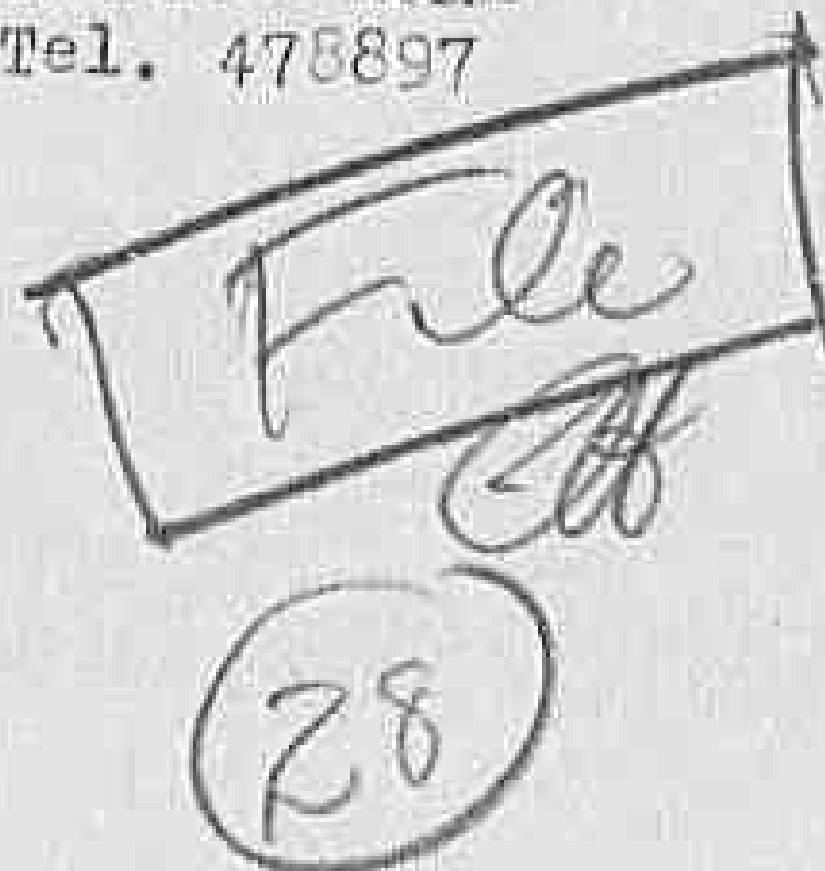
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AFHQ Liaison Officer
I.A.I. = ROME
Tel. 478897

No. 1528

SUBJECT : Lt. Col. BARBA Guido

TO : Capt. GALE
Security Branch,
HQ. A.C.



Herewith attached for your information
is a further report on subject as indicated in our
letter n. 1370 dated 17 Apr. 45, same subject.

Res. and pending.

Capt.
I.A.I. LIAISON
(AFHQ).

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808 C.S. Battalion

No. 98370/2-PM

12 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Lt.Col.BARBA Guido
TO : AFHQ Liaison Officer
I.A.I.

Further to our 97216/2-PM dated 13 Apr.45

Lt.Col.BARBA Guido fu Francesco Paolo and fu Favalaro Anna Maria, born in PALERMO on 14 Sep.95, lived in that city until 1914, in which year he enrolled in the Italian Army.

His family which resides in PALERMO, at 376 Via Resuttano Colli, is composed of :

- his brother Gaetano, cavalry major;
- his sisters Domenica and Giuseppa, both unmarried, respectively aged 45 and 43.

Some months prior to the armistice, subject was in MONTENEGRO and was sent to BARI to constitute the 66th Heavy Field Artillery Regiment.

On 8 Sep.43, subject was on leave in PESARO and instead of reporting to the Republican Army headquarters, he collaborated with the Committee of National Liberation of PESARO, thus rendering himself an outlaw in the eyes of the nazifascists.

Subject is married to a distinguished and very rich woman of PESARO, and this fact gives him the possibility of leading a very luxurious life.

Since 1940, he took part, both in Italy and abroad, in numerous 'displays of horsemanship', with his own horses.

/s/Guido Ripo **962**
major
for C.O.808 C.S.Bn

AS/

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
808° Battaglione C.S.

N° 98270/2-P.M. di prot. P.M. 2800, 12 giugno 1945
OGGETTO: Ten. Colonnello di artiglieria BARBA Guido.-

CAPT. STENHOPE WRIGHT-LIAISON HQ. Bn. C.S.

Seguito foglio n. 97216/2.PM. del 13 aprile 1945.

Il Ten. Col. BARBA Guido fu Francesco Paolo e fu Favulo
re Anna Maria, nato a Palermo il 14-9-1895, ha risieduto in
quella città fino al 1914, anno in cui si arruolò nel R. Eser
cito.

La sua famiglia, residente a Palermo - via Resultano

Coll. 276 - è composta:

- dal fratello Gaetano, maggiore di cavalleria in attesa di
discriminazione;
- dalle sorelle Domenica e Giuseppa, nubili, rispettivamente
di anni 45 e 43.

Trovandosi in servizio nel Montenegro, qualche mese
prima dell'armistizio fu inviato a Bari a costituire il 66°
Reggimento Artiglieria Pesante Campale.

L'8 settembre 1943, lo sorpresero i noti avvenimenti

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mentre fruiva a Pesaro una licenza e, anziché riprendere ser-
vizio nell'esercito repubblicano, l'ufficiale collaborò col
Comitato di Liberazione di Pesaro. Per tale motivo, fu atti-
vamente ricercato dai nazifascisti.

E' coniugato con una distinta e ricchissima signora di
Pesaro, ciò che gli ha consentito di condurre un tenore di

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vita brillante.

Fino al 1940 ha partecipato, in Italia e all'estero, a numerosi concorsi ippici; con cavalli di sua proprietà di elevato valore.



W. F. Kelly
O. DONATI MAJORE
P.C. 3088 : RM. C. S.

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by [signature]
G. DOTTI MAJOR
P.O. 8088 ; Dr. C. S.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.2-15

28 May 1945

SUBJECT : Tracing of Officers
(Yugo Slav National Bank)

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

1. Reference your A 311 dated 21 April 45.
2. Col. BARBA and Major Lunari have been interviewed at the addresses supplied by you.
3. Lt. Mario ROSSI was adjutant to Col. BARBA at the period in Question and therefore further enquiry as far as he and Lt. Attilio ROSSI are concerned, is no longer necessary.
4. In view of the changed situation, perhaps it may be possible to have information concerning Lt. Col. Alberto GENOVA.
5. It is also required to trace Col. Mario BARENGO, who commanded the 2nd. Art. Regg. at Cattaro in April 1941, and who later had control of the gold.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.2-15

28 May 1945

SUBJECT : YUGO-SLAV National Bank,
Removal of Gold.

TO : Liaison Division.

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1. Reference your 424/EC(L) dated 25 April 45.
 2. Copies of the statements of Col. BARBA and Major LUNARI are attached for your attention. It will be observed that the statements are of little practical value as neither officer is aware of the disposition of the gold after its arrival at Tirana.
 3. It would appear that Lt. ROSSI, previously referred to, is identical with Lt. Mario ROSSI, adjutant to Col. BARBA at the time of the incident.
 4. Further enquiries are being made and you will be kept informed of any developments.

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENTSubject: Yugo.Slav National Bank.PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE,
A. M. G.
PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS,
Ancona.To: HQ ALLIED COMMISSION, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION,
(Security Division°)From: P.C. Ancona.Re: Ano/P/21.Date: 21st May 45.

With reference to the attached file Major LUNARI Angelo has been seen by me and the statement attached taken from him. He was unable to assist further, except that he states that a Col. Barengo is conversant with the circumstances.

I visited Pesaro but Col. Barba was in Rome. He had however been interrogated by the Questore a few days before, and the Questore had sent to A.M.G. the result of the interview. A further copy was obtained and is attached, together with translations of both documents.

G. Manenti
Major, for
Commune Commissioner, Ancona.

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TRANSLATION.

To the Police Officer AMG Ancona.

With ref. to your Confidential we have received, we report that Col BAREA Guido interrogated about the cases of gold found in Brzegovins has made the following statement:

"In Castelnuovo of Cattaro in April 1941 No. 13 cases of gold have been found hidden in a well, I am not certain about the weight, but this has been controlled by the Wine and Officials. I believe the cases were 60 Kilos each. These cases were immediately collected by Col. Barengo Lario Commanding the 2nd Art. Reg. in Cattaro. It has been made known to me that afterwards the cases were handed over to a Commission of Finance Officials that had come from Tirana.

I do not know where Lt. Col. Alberto Genova is, I do not remember having met Lt. Attilio Rossi of the CC.RR. or Lt. Mario Rossi of the CC.RR. One Lt. Rossi Mario was my adjutant during that period and now I believe he is with his family in Piandimeleto.

We have instructed the CC.RR. in Piandimeleto to find and identify Lt. Rossi Mario of the It. Art. and the CC.RR. of Fossombrone to find Major Lunari Angelo.

Signed: The Questore.

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In April 1941 I was sent from Cattaro to Castelnuovo with a Coy. of the 94 Inf. Reg.

I was accompanied to the place by Col Batelli commanding the regiment. I was ordered to supervise 27 cases of gold that were in the office of Intendenza in Bocche di Cattaro.

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cases to the Military Command in Cattaro from where they
were delivered to Tirana.

A few months after 12 more cases were found in a well in
the premises of a Priest.
Even this gold was sent to Cattaro.

Signed: Major Lunari Angelo.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.2-15

12 May 1945

SUBJECT : Yugo Slav National Bank

TO : P.P.S.O. Ancona Province

1. Attached are copies of two letters sent to R.P.S.O. Umbria Marche Region.

2. No reply has been received and as the Region closed down unexpectedly, it is not known how the case stands at present.

3. The matter is extremely urgent, and it is requested that the required statements be obtained as soon as possible.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN, *Cap*
Colonel J.A.S.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.F.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF. : SD/540.2 20 April 1945

SUBJECT : Yugo Slav National Bank.
TO : RPSO. Umbria Marche Region.

1. The Yugo Slav Authorities possess evidence to the effect that on 21 April 1941, the Italian Army captured at Herceg Novi (Erzegovina) forty cases of gold belonging to the Yugo Slav National Bank; said quantity amounted to a total of 3,200 kilograms, and consisted of both bars and coins.

2. The gold was first sent to Tirana and from there to Italy.

3. The Italian officers who were concerned in the matter and who are known by name are :

- (a) LUNARI Angelo. Captain Inf. First Commander of Hersegni after its occupation on 17 April 1941.
- (b) BARBA Guido. Lt. Col. Artillery. He replaced Capt. Lunari as Commander a short time after the occupation.
- (c) GENOVA Alberto. Lt. Col. Artillery. Assigned to "Commando Superiore FF.AA. Albania" on 19 Jan. 1941. On 2 Feb. 1941 to "Modena" Infantry Division. On 15 March 1941 to "Intendenza Superiore Albania", at Artillery HQ, Tirana, Albania. Later he was transferred to "17 Corpo D'Armata". "Direzione Ricupero" and landed at Bari on 12 May 1941. On 14 May 1941 he was assigned to the Military Zone of Torino ("nella forza in congedo").
- (d) ROSSI Attilio. Lieutenant CC.RR. Legion at Padova. Transferred 9 June 1941 to 32 Sezione Motorizzata - 6 Armata.
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4. Enquiries are being made to trace these officers, but so far information has been received concerning Col. Barba only which is as follows:

"Lt. Col. (Art.) BARBA Guido di Francesco e fu Anna Favalloro, born at Palermo on 14 Sept. 1895. Before the 9th Justice held a position at the depot of the 2140 Reggimento Artiglieria pesante campale". On the 8 Sept. 1943 was on sick leave. On the 14 Dec. 1944 went to Via Bianca 8, Cersa in Pesaro, where he lives. He is said to be awaiting epuration proceedings.

5. If Col. BARBA can be found, please cause a complete statement to be taken from him including any items which may have the slightest value in tracing the gold. Information as

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to the particulars and whereabouts of the officers referred to, or any other persons concerned in the matter, will be of great assistance.

6. Please treat the matter as very urgent.

S/SJ. HARVEY,
T/JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director, Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O.394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
= SECURITY DIVISION

REF. : SD/540/2
SUBJECT : Yugo Slav National Bank
TO : R.P.S.O. Umbria Marche.

20 April 1945

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1. With reference to the above letter, the following additional information is forwarded for your attention.
 2. Col. (not.Lt.Col.) Barba is now attached to the Ancona Garrison of the Italian Army.
 3. Major (not Captain) Angelo Lunardi is in service at the training Centre, Pack Transport Unit, Fossombrone.
 4. Please cause a complete statement to be taken from him in addition to that of Col. Barba.

S/ C. HAYES, Capt.
T/ JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref:SD/540.2-15

23 May 1945

Subject: Yugo Slav National Bank

To : P.P.S.O. Ancona Province

Would you please expedite reply to our letter ref. SD/540.2-15
dated 12 May 45 , subject as above.

CH
JOHN W CHAPMAN
COLONEL, J.A.G.D.,
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY
SUB COMMISSION.

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SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.2-15

12 May 1945

SUBJECT : Yugo Slav National Bank
TO : P.P.S.O. Ancona Province

1. Attached are copies of two letters sent to
R.P.S.O. Umbria Marche Region.

2. No reply has been received and as the Region
closed down unexpectedly, it is not known how the case stands
at present.

3. The matter is extremely urgent, and it is
requested that the required statements be obtained as soon as
possible.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.2-15

11 May 1945

SUBJECT : YUGO SLAV National BANK

TO : RPSO Umbria Marche Region

1. Reference letter from this office 540/2
of 20 April 1945 and of even reference of 21 April 1945.

2. It is requested that a reply to these letters
may be expedited, and it is repeated that the matter is
one of extreme urgency.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN, *Capt*
Colonel J.A.C.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.2

20 April 1945

SUBJECT : Yugo Slav National Bank.

TO : RPSO. Umbria Marche Region.

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1. The Yugo Slav Authorities possess evidence to the effect that on 21 April 1941, the Italian Army captured at Hercegnovi (Erzegovina) forty cases of gold belonging to the Yugo Slav National Bank; said quantity amounted to a total of 3,200 kilograms, and consisted of both bars and coins.

2. The gold was first sent to Tirana and from there to Italy.

3. The Italian Officers who were concerned in the matter and who are known by name are:

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 - (d) ROSSI Attilio. Lieutenant CC.RR. Legion at Padova. Transferred 9 June 1941 to 32 Sezione Motorizzata - 6 Armata.
 - (e) ROSSI Mario. Lieutenant CC.RR. Legion at ~~Padova~~ ^{Genova}. Transferred on 21 Jan. 1941 to 411 Sezione Alpina.

4. Enquiries are being made to trace these officers, but so far information has been received concerning Col. Barba only which is as follows:
 "Lt.Col. (Art) BARBA Guido di Francesco e fu Anna Favalloro, born at Palermo on 14 Sep. 1895. Before the armistice held a position at the depot of the "140 Reggimento Artiglieria pesante campale". On the 8 Sep. 1943 was on sick leave. On the 14 Dec. 1944 went to Via Branca 8, Cersa in Pesaro, where he lives. He is said to be awaiting epuration proceedings".

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5. If Col. BARBA can be found, please cause a complete statement to be taken from him including any items which may have the slightest value in tracing the gold. Information as to the particulars and whereabouts of the officers referred to, or any other persons concerned in the matter, will be of great assistance.

6. Please treat the matter as very urgent.



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

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION AJS/sem
INTER - OFFICE MEMORANDUM
Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Removal of Gold By Italian Army

FILE No. 424/EC(L)

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
attn: Security Division

25 April 1945

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DivisionRec'd .. 24/4
Book No 6974
File No 540.2
Action

1. Further reference to your SD/540.2 of 21 April.
2. A further letter has been received from the Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia on the Advisory Council for Italy, reference Pov.br. 510/45 of 23 April, copy of which has been sent to Civil Affairs Section. It would be appreciated if this office could be kept informed of any further developments in the case.

Approved
Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION AJS/sem
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Liaison Division

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FILE No. 424/EC(L)

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Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

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Date

23 Apr 45

LIAISON DIVISION

Office of the Executive Commissioner *W*

FROM

TO

☒	Liaison Division	
	Chief Commissioner	
	Executive Commissioner	
	Political Adviser American British	
	Civil Affairs Section	☒
	Economic Section	
	Establishments Section	
	Air Forces Sub-Commission	
	Commerce Sub-Commission	
	Communications Sub-Commission	
	Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission	
	Finance Sub-Commission	
	Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)	
	Legal Sub-Commission	
	Navy Sub-Commission	
	Public Safety Sub-Commission	
	Shipping Sub-Commission	
	War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission	

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Reference ltr 424/EC(4) of
20 April 1945

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Ref: 424/33(L)

23 April 1945

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The Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission presents his compliments to the Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy and has the honor to refer him to the Chief Commissioner's letter No. 424/33(L) of 20 April 1945 in regard to the capture by the Italian Army of 40 cases of gold belonging to the Yugoslav Bank.

Further information has been received that two of the Italian Officers, Colonel Guido Rosta and Major Angelo Ianari, have been traced and that instructions have been issued for their earliest interrogation and for complete statements to be taken from them as to their knowledge of the matter. No trace can be found of the other officers and it is believed that they are not in Allied occupied territory. Inquiries are nevertheless being continued.

(16)

Major A. J. STEWART

Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Quintino Sella, 56
Rome

Copies to: Office of the Chief Commissioner
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section

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DEPUTY DELEGATE OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

24 APR 1945

Prov. br. 510/45

The Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission and has to express his gratitude for latter's Note 424/EC/L of April 20, regarding gold bars and coins of the Yugoslav National Bank taken by the Italian Army during the occupation of Yugoslavia.

In connection with previous correspondence in the premises the Yugoslav Deputy Delegate has the honour to inform as follows :

1.1 Owing to the fact that the first informations on subject, received by cable, arrived not correct particularly as to precise names and particulars, two correcting Notes (dated March 7 and 14) had had to be forwarded in addition to the principal one of February 28. As a consequence, particulars of persons from which statements should be taken, might appear not quite clear. For that reason please find hereunder repeated particulars of all witnesses referred to, summarized :

- (a) LUNARI, Angelo, Captain of Infantry, who was the first Commander (Comandante del Presidio) of HERCEGNOVI, when this town was occupied on April 17, 1941, but held this Office only for a few days and was replaced by Lt. Col. BARBA.
- (b) BARBA, Guido, Lieut. Col. of Artillery. He was the second Commander (Comandante del Presidio) of Hercegnovi in succession to Capt. LUNARI, in April 1941.
- (c) ROSSI, Lieut. of the 11th Battalion of Carabinieri Reali, stationed in April 1941 in Hercegnovi.
- (d) GENOVA, Alberto, Lieut. Col. of Intendenza Superiore FF.AA. in TIRANA, who specially arrived from Tirana in connection with the taking of gold.

2. For the identification of Lieut. ROSSI, it might be useful that he had belonged to the Eleventh Battalion of Carabinieri Reali, stationed in April 1941 in Hercegnovi.

3. The Yugoslav Deputy Delegate has tried to obtain any more information as to the description of bars, coins and containers in question. In case that such are still available they will be forwarded as requested.

4. It is requested please that investigations are continued for the purpose of having statements taken from the above Officers as soon as possible.

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5. The Yugoslav Deputy Delegate would be very grateful if the Chief Commissioner could keep him informed on the course of investigations and action in this matter.

Rome, April 23, 1945.

25 APR 1944

/S/ Dr. S.S.

E.C. DIST. 24 April

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.2

21 April 1945

SUBJECT : Yugo Slav National Bank.

TO : Liaison Division Hq. A.C.

1. Further to memorandum 424/EC/L dated 11 April 1945 and our reply SD/540.2 of 18 April 1945.

2. I have to inform you that two of the Italian officers referred to have been traced namely: Col. (not Lt. Col.) BAREA Guido, and Major (not Captain) LUNARI Angelo.

3. Instructions have been issued for their earliest interrogation and for complete statements to be taken from them as to their knowledge of the matter.

4. No trace can be found of the other officers and it is believed that they are not in allied occupied territory. Enquiries are nevertheless being continued.

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

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C/OSubject : Tracing of Officers.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
H O M E.
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21 April, 45.

To : H.Q. A.C. Public Safety
Sub Commission.Reference your 4611/3/EC,)
AC/14163/PS) dated 7th, April, 1945.,
SD/540.2/LVG.)and confirming telephone conversation of 20th, April (Major Gregson - Capt Hayes).
The following information has been received from the Ministry of War.

- "(1) Major (not Capt) Inf. Reg. Army, LUNARI Angelo, is in service at Training Centre (Pack Tpt Unit) of FOSSOMBRONE.
- (2) Col. (not Lt. Col.) Arty. Reg. Army BARBA Guido address ANCONA Garrison.
- (3) Lt. Col. Arty GENOVA, Alberto.)
- (4) Lt. CC. RR. Res. ROSSI, Attilio.) have not returned.
- (5) Lt. CC. RR. Res. ROSSI, Mario.)

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R. Cunningham
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.
Capt

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Date

20 Apr 45

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21 APR 1945

Office of the Executive Commissioner

21 APR 1945

FROM

TO

☒	Liaison Division	
☐	Chief Commissioner	
☐	Executive Commissioner	
☐	Political Adviser American British	
☐	Civil Affairs Section	☒
☐	Economic Section	
☐	Establishments Section	
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COMMENT:

Reference Executive Commissioner
letter No. 4611/3/EC of ~~21 Mar 45~~
3 Mar 45, and 4611/2/EC of 9 Apr 45

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Ref: L2L/93(L)

20 April 1945

21 APR 1945

The Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission presents his compliments to the Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia on the Advisory Council for Italy and refers him to the correspondence in regard to the capture by the Italian Army in 1941 of 40 cases of gold belonging to the Yugoslav National Bank. (12)

Information has been received as to the movements of some of the Italian officers in question, which is as follows:

a. Genova, Alberto Lt. Colonel on 2 February 1941 assigned to "Modena" Infantry Division. On 15 March 1941 assigned to "Intendenza Superiore Albania, Artillery Headquarters, Tirane. Later transferred to 17 Corpo d'Armata - Direzione Ricambi" and landed at Bari on 12 May 1941. On 14 May 1941 he was assigned to the Military Zone of Torino (nella forza in congedo).

b. Two officers named Maut. Rossi are known to CO.RR. Command. They are:

Rossi, Attilio, of CO.RR Legion, Padova. Transferred on 9 June 1941 to 32 Sezione Motorizzata - 6 Armata.

Rossi, Mario of CO.RR, Legion, Torino. Transferred on 21 January 1941 to 411 Sezione Alpina. Nothing further has been heard of either of these officers and it is presumed that they are still in enemy occupied territory. The same presumption is made in the case of Colonel Genova.

Further enquiries are, however, being pursued in order to obtain further information respecting the whereabouts of all the officers concerned.

The Chief Commissioner would appreciate it if the Deputy Delegate could furnish as full a description as possible of the gold bars and coins, also of the type of container used.

Copies to: Econ Sec
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Ch. Comm

Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Ambasciata 1111 15

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O.394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF. : SD/540/2 20 April 1945
SUBJECT : Yugo Slav National Bank.
TO : R.P.S.O. Umbria Marche.

1. With reference to the above letter, the following additional information is forwarded for your attention.

2. Col. (not Lt. Col.) Barba is now attached to the Ancona Garrison of the Italian Army.

3. Major (not Captain) Angelo Lunardi is in service at the training Centre, Pack Transport Unit, Fossombrone.

4. Please cause a complete statement to be taken from him in addition to that of Col. Barba.

CEH/lm.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.2

18 April 1945

SUBJECT : Locations of Italian Army Officers
(re. Yugo-Slav National Bank)

TO : Liaison Division Hq. AG.

1. Reference memorandum 424/EC/L of 11 April 1945.

2. Information at present as to the movements of some of the Italian officers in question is as follows:-

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4. It would be appreciated if as full a description as possible of the gold bars and coins obtained, also of the type of container used.

GBH/nb

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

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AFHQ Liaison Officer

I.A.I. = ROME

Tel. 478897

No. 1370

17 April 45

SUBJECT: Lt.Col. BARBA Guido

To : Capt. GALE
Security Branch. HQ, AC.

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Book No. 6789
File No.
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Reference your verbal request regarding subject.

Herewith attached for your information is a letter addressed to this office by CS. (9A)

It will be noted that the result of further investigations will be communicated in due course.

R. K. Macpherson

Capt.

I.A.I. LIAISON

(AFHQ)

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STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

803^o BATTAGLIONE C. S.

P.M. 3800, li 17 aprile 1945

N. 97216/2-P.M. di prot.

OGGETTO: Tenente colonnello BAHA Guido.--

AL CAPT. STANHOPE-WRIGHT COLON . C.S. BN.

Riferimento foglio 1178 del 2 andante.

Presso gli archivi del Ministero della Guerra risulta che il tenente colonnello di artiglieria BAHA Guido di Francesco e fu Anna Maria Favalaro, nato li 14 settembre 1895 a Palermo:

- prima dell'armistizio, aveva l'incarico del grado superiore presso il deposito del 14^o Reggimento Artiglieria pesante campale;
- l'8 settembre 1943 non era in servizio perché in licenza di convalescenza;
- il 14 dicembre 1944 si presentò al CEMSA in Pesaro dove risiedeva --via branca n. 8--;
- è in attesa di discriminazione.

Riserva di comunicare ulteriori informazioni richieste per il periodo trascorso nelle diverse località.--

MM.

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[Signature]
G. DOTI MAJOR

U.C. 803°: C.S. BA.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Capture of Gold Belonging to the Yugoslav National Bank

FILE No. 424/EC(L)

TO : Major S.J. Harvey
Security Branch
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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Rec'd... 12/4
Book No 6616
File No 546.2
Action.....

1. Further to our telephone conversation this afternoon, I confirm that Dr. Bruner of the Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council called on me this morning and stated that the Deputy Delegate is very anxious to have a reply to various enquiries submitted regarding the capture of gold belonging to the Yugoslav National Bank and taken away from Yugoslavia by the Italian Army.

2. I enclose a copy of a memorandum from the Deputy Delegate of March 14th, which was left by Dr. Bruner this morning as a copy of this memorandum had not yet reached this office and it is thought that you may not have seen it.

3. I informed Dr. Bruner that it is unlikely that any news regarding the gold would be known for at least 10 days or a fortnight but that a communication would be sent to the Deputy Delegate at the very earliest opportunity.

1 Encl: No. Pr.285/45 dtd
14 Mar 45

Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

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DEPUTY DELEGATE OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome March 14, 1945

Pov. Br. 285/45

The Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy presents its compliments to the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission and with reference to former's Note (Pov. br. 251/45) of March 7th 1945 has the honour to make on the subject of the gold belonging to the Yugoslav National Bank and taken away from Yugoslavia by the Italian Army, the following additional communications:-

A further Officer of the Italian Army, who collaborated by the transportation of the gold referred to has been identified, and accordingly it is requested that he too be found out and statement taken from him. He is Angelo LUMARI, Captain of Infantry, the first commander of Hercegnovi (Comandante del Presidio) after the occupation on April 17, 1941. A few days later this Office (Comando Presidio) was taken over by his successor Guido Barba, Lieut Colonel of Artillery (please correct this name and military belonging in the first Note of the Yugoslav Delegation, in which it was erroneously written. Barbara, Lt. Col. of CC.RR.) at the transportation of the gold both of them were active among others which had already been named in the previous Notes.

MILERY STONE Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner Allied Commission

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
A/311.

10 April, 45.

Ministry of War.

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from Public Safety S.C. A.C. which is self explanatory.
2. Please forward urgently to this H.Q. the information asked for in paragraph 3. of the enclosed letter.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to Public Safety S.C.
Your - 4611/3/EC. dated 7th April 1945.
AC/14163/PS.
SD/640 2/LVG

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Division
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Book No 6870
File No 5702
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Yugo Slav Gold.



RISERVATO

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 8/187 di prot. Ris.

Risposta al foglio del 7 corrente

Roma, li 10 aprile 1945

4611/3/EC
AC/14163/PS Allegato n. 3
SD/540.2/LVG

OGGETTO: Richiesta di notizie sul conto di ufficiali dell'Arma.

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

R O M A

In relazione al foglio sopra distinto, si comunica che i tenenti dei CC.RR. ROSSI Attilio e ROSSI Mario non risultano finora recuperati.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S. M.
- Romano dalla Chiesa -

Gen. Ed. P. P. P.

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IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S. M.
- Romano della Chiesa -

Gen. Col. F. Giverno

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref : 4611/3/EC
AC/44463/PS
SD/540.2/LVZ

7 April 1945

Subject : Locations of Italian Army Officers

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. It is urgently desired to trace and interview the undermentioned Italian officers, who were stationed at ERZEGOVINA (HERCEGOVI) in 1941.
2. Enquiries made to-date through S.I.M. C.S., Rome, have elicited the following particulars regarding the Italian officers concerned:-
 - (a) LUNARI Angelo, Captain. Infantry. First Commander of ERZEGOVINA (HERCEGOVI) after occupation on 17 April 1941.
 - (b) BARBA Guido, Lt. Colonel. Artillery. Replaced Captain LUNARI as Commander (Comando Presidio) a short time after occupation.
 - (c) GENOVA Alberto, Lt. Colonel. Artillery. Recalled to Italian Army on mobilisation and assigned to "Comando Superiore P.F.A. Albania" on 19 January, 1941. Re-assigned on 2 February 1941 to "MODENA" Infantry Division. On 15 March 1941 assigned to "Intendenza Superiore Albania". Artillery Headquarters, Tirana, Albania. Then he was transferred to "17 Corpo d'Armata" - "Direzione Recupero" and landed at Bari on 12 May 1941. On 14 May 1941, however, he was assigned to the Military Zone of TORINO ("nella forza in congedo").
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- (a) LUNARI Angelo, Captain. Infantry. First Commander of ERZEGOVINA (HERCEGOVINI) after occupation on 17 April 1941.
- (b) BARBA Guido, Lt. Colonel. Artillery. Replaced Captain LUNARI as Commander (Comando Presidio) a short time after occupation.
- (c) GENOVA Alberto, Lt. Colonel. Artillery. Recalled to Italian Army on mobilisation and assigned to "Comando Superiore FF.AA. Albania" on 19 January, 1941. Re-assigned on 2 February 1941 to "MODENA" Infantry Division. On 15 March 1941 assigned to "Intendenza Superiore Albania". Artillery Headquarters, Tirana, Albania. Then he was transferred to "17 Corpo d'Armata" - "Direzione Recupero" and landed at Bari on 12 May 1941. On 14 May 1941, however, he was assigned to the Military Zone of TORINO ("nella forza in congedo").
- (d) ROSSI Attilio, Lieutenant CC.RR. Legion at PADOVA. Transferred on 9 June 1941 to 32 Sezione Motorizzata - 6 Armata.
- (e) ROSSI Mario, Lieutenant CC.RR. Legion at TORINO. Transferred on 21 January 1941 to 411 Sezione Alpina.

3. Can enquiries be made, please, to ascertain the present whereabouts of the above mentioned officers. It will be appreciated if you will regard this matter as urgent.

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


STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
808^a BATTAGLIONE C. S.

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AFHQ Liaison Officer

I.A.I. = ROME

Tel. 478897

No. 1270

27 March 1945

SUBJECT: Ten. Col. BARBARA

Ten. ROSSI

Ten. ^{Col.} GENOVA Alberto.

TO : Security Branch, AC

Reference conversation Capt. GALE - Capt.
STANHOPE-WRIGHT, regarding information on a/m
persons.

Attached herewith is a report which has
been submitted to this office by CS, which it
is hoped will be of assistance to you.


Capt.
I.A.I. LIAISON
(AFHQ).

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OGGETTO: Ten.Col. BARBARA - Ten. ROSSI - Ten.Col. GENOVA -
Alberto.-

Per il rintraccio dei 3 ufficiali indicati nel foglio suddetto sono stati praticati accertamenti sia presso il Comando Generale CC.RR. sia presso il Ministero della Guerra, senza poter raccogliere elementi concreti stante la mancanza dei nomi degli ufficiali stessi.

Il Ten.Col. BARBARA potrebbe essere identificato tra uno dei sottoelencati ufficiali:

- 1°)- Generale Brigata Ris.Ftr. BARBARA Giovanni di Luigi, nato nel 1888 a LECCE. Nel 1942 quale Ten.Col. si trovava in zona dichiarata in stato di guerra e successivamente dal 15 marzo 1941 al 20 settembre 1941 ha prestato servizio al Comando Difesa Territoriale di BARI, per speciali incarichi, e poi a quella di BOLOGNA. Dal 27-9-1943 trovosi internato in Germania.
- 2°)- Ten.Col. cavalleria s.p.e. BARBARA Giuseppe di Antonio, nato nel 1901 a NAPOLI. Promosso Ten.Col. il 3 luglio 1942 mentre era effettivo al Comando 8ª Armata - P.M. 3200, il 1º settembre 1942 trasferito allo Stato Maggiore. Attualmente addetto al Comando Generale R.Guardia di Finanza.
- 3°)- Col. Artiglieria s.p.e. BARBARA Renato, di Giuseppe, nato nel 1896 a S.CESARIO (LECCE), iscritto liste di leva comune di MESTRE. Ten.Col. dal 1939, in data 1º marzo 1941 risulta trasferito dal 52 Regg.Art.D.F. al Comando in Capo Dipartimento Marittimo Basso Tirreno (Comando Zona NAPOLI) dove è rimasto fino al 12 aprile 1942. Si sconosce la sua attuale residenza.

Unico ufficiale dei Carabinieri col predetto cognome risulta il Ten. BARBARA Giuseppe di Giovanni Battista, nato nel 1911 a New York, iscritto nelle liste di leva del Distretto Militare di TRAPANI. Questi - però - in data 1-12-1939 è stato cancellato dai ruoli dell'Arma perché nominato 1º Ispettore della P.A.I.

Nei riguardi del Ten.Col. GENOVA Alberto - che è di Artiglieria, ruolo complemento, - risulta:

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Richiamato alle armi per mobilitazione, ed assegnato al Comando Superiore FF.AA. Albania il 19-1-1941, alla Div. Fanteria "MODENA" il 22-2-1941, alla Direzione di Artiglieria di TIRANA - Intendenza Superiore Albania - il 15-3-41, venne fatto rientrare dal 17° Corpo d'Armata alla Direzione Recupero per notevoli rilievi a suo carico: giunto a BARI il 12 maggio 1941, passò il 14 successivo nella forza in congedo della Zona Militare di TORINO.

Si ignora l'attuale sua residenza.

Il Ten.ROSSI - appartenente all'Arma CC.RR. - potrebbe identificarsi in uno degli ufficiali appresso indicati:

- 1°)- Ten.CC.RR. ROSSI Attilio di Felice, già appartenente alla Legione di PADOVA e trasferito il 9-6-1941 alla 32^ Sezione Motorizzata - 6^ Armata;
- 2°)- Ten.CC.RR. ~~XXXXXX~~ ROSSI Mario di Agostino, già della Legione di TORINO il 21-1-1941 trasferito alla 411^ Sezione Alpina.

Si sconosce l'attuale sede di detti ufficiali nè dalle relative carte personali è possibile desumere se gli stessi abbiano o meno prestato servizio in ERZEGOVINA.

F/to G.DOTTI
Major
O.C. 808 CS Bn.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

15 MAR 1945

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Tel: 735

15 March 1945.

Ref: 4611/10/EC

SUBJECT: Yugoslav National Bank - Removal of Gold by
Italian Army.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. With reference to letters 4611/3/EC and 4611/7/EC dated 3rd and 8th Mar 45, attached is copy of further letter from the Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia dated 14 Mar 45 reference Pov.Br.285/45.

2. Will you please take appropriate action and report to this office the result of your enquiries.

G. H. Gordon
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner

Incl:
as above

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16/3.
Book No. 5863.
File No. 7/3.
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DEPUTY DELEGATE OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.

Pov. br. 285 /45

Rome, March 14, 1945

The Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy presents its compliments to the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, and with reference to former's Note (Pov. br. 251/45) of March 7th, 1945, has the honour to make on the subject of the gold belonging to the Yugoslav National Bank and taken away from Yugoslavia by the Italian Army, the following additional communication :

A further Officer of the Italian Army, who collaborated by the transportation of the gold referred to has been identified, and accordingly it is requested that he too be found out and statement taken from him. He is Angelo LUNARI, Captain of Infantry, the first Commander of Hercegnovi (Comandante del Presidio) after the occupation on April 17, 1941. A few days later this Office (Comando Presidio) was taken over by his successor Guido BARBA, Lieut. Colonel of Artillery (please correct this name and military belonging in the first Note of the Yugoslav Delegation, in which it was erroneously written: Barbara, Lt.Col. of CC.RR.); at the transportation of the gold both of them were active among others which had already been named in the previous Notes.

ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR.
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

14163 New file

SUBJECT:

"Yugoslav Nat. Bank - Removal of Gold"

FILE No.

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If the officers concerned can be traced please take statements from them as to the order they received and from whom, the action taken, and if possible knowledge as to the disposal of the gold.

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Attaching for CSO.

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8 MAR 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. 4611/7/EC

8 March 45

SUBJECT: Yugoslav National Bank -- Removal of Gold by Italian
Army

TO : VP, Civil Affairs Section

1. Reference this office 4611/3/EC dated 3 March 45.
2. Copy of letter, Pov.br. 251/45, of yesterday's date received from the Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council, which amends the note sent under cover of letter under reference, is forwarded for information.

Mr. Stearns
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
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Per Maj. Stearns
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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DEPUTY DELEGATE OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, March 7, 1945

The Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, and has the honour to request with reference to former's Note dated February 28, that the following correction in names contained in the said Note be made:

ROSSI (instead of Rissi)

ALBERTO GENOVA, Lieut. Col. - Intendenza Superiore
FF.AA. (Forze Armate)
(instead of Alicelito Genova, Lieut. Col. Inf.)

It is regretted that the above corrections were necessary owing to misprints in the first cable of the instruction.

A copy of the original mentioned note of February 28 is attached hereto for your information if necessary.

/s/ Dr. S.S.

ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

3 MAR 1945

Tel: 735

3 March 1945

Ref: 4611/3/EC

SUBJECT: Yugoslav National Bank - Removal of Gold
by Italian Army.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached hereto is copy of Note Verbale from the Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia dated 28 Feb 45 concerning the capture by the Italian Army in 1941 of forty cases of gold belonging to the Yugoslav National Bank.

2. It will be noted that two of the names given of those responsible are officers in the Carabinieri, so that Public Safety Sub-Commission should initiate inquiries.

3. Please report the results to this office in due course.

Shorden
for Chief Staff Officer
Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

Copy to: Economic Section.
(Finance Sec)

NOTE VERBALE.

The Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, and has the honour to state by instruction and on behalf of his Government as follows :

The Yugoslav Authorities possess evidence from reliable sources to the effect that on April 21st, 1944 the Italian Army captured at Herceg Novi forty cases of gold belonging to the Yugoslav National Bank; said quantity amounted a total of three thousand and two hundred kilogram, and consisted of both bars and coins. The gold was first sent to Tirana and from there to Italy.

This was carried out by action of

Rossi, Lieut. Col. of CC.RR., Commander of Hercegnovi, and
Lieut. of the 14th Battalion, CC.RR., and
Mancini-Alliceliso Genova, Lieut. Col. Inf., belonging to PP.AA. troops
from Tirane.

Accordingly it is requested please that statements be taken from the mentioned Officers as to the circumstance to whom the above gold had been handed over.

Rome, February 28th, 1945.

Rear Admiral Henry W. Stone.

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Accordingly it is requested please that statements be taken from the mentioned Officers as to the circumstance to whom the above gold had been handed over.

Rome, February 28th, 1945.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission

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