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BIAGI RUY BLAZ

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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION

SECURITY DIVISION

APC.394

53/113.5/149.

23rd. October, 1944.

SUBJECT.

BIACI Ruy Blas. (Enemy Agent)

TO.

A.C. of S., G-2 (CI) H.Q. Fifth Army.

The Director. Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC.

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Major G.A. Bamlet.	(B)	
Capt. F.C. Bader.	(A)	
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Capt. H.G.T. Christians.	(B)	

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W.R. HARE
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT FEDERAL COURT.

Copy for Major Kline

Court of Assize:Florence:At 0900 hrs.on Fri. 15 Oct. 1944.

The ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

versus

Siegfried Blas, at present a prisoner

in the prison of Santa Teresa at Florence.

The Charge against the accused is as follows:First.Violation of Dec. No. 1, Part II, Article IV, Sec. 1.,Serving the enemy as a spy.In that

He, the said Siegfried Blas on 25 August 1944 in Florence Italy being in the Allied Occupied Territory served or was serving the enemy as a spy: more particularly having sometimes in July 1944 received instructions from the German Secret Service to cross the Lines and secure for them information about the Allies, he in fact penetrated the Lines by stealth and was living in the Allied-Occupied Territory in pursuance of his instructions at the time of his arrest in Florence on 25 August aforesaid.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
Office of the A.C. of S., G-2
A. P. O. 464, U.S. Army

ARB/am
7 October 1944

Subject: BIAGI, Ruy Blas; Alleged Enemy Agent

To: Judge Advocate, Fifth Army, A.P.O. #464, U. S. Army

1. Attached hereto papers in reference to the apprehension and interrogation of Ruy Blas BIAGI, confessed enemy agent.
2. It is requested that subject be brought to trial as soon as practicable.
3. For security reasons it is considered that the trial should be held in Camera.
4. It is further requested that the President of the Court advise the accused at the opening of the Court, that in the event he is acquitted, he will nevertheless be interned immediately after the trial as he is considered a danger to Allied security.
5. All witnesses are available and may be contacted through this office. Biagi is confined in the Santa Teresa Prison, Florence.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

ARTHUR R. BLOW,
Major, Infantry,
Asst., A.C. of S., G-2.

Incl:-

Ltr, Security Branch, Hq. ACC
6 October 1944, subject: BIAGI
Ruy Blas (alleged Enemy Agent)
in duplicate, w/enclosures.

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SS/113.5/149

6 October 1944
WRH/he

Subject: BIAGI Ruy Blas (Alleged Enemy Agent)

To: A.C. of S., G-2(CI), HQ Fifth Army.

1. In order to prove a case of Espionage against Subject before a General Allied Military Court it will be necessary to call the following witnesses, from whom statements have been taken - copies attached.

2. (a) ^HGIACCHERINI Guide, a Baker of Via delle Porcellane, No. 11, Florence, a partisan.

(b) ASTORINA Alfredo, Maresciallo of Public Security.

(c) Capt. John C. Fairweather, No. 3, SCI Unit.

(d) Capt. B.E. Dreyfus, Provincial Legal Officer, Siena.
(no statement taken from this Officer)

3. The story commences on the 25th August 1944, in Via Pallazuolo, Florence, when Subject was arrested by a number of Partisans and a Maresciallo of Public Security. The witness GIACCHERINI was one of the Partisans and the Maresciallo of Public Security is ASTORINA.

4. The Subject was originally arrested by these people for having been a Republican Fascist, but shortly after the arrest was made information was received that Subject was an enemy agent. As a result of this information, Subject was handed over to SCI to whom he eventually confessed that he was an enemy agent.

5. The first two witnesses can say very little more than is mentioned above, but the third witness--Capt. Fairweather--tells the story that really matters.

6. It will be seen from the statement of Capt. Fairweather, that Subject was brought to his office at the Excelsior Hotel during the afternoon of 25th August 1944, by the witness ASTORINA.

7. I have not been able to ascertain whether the Subject heard ASTORINA say to Capt. Fairweather why he had been brought to the latter's office, but Capt. Fairweather took him to his room and interrogated him.

8. When Subject was searched, amongst other things in his possession, was a copy of an arrest report showing he had been arrested on the 5th August 1944, at Siena, and charged with travelling without a permit.

9. The details of the interrogation are shown in Capt. Fairweather's Statement, and they are briefly that Subject at first denied being an enemy agent, but later admitted that he was.

10. It will be seen that Subject admitted he had crossed into Allied Territory on or about the 12th July 1944, with instructions to proceed to Anzio and collect information respecting the Port. He should have returned to the German lines in ten days.

11. Subject admits having travelled as far south as Rome, but no farther, and says that when arrested he was on his way to Pistoia--his home town--to join his family, and had no intention of returning to the Germans.

12. It is difficult to accept this story because Capt Dreyfus from whom no statement has been taken, will say that on the 14th August 1944, Subject appeared before his Court charged with travelling without a permit.

13. Subject stated on his arrest for the offence of travelling without a permit, as shown on the arrest Report found in his possession, that he was running away from the Germans to save himself being deported to Germany. As Subject had then been in custody since 5th August 1944, he was discharged.

14. No instructions were given to Subject when he was discharged but he made an entry in the hotel register that his destination was Rome, and evidence can be called to this effect should it be deemed necessary.

15. The next we hear of Subject is 25th August 1944, when he was arrested in Florence.

16. Under these circumstances, I suggest the Subject be arraigned before a General Allied Military Court, charged with Espionage on the 25th, 1944, in Florence.

W.R. HARE
Major

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27th. September 1944

STATEMENT OF GLACCHERINI Guido, Age 23, a baker, of
Via delle PORCELLANE No. 11., FLORENCE, who saith: -

On the 25th. August 1944, I was with two other
Partisans BRUNO Brunetti, and ELVIDIO Bertini, and the
Maresciallo of Public Security ASTORINI, and we arrested
in Via PALLAZUOLO, FLORENCE, BIAGI Ruy Blas, and another man.
We conducted them to the PREFETTURA, in the Palazzo RICCARDI,
FLORENCE.

On the way, BIAGI asked why he was being arrested,
and I replied: 'Continue on your way, and all explanations
will be given by the competent authority'.

Signed GLACCHERINI,
Guido.

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Guido.

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Me. 3 S I Unit,
C. M. F.

4th. October, 1944

DECLARATION

The undersigned, Maresciallo di P.S. Auxiliary ASTORINA Alfredo in the service of 3rd. Company of the FLORENCE Police declares as follows: -

At the end of the fighting for the liberation of the city, I was assigned to the Patriot Office of the CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS to direct police operations.

After having carried ^{out} various arrests, I had drawn to my attention by the patriot BRUNETTI Bruno, a certain BIAGI Blas di Giulio born at PISTOIA, cadet of 10th. MAS FLOTILLA, correspondent of the newspaper 'TEMPO NOSTRO', who had accused and denounced partisans. A rabid Fascist Republican, he reviled, in his articles, the youths who fought for the freedom of the Fatherland, or at least, he tried to discredit them.

Accordingly, a plan of surveillance was initiated at the Albergo TURISMO, where BIAGI was known to lodge. The Patriots GIAC-CHEPINI Guido and BRUNETTI Bruno installed themselves in the Hotel for a night and a day while BIAGI was being sought for in the city. On the morning of the 25th. August at about 0930 hours, the patriots BRUNETTI Bruno and BERTINI Apicio saw BIAGI in the company of a friend in Via PALAZZUOLO. They invited him to follow them but the friend Mario MALAGUTTI intervened in his favour and tried to prevent the arrest. The patriots were therefore compelled to take both to the office of the P.S., of the D.C.

The interrogation having commenced, the hang-dog attitude of BIAGI masked an iron determination to make NO confession. Having had confirmation that BIAGI was a pupil at the school of Espionage of MILAN, and, being unaware of the existence of the office of the P.S. Section, I accompanied him under escort to the PREFETTURA to continue the interrogation in conjunction with the Military Command of the C. T. L. N.

Towards 1400 hours, on the suggestion of the Military Command, I went to the P.S. Section office where I received excellent co-operation enabling me to transport BIAGI and other individuals to the Allied HQ., who took them in charge.

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Signature witnessed by
Captain FAIRWEATHER J.G.

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No. 3 S.O.L. Unit,

C.E.S.

24th August, 1944.

Statement of Captain Fairweather regarding interrogation of

Ray Alan HIGGINS

In the afternoon of 25 August 1944, Ray Alan HIGGINS was brought into the office of No. 3 S.O.L. Unit, in the Excelsior Hotel, Florence by a P.S. Agent, SARGENTALDO ARMANDO ALFREDO.

The P.S. Agent presented the man to Major Smith, O.D. No. 3 S.O.L. Unit, in my presence, as a spy and the latter or Major Smith instructed me to interrogate him. I took him to another room in the hotel.

At first HIGGINS declared that he had been hidden in the mountains near VIGOLA for a considerable period; had later managed to cross the Allied lines; had then gone South to ROMA but, feeling homesick, he had started back for FLORENCE. At VIGOLA he had been arrested by the Germans for travelling without a permit and had been sentenced to 12 days detention.

As I already was in possession of information that HIGGINS had been seen in the German School of Espionage at VIGOLA, I checked on my information to see if I could be mistaken. Having found my information to be correct I then returned to HIGGINS and told him he was a liar. He again denied telling any lies, continuing his denial for about 40 minutes. Finally he said that I knew the whole truth and said he was tired of the whole affair and would tell the truth.

HIGGINS then made the following admission. He stated that until June 1944 he was with the S. Germans. He was then told to report to a certain RAINIER in VIGOLA. Rainer had him sign a declaration that he would never reveal the details of his future work. Rainer then instructed HIGGINS to report to the School of Espionage in 32 Via Andrea Doria, Milan. The course lasted until 12 July 1944, during which period HIGGINS was paid a salary of 9000 Lira a month.

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BLASI was then taken in a German Army car to a point near S. PIAZZA (near RAMA) where he crossed the lines on foot.

He then made his way to TRIESTE where he stayed for four days at the Albergo Tremore; thence he proceeded to NORTH and stayed in a house.

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When asked for the name of the pensione in which he stated he had forgotten. When asked where it was located he said "near the station". He did not know what station. He insisted that he did not go further South than NORTH, where he stated he remained about one week.

BLASI stated that he then returned to TRIESTE, with the intention of returning here to TRIESTE. At TRIESTE he was arrested and detained for 12 days for travelling without a permit. Undeterred by this he at once continued his journey to TRIESTE.

At Florence he went to stay in the Albergo Turinese but, almost at once, changed over to the pensione Argentina, where he was residing at the time of his arrest.

John L. Hawthorne
1434573. *Lupton*

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SUBJECT: BIAGI Ruy Blas

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT ADV 75

1456/266/GSI(b)

27 Sep 44

Major W. HARE,
c/o AC of S G-2(CI) Fifth Army

1. Herewith certain documents forwarded as per your request in connection with the trial preparation of the subject's case.
2. Your attention is invited to the fact that Captain B.E. DREYFUS, Provincial Legal Officer, AMG SIENA, presided over the court that tried the subject for an AMG offence on 14 Aug 44. He has informally agreed to attend BIAGI's trial.
3. Vice-Brigadiere RAPPISARDO the arresting officer in this case has been traced to Sicily and an attempt to obtain a statement from him along the lines requested is being made.

[Signature]
Brigadier
BGS(I)

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SECRET.To: O.C. 16 F.S.S.From: 16 F.S.S. (SIENA Detachment)SUBJECT: BIAGI Ruy Blas.

With reference to the above and instructions received from GSI (b) Adv.H.Q., A.A.I., attached herewith is the original arrest report made out by the CC RR of SIENA. I obtained this from the legal branch of A.M.G., H.Q. Region VIII and gave a receipt for it.

The arrest was actually effected by V. Brig. RAPIZARDA Rosario at the check point at Palazzo dei Diavoli, about 400 yds. outside the city of SIENA on the main FLORENCE road (Route 2). It has not been possible to obtain a statement from this man as he was given 40 days "Licenza convalescenza" on 4 SEP 44. He went to his home in ROME, address:

Viale Regina Margherita 125
Scala 7, Interno 11

There is no evidence that he was searched at the CC RR station when arrested, but below is given a list of things removed from him when he was taken to the Carcere Giudiziario at SIENA to await his trial before A.M.G.

Wallet
Elastic belt
Cheap metal ring
Cheap metal bracelet
Cuff Links
Spectacles
Wrist Watch
4085.70 Lire

This does not necessarily represent all the articles of which he was in possession as prisoners are allowed to retain such things as cigarette cases etc. Whilst in prison he spent some money there on food etc. and when he left he had in his possession 4004.05 lire

When he was released from prison nothing was done with him as he was discharged by the A.M.G. court. As mentioned in my previous report, when he left the "Casa dello Studente" on 15 AUG 44 he entered his destination in the hotel register as Rome. He did not obtain a permit from A.M.G. for this journey.

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... Re. Barbi ... Sgt.

To: O.C. 16 F.S.S.

From: 16 F.S.S.(SIENA Detachment)

SUBJECT: BIAGI Ruy Blas.

With reference to further verbal instructions received on the above attached herewith are:-

1; Certified copies of the entries made in the hotel registers at Albergo "THE MORI" and "CASO DELLO STUDENTE" in respect of the above

2. The original "schedas" in respect of BIAGI which have been obtained from the QUESTURA at SIENA. These are the normal slips which are filled in by all new arrivals in hotels and sent to the Questura daily.

3. The Questionnaire filled in by BIAGI when he stayed at the "CASO DELLO STUDENTE" This is the normal Questionnaire filled in by all new arrivals in hotels and sent to this office.

The presiding judge at the A.M.G. court when BIAGI WAS tried on 14 AUG 44 was:

Capt. B.E. DREYFUS
Provincial Legal Officer
A.M.G., SIENA Province.

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26 SEP 44.

...R. Barber... Sgt.

Siena, li 5 agosto 1944. =

Isottoscritto PINI Giacinto di Marsilio e di PUGLIESE Annunziata, nato il 15/8/1924 a Turis, domiciliato a Pistoia, via Portale al Borgo 11, attualmente sfollato a Siena nelle scuole Medie di Porta Romane, dichiara quanto sotto:

"Conosco il nominato BIAGI Ruy Blas di Giulio e di IERI Cesira da quattro anni perché di Pistoia, residenza anche mia.

Durante la sua residenza a Pistoia egli stette come impiegato nell'ufficio dell'assistenza sfollati e sinistrati della locale sede della GIL.

Nel mese di gennaio del corr. anno lo stesso Biagi ha investito con la sua macchina "Lancia" della locale Questura, da lui pilotata, una donna Pistoiense, di anni 76 circa, lasciandola cadavere sull'istante. Egli siccome dovrebbe rispondere al omicidio lo vede invece in giro, oggi qui a Siena.

Per i motivi di cui sopra ho creduto opportuno condurlo alla presenza dei carabinieri per i provvedimenti necessari.

Aggiungo che il Biagi fino all'ultimo giorno della mia soggiorno a Pistoia fece parte al partito "ascista repubblicano".

In fede di questa sopra mi sottoscrivo".

Pini Giacinto

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From: 16 P.S.S. (SIENA Detachment)

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SUBJECT: BLAGI Ruy Blas.

With reference to the above and A.A.I. letter 1456/266/GSI(b) dated 7 SEP 44, the subject's movements while in SIENA were as follows:-

Arrived in SIENA on the evening of 15 JUL 44, together with DANINI Gaspar Agostino e di Degli Innocenti Marinella, born at PISTOIA 23.9.19. Both stayed at the Albergo "Tre Mori" and stated that they had come from PISTOIA.

They left together on 17 JUL 44. According to the hotel register they were going to GROSSETO.

On 5 AUG 44 BLAGI was arrested by the CC RR at SIENA at a road block approx. 400 yards outside the gates of the city on the FIRENZE road (Palazzo dei Diavoli). A copy of the arrest report made by the CC RR is attached herewith. He was put in prison and on 14 AUG 44 his case was heard in the MAG court SIENA. He was discharged as he stated that he had come from GENOVA, which was then in enemy hands; he was in fact arrested on the road leading from FIRENZE.

The evening of 14 AUG 44 he stayed at the "Casa dello Studento" SIENA and left on the morning of 15 AUG 44, according to the hotel register, to go to ROMA.

Although he made this entry in the hotel register, he had previously told the Capo-Guardia at the prison in SIENA that when he left prison he was going to return to PISTOIA.

/s/ D.L. Barber Sgt.

Field.

9 SEP 44.

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SUBJECT: BIAGI Ruy Blas

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILFOT ADV 75

1456/266/GSI(b)

5 Oct 44

Major W.R. HARE c/o AC of S G-2 (C)
Fifth Army

1. Further to our letter of even reference and subject dated 27 Sep 44.
2. Herewith a statement from Vice-Brigadiere RAFFISARDO of the CC.RR in connection with the arrest of the subject.

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for VJ. Thell
Major MC
Brigadier
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Il sottoscritto V. Brigadiere RAPISARDA ROMULO della stazione di Biene
ed in stato in buona di convalescenza al giorno 40 nel campo di Acinca-
le - frazione S. Maria Annunziata - (gravidanza dell' Anno di guerra 1940)
adempie alle ore 10 circa del 5 agosto 1944 mentre prestava servizio
al posto di blocco in località "PALAZZO DEI DIABOLI" procedendo al for-
mo di tal Brig. Ray Blas porro' in avvenimento del Nord ed aveva statuer-
sato la linea di combattimento, servivisto di documenti di riconoscimento.
Tale formato all' "Uomo interrogato di guerra" al roccia dei suoi familiari
Lo stesso venne subito dopo, a mezzo di suo corrispondente, consegnato alla
stazione del UO. RR. di detta città in uno al rapporto ricevuto in origine
e copia sull' appello stampato fornito dal Comando Alleato.
Soggiunge inoltre che al suo ritorno in caserma dispone del materiale
comandante di quella stazione che il formato era stato ricevuto nelle lo-
cali occorri a disposizione dell' Autorità Militare Alleata. -
Qualora detto rapporto non venisse rintracciato, se un documento rappresento
copia di quello esistente agli atti del progetto posto al blocco.
Non e' in grado di fornire altro indicazioni al riguardo non essendo stato
il sottoscritto ancora citato per il relativo processo. -

Giulia Negrino, 11 28 settembre 1944

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Rapinula P. 6

solo fermato all'unico intero, che di più, si trovava nel luogo di
 lo stesso venne subito dopo, e preso di qua e di là, accompagnato alla
 stazione del D.O. N. di detto, e si era in uno al momento di essere in
 copia sull'ipotesi stampato fornito dal Comandante Allente.
 Sostiene inoltre che al suo rientro in carcere, presso del ministero
 comparivano da quella stazione che il ferimento era stato prodotto non lo lo-
 cally corroni a disposizione dell'Autore, e si era Allente.
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Giuseppe Mangano, 11 28 settembre 1944-

Il
Rapporto 6

*Taken down in the presence of the
 undersigned.*

C. R. B. R.
 Sp. 7364869
 21 Port Security Section.

Translation.

DECLARATION.

The undersigned V. Brigadiere RAPISARDA Rosario of the Station of SIENA and at present on 40 days' sick leave in the Commune of AGLIALE - parish of S. MARIA AGLIATI - (jurisdiction of the Carabinieri of GUARDIA MANGANO) declares that at about 10 a.m. on the 5th August 1944 while on ~~Army~~ duty at the check point in the locality "PALAZZO DEI DIAVOLI", he proceeded to the arrest of one PIAGI ROY DIAS because he was coming from the North and had crossed the fighting line, and had no documents of identity. This arrestee on interrogation declared he had come from his home. He was immediately afterwards, accompanied by two carabinieri, taken to the Carabinieri Station of the above-mentioned city together with a report made out in triplicate on the appropriate form provided by the Allied Headquarters.

He further adds that on his return to the barracks he learned from the Maresciallo commanding that Station that the arrestee had been taken to the local jail at the disposal of the Allied Military Authority.

Should the above mentioned report not have been traced, the copy of it in the files of the above-mentioned check point could be produced.

He is unable to furnish any other information, as the undersigned ~~XXXXX~~ so far has not been warned for the relative trial.

(Signed) V. Brigadiere

Rapisarda Rosario;

Guardia Mangano, 28 September 1944

Taken down in the presence of the undersigned *C. Butcher* Lt. 7304869
21 Pat Security Section.

SUBJECT:- Witnesses Statement.

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3 District
Ext 6
29/GSI
3 Oct 44.

GSI(b) Adv AAI.

Ref your signal I(b) 407 dated 25 Sep 44 addressed to 56 Area copy to this HQ.

1. In view of fact that 70 Sub Area are now operating in SICILY this HQ repeated your message addressed to 56 Area to the former HQ.
2. Enclosed is signed statement of Vice Brig RAPISANDA Rosario as requested.

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Date - 4 OCT 1944

(TC TOWNSEND) Capt
for Maj Gen
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Firenze 27 Settembre 1944

Il 25 Agosto c.a. il Patriota GIACCHERINI Guido con i Patrioti Bruno BRUNETTI, Elvidio BENTINI, Maresciallo di P.S. ASTORINI, traevano in arresto in Via Pallazuo=lo - Firenze, BIAGI RUY BLAS ed un altro uomo, conducen=doli in Prefettura (Palazzo Riccardi).-

Lungo la strada Biagi Ruy Blas si rivolse al Patriota Giaccherini domandando perchè veniva arrestato.-

Il Patriota Giaccherini, rispondeva che proseguisse la strada e che tutte le spiegazioni del caso le avrebbe ot=tenute dalle competenti Autorità.

Giaccherini Guido

GIACCHERINI GUIDO fu Corrado
nato a Firenze l'8 Agosto 1921
abitante in Firenze Via delle Porcellane n° 11

Nº 3 V.C. 1.

27th Sept. 1944

Statement of GIACCHERINI Guido,
age 23, a barber, of Via delle
FORCERUANE Nº 11, Florence, who

said:-

On the ~~25th~~ ^{25th} August 1944
I was with two other Parkians
BRUNO Brunetti, and ET VIDIO
Bentini, and the Marzocchi
of Public Security ASTORINI, and
we arrived in Via Bolognese
Florence, BIDA, Luigi Blas,
and another man. We connected
the to the Refectory, in the ~~little~~

On the 25th August 1944
I was with two other Parkians
BRUNO Brunetti, and ELLERIO
Bentini, and the Marshall
of Public Security, PORTIN, and
we arrested in Via BELLARZUOLO
Florence, BIRG, Luigi Blas,
and another man. We considered
he to be Defettura, in the ~~little~~
FAROLLO LUCAROLI, Florence.

On the way C. H. 1 asked
why he was being arrested, and
I replied "Can't see on your
way, and all explanation
~~but~~ will be given by the

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Sp. CACCHERIN
Guido.

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D I C H I A R A Z I O N E

Il sottoscritto Maresciallo di P.S. Ausilio Astorina Alfredo in servizio alla 3^a Compagnia di Polizia di Firenze dichiara quanto segue:

al termine dei combattimenti per la liberazione della città, veniva assegnato all'Ufficio Patrioti della Democrazia Cristiana per dirigere operazioni di Polizia.

Dopo aver operato diversi fermi mi veniva segnalato dal Patriota Brunetti Bruno un certo Biagi Blase di Giulio nato a Pistoia allievo Ufficiale della ICA Flottiglia MAS, corrispondente del giornale "Tempo nostro" che accusava e denunciava Patrioti. Fascista repubblicano accanito, avvelenava con i suoi scritti i giovani che combattevano per la libertà della Patria ossia cercava di avvelenarli. Veniva quindi disposto un servizio di sorveglianza all'Albergo Turismo dove il Biagi si seppe che alloggiava. I Patrioti Giacconerini Guido e Brunetti Bruno si appostavano per una notte ed un giorno all'Albergo mentre a turno cercavano il Biagi in città. La mattina del 25 Agosto circa le ore 9,30 i Patrioti Brunetti Bruno e Bettini Alpidio avvistavano il Biagi in compagnia di un suo amico in Via Palazzo. Lo invitavano a seguirli ma in suo favore interveniva l'amico Malagutti Mario che cercava di opporsi al fermo. Ciò costringeva i Patrioti ad accompagnare entrambi all'Ufficio di P.S. della D.C. - Iniziato l'interrogatorio, il contegno mesto del Biagi mascherava una ferrea volontà di non effettuare alcuna confessione. - Avuta conferma che il Biagi era allievo della scuola di spionaggio di Milano ed ignorando l'esistenza dell'ufficio P.S.S. lo accompagnavo sotto scorta in Prefettura per continuare l'interrogatorio unitamente al Comandante Militare del

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Signature witnessed 2/10/44
John G. Starnes

Alfredo Astorina
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