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CA, PATRIOTS, CLOTHING
OCT. 1944 - JUNE 1945

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FOR ACTION FIVEBANK FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION RPTD AMHQ FOR MTOMBA
PENCULAR BASE SECTION AND LOMBARDIA REGION

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5 June 1945

PRIORITY

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IN CLEAR PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS CLOTHING FOR PATRIOTS PD

PARA TWO PD REF AMHQ SIGNAL FOR XRAY NIGHT FIVE FOUR ZERO THREE PD FOLLOWING
ITEMS ESTIMATED WEIGHT ABOUT THREE TONS NOW LAYING AT WHARF HAVE BEEN RELEASED

FOR PATRIOTS BRANCH CEN TROUBER BATTLESHIP PAIR TWO FIVE FIVE ZERO ZERO 1
ZERO

JACKERS KHAMI DRILL FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO, WEAPONS BOOM PAIR TWO FIVE ZERO

ZERO ZERO BLANKETS ONE ONE NIGHT ZERO ZERO PD WE ARE ARRANGING SHIPMENT

TO LIVORNO CASE TAKE ABLE NINE JUNE PD REQUEST YOU ARRANGE ONWARD TRANSIT

BY BID THROUGH AMHQ CHANNELS IMMEDIATELY PD

PARA TO FOR ACTION FIVEBANK FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION RPTD AMHQ FOR MTOMBA
PENCULAR BASE SECTION AND LOMBARDIA REGION FROM HQ ALCON CEN AGPAT PARIN

PARA THREE PD URGENTLY REQUEST CAPTAIN LIBERTY KEEP COLONEL CRIPPS AT HEADQUARTER

LOMBARDIA REGION AFTERNOON SIX MAY PD IF LIBERTY USABLE COIN WEDNESDAY CRIPPS

WILL STAY OVER THURSDAY ~~WILL A VIEW TO VISITING YOUR HEADQUARTER~~ AFTERWARDS

AND AWAY HIM

Internal Distribution

Chief Commissioner

C. . Section

Col. Cripps

Patriots Branch

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A.P.

R.R. CRIPPS, Colonel, Director, Local Govt. S/O.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

DSJ/as

5 February 1945

SUBJECT: N.3. Italy Planning Committee meeting.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Reference is made to para 2c.

It is not accurate to record that military responsibility has been accepted for clothing and feeding patriots. As a result of the "explanatory meeting" referred to, this Headquarters is considering to what extent assistance can be given with food and clothing to a specified number of patriots for an agreed period.

It would not be prudent to regard the matter upon a firmer basis at this stage.

It was agreed at the "explanatory meeting" that provision of finances would be a responsibility of the Italian Government.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

s/ D.S. Jackling.
t/ D.S. JACKLING
Lt. Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED FORCES
APO 334
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
Special Materials Section

2 FEB 1945

Ref. AC/5300/18/Commerce
Tel. 478.192

1 February 1945

SUBJECT : Clothing for Patriots Now in Enemy Occupied Territory.

TO : Civil Affairs Section - Patriots Branch
(Attn. Lt. Col. J. Craig)

1. Reference your 121/5/Pat. of 29 January 1945.

2. The A.C. Priorities Board allocated 20% of total availability of all repaired clothing and shoes to the Civil Affairs Section to be divided among its Sub-Commissions and Branches - including the Patriots Branch - as its authorities see fit. Therefore the needs of your office indicated in the a/m letter must be met from this allocation and it is requested that you arrange for such with the Civil Affairs Section - Col. Cripps.

3. If, however, the needs of the Patriots Branch still are not met by this allocation, the entire matter can be brought to the attention of the AC Priorities Board at its next meeting.

For the Chief Commissioner

W.P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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For the Chief Commissioner

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Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to : Civil Affairs Section
(attn.Col.Cripps)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Ref: 121/5/Pat

Subject: Clothing for Patriots now in
Enemy Occupied Territory (ITALY.)

Ext. 374

29th Jan, 45.

To: Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to: ~~Chief of Staff~~, Civil Affairs Section (for information.)

JAN 30 1945

From information supplied to us we are satisfied that the approximate numbers of patriots that we are likely to meet up with in enemy occupied ITALY are as follows:

LIPIRIA		5,000
PIEMONTE		10,000
LOMBARDIA		15,000
The VENETIAN		20,000

thus making an approximate total of 50,000 patriots.

It is felt by this Branch that in considering clothing requirements, a minimum of 20% of this number may require clothes. In these circumstances, Patriot Branch wish to bid for 10,000 each of the following articles of clothing:

Trousers,	Sweaters or tunics.
Shirts	Boots.
Overcoats	

It is felt that we should allow for two pairs of socks per man, thus making our requirements for socks 20,000 pairs.

It will be appreciated if acceptance of this bid can be notified as soon as possible; at the same time if the location of the articles were notified, collection could be arranged.

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

6/12.4/CA
DPR/17/Q

14 January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Clothing for Patriots.

TO: C.A. Section, A.C. (att Major Dollard).

1. Reference conference held on 13 January, 1945 regarding the fact that Army Sub-Commission have refused to release 2,000,000 kg. of Italian Army Clothing and 30,000 pairs of part-worn shoes. 100,000

2. It is confirmed that this Sub-Commission is prepared to wait until such time as the Patriots Branch are able to return to this Sub-Commission 1,000 pairs of boots in place of those loaned to the Patriots Branch.

If at a later date part-worn clothing should become available, we are prepared to discuss again how this can best be conditioned so that Patriots and Refugees should both be able to benefit.

For the Director.

(Ffolkes)
C.F. FOLKESWILL,
Lieut. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

Copy to:- Patriots Branch, A.C.

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MILIA INFO AFHQ, 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY, PATRIOTS BR ALCON

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Ref your AQ 249 rpt 97, 3 January 45, subject clothing for Patriots. Loaded 2 trucks for Patriots Br Allied Commission - 5 Army following, from Allied stocks, 103 AB boots 1500, 124 A socks wool 3000, trousers wool dyed black US 1500, shirts wool dyed black US 1500, espees anti-gas British 750. From Italian stocks mess tins 1500, pullovers wool 1500. Ref number 8737. For Patriots Br Allied Commission 8 Army, 2 trucks following, 103 AB boots 500, 124 A socks wool 1000, trousers wool dyed black US 500, espees anti gas British 250. From Italian stocks, mess tins 500, pullovers wool 500. Convoys departed 1400 hrs.

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Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
Patriots Br
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9 JAN 1945

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 73506

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Patriots Branch.

1555 hrs.
3 Jan 45.

FROM: Civil Affairs Section.

The following telephone message was received in this office today from the Economic Section - Col. Denamore speaking:

Col. Denamore advised that he had been informed over the telephone by Col. Butt G-5 Section, AFHQ that PBS, Lghorn, were prepared to make available through MSTA 1,000 raincoats for issue to Patriots. It is necessary that the garments, before issue to the patriots be marked CIV with letters not less than 4 inches in depth. It was not possible for PBS to carry this out and he therefore suggested that it be done under arrangements made by the Patriots Branch. (This Section suggests that labour for this be found from Patriots themselves.)

Col. Butt further advised that 1,000 British raincoats would be made available from British sources at Naples. He had already contacted Brig. Dunlop's Headquarters in Southern Region and requested that the necessary marking be done by Southern Region.

You are requested to take up these matters and make necessary arrangements for transportation, marking and distribution.

R. R. Cripps
R. R. CRIPPS, Col.,
CSO CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

TEL: 608

Ref. A/TA/CA

21st Dec. 1944.

BRIEF FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Clothing Patriots.

- 1 Up to October 19th, 1944, it had not been the policy to furnish clothing for patriots. On this date a telegram was received from AMU Fifth Army urgently requesting sufficient clothing for 300 persons. (Flagged 'A'.)
- 2 The request was met as far as possible, but a letter was addressed to Fifth Army AMU stating that it was not our policy to clothe, but if a sufficiently strong case was put up the matter could be reconsidered by this Headquarters. (Copy to SCAG Eighth Army). (Flagged 'B'.)
- 3 The SCAGs of both Fifth and Eighth Armies replied in somewhat similar vein, that as the line was now static they anticipated an increase in the number of patriots coming through, some of whom would be needy, and recommended that small stock piles of clothing and boots be built up to meet this necessity. (Flagged 'C' and 'D'.)
- 4 Since that time it has been more or less accepted as policy to find some clothing for needy patriots, and this claim was one of the priorities that were put forward to the Committee discussing the disposal of salvaged clothing.
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6. The position is, therefore, that an accepted policy that some assistance by way of clothing to needy patriots has grown up following the correspondence referred to in para 3 above. It has not, however, been accepted hitherto that we should embark on a large scale re-clothing of all patriots.

R.R. COOPER, Col.,
CSO CA Section.

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AMG FIVE ARMY FOR HUNE

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS CLOTHING FOR PATRIOTS PD

PARSEN TO AMG FIVE ARMY FOR HUNE FROM ALCOM PAREN

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EFFORT BEING MADE TO ELUCORE POSSIBLE SOURCES OF CLOTHING SUPPLY PD

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4261 - 14 NOV 1944

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COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ALBION FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION FOR ACTION, HQ AAA FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS
SIC FOR INFO.

FROM: AMO 5 ARMY FOR HUNE

REFERENCE No: 4251

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 07 141618A OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DICE CUR 551

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 58/14

CLASSIFICATION:

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

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Your letter 417/CA of 24 Oct and our letter 105/3 of 31 Oct refer.
Information received here indicates probability of large numbers of
Partisans coming through the lines in the near future. Eventual figure
may reach many thousand. To ensure these men receive good treatment
please indicate soonest what stocks of clothing and boots can be made
available and how soon. It is hoped that sufficient blankets can be
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Info - Chief Commissioner
Patriots PW
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DATE and TIME of RECEIPT Nov 142130A

Distribution:

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

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Subject: Clothing of Patriots.

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5 NOV 1944

1 Nov. 44

Civil Affairs Section,
H.Q., Allied Commission,
A.E.G. 394.

A. C. C.

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1. Ref your H/IR/CA dated 24th October, 44.
2. There have been instances which have become more frequent recently, of patriots arriving in liberated areas very deficient in clothing. These patriots are mostly those whose homes are in the North of Italy, and they have, therefore, no means to re-equip themselves, and since they have been fighting in the mountains for sometime, their clothing is usually in a bad state.
3. Up to now where these patriots have continued to operate with the military, the latter have unofficially supplied them with essential items. It is understood that the subject of regularising issues of clothing in such cases, is under discussion at the moment between A.M.G. and Eighth Army.
4. Where patriots have not continued to operate with the Army and have, therefore, reverted to a civilian status, cases of extreme need are being assisted through Red Cross sources, as far as possible.
5. It is considered that this situation will be met with in the future, and that some provision of clothing items for needy patriots should be made. It is impossible to estimate the amount required in an army area, as the future boundaries and operational policy are not known; at the same time, it is not considered that the amount required would be large, for issues are limited to really needy patriots, or those who have no access to their own homes.

E. B. ...

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

31st October 1944.

109/3

SUBJECT: Clothing for Patriots.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission - Civil Affairs Section.

Reference your 417/CA of 24th October 1944.

1. Acknowledgement is made of the assistance given in the prompt supply of garments requested by signal.

2. With regard to the questions of policy raised by our request the position is as follows:

a. The rehabilitation and resettlement of ex-partisans is still regarded as primarily an Italian concern and no suggestion is made that the duty of providing clothing for such individuals should be assumed by AMG/AC. In normal circumstances and particularly in periods of a swift advance it is quite unnecessary and clearly undesirable for AMG/AC to become involved in any commitments of this nature, particularly as the association of partisans with Allied troops in such cases is brief and comparatively unimportant.

b. In the case in point however we were faced with a static front in a devastated mountain area with no shelter or local food supplies available for a group of some 500 Poles who had been fighting most courageously in direct support of Allied troops but whose usefulness was now over. They were therefore evacuated to Florence to a special centre where they could be looked after until it is possible for them to return to Poland. Many of the men were dressed in rags and in the circumstances it was impossible to evade the responsibility for obtaining clothing for them.

3. Similar cases to that in paragraph 2b may be expected to occur again in future where;

a. The fighting is in mountain areas where partisans are most used by Allied troops.

b. The advance is slow.

c. The weather is bad and ex-partisans genuinely need help.

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d. A.M.G. has to take charge of ex-partisans who have been fighting in direct support of Allied troops and are not able to return at once to their own homes.

It is however quite impossible to give any worthwhile estimate of numbers when there are so many unpredictable factors involved.

4. At the same time it is felt desirable that a small stock of clothing should be available in readiness for other situations of this type and it is suggested that 1000 sets of shoes, socks, shirts, trousers and coats in assorted sizes be sent up to some central place (i.e. Florence) for this purpose.

For the Commanding General:

E.B. Mayne

E.B. MAYNE,
Colonel, U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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State
15 Oct 44
CA 34

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 34

Ref:-

H/7A/CA

21 Oct '44

SUBJECT:- Clothing for Patriots.

TO:- S.C.A.C. 7 Army.

1. I refer to your signal 2549 dated 19 Oct. making urgent requests for certain items of clothing for 300 Italian partisans. As a matter of urgency your requirements have been supplied with the exception of socks, and these are being despatched to you from Naples as quickly as possible.

2. Your request that clothing for Italian patriots or partisans release a new departure in the policy of this HQ which as you know has not previously supplied clothing for patriots. If you desire this HQ to reconsider this policy and to provide clothing for patriots, will you please put up a case for providing clothing, fully supported with your reasons and with details of the extent and type of clothing which you estimate may be required for future operations, making for the purpose of such an estimate such factual assumption as you deem necessary.

3. Pending a reconsideration of policy by this HQ it will not be possible to supply further clothing items for Italian patriots.

G.E. J. J. J. Brig.
W. CA Sec.
D. C. C. C.

6:12

Copy to S.C.A.C. VIII Army.

Will you please let this HQ have your views on Para 2.

Copy to Patriots Branch.

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HQ ADC FOR COMMERCE SUB COMMISSION

AME 5 ARMY FOR INDIA

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NR 2849

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Oct 192015A

CONFIDENTIAL. Urgent request following items clothes for 300

Italian Partisans. 100 pairs shoes, 200 mens trousers, 200 mens shirts, 200 mens coats, 200 pairs socks. Send average sizes.

Urgent necessity, send fastest means available to Refugee Section

AME City FLORENCE. Cite our 456.

Put up a case

A Col White is dealing with. See meeting 10/53. 26/10.

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Action : Commerce S/C (2)

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Patriots Br.
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