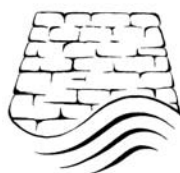


The Gothic Line, Line of Memory. Men at war Project 2002-2006

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Participating Municipalities

Bomporto (Mo), Borgo Tossignano (Bo), Castel d'Aiano (Bo), Castel del Rio (Bo), Castello di Serravalle (Bo), Fanano (Mo), Fiumalbo (Mo), Fontanelice (Bo), Ligonchio (Re), Lizzano in Belvedere (Bo), Montefiorino (Mo), Monzuno (Bo), Palagano (Mo), Pavullo nel Frignano (Mo), Pievepelago (Mo), Modena, Ravariuno (Mo), Savigno (Bo), Sestola (Mo) e Zocca (Mo).

Participating Associations

A.N.P.I. Modena, Associazione Leggermente – Progetto Promemoria, Associazione Rocca di Pace, Associazione Fattorie Didattiche di Modena, Croce Rossa Italiana di Bologna, Emergency e Istituto Storico di Modena.

Participating schools

Sestola-Fanano, Fiumalbo-Pievepelago, Lama Mocogno, Pavullo nel Frignano, Serramazzoni, Zocca, Castellarano, Castelvetro, Castelnuovo Rangone, Formigine, Firenze, Lucca, Modena, Mantova, Sassuolo, Scandiano, Borgo Tossignano, Monzuno-Vado, Castello di Serravalle, Gaggio Montano.

Events (and cultural initiatives)

The project began in **2002** with an event entitled **Una montagna di Pace: La Linea Gotica dei Monti della Riva 8-9 June 2002** [*A Mountain of Peace: The Gothic Line on the Riva Ridge 2002*] at which American, German and Resistance veterans recounted their experiences of the war on the Riva Ridge. The conference was sponsored by the Frignano Park, Corno alle Scale Park, Municipalities of Fanano and Lizzano in Belvedere, Provinces of Modena and Bologna, Emilia Romagna Region, and Regional I.B.C. Lineagotica.it project, with the assistance of the Modena Military Academy, Fanano and Lizzano Mountain Soldiers' Associations, Carabinieri State Police, Frignano and Alta e Media Valle del Reno Mountain Districts, State Forestry Police, Leggermente Association-Progetto Promemoria, Modena History Institute and Emilia Romagna Mountain Rescue. The **President of Italy** sent a message of greetings and good wishes.

2003

15 May Fanano, welcome and reception in Trignano of the US 10th Mountain Division's Veterans, in collaboration with the Municipality of Fanano, Parco del Frignano and the Association "Terra di Trignano".

1 June Montefiorino, **Sentieri Partigiani** [*Resistance Paths*]. in collaboration with Parco della Resistenza Monte Santa Giulia and Comune di Montefiorino.

21 June Fanano **La F.E.B. (Força Expedicionaria Brasileira) su Monte Serrasiccia** [*The F.E.B. (Força Expedicionaria Brasileira) on Monte Serrasiccia*].

12 July Fiumalbo **1944/45, La San Marco sulla Linea Gotica del Passo dell'Abetone** [*1944/1945, The San Marco on the Gothic Line at the Abetone Pass*].

19 July conference entitled **La Linea Gotica: eserciti, partigiani e popolazione** [*The Gothic Line: Armies, Resistance Fighters and Local People*] to coincide with the International Stone Sculpture Symposium "**Linea Gotica: una linea di pace**" [*Gothic Line: a Line of Peace*], Fanano è Tourism Association. In that occasion we organized an educational exhibition called **Linea Gotica: Uomini in Guerra** [*Gothic Line: Men at War*].

2004

To coincide with the Celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the Resistance Republic of Montefiorino:

18 April Monchio di Palagano **Camminate Resistenti** [*Walks of Resistance*];

10-11 July Montefiorino **Le Montagne della Libertà** [*The Mountains of Freedom*].

8 August and **17 October** Fanano **Una missione dell'O.S.S.: il passaggio della linea gotica** [*An O.S.S. Mission: Passing the Gothic Line*].

29 August Fiumalbo, conference and excursion. **18 aprile '45: ultimo giorno della San Marco sulla gotica dell'Abetone** [*18 April '45: Last Day of the San Marco on the Gothic Line at Abetone*].

22 August, Educational Farm "Nella terra di nessuno" (In No-Man's Land), Zocca, **Quando non ce n'era, l'alimentazione in tempo di guerra** [*Short Supplies: Food in Wartime*].

19 December Modena, **Un pacco ancora importante** [*A Parcel of Lasting Importance*] in association with the Italian Red Cross.

2005

5 June Fanano **18 febbraio 2005: Il giorno prima della battaglia** [*18 February 1945: The Day Before the Battle*].

22 April Modena, Parco della Resistenza **Quando non ce n'era** [*Short Supplies: Food in Wartime*], in collaboration with the Municipality of Modena and ISR Modena.

2 June Modena Parco della Resistenza **La liberazione di Modena** [*The liberation of Modena*], in collaboration with the Municipality of Modena and ISR Modena and Rinatura.

17 July Zocca, **Zocca, Un paese al fronte** [*Zocca, a Town on the Front Line*], in association with the Municipality of Zocca, PromAppennino, Modena Resistance History Institute and Chestnut Museum.

23-24 July Fiumalbo, **Fiumalbo 60 anni fa** [*Fiumalbo 60 Years Ago*], conference and excursion in association with Municipality of Fiumalbo, Modena Resistance History Institute, Pievepelago Education Authority, Leggermente Association – Progetto Promemoria.

27 August Trignano (Fanano) welcome and reception in Trignano of the US 10th Mountain Division's Veterans, in collaboration with the Municipality of Fanano, The Park of Frignano and the Association "Terra di Trignano".

17 September Sestola, workshop **"I Muri dei popoli"** [*Walls of the Nations*], in association with Resistance History Institute and Leggermente Association Progetto Pro-memoria, to coincide with the conference **"I muri tra di noi tra protezione e separazione"** [*Walls between us: protection and separation*] organised by Association Rocca di Pace.

4 December Modena, **Un pacco ancora importante 2005** [*A Parcel of Lasting Importance*] charitable event in association with Province of Modena, Modena Educational Farm Workshops Association, and Emergency and "Bambini nel Deserto" charities.

17 December Bomporto, **La liberazione di Bomporto** [*Liberation of Bomporto*].

2006

28 March Bomporto **28 marzo 1945: l'epilogo dell'eccidio della famiglia Zambelli** [*Epilogue of the slaughter of the Zambelli's family*], in collaboration with the Municipality and the library of Bomporto.

2 April Castel d'Aiano **Castel d'Aiano, Primavera di Liberazione** [*Castel d'Aiano, Spring of Liberation*], in collaboration with PromAppennino and Gabriele Ronchetti. In the afternoon **Un pacco per...** [*A parcel for...*] a solidarity initiative by Officina dei bambini, Italian Red Cross Dep. of Castel d'Aiano; visit to the multimedia plastic model of the Gothic Line in Castel d'Aiano.

1 June Lama Mocogno **16 aprile 1945: I tedeschi chiedono tregua ai partigiani per ritirarsi** [*16th April 1945: the Germans ask the partisans for a cease-fire in order to retire*], in collaboration with Association Rocca di Pace and Istituto Comprensivo of Lama Mocogno.

3 June Fiumalbo/Pievepelago **L'ultimo giorno della Linea Gotica al Passo dell'Abetone** [*The last day of the Gothic Line at the Abetone Pass*], in collaboration with Parco del Frignano, Municipalities of Fiumalbo e Pievepelago, Istituto Comprensivo of Pievepelago, ISR Modena, Association Leggermente prg. Promemoria and Rocca di Pace.

3 June Trignano di Fanano welcome and reception in Trignano of the US 10th Mountain Division's Veterans, in collaboration with the Municipality of Fanano, The Park of Frignano and the Association "Terra di Trignano". The US 10th Mountain Division's Veterans Association donated a plaque as recognition of the work we have been doing with the schools.

9 July e 20 August Trignano di Fanano **18 febbraio 1945: Battaglia sul-la Linea Gotica dei Monti della Riva** [*18th February 1945: battle on the Gothic Line of the Riva Ridge*], in collaboration with the Municipality of Fanano, Parco del Frignano, ISR Modena, Ass.Leggermente - Prg. Promemoria, Association "Terra di Trignano" e ASBUC Serrazzone. The proceeds of the excursion has been donated for the refurbishing of the Riva Ridge Gothic Line Museum in Trignano.

It has participated in the making of the following documentaries and short films

2002

Voci della memoria [*Voices of Memory*], Association Leggermente – Prg. Promemoria, Province of Modena, Municipalities of Fanano and Sestola

2004

Irma-Anty una donna nella resistenza [*Irma-Anty, a woman in the Resistance*], Municipality of Sestola, Ass. Leggermente – Prg. Promemoria

La luna i gechi e il falò [*Moon, Geckos and bonfire*], Primary school of Sestola, Municipality of Fanano e Province of Modena

2005

La Repubblica dei Ribelli. I partigiani di Montefiorino [*The Rebels' Republic. The Partisans of Montefiorino*], silver plaque by the President of the Republic, co-produced with Rai3 Educational and Village Doc&Films

Self-produced:

Riva Ridge 18 febbraio 1945 – 18 febbraio 2005 [*Riva Ridge 18th February 1945- 18th February 2005*]

Zocca un paese al fronte [*Zocca, a town at the battlefield*]

2006

18 aprile 1945, l'ultimo giorno del fronte dell'Abetone [*18th of April 1945, the last day of the Abetone Front*]

3 June 2006. End of the educational project with the 8th grade classes of Fiumalbo and Pievepelago. In collaboration with Parco del Frignano, Municipality of Fiumalbo and Pievepelago, Istituto Comprensivo di Pievepelago, Rocca di Pace, ISR Modena, Ass. Leggermente prg. Promemoria, Parchi di Cultura "Luoghi dell'Anima" e Natura W.

Monuments erected

2002: Pizzo di Campiano in the Riva Ridge of Trignano (Fanano). Dedicated to the fallen on the Riva Ridge battle.

2003: Monte Serrasiccia in Serrazzone (Fanano). Dedicated to the Brazilians of the FEB.

2005: I Rubini di Zocca. Dedicated to the partisan Oliviero Rubino of the Stella Rossa. [*Red Star*].

Researches and collaborations

- It has made the set up of the section: "L'alimentazione in tempo di guerra" [*Short Supplies: Food in Wartime*] at the Chestnut Museum in Zocca.

- It has collaborated to the realization of the new set up of the Partisan Republic Museum in Montefiorino.

