

# Guide to the Mussolini Collection

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 812

**CREATOR:** Lada-Mocarski, Valerian, 1898-1971, collector

**TITLE:** Mussolini collection of V. Lada-Mocarski

**DATES:** 1937-1949

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.5 linear feet (1 box, 1 folio)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, manuscript drafts, photographs and research materials for an article, "The last three days of Mussolini," written by Valerian Lada-Mocarski (1898-1971) and published in the Atlantic Monthly, December 1945. The papers include copies of the article.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. V. Lada-Mocarski, 1977.

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## Scope and Contents

This is a collection of research notes, manuscript drafts, correspondence, photographs and printed material about the days just prior to and after the execution of Mussolini in April of 1945, assembled by V. Lada-Mocarski for a magazine article, "The Last Three Days of Mussolini," *Atlantic Monthly*, December 1945. In 1945 Mr. Lada-Mocarski was in the O.S.S. in Switzerland and was granted permission to enter Italy right after the execution. He was able to obtain many eyewitness accounts.

## Collection Contents

Manuscript		
b. 1, f. 1	"The Last Three Days of Mussolini" from the <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> , 3 copies English	1945 December
b. 1, f. 2	"The Last Three Days of Mussolini" from the <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> , 2 xerox copies English	1945 December
Research Files		
b. 1, f. 3	Notes, 2 notebooks	[1945]
b. 1, f. 4	Reports on the Division	1945 April 9-19
b. 1, f. 5	Reports on the Partisans	[1945]
b. 1, f. 6	Interviews with eyewitnesses	1945 April-Jun, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Detailed account on events... Il Capitano di Fregata	1945 May 1
b. 1, f. 8	Composites of last days and execution	[1945]
b. 1, f. 9	Liberty blooms in Tremezzina	[1945]
b. 1, f. 10	Autopsy reports on Mussolini	1945 April 30
b. 1, f. 11	Autopsy report on Henry Harrisson	1943 June 17
Manuscript drafts		
b. 1, f. 12	"Last Days of Mussolini and His Ministers" English	[1945]
b. 1, f. 13	"Last Days of Mussolini and His Ministers" English	[1945]
b. 1, f. 14	"The Last Three Days of Mussolini" English	[1945]
Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 15	Before publication	1945 April-May
b. 1, f. 16	Before publication	1945 October 31- November 10
b. 1, f. 17	After publication	1945 November 27-1946 August 13
b. 1, f. 18	After publication	1949 October 7- 1948 March 30, undated
Photographs		

b. 1, f. 19	P-1 Mocarski, partisans and reprisal scenes	[1945]
b. 1, f. 20	P-2 Mostly Como after "Liberation"	[1945]
b. 1, f. 21	P-3 Valla and partisans near Como where he worked out of Lugano, Switzerland	[1945]
b. 1, f. 22	P-4 With Valla	[1945]
b. 1, f. 23	P-5 Where Mussolini and Petacci were shot	1945 April
b. 1, f. 24	P-6 Unidentified groups	[1945]
b. 1, f. 25	P-7 Public display after execution	1945 April
Memorabilia		
b. 1, f. 26	Passports, foreign exchange, luggage stickers, etc.	
Printed		
b. 1, f. 27	I C.L.N Nell'Alta Italia	1945
b. 1, f. 28	Guerra di Liberazione	1945
b. 1, f. 29	<i>Empty Balcony</i> , Pietro Saporiti English	1947
b. 1, f. 30	Clippings	1946, 1947, undated
b. 1, f. 31	"What Happened to Mussolini's Millions" by Edmund Palmieri and John Kobler English	[1949?]
Printed matter (oversize)		
b. 2, f. 32	Clippings from <i>Avanti!</i>	1945
b. 2, f. 33	Clippings from <i>Giornale Lombardo</i>	1945
b. 2, f. 34	Clippings from <i>Il Popolo</i>	1945
b. 2, f. 35	Clippings from <i>L'Italia Liberta</i>	1945
b. 2, f. 36	Clippings from <i>La Libertà</i>	1945
b. 2, f. 37	Clippings from <i>L'Unità</i>	1945
b. 2, f. 38	Clippings from other newspapers	1945
Broadside		
b. 2, f. 39	"Con L'Approvazione..." English	1945 February 5
Maps		
b. 2, f. 40	Map of Switzerland	undated

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Topographical map of the Como District, Italy

undated

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

World War, 1939-1945

### **Geographic Names**

Europe

### **Occupations**

Authors

### **Names**

Lada-Mocarski, Valerian, 1898-1971

Mussolini, Benito, 1883-1945