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C.S.O.: to see folios ¹⁹ 17 and 18 for info. J.R.S. / *see*

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→ S.O. to C.C. (Trans C.S.O. to E.C.) ^{34.}

33 refers to C.C.'s query on 32. *DR*

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Patriots Supplies

FILE No. _____

TO : Executive Commissioner

30 May 1945

MAY 30 1945

Patriots Branch report that there is difficulty about supplies to Imperia as the road from Genoa is open to jeeps only.

Since this signal was sent supplies have reached the camp.

Director Local Government Sub-Commission is fully aware of the situation as he saw R.C. Liguria on his recent visit and dealt with it.

A.D. Bonham Carter
A.D. BONHAM CARTER
Lt., Colonel,
CSO CA Section

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MAY 24 0850Z
ROUTINE

LIBERIA REGION

ACTION BY COMBAT FOR 23 INFO BY 230 3 AMST, NO ACTION 23 BUT 27 AREA

SUBJECT

Sitrep No 10. Situation quiet and generally satisfactory.
Evacuation refugees proceeding satisfactory in view of transport.
100 evacuated last 7 days. First three political offenders tried
in special assize(?) courts BYVCHA convicted and death penalty
imposed in each case. Disarming Patriots continues but very great
difficulty being experienced in opening Patriot centres. Patriots
in LIBERIA very restless owing to expectation as to food and rest
centres not being fulfilled.

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ACTION ALCOM ROME

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There follows a paraphrase of NAF 912.

1. From Allied military stocks will be provided following contribution to Italian partisans rations.

Flour 7 ozs. canned meat or preserved fish or suitable substitutes 3 ozs. cheese 1 oz. macaroni 3 ozs. dried vegetables 2 ozs. tomato catsup 1/2 oz. coffee 1/2 oz. sugar 3/4 oz. This is balance towards full Italian armed forces scale after deducting Italian Government and AC contributions as indicated NAF 864 paras 5(a) and (b).

2. Scale of clothing para 6 NAF 864 stands.

3. Urgent approval requested of above and of NAF 864 proposals.

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2 INFO: A/President
3 Chief Commissioner
4 Executive Commissioner
5 Food S/C
6 Econ Sec
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APR 5 1945

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PARA ONE PD FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR PARTISANS IN NORTHERN ITALY IS SUBJECT PD
PAREN TO AFHQ GEORGE FIVE CITE FHGDS FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACCAS PAREN NR

PARA TWO PD IN THE ABSENCE OF A REPLY TO YOUR NAN ABLE FOX EIGHT SIX FOUR CMA
ON THE GROUNDS OF OPERATIONAL NECESSITY CAN A DECISION PLEASE BE MADE IN YOUR
HEADQUARTERS IN THESE MATTERS PD UNLESS THIS IS DONE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT
THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR EFFECTIVELY DEALING WITH AND DISARMING PATRIOTS
MAY FAIL THROUGH LACK OF SUPPLIES AND PATRIOTS WILL GET OUT OF HAND PD YOU
WILL APPRECIATE THAT TIME FACTOR IS ALL IMPORTANT PD

NEW SUBJECT PD

PARA ONE PD EXPERIENCE OF PATRIOT OFFICERS IS THAT AN ISSUE OF ALLIED
CIGARETTES TO ALL PATRIOTS IS ESSENTIAL ON FIRST CONTACT PD IN VIEW OF THE
LOW COST INVOLVED MAY RECONSIDERATION PLEASE BE GIVEN THIS MATTER PD

PARA TWO PD YOUR LETTER PETER ONE NINE OF TWO NINE MARCH REFERS PD

PARA THREE PD IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ONE HUNDRED CIGARETTES PER HEAD BE ISSUED

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO, CWO, AUS
Asst Adjutant.

R.R. CRIP'S COL.

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EXTRACT FROM AFHQ CABLE F-27859 dtd 16 Feb 45.

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"3. During phase 1 Army Headquarters (together with Allied Military Government of the Army Headquarters) will feed and clothe partisans in areas concerned; Armies will supply necessary food and clothing for this purpose as follows:

a. Italian Military Forces ration scale as modified later in detail will apply.

b. Minimum essential scale of clothing will be issued from military sources."

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

PATRIOTS BRANCH.

8 February 1945.

AIDE MEMOIRE.

SUBJECT: Handling of Patriots.

TO : Chief of Staff (for discussion with CAO, AFHQ).

1. By Directive dated 13 January 1945 under reference AG400/033CEG-0 addressed to CGs Fifth and Eighth Armies by President of AC, the following determinations were made:

(a) Patriots were made an Allied responsibility for dispersal after a period not exceeding 30 days.

(b) MIA was authorized to provide up to 2,000 sets of reconditioned clothing to the following scale:

1 pair of boots
2 pairs of socks
1 pair of trousers (wool)
1 shirt (wool)
1 jersey, pull over or equivalent
plus one blanket if within the limits of availability.

(c) Authority was granted for the issue of Italian military rations through the agency of MIA

(d) Allied Commission was to maintain suitable reception camps and arrange for Italian Army hospitalisation for sick and wounded patriots to the extent that operations permit.

2. Chief of Staff AFHQ in his note to G3 dated 26 January 1945 stated that plans must include the issue of orders and instructions to Partisans to report to certain centres where they would be properly cared for and provided with food, clothing and money.

3. At a meeting convened by G3 AFHQ on Monday, 29 January it was recommended that the provision of food and clothing should be undertaken as a military commitment based on a period of three months with numbers up to 100,000. It was agreed that money for partisans should be provided by the Italian Government and issued through AMG. No difficulty was foreseen in this latter respect.

4. By letter dated 5 February from G5 Section AFHQ addressed to this HQ, reference DSJ/as, it was stated that AFHQ have now only under consideration the provision of food and clothing to a specified number of Patriots for an agreed period. This appears to conflict with the recommendations at 1 above.

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5. Furthermore a new draft directive has been received in this HQ on 8 February 1945 (the only copy is at present with Colonel Craig who is at Caserta) stating:

- (a) That rations would be a civilian responsibility with possible assistance from military sources;
 - (b) that hospitalization would be civilian;
 - (c) that clothing would be provided but on an unspecified scale.
6. It will therefore be seen that at present there is no clear determination as to the responsibilities with regard to the provision of food, clothing and hospitalization for patriots, and it is therefore important to make detailed plans for their handling in the future, in particular in regard to the North West Provinces. It is urgently requested that an authority be given for the drawing of Italian military ration scale for patriots for a period of 90 days if necessary for each patriot and up to a maximum number of 100,000; that authority for clothing from military sources up to the maximum of 100,000 patriots on the scale laid down also be given and that hospitalization be a military commitment until such time as the patients can be received in civilian hospitals and suitable facilities exist; and that of course the financial arrangements remain an Italian Government responsibility with AMG as the agency supervising the distribution.

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TO AFHQ PERSONNEL FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

No. 1365.

8 Feb.

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS PROVISION OF CLOTHING AND FOOD FOR PATRIOTS PD

PARA TWO PD IN YOUR NOTE CHARLES SUGAR SLANT SIX EIGHT DATED TWO SIX JANUARY FOUR FIVE TO ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF GEORGE THREE YOU STATED THAT PLANS MUST INCLUDE THE ISSUE OF ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTISANS TO REPORT TO CERTAIN CENTRES WHERE THEY WOULD BE PROPERLY CARED FOR AND PROVIDED WITH FOOD CLOTHING AND MONEY PD

PARIN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM HQ ALCOH PARIN

PARA THREE PD AT MEETING CONVENED BY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF GEORGE THREE ON MONDAY TWENTY NINE JANUARY IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT PROVISION OF FOOD AND CLOTHING SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AS A MILITARY OBLIGATION BUT I AM NOW INFORMED BY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF GEORGE FIVE PARIN REFERENCE TO LEWIS DOG SUGAR JIG SLANT ABLE SUGAR FIVE MILITARY PARIN YOU NOW ONLY HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION THE PROVISION OF FOOD AND CLOTHING TO A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF PATRIOTS NOT AN AMENDMENT PD

PERIOD PD

PARA FOUR PD THIS HOW QUEEN SERVICEL RECOMMENDS THAT THE PROVISION OF FOOD AND CLOTHING TO PATRIOTS BE REGARDED AS A MILITARY OBLIGATION AND IT IS DEPOSABLE TO MAKE DETAILED PLANS FOR THE HANDLING OF PATRIOTS UNTIL I AM INFORMED EXACTLY WHAT PROVISION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY YOU PD

PARA FIVE PD REQUEST YOU URGENTLY TO GIVE US AUTHORITY PARIN ABLES PARIN TO DRAW ON ITALIAN MILITARY NATIONALS SOURCE FOR PATRIOTS UP TO OTHER ZERO DAYS IF

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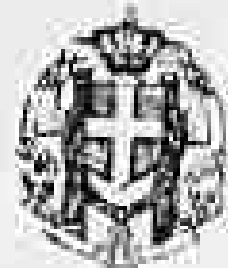
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DI S. E. IL MINISTRO

Maj Tolbot

*Col Craig left the Flora for
Caserta at 0800 hrs. -*

*However - Patriots will see
that Col Craig gets the full
information of the Draft Cable
immediately upon his arrival at
Caserta.*

[Signature]

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W. H. Allen

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AFHQ PERSONAL FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

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CWO USA
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Ref : 121/5/Pat

Ext. 374

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

29th Jan 45

To : Commerce Sub-Commission
Copy to : Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Section (for information).

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 :

LIGURIA	5.000
PIEMONTE	10.000
LOMBARDIA.....	15.000
The VENEZIAS	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.

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F. GRAIG
Lt. Colonel
Director
Patriots Branch.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AP 649

AG 400/033 GEG-0

13 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Rations, Clothing, Hospitalization and Transportation for Patriots.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464.
Commander, Eighth Army.
President, Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (ALFA)

1. Patriots who come from enemy territory will be regarded as an Allied responsibility for the whole of the period during which it is necessary to hold them for screening, determination as to their future status or other purposes. This period will not exceed thirty (30) days.

2. The agency through which the above mentioned Allied responsibility will be carried out is the ALFA, which will make available to the appropriate organization of the Allied Commission the necessary clothing, supplies (paragraphs 3 and 4) and hospitalization facilities (paragraph 7 b). (This does not relieve AC/ALG of the normal responsibilities with regard to organization, screening, etc., as outlined in paragraph 7 b).

3. Authority is granted for the issue by ALFA of up to two thousand (2000) sets of reconditioned clothing on the following scale:

1 pair boots	1 jersey pullover or equivalent
2 pairs socks	1 gas cape or raincoat equivalent
1 pair trousers, wool	1 mess tin or equivalent
1 shirt, wool	

The addition of a blanket to this scale is authorized within the limits of availability. No issue in excess of this ceiling will be made without authority of this Headquarters. Wool outer garments will be dyed either black or rust brown prior to issue.

4. Up to one thousand (1000) sets of British clothing and one thousand (1000) sets of United States clothing will be made available in due course to replace the reconditioned Italian clothing issued in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

5. The Allied Commission will take all possible steps to ensure that reconditioning of Italian Army and salvage clothing and boots is carried out with the greatest possible speed, in order that it may assume this commitment in full as soon as possible.

6. Authority is granted for issue of Italian military rations. These rations will be drawn through the agency of ALFA. They will count against

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7. Responsibility.

a. Armies will collect, disarm and transport Italian patriots to reception camps. They will issue Italian military rations, furnish emergency hospitalization during the period of army control and provide facilities for disinfection and sterilization out of normal resources as far as operational commitments allow.

b. Allied Commission will maintain suitable reception camps, arrange for Italian Army Hospitalization of sick or wounded to the extent that operations permit, evacuate such casualties as soon as possible to Italian civil hospitals, issue Italian military rations, provide clothing subject to availability (paragraph 5), disperse patriots as rapidly as possible and ensure that calls on military supplies are kept to the minimum.

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By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER
/s/ C. W. Christenberry
C.W. CHRISTENBERRY
Acting Adjutant General.

ACTION: 3201/EC

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Copy of Minute Sheet from Temporary Jacket.

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CSO.

You have seen 1 but I am not sure if you know about reply
at 2 and 3.
10 Jan. 45.

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OOS has also seen.

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TO: AFHQ G-5 SECTION

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9 Jan

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SECRET PD

PARA ONE PD CLOTHING FOR PATRIOTS IS SUBJECT PD YOUR FOX XRAY SEVEN EIGHT FIVE ZERO FIVE REFERS PD

PARA TWO PD YOUR SIGNAL NOT ENTIRELY UNDERSTOOD PD LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION MIA IS PART OF ALCOM PD

PARA THREE PD ALCOM HAS MANY OTHER DEMANDS ON RECONDITIONING CLOTHING WHICH MUST BE MET TO PREVENT DISEASE AND UNREST FOR EXAMPLE REFUGEES DISPLACED PERSONS DEVASTATED AREAS WELFARE AND TO SECURE EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF ESSENTIAL BODIES FOR EXAMPLE POLICE FORCES AND HEAVY WORKERS PD

PAREN TO AFHQ GEORGE FIVE SECTION FROM HQ ALCOM FROM CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION PAREN

PARA FOUR PD FURTHER IF WE ARE TO SUPPLY CLOTHING FOR PATRIOTS UP TO ESTIMATES GIVEN BY SPECIAL FORCES FOR EXAMPLE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND THE SUPPLY IS UNLIKELY TO MEET THE DEMAND PD A SMALL SUPPLY IS NOW BEING MANUFACTURED BY FIVE ARMY AMG BUT THIS WILL ONLY PROVIDE FIVE THOUSAND GARMENTS PD

FINALLY IT IS THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF ALCOM THAT GENUINE FIGHTING PATRIOTS WHO PERFORM SERVICES OF GREAT MILITARY VALUE TO ALLIED FORCES SHOULD BE TREATED AS A MILITARY COMMITMENT SEE OUR ONE TWO ONE SLANT PAT DATED TWO SIX DECEMBER PD

PARA FIVE PD RECOMMEND THAT ALCOM BE DIRECTED TO INSTRUCT LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION TO CONTINUE SUPPLY OF CLOTHING TO PATRIOTS FROM MILITARY SOURCES

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Patriots Branch
Land Forces Sub Commission

Civil Affairs Section

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CWO USA
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3 January 1945

JAN - 4 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ATTENTION: COLONEL CRIPPS

SUBJECT: Raincoats for Patriots

1. The following is to confirm our telephone conversation at 1600 hours today.

"At 1530 hours, 3 Jan 45, Col. Butterworth, G-5, AFHQ, called on the telephone and stated that PBS will make 1,000 raincoats available for issue to patriots through MMIA. Such raincoats are located at Leghorn. PBS desires that MMIA arrange to have the letters CIV painted on the back of each raincoat size 4" per letter. Colonel Butterworth also stated that 1,000 raincoats were being made available for issue to patriots by British military, that such raincoats are located at Naples and that he, Col. Butterworth, had already contacted Brigadier Dunlop and arranged whereby Southern Region will have the 1,000 British raincoats similarly painted."

2. In accordance with our conversation this matter is being transmitted to you for necessary action.

LDD.
L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, P A
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

cc: Chief of Staff ✓
Col. Evans
Army S/C

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From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHHG, FHGDS, FHQAB.

To: 8 ARMY, INFO: 15 ARMY GP, 5 ARMY, ALCOM, LAND FORCES SC (MIA)

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Ref Q 2050 of 21 December.

Clothing for Patriots. Normal source of supply of clothing for patriots is AC. Temporarily they cannot discharge this obligation. As an interim measure MIA will make available immediately for Patriots a total of 2000 sets claims listed in PK 75600 of 28 December, for distribution in Army areas. AC, coordinating with MIA, will provide this Hq. with an estimate of the date by which reconditioned clothing and equipment for Patriots will be equal to the demand.

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" " Land Forces (2)
Info - Chief Commissioner
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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHHC, FHGS, FHQAE.

TO : 8 ARMY, INFO: 15 ARMY GP, 5 ARMY, ALCOM, LAND FORCES SC (MIA)

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAGGED CITE FHMG, FHGDS FHQAE.

TO : 8 ARMY INFO : 15 ARMY GP, 5 ARMY, ALOM, LAND FORCES SC (MIA)

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EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 3 JANUARY .

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Patriots - Policy. A telegram had been received from AFHQ ruling that patriots coming through the lines would be entitled to Italian Army rations and clothing. CA Sec stated that Land Forces Sub-Commission had no clothing, and the matter was being taken up with them. ECW Sec had received a telephone request from G-5, AFHQ for clothing, and COS said that this should be confirmed by telegram. He agreed with CA Sec, who stated that clothing for Patriots should be a military commitment, and not a matter for the Priorities Board. The responsibility for allocation of clothing should belong to IG.

ECW Sec said two considerations were involved. The first was the danger of the clothing being issued having the semblance of military uniform. The importance of not allowing the patriots to look like Allied soldiers was stressed. The second point was whether the proposed issue of clothing clashed with Scoccimarro's decree on the new Ministry of the Interior in the Italian Government. DCCS, CA Sec said that he was not prepared to discuss this matter, which raised many important and difficult points of policy, but would give the matter careful study.

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SUBJECT: Clothing for Patriots.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15/1
30 December 1944.

TO : Ministry of War.

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5 DEC 31 1944

1. Ref. AQ/15/1 dated 23 December 44.
2. The Italian Military clothing offered to Patriots Branch Alcom by the a/r letter has been refused.
3. All items listed in War Ministry letter 3712/1/R1 dated 23 December have been offered to the Commerce Sub Commission Alcom.

Geo. A. Shipley
GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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Copy for info:

APHQ for CM
Hq. Alcom for Chief of Staff
MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO Bari (54 Area)
MMIA ORD.

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Pl See Signal opposite. I saw it
in the float file. It was not
copied to Cos. Message Centre
have been told.

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Thanked LF Sub Com. MS/dl 1/5/46

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FX 75600
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ROUTINE

From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED SITE REGDG, ENIGDS, FROAE

To: ALCOM, 5TH ARMY, 8TH ARMY, LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION (LMIA)

30 DEC 1944

CONFIDENTIAL.

Patriots coming thru our lines will be afforded treatment similar to that accorded the Italian Army. Pending receipt of detailed instructions you are authorized to issue rations on scale approved for Italian Army and clothing and equipment thru LMIA per individual where required on following scale:

1 pr boots, 2 pr sock, 1 pr trousers wool, 1 shirt wool, 1 jersey pullover or equivalent, 1 gas cape or raincoat or equivalent, 1 mess tin or equivalent.

In addition 1 blanket is authorized within limits of availability.

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Action changed to L.F. Sec
Info: Patriots Br.

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Ref. 121/PAT.

20 December 1944

SUBJECT: Rationing, Clothing, Hospitalization,
and Transport of Patriots.

26 DEC 1944

TO : A. F. H. Q.

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1. This Commission has had under consideration the question of treatment accorded to Italian patriots. Four aspects of this question are regarded as urgent. They are:

- a. Rations
- b. Clothing
- c. Hospitalization
- d. Transport

2. On the basis of the best information available, and more particularly on the basis of information supplied by the Commander of No. 1 Special Force, it is estimated that up to 100,000 genuine fighting patriots will be encountered in the near future and will require to be handled. Patriots have already begun to cross the line in numbers so large that it is impossible for the A.M.G. Officers to handle them adequately under the arrangements which have hitherto been applied. Latest reports say that patriots on FIFTH Army front are at present crossing the lines at an average rate of more than 60 a night.

3. Patriot activities in enemy occupied territory are conducted under the orders of the Allied Commander in Chief. It is not therefore necessary to recapitulate in detail the value of the services rendered by the patriots to the Allied cause. On the other hand, it is very necessary to keep constantly in mind the political background against which patriot activities are conducted.

4. The patriots have been encouraged constantly by the Allied wireless, Allied leaflets, and Allied agents to wage war against the enemy. They have been armed and instructed by the Allies. They have learned to rely not on the Government, for the Fascist Government betrayed them; not on law, for the law was perverted to serve Fascist ends, and they have no more respect for it, but on themselves and on their leaders. The task of disarming and dispersing the patriots, of inducing them to abandon the habits and mental attributes of the guerilla, and to settle down into the normal avocations of a civilian life is, at the best, one of extreme difficulty. The problem is rendered virtually insoluble unless the means are provided whereby the patriots can be assured of fair treatment whenever they are encountered by the Allied Armies of liberation. Unless such treatment can be assured to the patriots, great danger is to be apprehended. Their resentment will, it is to be feared, lead them to conceal their arms and secretly maintain their bands in readiness with a view, when the times are ripe, to seize by force the control of the organs of Italian political and economic life. The seeds

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of the same unfortunate conflict and misunderstanding which have burst into civil war in Greece are present to-day in the soil of Northern Italy.

5. Experience shows that patriots when they are first encountered are in practically every case in a destitute and exhausted condition. The first problem which has to be faced in connection with their rehabilitation is a problem of supply:

a. Rations.

No scale for the feeding of patriots has hitherto been laid down. It is submitted that, on political as well as military grounds, a case exists for treating the genuine fighting patriot, until such time as it has been possible to rehabilitate him into civilian life, as a soldier on a par with his comrades who are fighting in regular disciplined units.

During the period of transition which must elapse before large numbers of patriots can be dispersed to their homes and ordinary avocations, it is intended to place alternative offers of employment before them.

- i. Patriots will be offered the opportunity to accept service as individuals in regular units of the Italian Army.
- ii. Patriot bands will be offered employment en bloc on heavy essential labour in the Army areas.

Centres and points for the reception of patriots when they cross the line are in process of being established on FIFTH and EIGHTH Army Fronts in such numbers and in such locations as may prove to be necessary. It is anticipated that at any given time during the next four months seven such Centres or Points will be in operation, affording accommodation to some 300 patriots in each. It is submitted that on grounds of military necessity accommodation stores sufficient to provide for the needs of 2,100 patriots should forthwith be made available for use in these Reception Points and Centres. It is submitted further that authority should be given for rationing patriots during such time as they are accommodated in these Reception Centres and Points on the scale of rations laid down for the Italian Army. It would be very desirable that authority should be given further for such comforts as cigarettes, tobacco and sweets to be made available for issue in small quantities to the patriots while they are accommodated in the Reception Points and Centres. This last concession, coming in most cases immediately after the patriots are first encountered would, it is considered, have an excellent effect upon morale.

It is submitted that, until patriots have been afforded an opportunity of enlisting as individuals in regular units of the Italian Army, authority should be given for them to be rationed on the Italian Army scale. Furthermore, experience has shown that patriots will not be willing to accept employment in gangs on essential heavy labour in the Army areas if any scale of rations lower than the Italian Army scale is offered to them. It is accordingly submitted that, at the discretion of FIFTH and EIGHTH Army Commanders, rations on the Italian scale may be made available from military sources forthwith for the use of patriots who do accept such employment. Many patriots, it is hoped, will be

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dispersed peaceably to their homes and normal agricultural pursuits. It is not anticipated that more than 50% of the overall total of 100,000 patriots who are likely to be encountered within the next four months will require to be rationed on the Italian Army scale. These patriots who do not accept employment in labour gangs or who do not volunteer for service in the regular units of the Italian Army will continue to be rationed as at present on the refugee scale.

b. Clothing.

Very small quantities of boots and clothing have from time to time been made available by this HQ for the use of patriots from salvage sources as and when they were needed. The quantities of material which it has been possible to obtain from such sources have been inconsiderable and haphazard. For handling numbers in the neighbourhood of 100,000 the methods hitherto followed would be unavailing. It is submitted for your consideration that on grounds of military necessity adequate supplies of:

- i. Boots.
- ii. Battledress
- iii. Underwear, Greatcoats and Socks
- iv. Blankets

should forthwith be made available from military sources to meet the needs of an overall total up to 100,000 patriots.

This clothing need not necessarily be new. Reconditioned clothing will suffice. It is understood from HQA that adequate supplies of partworn clothing would be available to meet this need and authority will be given for its release, provided dyeing and tailoring repair can be arranged.

c. Hospitalization

A letter on the subject of hospitalization was despatched to HQ A.A.I. dated 21 November, ref. 3152 (RH).

In this letter it was submitted that authority be given for the treatment in Italian military hospitals, when available, of all patriots wounded in operations on the side of the Allies. It was further submitted that in cases where no Italian military hospitals were readily available authority be given for wounded Italian patriots to be received in Allied hospitals, as is the case at present when soldiers of other belligerent nations, e.g. Greeks, Poles, and Brazilians are wounded.

This request was based on grounds not only of justice and gratitude, but on the necessity for maintaining patriot morale.

The existing practice both in FIFTH and EIGHTH Army Areas is not uniform. In FIFTH Army area wounded patriots are sometimes passed through military channels to the Italian military hospital depot attached to FIFTH Army, and in other cases to civilian hospitals. In EIGHTH Army area most wounded patriots are passed through military channels until they finally arrive in a civilian hospital.

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This procedure, it is submitted, offers little encouragement to patriots for although the technical treatment to be found in Italian civilian hospitals, may be as good as in the military hospitals, there are three disadvantages:

- i. Immediately after an area is liberated the civilian hospital may be exceedingly short of essential supplies at the moment when they are most needed.
- ii. Civilian hospitals only receive civilian hospital rations, which are on a much lower scale than Italian Army rations.
- iii. Cigarettes and other small personal items which may be available in military hospitals are never available in civilian hospitals. Experience has shown that the issue of such small comforts had a tonic effect upon morale.

d. Transport

For operations at the Patriot Reception Points and Centres referred to in paragraph 9 transport is urgently required. These Reception Points and Centres, being established in Fifth and Eighth Army Area, are mobile and will shift as operations require. At these locations there will be Allied Patriot Officers for whose work the vehicles are necessary and for which they will be accountable.

This transport will be used for:

- a) Camp maintenance
- b) Draying of equipment and supplies
- c) Transfer of Patriots from Reception Points to Reception Centres and from Reception Centres to Italian Army Bulwark Depots
- d) Supervision of patriot work in their areas by patriot officers.

Since the Patriot problem is more pressing in Fifth than in Eighth Army Area, more transport should be allocated to Fifth Army.

Accordingly it is requested that 10 trucks and 5 Jeeps or 15 Cwts be furnished and allocated as follows:

- a) Assigned and charged against AMG Fifth Army 7 trucks if possible American; and 4 Jeeps or 15 Cwts;
- b) Assigned and charged against AMG Eighth Army 3 trucks, if possible British; and 1 Jeep or 15 Cwts.

It is proposed to find drivers for all this transport from the ranks of the patriots themselves.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

M S Lusk

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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26 December 1944.

27 DEC 1944

Ref: D/121/5/PAT.

SUBJECT: American Red Cross Clothing.

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American Red Cross,
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Rome.

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Tele: 388

Ref: 3202/93/600.

24 December 1984.

SUBJECT: Patriots Clothing.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

The attached letter IXCAC/10/6.1 dated 20 December 84, received direct from C.A. Section Hq. 15 Army Group is passed to you for necessary action.

Spencer
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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C O P Y

Subject: Clothing for Patriots

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AQ/15/1
23 December 1944

To : Headquarters ALCOM, for Patriots Branch.

Ref your 121/5/PAT of 19 Dec 1944

1. 30,000 pairs of shoes, part worn (Italian) can be released to you from Italian Army depots in Naples. Your representative should contact Major Smith, MMIA LO, Fourth Floor, Provincia Building, Naples, who will arrange for the items to be removed by you from the depots, in your own transport.
2. 100,000 Kg of Italian Army clothing, part worn, containing approximately 28,000 jackets and trousers can be released to you from Italian Army depots in Bari. Your representative should contact Major Bird, MMIA LO Bari, who will arrange for the items to be removed by you from the depots, in your own transport.
3. These items are part worn, and must be repaired, by cannibalization if necessary. The clothing is to be dyed black before issue to civilians. No repair materials can be released from Italian Army stocks.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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cc: QM AFHQ
Hq ALCOM for Chief of Staff
MMIA LO Naples
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ROUTINE

RE: RESTRICTED TO

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LABOUR ARMY AREA MUST BE TAKEN AS BEEN OBTAINED UNDER IN PATRIOTS CARES PD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 608

Ref. 4/7A/GA

21st Dec. 1944.

BRIEF FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Clothing Patriots.

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CSO CA Section.

Put in my file Mr. Cripps

PA file

N.B. All papers marked above as "Flagged A" etc
are on CA Sec file 4/7/44

MEMORANDUM:

To: Chief of Staff,
HQ Allied Commission.

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION,
HQ 15 Army Group, CMF,
TEL: FILPOT 35 - 1

DCCAO/10/6.1

20 December 1944.

1. This morning, after discussing the problem of Patriots with Brigadier General HUIE, SCAO 5th Army, I telephoned from Florence to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to impress upon him the necessity of providing food and clothing for patriots. It is the considered opinion of the SCAO 5th Army, with which I concur, that if something is not done for the welfare of patriots immediately we shall have serious trouble on our hands.

2. I asked the Chief Commissioner for the following items:

5,000 suits of underwear
5,000 pair of socks
5,000 shirts
5,000 Army beds
5,000 mattress covers
5,000 mess tins
10,000 blankets
2000 pair of shoes (on loan to be repaid
during the month of March 1945)

I also asked the Chief Commissioner for transport to deliver the above-mentioned items within 48 hours to Capt LIBERT, Florence Refugee Center, Caserma del Genio, 66 via delle Scala, telephone Florence 1624.

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Major Drage has been sent to Naples to arrange transport to deliver above items to AMG 5th Army as quickly as possible.

3. Allied Commission are still trying to find shoes.

(Signed) N.W. Monfort

NELSON W. MONFORT
Colonel, A.U.S.,
D.C.C.A.O.

Copy to :

SCAO 5th Army.

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