



### **C. Menozzi**

(1892–1943)

Carlo Menozzi (also spelt as Minozzi in his early papers) was born on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1892 in Spilamberto, Province Modena, Italy. As a child he was interested in Natural History, particularly of entomology. His professional work mostly involved applied agricultural entomology; after his degree studies he worked for a range of organizations, e.g. the Geological Institute in Padua, the Laboratory of the Agricultural Entomology in Portici, the Agricultural Department in Modena and the Phytopathological Laboratory in Chiavari. From 1929 until his death Menozzi worked as an entomologist in the National Consortium for Sugar Production (Grandi 1943a, b; Anonymous 1943a, b, 1946; Conci and Poggi 1996).

Menozzi's scientific interests were very wide: he published many paper on Dermaptera, Solifugae and other groups of arthropods. However after he met Carlo Emery his principle research interest was the taxonomy of ants on which he published ca. 60 papers; these included several important contributions to *Myrmica* taxonomy (including a first key to the Himalayan *Myrmica*). Also he carried out valuable work by partly sorting Emery's collection after his death. Menozzi had a large collection of Dermaptera, Homoptera, Orthoptera, Diptera and other arthropods as well as his important ant collection. After his premature death in Spilamberto on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1943 at the age of 51, his collections and his personal library were housed in the Istituto di Entomologica, Bologna.



### **B. Finzi**

(1897–1941)

Bruno Finzi was born on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1897 in Trieste, Italy. The following data are extracted from an obituary by Menozzi (1941) and a biography of Italian entomologists (Conci and Poggi 1996). Finzi was a school-teacher having graduated from the Istituto Magistrale in 1920. From 1929 onwards he was Director of the Scuola Commune of Trieste besides acting as an assistant to Curator of the City Museum of Natural History. He was married but we know little else of his personal life. He joined Mussolini's Italian Fascist Party and in 1936 he became Comandante di Coorte della 175<sup>a</sup> Legione. He died on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1941 in Trieste at the early age of 44 years. It is not clear whether this was from

natural causes or a result of wartime actions, most probably it was the former because Menozzi made no mention of how he died.

Besides his pedagogical and military interests, Finzi was a talented entomologist having joined the Italian Entomological Society in 1921. Like many of his contemporaries he had a wide range of interests in entomology having, for example, made studies of Odonata and Libellulidae. Nevertheless, his primary interest was ants. He amassed a large and important ant collection, which after World War II his widow sold to the United States and it is preserved in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard.