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SD/26/2 PATRIOT UNITS - ORG.
Opened March 9, 1945. Closed Jan. 4, 1946
MAR. 1945 - JAN. 1946

S. JROF: Patriot units - org

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (2014)

SD/26/2

↓ Jan 46

TO : OC 6 BLU

MAIELLA PATRIOT BN

Reference your letter G/12/1 dated 31 Dec 45.

1. The status of the above mentioned unit as at 28 May 45 was that of BR-ITI Category 2 (Independent Combat Troops).
2. Authorities for the formation and disbandment of this unit are as follows:-

	<u>AFHQ</u>	<u>MMIA</u>	<u>ROTS</u>
<u>FORMATION</u>	CR/1116/G-1 (BR) (Ser 2106) dated 27 Apr 45.	SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45.	Unit formed wef 19 Mar 45 under super- -vision 8 Army
<u>DISBANDMENT</u>	G-1 (BR) 1074/A.1 (Ser 2275) dated 20 May 45 as amended by letter same reference Ser. 2363 dated 30 May 45.	SD/26/2 dated 28 May 45.	Disbandment wef 1 June 45. under super- -vision HQ No. 1 DISTRICT.

3. 90 Claims and Hiring's letter 90/50526/4/A is attached.

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LVM/jw

Internal: 'A'

Major General,
M. I. A.

0862

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Subject : Tracing action.

48/26/2

6 British Liaison Unit.
Tel : Vicksburg 119.
Ref. G/12/1.
31 Dec 45.

G

see folio 71

To : Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (V.M.I.A.)

Majella Brigade.

1. The attached letter is forwarded to you for action, please.
2. No records of the A/M unit are held in this office.

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RECEIVED 31/1/46
862

PDHP/AM
6MF

[Signature]
Major
GSO II
6 B.L.U.

Copy to : 20 Claims and Hirings. (your letter 20/50528/4/A dated 22 Dec. 45 refers.)

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Majella Brigade.

1. The attached letter is forwarded to you for action, please.
2. No records of the A/M unit are held in this office.

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W. Stedden
Major

G30 II
6 B.L.U.

RECEIVED
862 3/1/46

PDHP/AM
CMF

Copy to : 90 Claims and Hirings. (your letter 90/50528/4/A dated 22 Dec. 45 refers.)

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SA/26/2.
FILED R/3/1.
DATE

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SUBJECT LINE

FROM : DIA
TO : DISTANCE
INFO : DISTANCE
REF : SP 2845

DATE 16 TIME 8

CLASSIFICATION

FOR DIA LG (*) REF SP 447 OF 14 (*)
DIA SP 2845 OF 14 ADDRESSED INTO RPT INFO
DISPATCH NO ACTION HENRYFORD REQUIRES
BY YOU

RECEIVED

AUTHENTICATED

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FILE 1 2 (196)
AD/26/2 ✓

A/16/7

JW

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KEY OF INCOMING SERIAL

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FROM : WIA LO DISTREE
TO : WIA
INFO : DISTONE FOR WIA LO
REF : EM 467

141800 B
CONFIDENTIAL
ROUTINE

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see 69

REF YOUR QSD 2840 OF 12 AND SPOKE STAINTON -THRUFF (.)
AS NO DISBANDMENT ORDER ISSUED BY OR THRU DISTREE THEY
DO NOT CONSIDER MATTER AFFECTS THEM (.) IS FURTHER ACTION
REQUIRED OF THIS OFFICE

SD DISTRIBUTION

ACTION COPY SD/26/2
INFO "A"
" " "C" (TWO)

4/24/68 Hand M. Sub 17.

GSO 1	☒
GSO 2 (Ops)	☒
GSO 2 (SD)	☒
GSO 2 (J)	☐
GSO 2 (I)	☐
GSO 3 (SD)	☒
GSO 3 (Ops)	☐
GSO 3 (I)	☐

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : M M I A

Date Time

TO : DISTONE

INFO : DISTHREE MMIA LO

12 1430 B

REF : SD 2840C O N F I D E N T I A L

FOR MMIA LO (.) REF YOUR G/17 OF 09 (.) MILITARY
DIST H Q C H I E T I I T I - I T I SHOULD
PERFORM THIS FUNCTION (.) SMALL NUMBER OF DEMOBILIZED
M A I E L L A PERSONNEL MAY BE EMPLOYED BY THIS
DIST H Q AS CIVILIANS TO ASSIST WITH M A I E L L A
RECORDS IF MINISTRY OF WAR SO DESIRE

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

L. M. F. Gledhill
Jt. Col.

G 2L (Maj. Baumann)

A

Q(Two)

File: SD/26/2

jc/

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Corrigendum 11/1/7
1/2/7

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA LO DISTONE
TO : MMIA LO DISTONE
INFO: MMIA ROME
REF : G 17

091015 B

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FOR MMIA LO (*) MAIELLA PROPOSE
ESTABLISHMENT UFFICIO STRAL/CIO IN PROVINCE
CHIETI (*) DISTONE HAVE NO OBJECTION (*)
DOES THIS MEET WITH DISTHREE APPROVAL (*)
PLEASE SIGNAL EARLY REPLY AS UNIT DUE FOR DISBANDMENT
IN FEW DAY

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ACTION: SD/26/2
INFO: A
C. (Two)

9 JUL 65

Harry S. Truman

Comments for

~~Handwritten scribbles~~

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SD/26/2

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA
TO : DISTONE

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN
08 11 8 B

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REF NO. Q/420

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO(.) FURTHER OUR SD 2623 OF 7 JULY(.) ADVISE QUANTITY, TYPE AND
GENERAL CONDITION OF ITALIAN ARMS COLLECTED AND PLACE OF STORAGE

PRIORITY Routine

AUTHENTICATION Phil

COPY TO: G(30)
Q/88

091200

MMIA-G
FILE: <u>SD/26/2</u>
DATE: <u>9/7</u>

- GSO 1
- GSO 2 (C) X
- GSO 2 (SD) X
- GSO 2 (WE) Phil
- GSO 2 (IL)
- GSO 2 (SC) X
- GSO 2 (A)
- GSO 3 (H)

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

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FROM : EMIA
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
INFO : EIGHTH ARMY FOR EMIA LO
DISTONE FOR EMIA LO
REF : SD-2328
DATE 07 TIME B

CONFIDENTIAL

see 65

CEREMONIAL DISBANDMENT PARADE FOR BANDA
MAIELLA WILL TAKE PLACE 1100H HRS 15 JUL
AT BRISIGNELLA (NR FAENZA)
WITH SENIOR OFFR 8 ARMY TAKING THE SALUTE (*)
ALL ARMS WILL BE COLLECTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER
PARADE

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED _____

COPY TO: A
Q (Two)
SD/1/6
FILE : SD/26/2

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : DISTONE

051500 B

TO : 217 AREA

CONFIDENTIAL

INFO : AFHQ CITE FHCOT, AFHQ G 2
15 ARMY GROUP, MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
POLOCOITS, EMILIA, 1 GDS BN IRTD
AMG EMILIA REGION PATRIOTS OFFR

REF : SD 37

ONE (.) CEREMONIAL DISBANDMENT PARADE FOR BANDA M A I E L I A
WILL TAKE PLACE 1100 B HRS 15 JUL AT B R I S I G H E L L I A
M 2317 UNDER YOUR ARRANGEMENTS (.) SALUTE WILL BE TAKEN BY
TAKEN BY BRIG FROM 3 ARMY (.) ARMS MAY BE CARRIED ON PARADE
BY BANDA AND COLLECTION OF ALL ARMS IMMEDIATELY AFTER PARADE
WILL BE ARRANGED BY YOU (.) TWO (.) 1 GDS BN IRTD AGREED PROVIDE
GD OF HONOUR SO ALL RANKS WHICH WILL BE MOVED F A H O TO
B R I S I G H E L L I A AND RETURN IN THREE 3 POWERS TO BE
DETAILED BY Q DISTONE (.) THIS PARTY REQUIRES MIDAY MEAL (.)
THREE (.) MOVE OF BANDA M A I E L I A I M O L A TO
B R I S I G H E L L I A AND SUBSEQUENT RETURN IN TPT TO BE
ARRANGED BY Q DISTONE (.) FOUR (.) LIAISE EARLIEST WITH
BANDA M A I E L I A AND 1 GDS BN IRTD AND NOTIFY YOUR
DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARADE TO THIS H Q COPY MAIN
EIGHTH ARMY AND 1 GDS BN IRTD

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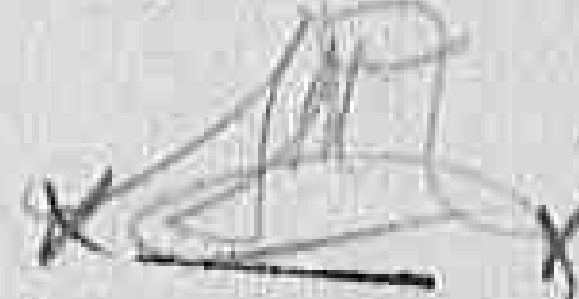
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Action Copy: SD/26/2

— " — ~~SD~~: A
Q(Two)

30/6/7/45

*AM SD
In person
their opinion*

GSO 1 X  X
GSO 2 ()
GSO 3 X 15 X
GSO 4 ()
GSO 5 X S J K X
GSO 6 X K X
GSO 7 ()
GSO 8 ()

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM: MMIA LO REAR EIGHT ARMY
TO : 228 DIV PALUA (BY HAND)
INFO: MMIA RQLE
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO (BY HAND)
GSI (CL) MAIN EIGHT ARMY
REF : MM 647

280935B

CONFIDENTIAL

ONE (.) DISBANDMENT BRIGATA MAIELLA
NOW LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE CHIETI FIRST WEEK JULY
UNDER ARRANGEMENTS DISTONE (.) TWO (.) REQUEST YOU
FORWARD URGENTLY TO MINISTRY OF WAR ANY RECOMMENDATIONS
OUTSTANDING FOR DECORATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR
PRESENTATION AT PARADE

F. 56 ref.

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/26/2

Action:
Info: A

Info: Q (Two)

WS 29 June 45

GSD 1	_____
GSD 2 (100)	_____
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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AG 091.712/047 GUT-0

21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Disbandment of 'F' Troop Sq.

TO: General Officer Commanding
Number 1 District

SD / *26/2*

1. Authority is granted for the disbandment of 'F' Troop Sq
w.e.f. 26 June 1945.

2. Personnel will be disposed of under arrangements of MMIA.
Volunteers will be enlisted into the Italian Army and the remainder
demobilized. A recommendation has been made by 15 Army Group that
in view of excellent service, these personnel should receive prefer-
ential treatment in matters of leave, re-employment etc.

3. Equipment to be disposed as follows:

a. Postage and accn stores under arrangements 1 District.

b. 'A' vcls wheeled or Tracked to 7 Veh Pk.

c. 'B' vcls to be disposed of under arrangements 1 District
against deficiencies on authorized entitlements.

d. Big Stores, accn, eqpt and remaining Ord Stores to MMIA
DOB.

4. You are requested to proceed with disbandment.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

HEADQUARTERS
22 JUN 1945
C.

[Signature]
ALBERT W. KARR
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

6-2-1
G-2-1 (100)
G-2-2 (100)
G-2-3 (100)
G-2-4 (100)
G-2-5 (100)
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G-2-8 (100)
G-2-9 (100)
G-2-10 (100)

Copy Furnished:
1-Land Forces Sub-commission (MMIA)
1-Lt., 15 Army Group

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION (MMIA)

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: HQ AIGOM CITE ACPAT

20 N.F.T.

TO : AFHQ CITE FIGAB

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP
AMG EMILIA REGION

RESTRICTED

REF : 196

ROUTINE

PARA ONE (.) REFERENCE YOUR FX 94523 AND REPLY OF
MMIA REFERENCE SD/2777 (.) IT IS CONSIDERED THAT IT
WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE IN DISPERSING THE MATTELLA
PATRIOT BATTALION IF THE STAND DOWN PARADE COULD BE
AS CEREMONIOUS AS POSSIBLE (.) PARA TWO (.) IT IS
BELIEVED THAT IF A PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF
THE SERVICES OF THIS BAND COULD BE MADE BY A SENIOR
OFFICER OF EIGHTH ARMY IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED,
ESPECIALLY AS IT IS NOT CONSIDERED ADVISABLE TO BRING
THIS BAND TO ROME FOR THE CEREMONY

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INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/26/2

Action Info : A
Q (Two)

WE 21 June 45

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Chief Clerk
This should be
of the action
on para one
and para two
Done.
B. See 1058

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA	Date	Time
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR		
INFO : DISTONE FOR MMIA LO		1200
FLORENCE CITY COMD FOR	21	B
MMIA LO		
REF : SD 2786		

R E S T R I C T E D

REF OUR SD 2770 DATED 29 MAY (.)
ONE (.) F R E C C E S Q N WILL BE DISBANDED
WFF 26 JUNE AFTER FAREWELL PARADE AND ADDRESS
BY REP 13 CORPS 25 JUNE (.)
TWO (.) PERSONNEL WILL BE DISPOSED OF BY YOU
IN ACCORDANCE WITH M M I A LETTER SD/26/2
DATED 20 MAY 45 PARA 2

See F. 13

70-40 2233

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

[Signature]

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File : Q (Two)
SD/26/2

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ SGD SACMED CITE PHGAB 20 1631 B
TO : DISTONE CONFIDENTIAL
INFO : NMIA
HQ RAAC
MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY
REF : FX 96213

YOUR A/52 DATED 14 JUN (.) HAVING REGARD M M I A
SIGNAL SD 2777 DATED 19 JUN PERMISSION CANNOT BE
GRANTED

SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION : SD/26/2 C of S) to see
INFO : PATRIOT BRANCH A.C. G II(L)
MA to GOC
A
Q (Two)

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/JW 21 June 45.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE:
DATE: 21/6/45

Handwritten notes and markings including "C of S", "G II(L)", "to see", and various "X" marks and checkmarks.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 19 1821 B

TO : AFHQ RESTRICTED

INFO : DISTONE
MMIA

REF : SD 1788

YOUR FX 91753 CITE F H G C T OF 12 JUNE (*)

"F" RECCE SQN WILL BE ADDRESSED BY

REP 13 CORPS 25 JUNE AFTER WHICH UNIT

CAN BE DISBANDED

28 June

SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION : SD/26/2

Spoke AFHQ
20/6

2201

765 /JW 20 June 45.

Capt Mauer.

Spoke AFHQ /w

Jim date ^{date to}
Signal 11/10

LO Florence + 1 Dist

+ Branches. and

say ^{to Nambu}
how " to remove

QSO 1 _____

C 2 (Ops) _____

QSO 2 _____

QSO 3 (Orbit) _____

QSO 3 (H) _____

is recommended.

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA
TO : AFHQ
INFO : DISTONE
RAAC
MAIN 8 ARMY
REF : SD/2777

Date 19 14 00 B
Time

CONFIDENTIAL

REF FX94523 (.) WAR MINISTER ASKS THAT MAIELLA
PATRIOT BN NOT REPEAT NOT BE BROUGHT TO ROME
FOR ANY PURPOSE ON ACCOUNT OF DELICATE POLITICAL
SITUATION AND RECOMMENDS FAREWELL CEREMONY AND
DISBANDMENT IN AREA OF PRESENT LOCATION AND
PERSONNEL BE PROMPTLY RETURNED TO HOME AREA
CHIEFTI (.) WE STRONGLY AGREE (.)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT
AUTHENTICATED HAC Honoring
22nd

Copy to: Patriot Branch A.C. This HQ letter SD/26/2
MA to GOC of 8 Jun refers.

File : SD/26/2 COS } to see
G2L }

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G-II(L) H.

WP
26/6

I agree we
cannot start
a precedent
also

22 June

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGAB
TO : MMIA
INFO: DISTONE
RAAC
MAIN 8th ARMY
REF : FX 94523

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See to 60
See to 56

FORMAL STAND DOWN PARADE WITH PRESENTATION OF MEDALS
AND GENERAL DISPLAY IN ROME BETWEEN 25 AND 30
JUNE REQUESTED BY OC MAIELLA PATRIOT BN (.)
ATTENDANCE REPRESENTATIVES 8th ARMY AND DISTONE
REQUESTED (.) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION
EARLIEST (.) AFHQ LETTER G-1(BR)/1074/A1 (SER
2275) OF 20 MAY REFERS

To 43

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Action: SD/26/2
Info: MA to GOC
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- ASO 2 (200) x seen x
- ASO 3
- ASO 3 (100)
- ASO 3 (1)

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: HQ 15 ARMY GP

TO : AFHQ
MAIN 8 ARMY

INFO: DISTONE
13 CORPS
MMIA

REF : SD 1770

A F H Q FX 91753 CITE FHGCT OF 12 JUNE NOT TO ALL (.)
F RECCE SQN NOW UNDER COMD D I S T O N E AT
F I E S O L E CAN BE DISBANDED AFTER ADDRESS BY
REP 13 C O R P S (.) REQUEST 8 A R M Y ARRANGE
ADDRESS AND NOTIFY DATE TO D I S T O N E RPTD
ALL CONCERNED

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Action: SD/26/2

jv 13 June 45

Not included in
June REPORT.
Sul
14/6

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGCT

121228 B

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP

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INFO: DISTONE
MMIA

REF : FX 91753

MY FX 82885 OF 27 MAY (.)

REQUEST DESIRED DATE FOR DISBANDMENT

"F" ITALIAN RECCE SQN

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/26/2

jv 13 June 45

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66/2 (40) X
66/2 (50) X
66/2 (60) X
66/2 (70) X
66/2 (80) X
66/3 (100) 222/1
66/3 (110)

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SUBJECT: Meiella Patriot B. Cat. 2 Br ITI Combat.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/26/2 ✓

8 June 45

80 : MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. your letter 14040/OTC/1 of 4 June.

1. Confirming conversation COL. PIACENTINI - MAJ. BAUMANN it is regretted that the arrangements for the disembarkment of the MEIELLA Patriot Battalion in its present location under the supervision of G.O.C. 1 District, details of which were given in MMIA letter SD/26/2 of 28 May 45, cannot be departed from. The appropriate branch of A.C. has been requested thereafter to transport the personnel due for disembarkation to the OFLETTI Area.

2. It is understood that Allied Comds desire to address the unit which has done well for the common cause.

L.M. Ingledew
for Major General,
MMIA

Copy to: MMIA LO Distone
Patriot Branch A.C.
In S/C

Internal: MA to GOC
GOC
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URGENT

TRANSLATION

TO : MMIA
GABINETO GUERRA
COORDINAMENTO

SD/26/2

S.M. Staff Duties Section No 14040/Crd./1 Stop
This is addressed to MMIA; for information to: Cabinet
and War (Ministry) Coordination Section Stop.

Battalion Commander MAIELLA has expressed the desire
that (his) unit be transported from place where it is now
stationed to Chieti where it will be disbanded immediately
in compliance with instructions from MMIA in letter XX
SD/26/2 of May 28th last Stop
Request is due to the fact that almost all members of (that)
unit belong to the Chieti area. Stop. In view of creditable
performance of this unit in long service on the side of Allies
we earnestly ask that you give benevolent consideration to this
request and that you inform this office urgently of your de-
cision in order that proper measures may be taken.

S.M.,S.D. Section 1900004

Signed : Giorgio LIUZZI
General

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Supervision 1 Dist.

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Do you wish to reply?
a. with G.2.L. bill. then

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cision in order that proper measures may be taken.

S.M., S.D. Section 190004

Signed : Giorgio LIUZZI
General

fr. 1.

XX *Supervision* *1 Dist.*

*Do you wish to refer to
in will G.2.L. tell them*

W.F.T.

B. 6/6

see # 52

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[Signature]

ASD 1 (S.D.)	X
ASD 2 (S.D.)	X
ASD 3 (S.D.)	X
ASD 4 (S.D.)	X
ASD 5 (S.D.)	X
ASD 6 (S.D.)	X
ASD 7 (S.D.)	X
ASD 8 (S.D.)	X
ASD 9 (S.D.)	X
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ASD 11 (S.D.)	X
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FORNITURA A MANO

→ M.M.I.A.

GABINETTO

GUERRA COORDINAMENTO

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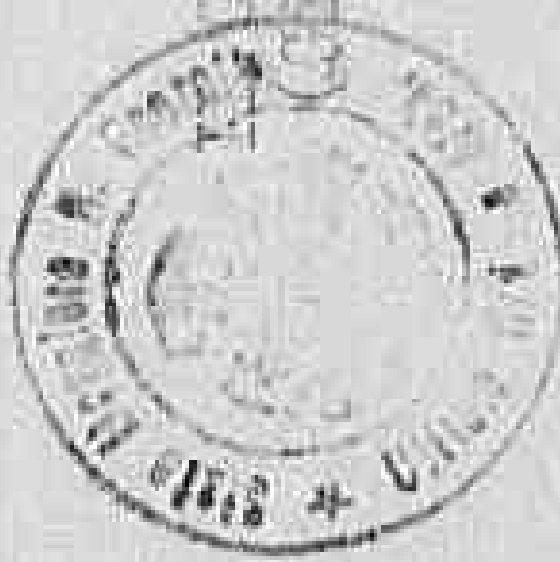
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Stamaggiore Ordine n° 14040/Ord./I. punto
Presente est diretto al M.M.I.A. et per conoscenza al
Gabinetto et Guerra coordinamento punto

Comandante Battaglione Mielella ha espresso desiderio
che reparto sia trasportato in località ove attualmente è dislo-
cato a Chieti ove verrà subito disciolto in attesa di dispo-
sizioni della M.M.I.A. con foglio SD/26/E del 26 maggio scorso
punto Richiesta è motivata dal fatto che pressoché totalità
componenti reparto appartiene zona Chieti punto in considera-
zione benemerite acquisite da reparto in lungo periodo operazio-
ni e fianco alleati pregasi vivamente esaminare benevolmente
richiesta et comunicare urgenza decisioni per ordini conseguenti
punto

Stamaggiore Ordine n° 130004



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(Giorgio Linzi)

Glinzi

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*Land Force Sub Commission
Allied Commission (MMIA) 50.
SD/26/2 1727*

SECRET

SUBJECT:- Disbandment of Units - Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-1(BR)/1074/A.1.(Ser. 2363)

30 May 45.

MAIOLLA PATRIOT BATTALION.

Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser.2275) dated 20 May 45.

1. The effective date for disbandment of Maiella Patriot Bn will now be
✓ 1 Jun 45. The letter under reference will be amended accordingly.
2. ✓ Date of disbandment of 279 Italian Pack Transport Increment to RSR
remains 20 May 45.

31 MAY 1945

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-

(as per G-1(BR)/1074/A.1.(Ser.2275) of 20 May 45)(ASD/922.8(B)1 of 28 May 45)

*61 -
This was
included in our
disbandment order*

GSO 1 *X*
GSO 2 (Ops) _____
GSO 2 (SD) _____
GSO 2 (AS) _____
GSO 2 (S) *X*
GSO 3 (AS) _____
GSO 3 (I) _____

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Info SD/1/1 2220
Q please show "A"*

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

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FROM : DIA
TO : MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
INFO : DISTRICT FOR MILA LO
8 ARMY FOR MILA LO
5 ARMY BRANCH FOR MILA LO
2 DIST FOR MILA LO

CONTINUED

REF : 3D2723

REF ID A LATER SD/26/2 A TEL 20 MAY (.) DISSEMINATION
F WAGE SCHEDULE IS POSTPONED FOR SHORTER (.)
EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISSEMINATION WILL BE NOTIFIED SHORTLY (.)

Precedence ROUTINE

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Pinkley
Major

Internal : MA to GDC
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ORD
SD 2/3

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FROM : NMIA
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
INFO : ACTION FOR NMIA LO
8 MAY FOR NMIA LO
3 ARMY BR INCR FOR NMIA LO
2 DIST FOR NMIA LO

CONTINUED

REF : SD/723

REF ID A LATER SD/26/2 D TEL 20 MAY (.) DISSEMINATION OF
F WAGE SCHEDULE IS POSTPONED TO 20 MAY (.)
DEFERRED DATE OF DISSEMINATION WILL BE NOTIFIED SUBSEQUENTLY (.)

Precedence ROUTINE

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Pinkley
Major

Internal : MA to BOC

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File : SD/26/2

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SUBJECT:- Disbandment of HR-ITI Units Cat. 2 and 3.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MILIA)

SD/26/2

28 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

MATELLA PATRIOT BN. Cat. 2
 279 ITALIAN PACK TPT INCR TO RSR Cat. 3

1. The above mentioned units on WEs as shown below will be disbanded,
 279 Italian Pack Tpt Incr to RSR wef 20 May 45 and MATELLA
 Patriot Bn wef 1 June 45.

AFHQ Serial	UNIT	W.E.	SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY	REFERENCE MILIA Fm ORDER
1231	Mateilla Patriot Bn	CM/831/1- 33 Offrs 743 ORs	HQ No. 1 District	SD/1/2 of 1 May 45.
2797.	279 Pack Tpt Incr to RSR	CM/797/1- 5 Offrs 254 ORs	HQ No. 3 District	SD/3 of 28 Feb 45.

2. PERSONNEL.

Personnel will be disposed of in the normal manner under your arrangements.

3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT.

Allied equipment and transport will be disposed of as follows:-

(a) Tentage and Accommodation Stores - under arrangements of the supervisory authorities.

(b) 'A' vehicles, wheeled and tracked to No. 7 Veh. Pk.

(c) 'B' vehicles under arrangements of supervisory authorities 221

(d) Sig stores, arms, equipment and remaining Ordnance stores to
 RSD 557 BOD.

(e) Mules and horses of 279 Italian Pack Tpt Incr to RSR will be
 dispatched to V and R CS. BHL.

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Serial	UNIT		HQ No.1 District	SD/1/2 of
1231	Maiella Patriot Bn	CM/300/1- 33 Offrs 743 ORs		1 May 45.
2797	279 Pack Tpt Iner to RSR	CM/797/1- 5 Offrs 254 ORs	HQ No.3 District	SD/3 of 28 Feb 45.

2. PERSONNEL.
Personnel will be disposed of in the normal manner under your arrangements.

3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT.
Allied equipment and transport will be disposed of as follows:-
(a) Tentage and accommodation stores - under arrangements of the supervisory authorities.

(b) 'A' vehicles, wheeled and tracked to No. 7 Veh. Pk.

(c) 'B' vehicles under arrangements of supervisory authority 2221

(d) Sig stores, arms, equipment and remaining Ordnance stores to RSD 557 BOD.

(e) Mules and horses of 279 Italian Pack Bn iner to RSR will be dispatched to V and R CS. BARI.

4. REFERENCE.
Ref letter G-1 (HR) 1074/Al. (Ser. 2275) of 26 May 45. refers.

Copy to:- HQ 1 District
HQ 3 District
MMLA LO 1 District
MMLA LO 3 District
MMLA LO 8th Army
MMLA LO 5th Army Br Iner
MMLA LO 54 Area

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Q (four)
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[Handwritten signature]
Major-General,
MMLA.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHCT 271212B
TO : DISTONE 15 ARMY GROUP MMIA RESTRICTED
REF : FX 82885 37. IMPORTANT

REFERENCE AG 091.711/047 GCT - 0 of 17 MAY,
NOT TO ALL (.)

AT REQUEST 15 ARMY GROUP, F ITALIAN RECCE SQN WILL
NOT REPEAT NOT BE DISBANDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (.)
UNIT REMAINS UNDER COMD DISTONE FOR ALL PURPOSES

S.D. DISTRIBUTION :

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emg
AFH2 63 (ORA) GRAHAM
advised:-
Disbandment halted
to allow a rep from
13 group to deliver
a farewell
address !!

4001 X
GSO 2 (Ops) _____
GSO 2 (SB) _____
GSO 2 (A) _____
GSO 2 (L) _____
GSO 3 (SO) X
GSO 3 (Orbat) _____
GSO 3 (H) _____

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Why is this unit
to remain in being?

512 6 day.

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FROM: MMIA LO REAR 8 ARMY
TO : MMIA HOME
INFO: AG (SD) MAIN 8 ARMY
REF : MM 566

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REF YOUR SD 2675 DATED 13 TO A F H Q RECOMMENDING
CANCELLATION FORMATION M A I E L L A (.)

Not STRONGLY RECOMMEND THIS BE amended
TO DISBANMENT WEF 1 JUNE 45 (.) OTHERWISE
MEMBERS LOSE ALL RIGHT TO RANK AND TO EMOLUMENTS
CONFERRED BY WE CM/931/1 OPERATIVE WEF 19 MAR 45

SD DISTRIBUTION:

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GSO 1
GSO 2 (Cpt)
GSO 2 (SD)
GSO 2 (W5)
GSO 2 (L)
GSO 3 (SC)
GSO 3 (Orbat)
GSO 3 (I)

jv 26 May 45

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Hauer
Shank
Spoken
agreed
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Land Forces Sub Commission
Allied Commission (MMIA)

SUBJECT:- Disbandment of Units - ITALIAN ARMY

SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-1(BR) 1074/A.1(Ser. 2315)
24 May 45.

MATELLA PATRIOT BATTALION
279 ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT INCREMENT TO RSR

Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser. 2275) dated 20 May 45.

The above quoted letter will be amended as follows:-

Para 3 (a)(iv) -

DELETE: "ammunition"

INSERT: "arms"

W. A. L.

Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-
(as per G-1(BR) 1074/A.1(Ser. 2275) of 20 May 45)

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G-2 (W)
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G-3 (SD)
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SUBJECT: IP: BOCE BOM

LAND FORCES SUB-001, AC (MIA)

ED/26/2

18y. 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Further to MIA letter ED/26/2 of 20 May.

1. Para 3 refers only to Allied equipment. Italian equipment will be returned through normal Italian channels i.e. Admin Div. H.Q.

[Signature] H-CL

Major General
MIA

Copy to : EIGHTH ARMY for MIA LO
FIFTH ARMY Br Iner for MIA LO

Internal: 2(2)

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SUBJECT:-- Disbandment of Units - ITALIAN ARMY

HEADQUARTERS

21 MAY 1945

57/26/2 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-1(BR) 1074/4.1 (Ser. 2275)
20 May 45.

MAIELLA PATRIOT BATTALION
279 ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT INCREMENT TO RSR

1.

The above mentioned units, on W.Es. as shown below, will be disbanded with effect from 20 May 45:--

Unit	W.E.	Supervisory Authority
(i) MAIELLA Patriot Bn	(ii)	(iii)
279 Italian Pack Tpt Incr to RSR		

CM/932/1 HQ No.1 District
CM/797/1 HQ No.3 District

2.

PERSONNEL

Personnel will be disposed of in accordance with arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMA).

3.

EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

(a) Will be disposed of as follows:--

- (i) Tentage and accommodation stores under arrangements HQ No.1 District and HQ No.3 District respectively.
- (ii) 'A' Vehicles, wheeled and tracked, to No.7 Veh Pk.
- (iii) 'B' Vehicles under arrangements HQ No.1 District and HQ No.3 District respectively.
- (iv) Sig stores, ammunition, equipment and remaining Ordnance stores to RSD, 557 BOD.
- (v) Mules and horses of 279 Italian Pack Tpt Incr to RSR will be dispatched to V&R CS, DARI.
- (b) A list of all vehicles returned will be sent to C(AE), AFHQ, CME, and C(AE), 4, CHQ MEF, showing:--

(i) W.D. Numbers	(ii) Type	(iii) Make	(iv) To whom returned.

4.

STATIONERY

Will be disposed of as follows:--

- (i) Army Forms, Books & Stationery - to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GRO. 337/44).
- (ii) Publications (including file copies of ACIs & GHOs) - to No.10 Publications Depot.

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- (i) Tentage and accommodation stores under arrangements HQ No.1 District and HQ No.3 District respectively.
- (ii) 'A' Vehicles, wheeled and tracked, to No.7 Veh Pk.
- (iii) 'B' Vehicles under arrangements HQ No.1 District and HQ No.3 District respectively.
- (iv) Sig stores, ammunition, equipment and remaining Ordnance stores to RSD, 557 BOD.
- (v) Mules and horses of 279 Italian Pack Tpt Inco to RSR will be dispatched to V&R CS, BARI.

(b) A list of all vehicles returned will be sent to C(AE), AFHQ, COMF, and C(AE), 4, GHQ MEF, showing:-

(i) W.D. Numbers
(ii) Type

(iii) Make
(iv) To whom returned.

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- (iii) Office Machinery - to the nearest Stationery Depot (to be vouchered back on A.F. G.1033 - copy vouchers to ADESS, AFHQ).

5. POSTAL

Attention is directed to GRO. 603/43.

6. COMPLETION

Supervisory authorities will report to G.L.(B), AFHQ, copy to G-3 (Org/A) (Foreign), AFHQ, when disbandments are complete.

7. ACK

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Field-Marshal, GSO 2 (SD) X
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre,
GSO 2 (W-)

GSO 2 (L)

GSO 3 (SB)

GSO 3 (O&M)

GSO 5 (H)

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CG 15 Army Group	3	G.3 (Org.2) (Manpower)	(2)
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HQ Eighth Army	2	G.3 (Org/4) Foreign	(3)
HQ No.1 District	3	C. (Maint)	(3)
HQ No.2 District	9	C. (A.E.)	(2)
HQ No.3 District	3	S.T.	
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Allied Commission (MMIA)	3	R.E.M.E.	
RSD, 557 BOD.		F.A.	
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* Incl copies for units concerned and distribution as necessary.

+++ 45/922.8(B)1 of 16 May 45
(two letters) refer.

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ASD/922.8(B)1

16 May, 1945.

Disbandment of Italian Unit.

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1. G-3 C-1(Br) 16 May

1. Authority is given for disbandment of under mentioned unit w.e.f. 20 May 45.

War Office Mob No.	Designation	WE	Supervising Authy for Disbandment.
93304	MAIELLA Patriot Bn	CM/931/1	1 District.

MMIA. Volunteers ^{will} be enlisted into Italian Army and remainder to be demobilised. A recommendation has been made by 15 Army Group that in view of excellent service, these personnel should receive preferential treatment in matters of leave, re-employment etc.

3. Eqt ^{will} to be disposed as follows:-

- (a) Tentage and accn stores under arrangements 1 District.
- (b) 'A' Vchs wheeled or tracked to 7 Veh Pk.
- (c) 'B' Vchs to be disposed of under arrangements 1 District against deficiencies on authorised entitlements.
- (d) Sig Stores, amn, eqpt and remaining Ord stores to RSD 557 BOD.

instructions. 4. You are requested to issue the necessary

Copy to: MMIA
1 District.

MSJ/emc/Org-A

Philip James Morgan
G. L. EMERIE,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3,

MMIA - 'C'
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GSO 1
GSO 2 (P) X
GSO 2 (S) X
GSO 2 (W)
GSO 2 (L)
GSO 2 (St)
GSO 2 (C) X
GSO 2 (H)

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SUBJECT: Enrolment of Patriots
into the Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

O/100

21 May 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER,
ALLIED COMMISSION

In reply to your 3237/98/SC of 19 May.

1. There is no alternative method envisaged of bringing Patriots into the Army in formed bands.
2. Patriots are being enlisted as individuals through the duly authorized screening agencies (3 type A and 5 type B) vide MMIA letter O/100 of 16 May (copy to you) and confirmed by you in your 49/PAT of 16 May. Every endeavour is, however, being made to keep friends together.

[Signature]
Major General
MMIA

Copy to: CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC
(FOR PATRIOTS BRANCH)

Internal: MA to GOC
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File: SD/26/2

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SUBJECT: Disbandment of ER-ITI Recce Units Cat 3

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MELA)

SD/26/2

20 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

"T" RECCE SQUADRON
1 REP. SPECIALE AUTON "T"

Further to this Hq letter SD/26/2 of 7 May and SD/28 of 25 Feb.

1. The above quoted operational unit which has been carried as a Cat 3 ER-ITI Service Unit vide Italian Army Strength State MIA No. 2/8 of 9 Mar at p. 36 will now be disbanded, under the supervision of the General Officer Commanding No. 1 District.

2. Personnel already members of units of the Italian Army will be returned direct to those units where possible. The remainder will be disposed of under your arrangements in the normal way.

When making your arrangements you will no doubt take into consideration the recommendation received by the personnel of this unit from the Commanding General 15 Army Group for their excellent services.

3. Equipment will be disposed of under instructions to be issued by the supervising authorities as follows:- 2213

- (a) Tentage and accn stores under arrangements 1 District.
- (b) A Vehs wheeled or tracked to 7 Veh Park.
- (c) B Vehs under arrangements 1 District.
- (d) Sig Stores, amm, equipment and remaining Ord Stores to RSD 557 BOD.

"F" RECCE SQUADRON
1 REP. SPECIALE AUTON "F"

Further to this Hq letter SD/28/2 of 7 May and SD/28 of 25 Feb.

1. The above quoted operational unit which has been carried as a Cat 3 IR-ITI Service Unit vide Italian Army Strength State MIA No. 2/8 of 9 Mar at p. 36 will now be disbanded, under the supervision of the General Officer Commanding No. 1 District.

2. Personnel already members of units of the Italian Army will be returned direct to those units where possible. The remainder will be disposed of under your arrangements in the normal way.

When making your arrangements you will no doubt take into consideration the recommendation received by the personnel of this unit from the Commanding General 15 Army Group for their excellent services.

3. Equipment will be disposed of under instructions to be issued by the supervising authorities as follows:-

- (a) Tentage and eon stores under arrangements 1 District.
- (b) A Vehs wheeled or tracked to 7 Veh Park.
- (c) B Vehs under arrangements 1 District.
- (d) Sig Stores, amn, equipment and remaining Ord Stores to RSD 557 BCD.

4. AFHQ AG 091.711/047 GGT-O of 17 May refers.

5. Report completion to this HQ.

Copy to: DISTONE FOR MMLA LO
EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMLA LO
FIFTH ARMY ER INCR FOR MMLA LO
2 DISTRICT FOR MMLA LO

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L. M. T. Ingledew.
Major General MMLA

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19 May 1945

SUBJECT: Disbandment of 'F' Rooce Sqn

TO: General Officer Commanding
No. 1 District

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Paragraph 1, letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 17 May 1945, is amended to read as follows:

"1. Authority is granted for the disbandment of
'F' Rooce Sqn w.e.f. 20 May 1945."

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

RECEIVED
10 MAY 1945
A. C.

R. H. FRISE
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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GSO 1
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GSO 3 (SD)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

SD/26/2

Ref: 3207/98/EC

19 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Patriot Recce Battalions

TO : Land Forces Subcommittee (MMIA)
Civil Affairs Section (for Patriots Branch)

Reference Land Forces S/c letter SD/26/2 of 14 May.

The Executive Commissioner wishes to know what steps are being taken to continue and possibly promote enrollment of Patriots into the army and if any alternative method is being planned for taking these Patriot groups into the army in composite bodies.

- GSO 1 ☒
- GSO 2 (Ops) ☒
- GSO 2 (SD) ☐
- GSO 2 (WE) ☐
- GSO 2 (L) ☐
- GSO 3 (SD) ☐
- GSO 3 (Ops) ☐
- GSO 3 (L) ☐

L. W. Stearns
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner. *Moj*

MMIA - 'G' 2211
FILE: SD/26/2
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.711/047 GGP-0

17 May 1945

SUBJECT: Disbandment of 'F' Recce Sqn.

TO: General Officer Commanding
No. 1 District

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See 40

1. Authority is granted for the disbandment of 'F' Recce Sqn
w.e.f. 45. 20 May 45 (see 39)

2. Personnel will be disposed of under arrangements of MMIA.
Volunteers will be enlisted into the Italian Army and the remainder
demobilised. A recommendation has been made by 15 Army Group that in
view of excellent service, these personnel should receive preferential
treatment in matters of leave, re-employment etc.

3. Eqp't to be disposed as follows:-

- a. Tentage and accn stores under arrangements 1 District.
- b. 'A' Vehs wheeled or Tracked to 7 Veh Pk.
- c. 'B' Vehs to be disposed of under arrangements 1 District
against deficiencies on authorised entitlements.
- d. Sig stores, amm, eqpt and remaining Ord Stores, to RED
557 BOD.

4. You are requested to proceed with disbandment immediately.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALYANER:

JACK CARTER,
Cap.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

JACK CARTER
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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cc: MMIA
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SUBJECT: - Formation of New Units, Cat 2 & 3 BR-ITI

Main HQ Eighth Army, GEF,

Tele Ext: 74,

M 5913 A,

15 May, 45.

Main HQ 2 Polish Corps
HQ 26 BLU att Main HQ 2 Polish Corps

Copy to: - AFHQ G-1(B)

GHQ 2nd Echelon

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA)

Main: - G(Ops) G(SD)

Rear: - OS MIA IO

FORMATION

- 1.(a) Authority AFHQ letter CR/1116/G-1(BR) (Ser 2106) dated 27 Apr 45, the undermentioned unit will be formed as stated below under supervision your HQ wof 19 Mar 45.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>M.E.</u>	<u>SER. NO.</u>	<u>BASIC SCALE</u>
MAIELLA Patriot Bn	CM/93L/1	93304	6508/2

- (b) Copies of the above quoted AFHQ letter are attached for addressees as applicable.
Copies of VE, if not already in possession, may be obtained from No 10 Publications Depot on demand.

PERSONNEL

2. Personnel are being provided under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MIA).

TRANSPORT and EQUIPMENT

3. Transport and Equipment will be provided in accordance with para 3 of the above quoted AFHQ letter under arrangements your HQ.

STATIONERY and POSTAL

4. Attention is directed to paras 4 and 5 of the above quoted AFHQ letter for information and compliance.

COMPLETION

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1.(a) Authority AFHQ letter 22/11/45 (22/11/45) the undermentioned unit will be formed as stated below under supervision your HQ vef 19 Mar 45.

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STATIONERY AND POSTAL

4. Attention is directed to paras 4 and 5 of the above quoted AFHQ letter for information and compliance.

COMPLETION

5. Formation of Unit will be completed as soon as possible when completion report will be submitted immediately by your HQ direct to AFHQ G-1(B) AFHQ copies to G-3(Org A) Foreign AFHQ and to A Branch Main HQ Eighth Army for information.

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Org)

GSO 3 (SO)

GSO 4 (V)

GSO 5 (V)

GSO 6 (V)

GSO 7 (V)

GSO 8 (V)

Brigadier,
DA & GIG,
EIGHTH ARMY.

N.A.

FILE: 50/26/2

DATE: 19/5

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FRGAB

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TO : NMIA

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REF : F 75917

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SEE YOUR SD 2675 13 MAY 45 (.) DISBANDMENT INSTRUCTIONS
ARE BEING ISSUED

Refers to Banda Maricao.

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WS 16 May

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- GSO 2 (SD) X *[initials]* X
- GSO 2 (WE) *[initials]*
- GSO 2 (L) X *[initials]* X
- GSO 3 (OP) _____
- GSO 3 (Orbat) _____
- GSO 4 (I) _____

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SUBJECT: Italian Patriot Recon

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MIA)

SD/26/2

14 May 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC, A.C.
PATRIOTS BRANCH, A.C.

See 27

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Further to MIA Signal SD 2655 of 4 May, copy to you.

1. Attached for information at Appx "A" is AFHQ reply and attached at Appx "B" is interim letter sent to Italian Ministry of War.

50/26/2 SD
1 May
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[Signature]

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Major General
MIA

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APPR. 'A' to WHIA
Letter SD/26/2 of
11 May 45.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.711/047 GCT-0

11 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Patriot Recce Bn

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
FR: Land Forces Sub Commission (WHIA)

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1. Reference is made to your SD/26 dated 1 March 1945.
2. It has been decided that the Patriot Recce Bns which were to operate with the Italian Combat Groups are no longer required.
3. In consequence the proposal contained in the letter under reference will not be submitted for consideration of the W.E.C.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

/s/ Robert V. Benham
/w/ ROBERT V. BENHAM
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : NMIA
TO : AFHQ
INFO : NMIA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY
REF : SD 2675

Date Time
13 1230 B

SECRET

FOR G-3 ORD (*) UNDERSTAND FROM 15 ARMY GROUP
THAT BANDA MAIELLA NOT NOW REQUIRED (*)
IF THIS IS SO WOULD RECOMMEND YOU CANCEL FORMATION ORDER VIDE
YOUR GR/ 1116 / G - 1 (NR) SER 2106 DATED 27 APRIL
(*) PERSONNEL TO BE DISPERSED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS

See 26-46

Info (35) - Disbandment units
being issued.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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AG 091.711/047 GC'T-O

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

Robert V. Benham
ROBERT V. BENHAM
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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GSO 2 (Ops)

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DATE: R13/5 2200

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SUBJECT: Org of Independent Combat Troops Cat 3 Combat

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/26/2

7 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WARPatriot Recce Bns

1. Reference this HQ letter SD/28 of 25 Feb 1945 and your 1202/G.A of 26 Feb 1945.

2. In view of the cessation of hostilities in Italy it has been decided that the plan for incorporating into the Italian Army five patriot recce battalions shall not now be proceeded with. Instructions are being issued for disposal of the patriots of 28 GARIBOLDI BDE and LIBERO BND to be effected in the normal way = those wishing to join the Army to be dealt with by the screening acts, the remainder to be dispersed.

3. A further letter will follow amending this HQ letters SD/94 of 24 Apr and 1 May and reallocating the total of 2500 now rendered unallotted within the Category 2 (Independent Combat Troops) ceiling of 5921. It is probable that the 2500 will be counted within an increased allocation to carabinieri.

INFO: = 'P' BLU RTC ICF

Copy to:- MMIA IO 5 Army
" " 8 Army
" " 5 Army Br Incr
" " 1 District

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L.M. Zeleny.
for Major General, MMIA, H.C.

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L.M. T. Zeleny.
for Major General, H.A.A.
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" " 5 Army Br Inor
" " 1 District
" " 2 District

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FROM : AFHQ signed SACMED cite FHGCT
TO : ACTION- MMIA
INFO - ALCOM 15 ARMY GROUP
REF : FX 70877

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IMPORTANT

YOUR SD/26 OF 1 MARCH (.) PLAN FOR FORMATION
OF ITALIAN RECCE BNS CANCELLED (.) STRENGTH
2500 WILL PROBABLY BE COUNTED WITHIN INCREASED
ALLOCATION TO CARABINIERI

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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TO : MAIN 8 ARMY
INFO: ALCOM
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REAR 8 ARMY
MMIA
REF : FX 71329

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IMMEDIATE

YOUR U 973 OF 04 NOT TO ALL (.)
FORMATION OF PATRIOT RECCE BNS CANCELLED (.)
DISPOSAL OF PATRIOTS OF 28 GARIBALDI
BDE AND LIBERO BAND WILL BE EFFECTED
THROUGH PATRIOT BRANCH ALCOM EXCEPT FOR
INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO JOIN ITALIAN
ARMY (.) LATTER WILL BE ENLISTED THROUGH NORMAL
ITALIAN AGENCIES

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OUTGOING JOURNAL

FROM : MFLA

TO : AETHQ

INFO : EXEC COM
CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Date 04/11/80

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REF : SD 2655

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REF VISIT MFLA REFS TO C3 ORG 3 APR (.) SUBJECT PENDING
FORMATION ORDER OF FIVE PATRIOT RECOGN (.) IN VIEW OF CESSATION
OF OPS IN I T A L Y RECOMMEND THAT ABOVE UNITS BE H O T FORMED
BUT THESE PATRIOTS TREATED IN NORMAL MANNER BY PATRIOT BRANCH AS (.)
CEILING COULD BE USED FOR GD INS IF DESIRED (.) THIS SIGNAL AGREEED AS TO
WHOM WE HAVE STATED THAT INDIVIDUALS STILL WISHING TO JOIN THE ARMY WILL
BE GIVEN PREFERENCE TO DO SO (.) IN THIS CONNECTION THERE ARE AT THIS
TIME 5000 ^{OVERSEAS} ~~ARMY~~ DEMONSTRABLE PERSONNEL WHO ARE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE
SIGNAL.

PRECEDENCE Important

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Formation of New Units, Cat 2 & 3, BR-ITI.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC, WETA

SD/1/2

May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

HQ Commander 211 - 212 Italian Tpt Colns (AC) Cat 3
 152 Italian Driving and Maintenance School Cat 2
 153 Italian LAD Cat 2
 HQ and 1, 2, 3 Bns CARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt Cat 2
 MAIELLA Patriot Bn Cat 2
 HQ 1 Italian Cd Regt and 502, 503, 519 Bns 1 Italian Cd Regt Cat 2
 461 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian LADs (AC) Cat 2
 att 221 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian Tpt Coys (AC) respectively Cat 3

1. The above Cat 2 and 3 BR-ITI units will be formed as shown in App "A" attached.

2. EFFECTIVE DATES

Effective date for the formation of these units on WEs as shown in App "A" is 25 Apr 45 with the exception of the following:

MAIELLA Patriot Bn	19 Apr 45	2190
464 Italian LAD (AC) att 224 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	15 May 45	
465 Italian LAD (AC) att 225 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	15 May 45	
466 Italian LAD (AC) att 226 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	1 Jun 45	

3. PROVISION OF PERSONNEL

The provision of personnel will be effected as follows:

Serials 1 - 2 from RTC ICF

" 3 - 6

Caribaldi Div Personnel - vide our SD/33/2 - f

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461 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian Tpt Coys (AC) respectively
att 221 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian Tpt Coys (AC) respectively

The above Cat 2 and 3 BR-III units will be formed as shown in App "A"

1. attached.

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MATELLA Patriot Bn	19 Mar 45	2193
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466 Italian LAD (AC) att 226 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	1 Jun 45	

PROVISION OF PERSONNEL

The provision of personnel will be effected as follows.

Serials 1 - 2	from REG ICF	Garibaldi Div personnel - vide our SD/38/2 of 25 Apr 45. And see MIA signal SD 2647 of 1 May.
" 3 - 6		by enrolment into the Italian Army of suitable personnel of the present band; deficiencies remaining should be filled by local recruitment of patriots. MIA letter SD/94 of 24 Apr 45, App "B", should be amended to correct WE as at App "A" att.
" 7		transfer of category of units vide our SD/94 of 24 Apr 45
" 8 - 11		Personnel to be provided from AC Mech School. SD/10/2 of 25 Apr 45, para 2, refers.
" 12 - 17		Restricted implementation of WE III/115/2 as shown at App "B" att. MIA SD/6/3 of 28 Apr 45 also refers.
" 18 - 19		

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EQUIPMENT

(a) Equipment will be on basic scale 6508/2 with the following exceptions:

Serials 12 - 17	- -	6058/7
" 18 - 19	- -	249/1

(b) Serials 8 - 11 These units should be fully equipped with Italian arms. Please confirm availability.

" 3 - 6 Instructions contained in our SD/38/2 of 25 Apr 45 are confirmed. You will provide Italian 81 mm and 45 mm mortars and ann in lieu of 3" and 2" mortars. This HQ (Arty Records) will inform supervisory authorities of availability of mortars and ann.

" 12 - 17 Reference our letter SD/10/2 of 25 Apr 45 the provision of wksp vehicles ex 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004 Gen Tpt Coys is still under discussion vide MIA letter SD/6/3 dated 1 May.

5.

POSTAL

Supply a copy to this HQ of the notification of the postal address of the units concerned.

6.

RECORDS

The Cat 2 units detailed in App "A" hereto will be inserted in MIA "Order of Battle, Italian Army" sub-sections as stated, and see MIA letter SD/94 of 1 May 45.

7.

REFERENCE

AFHQ letters CR/1116/G-1(ER) (Ser 2109) of 28 Apr 45 (reference units in App "A", Serials 18 - 19) and CR/1116/G-1(ER) (Ser 2106) of 27 Apr 45 (ref units in App "A", Serials 1 - 17).

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L.M. England
Major General

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L.M. Longland.
for Major General MMIA

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No	Unit	War Office Mob Ser No	AFHQ Ser No	WE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs inc in/cs (h)	Supor Auth
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
<u>CATEGORY 2 RTC ICF UNITS</u>								
1	152 Italian Driving and Maintenance School	93299	1270	CM/991/1	13	151	108	HQ R
2	153 Italian LAD	93615	1472	CM/540/1	-	12	5	HQ R
<u>CATEGORY 2 INDEPENDENT COMBAT TROOPS - CEILING 5921</u>								
3	HQ GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	93300	1211	CM/526/1	24	358	99	HQ R
4	1 Bn GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	93301		CM/527/1	30	737	89	"
5	2 Bn " " " "	93302		CM/527/1	30	737	89	"
6	3 Bn " " " "	93303		CM/527/1	30	737	89	"
7	MAIELLA Patriot Bn	93304	1231	CM/931/1	35	703	35 and 33 bicycles	HQ R
<u>CATEGORY 2 NO 1 GD REGT - CEILING 2473</u>								
8	HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt	93295	1232	CM/989/1	9	64	8	HQ N
9	502 Bn 1 Italian Gd Regt	93296	1233	CM/990/1	28	772	9	"
10	503 Bn " " " "	93297	1234	CM/990/1	28	772	9	"
11	519 Bn " " " "	93298	1235	CM/990/1	28	772	9	"

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App "A" to MMIA letter
SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45

AFHQ Ser No	WE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs inc m/cs (h)	Supervisory Authority (j)	Location (k)
1270	CM/991/1	13	151	108	HQ RAAC	CESANO
1472	CM/540/1	-	12	5	HQ RAAC	CESANO
1211	CM/526/1	24	358	99	HQ RAAC & F BLU	VITERBO
	CM/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
	CM/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
	CM/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
1231	CM/931/1	35	703	35 and 33 bicycles	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
1232	CM/989/1	9	64	8	HQ No 2 District	SIFNA
1233	CM/990/1	28	772	9	" " " " "	"
1234	CM/990/1	28	772	9	" " " " "	"
1235	CM/990/1	28	772	9	" " " " "	"

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
<u>CATEGORY 3 - AC UNITS</u>							
12	461 Italian LAD (AC) att 221 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93353	461	CM/875/1	-	17	3 HQ N
13	462 Italian LAD (AC) att 222 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93359	462	CM/875/1	-	17	3 " "
14	463 Italian LAD (AC) att 223 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93575	463	CM/875/1	-	17	3 " "
15	464 Italian LAD (AC) att 224 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93612	464	CM/875/1	-	17	3 " "
16	465 Italian LAD (AC) att 225 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93613	465	CM/875/1	-	17	3 " "
17	466 Italian LAD (AC) att 226 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93614	466	CM/875/1	-	17	3 " "
	HQ Commander 211 Italian Tpt Coln (AC)	93637	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8 HQ N
19	HQ Commander 212 Italian Tpt Coln (AC)	93638	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8 " "

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App "A" to LMIA letter
SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45

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93353	461	CM/875/1	-	17	3	HQ No 3 District	TRANI
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93359	462	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
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93637	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8	HQ No 3 District	TRANI
						" " " "	"
93638	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8	" " " "	"

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App "S" to MIA letter
SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45

WAR ESTABLISHMENT (JUL/115/2 (Part))

(i) Personnel (BR-ITII)

Lieutenant Colonel	1
Major	1
Captains	2
Clerks .	1
Staff Serjeant	1
Serjeant	1
Corporal	1
Privates	3
Drivers for duty as:	
Drivers of vehicles	2
Batmen	2
Batmen drivers	2
Motor cyclists (including 1	
Lance Corporal)	5
TOTAL Headquarters	21

Attached

Cooks (Privates)	2
TOTAL Headquarters (including attached)	23

(ii) Vehicles

Motor Cycles solo	4
Cars 4-str 4 x 2	1
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	2
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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SCT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1115/0-1 (SI) (Ser. 3106)
27 Apr 45

ITALIAN ARMY UNITS - VARIOUS

Letter written
AB

1. (a) The Units detailed in Appx "A" to this letter will be formed as shown.
- (b) Copies of the W.Bs will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from supervisory authorities.

2. PERSONNEL
Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, AG (MIA).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT
Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by supervisory authorities:-

- (i) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (ii) Unit equipment to Basic Scales as in Appx "A" (Coln (iv)) and Special Equipment Lists to be issued by Q(AK), AFHQ.
- (iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No. 49
- (iv) Transport to complete to W.B. in accordance with existing priorities.

4. STATIONERY
Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-
 - (i) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GRC 337/44).
 - (ii) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) to No. 10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
 - (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to AFHQ, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL
Units will use the Posta Militare number of the Italian Adm Hq of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION
Supervisory authorities will report to G.I.(B), AFHQ, copy to G.S.(Org.A.) Foreign, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK
/s/ ? Lt. Col.

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3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & MATERIAL
Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by supervisory authorities:-

- (i) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (ii) Unit equipment to Basic Scales as in Appx "A" (Coln (iv)) and Special Equipment Lists to be issued by Q(AH), AFHQ.
- (iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No. 48
- (iv) Transport to complete to R.M. in accordance with existing priorities.

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7. ACK

/s/ ? Lt. Col.
for Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO CR/1116/G-1 (DB) (Serial 2106) dated 27 Apr 45

Unit	W.E.	Serial No allotted	Basic Scale	Effective Date	Supervision Authority
1651 Italian Air Interpretation Det	CM/988/1	93290	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ Eighth
1652 -do-	-do-	93291	-do-	"	-do-
1653 -do-	-do-	93292	-do-	"	-do-
1654 -do-	-do-	93293	-do-	"	-do-
1655 -do-	-do-	93294	-do-	"	Br Iner H
HQ 1 Italian Guard Regt	CM/989/1	93295	6508/2 (a)	"	HQ No 2 D
502 Bn 1 Italian Guard Regt	CM/990/1	93296	-do- (a)	"	-do-
93 -do-	-do-	93297	-do- (a)	"	-do-
519 -do-	-do-	93298	-do- (a)	"	-do-
152 Italian Driving and Maint School	CM/991/1	93299	6508/2	"	HQ RAAC
HQ GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/526/1	93300	6508/2 (b)	"	HQ RAAC &
1 Bn GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/527/1	93301	-do- (b)	"	-do-
2 Bn -do-	-do-	93302	-do- (b)	"	-do-
3 Bn -do-	-do-	93303	-do- (b)	"	-do-
MADEIRA Patriot Bn	CM/931/1	93304	6508/2	19 Mar 45	HQ Eighth
461 Italian LAD (AC) att					
221 Italian Tpt Coy AC	CM/875/1	93353	6058/7 (a)	25 Apr 45	HQ No 3 D
462 Italian LAD (AC) att					
222 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93359	-do- (a)	"	-do-
463 Italian LAD (AC) att					
223 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93575	-do- (a)	"	-do-
464 Italian LAD (AC) att					
224 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93612	-do- (c)	15 May 45	-do-
465 Italian LAD (AC) att					
225 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-
466 Italian LAD (AC) att					
226 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93614	-do- (c)	1 Jun 45	-do-
153 Italian LAD	CM/540/1	93615	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ RAAC+

(a) Arms will be Italian and will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Force

(b) Personnel will be provided from GARIBALDI Div. Basic Scale 6508/2 will be less 2" a Italian 81 mm and 45 mm Mortars. Special Equipment Lists will be 135/1 for CM/526/1

(c) Wksp vehicles will be provided from Wksp Fls attached 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004. Itali made by Q (AC) and ST, AFHQ and HQ Allied Commission. Load carrying vehicles for at Personnel will be provided from AC Mech School.

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TO CR/1116/G-1 (BR) (Serial 2106) dated 27 Apr 45

Serial No allotted	Basic Scale	Effective Date	Supervisory Authority	Location
93290	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
93291	-do-	"	-do-	"
93292	-do-	"	-do-	"
93293	-do-	"	Br Incr HQ Fifth (US) Army	Fifth Army
93294	-do-	"	HQ No 2 District	SIENA
93295	6508/2 (a)	"	-do-	SIENA
93296	-do- (a)	"	-do-	SIENA
93297	-do- (a)	"	-do-	SIENA
93298	-do- (a)	"	HQ RAAC	CELANO
93299	6508/2	"	HQ RAAC & 'F' BLU	VIMERO
93300	6508/2 (b)	"	-do-	"
93301	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
93302	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
93303	-do- (b)	"	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
93304	6508/2	19 Mar 45	HQ No 3 District	TRANI
93353	6058/7 (a)	25 Apr 45	-do-	"
93359	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
93575	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
93612	-do- (c)	15 May 45	-do-	"
93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
93614	-do- (c)	1 Jun 45	-do-	CELANO
93615	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ RAAC+	CELANO

and will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission AG (LMIA) and HQ No 2 Dist.

vided from GARIBOLDI Div. Basic Scale 6508/2 will be less 2" and 3" Mortars and snipers' rifles, plus

in Mortars. Special Equipment Lists will be 135/1 for CM/526/1 and 136/1 for CM/527/1

provided from Wksp Fls attached 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004 Italian Gen Tpt Coys under arrangements to be

AFHQ and HQ Allied Commission. Load carrying vehicles for stores etc will be provided from AC stocks.

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FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP

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TO : AFHQ

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INFO: MMIA
MAIN 8 ARMY

ROUTINE

REF : SD 1505

FOR G-3 O R G REF MAIN 8 A R M Y 842

OF 24 APRIL (.)

SUPPORT NOMINATION (.)

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TO : 15 ARMY GROUP
INFO: AFHQ
MMIA ROME
REAR 8 ARMY
Q ORD MMIA LO
REF : U 842

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IMPORTANT

FURTHER TO M 680/1 DATED 5 APRIL (.)
NOW RECOMMEND LIBERO'S BAND BE
INDUCTED INTO ITALIAN ARMY
AS HALF RECCE UNIT (.) STRENGTH 250 (.)
LEADER LIBERO COLINELLI (.)
LOCATION IMOLA

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA
TO : AFSA
REF : SD 1614

Date _____
Time _____

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REF HIGHWAY ARMY M 680/1 SSS OF B AFV (*)
SUBJECT IS NUMERATION OF PATRIOT REGGS BMS (*) RECOMMEND
ONLY NUMERICAL DESIGNATIONS OF 1 (1) TO 5 (5) INCL FOR
PATRIOT REGGS BMS (*) LG. H & T RECOMMEND THAT DESIGNATIONS
INCLUDE PLAIN MARKS OR FORMER MARKS LIKE CARIBALDI WHICH
WOULD BE MISLEADING AND POLITICALLY UNDESIRABLE

PRESIDENCE
AUTHENTICATED Mr. Engledew.
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SUBJECT: War Establishment for a BLU
attached to an Italian Recce Bn

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (BS)

Tel: FILPOT 73

1605/50/84/G-3 SD1

13 apr 45

AFHQ G-3 (Org-3) (7)

Copy to: G-3 (Org-2) Manpower }
G-3 (Org-4) } AFHQ
Land Forces Sub Commission 10 (3)

SGS
DC of S (Brit)

1. The Proposal

- (a) A BLU attached to an Italian Recce Bn
(b) New WE
(c) NIL

2. The Effect of the Proposal

- (a) Overall increase of: 2 British officers
2 vehicles
4 MC

(b) NOT applicable

(c) It is proposed eventually to form five units of which two will be required initially.

(d) The proposal involves an overall increase.

(e) It is regretted that NO reduction in the overall manpower ceiling in the AFHQ Basic Order of Battle can be offered. 187

(f) All category 'A'

(g) NOT applicable

(h) Proposed Establishment is attached at Appendix 'A'.

3. Reasons for the Proposal

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MMIA - 'G'

FILE: SD/26/2.

DATE: 16/1/84

1. The Proposal

- (a) A HLU attached to an Italian Recce Bn
- (b) New WE
- (c) NIL

2. The Effect of the Proposal

- (a) Overall increase of: 2 British officers
2 vehicles
4 MD
- (b) NOT applicable
- (c) It is proposed eventually to form five units of which two will be required initially.
- (d) The proposal involves an overall increase.
- (e) It is regretted that NO reduction in the overall manpower ceiling in the AFHQ Basic Order of Battle can be offered.
- (f) All category 'A'
- (g) NOT applicable
- (h) Proposed Establishment is attached at Appendix 'A'.

3. Reasons for the Proposal

- (a) In AFHQ letter AG 091.711/083 GOR-O dated 22 Feb 45 authority was given for the formation of five Italian Recce Units. The proposed War Establishment for these units was submitted by MMIA at Appendix 'B' to their SD/26 dated 1 Mar 45 and suggested amendments thereto in Appendix 'A' to Eighth Army's letter M 680/1 SD2 dated 18 Mar.
- (b) It was recommended in this HQ letter 1605/50/84/G-3 SD1 dated 30 Mar that these units should be employed as decided by Army Comds and should NOT be considered as an integral part of the Italian Combat Groups.
- (c) In view of para 3 (b) above and the highly specialised nature of these Italian Recce units formed by the induction of Patriot Bands into the Italian Army it is considered that each recce unit should be provided with a small HLU.

B. B. B.

Commanding General

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Appendix 'A' to
1605/50/84/G-3 SD1
dated 13 Apr 45

PROPOSED WE

A BRIT LIAISON UNIT for a PATRIOT BAND
inducted into the ITALIAN Army under
the terms of 15 ARMY GP letter 1605/50/
84/G-3 SD1 dated 30 Mar 45

(i)

PERSONNEL

Major Capt	1	
Adm Offr (Capt)	1	
<u>Attached</u>		
ITALIAN LOS (Interpreters)	2	(a)
TOTAL	4	-

(ii)

TPT

MCS	1
Car 5-cwt 4 x 4	1
Truck 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	1

NOTES

- (a) Will be att from ITALIAN Intelligence Liaison Unit.
- (b) Servants, drivers and orderlies will be found from personnel of the Band to which this Brit Liaison Unit is att.

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TO : ACTION AFHQ FOR G-3 ORG
INFO: MMIA
21 ARMY GROUP
8th ARMY
REF : SD 1461

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ROUTINE

SUBJECT I T A L I A N RECCE UNITS (.)

REFERENCE MAIN 8 ARMY M680/ISD2 OF 5 APR AND 5 ARMY

B R I T I N G R 219/G(SD) UNDATED (.)

First(.) SUPPORT 8th ARMY NOMINATION INCLUDING F RECCE
SQUADRON (.)

Second (.) PROPOSAL FOR B L U FOR UNIT FOLLOWS (.)
TO CONSIST OF 2 OFFICERS BRITISH 2 OFFICERS ITALIAN
2 VEHICLES 1 MOTOR CYCLE

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SUBJECT: Banda Mielia

LAND FORCES COM, A.C.
(L.F.C.)

Tel: 433001 Ext 533
N/186/7
11 April 45

TO : 8 Army, Main. 1 for Banda Mielia

Copy to: 15 Army Group.
ARMY (G1 Br)

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: SD/26/2
DATE: 12/4

1. Certain information is required to enable the reorganization of the Banda Mielia (approved by ARHQ on 11.4.45. CD/351/1 of the Italian Army) to be effected as soon as a formation order is received.

2. The present status of the officers and men of this band is not known by this HQ., but it is understood that they are irregulars originally employed (and possibly enrolled) by the Polish Corps. Ministry of War state that they are not on the books of the Italian Army at present and therefore not subject to Italian military law. For that reason, reinforcements for Italian Army depots cannot legally be posted to them.

3. Will you please furnish relevant information on the present situation regarding:-

- (a) legal status
- (b) rates of pay
- (c) uniform
- (d) method of enlistment and reinforcement
- (e) position regarding other administrative matters such

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FILE: SD/26/2

DATE: 12/10

1. Certain information is required to enable the reorganization of the Banda Mella (approved by APM on 8.8.64 CM/331/1 of the Italian Army) to be effected as soon as a formation order is received.

2. The present status of the officers and men of this band is not known by this H.Q., but it is understood that they are irregulars originally employed (and possibly enrolled) by the Polish Corps. Ministry of War state that they are not on the books of the Italian Army at present and therefore not subject to Italian military law. For that reason, reinforcements for Italian Army depots cannot legally be posted to them.

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- (a) legal status
- (b) rates of pay
- (c) uniforms
- (d) method of enlistment and reinforcement
- (e) position regarding other administrative matters such as leave, medical, postal, etc.

4. If personnel are to be enlisted into the regular Italian Army it will be necessary to send a recruiting agency to accomplish this and the question of the disposal of those not accepted according to Italian law may arise. Your views on this, as on any other matters affecting the formation of the Italian Army unit, would be appreciated.

W. P. D. B. G. and

A Major General
M.M.I.S.

(K) 19/4

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TO : MMIA

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INFO: 15 ARMY GP

REF : FX 58231

YOUR SD 2581 OF 08 (.)

"F" BLU FOR SIGNALS COMMUNICATIONS WITH RUSSIANS
HAS BEEN REDESIGNATED S E V E N REAR LINK
SIGNALS B L U (.)

"F" RECCE SQUAD WILL BE "F" DESIGNATED ON ABSORPTION
PROCESS NEW RECCE BN (.)

8 th ARMY M 680/15D OF 05 REFERS

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FROM : WMLA
TO : AFHQ FOR G3 ORG
INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP
REF NO: SD 2581

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Adams*

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AT PRESENT FOLLOWING UNITS EXIST (*) ONE (*) F B L U LOCATED
R T C I C F C E S A N O (*) TWO (*) F B L U FOR SIGS COMMS
WITH RUSSIANS LOCATED E I G H T H ARMY (*) THREE (*) F B O C C E
S Q N ITALIAN PARTISAN UNIT OPERATING WITH F I F T H ARMY H O T Y E T
PART OF REGULAR ITALIAN ARMY (*) F O U R (*) REDESIGNATION REQUESTED
WHERE NECESSARY PLEASE

Precedence ROUTINE

Authenticated *K. S. L. /*

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Ref your 1005/50/51/4-3(30-1) of 30 Mar 45.

No further action is indicated, as there is no suitable one also.

This Army

(K)

First Division
for

Deputy Chief of Staff

MMIA - 'G'

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DATE: 12/4

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SUBJECT : Brit Liaison Unit for Italian
Patriot Band

MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY COM
M 680/1 SD2

6 Apr 45

CG 15 ARMY CP (8)

COPY : CG FIFTH ARMY
13 CORPS
AMIA ROME

Main : G(O) : GSI(OL) : 1

Rear : Q : AMIA LO

Ref M 680/1 SD2 of 5 Apr 45.

1. In view of :-

- (a) the specialised nature of recon units formed by induction of Patriot Bands into the ITALIAN Army, and
- (b) the fact that these units will not form an integral part of ITALIAN Combat Gps,

it is considered that each should be provided with a small Brit Liaison Unit.

2. A suggested WE is at Appx 'A'.

3. It is requested that a Brit Liaison Unit be authorised for each Band on induction into the ITALIAN Army.

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COPY : CG FIFTH ARMY
13 CORPS
MMIA ROME

Main : G(O) : GSI(CL) : A

Rear : Q : MMIA LO

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Encl.

R. Luman

Lt Col for LT-GEN
GOC
EIGHTH ARMY

Ø = with copy of M 680/1 SD2 of 5 Apr 45 and Appx 'A' to M 680/1 SD2 of 5 Apr 45.

MMIA 'G'
FILE: SD/26
DATE: 9/4

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Appx 'A' to M 680/1 SD2
Dated 6 Apr 45

PROPOSED WE

A BRIT LIAISON UNIT for a PATRIOT BAND
inducted into the ITALIAN Army under
the terms of 15 ARMY GP letter 1605/50/
84/C-3 SD1 dated 30 Mar 45

(1)

PERSONNEL

Maj or Capt	...	...	1
Adm Offr (Capt)	...	...	1

Attached

ITALIAN LOs (Interpreters)... 2 (a)

TOTAL
- 4 -

(ii)

TPT

MOS	...	...	1
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	...	...	1
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	...	...	1

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NOTES

- (a) Will be att from ITALIAN Intelligence Liaison Unit.
- (b) Servants, dvrs and orderlies will be
drawn from personnel of the Band to

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(i)

PERSONNEL

Maj or Capt	...	...	1
Adm Offr (Capt)	...	...	1

Attached

ITALIAN LOS (Interpreters)...	2	(a)
TOTAL	4	

(ii)

TPT

MCs	...	...	1
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	...	...	1
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	...	...	1

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NOTES

- (a) Will be att from ITALIAN Intelligence Liaison Unit.
- (b) Servants, dvrs and orderlies will be found from personnel of the Band to which this Brit Liaison Unit is att.

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SUBJECT : Italian Patriot Bands

MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY CTR
M 680/1 SD2

A I hope AFHQ
will not have 5 Apr 45 15
two Garibaldi outfits.
This official. WP

CG 15 ARMY GP (B)

SD/26. See 23

COPY : AFHQ
CG FIFTH ARMY (for Brit Increment)
MIL. ROME

Main : G(O) : GSI(CL) : X : A
Rear : G : Ord : MILA IO

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Ref your 1605/50/84/G-3(SD1) of 30 Mar 45.

1. Suggested G 1093 for Patriot Bands inducted into the Italian Army as Recce Units will be sent separately.

2. The following Bands are nominated for induction :-

(a) 28 GARIBOLDI BDE Str approx 600
Leader - LT COL ARRIGO BOLLINI (BULOW)
Location - 5 CORPS.

(b) 'F' RECCE Str approx 250
Leader - CAPT G.I

Location - 13 CORPS and special task vide EIGHTH ARMY letter M 655/1 SD2 dated 27 Mar 45.

3. It is not possible at this stage to nominate the remaining and a half Bands allotted to EIGHTH ARMY as - 2978

(a) LIBERO's Band (operating with 13 CORPS) is earmarked for special tasks in the IMOLA area, from which it

OG EIGHTH ARMY (OG EIGHTH ARMY)
 MILA ROSE

 Main : G(O) : GSI(CL) : X : A
 Rear : Q : Ord : MILA LO

Ref your 1605/50/84/2-3 (SLM) of 30 Mar 45.

1. Suggested C 1098 for Patriot Bands inducted into the Italian Army as Recce Units will be sent separately.

2. The following Bands are nominated for induction :-

(a) 28 GARIBOLDI RDE Str approx 600
 Leader - LT COL ARIGO BOLDINI (BULOW)
 Location - 5 CORPS.

(b) 'E' RECCE Str approx 250
 Leader - CAPT GAI
 Location - 13 CORPS and special task vide EIGHTH ARMY letter N 655/1 SD2 dated 27 Mar 45.

3. It is not possible at this stage to nominate the remaining and a half Bands allotted to EIGHTH ARMY as -

(a) LIBERO's Band (operating with 13 CORPS) is earmarked for special tasks in the EICOLA area, from which it is drawn, and is in any event only 100 strong.

(b) No other formed Bands are operating.

4. Further Bands will be nominated as they are met with and proved to be worth inducting.

MMIA-G

FILE: 82/26

DATE: 6/10

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 LT COL PAT-GEN
 GOC
 EIGHTH ARMY

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HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (US)

Tel: FILPOF 73

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30 Mar 45

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SUBJECT: - Italian Patriot Bands

AFHQ
CG FIFTH ARMY
MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

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AFHQ

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With copy of Eighth
Army letter 1680/1 SD2 of 18 Mar

Ref: JFMAG 091.741/C83 GCT-O dated 22 Feb 45 and this HQ
1605/50/57/G-3 SD1 dated 16 Mar 45.

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The units so nominated should be org on the 15 suggested by M.L. with additions as recommended by Eighth Army in their A 680/1 dated 18 Mar 45.

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3. Fifth and Eighth Armies will forward particulars of units nominated, as required by this HQ sig SD 1299 of 2 Mar, to reach this HQ, AFHQ and ILL. by 7 Mar 45.

4. Eighth Army will forward proposed G.1098 as suggested in their A 680/1 SD2 dated 18 Mar, to reach this HQ and AFHQ as soon as possible.

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Army letter 1680/1 SD2 of 18 Mar

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dated 18 Mar 45.

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5. On receipt of the above nominations it is requested that JFHQ
issue necessary instructions for the formation, designation etc of these
units.

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1st Army Group
for JFHQ
Commanding General

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From : S.M.R.E.

Ref: 12062

To : M.M.I.A.

Date: 30th March 45

Subject: 1st Partisans Coy (FOLGORE)

The H.Q. of 'FOLGORE' Combat Group informed us that, according to instructions ^{received} given ~~from~~ 13th British Army Corps, they have transformed the Partisans Group of Borgo Cossignano, which was operating in the area previous to the arrival of the 'FOLGORE' Group, into the 1st ^{Folgo} Partisans Coy. ~~FOLGORE~~ as ~~the~~ ~~one~~ attacked was establishment. This is mentioned to you in order to obtain your opinion on the matter.

Signed, Chief of the S.M. of the Army

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SUBJECT :- Italian Patriot Bands

MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY CAMP
M 650/1 SD2
18 Mar 45

CG 15 ARMY GP (S)

Copy :- AMHQ

CG EIGHTH ARMY (for Enis. Incr.)
MIA ROM

Main : G(0) GSI(OL) X
Rear : G MIA LO

Ref your 1605/50/57/3-3 SD1 dated 16 Mar 45.

1. The proposed VI for an Italian Patriot Band is agreed in principle.

2. It is considered, however, that the tasks which these units will be called upon to carry out will be more comprehensive than was assumed by MIA when compiling the proposed VI. For example, they may often be called upon to act in a role of normal infantry, and hold a section of the line, etc, in fact, the 28 CARBONARI VI is at present using. For this reason it is proposed that the VI should be altered in certain respects (detailed in appx 'A' att) to conform more closely to the VI of an Inf Bn in an Italian Combat G.

3. As regards signals equipment, it is considered that a scale approximately two thirds of that of an Italian Inf Bn should be authorized.

4. If this VI is approved, do you wish a proposed C 1092173 be submitted by this HQ through Ord channels?

5. Finally, it is strongly urged that approval be given to the temporary form of a VI for equipping Patriot Units during the period of their formation, in this HQ letter M 1202 C dated

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ITAL FORM

Main : G(O) CSI(OL) X
Rear : Q MIA ID

Ref your 1605/50/57/3-3 MIA dated 16 Mar 45.

The proposed MIA for an Italian Patriot Band is agreed in

1. principle.

2. It is considered, however, that the tasks which these units will be called upon to carry out will be more comprehensive than was assumed by MIA when compiling the proposed MIA. For example, they may often be called upon to act in a role of normal infantry, and hold a sector of the line, as, in fact, the 26 CIPRAIDI Bn in its present doing. For this reason it is proposed that the MIA should be altered in certain respects (detailed in Annex 'A' att) to conform more closely to the MIA of an Inf Bn in an Italian Combat Gr.

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Ref: 1st to M 680/1 312
Dated 18 Mar 45

DETAILS OF SUGGESTED ALLOCATIONS TO THE
PROPOSED WE OF A BATTALION UNIT

1.

Weapons

Add Bren guns - 36
Pistol - 12
Mortars 2 in - 12

2.

Transport

Under HQ Pl

Add Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS - 2

Under Signals Pl

Add Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS - 1

The additional 3 ton lorries are suggested as it is not considered that the transport shown on the proposed WE is sufficient to enable the unit to maintain itself when operating in an independent role.

The additional 15 cwt truck is to carry signals equipment.

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SUBJECT: Italian Patriot Bands

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (BS)

Ref: FULPOT 73

1605/50/57/G-3 SD1

16 Mar 45

+ CG FIFTH ARMY (for Brit Increment)
MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

Copy to: AFHQ
PEARL EIGHTH ARMY
+ MIA ✓

- x+ SCS
- x+ D: of S (Brit)
- x+ G-2
- x+ G-3 Plans
- x+ G-3 Special Ops
- x+ G-5
- x+ DA & QMC

FILE: SD/26.
DATE: 18/3.

x With copy of AFHQ letter under ref

+ With copy of Main Eighth Army letter under ref

Ref AFHQ letter ref AG 091.711/063 GGT-0 dated 22 Feb 45 and Main HQ Eighth Army letter ref M 1202 G dated 4 Mar 45.

1. Eighth Army comments on the formation of reconnaissance coys from patriot bands are agreed. It is also agreed that patriot units should be employed as required by the army command and at present should NOT be considered as an integral part of the Italian Combat Gps.

2. There are, however, strong arguments in favour of producing a War Establishment from the point of view of the future of the Italian Army. It is appreciated that these units vary in size, but where the total strength is less than the approved 500, the WE need be implemented in part only, as determined by army commands. The identity of each patriot band could by this means be preserved. It is considered, therefore, that the principle of a war establishment should be accepted.

3. The org proposed by MIA in conjunction with SMRE is at Appx 'A' att. In compiling this WE it was assumed that the role of the units would be

- (a) Close recon
- (b) Light patrol work
- (c) Liaison with partisans and civilians

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x+ G-5

x+ DA & QMG

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Main HQ Eighth Army letter ref M 1202 G dated 4 Mar 45. **9B**

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(d) Occupation of positions abandoned by the enemy

(e) Guides

(f) Minor demolitions

It will be noted that only personal weapons are included in the scale
of equipment. It is for consideration whether weapons such as LMG, PSALT
and 2 in mortar are required. Further, the very limited scale of rpt and
sigs equipment would appear to limit considerably unit mobility and
intercomm with senior and adjoining firms.

4. The of personnel would be under Army arrangements.

5. Will you please forward your comments on the proposed WE, to reach
this HQ by 20 Mar 45.

W. D. B. C.
Major General,
Chief of Staff.

Appendix I-1 to 1605/50/57/G-3 SD1

Dated 16 Mar 45

A REECE BN

(Italian Personnel)

(Proposed) W.E.

Oftrs	30
OR	475
Total	500
MC	17
Vehs	12

Serial Number	DETAIL	Bn HQ	Coy HQ	HQ COY		Total HQ Coy	Four Recce Coys each				Total Recce Coy	Remarks	
				HQ Pl	Signals Platoon		HQ Pl	Coy HQ	Three Recce Pl each	Total Recce Coy			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
<u>PERSONNEL</u>													
1	O.C. (Lt-Col or Maj)	1										1	
2	2 i/c (Maj or Capt)	1										1	
3	Adjt (Capt or Subaltern)	1										1	
4	I.O. (Subaltern)	1										1	
5	Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1										1	
6	Interpreter (Subaltern)	1										1	
7	M.O. (Subaltern)	1										1	
8	Captains		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	
9	Subalterns			1		2						18	
10	Warrant Officer			10	3	13			2	3	11	57	
11	NCOS			34	26	60			16	24	88	412	
12	OR												
13	Total all ranks	7	1	46	30	76	1	19	28	104	500		
<u>WEAPONS</u>													
14	Revolvers	7	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	5	30	
15	Rifles			33	22	55		11	11	11	41	99	
16	SMGs			12	7	19		7	7	27	88	371	
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SUBJECT: Induction of Italian Patriots into the Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(R.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/26
15 March 1945

TO : AFHQ (through HQ A.C.)

Copy to: C.G. 15 ARMY GROUP for G-3 ORG

1. In reply to your AQ 091.711/083 OCT-3 of 22 Feb, my recommendations for the formation of Patriot Bands were forwarded to you in my SD/26 of 1 March.

2. As regards your letter of same reference dated 9 March, I have the following observations to make on EIGHTH Army letter M 1202 G of 4 March.

3. (a) In principle, the wishes of the "users" (EIGHTH Army) who will have to operate these units should be followed as far as possible.

(b) Although operationally the EIGHTH Army scheme might suit them better, I think that administratively and politically it is far less desirable.

(c) My original suggestion for forming battalions of Patriots arose out of a demand by A.C. on me to evolve some scheme which, while being useful operationally, would in fact be designed to "take the heat out of the Patriot problem" politically. Thus, the major object of what I proposed was to bring these formed Patriot Bands under control and establish the authority of the Ministry of War over them so that there should be no "private armies".

(d) (i) If, as proposed by EIGHTH Army, an unspecified number of bands of varying strengths are organized ad hoc under direct control of EIGHTH Army and not necessarily under command of an Italian formation, that would be tantamount to setting up a private Patriot Army. The personnel might be enrolled officially into the Italian Army and be subject to its regulations. But, in fact, the bands would work separately and consider themselves as distinct from the official Italian Army. I therefore doubt whether the object mentioned in 3(c) would be achieved. 21

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(ii) Moreover, it is necessary from the point of view to have a W.E. to which personnel can be posted officially after enrolment. Without this no "A" Branch details can be properly implemented e.g. discipline, pay, ranks, promotions, records of Service, strength returns etc.

(iii) From the "Q" Branch point of view a W.E. is equally important. Otherwise the provision of clothing, arms and equipment could not be controlled and suitably charged; nor could the ration accounting system at present in force be effected.

(iv) A continual "turnover" of bands as we advance would present further difficulties as regards the above, particularly in respect of the 2500 ceiling. It would also mean little or no real control of the bands. They would fight in their own areas and go home (probably with their arms etc.) once the advance passed beyond.

Presumably it is your intention that these Bands personnel will enrol to fight anywhere in ITALY for the duration of the War.

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(e) As regards para 3 of EIGHTH Army letter, I realize the difficulty mentioned. But it is perhaps open to argument whether it is advisable to have bands of less than 500. A number of small bands of different outlook owing allegiance to different leaders might cause them to vie and not cooperate with each other. The political differences would be accentuated instead of amalgamated. If really Patriots, 2 or 3 bands should be prepared to work under one leader. In any event, presumably they could be organized by bands into companies. Companies could be non-complemented or battalions at the discretion of EIGHTH Army be composed of 2, 3, 4 or 5 companies on the basis of the W.E.

(f) As regards para 4 of EIGHTH Army letter, I admit the greater flexibility of their proposal. But see my remarks in 3(d)(1). Recce Bns could of course be detached from the Gruppi as required, in case of need.

(g) As regards para 7 of EIGHTH Army letter, the "M Recce Sqn and BANDA MAIELLA were not part or under the authority of the Italian Army until legalised in Jan 1945. A W.E. for these is in process of authorization. The 28 CARIBALDI BDE is not part of the Italian Army and has no W.E.

4. The above remarks represent my views on the various facets, political and military, of this problem, which I think should be weighed in coming to a decision.

L. Brown 2171

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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AG 091.711/083 GCT-5

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SUBJECT: Induction of Italian Patriots into the Italian Army

TO: President
Allied Commission
FCR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA)

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1. Reference is made to AG 091.711/083 GCT-5, dated 22 February 1945.

2. Attached is copy of Headquarters Eight Army M 1202 G, dated 4 March 1945. It is desired that consideration be given to this document in submitting the recommendations called for in paragraph 6 of the letter referred to in paragraph 1, above.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Hq 8th Army M 1202 G,
dated 4 March 1945copy furnished
15th Army Gp w/incl
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Main HQ Eighth Army
K 1202 G.

Tele Extn: 45

4 Mar 45

A.F.H.Q.

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1. The principle of inducting Italian patriots into the ITALIAN ARMY, both as individuals and as fighting units, is welcomed.

2. It is suggested, however, that the proposed formation of Reconnaissance Companies of approximate strength 500 will probably not be the most practical and efficient way of making use of the patriot bands which the Army is likely to meet.

3. Patriot bands vary in numbers, and the strength of each band is largely derived from the personal allegiance of its members to the leader. Where a band numbers more than 500 it is, of course, a practical proposition to reduce the number to within the suggested establishment of 500. Where, however, a band is smaller in number than 500, it is thought that it will prove extremely difficult to organise it on to the establishment, as difficulties are likely to arise in the amalgamation of bands and, more particularly, in the choice of the leader.

4. Moreover, it is considered that by making the Reconnaissance units part of a Gruppo a great limitation will be placed on the uses to which the Patriot units can be put. In many cases they will of course be of value to the Gruppo and should be used with them. There are, however, a number of independent roles to which patriot units are suited, and for which they would not be available if incorporated within a Gruppo. Further if there were a sudden breakthrough it might be necessary to leave the Gruppi behind and to employ Patriot Units exclusively with other formations.

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5. It is suggested, therefore, that while Patriot Units are inducted into the ITALIAN ARMY the method of doing this should be left more flexible than that set out in your letter.

6. The following proposals are therefore made:-

(a) That a ceiling of personnel should be given to each Army. This can be roughly the same as that envisaged in your letter, (namely 1500 for EIGHTH ARMY), provided that the BANDA MAIELLA and 'F' RECCE, who already have establishments, do not count against this ceiling. If it is ruled that they shall count, then the ceiling should be raised from 1500 to 2500 to allow for the induction of further patriot units, who will be met as the advance proceeds.

(b) That a ceiling of equipment for use by patriots when inducted should be given to each Army. A suggested ceiling is shown at Appendix 'A'

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(c) That within these ceilings each Army should, at its discretion, be able to form independent units of the ITALIAN ARMY for use on its front. It should further be at the discretion of the Army either to place these units under command the Gruppi, or to employ them as independent units of the ITALIAN ARMY under command of other formations.

(d) That a small adm HQ of British Officers be formed to organise the equipping of Patriot Units as they are inducted into the ITALIAN ARMY. Suggested size of such an HQ is at Appendix 'B'.

7. This flexible system will have many advantages and is in accordance with practical experience. It is pointed out that whereas 'F' RECCE and the BANDS MAIELLA have been used as independent units under command British and Polish formations

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(Signed) BRIG
for Lieutenant-General,
GOC EIGHTH ARMY.

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Appendix A to ML202 G
dated 4 Mar 45.

CEILING OF EQUIPMENT FOR PATRIOT UNITS

1. The following ceiling of equipment is based on a ceiling of Personnel of 1500. If this ceiling is altered, the equipment ceiling can be altered in proportion.
2. The suggested ceiling has been worked out roughly on the basis that the Patriot Units will most resemble in their organisation an ITALIAN Infantry Bn less its Support Coy. Experience has shown that Patriots can rapidly organise themselves into Rifle Coys. It is not considered, however, that, without considerable training (for which there is no time), they could master the weapons and equipment of the Support Coy. An increase of TEGs has been suggested on the advice of the BIU with CREMONA GRUPPO, and because Patriots have shown themselves adept with this weapon when on patrol.

3. CLOTHING AND NORMAL EQUIPMENT.

Equipment for three Infantry Bns on the same scale as contained in 'Normal Equipment List for Italian Combat Troops' amended to conform with British Scales when necessary. (Authy AFHQ.6442/QAE of 18 Jan 45).

4. VEHICLES AND WEAPONS.

Motor Cycles	45
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	3
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	45
Turks 15 cwt 4 x 2 water	3
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	24
Trailer 15 cwt, 2 whd water 180 gal	3
Carriers Universal	9
Cars Lt Recce	9
Pistols	75
Rifles .303 in	1245
Carbines Machine Thompson .45 in	480
Guns Machine Bren, .303 in	144
PsLAT	42
CML Mortar 2 in	27

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5. SIGNALS EQUIPMENT.

Equipment for 3 Bns as set out in "Scale for Infantry Bn for an Italian Combat Gp" as amended by Amendment No. 1 (SET. 136/1 of Sep. 1944)

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Appendix B to M1202 G
dated 4 Mar 45.

BLU FOR EQUIPPING PATRIOT UNITS.

1. The following small BLU is suggested to carry out the equipping of Patriot Units as they are inducted into the ITALIAN ARMY. The BLU will also be responsible for replacing equipment for such Patriot Units as operate independently and not under command a Gruppo.
2. It is pointed out that neither MIA nor the BLUs have sufficient staffs to carry out this equipping, and that owing to language difficulties it would be impracticable to expect any British HQ to carry it out without outside assistance.

PERSONNEL

DAA & QMG	1
Staff Capt	1
Ord Capt	1
ICs	2
BCMO	1
Sgt Clerk	1
Dvrs	4
Clerks	4
	<u>15</u>

15 cwt	1
Jeep	1
Utilities	2
	<u>4</u>

TRANSPORT

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Subject: Italian Patriots

Land Forces Sub Com 4C
(L.M. I.A.).

File No SD/26

1 March 45

A.F.H.C. (3)

Copy to: G-3(Orig) 15 Army Group.

Reference para 6 of your LG 034.741/083 GGT-0 of 22

February 45.

1.

Attached at Appendix "A" is copy of minutes of meeting held at HQ MMA on 26 Feb with War Ministry representatives to discuss the implementation of your proposal to incorporate five Patriot Recce Bns into the ceiling of the Italian Army.

2.

Attached at Appendix "B" is formal proposal for VE of units in suitable form for consideration of your War Establishment Committee should you desire. Each unit is organised into an HQ, a small HQ Coy which includes a signal detachment, and four rifle Coys, each of three platoons. The chief points of interest in the War Establishment are as follows :-

- (a) simplicity
- (b) The has been kept to a minimum
- (c) No weapons heavier than personal weapons have been included.
- (d) War Ministry desire that unit 2nd i/c shall be a "regular" soldier. This is thoroughly supported.
- (e) WT acts have NOT been included owing to difficulty of :-

- (i) replacements including replacement of batteries and other spare parts.
- (ii) difficulty of training specialist operators etc. It is considered that communication between Combat Group and Recce Bn would be by WT provided by communication between Recce

February 45.

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Attached at Appendix "A" is copy of minutes of meeting held at HQ MIA on 26 Feb with War Ministry representatives to discuss the implementation of your proposal to incorporate five Patriot Recoce Bns into the ceiling of the Italian Army.

2.

Attached at Appendix "B" is formal proposal for WE of units in suitable form for consideration of your War Establishment Committee should you desire. Each unit is organised into Bn HQ, a small HQ Coy which includes a signal detachment, and four rifle Coys, each of three platoons. The chief points of interest in the War Establishment are as follows :-

- (a) simplicity
- (b) Tpt has been kept to a minimum
- (c) No weapons heavier than personal weapons have been included.
- (d) War Ministry desire that unit 2nd i/c shall be a "regular" soldier. This is thoroughly supported.
- (e) WT acts have NOT been included owing to difficulty of :-
 - (i) replacements including replacement of batteries and other spare parts.
 - (ii) difficulty of training specialist operators etc. It is considered that communication between Combat Group and Recoce Bn would be by WT provided by Combat Group, but communication between Recoce Bn HQ and forward coys would be by :-
 - Flag
 - Helio
 - DR and/or runner.

(f) No bicycles have been included as these are not normally included on a WE. Possibly 2 per coy may be necessary, but this will be examined in conjunction with other G.1098 proposals

(g) No mules have been included as these are not included on a WE. It is felt however that four mules per Coy (total sixteen per unit) might very profitably be allotted from forward holdings.

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3. Reference para 4(k) attached minutes, it is recommended that no reinforcement holdings are allowed surplus to WE. If a unit falls below strength it may or may not pick up reinforcements locally; but if an authorized holding unit of say 10% had to be maintained in rear of Combat Group Areas it would mean that ardent recruiting from patriots already sent home would take place. These latter will have been, so to speak, disposed of. We do not want to have them back. We want to fill wastage in WE with those who are at large with arms in their hands thus bringing them under control, reducing their potential menace and "taking the heat out of the patriot problem."

4. Will 15 Army Group please comment to AFHQ on this matter.

Approved

Major General
M.M. I.S.

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18 Feb 45

MINUTES OF MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED
ORGANISATION ETC OF PATRIOT RECCO UNITS
HELD AT HQ M.M.I.A. ON 26 FEB 45

1. PRESENT

Lt-Col	Ingledew	LMIA	Chairman
Col	Kerr	LMIA	
Col	Pisley	LMIA	
Col	Neakes	LMIA	
Major	Baumann	LMIA	
Capt	Selby	LMIA	
Major	Calabryni	LMIA	
Lt-Col	Crady	Patriot Branch, A.C.	
Lt-Col	Sampson	S.M.R.E.	
Lt-Col	Grati	S.M.R.E.	
Lt-Col	Diagata	S.M.R.E.	
Major	Holt	LMIA	Secretary

2. OBJECT

It was explained that the object of the meeting was to discuss the method of implementation of ARHQs proposal to incorporate five Patriot approx 500 all ranks into the Italian Army as Recco Units on the basis initially of one per Combat Group.

3. ROLE

It was stated that the role of these units would be:

- (a) close reconnaissance
- (b) light patrol work
- (c) liaison with partisans/civilians
- (d) occupation of positions abandoned by enemy, etc.
- (e) guides

When available

2. OBJECT

It was explained that the object of the meeting was to discuss the method of implementation of AMFOs proposal to incorporate five Patriotic 210s approx 500 all ranks into the Italian Army as Recce Units on the basis initially of one per Combat Group.

3. ROLE

It was stated that the role of these units would be:

- (a) close reconnaissance
- (b) light patrol work
- (c) liaison with partisan and civilians
- (d) occupation of positions abandoned by enemy, etc.
- (e) guides
- (f) minor demolitions

Action4. AGREED ACTION

The following action was agreed:-

- (a) S.M.R.E. would submit detailed list of unit (to be called Recce Bus) based on:
 - (i) Approx four inf coys, co-ord En HQ and small sig det
 - (ii) personal arms and equipment only (No mortars or LMGs)
 - (iii) one or two vehs per coy only, but proportion of m/cos and bicycles to be incl
- (b) No training would be given other than by Combat Gps themselves.
- (c) Personnel would be enrolled into the Italian Army on the same basis as any other member of the Army, i.e. liable to Army discipline and liable to be sent where required.

S.M.R.E.

Col Pilsley
Col Neckes
Major Burmann
Capt Selly
Major Calabrin
Lt-Col Craig
Lt-Col Sambo
Lt-Col Grati
Lt-Col Dugate
Major Holt

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S.M.R.E.
LMCA Secretary

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- (d) To accept S.M.R.Es plan for temporary commissioning of officers and temporary promotion of serge.
- (e) MMA would signal 15 Army Group asking for nomination of five existing patriot bands (incl names of leaders and locations of units) suitable for incorporation into Army. M.M.I.A.
- (f) S.M.R.E. would withdraw five screening agencies from ceiling authorized which, when briefed by Ministry of War, would be sent to screen and organize the selected bands. Dol T (FIOHUNE) would handle the detailed enrolment on behalf of Ministry of War. S.M.R.E.
- (g) Recce Bns would be numbered and would NOT be known after their leaders who were liable to change or be killed. S.M.R.E. to submit. S.M.R.E.
- (h) Equipment and clothing would be sent to Combat Groups. M.M.I.A.
- (i) Badges and/or Headgear. S.M.R.E. would submit recommendations. S.M.R.E.
- (j) Pay would be as for Combat Groups. S.M.R.E.
- (k) Rfts would NOT be forwarded from CEMANO. The method of recruiting locally was discussed but MMA would consult with Allied authority and advise Ministry of War. M.M.I.A.

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behalf of Ministry of War.

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S.M.R.E. to submit. S.M.R.E.
- (h) Equipment and clothing would be sent to Combat Groups.
M.M.I.A.
- (i) Badges and/or headgear. S.M.R.E. would submit recom-
mendations. S.M.R.E.
- (j) Pay would be as for Combat Groups. S.M.R.E.
- (k) Rpts would NOT be forwarded from CESANO. The method of
recruiting locally was discussed but MIA would consult with
Allied authority and advise Ministry of War. M.M.I.A.

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Appendix "I" to AFMA letter
SD/26 dated 1 March 45

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Subject: WE - Italian Reece Bn

Land Forces Sub Com AC
(M.M.I.A.).

FILE No SD/26(a)

1 March 45

AFHQ G-3 Org (For) (7 copies)

1.

THE PROPOSAL

- (a) Italian Reece Battalion
- (b) New WE draft of which is attached
- (c) Nil

2.

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL

- (a) Overall increase of 30 Italian Officers
470 Italian ORs
12 Vehicles (Br)
17 M/Cs (Br)

(b) Not applicable

(c) It is proposed to form five such units initially

(d) Overall increase

(e) Nil

(f) All Category A

(g) Yes, see para 3(a) below

3.

REASONS FOR PROPOSAL

- (a) In order to implement AFHQ's proposal to incorporate Patriot Bands as Reece Bns into the Italian Army vide

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- (a) Italian Reece Battalion
- (b) New NE draft of which is attached
- (c) Nil

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL

- (a) Overall increase of 30 Italian Officers
470 Italian ORs
12 Vehicles (Br)
17 W/Os (Br)

- (b) Not applicable
- (c) It is proposed to form five such units initially
- (d) Overall increase
- (e) Nil
- (f) All Category A
- (g) Yes, see para 3(c) below

REASONS FOR PROPOSAL

- (a) In order to implement AFHQ's proposal to incorporate Patriot Bands as Reece Bns into the Italian Army vide para 6 of AFHQ letter AG 091.741/083 GGT-O of 22 Feb
- (b) See also LALA covering letter forwarding this proposal reference SD/26 of 1 March 45.

[Signature]

Major General
M. B. F. A.

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Cffrs (Uff)	30
QRs (Sottuff e Truppa)	470
Total (Totale)	500
M.C. (Motocicli)	17
Vchs (Vericoli)	12

A RECCE BN
(Un Battaglione Esplorante)
(Italian Personnel)

(PROPOSED) W.E. (Organico di Guerra)

DETAIL
(Descrizione)

Ser. No. (Numero progressivo)	D E T A I L (Descrizione)	Bn Hq (Comando del battaglione)	Coy Hq (Comando della compagnia)	Hq COY (Compagnia Comando)				Total Hq Coy (Total compagnia comando)	Coy Hq (Comando della compagnia)	Hq Pl (Plotone Comando)	Signals Platoon (Plotone collegamenti)	Total Hq Coy (Total compagnia comando)	Four Recce Coy each (Quattro Compagnie esplora- tori ciascuna)	Total Recce Bn (Total battaglione esploratori)	Remarks (Osservazione)
				Hq Pl (Plotone Comando)	Signals Platoon (Plotone collegamenti)	Total Hq Coy (Total compagnia comando)									
1	(1) PERSONNEL (Personale)														
1	O.C. (Lt Col or Maj) (Comandante Ten Col o Magg.)	1												1	
2	2 i/c (Maj or Capt) (Vice Commandante (Magg or Cap)	1												1	
3	Adj't (Capt or Subaltern) (Aiutante maggiore (Cap o subalterno)	1												1	
4	I.O. (Subaltern) (Ufficiale informatore (Subalterno)	1												1	
5	Quartermaster (Subaltern) (Ufficiale addetto al materiale e rifornimenti)	1												1	

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Ser. No. (Numero prog)	DETAIL (Descrizione)	Bn HQ (Comando del Bn)	Coy HQ (Comando del Coy)	HQ Pl (Plotone Comando)	Signals Platoon (Plotone collezionamento)	Total HQ Coy	Coy HQ (Total compagnia con HQ)	Coy HQ (Comando della compagnia)	HQ Pl (Plotone Comando)	Three Recce Pl each class	Total Recce Coy	Total Recce Bn	Remarks (Osservazioni)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	(i)												
1	PERSONNEL (Personale) O.C. (Lt Col or Maj) (Commandante (Ten Col o Magg.))	1										1	
2	2 i/c (Maj or Capt) (Vice Commandante (Magg or Cap))	1										1	
3	Adj't (Capt or Subaltern) (Aiutante maggiore (Cap o subaltern))	1										1	
4	I.O. (Subaltern) (Ufficiale informatore (Subaltern))	1										1	
5	Quartermaster (Subaltern) (Ufficiale addetto ai materiali e rifornimenti (Subaltern))	1										1	
6	Interpreter (Subaltern) (Interprete (Subaltern))	1										1	
7	M.O. (Subaltern) (Ufficiale medico (Subaltern))	1										1	
8	Captains (Capitani)		1			1	1				1	5	
9	Subalterns (Subalterni)			1	1	2			1	1	4	18	
10	Warrent Officer (Maresciallo)			1								1	
11	NCOs (Sottufficiale)			10	5	13			2	3	11	57	
12	ORs (Truppa)			24	26	60			16	24	88	412	
13	Total All Ranks (Totale personale)	7	1	46	30	76	1	1	19	28	104	500	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
	(ii) Weapons (Armi)											
14	Revolvers (Pistolo)	7	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	5	30	
15	Rifles (Fucili)			33	22	55		11		11	99	
16	SMGs (Moschetti an Automatici)			12	7	19		7	27	88	371	
17	Pistols, Signal (Pistole da Segnalaza)				9	9					9	
	(iii) TRANSPORT (Mezzi di trasporto)											
18	Motor cycles (Motocicli)			2	7	9		2		2	17	
19	Car 5 cwt 4 x 4 (Autovettura da esplorazione)			1		1					1	
20	Truck 8 cwt and 15 cwt (Autocarro leggeri)							1		1	4	
21	Truck 15 cwt Water (Autobotti)			1		1					1	
22	Lorry 30 cwt or 9 ton (Autocarri pesanti)			2		2		1		1	6	
	Total Vehs excl MCs (Totale veicoli escl motocicli)			4		4		2		2	12	
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28 Feb 45

MINUTES OF MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED
ORGANISATION ETC OF PATRIOT RECCO UNITS
HELD AT HQ M.M.I.A. ON 26 FEB 45

1. PRESENT

Lt-Col Ingledew	MCLA Chairman
Col Kerr	MCLA
Col Pidsley	MCLA
Col Neokes	MCLA
Major Baumann	MCLA
Capt Selby	MCLA
Major Calabrinini	MCLA
Lt-Col Craig	Patriot Branch, A.C.
Lt-Col Stampo	S.M.R.M.
Lt-Col Cruti	S.M.R.M.
Lt-Col Dwyer	S.M.R.M.
Major Holt	MCLA Secretary

2. OBJECT

It was explained that the object of the meeting was to discuss the method of implementation of AHC's proposal to incorporate five Patriot bands approx 500 all ranks into the Italian Army as Recco Units on the basis initially of one per Combat Group. 2100

3. ROLE

It was stated that the role of these units would be:

- (a) close reconnaissance
- (b) light patrol work
- (c) liaison with partisan civilians
- (d) occupation of positions abandoned by enemy, etc.
- (e) guides

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Col	Noakes	MMIA
Major	Baumann	MMIA
Capt	Selby	MMIA
Major	Calabrin	MMIA
Lt-Col	Craig	Patriot Branch, A.C.
Lt-Col	Sampson	S.M.R.E.
Lt-Col	Grati	S.M.R.E.
Lt-Col	DiGesta	S.M.R.E.
Major	Holt	MMIA Secretary

2. OBJECT

It was explained that the object of the meeting was to discuss the method of implementation of AMHs proposal to incorporate five Patriot bands approx 500 all ranks into the Italian Army as Reece Units on the basis initially of one per Combat Group. 2190

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- (d) occupation of positions abandoned by enemy, etc.
- (e) guides
- (f) ~~Minor~~ demolitions

4. AGREED ACTION

Action

- The following action was agreed:-
- (a) SCME would submit detailed VM of unit (to be called Reece Bns) based on:
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- | | <u>Action</u> |
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| (e) MMIA would signal 15 Army Group asking for nomination of five existing patriot bands (incl names of leaders and locations of units) suitable for incorporation into Army. | M.M.I.A. |
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REF AFHQ LETTER AG 091.711/083 CCT-O DATED 22 FEBRUARY 45 (*)
REQUEST YOU NOMINATE FIVE PATRIOT BANDS SUITABLE FOR INCORPORATION
INTO ITALIAN ARMY AS RECCO BNS FOR COMBAT OPS (*) PLEASE GIVE PRESENT
LOCATIONS AND NAMES OF LEADERS (*) NO ACTION TO ENROL WILL BE TAKEN
UNTIL AFHQ APPROVES ORG AND WE BEING FORWARDED 28 FEB. (*) MMIA
WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO NOMINATE A SUITABLE PATRIOT BAND NOW AT
CESANG FOR MANTOVA GP TO BE INCLUDED IN ABOVE

Precedence

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Authenticated

L. M. G. (signature)

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

N° 11182 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 3800, 24 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: Reparti patrioti italiani.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

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Riferimento foglio SD/28 del 25 corrente.-

Si trasmette l'organico di guerra richiesto al n. 4, lettere (a) e (b), del foglio in riferimento relativo ad un battaglione esplorante.-

Detto organico è stato compilato sulla base di quanto precisato da codesta M.M.I.A. nella riunione di ieri, 26 corrente, circa i principali compiti che il battaglione dovrà svolgere in combattimento e cioè:

- azioni di pattuglie;
- guide;
- collegamento con i battaglioni esploranti laterali;
- occupazione temporanea di posizioni precedentemente abbandonate dal nemico o debolmente difese;
- contatto con i patrioti che operano dietro le prime linee avversarie.-

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8. Italian Patriot Units -

R SD/28 Act of 25 inst.

We send W.E. prospect as requested under para. 4 letter a) c) of quoted Act concerning scouting battn.

Act W.E. has been arranged in the form of M.M.I.A. indications during yesterday (20/ Feb) sitting, see

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

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ARMED FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG. (M.F.I.A.)

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Italian Patriot Units

R SD/28 Act of 25 Inst.

We send W.E. prospect as reported under para 4 Item a/c p) of quoted Act concerning country letter.



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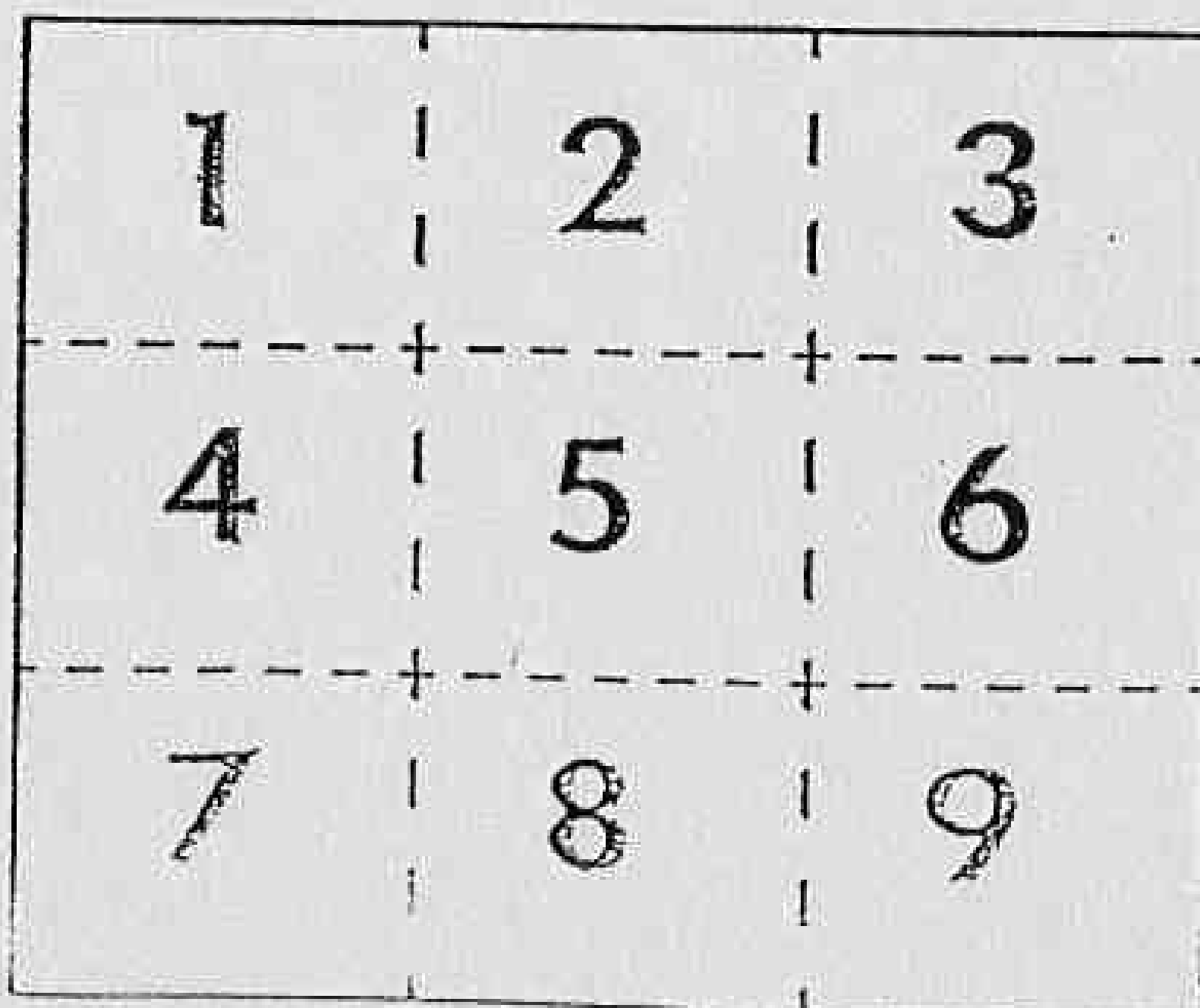
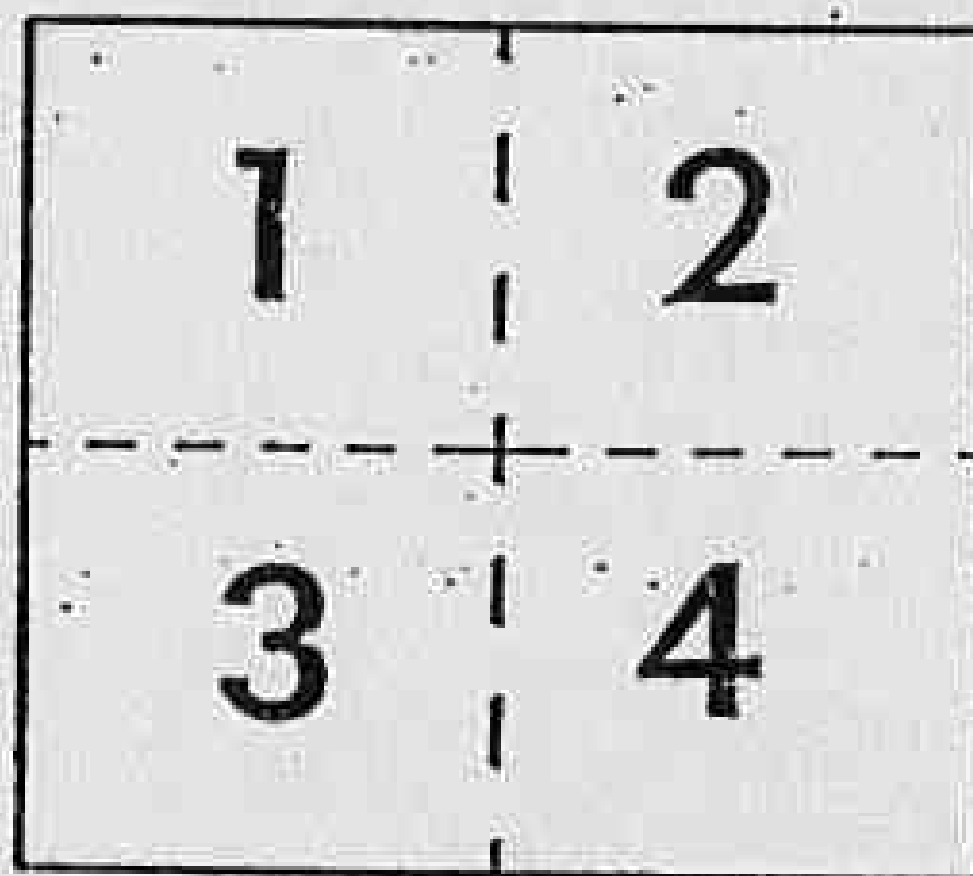
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that is: patrol work, guidance, communications or. Planking route battalions,

temporary occupation of positions previously abandoned by enemy or weakly defended ones; establishing contact w. patriots operating at the rear of enemy front lines.

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LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

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Allegato al n° 11182

BATTAGLIONE ESPLORANTE (Scouting Battalion)
(Organico di guerra) (W.E.)

Comprende: (includes)

- comandante e ufficiali del comando (Commander & Staff officers)
- compagnia comando (Headquarters Coy)
- 4 compagnie esploratori. - (4 scout coys)

Comandante e uff. del com/do (1)
(Commanding officer & staff officers)
Compagnia comando (Headquarters Coy)

Comprende:

- comandante (capitano) (Command., capt)
- plotone comando: (Headquarters platoon)
 - comandante (subalterno) (Command., subaltern)
 - squadra comando (2) (Headquarters section)
 - squadra servizi (3) (Service section)
 - squadra autocarreggio (4) (m.t. section)

Totale plot.comando (total Hdqrs. platoon)

- Plotone collegamenti: (Communications platoon)
 - comandante (Commander)
 - squadra staffette (despatch rider section)
 - squadra segnalatori (signals section)
 - squadra radiotelegrafisti (wireless telegr. stn)

Totale plot.collegamenti (total communications platoon)

Totale comp.comando (total Hdqrs. Coy)

Compagnia esploratori (Scouting Coy)

Comprende:

- comandante (capitano) (Commander, capt)
- plotone comando: (Headquarters platoon)
 - comandante (subalterno) (Command., subaltern)
 - squadra comando (5) (Headquarters section)

Personale (Personnel)		Armi (Armament)				Mezzi (Vehicles)	
Ufficiali (Officers)	Sottuff. (NCOs)	Truppa (ORs)	Pistole (Pistols)	Fucili (Rifles)	Moschetti automatici (Sub-machine guns)	Autoveicolo da esplorazione (Scouting car)	Altri (Others)
7	-	-	7	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
-	3	11	-	8	6	-	-
-	6	18	-	19	5	-	-
-	2	5	-	6	1	1	-
1	11	34	1	33	12	1	-
1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
-	1	6	-	-	7	-	-
-	1	8	-	9	-	-	-
-	1	12	-	13	-	-	-
1	3	26	1	22	7	-	-
3	14	60	3	55	19	1	-
1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
-	1	6	-	4	3	-	-

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BATTAGLIONE ESPLORANTE (Scouting Battalion)
(Organico di guerra) (M.E.)

File on
Patriot File

Speciali del comando (Commander & Staff officers)

(Adjutant Coy)
Trasportatori. - (4 scout. coy)

Comando (1)

Headquarters Coy)

(Command., capt)

Scout platoon)

Truppa (comm., subaltern)

(Adjutant section)

(Scout section)

Truppa (4 m.t. section)

Truppa (total Adjutant platoon)

(Communications platoon)

Scout rider section)

Signals section)

Truppa (wireless telegr. etc)

Truppa (total communications platoon)

(total Adjutant Coy)

(Scouting Coy)

Commander, capt

Truppa)

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Personale (Personnel)			Armi (Armament)			Mezzi di trasporto (Transportation)				Mezzi di colleg.		
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lore (capitano o subalt.), 1 ufficiale informatore (subalterno), 1 ufficiale ad-
ali e rifornimenti (subalterno), 1 ufficiale interprete, 1 ufficiale medico.—
10. off.) di battaglione, 1 sottufficiale e 3 militari di polizia, 1 sottufficiale e
3 attendenti, 1 magazziniere, 2 staffette su motocicletta (dispatch riders on motorcycles).
Ufficiale di contabilità, 1 sottufficiale addetto ai materiali e rifornimenti, 1
2 magazzinieri, 1 sottufficiale armaio, 1 graduato di contabilità, 1 graduato
tà, 1 infermiere, 4 portafariti, 2 sottufficiale addetti alle cucine sottuff.
cucina, 2 cuochieri, 1 macellaio, 1 barbiere, 1 calcolajo, 1 addetto al
1 addetto al servizio igienico, 1 attendente.—
Ufficiale addetto all'autorifornimento, 1 sottufficiale meccanico per autoveicoli, 5
di cui 1 meccanico automobilista e 2 attendenti automobilisti).—
Ufficiale di contabilità, 1 graduato di contabilità, 1 scritturale, 2 attendenti,
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Ufficiale addetto ai materiali e rifornimenti, 4 porta munizioni (di cui 1 graduato),
2 portafariti, 2 cuochieri.—
Prende: 1 sottufficiale capo squadra, 2 graduati capi nuclei esploratori, 6 esple
squadra è costituita su 2 nuclei esploratori di 4 uomini ciascuno.
In the case of 2 nuclei of Scouts, transport 4 men each.
nale deve essere aggiunto il 10% quale complementi.—

TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
 To: Maj. Gen. Browning, (M.M.I.A.)
 Subject: Italian +Patriot Unit.

Ref: 1202/G.A.
 Date: 26.2.1945.

I beg to refer to your SD/28 dated 25th. inst.

I very much appreciate your news regarding the enlistment into the Army of further Patriots and thank you for same. This, in addition to implying an initial solution to the Patriot problem will grant Italy a greater contribution to the Common war effort.

As soon as some points regarding the tactical duties to be entrusted to the patriots have been defined during the the meeting which is to take place today at the M.M.I.A., everything regarding W.E., equipment and arms will be dealt with with the maximum urgency.

As regards the granting of rank, the Council of Ministers decided (Jan. 18th. last) that recognition of the rank (up to Lt. Col.) held by Patriots in combat units can only take place "at the time of the re-organization of the armed Forces", i.e. at the end of the war, because only will it be possible to really and truly carry out this "re-organization", in accordance with the possibilities and requirements of the Nation. Consequently the problem of the treatment due to officers to be posted to the above units can only be solved, today, by means of provisional measures, which will in no way involve definite measures to be based on safe valuation elements not available at present.

Under the circumstances I suggest the following solution:

- a) As regards category: Regular Army Patriot officers will be reinstated in the +Reg. Army, as a rule, with the last rank held. Officers from other sources (those under release (demobilised), NCOs of the various categories, civilians) will be granted the "temporary rank of Patriot officers" f.a.p. to be considered as Emergency commission officers. In other words they would be given temporary rank as in the American Army.
- b) As regards rank: The rank granted will be that equivalent to the W.E. of a unit having the same strength as that of the number of men commanded by the officer during his partisan struggle.
- c) Corps and specialities: Infantry for all those who have never held a rank in the Army. Those who were already Army Officers will return to their previous arms or Corps.
- d) As regards conditions for admission and for promotion: It will be essential that applicant should have:
 - Effectively commanded a period unit during an adequate period or during an action during which he has given definite proof of leadership, capacity and courage.
 - Good moral conduct.
 - been certified physically fit.
 - a sufficiently high standard of education.
- e) Judgement: Entrusted to a composite commission at the M. of W. who will decide after examining proposals made by Italian and Allied H.Q.s under which the Patriots have fought, or by National Liberation Committees or



applications sent in directly by the Patriots themselves.

Two Sub-Commissions will function under said Commissions. One, for the Tirrenic Sector will be formed by "T" Delegation and another, for the Adriatic Sector, will be formed by members of said Delegation.

THE MINISTER

(Sgd) A. CASATI.

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n° 1202/KA

P.M. 3800, li 26.2.1945.

Al Sig. Generale Langley Browning
Land Forces Sub Commission - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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OGGETTO: Reparti Patrioti Italiani.-  
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non possibili al presente.

Ciò premesso ho in animo di dare alla risoluzione del problema la seguente soluzione:

- a) per quanto riguarda la categoria; gli ufficiali patrioti provenienti da ufficiali in servizio permanente rientrano nel servizio permanente e, in linea di massima, con l'ultimo grado ricoperto; se provenienti da altre fonti (ufficiali delle categorie in congedo, sottufficiali delle varie categorie, civili) vengono immessi in "un ruolo transitorio ufficiali patrioti" col trattamento degli ufficiali di complemento, a tutti gli effetti. In sostanza, si addibirebbe all'applicazione di gradi "a titolo temporaneo", come avviene nell'esercito americano.
- b) circa il grado: assegnare quello corrispondente alle unità a venti forza organica pari al numero di uomini che l'ufficiale ha effettivamente avuto alle dipendenze durante la lotta partigiana.
- c) armi e specialità: fanteria, per tutti coloro che non hanno mai rivestito gradi nell'esercito; armi corrispondenti per coloro che già sono ufficiali nell'esercito.
- d) per quanto riguarda condizioni per l'ammissione o per la promozione, occorrerà:
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 - buona condotta morale;
 - costituzione fisica sana;
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"T" per il settore tirrenico, ed una da elementi dipendenti da det
ta delegazione per il settore adriatico.

IL MINISTRO
(A. Casati)



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SUBJECT: Italian Patriot Units

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(R.I.I.A.)
25/28 50/26
25 Feb 45

TO : Ministry of War Taken by Hand of Capt Selby

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1. A.F.H.Q. has proposed that five "patriot" volunteer Reconnaissance Companies, each approx 500 all ranks, be accepted into the Italian Army and allotted on the basis of one per Combat Group. These units will therefore be a R.I.I. commitment. Units will be recruited in bands under their own officers where suitable but personnel will be subject to Italian Army regulations in the same way as all other members of the Italian Army, i.e. personnel will elect to enrol for service wherever required by the army.
2. If, after operational experience, these units prove successful A.F.H.Q. will consider recommending to higher authority an increase in ceiling in order to take in similar Recon Coys for Allied Divs.
3. "The Recon Sqdn and Parachute Battalion will remain att to present plans and are not considered as within the present plan.
4. Before implementation is authorized of paras 1 to 3 above, will you please submit to this H.Q. at the earliest possible date
 - (a) proposed organization into which Recon Coys should be formed to operate most efficiently.
 - (b) a proposed HQ for the Recon Coys and a suggested scale of equipment, bearing in mind the limitation of British equipment owing to other demands.
5. Will you please be represented at a meeting at HQIA HQ Conference Room at 1500 hrs 26 Feb to discuss as such of para 4 (a) and (b) as possible and to discuss other details viz
 - (a) Method of commissioning officers
 - (b) Method of arranging personnel

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(a) Method of commissioning officers

(b) Method of screening personnel

(c) Present loan of tanks and to which arms it is recommended they should be sent after conversion.

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Major General
H.I.I.A.

Copy to: Patriots Branch A.C. } Will you please be
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 : 22 February 1945 :
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AG 091.711/083 GCT-0

22 February 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Patriots

 TO: President, Allied Commission
 FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, MMIA

1. Reference is made to recent correspondence between Allied Commission, 15th Army Group, yourselves, and this headquarters on the subject of the disposal of the increasing numbers of Italian Patriots at present being encountered in the Army area.

2. A general policy is hereby established for the induction of Italian Patriots into the Italian Army as individuals to fill the 48,000 deficiency under the present ceiling.

3. In order, however, to make the most advantageous use of the fighting capabilities of the Patriots and with the object of preserving to the greatest possible extent the esprit - de - corps which is so outstanding a feature of the Patriot bands, the present organization of the Italian Army will be adjusted to permit the formation of further combat forces in the form of Reconnaissance Companies to operate, one, with each of the five Italian Gruppi. It is suggested that these Reconnaissance Companies should have an approximate strength of 500 and should be formed of Patriots comprising their own bands under their own officers.

4. If, after operational experience of the Reconnaissance Companies formed under paragraph 3 above has been gained, 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.

5. The present Patriot bands fighting with the armies will not be disbanded but will continue to operate with their present formations, 121st Recce Squadron with Fifth Army and BANDA PATRIOTA MAIELLA with Eighth Army.

6. In order to implement the policy outlined in paragraph 3, it is desired that your recommendations on the following points be submitted to this headquarters for consideration at the earliest possible date:-

a. Proposed organization, agreed by the Italian Ministry of War, into which the Reconnaissance Companies should be formed to operate most efficiently.

b. A proposed WE for the Reconnaissance Companies and a suggested

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scale of equipment, having regard at the same time to existing shortages of
British equipment.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christenberry
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Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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2009 March 1945

SUBJECT: Induction of Italian Patriots into the Italian Army

TO: President
Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MFA)

1. Reference is made to AG 091.711/083 GGT-O, dated 22 February 1945.

2. Attached is copy of Headquarters Eight Army M 1202 G, dated 4 March 1945. It is desired that consideration be given to this document in submitting the recommendations called for in paragraph 6 of the letter referred to in paragraph 1, above.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

A. B. KING
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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