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FROM: HQ VENEZIA REGION

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TO : HQ ALCOM

ROUTINE

REF : RXII/034

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CAPTAIN E H E L M S PATRIOT BRANCH IS
PROCEEDING TO R O M E FORTHWITH BEARING
PROPOSALS FOR INCORPORATION N I K O
N A N E T T I DIVISION INTO ITALIAN ARMY

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SUBJECT: Partisan Units operating
with Allied Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/26
6 April 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

In reply to your 107685/1/4 of 28 Mar 45.

1. It is regretted that the principle of only feeding and clothing those units which are authorized and on the Order of Battle cannot be departed from.
2. As the band you mention appears to be doing good work on FIFTH Army Front, it might be possible to incorporate it into one of the five Patriot Recce Bns which are just about to be authorized.
3. If you agree, will you please ask FLORENCE Territorial HQ to take up the matter with G(SD) Branch 15 Army Gp.

L.M.I. Jt-Gl
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Internal: G-2(L) (For quick action as bands
are about to be nominated)

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From: M of U
to: MMIA

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Date 28/3/45. See 4

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Recognition of Partisan formations operating with front line Allied units

1) In the month of November 1944 some partisan formations operating in the MODENESE and REGGIANO were compelled to cross the lines over to the allies because attacked by overwhelming German forces

Many of these formations after being equipped by local allied Commands were kept in the line for operational duties, in close cooperation with Allied units said formation took part in numerous actions receiving the best fitted recognition for the valuable support given by them to the common cause

2) Through T Delegation some of said formations have requested material essential for the men that undergo the hardships of combat, material that is not included in the normal issue made by the allied Commands under whose command the units are operating.

Requests have been made particularly for some of some barrack room material (paillasse

bed sheets, mattresses, field ranges, towels) to equip the PESCIA hospital where the, wounded or sick, partisans are admitted.

3) having contacted MMIA to obtain authorisation for A/M some we were notified that this was refused as said formations were not included in the Order of battle of the Italian Army

4) We therefore beg MMIA to come out orders as regards the recognition, of the partisan units which are operating under command of the allies, as Italian Combat Units.

5) It appears that, on the 5th Army Front, the units listed on attached sheet, are actually operating. We will inform you later of the units operating on the 8th Army Front

R. Mamfield


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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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Prot. 107685/I/4 Allegati 1

Roma, 28 MAR 1945

Reposta al fido

Oggetto: Riconoscimento formazioni partigiane in linea con le G.U. Alleate.

Respectfully of Pastors' formation, opened in the line with

High Command 60351

ROMA

1°)- Nel novembre u.s. alcune formazioni partigiane che agivano nel Modenese e nel Reggiano, furono costrette a passare le linee perchè attaccate da soverchianti forze tedesche.

Molte di dette formazioni, dopo essere state equipaggiate ed armate a cura dei locali Comandi Alleati, vennero trattate in linea per compiti operativi. - In stretta cooperazione con i reparti alleati, dette formazioni presero parte a numerose azioni ricevendone i più ambiti riconoscimenti per il valido apporto da esse prestato alla causa comune.

2°)- Tramite il Comando della Delegazione "M", alcune di dette formazioni hanno richiesto dei materiali indispensabili per gli uomini che sopportano i disagi e le fatiche del combattimento, materiali non compresi nelle normali distribuzioni effettuate a cura dei Comandi Alleati alle cui dipendenze d'impiego attualmente operano le formazioni stesse.

In particolare poi è stato richiesto lo svincolo di alcuni materiali di casermaggio (pagliericci - lenzuola - materassi - cuscini - asciugamani) per attrezzare l'ospedale di Pescia dove vengono ricoverati i partigiani feriti ed ammalati.

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4°)- Prego pertanto codesta L.F.S.C. di voler emanare disposizioni atte a riconoscere le formazioni partigiane che operano alle dipendenze delle Armate Alleate, come forze italiane combattenti.

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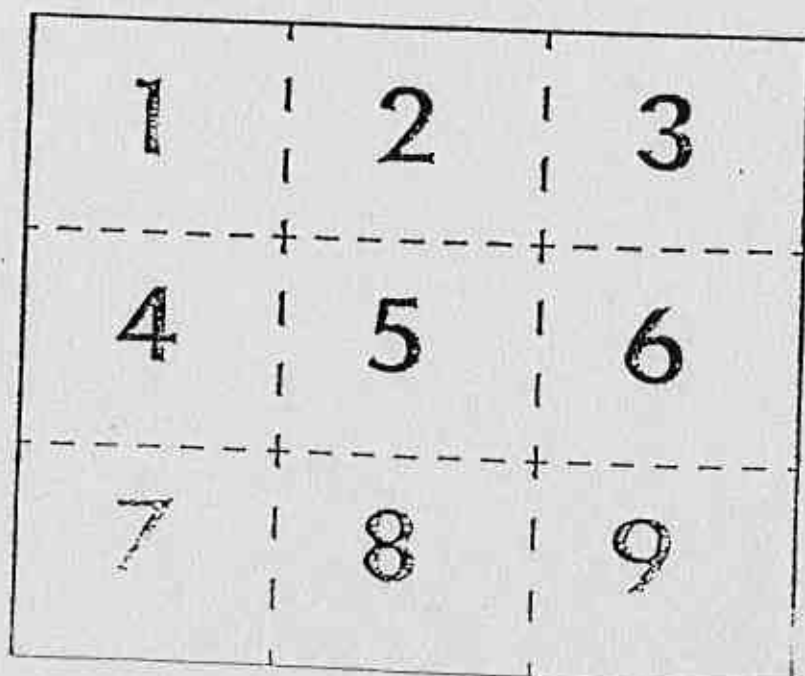
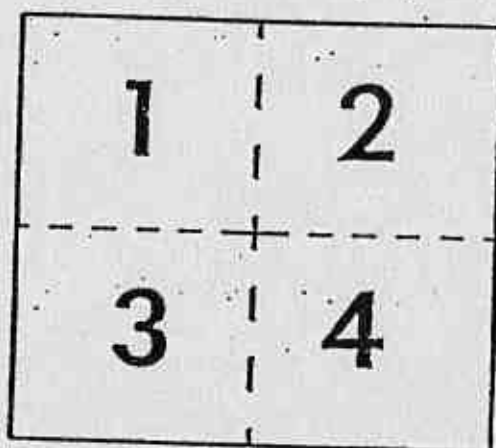
50)- Risulta che sul fronte della V^a Armata, trovansi attualmente impiegate le formazioni elencate nello specchio annesso. - Mi riservo di comunicare le formazioni che operano sul fronte dell'VIII^a Armata.

IL MINISTRO

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LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

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Allegato al foglio n°

FORMAZIONI PARTIGIANE IN LINEA SUL FRONTE DELLA V^a ARMATA

(situazione riferita al 10 marzo)

N o m i n a t i v o		Forza	D i s l o
della formazione	del comandante		
"Modena"	Armando	1030	(300 a Lizzano in Belvedere) (400 a Pescia (riposo) ^{RESTING}) (50 a Riola-Vergato e su) (280 a Lizzano Pistoiese) (da Filippo)
"Bologna"	capitano Pietro	200	<i>being reorganised at CASTI</i> Attualmente a Castiglio si con l'immissione di
	Pippo	360	(200 a Bagni di Lucca) (60 a Trassilico)) 100 a S. Marcello Pistoia
Gruppo patrioti	Villa	200	(70 a Forte dei Marmi ())) 65 a Serravezza (compa

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ante	Forza	D i s l o c a z i o n e
Pietro	1030	(300 a Lizzano in Belvedere) (400 a Pescia ^{RESTING} (riposo)) (50 a Riola-Vergato e sulla destra del Reno) (280 a Lizzano Pistoiese (Brigata Costrignano comandata da Filippo) (
	200	<i>being reorganized at CASTIGLIONE</i> Attualmente a Castiglione dei Pepoli per riorganizzar- si con l'immissione di altri partigiani
	360	(200 a Bagni di Lucca) (60 a Trassilico) (100 a S.Marcello Pistoiese
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The recognition of the Pescia Hospital where the Partisans are admitted should
N.B. Occorre anche il riconoscimento dell'ospedale di Pescia, presso il quale
giani feriti ed ammalati delle formazioni di cui sopra.



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The Pescia Hospital where the Partisans are admitted should also be carried out.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 3207/48/EC

1 March 45

SUBJECT: Italian Patriots and Carabinieri

TO : Land Forces Subcommittee (MMIA) and
Civil Affairs Section.

1. Your attention is invited to attached copy of letter of
Chief of Staff, AFHQ, on the subject of Italian Patriots and Carab-
-inieri.

2. The Executive Commissioner requests that you submit your
proposals in regard to paragraph 2 as soon as possible. Before these
proposals are submitted it is presumed that the problem will be mutua-
-lly discussed between Land Forces Subcommittee (MMIA) and Civil
Affairs Section.

s/d P.W. STEARNS, Major.
for Chief Staff Officer.
to Executive Commissioner .

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief
of Staff.

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SUBJECT: Italian Patriots and Carabinieri

MEMO TO: Chief Commissioner, Headquarters, ALLIED COMMISSION.

Reference is made to your 3207/12/COS dated 16 January 1945.

1. The question of the disposal of the increasing numbers of Italian Patriots now being encountered in the Army area having been re-viewed, a general policy is hereby established for the induction of Italian Patriots into the Italian Army as individuals to fill the current deficiency of approximately 48,000 under the present ceiling.

2. With the object, however, of making the most advantageous use of the fighting capabilities of the Patriots, the Land Forces Sub-commission have been requested to submit recommendations to this Headquarters on a proposed organisation for the formation of Reconnaissance Companies (comprising patriots in their own bands), to operate with the existing five Italian Gruppi. The present patriot bands fighting with the Armies will continue to operate with their present formations.

3. Your request to raise the ceiling of the Italian Army by an addition of up to 100,000 cannot at this stage be entertained. If, however, after operational experience of the Reconnaissance Companies has been obtained, it is considered desirable to form further units of a similar nature to operate with other Allied formations, the necessity for an increase in ceiling to cover the estimated future intake of Patriots will be reviewed.

4. The present Carabinieri ceiling of 55,000 being now ²¹¹full approval is being sought from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for a further increase to 65,000. Pending receipt of this approval, recruitment beyond the present figure of 55,000 cannot be authorised.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

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/s/ John Harding Lt Gen
/t/ JOHN HARDING
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff.

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Tel Ext 341 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION LWS/el
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 3207/52/EC 2 March 45

SUBJECT: Patriots' Induction and Processing

TO : GOC, Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)
VP, Civil Affairs Section

1. Your attention is invited to the attached copy of a memorandum -- and in particular to the last sentence thereof -- from the Acting President, Mr. Harold Macmillan, on the subject of Patriots.
2. Will you please prepare for this office a memorandum showing the following:-
 - a. The current average length of stay in Patriot camps; that is, the time that elapses between the Patriot's arrival at a camp and his formal induction into an official military or other recognized unit.
 - b. The status of action as outlined in your minutes of the meeting held at MMIA on 26 February and convened to discuss the proposed organization, etc., of **2111** Patriot RECCE units.
 - c. Any other proposed or active measures that are being taken to officially absorb Patriots into controlled groups.
3. May this matter please be treated with the utmost urgency?

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for Chief Staff Officer

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for Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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C O P Y

1st March 1945

Chief /Commissioner.
(Copy to Executive Commissioner).

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I learn that last month Count Carandini, when calling at the British Foreign Office, declared that patriots were not absorbed into the Italian Army, but put into concentration camps where they remained for a considerable time. Only a few had been taken out of the camps and put into the Army, and these men had been scattered over various units. These men constituted a valuable element and if they could be kept in their units, they would be a useful fighting force, whereas in concentration camps they lost their morale and might ultimately prove a source of difficulty.

Of course I know that this is out of date now and that it is to be the policy to introduce patriots into the Italian Army to fill as far as possible the 48,000 existing vacancies under the present ceiling, and to form reconnaissance companies of a strength of 500 each from patriot bands, but Count Carandini hits the nail on the head in stressing the value of getting the patriots through the camps as quickly as possible. I should be glad to know what arrangements are now being made to this end, in order that I may report them to the Foreign Office.

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Harold Macmillan

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