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PATRIOTS, JOINING ITALIAN ARMY
JULY, AUG. 1944

Col McCarty

to para 2 of "Camps
and huts" really
feasible. Two camps
are not easy to run
unless they are adjoining,
but this may be your
intention.

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George
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Col McCarty

No other comments.

Seen by
Col McCarty

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Have you any

Comments...

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TO: ~~McCarthy~~
Civil Affairs Branch.
~~Refugees Branch.~~
~~Major Decker~~

All copies please to
Col. McCarthy before the
meeting at AAI on 4/8/44
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HEADQUARTERS,
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
R.C. & M.G. SECTION,
PATRIOT BRANCH,
APO. 394.

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SUBJECT: Movement of Patriot Volunteers from
Army Areas into the Italian Army.

TO :

MEMORANDUM.

- (1) It is impossible to say how many volunteers there will be. At present the numbers are very few, but the organization outlined below is designed to take care of a variable flow which might for a short period amount up to several hundred per day.
- (2) These volunteers who are accepted have to be moved from Corps and Eighth Army Areas back to the main Italian Army Recruiting Centres which are now at ROMA and CHIETI. It is possible that the latter centre will, at a later date, be moved forward to ANCONA.
- (3) Accepted volunteers will come on the V/E of the Italian Army for rations and etc., when they arrive at Recruiting Centres.

SCREENING AGENCIES (Italian Army)

- (1) These screening agencies will operate in Army Areas under orders from Fifth and Eighth Armies and select suitable recruits from Patriot volunteers on the lists of A.M.G.
- (2) It has been agreed by G.S.I. Eighth Army that a part of the Screening Agency should be set up at Corps roadheads. This in effect means that possible rejections will not be shipped back to Army Roadhead and therefore the necessity of dealing with such rejections and arranging further shipments forward again will not occur.
- (3) Accepted volunteers will be given a ticket to the effect that

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- (3) Accepted volunteers will come on the W/S of the Italian Army for rations and etc., when they arrive at Recruiting Centres.

RECRUITING CENTRES (Italian Army)

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- (3) Accepted volunteers will be given a ticket to the effect that they will be taken on the strength of one of the enlisted centres, ROMA or CHIETI, as soon as they reach these centres.
- (4) F.I.S. will also probably have a recruiting section at Corps Roadhead centre.

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MEANS OF TRANSPORT - RAILWAYS HANDLING PRISONERS.

- (1) The means of transport will be along the main army channels (see attached appendix from Corps Areas) to Army Headquarters and Railheads by returning M.F. and by rail where possible.
- (2) At present there are three main routes, the East coast route from Falds Corps, the central route from 10 and 13 Corps and the West coast route from Fifth Army.

- (3) Requests for road movement along these routes will be made to R.A.S.G., M.T., Officers by G.A.O's., in forward areas and by Camp Commandants of Patriot Camps in Areas further back.

R.A.S.G., M.T., officers will call up parties as convenient and arrange for their movement to the next destination.

- (4) Requests for rail movement will be to 'Movements' with whom details, giving numbers, should be arranged on the day prior to the move.
- (5) If G.A.O's can at any place arrange for volunteers to be moved under separate arrangements they should do so provided Corps have sanctioned the move.

CAMPS AND HILLTOPPING AREAS.

- (1) These will be required to take care of returning volunteers, and, depending on conditions existing from time to time, one such area may be needed in each corps area, at each Headhead and at each Railhead.
- (2). They can be located at near Refugee Camps so that the Allied Officer supervising the latter can also supervise the former.
- (3) They must come under command of the Army in whose area they are working.

- (4) Whenever possible an Italian barracks or other public building should be used if the Sub-Area Commander can locate.

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SAFE AND VOLUNTARY AREAS.

(1) These will be required to take care of returning volunteers, and, depending on conditions existing from time to time, one such area may be needed in each corps area, at each Roadhead and at each Railhead.

(2). They can be located at near Refugee Camps so that the Allied Officer supervising the latter can also supervise the former.

(3) They must come under command of the Army in whose area they are working.

(4) Whenever possible an Italian barracks or other public building should be used if the Sub-Area Commander can locate.

(5) Lodging, Messes and cooking utensils must be found from various sources.

The Refugee Station Scale will apply and rations can be collected by the refugee truck.

(6) Italian Officers can act as Camp Commandants under the general supervision mentioned above. General duty men to be paid as civilians by A.M.G. can be found from Patriots who need employment.

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19 AUG Recd

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ROUTINE
PATRIOTS BRANCH
9 AUG Recd

ITALIAN SCREENING AGENCIES IN VERY SMALL NUMBERS ARE GOING FORWARD FOR THE PURPOSE
OF ENLISTING PATRIOT VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE IN THE ITALIAN ARMY PD PAREN TO REGION
FOUR REGION FIVE AMG FIVE ARMY AMG EIGHT ARMY FROM AHLE CHARLIE CHARLIE MAIN PAREN
THEY MAY BE PROVIDED WITH PETROL FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE PATRIOTS TO THE SERVICE AND CIVILIAN LIFE ARE IN HAND IN
CONJUNCTION WITH AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION AND ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

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