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41 Division Alta Val Susa DACCON

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Ulzio May 22 1945

N° 315 proto.

**SUBJECT:** Aggression from the French Military Soldiers against the Comander of the Division.

TO THE COMANDER OF THE FRENCH UNIT

ESILLE

and to whom it may concern:

FRENCH REGT. COMAND

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ULZIO

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TORINO

The 21 May at 7 o'clock in the evening while travelling in our car to ESILLE with the partisan Mario Riccardi and the scout Aurelia Panizzera, towards Ulzio, we were stopped in front of the French road block by the soldiers of the 159 REGT.

Thinking they just wanted a lift in the car, which already happened during our journey to Susa Esille, we stopped to pick them up.

I descended from the car, and the French made the partisan who was accompanying me descend also. As soon as Mr. Riccardi got out of the car they assailed me and began fighting without any reason and knocked me to the ground. Mr. Riccardi tried to help me, but he was being beaten by four soldiers and other five or six that came out of the cantonment. One of them pointed his revolver at Mr. Riccardi.

At that moment an American jeep arrived, and so the French calmed down and in this way we were <sup>able</sup> to save ourselves against ten of these French soldiers who attacked us without reason.

As I got up they told me to keep still and to continue on my journey, and they also told me that they didn't care a bit for the partisans and thier officers. I asked a French Corporal that happened to pass, the reason of this assault and one of his soldiers answered that thier order was to do that. I asked the names of those who struck me, but the coporal told me to go to the Captain. I went to see him but he only made me wait without recieving me, so I continued my voyage to Ulzio also because I was hurt. The Americans after having given First Aid to me continued on thier way to Susa.

My relations with the French have always been very good, and I have tried to help the French troops especially the first days they came through Italy.

THE DIVISION COMANDER  
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