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MONTHLY REPORT, PATRIOT BRANCH
DEC. 1944 - OCT. 1945

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Referenced per Min 23. Attached letter is submitted
for signature. Folio 21 refers.

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Please see Patriot's Branch report at 33. There is a brief summary up of this branch's activities from its inception in July 1944 at 31-32.
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Please see Patriots Branch Report for March. A short & interesting report:

D.L. 23/4. *23/4*

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Patriots Branch Report for April is at 18. It contains no new points but you might like to place at para 3 (part marked in blue) para 4 & 5 (parts marked in blue).

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D.L. 25/5.

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Mr. Kennedy

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On file 3617 p. 27 R.C. Kenyon

Says that over 40000 arms - excluding
grenades - have been handed
in up to 10 July. Patriots say
25000 up to 30 June. Something
being somewhere I suspect.

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Patriot Br report for how deals entirely with administrative matters, most of which are recent policy & are therefore known to you.

Ref the arrangements detailed in para 2 for the reception of 100,000 prisoners "in the near future" (para 1), the total area provided in the estimate of the area amounts to 1500, or $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the total potential.

Naturally, there would be a continuous influx & evacuation but this conflicts with the rather optimistic reference to resting, in the portion of para 2 which I have marked 'A'.

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When the new Director is properly in the saddle it is possible that he will contribute more.

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Patriot Br report for Feb is submitted.

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9 October 1945

To : Civil Affairs Section.

OCT 19 1945

PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1945

AWARDING OF TITLES TO PARTISANS AND EXAMINATIONS OF PROPOSALS FOR REWARDS.

1. Decree 518/45, published in G.U. 109 of 11 Sep 45 laid down rules for the setting up of Committees to deal with future applications for recognition as Partisans. The Ministry of Post War Aid will supervise the work done by the Committees. Provision is also made for appeals against decisions of local Committees. The Ministry of Post War Aid has meantime suspended the payment of demobilisation bonuses except to next of kin of deceased patriots and to those seriously wounded.

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ALEXANDER P. UNION CERTIFICATES.

5. Patriot Certificates have now all been issued in the North. It is not intended to issue any more of these Certificates. 16,500 certificates for Rome Province and Central Italy have been prepared by this Branch and are being distributed by the Ministry of Post War Aid. Bonuses have already been paid to these Patriots.

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REORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN ARMY UNITS.

6. A decree is being prepared by the Italian Government giving patriot leaders Army ranks. This decree will set out the rules on which the ranks or army grades will be granted. Interim instructions have been issued by the Ministry of War and, laying down exactly which army ranks partisan officers will hold pending publication of the decree.

JURISDICTION OF ITALIAN UNITS BY PATRIOT REPRESENTATIVES.

7. In preparation for the forthcoming hand-over of the North all units are being transferred to Prefectural staff. After the hand-over they will deal direct with the Ministry of War and through the Prefecture. Piemonte Regional Patriot Officer has reported that all units in his Province are now working under the jurisdiction of the Prefecture and that no hitch was experienced in the transfer.

ADMINISTRATION OF PATRIOTS BRANCH.

8. Colonel Grigori, Director of Local Government Sub-Commission has left this Commission. Patriots Branch has been transferred from the jurisdiction of Local Government Sub-Commission and is now part of Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON PATRIOTS BRANCH.

9. Attached at Appendix A is a report on the activities of Patriots Branch from its inception in July 44 to date.

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VP Civil Section.

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Appendix A

PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 90/1/PAT

REPORT
ON ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF UNITED COMMISSION
IN COOPERATION WITH PATRIOTS IN ITALY.

PATRIOTS BRANCH.

1. Patriots Branch was formed in July 1944 on the instruction of HQ AMI, for the purpose of dealing with Patriots, Partisans, Resistance Groups, etc., as soon as territory was liberated by the Allies.

POLICY.

2. (a) General. - The general policy was to disarm the patriot bands as soon as possible, to disarm all the units and send the patriots to their homes or wherever they wished to go. A few were to be used as police, general duty men, and to be given such employment as was available and as was necessary to assist the armies.

(b) Patriot Posters and Alexander Certification. - Patriot Posters were prepared and issued in the forward areas. These were distributed and posted in army areas. They were signed by Field Marshal Alexander. At this stage it was considered that some form of recognition should be given to Patriots and for this purpose a certificate was prepared and signed by Field Marshal Alexander. These certificates were issued to Patriots who had served during the war of liberation. They were issued on a wide scale by the Allies to Patriot bands as and where they were being disbanded. The certificates inter alia gave a priority of employment to the individual holding the certificate. At a later date definite rules were laid down showing the conditions which had to be fulfilled before a Patriot was entitled to a certificate. Up to date approximately 300,000 Certificates have been issued. No more certificates are to be issued.

(c) Bonuses. - At the beginning no bonuses were paid to Patriots. Later on, it was decided that these Patriots should receive bonuses or remuneration for services rendered. This is dealt with in para 6.

(d) AMI. - This organization is a semi-state one and it was established to look after the interests of ex-patriots. See para 8.

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- (d) MIPI. - This organization is a semi-state one and it was established to look after the interests of ex-patriots. See para 8.
- (e) Liaison with the Italian Government. - Liaison was established with the Italian Government by IG 30 to co-ordinate all policy matters and to assist in establishing uniformity of policy. In the early stages, liaison was with the Presidency of the Council but later a Ministry was established known as the Ministry of Occupied Italy and Patriots Branch dealt with this Ministry on all matters concerning Patriots. Many meetings took place and ultimately policy was clearly laid down and determined. This Ministry was afterwards replaced by the Ministry of Post War Aid which incorporated all the responsibilities and duties of the Ministry of Occupied Italy along with other duties.

DISBURSEMENT OF PATRIOTS.

3. (a) Planning. - A considerable amount of planning was done, commencing in July 1944. Ultimately, when it became obvious that the war could not be completed until Spring 1945, various matters were discussed with IG 30 and IG 31 Army Group and all possible arrangements were made.

Plans were made for the smooth running of patriots and handling of all patriots in the North.

- (3) Opening of Centres. - From information gathered it was obvious that there were many thousands of patriots in the North and it was decided that Centres should be opened to receive the patriots, disarm them, feed them and clothe them and ultimately arrange for their disbandment and return to their homes. See para 5.

REGIONAL PATRIOT OFFICERS AND ITALIAN MILITARY RESERVE

4. Regional Patriot Officers (Allied Personnel) were appointed to each Region to take charge of all patriot matters. Their duties were to supervise all patriot activity within the Region, to link up the provinces and liaise with them. Such questions as housing, dispersal, employment, feeding and clothing were matters to be decided by them. Italian Officers were appointed at Regional Headquarters and in the provinces to be the administrative work and documentation necessary to ensure that the policy laid down was carried out.

PATRIOT CENTRES.

5. (a) General. - The first Centres were opened in 5 and 6 Army Areas: INAGLI, FLORENCE and MILAN. This enabled closer liaison with the Allies and with the AMI who still controlled the policy dealing with patriots. From information gathered it was estimated that there might be roughly 150,000 patriots in the North. Ultimately, this turned out to be an underestimate as over 300,000 is the latest figure. When the North had given 28 patriot centres were opened at the following places:

<u>INAGLI</u>	<u>VERONA</u>
<u>MILAN</u>	<u>Udine</u>
<u>PIEMONTE</u>	<u>Venice</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>Belluno</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>Bolzano</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>Verona</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>Trieste</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>ITALY</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>Imperia</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>La Spezia</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>Cavone (Alghero)</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>Cuneo (Savigliano)</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>(Feeling Centre)</u>
<u>ALBA</u>	<u>Cuneo (Chivasso)</u>

• BUILT TO LAST

5. (c) General. - The three Centres were founded in 5 and 8 Army Areas: PAPOLD, WILSON and P. WILSON. This enabled closer liaison with the Division and with the AGI who still controlled the policy dealing with patriots. From information gathered it was estimated that there might be roughly 150,000 patriots in the North. Ultimately, this turned out to be an underestimate as over 500,000 is the latest figure. When the North had fallen 28 patriot centres were named at the following

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17. Contact with new opportunity classes.

- (a) Feeding. - Foodstuffs was a problem which was solved by the drawing of rations from the Allied armies in Italy.
- (c) Clothing. - Clothing was obtained from various sources for distribution to the partisans, most of whom were practically without decent clothing. Boots and shoes, blankets, eating utensils, were obtained and distributed.

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(1) Italy and Switzerland. - It was realized at the outset that arms and ammunition had to be taken off the Patriots at the earliest possible moment. Good leaders were entrusted with leading their units in order that they were dispersed as a herd. In every cross bridges and smaller units held a last parade in a unit. A service was held and the men marched through the town or village, fully armed and equipped, with men wearing the kind of final parade uniform as it was normally reviewed by a very Senior Allied Officer where was no difficulty in marching them to the limousine centre and moving their arms. The following is a list of the arms and equipment surrendered to date:-

Armoured Cars	12	Centres	912
Barrels	217	44 Automatic	187
Anti-tank weapons	768	Miscellaneous	
8.5 machine guns	1134	Bayonets	112
Machine Guns	493	Reps Machine	244
Rifles and Cartridges	24371	Hand Grenades	72512
Automatic Rifles	1819	Shot Guns	140
4.2s	3079	Truck Machine	
		Paints	1330

Reports have now been received that a further 35 truck loads of arms have been impounded in by Patriots in North Italy. No count has yet been made of the contents of the 35 trucks and it is not possible to classify the weapons impounded in.

BOUNDS TO BE PAID.

6. (a) After discussion with the Italian Government the following bounds were fixed to be paid to each Patriot:

- (1) Patriots with less than 3 months service Lire 1,000
- (2) Patriots with more than 3 months service Lire 5,000
- (3) Patriots seriously wounded or disabled as a result of length of service Lire 10,000
- (4) Relatives of Patriots killed in action or missing Lire 20,000

(5) Further were paid out by the Italian Government and records have been kept of all Patriots who have been paid. Payment was made with identity cards and the sum of 50 lire per day was paid to all Patriots while held in German or Italian hospitals.

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anti-tank weapons	in scientific	
768	miscellaneous	
11944	Raymonds	112
4493	army chronicle	244
213971	Headline	74514
1919	Shot down	140
5079	army handbook	
	"structure"	1330

Reports have now been received that further 33 truck loads of arms have been hauled in by patriots in North Italy. It is estimated that the contents of the 33 trucks are in excess of 100 tons and it is possible to classify the weapons hauled in.

REPORTS TO PATRIOTS.

6. (a) After each discussion with the Italian Government the following bonuses were to be paid to each patriot:

(i) Patriots with less than 3 months service	Lira 4,000
(ii) Patriots with more than 3 months service	Lira 5,000
(iii) Patriots seriously wounded or disabled as a result of length of service	Lira 10,000
(iv) Relatives of Patriots killed in action or missing	Lira 20,000

- (b) Bonuses were paid out by the Patriot Officers and records have been kept of all patriots who have been paid. Patriots were in no way with identity cards and the sum of 50 lire per day was paid to all patriots while held in German and Hospitals.

WOUNDED AND INJURED (Hospitalized).

7. Seriously wounded and injured patriots received initial medical treatment at Allied Military Hospitals. Afterwards they received medical care in Italian Military Hospitals for a period up to 60 days. The time limit was fixed because of the tremendous shortage of hospital space and equipment. In many cases the men seriously wounded were allowed to remain longer in Military Hospitals. After leaving Military Hospitals patriots were sent to civilian hospitals and convalescent homes which had been opened in various parts of the country and where they are still receiving attention. The number of patients still remaining of wounded or recovering from wounds or sick, are few and at present discussions are going on as to their care and treatment in the future.

SECRET

8. An organization called Associazione Partigiani d'Italia based on the concepts of the British Legion on the liberation of San-Juan was formed and established under Italian Decree N. 224 of 5 April 45. This organization is in an infancy but its purposes are to look after the interests of patriots, to consider their claims for bonuses, pensions, look after their welfare, try and find employment and to all the job to make them feel that their services to Italy have been appreciated.

Branches are now being opened throughout the Country and the ex-patriates are being encouraged to join. It is non-political.

ITALIAN GUARDIA

9. It is known that there are a number of patriots in this area. But as the territory is at present the subject of consideration it has to be treated separately. A Patriot Office has been opened in San-Juan, whose main functions are to record and document all patriots within that Region.

A group of the patriots within this Region probably served with the Carabinieri Division in MOON or with the military forces, they are, for the time being, being considered as military and a check will receive back pay for their service in the MOON. Some of these men are Yonkelev, Yonkelev and Yonkelev, but it presents the problem is to complete documents - a man and only to pay bonuses to patriots who wanted and the relatives of the deceased patriots. (Payment will, however, only be made to relatives resident within Italy). There is a policy with regard to VEHICLE which can only be decided when the terms of the peace with Italy are known.

ITALIAN PATRIOTS AND HOW THEY OBTAIN THEM

10. Special arrangements are being made for handling patriots who fought outside Italy. Documentation is being done on them and arrangements will be made to inform on the documents by Italian Military Patriotic representatives as to whether they consider the person should be considered a patriot or not.

Under Italian Decree N. 543 patriots are being set up all over Italy to receive the documents and recommendations and to decide whether the individual should be considered a patriot or not. Some of second in rank will be set up to consider appeals. Meanwhile there will only be paid to out of kin of deceased patriots the seriously wounded patriots.

Those in normal need of financial assistance will receive assistance.

ITALIAN PATRIOTS

It is known that there are a number of patriots in Italy, Italian and of the territory in at least the majority of the population in Italy to be treated separately. A Patriotic Order has been issued in ITALY, these men function as to recruit and act as a force within that Region. As many of the patriots within this region probably served with the available Division in ITALY, or with the military forces, they are, for the time being, being considered as military and a group will receive back pay for their service in the patriots. Some of these men are Yugoslav, some are Italians, but at present the policy is to complete documentation and only to pay bonuses to seriously wounded and the relatives of the deceased patriots. (Tentative will, however, only be paid to relatives resident within Italy). Future policy will depend on the results of the only be decided when the terms of the peace with Italy are known.

ITALIAN PATRIOTS AND GERMAN OCCUPATION FORCES

10. Social arrangements are being made for housing patriots who fight against Italy. Documentation is being done on their and their families will be entered on the documents of Italian military patriots. Some patriots are to whether they consider the person should be considered a patriot or not. Under Italian Order 1, 1943, patriots are being set up all over Italy to receive the documents and recommendations and to decide whether the individual should be considered a patriot or not. Grants of second in time will be set up to administer the patriots and bonus will only be paid to next of kin of deceased patriots and originally wounded patriots. Those in serious need of financial assistance will receive assistance.

NON ITALIAN PATRIOTS. (Classification of national countries or enemy occupied countries)

11. Non Italian patriots other than enemy or allied military are being recognized and with a patriots. In cases of deceased patriots, however, bonuses are only being paid to next of kin resident in Italy.

ITALIAN OR FOREIGN (Patriot Order)

12. If/are are at present engaged in preparing national rolls of patriots when they consider should be entitled to wear the patriot ribbon. Also the conditions have now been issued as to who are entitled and will be approved of by the Committee to be set up.

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CONCLUSION.

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To : Civil Affairs Section.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR AUGUST 1945.

MINISTRY OF POST WAR AID

1. The Ministry of Occupied Italy has now completely closed down and the Ministry of Post War Aid has taken over all responsibility for Patriot work. Weekly meetings have been held between the Director, Local Government Sub Commission and Sir Bernardino of the Ministry of Post War Aid when the policy after handover and various other matters were discussed.

ADMINISTRATION OF PATRIOTS AFTER HANDOVER IN THE NORTH

2. Instructions have now been issued to the Prefects by the Ministry of the Interior, and to the Regions by this HQ, regarding the administration of Patriots when territory is handed over.

EMPLOYMENT OF WAR VETERANS

3. A draft decree concerning the employment of War Veterans was forwarded to this Branch for comment. After discussion with Economic and Legal Sections a reply was sent to the Ministry of Post War Aid stating that the only comment was that provision might be made for disputes or claims arising out of the decree being referred to the Ufficio del Lavoro for adjustment.

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ISSUE OF ALEXANDER PATRIOT CERTIFICATES

5. Instructions have been issued to all Regions that the issue of Alexander Patriot Certificates should be completed by the end of August. In some Provinces it cannot however be completed until the first or second week of September. Issue is being completed as quickly as possible and the payment of bonuses will be completed by the middle of the month. 16,000 certificates are being prepared for Patriots in Rome Province and Central Italy and will be issued shortly.

INSIGNIA OF HONOUR

6. Conditions under which the Insignia of Honour is awarded to Patriots have been forwarded to Regions. IAPs have been instructed to prepare nominal rolls to avoid delay when the decree has been implemented.

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ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE PARTIGIANI D'ITALIA

7. The position with regard to ANP in the North is still not completely satisfactory. Persons were selected as ANP officials although they had not been appointed in accordance with ANP Statutes. Re-dissolutions of the Statutes are being discussed by ANP and every effort is being made to send ANP in its formation and to enable it to be run on a non-political basis.

ARMED PARTISANS IN

8. Arms continue to be handed in but in smaller amounts. The latest figures available for arms handed in since the cessation of hostilities in Italy are:

Armored cars	12	Miscellaneous	112
Cannons	217	Bayonets	244
Anti-tank Weapons	763	Misc. Bomb Throwers	72,514 + 50 qts
Sub Machine Guns	11,914	" Hand Grenades	140
Machine Guns	4,453	" Shot Guns	1,330
Rifles & Carbines	213,971	" Brass Knuckles	
Automatic Rifles	1,919		
Pistols	5,070		
Mortars	942		
All automatics	187		

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Patriots Branch - Report for July 45.

FUTURE CONTROL OF PATRIOTS

The Italian Government proposes to place IMPRs under the administrative control of Prefects. IMPRs will be responsible to the Ministry of Post War Aid for the way in which they carry out their duties as to the payment, disposal and care of Patriots. Arrangements are being made for this transfer to be made immediately in North Italy so that the new arrangement can settle down before AMG ceases.

One matter will however, remain the concern of AMG even after the Italian Government has taken over the administration, that is to ensure that any arms recovered thereafter are handed over to the Allies.

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The organisation which existed on 22 April was converted into a state organisation on that date. The act of conversion laid down statutes prescribing Communal and Provincial branches. It is considered that as existing officers and committees did not comply with the provisions of the statutes they ceased to be qualified to act. Nevertheless in many places the old officers alleged to be self appointed or appointed by outside bodies instead of elected by members as the constitution provided are still acting as officers. The position is under discussion.

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT - RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATRIOTS

A Decree has been promulgated setting up and constituting the Ministry of Post War Aid. This Ministry will inter alia carry on the duties of the Ministry of Occupied Italy which has now been dissolved.

PATRIOT MEDAL

A Decree has been published authorising the issue of a medal and ribbon to Patriots. Nominal rolls will be prepared and submitted by IMPRs for final approval of all those whom they consider entitled to the ribbon and medal. Rules and conditions of entitlement are being drawn to help IMPRs to decide whether or not

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Patriot is entitled to the medal. In a generally sense three months service is required.

CENTRES

5 At the end of July there were only 12 Centres still operating in Italy; they are in LOMBARDIA 3, VENEZIA 4 and LIGURIA 5.

ARMS HANDED IN.

6 The following arms etc. have been handed in since the cessation of hostilities in Italy:-

Armoured cars	12	Pistols	4688
Canons	207	Mortars	1025
Antitank weapons	636	A.A. Automatics	160
Sub Machine guns	13057	Miscellaneous	
Machine guns	4348	Bayonets	607
Rifles & Carbines	207479	Misc. - Bomb Throw	189
Automatic rifles	1343	" Hand grenades	86305
		" Shot guns	311
		" Bricks	1146
		" Knuckles	

PARADES AND DISBANDMENT OF UNITS.

7 A parade was held in UDINE by the Division "Italia" on 7 July and this Division was disbanded there. The demobilisation ceremony of the "Maiden" Brigade took place at BRISIGNELLA on 15 July 45. All arms, ammunition and vehicles have been handed in by these divisions.

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Local Government Sub Commission

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28 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Collection of Firearms.

TO : Civil Affairs Section (Attn: Patriots Branch)

1. Attached is copy of a report from Regional Commissioner VENEZIA Region on the above subject. You will notice that the approximate figure for the number of arms, excluding explosives and grenades, collected at 10 July is 46,000, while the figure given in your Monthly Report for June is 25,116 at 30 June.

2. It seems unlikely that approximately 21,000 firearms have been handed in during the first ten days of July. The figures should therefore be investigated and this office informed of the true position as soon as possible.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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To : Civil Affairs Section.

PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR JUNE 45.

DISARMING AND DISARMING

1. With the exception of a few organized bands, such as the Ossoppo and Nino Rannetti Divisions in Veneto, the disarming and demobilization of Patriots is practically completed. There remain however a number of patriots requiring employment and assistance, and the following centres were still operating at the end of the month.

Region	No. of Centres
Lombardia	10
Venezia	5
Emilia	Nil
Liguria	5
Piemonte	<u>7</u>

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These centres are to be closed as soon as possible, and thereafter the Italian Military Patriot Representative will operate from offices attached to Provincial HQ. The Centre at Florence was handed over to the Italian authorities when Toscana Region closed down, and the one at Pavia had been closed earlier in the month.

It is clear that there are still large quantities of arms which have not been declared or accounted for, although the estimated numbers handed in by the end of June had reached the figures given below:

Lombardia	131,612
Venezia	25,116
Emilia	44,116
Liguria	15,381
Piemonte	<u>31,609</u>
	259,034 (including 72,995 hand grenades)

RATIONS

2. The authority for the issue of rations for Patriots from Allied

Mino Marnetti Division, Venice. There remain 100,000. Patriots is practically completed. The following centres Patriots requiring employment and assistance, and the following centres were still operating at the end of the month.

Region	No. of Centres
Lombardy	10
Venezia	5
Emilia	11
Liguria	5
Piemonte	2

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Emilia	44,116
Liguria	2,384
Piemonte	5,809
	259,037 (including 72,995 hand grenades)

RATIONS

The authority for the issue of rations for Patriots from Allied Military sources expired on the 10th of June; since that date rations have been supplied from civilian sources on the Public Security scale.

CLOTHING

Approx 63 tons of salvage clothing have been allotted for Patriots and this is being issued to all the northern Regions from a central store in Milan.

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

As a result of the change of Government, the Ministry of Occupied Italy is to be abolished, and its responsibilities with regard to Patriots will be assumed by the new Ministry of Post War Assistance. The most important measures affecting Patriots taken by the Government during the month of June were the granting of "Dato Morale" status to the Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia, and the authorizing of increased bonuses for Patriots, viz:

Patriots with less than 3 months service	L. 1,000
Patriots with more than 3 months service	L. 5,000
Wounded Patriots	L. 10,000
Relatives of fallen Patriots	L. 20,000

VENEZIA GIULIA

Contrary to expectations, the Patriot problem in Venezia Giulia has proved to be relatively simple, as those Italian Patriots who had not withdrawn into Udine, were disbanded and disbanded by the Yugoslav Forces before 3 army troops occupied the area. The Yugoslav Patriots appear to have withdrawn into Yugoslavia. It is not proposed to set up any Patriot organization in Venezia Giulia.

PERSONNEL

One British officer and 6 NCOs have been temporarily attached to Venezia Giulia from 54 RTR for Patriot work.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR MAY 45

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DISARMING AND DISPERSAL OF PATRIOTS

1. During the month of May considerable headway was made with the dispersal and disarming of Patriots, particularly in the agricultural areas; in the frontier districts and the large cities the Patriots have proved somewhat unwilling for political reasons, to lay down their arms and go home, but those that remain are for the most part still in their original formations and well disciplined. In addition the Allied authorities have found it necessary to retain a number of Patriots for special police duties and "mopping up" purposes, notably in Turin, Milan, Genoa (where a special force of 2400 is being employed) and Udine (where the Osoppo and Garibaldi Groups have been retained and where the task of moving 5,000 horses from Austria to Emilia Region was entrusted to Patriots).
By the end of May 45,600 weapons had been collected in Lombardy 46,000 in Emilia.
In Venezia, where there are still a certain number of armed Germans at large, the Patriots have been ordered to store their weapons in central armories, from which they can be drawn, if required operationally; disarmament was almost completed in the cities of Venice, Padua, Ravenna, Vicenza, and Verona by the end of the month.
The situation in Liguria has been somewhat complicated by the presence of the French in Imperia; this political factor and a certain shortage of civilian supplies has made the Patriots belonging to that area, somewhat unwilling to disarm. On the other hand, during the latter half of the month 150/200 Patriots originating from the South of Italy were leaving the Province daily to return to their homes.
In Piemonte there has been the usual unwillingness to disarm in the frontier districts, but in Turin disarmament has progressed satisfactorily if rather slowly, and it has been helped by the fact that the industries of the city are anxious to reabsorb

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patriot as civilian labour.

It is clear however that although a very large number of patriots throughout the North have attended ceremonial disarming parades, and laid down one weapon, they still have more in their possession which have not been declared to the Allies.

CENTRES.

2. Twenty-three Patriot Centres were in operation by the end of May of which ten are in Lombardia. Those in Emilia and Toscana Regions, having dealt with the majority of the local patriots, are handling a certain number from further North in transit to their homes in the South of Italy, and are to be closed or handed over to the High Commissariat for Veterans in the near future.

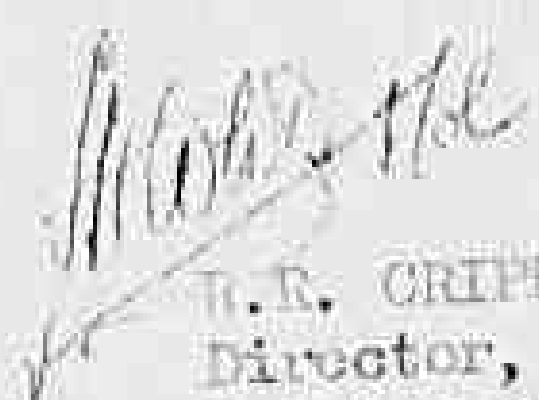
ENLISTMENT INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

3. The immediate enlistment of 4000 volunteers into the Italian Army has been sanctioned, which should help with the dispersal of Patriots in Northern Italy, and the three Screening (Recruiting) Agencies under control of AMG have reverted to Italian Army control for use if required in connection with the above intake.

PERSONNEL.

4. Lt. Col. Craig has left the Allied Commission. Lt. Col. R.H. White has taken his place as D/Director Local Government Sub Commission. In Venice Capt. Elms has become Regional Patriot Officer in lieu of Maj. Snee, whose death occurred in the middle of the month.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR APRIL 1945

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Emilia	4
Liguria	5
Piemonte	9

TOTAL 29

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CENTRES

2. One of the first results of the Allied Advance was that the Patriot Centres at Florence and Pesce rose from 5 Army control to Pocon Region. It also enabled many Patriots to return to their homes in Bologna and Massa areas, and it is hoped that, with the consequent reduction of numbers in Ravenna and Florence, it may be possible to close these Centres in the near future.

By the end of the month new centres had been opened at Modena and Bologna; the numbers encountered however in the Massa and Ferrara areas, did not call for the establishment of centres with permanent accommodation in these places.

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DISARMING

3. The only report of disarming up to the end of April, came from Bologna, where on 25 April, approx. 4,000 Patriots handed in their arms, at a most successful parade, held by General M. Clark and attended by a number of senior Allied Officers.

It is known that since then disarming parades have been held at Bologna (600 to 10,000 Patriots), Verona (5,000 Patriots), Vicenza (7,040 Patriots), and Torino. While plans were in hand to hold similar parades at an early date at the following places:

Reggio Emilia	Padua
Genova	Venice
Savona	

MEASURES TAKEN BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

4. The Ministry of War has announced its intention of issuing a special medal ribbon for Patriots.

The Ministry of Occupied Italy has transferred to the Allied Commission the sum of 3 million lire, in reimbursement of funds expended in connection with Patriots, prior to 1 April 1945. The Ministry has also stated that combatant Patriots will be granted the same family allowances as are given to members of the fighting forces.

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Reggio Emilia
Genova
Savona
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

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PATRIOTS SECTION

To : 55/1/921.

14 April 1945.

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PATRIOTS SECTION - REPORT FOR MARCH 1945CENTRES

1. The following numbers were handled by Centres during the month of March :

No. 1	ALORANCE	993
No. 2	PESOLA	1470
No. 3	RAYKRA	282

TOTAL

2745

REMARKS

2. The Ministry of Occupied Italy has agreed to assume responsibility for all expenses connected with Patriot Centres as from the 1st April, and to reimburse A.O. for expenditure under this heading incurred prior to that date. The Ministry also gave official approval to the payment of the following sums to Patriots and their dependants :

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| (a) | 1,000 lire disability bonus; |
| (b) | 5,000 lire to wounded patriots; |
| (c) | 10,000 lire to the dependants of patriots killed in action. |

CENTRES

1. The following numbers were handled by Centres during the month of March:

No. 1	ELIMINATE	993
No. 2	PRISON	1470
No. 3	R.V.M.A.	282

TOTAL 2745

FINANCE

2. The Ministry of Economic Affairs has agreed to assume responsibility for all expenses connected with the Centres as from the 1st April, and to reimburse the for expenditure under this heading incurred prior to that date. The Ministry also gave official approval to the payment of the following sums to Patriots and their dependants:

- (a) 4,000 lire administration expenses;
- (b) 5,000 lire to assist patriots;
- (c) 15,000 lire to the dependants of patriots killed in action.

CLOTHING

3. No authority has yet been received for the issue of clothing to patriots from all Italy sources, but small quantities of salvage clothing have been allocated to Patriots and these are being sent forward to 5 and 8 at S.M.A.C.S. and for 8 for 8 at S.M.A.C.S. first and later at S.M.A.C.S. During the month of March 127 Patriots in Italian Government were issued with clothing from the Ministry of Economic Affairs in Rome.

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SCREENING AGENCIES

4. Following the decision to form PROSE units for employment with Italian groups, the Italian Army recruiting agencies have been recognized, and consequently only these agencies now come under the operational control of this Branch. 4 further five agencies are allotted to form PROSE units by enlisting complete Patriot Bands and to deal with any former Italian Army personnel found in the Northern Regions when liberated; these agencies come under the operational control of the Italian Army.

ENLISTMENT INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY

5. (a) No. 1 Screening Agency gives the following figures for Patriots enlisted into the Italian Army

	Feb. 45	March 45
(1) Enlistment by localities		
FLORENCE	1362	1
PEROL	50	123
ST. GIOVANNI VAL D'ARNO	382	
SPOLI	476	
PISTOIA	448	
MARLB	246	
	2964	124
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(11) Disposal of men enlisted

Combat Groups	3339	
240 Inf. Div.	67	120
243 Inf. Div.	53	
Other units		
	2964	124
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Five agencies are allotted to form RECC units by enlisting complete Patriot Bands and to deal with any former Italian army personnel found in the Northern Regions when liberated; these agencies come under the operational control of the Italian Army.

ENLISTMENT INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

5. (a) No. 4 Screening Agency gives the following figures for Patriots enlisted into the Italian Army

<u>(i) Enlistment by localities</u>		<u>Feb. 45</u>	<u>March 45</u>
FLORENCE PEROL ST. GIOVANNI VALD'ARNO TEROLI PISTOLA MAREMME		1362	1
		50	123
		382	
		476	
		448	
		246	
		2964	124
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(ii) Disposal of men enlisted

Combat Groups	2839	
210 Inf. Div.	67	120
213 Inf. Div.	58	
Other units		4
	2964	124
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- (b) The Ministry of War has issued instructions that when posting army volunteers to combat units, priority shall be given to Patriots.

- (c) At the Council meeting on 16 March the Italian Cabinet passed measures for granting temporary enlistment into the Italian Army to Patriot Band Commanders with ranks up to that of Lt. Col.

ORGANISATION - ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

6. The duties of the Italian Liaison Officer attached to this branch have been defined, since the recent government reorganisation, as follows:

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- (i) To contact the Ministry of Occupied Italy for the assistance and reemployment of prisoners in A.G. territory;
- (ii) To contact the High Commissioner for Victims for the assistance and rehabilitation of prisoners in territories under Italian Government;
- (iii) To contact the Committees referred to the Presidency of the Council, whose duties are to establish the authenticity of names and consider recommendations for awards.

At the Ministry of War a Detachment of Officers has been instituted under the direction of Col. S. P. O. This office will be responsible for all information into the Italian Army.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR FEBRUARY.

PLANNING FOR NORTH WEST ITALY

1. Patriots Branch plan for N.W. Italy has been adjusted to agree with the plan of 15 Army Group, that Army shall assume initial responsibility for the feeding, clothing, housing, hospitalisation and rehabilitation in general of Patriots. Responsibility will pass to the District Commander and Regional Commanders when any territory passes out of Army control. Allied Patriot Officers from each Region, and a corresponding number of Italian Military Patriot Representatives will be attached to Armies, with whom they will work during the initial stages of Allied occupation; they will remain in their own Regions, under the control of Regional Commissioners, when the Army moves forward.

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2. In addition to normal recruitment of Patriots into the Italian Army, it has been agreed in principle, to form a limited number of Reconnaissance Companies from existing Patriots bands, to work with the Italian Gruppi.

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RECEPTION CENTRES AND POINTS - Disposal of Patriots (from figures available)

4. (a) 5th Army.

(i)	Received into centres	1488
(ii)	Joined Labour Units	36
(iii)	Enlisted into Italian Army	155
(iv)	Returned home	346
(v)	Admitted to hospital	125
(vi)	At present in centres at Florence and Pescia	570
		and 780 patriots who are returning to the line.

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(b) 8th Army.

(i) Received into Centre	398
(ii) Joined labour units	50
(iii) Admitted to hospital	17
(iv) Returned home	100
(v) Remaining in Centre	231

PERSONNEL

5. (a) Allied Regional Patriot Officers for M. Italy are being attached to units for initial training and experience in Patriot Work.

(b) The Italian Military Representative has been withdrawn from Ancona. A representative was appointed to deal with a temporary problem concerning wounded patriots in hospital, which arose at PERUGIA. Representatives for all areas in Northern Italy have been selected.

CLOTHING

6. A stock of clothing has been collected and stored in Rome for immediate requirements of partisans in Italian Government Italy. This may be issued only on written authority of Patriots Branch I.C. Complete sets of clothing were issued to the wounded patriots in PERUGIA hospital referred to in the previous paragraph.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

7. The Florence Centre was visited by the Chief Commissioner on 28 Feb and by Lt. Gen. FRUSCONE, 5th Army, on the following day.

PROPAGANDA

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POLITICAL REORGANISATION

9. (a) Under the recent political organisation resulting from Decree No 395 of 44, all Patriot problems in IIG territory are the responsibility of the Ministry of Occupied Territories. Assistance and reemployment of Patriots in Italian Government territory will be dealt with by the High Commissariat for Veterans. 2 Committees attached to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers will examine claims of individuals for recognition as patriots, and recommendations for military awards.
- (b) A sum of 100 million lire has been allotted by the Ministry of Occupied Territories for Patriots and assistance for their families.

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BRANCH ORGANISATION.

10. Jun Comd M. PROBY has joined the Branch staff.

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PACIFIC BRANCH REPORT ON JANUARY.

1. General.

On 1st January:

- (i) Patriots are now being fed on the full Italian Army ration scale.
- (ii) All wounded Patriots are now being treated in Italian Military Hospitals.

Sufficient clothing has been obtained and delivered to Fifth and Eighth Armies to meet immediate needs.

2. Patriot Reception Centres and Reception Points.

- (a) The Reception Centre at MONTE has closed down. It has been replaced by a Reception Centre at PAVIA.
- (b) Disposal of Patriots. (from figures available.)

Fifth Army: Subtotal into the Army during the month of Jan .. 1770
 Disposed working units 760
 Returned to their homes Dec/Jan 1415
 At present in the Centres at PAVIA and PAVIA. 357

Eighth Army: In the Eighth Army area no Patriots are being held in Centres. The only Patriots under consideration for release are those who are, at the moment, operationally active in this area.

3. Recommending Agencies.

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3. Reconnaissance Agency.

As a result of a special effort in the Siena area during the month, 700 Patriots were initiated into the Italian Army. A request has been received to send a Reconnaissance Agency to LIVORNO. This agency will start operating on 12th February, 1945.

4. Patriot Representatives.

Patriot Representatives have now completed their work in all liberated areas except GROSSETO, PISA and LECCE. Regional Commissioners have stated that by the end of February work at GROSSETO and ANCONA will be finished, and that from that date Patriot Representatives will be required only at PISA.

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5. Fifth and Eighth Armies Reports.

The number of Patriots held in Patriot Centres has been considerably reduced for the following reasons:

- (a) Prevailing weather conditions have rendered many mountain passes impassable, and
- (b) Our contacts with the Liberian organizations of the army have met with considerable success. As a result, over 1,000 Patriots are now employed as Labour Corps with the South African Division at KRAK, and some 750 with the 24 Depot at L. M. H. C. There is no immediate prospect of the arrival of large numbers of Patriots at our Centres.

6. Patriots in Hospital.

The number of Patriots now held in hospitals is negligible. It is reported, however, that about forty seriously wounded Patriots are in hospital in R. G. S. Complete sets of clothing have been obtained for these Patriots and delivered to the hospital. In addition, each Patriot has been given the sum of 1,000 L. and cigarettes.

7. Branch Re-organisation.

Major B. L. DRACE has relinquished his position as Executive Officer and has been succeeded by Major V. P. J. C. S. J. C.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH REPORT FOR DECEMBER.1. Patriot Problem.

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All in all, the patriot administrative problem - while the front line remains fairly stationary - seems to have eased considerably.

2. Patriot Reception Centres and Reception Points.(a) Location.

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(b) Clothing.

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(c) Transport.

The question of transport remains a grave difficulty, as at the moment authorities for the supply of transport have not come to hand.

(d) Dispersal of Patriots.

The following figures have been received from:

A. FLORENCE Patriot Centre (covering period 15th - 26th December.)

Enlisted into Italian Army	75
Joined working units	115
Returned to their homes	71
Left for unknown destination	230
At present in Centre	500

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D. PESCEA Patriot Centre. (covering period 6th - 26th December.)

Enlisted into Italian Army		200
Returned to their homes in the South		700
At present in Centre		450

3. Recruiting Agencies.

A further Recruiting Agency has been sent to Fifth Army area, and, in addition, one Resident Recruiting Officer is now located at each Patriot Centre.

4. Patriot Representatives.

A circular has been sent to all Provincial Commissioners in Italian Government Territory asking them to give their views as to the state of the patriot problem in their particular area, and at the same time asking whether they consider the presence of their patriot representatives to be still necessary.

5. Liaison with the Italian Government.

Political: The future of the I.M.F.C. remains in doubt, and a decision is awaited from the Italian Government as to who shall be responsible for handling the patriot situation.

Financial: In view of the obscurity of the situation, the financial position is required to grow and instructions to patriots remains undelivered.

6. Fifth and Eighth Army Reports.

These go to show that, with the complete reorganization of the patriot problem in the forward areas and with the greater recognition of patriots from higher authority, the task of both Fifth and Eighth Army is becoming considerably easier. At the moment, the numbers of patriots held in the forward areas are of no great importance, there being approximately 900 in the Centres under Fifth Army control and something under 500 in the Centres under Eighth Army control.

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5. Linkage with the Italian Government.

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8. Supply Problem.

A reply has now been received from A.F.H.Q. to the request for authorities for the feeding and clothing of patriots. The text of the reply means that in future all bona fide patriots will be fed on the full Italian Army scale ration, and furthermore each patriot, where necessary, will be completely reclothed.

9. Branch Reorganisation.

The reorganisation of Patriots Branch at HQ has now been completed, and as from 3rd January, 1945, is under the Directorship of Lt.Col. F. CRAIG.

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PATRIOTS' BRANCH

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PATRIOTS' BRANCH REPORT NOT REVENUED1. Patriot Problem.

The patriot problem has reached a critical phase. Patriots began in the latter part of the month to be encountered in such large numbers in the Army areas that the A.A.G. administration was no longer able to handle them under the ad hoc arrangements which had hitherto been applied. These former arrangements have in fact proved quite inadequate to meet the present situation. The best intelligence sources suggest that in the near future one hundred thousand patriots will be encountered in the Army areas.

2. Reception Centres and Reception Policy.

To meet this situation the Director of the Patriots Branch made a tour of the Army areas. In agreement with the Army A.A.G. authorities he established a system of Patriot Reception Centres in Poland. In the V Army area two Reception Points were established at Szczecin and Szczecin, and two Reception Centres at Poznan and Poznan. In the VII Army area a Reception Centre was established at Poznan.

An A.A.G. Patriot Officer in V Army and another in VII Army were made responsible for the administration of this new system. Each Patriot Reception Centre was placed in charge of a General Commandant. He will be an Allied officer and will have an Italian military patriot representative to assist him. The two Reception Points in V Army area were placed in charge of an Allied Officer who will also be assisted by an Italian military patriot representative. An Allied BA/OF will be assigned to each of the five Reception Centres and Points.

Accommodation for three hundred patriots is being provided at each of the Patriot Centres and Points and the intention is that patriots will be dispersed in time and, as far as possible, allowed to rest, recuperate, be finally discharged and re-equipped for their future life after arrival. They will be interviewed, and the Reception Centres and Points, by the Italian Army Headquarters, and

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3. Summary Problem.

Experience has shown:

- (a) That patriots, when they are first encountered, are in practically every case in a hostile condition.
- (b) That patriots will not accept employment in labour gangs on any ration scale which is appreciably lower than the allied military scale.

Application has accordingly been made to A.F.M.C. for authority given for the issue to an overall total of up to one hundred thousand patriots of rations approximately on the Allied military scale, at the discretion of V and VIII Army Commanders.

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Authority has also been asked for the release from Allied military sources of boots, blankets, bedlinens, clothing, socks, gloves and underwear for issue to the same overall total. Authority was asked at the same time for the release of accommodation stores for use in the Reception Points and Centres enumerated above.

Lack of transport has proved a crippling handicap, and application for ten trucks has been made to A.B.H.Q.

4. Reorganisation of the Patriots Branch.

In the light of five months' experience the Patriots Branch is in process of complete reorganisation. The Advanced Battalion in FLORENCE has been closed, and the distribution of intelligence reports to Regional Commissioners and others from the Advanced Battalion has consequently ceased. It was felt that the ground was sufficiently covered already by reports put out by other authorities.

5. Hospitalisation of Patriots.

Application has been made to A.B.H.Q. and since repeated to A.B.H.Q. for authority to be given for patriots wounded while fighting at the side of the Allied troops, or immediately before their arrival, to be hospitalised in Italian military hospitals. In many instances, however, Italian military hospitals are not available, and in such cases where they have been asked for wounded patriots to be hospitalised in Allied military hospitals. It is felt that this concession will be reasonable and timely on grounds not only of humanity and justice, but of military necessity also. It is regarded as essential that patriots morale should be maintained on the highest possible level.

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It has been necessary to inform the I.M.P.C. that as certificates other than those signed by the Allied Commander in Chief can be issued in Italian Government territory, and that to claims by officials of the I.M.P.C. or of the Italian Patriots Office into Military Government territory or into the army areas can be authorized. The I.M.P.C. has further been informed that no Patriot Command posts other than those constituted by A.B.H.Q. can be permitted in Military Government territory.

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Application has been made to A.M.S. and since repeated to A.M.S. for authority to be given for patriots to be treated while fighting at the side of the Allied troops, or immediately before their arrival, to be hospitalized in Italian military hospitals. In any instance, however, Italian military hospitals are not available, and in such cases patriots are being held for wounded patriots to be hospitalized in Italian military hospitals. It is felt that this concession will be responsible for a steady stream of patriots only of humanity and justice, but of military necessity also. It is suggested as essential that patriot morale should be maintained on the highest possible level.

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It has been necessary to inform the I.N.P.C. that no certificates other than those signed by the Allied Command in China can be issued in military Government territory, and that no visits by officials of the I.N.P.C. or of the Italian Patriot Office into military Government territory or into the army cross can be authorized. The I.N.P.C. has further been informed that no Patriotic Committees other than those constituted by A.M.S. can be permitted in military Government territory.

7. Patriot Representatives.

All patriot representatives of the C.M.S. in any area have been withdrawn, and all patriot representatives, military or C.M.S., will be withdrawn from Italian Government territory by 11 December. It is considered that the work of the patriot representatives in Italian Government territory should have been completed by this date.

8. Welfare.

The problem of welfare is under close and constant consideration, and it is hoped that practical steps will be taken shortly to ensure that this work is placed on a sound foundation.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

PATRIOTS BRANCH

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PATRIOTS BRANCH REPORT FOR OCTOBER1. Italian National Patriot Committee.

The I.N.P.C. after a brief period of quiescence embarked upon a season of activity during the month of October. A number of propositions have been propounded, but little, so far, has been accomplished. However, effect has been given to the decision that all patriot representatives shall be paid 100 lire a day from the time when they are called up and 200 lire a day from the time when they receive their appointments.

2. Employment, Education and Welfare.

The I.N.P.C. is concerned with the task of starting employment agencies for patriots in every region, and with that of inaugurating welfare activities. It has to be said that difficulty is being experienced within the I.N.P.C. itself owing to its composition. Every one of the six parties is represented on the I.N.P.C., and every party representative is inclined to envisage the patriot problem primarily as a factor to be exploited to the advantage of his party, and only secondarily as a question to be considered on its merits as a means of serving the State.

3. Certificates.

The award of certificates in the Regions behind the Army areas are continued during the month of October. It had been hoped to complete this work, but that hope has been disappointed, and in some itself the work has not yet started. The I.N.P.C. has in the meantime decided in principle to issue a new kind of certificates to patriots. This decision raised a question of policy and further action upon it has been suspended for the present.

4. Patriot Volunteers for the Italian Army.

The response has been disappointing. It has not been found necessary to establish any of the light patriot transit camps to receive recruits on their way back from the front to the recruitment centers which were at one time contemplated. Two thousand bivouac tents were held by this Branch in reserve for this purpose throughout the month.

5. Intelligence Reports.

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6. Patriot Representative Corps.

A new directive covering the payment of patriot representatives and the hiring of motor cars was issued at the end of the month. It was decided that serving regular Italian Army officers on full pay were ineligible for this employment and all such officers who were serving in that capacity have been recalled. We have agreed that patriot representatives can receive free petrol, billets and rations. With the cooperation of the Finance Sub Commission a scheme for the payment of patriot representatives by Regional Finance Officers was inaugurated. A scheme for the hiring of motor vehicles on behalf of patriot representatives is also being inaugurated during the month.

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7. During the month of October Col. C.D. McCaffrey, GSE, former Director of the Patriots Branch, left Italy to become Governor of Ivrea. Col. Roy Spigler, PSC, will in future combine the post of Director of the Local Government Sub Commission with that of Director of the Patriots Branch.

10 November 1944.

Sir Philip Mabus,
Major,
Acting Director,
Patriots Branch.

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PATRIOT BRANCH REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER1. Italian National Patriots Committee.

A decree outlining the scope and authority of the Italian National Patriots Committee was published in the daily press on 30 September. A translation of this decree is appended. The Prime Minister of Italy is President of this Committee and there are seven members of whom one - Major General ODOME - acts as the Executive Head of the Patriots Office. On all matters of detail the Patriots Branch will deal with General ODOME. On all questions of policy it is hoped that A.C.C. will be able to deal with a small working committee of three or four members of the Italian National Patriots Committee.

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A revised poster by General ALLUMBER for use in the North has been approved and issued. A Memorandum for issue to Army Officers in forward areas has also been published, and P.W.S., with the approval of A.C.C., are producing a booklet on Patriots for general distribution.

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A considerable volume of information is being collected regularly and sent to the Headquarters of these regions which are going to North Italy, as well as to the A.M.C. of the Islands. Regional intelligence teams on a basis of one to each Region are responsible for this work. They maintain close and constant touch with A.M.C.I. H.Q.'s, with P.W.S. Advanced Echelon, and with No.1 Special Force.

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6. Patriot Volunteers in the Italian Army.

There are at present three screening agencies from the Italian War Office engaged in the task of recruiting patriots for the Italian Armed Forces behind the army areas. Each of these teams consists of three officers and seven other ranks. In the army areas there are three additional screening agencies: two with the Fifth Army, and one with the Eighth Army.

Recruits so far have been few. Up to the end of September the number of volunteers who have actually joined and are listed in the Italian Army total 191. A further 120 are reported to have joined direct into an Alpini Regiment. It is quite impossible to estimate how many Italian Patriots were taken on, in addition, by American, British, Italian and Polish units of the V and VIII Armies; but the numbers are considerable.

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The reasons for these low figures are believed to be the following:

- (1) Patriots wish to join up in a body with their own officers in self-contained units. This is of course unacceptable to the Army.
- (2) The most favorable element, psychologically, for recruiting patriots is immediately after they have been contacted by our own advanced elements. However, for security reasons it is impracticable to send recruiting officers into the most forward areas to recruit patriots as soon as they are first met.
- (3) It has been found that elements which are undesirable from the point of view of discipline sometimes masquerade as patriots. These men are liable to tarnish the good name of all the rest and there is not much enthusiasm on the part of the Allied or Italian Army authorities to enlist them until their bona fides has been fully proved.
- (4) The terms of enlistment are stated to be unattractive.

7. Patriot Representatives.

Patriot representatives are being sent to forward Regions on a basis, usually, of one pair for every Regional and one pair for every Provincial H.Q. M.G.'s. of armies are now finding it more convenient in practice to select Patriot representatives from members of the bands which they meet in the course of their advance.

C.D. McCARTHY,
Colonel,
Patriota Branch.

12 October 1944.

Appendix to Para. 1.Italian National Patriot Committee

By authority given us;

By virtue of the Decree of 25 June 1944, No. 151;

By virtue of the decision of the Cabinet;

Following the proposal of the Prime Minister in agreement with all the Ministers;

We have sanctioned and promulgated the following:

Art. 1.

A National Committee for Patriots in Liberated Italy is hereby formed and attached to the Prime Minister's Office.

Art. 2.

The function of the National Committee for Patriots in Liberated Italy is to study on a uniform basis all problems concerning Patriot activities in their fight against Germans and Fascists and to promote all necessary measures.

Art. 3.

The Committee will be under the Presidency of the Prime Minister and will consist of the Under Secretary of State in the Prime Minister's Office who will be Vice-President, and Under Secretary of State for War appointed by the War Minister, and Under Secretary of State for Press and Information and four Experts appointed by a decree of the Prime Minister on the advice of the Cabinet. The President of the Committee will appoint a Secretary chosen from among its members.

Art. 4.

A Patriot Office depending upon the National Committee with the task of fulfilling its directives will be formed and attached to the Prime Minister's Office. The Patriot Office has the following function: to ascertain and to screen patriot activities and evaluate them according to proved facts; to issue certificates; to coordinate the various ways of moral and material assistance to Patriots; and to guarantee the re-employment of Patriots in the war of liberation.

Art. 5.

The rules for the organization and functioning of the Office as in Art. 4 will be defined by a decree of the Prime Minister in agreement with the Treasury Minister on the advice of the Patriot National Committee.

Art. 6.

The expenditure needed for the functioning of the offices formed by virtue of the authority of this Decree will be charged to the Treasury Estimate Budget in the account of the Prime Minister's Office. The Treasury Minister is authorized to modify the Budget accordingly.

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