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PUBLICATION IN FURTHERANCE OF FX75600 WILL REACH YOU IN A FEW DAYS.

MMIA 0670 OF 8 JANUARY REFERS.

(FX83881 FROM AFHQ FOR ACTION TO MMIA FOR INFO 5 ARMY CITE FHGOS SIGNED SAC)

THIS PROVIDES THAT PARTISANS BE HOSPITALIZED, WHERE NECESSARY, DURING SCREENING PERIOD IN ITALIAN MILITARY HOSPITALS, BUT TO BE EVACUATED TO CIVIL HOSPITALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PROVISION OF RATIONS FROM US AND BR SOURCES TO BE ARE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY AGAINST THEIR COMMITMENTS.

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TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ
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Subject is MMIA signal O 670 of 8 Jan (*) Authority for issuing Italian Army rations to hospitalised partisans contained in HQ AAI letter 1027/01/Q date 11 July 44 as amended by their memorandum 1075/5/Q of 20 Oct 44, and in AFHQ signal FX75660 of 30 December 44, which authorises Italian Army rations for all partisans coming through the lines (*) Owing to impracticability of issuing military rations to individuals in civil hospitals arrangements were made locally with Allied Medical Staff officers for partisans to be admitted to Italian Military hospitals when evacuated from Allied Military Field Hosps (*) This arrangement has been in operation for over three months and has proved highly satisfactory to all concerned (*) In view small numbers involved no overcrowding of Italian Military Hosps has occurred and no change in established procedure is seen necessary (*) Cite our 697 (*)

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FILE NO. SECOND DATE

Subject: Patriots and Partisans

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Ind No.	From	To	Date
	Sr MMIA LO	LFSCAC (MMIA)	6 Jan 1945

Lt. Col. Sansome, Italian Army O.C. recruiting, advised me that for the past 30 days, he has inducted the following numbers into the Italian Army:

To 210 Division

From Florence	68
From Pescia	55
Total	123

To Gruppe

From Florence	38
From Pescia	115
Total	153

Grand total for 30 day period - 276

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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R.C. VanKirk
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Major, Infantry,
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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

CONFIDENTIAL

29th December 1944.

RVDJ:DHBM:HDP

REFERENCE: 109/2

SUBJECT : Handling of Partisans.

TO : See Distribution.

1. GENERAL.

General policy instructions to be followed in the treatment of Partisans who have to be demobilised after their operational use is over have been issued from this Headquarters from time to time and are unaffected by the following. This memorandum is to be considered as an Administrative Instruction defining the machinery which now exists in the Army Area and which can be made use of by all officers in forward areas. It deals essentially with the problem as at the present time when static conditions prevail.

2. THE PROBLEM.

During mobile warfare the handling of ex-partisans is mainly a question of dispersal, in which is included the disarming and screening of bands overtaken during the advance, followed by such arrangements as it may be possible for the forward Civil Affairs Officer to make for the reabsorption of individuals into the community. During such periods the physical difficulties to be overcome, other than the enforcement of total disarmament, normally are smaller than in static periods, since it is possible for the bulk of the individuals to return to their own homes.

In this case the most difficult problems occur at a latter stage and are of a mixed political - Economic - Social - Administrative - Public safety character.

3. In the present static conditions large numbers of partisans come through the lines who cannot be dispersed to their homes in the normal way and in its early stages the problem is similar to that of ordinary civilian refugees. Apart from the necessity of providing minimum rehabilitation facilities for men who have been exposed to severe conditions in the mountains it is necessary to

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4. EVACUATION.

It is however necessary for obvious and universally agreed reasons for partisans to be located separately from Refugees. A Partisan Section has therefore been created with a Partisan Officer at this Headquarters for the organising of Reception Centres to which all homeless Partisans who come through the line can be evacuated. At present centres are located at Pescia and Florence; future locations are dependant on operational requirements and will be notified as necessary.

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5. All Partisans who come through the lines will normally be screened for security reasons by CIC or other similar agencies before being handed over to AMG. Disarming of those who are to be demobilised will also normally take place in Divisional Areas. (The evacuation of Partisans to rear areas fully armed should always be avoided if at all possible.) Homeless Partisans who cannot be dispersed into the local community or be employed forthwith by Divisions or Corps as civilian labour should be evacuated at once to the Army Partisan Centres by similar methods to those used for Refugees.

Casual homeless Partisans who have not come through the line in organised bands but who are found individually wandering about the Army Area may also be sent to the Army Reception Centre, unless they are engaged in unlawful activity in which case they will be treated as any other civilian engaged in unlawful activity.

6. ARMY RECEPTION CENTRES.

At the Army Reception Centres (see para. 4 above) Partisans will be given a short period of rehabilitation after which they will be dispersed in one of the ways outlined in para. 13 below.

The Centre is organised with:

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d. such staff (normally recruited from suitable partisans) as the Allied Camp Commandant may consider necessary for the running of the Camp.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Partisan Officer at this Headquarters has duties similar to those of the Senior Refugee Officer. He is responsible for:

a. the organisation, location and equipment of the necessary number of Partisan Centres,
b. ensuring that the evacuation from Corps Areas to Army Reception Centres proceeds smoothly,
c. the collection of information from Special Force and other agencies as to the probable numbers of Partisans expected to come through the lines,
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f. the supervision of the Italian Army Recruiting Agency and the Military Patriot Representatives attached to this Headquarters by the Allied Commission.

He is NOT responsible for dealing with ex-Partisans who have already been demobilised and dispersed into the community. This continues to be an administrative problem and will continue to be dealt with by Provincial Commissioners, Corps Senior Civil Affairs Officers, or where necessary by Public Safety Officers in the ordinary routine way of business. It must be stressed that once a demobilised partisan has been dispersed and given a

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chance to be absorbed in his normal home-community he must be treated as any other civilian, subject only to such privileges as may be laid down by the Italian Government and to the preferential consideration shown to the ex-servicemen/war veterans of any civilised country.

8. The Allied Camp Commandant is responsible to the Army Partisan officer for the running of the camp and the dispersal of as many as possible of the men who pass through his camp.

9. The Recruiting Agency of the Italian Army is responsible for the enlistment of all Partisans who volunteer for the Italian Armed Forces. It is administered by the 210th Italian Division and arranges the evacuation of volunteers through Italian Army channels.

10. The Military Representative is responsible to the Allied Camp Commandant for the treatment of Partisans individually.

a. He will, in conjunction with the Band Leaders, screen all Partisans to determine whether there are any bogus persons in the Reception Centre. Any such who are found will be evacuated forthwith through Refugee channels.

b. He will be a part to the awarding of Alexander Certificates.

c. He will interview all individual Partisans to determine the method by which each individual is to be dispersed, referring to the Allied officer in charge only such cases as are necessary for the issue of AMG travel permits or other special treatment.

d. It must be overlooked that he is the responsible representative selected to act on behalf of the NKPC of the Italian Government, who will be responsible for the many problems connected with ex-Partisans after Allied occupation is over. Furthermore the Italian Government has a justifiable right to insist that all funds disbursed on their account on behalf of Partisans shall be approved by the Military Representative.

11. ALEXANDER CERTIFICATES.

The awarding of the Alexander Certificates will NOT be done in forward areas except to those Partisans who can be dispersed locally and are not evacuated to Army Centres. In such cases the awarding should be approved if at all possible by a Military Representative; in the Army Reception Centres the Military Representative will always approve their issue (see para. 9 c. above). The importance of this is due to the fact that the holders of an Alexander Certificate may become entitled to a financial award from the Italian Government (see para. 9 d. above and para. 12 below.)

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This award would not be given to individuals until finally dispersed to their homes or enlisted into the Italian Army.

13. DISPERSAL.

Apart from those men who can be dispersed locally to their homes in Corps Areas and who therefore do not have to be evacuated to Army Reception Centres the following channels of dispersal will be used from Reception Centres.

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a. Volunteers for the Italian Army will be interviewed by the Representatives of the Recruiting Agency and disposed of as in para. 9 above.

b. Those who wish to go South to their homes or relatives will be given AMG travel permits and despatched by the best means available.

c. Every attempt must be made to find temporary homes and work for the remainder until such time as they can return to their homes now North of the line and be finally absorbed in their own communities. This is the responsibility of the Partisan Officer of this Headquarters and the Allied Camp Commandants but it is realised that the limiting factors are those of organising and equipping parties in such a way that they are acceptable to Military Employing Agencies requiring gangs of common labour for work in arduous conditions. If the necessary equipment and organisation can be arranged it is hoped that Military Employing Agencies can take on large numbers of men during the present static period.

d. Those who cannot be absorbed as in sub-paras. a.-c. above must be considered after a period of 14 days from their arrival at the Army Reception Centres as no different from any other homeless civilians and will be evacuated from the Army Area. The Refugee Branch of Allied Commission has stated its intentions of separating partisans from ordinary Refugees in the evacuation channels.

While it is in many ways desirable not to evacuate ex-partisans in this way it must nevertheless be clearly understood by all concerned that 14 days is the maximum period for which accommodation will be provided at the Army Reception Centres.

14. RATIONS.

The official ration-scale for partisans under AMG control is the Refugee scale. This may be altered in the near future to the Italian Military Scale. Further information will be issued in due course.

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16. CONCLUSION.

The organisation outlines above is intended for static conditions and will be modified whenever a swift advance is resumed. Fresh instructions will be issued in due course when necessary.

17. All enquiries relating to partisans should be referred to Captain Limbert, A.M.G. Fifth Army Partisan officer, Telephone No. Florence 1624.

For the Commanding General:

R.V.L. Jarman
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Lt. Col., Cav.,
Acting Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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APPENDIX "A"

Locations.

Captain Limbert	AMG Fifth Army H.Q. Scuola Rossini, Florence.	Tele; Florence 1624.
Florence Partisan Centre.	Scuola Lubricini, 68 Via Montebello.	Camp Commandant, Captain Hazzard.
Pescia Centre.	Pescia.	Camp Commandant, Lt. Woolford.

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Italian Military Hospitals, Florence - Ospedale Militare S. Gallo,
Via S. Gallo.

Villa Natalia, Via Bolognese.

Ospedale Militare Oliveto,
Monte Oliveto.

Lucca - Located in old Civilian Hospital.

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Patriot Representatives.

Captain Leo Lorenichini - Florence.

Captain Raffello Piconegioni - Pescia.

Captain Tonnarone - IV Corps.

Italian Army Recruiting Agency:

Lt. Colonel Cancono - O.C. and 'outside' recruiting.

Major Alfaro - Viareggio.

Major Bolloi - Florence Centre.

Captain Fabbiano - Pescia Centre.

Captain Cassiano - 'outside' recruiting.

2nd Lt. Boverini - Viareggio.

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SUBJECT: Patriots

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
M. M. I. A. (A.C.) R C M P
6 Jan. 1945

TO : Chief of Staff, A.C.

1. General BERARDI, S. M.R.E., has been "belly-aching" more than once recently on the matter of patriots. I think the real reason at the back of his mind is not really the patriot problem but the fact that:-

(a) We are 48,000 short of establishment in the Italian Army.
(b) Call-ups have not gone too well - see my TS/G/19 of 27 Dec.
(c) He fears he will not be able to make up the shortage and cover wastage under existing procedure.
(d) Therefore, he wants to "collect" patriots, even at the expense of pandering to their wishes and of the dangers involved in altering the policy.

2. As you see from my DRAFT letter attached, I completely disagree with him.

3. I would like to:-

(a) "Kill" this agitation of BERARDI'S (and, by inference, of any other Italian authority) once and for all.
(b) Re-state, categorically and comprehensively in one document the main points in the patriot problem.
(c) Pass my letter to AFHQ for information, to prevent any alteration of policy, if possible or likely, as some of them there who were not in on our summer discussions may not appreciate all that is involved in the business.

4. Would you therefore return my draft letter and send me your comments. I will then send to BERARDI and AFHQ, copy to you.

K.B.
MAJOR GENERAL
M. M. I. A.

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M. M. I. A. (A.C.) R O M E

Jan 1945.

TO : M. E. Gen. BERARDI (through H.E. the Minister for War)

1. GENERAL

Your letter 84/09 dated 2 Jan. to Col. PIDSLEY has been passed to me. I realize that Col. PIDSLEY, while admitting in no way whatever that a change in policy was desirable, agreed to receive a memorandum from you on the subject, which you have raised on more than one occasion recently. As you have written frankly, so do I.

2. EXISTING POLICY

As you are well aware, the Existing Policy was adopted last Summer after considerable discussion of both the military and political aspects, both for now and post-war, by all authorities concerned including patriot leaders. After decision by high Allied authority this policy was stated in AMIA Letters G/19 of 23 July 44 with amendment TS/G/19 of 30 Nov 44. I need hardly say that the whole matter has been continuously watched ever since by all Allied authorities concerned - particularly in view of the tragic occurrences in GREECE.

3. REASONS FOR POLICY

While a large number of factors affected the problem, among the main ones are the following:-

(a) There can be only one official Italian Army and its prestige and authority must be maintained and enhanced both for now and post-war.

(b) "Private armies" of Patriots or anyone else within liberated territory would not only undermine the authority of the official Italian Army but would be the seeds of grave potential trouble in the future.

(c) Enrolling patriots (who undoubtedly have widely different political views) as complete bands would:-

(i) tend to create political "nuclei" within the army, to the detriment of the policy that the army is above politics and with possible serious post-war repercussions.

(ii) be of doubtful value militarily. The bands are not all composed of trained soldiers. Though they may be useful guerrillas, they would require training in British weapons, platoon and company tactics, etc. before being suitable for

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absorption into the (British armed) Combat Groups. The leaders of the bands would, in most cases, have to be replaced by regular officers which would cause resentment in the bands.

(iii) mean accepting the bands on their own terms instead of ours. A real "patriot" should be patriotic enough to accept what the Allies order in order to contribute his maximum to the war effort and the liberation of ITALY, without causing difficulty to the Allies.

(iv) mean that existing official army units would have to be broken up in order that the bands may replace them. Apart from the military and psychological effect of such a procedure on an army unit, widespread application would unhinge and destroy the basic homogeneity of the army.

The developments in GREECE of E.L.A.S. prove conclusively the wisdom of the Allied policy in ITALY and no change in that policy can be accepted which might bring ITALY one step nearer the state of affairs in GREECE.

COMMENTS ON YOUR LETTER 84/08 of 2 JAN.

4. Your paragraph 1.

(a) I do NOT accept your contention that there is a paradox.

(b) You imply that men called up come into the Army unwillingly.

(c) While some bands may be willing to come into the Army as bands on their own terms, my information from a variety of sources is that the reason why we have secured for the Army only a few hundred patriots out of the thousands available in liberated territory is that:-

(i) patriots do not feel inclined to change their free and easy life for the more circumscribed life of a soldier.

(ii) as soon as their town or village is liberated they want to go home. They would be unable, at any rate immediately, to do so if they enlist in the army.

(iii) Enlistment is strongly discouraged by many of their leaders who realize that once their men are enlisted they (the leaders) become non-entities without power instead of reasonably important people.

(d) Your statement that "those who are anxious to fight encounter difficulties when attempting to join the army" is NOT a fact. Screening agencies have been set up and any patriot is at liberty to join the army if he wishes. These agencies have had little work, due entirely to the patriots own decision as to what they are prepared to do.

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5. Your paragraph 2.

(a) The solution has already been decided by the Allies, taking into account all the factors involved.

(b) The fact that only a few patriots have enlisted and many have evaded the call-up (which is the law of the land) does not invalidate the solution or prove it wrong.

(c) The potentially large number of patriots in the North was a factor that was taken into account in framing the patriot policy. Failure to continue with that policy as NORTH ITALY is liberated can only accentuate the military and political difficulties and dangers mentioned above.

6. Your paragraph 3.

(a) Far from belittling the patriot effort, there has been a tendency to give undue prominence to it, at the expense of the good work done by the official Italian Army. It is largely for this reason that lately considerably more notification has been given in the Press and elsewhere to the doings of the Army and its valuable aid to the Allied War Effort.

(b) The matter of provision of food, clothing, etc. for patriots is, as you know, a complex problem, affected by a number of factors such as availability of supplies, shipping, etc. As you also know, supplies for the Italian Army are very short. The Allies have no inexhaustible reservoir which can be tapped to provide supplies on demand by all and sundry.

(c) Any patriot can enter the Army provided he is suitable, NOT "only a small number" - see also my para 4 (d) above.

(d) While appreciating the value of "links of affection and comradeship", see my remarks in 3 (c) above. Presumably the patriot should put his country above self, no matter what his nationality.

(3) As regards your para. 3 (b) see my para. 4 (c) above. Judging by results of enlistments, the patriots will only come in on their own terms.

7. Your paragraph 4.

(a) I am in agreement with much of what you say. Undoubtedly, the patriots have given valuable aid to the Allied cause and to ITALY.

(b) I am doubtful of your assertion of the unanimity of thought of the bands as regards the political aspect. The danger here is as stated in my para. 3 (c) (1) above.

(c) The real point at issue is whether patriots shall be permitted to enter the army as bands or as individuals. In this connection see my para. 3 (c) above.

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8. Your paragraph 5.

Vide also my para. 6 (b) above - you doubtless appreciate that:-

(a) Disarmament is part of the policy laid down by high Allied authority.

(b) In view of the unfortunate state of affairs between ITALY and the ALLIES during recent years and the fact that Fascism and anti-Allies feeling has not yet been completely eliminated, it is essential, on the grounds of security alone if for no other reason, to make very sure that Italians crossing the line are what they say they are.

(c) With the best will in the world, issues of clothing, food, etc. can only be issued as authorised and not indiscriminately to all and sundry - see also my para. 6 (b) above.

9. Your summary

(a) I have commented already on most of this and would add only the following remarks:

(b) It is the Allied policy NOT to permit "the existence of another armed force apart from the Army" (see my para. 3 (b) above). Hence the procedure laid down for patriots.

(c) Patriots must be considered as civilians till they are officially enrolled into the Italian Army.

(d) The whole matter of formation of mountain units was fully considered recently by high Allied authority. In theory, there is something to be said for the idea - in practice the difficulties of producing and maintaining fully equipped mountain organizations on a different establishment, to combat groups, combined with those of keeping even the combat groups up to strength, have rendered the proposition impracticable. No useful purpose can be served by reopening the question, particularly at a time when the Italian Army is some 48,000 short of its authorized establishment and difficulties are being encountered to make up that shortage, which is mainly in essential service units.

(e) All contact with patriot forces in the North must be through H.Q. 15th Army Group and NOT direct.

10. CONCLUSION.

(a) You will have seen from above that I am in virtually complete disagreement with your memorandum.

(b) I am constrained to say that I think it is based on false premises and an incorrect view of the problem as a whole.

(c) No departure from the patriot policy laid down by higher authority can be permitted.

(d) In connection with all the above, the really important thing at the moment is that Allied policy, the authority of the Italian Government and the law of the land, shall be upheld by:-

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(i) strict adherence to the patriot policy laid down.

(ii) obtaining the necessary soldiers for the Italian Army by ensuring effective call-ups and non-evasion of their duty by all men of military age.

(e) H.Q. A.C. are in agreement with my remarks above.

MAJOR GENERAL
M. M. I. A.

TRANSLATION

FROM: S.M.R.L.

TO : Col. PIDSLEY MMIA

Ref: 84/CS

Date: 2 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Patriots

1. Introduction

In Italy today, the following paradox exists:-

Those who are forced to go into the Army, are admitted.

Those who are anxious to fight encounter difficulties when attempting to join the army.

The latter are the Patriots.

2. The problem of the Patriots has lately acquired extraordinary proportions and very shortly it will be imperative to find a solution.

In fact:-

Thousands of Patriots have for some time now lived in liberated Italy and over three thousand have recently crossed the line because they were attacked by whole German Divisions.

Nearly 100,000 Patriots will become available when Northern Italy is liberated.

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Thus those links of affection and comradship formed in partisan Groups, in the midst of the struggle and continued risks, are broken, links which, bearing in mind Italian character, are so very important to the performance of these people.

(b) On the other hand the Patriots most ardently desire to continue to fight the Germans, whenever possible, maintaining their present formation.

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4. Psychology of the Patriots

- They have the profound conviction, which is even backed by Allied recognition, that they have given everything for the Allied and national causes and expect therefore a moral and material treatment corresponding to the risks they have taken so far.

- They are first class combatants chosen by hazards and privations of a difficult war,

- They represent all parties. During the Partisan War politics had never been made, both chiefs and followers having only one thought, that of fighting for the common cause.

- Among the chiefs there are numerous regular army and reserve officers as well as improvised commanders who, with their courage and organizing ability, have won the esteem and consideration of their followers.

- The mass of the followers is sound and their only desire is that of continuing to fight against the Germans. Once they are absorbed by the army they will become soldiers with all the qualities common to the Italian soldiers enhanced by an ideal.

- Every advantage is therefore to be gained by taking these men into the regular units of the army including, naturally, officers of proven capacity, tact and energy. These Patriots would promptly regain order and discipline and would give Italian units a marked impulse in their fighting spirit.

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5. Treatment given in many cases to Patriots who have recently crossed the line.

- Immediate disarmement, incorporation into coloured units, long marches even under the rain, extended questioning (treatment almost equal to that given to P.O.W.),

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- no moral or medical assistance (patriots arrive from over the line with scabbies and other infective diseases),

- no issue of clothing to replace their rags or to protect the men against the hardships of winter,

- inadequate feeding (patriots receive the same ration as civilian refugees which is totally inadequate),

- Italian Military Authorities can do nothing to alleviate these sufferings of the Patriots because, unfortunately, they have no availability of food, clothing or means of transport.

SUMMARY

Bearing in mind that:-

- it is in the common interests that Italy should remain a peaceful country and that no alteration of the internal order should take place in the rear of the operating army,

- that the existence of another armed force apart from the army would create a dangerous competition between the said armed forces,

- it would be a real shame, from an operational point of view, to waste so much precious material particularly suitable for mountain warfare,

It is considered advisable that the following measures be taken:-

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- that the formation of these patriot groups into regular army units led by capable and safe officers, be allowed;

- that, according to MMIA directives, studies be started at once in order to organize the immediate enrolment and cadre of the northern Italy patriots when the armies advance.

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Since most of the men are natives of the mountainous regions or men who have fought for a long time in the mountains these studies could be based, for example, on the policy of organizing Alpini Regiments or at least troops equipped for mountain warfare. These units could be grouped in such a way as to constitute one or more main units to operate in the mountains or to be allotted, for employment, to Allied Divisions for patrol or guide duties.

Once the enrolment plan has been established, SMRE could contact the Military HQ, of the Partisan Forces of the North in order to prearrange the carrying out of the plan as and when the regions of northern Italy are liberated.

The Chief of Staff.

(Sgd) P. BERARDI

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- Ufficio Operazioni -

P.M.3800, li 2 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Patrioti.-

AL COLONNELLO PIDSLEJ * M.M.I.A.

=S E D E=

1°)- Premessa

Esiste oggi in Italia questo paradosso:
- sono ammessi nell'esercito coloro che ci vanno per obbligo;
- incontrano difficoltà ad entrarvi coloro che anelano di combattere.

Questi ultimi sono i patrioti.-

2°)- Il problema dei patrioti ha assunto in questi ultimi tempi proporzioni notevoli ed è da ritenere che entro brevissimo termine si dovrà necessariamente addivenire ad una sua soluzione.-

Infatti:

- migliaia di patrioti si trovano da tempo nell'italia liberata e più di 3.000 hanno recentemente passato le linee perchè attaccati da intere divisioni tedesche;
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- disperdere queste formazioni, destando sui patrioti l'impressione di tener poco conto dell'apporto da essi dato alla guerra di liberazione;

- non provvedere adeguatamente e immediatamente alle neces-

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sità di vita (vitto-alloggio-vestiario) di coloro che passano le linee;

- consentire che soltanto un numero ridotto di patrioti - sempre come uomini isolati - entrino nelle Unità combattenti dell'Esercito.

Vengono così a spezzarsi i vincoli affettivi e di cameratismo creatisi nelle formazioni partigiane attraverso lotte e rischi continui, che data l'indole italiana, hanno tanta importanza per il rendimento tecnico di questa gente.

b)- I patrioti desiderano invece ardentemente continuare a combattere il tedesco, mantenendo il più possibile le loro formazioni.

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- vi sono tra i capi numerosi ufficiali in s.p.e. e di complemento nonchè altri comandanti improvvisati che si sono guadagnati, col loro valore e capacità organizzative, la stima e la considerazione dei loro subordinati;

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- la massa dei gregari è sana: unico desiderio è quello di continuare a combattere il tedesco. Una volta immessi nell'Esercito diventerebbero soldati con le qualità comuni del soldato italiano valorizzate da un'ideale.

C'è pertanto tutta la convenienza ad assorbire questi giovani nelle regolari unità dell'Esercito, immettendoinaturalmente ufficiali di provata capacità, tatto ed energia. Questi patrioti rientrerebbero subito nell'ordine e nella disciplina, dando un notevole impulso allo spirito combattivo delle unità italiane.

Qualora invece questi giovani venissero abbandonati a loro stessi e non venisse provveduto alle loro immediate necessità (vitto - alloggio - vestiario), è da ritenere che potrebbero essere facile preda di elementi facinorosi, pronti a nascondere le armi e ad usare poi la forza per far valere le loro ragioni.

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Le autorità militari italiane non possono far nulla per alleviare le sofferenze dei patrioti, perchè purtroppo non dispongono nè di viveri nè di vestiario nè di mezzi di trasporto.

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C o n c l u s i o n e

Tenuto conto che:

- è nell'interesse comune che l'Italia si mantenga un Paese tranquillo e che nessun perturbamento nell'ordine interno si verifichi alle spalle delle armate operanti;
- il permanere di altre forze armate al di fuori dell'esercito verrebbe a creare un pericoloso dualismo tra le forze armate stesse;
- sarebbe un vero peccato, ai fini della condotta delle operazioni, disperdere tante preziose energie particolarmente idonee alla guerra di montagna;

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- sia ammesso il principio di trasformare le formazioni dei patrioti in formazioni regolari dell'Esercito, inquadrandole con ufficiali capaci e sicuri;
- siano iniziati fin d'ora, secondo direttive della M.M.I.A., studi intesi ad organizzare l'assorbimento immediato e l'inquadra-

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Trattandosi di uomini per la maggior parte nativi da regioni montane o che per lungo tempo hanno combattuto in montagna, base degli studi potrebbe essere ad esempio il criterio di prevedere la organizzazione di reggimenti alpini o almeno di truppe attrezzate per la guerra in montagna. Detti reparti potrebbero essere rag-

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gruppati tra loro per costituire una o più unità destinate ad agire in montagna, od assegnati anche, per l'impiego, a G.U. Alleate per servizi di pattuglia o di guida.-

Una volta stabilito il piano di assorbimento, lo S.M.R.E. potrebbe provvedere a prendere contatti con il comando militare delle forze partigiane del nord, per predisporre l'attuazione del piano stesso, man mano che verranno liberate le regioni dell'Alta Italia.=

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P.M.3800 li 3 gennaio 1945

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Allegati 1 Risposta al foglio N. R 7/1

OGGETTO: situazione riepilo- del
gativa arruolamento partigiani nella zona di
Firenze.- Resume of Partisan enlistments in the Florence Area.

AL 1° AIUTANTE DI CAMPO DI S.A.R. IL
LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(MMIA)
(per il Maggiore Baumann)
ALLA A.C.C. - PATRIOT BRANCH
(per il Colonnello Pava)

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Si trasmette, per notizia, una situazione riepilogativa (a tutte il 28 dicembre 1944) degli arruolamenti effettuati tra i patrioti che hanno recentemente passato le linee.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Zanzi -

We are enclosing, for your information, a a resume (up to and including the 28 Dec., 1944) of the enlistments made among the patriots who have recently crossed the lines.

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- Ufficio Operazioni -

Partisans Situation in Florence Zone at 28/XII/44

SITUAZIONE PARTIGIANI NELLA ZONA DI FIRENZE ALLA DATA DEL 28/12/44

Partisans gathered in the area.
Partigiani affluiti in zona .....nr. 2139

Sent to their homes
Avviati alla propria dimora .....U.S Off 4
S.S NCO 3
T.S O/R 1023

Assgnd. to civilian labor units.
Assegnati ad unità lav.civili .....T.S O/R 206

Reported for enlistment
Presentati per l'arruolamento .....U.S Off 2
S.S NCO 10
T.S O/R 257

Assigned to Combat Groups
Assegnati ai gruppi Combattimento .....S.S NCO 6
T.S O/R 132

Assgnd. to 210th Div.
Assegnati alla 210ª Divisione .....U.S Off 2
S.S NCO 2
T.S O/R 103

Assgnd. to CERSETI Det. No.7.
Assegnati al distaccamento Cersetti n.7 .....S.S NCO 2

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Sezione Ordinamento

SEGRETO
Urgente

nº 9629 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 24 dic. 1944

OGGETTO: Invio distaccamento "Cerseti" a Siena e Perugia.-

AL COMANDO "CERSETI" — ROMA (a à zoto)
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO SERVIZI — SEDE (a mano)

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto - Uff.C.A. — P.M. 3800
AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "T" S.M.R.E. — P.M. 179
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO OPERAZIONI — SEDE

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1°)- Per l'arruolamento di patrioti affluiti nelle zone di Siena e Perugia si dispone il temporaneo invio in posto di un distaccamento del "Cerseti".-

2°)- Come da accordi intervenuti con l'ufficio patrioti dell'A.C. l'inizio degli arruolamenti è fissato per il mattino del giorno 8 gennaio 1945 a Siena.-

3°)- Il comandante del distaccamento si presenterà a questo S.M.- ufficio Operazioni - il 4 gennaio 1945 alle ora 8,30 per essere orientato sul lavoro da svolgere.-

4°)- Il comando "Cerseti" è pregato di curare l'approntamento del distaccamento e la sua partenza da Roma per il mattino del 6 gennaio.-

5°)- L'ufficio Servizi provvederà per la data predetta ad assegnare al distaccamento stesso un autocarro leggero.-

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IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
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1°)- Per l'arruolamento di patrioti affluiti nelle zone di Siena e Perugia si dispone il temporaneo invio in posto di un distaccamento del "Cerseti".-

2°)- Come da accordi intervenuti con l'ufficio patrioti dell'A.C. l'inizio degli arruolamenti è fissato per il mattino del giorno 8 gennaio 1945 a Siena.-

3°)- Il comandante del distaccamento si presenterà a questo S.M.- ufficio Operazioni - il 4 gennaio 1945 alle ora 8,30 per essere orientato sul lavoro da svolgere.-

4°)- Il comando "Cerseti" è pregato di curare l'approntamento del distaccamento e la sua partenza da Roma per il mattino del 6 gennaio.-

5°)- L'ufficio Servizi provvederà per la data predetta ad assegnare al distaccamento stesso un autocarro leggero.-

p. c. c.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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FROM AMG 8 Army

TO HQ ALCOM for Civil Affairs Sec 311205A

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ALLIED [redacted] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Italian Patriots in S. France. FILE No. 4/37.4/CA

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission. 30th December 1944.

Reference Political Section Inter-Office Memorandum No. 376/385 dated 27th December.

1. It is not the policy of this Commission, or the Patriots Branch, to make any general repatriation of Piedmontese patriots who are now taking refuge in the South of France. However, if there are any of these men who wish to join the Italian army and are considered suitable by your Sub-Commission this Section would raise no objection to their return to Italy for that purpose.

2. The matter therefore appears to be one entirely for you to take any action in the screening, selection, and repatriation that may be deemed necessary.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Section
DCOS.

Copy to:
Political Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext. 374

Ref: 121/12/5/PAT.

29 December 1944.

Subject: Bi-Weekly Returns of Patriots at Centres.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission (AMLA)
for attn. of Capt. SELBY.

The attached copy of letter ref. Pat/AC/RCL dated 26 Dec. from Patriots Officer, FIFTH Army, is forwarded for your information.

R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Florence Refugee Division
Caserma Del Genio

Ref: Pat/AC/RCL. 26 December 1944.

Subject: Present State of Patriots' Barracks at Florence and Pescia.

To: H.Q. A.C. APO 394
Civil Affairs Section
Patriots Branch.

Sir,

1. With reference to the telephone message received today from your office, I have to inform you that:

FLORENCE: Patriots Transit Barracks No.1.

Since Capt. DIAMOND took command of these Barracks:

(a) 75 Patriots joined the Italian Army
(b) 115 Patriots have joined working units
(c) 71 returned to their homes
(d) 230 Patriots left for an unknown destination
(e) 500 Patriots are at present in the Barracks.

PESCIA: Patriots Transit Barracks No.2.

Since Lt. WOOLFORD took command of these Barracks:

(a) 200 Patriots joined the Italian Army.
(b) 700 Patriots have been evacuated to their homes in the South
(c) 450 Patriots are at present in the Barracks.

2. In future, providing that this is convenient to you, it is proposed to submit to you the figures of the Patriots' Barracks twice per week.

(Sgd.) D. LIEBERT, Capt.

Patriots Officer,
Fifth Army.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

LAND FORCES

Originator's Reference: FX 75600
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 2818524

Message Centre No: C/5719
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 282130A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ATTIC SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEC, FHGDS, FHQAE

TO : ALCOM 5TH ARMY, 8TH ARMY, LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION (MMIA)

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

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

In addition 1 blanket is authorized within limits of availability.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Political Section

TS G/19

SUBJECT: Italian Patriots in S. France. FILE No. 376/385

TO : Civil Affairs Section 27 December 1944
Copy to: Land Forces S/C.

1. A paraphrase is attached of a telegram from the Italian Ministry at Bern regarding the position of Italian patriots from Piedmont who have taken refuge in S. France.

2. After consultation with the Land Forces Sub-Commission, the Political Section recommends that a small screening commission of about 5 Italian military personnel might be sent to S. France to screen or select patriots who desire to join the Italian Army as it is at present being reconstituted and that those selected as suitable should be shipped back to Italy. If you agree with this proposal, you will no doubt take it up with G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

H. L. d'A. HOPKINSON
Acting Vice President, Political Section

1 Encl: Tel 242 dtd 10 Dec 44.

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PARAPHRASE of telegram No. 242, December 10, 1944, from the American Legation, Bern, addressed to AMDEL ROME.

No. 651, dated December 6, for Italian Foreign Ministry, from Magistrati.

News comes from Southern France that many Italian patriots, some wounded included, are there now and especially in vicinity of Enear Aix Les Bains. They escaped from Piedmont and took refuge there. The nephew of the former Premier, Antonio Giolitti, Commander of the Piedmont patriot division of Piedmont, is with them. He reports that the French military authorities, though having scarcely means for this purpose, are providing food and shelter. Therefore, patriots suggest that the Royal Government examine the possibilities of the creation of an Italian unit for Western Alps, or for their repatriation through Marseilles and Naples.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Ref: 49/PAT. 23 December 1944.

Subject: Patriot Volunteers for Italian Army.

To: Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

TS/G/19 26/12.

Further to your TS/G/19 of 5 Dec.

Col. Sansone who heads the Recruiting Agency in Florence is hard at work trying to obtain rectruits at the two Patriot Centres in Florence and Pescia. There is, however, an extreme reluctance on the part of Patriots, to join the Italian Army and is meeting with very little success.

He is fully aware that the HQ of the 21C Division is in Florence and has in fact already sent a batch of some 40 men to that HQ.

R.G.H. SPICER
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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SUBJECT: Policy for Employment of Partisans.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TG/G/19
27 DEC 44

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TO : H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP.

Ref your 16/G(Ops) dated 9 Dec 44.

1. I am afraid I disagree profoundly with the proposal and adhere to the remarks I made in my letter of 25 July 44 (copy attached) for the following reasons :-

(a) The proposal is contrary to the policy adopted after considerable discussion of all aspects in July last, and which has worked without undue friction or trouble. This matter has obviously a considerable political aspect, and to change the policy would throw the whole business into the melting pot once more.

(b) It would set up a semi-legal military "private army" not subject to the authority of the Italian Military Authorities, thus undermining the latter's prestige and authority, which essentially we must maintain and increase both from the present and post-war point of view. The result would be one step nearer the E.L.A.S. state of affairs, the effect being intensified when we liberate NORTH ITALY with its larger, more virile and more organized bands.

(c) Apart from the possibility, even probability, of the bands (who are of various political colours), fighting each other, it lays the seed of very serious political trouble with the aid of force for the future.

(d) We would be accepting partisans on their own terms NOT on ours - the conquerors and liberators. In this connection it is significant that only a few hundred partisans all told have entered the officially authorized Italian Army, though there has been ample opportunity and facility for them to do so. The reasons for this, in my and my forward L.O's opinion, are that :-

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(i) partisans do not feel inclined to change their free and easy life for the circumscribed life of a soldier.
(ii) as soon as their town or village is liberated, they want to go home. This they would be unable to do if they enlist in the Army.
(iii) enlistment is strongly discouraged by their leaders, a small part of whom are genuine fanatics, but most of whom realise that once their men are enlisted they (the leaders) will become nonentities without power, instead of reasonably important people.

This can hardly be called patriotism on the part of the patriots, and as such their personal predilections should not be considered.

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(e) We would be differentiating between partisans behind the "patriot battle zone", in that zone and in the enemy occupied zone. This would, with the ever changing boundaries of the "patriot battle zone", introduce further complications into an already complicated problem. It would also present loopholes and opportunity for non-handing in of arms and evasion of call-up at a time when conscription results are for a variety of reasons falling seriously short of expectation. This latter is a most important aspect in view of the necessity of completing the Italian Army to its authorized ceiling and replacement of wastage.

(f) Under existing orders from C.C.S. in WASHINGTON we are forbidden to issue clothing, rations, etc. or to hospitalise anyone militarily who is not a properly enlisted member of the Italian Army. In any event, neither staff nor accomodation exists for hospitalising other than official soldiers and the problem will become even more acute when the Italian combat groups go into action in January and February 1945.

(g) I am not in a position to comment as to whether permission for all partisan bands to carry arms in the patriot battle zone would be a danger to us or not. On the face of it there would appear to be a risk involved from many aspects, not the least being the possibility of Fascist bands coming into our lines masquerading as pro-Ally, with all the potentialities of trouble that involves. This, however, as I say, is a matter for commanders in the battle zone.

(h) Finally, by recognising and supplying the partisan bands a few thousand strong we would be creating an asset possibly of value. BUT by doing so we give the Germans a lever to press for our recognition of similar German activity by several hundred thousands on the entry of the Allies into GERMANY. The value to the Germans of this policy would undoubtedly be far greater than to us and, viewing the war as a whole, I feel it would be most undesirable and might well prolong the war.

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R. Brownjohn

Major General
M.I.A.

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Copy to: A.F.H.Q.,
H.Q. A.C.

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SUBJECT: Patriots

TOP SECRET

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA
ROME
G/19
25 July 44

AAI (Ops. B)

Ref your AAI/115/G (Ops "B") of 21 Jul:-

1. (a) My G/19 of 3 June and of 23 Jul (first letter) give the policy I have arranged as regards the screening and enlistment of Patriots into the existing official Italian Army.

(b) Attached herewith are further NOTES which have been issued in amplification to A.C.C. reps. who deal with Patriots.

(c) My G/19 of 23 Jul (second letter) gives my views on the employment of Patriots as "private armies" - as is happening in the case of the RAGGRUPPAMENTA AMIATA with 5 Army.

2. If we allow "private armies" of Patriots or people such as General LAMZAFAME to usurp the functions of the existing official Italian Army:-

(a) We will be storing up great trouble for the future, as these Patriot bands will claim official recognition and will not hand over their authority to the existing official Italian Army without protest and trouble when we reach their areas.

(b) The bands, who are of different political colour, will fight among themselves, thus creating a serious internal security problem. If official recognition is given now to one particular band trouble may happen at once (cf MIHAILOVITCH/TITO or the conflicting bands in GREECE) to the detriment of the Patriot effort - and we may "back the wrong horse."

(c) We would be undoing all the arrangements made for the newly-liberated parts of ITALY now under our control and our policy would rightly be considered vacillating.

3. As I see this complicated matter, we can have only one policy, viz:-

(a) We are very grateful to the Patriots. They have done a good job. As a result we are giving them certificates of merit; we are doing our best to settle them in civil life; we will take as many volunteers as we can into the Army, BUT

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(b) There must be only one official Italian Army and so the Patriots must be patriotic enough to hand in their arms and not upset the Allied war effort by jibbing at what we order in full knowledge of all the factors.

4. A.C.C. agree with the above from the political aspect.

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(Sgd) L. Browning
Major General.
Army Sub Com., A.C.C.

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copy to: Col. McCARTHY
(Patriots Br. ACC)

P.t.o. PS

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P.S. I might also point out the danger (from the wider aspect of Allied policy now and Post-War) of having an Italian Army of 470,000 plus a very large number of armed Patriots. I fancy the Allied Governments would be loath for such a situation to occur, particularly at a time when opposition to peace terms might be encountered.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

S/g.a. UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

T.S./G/1981

N. 181/44 prot. Op. P.M. 3800, 20 dicembre 1944

Allegati 1 Risposta al foglio N.

OGGETTO: arruolamento patrioti nella zona di Firenze.=

Funktionl. Patrols in Florence Area.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
(per il Maggiore BAUMANN) ROMA

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R 26/12

Si trasmette una situazione riepilogativa degli arruolamenti effettuati tra i patrioti che hanno recentemente passato le linee.=

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Sutti -

Collection of Personnel files
PATRIOTS. SW 29/12

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SITUAZIONE ARRUOLAMENTI PATRIOTI A FIRENZE

Giorno 18 c.m.

- Presentatisi ed arruolati = 1 settuff. 1 truppa
- Assegnati alla 210ª divisione = 1 settuff. 1 truppa
- Arruolati dalle autorità alleate per lavori = 114 truppa

Situazione riepilogativa

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  = a Pescia : - uff. 363 patrioti

totale 2 uff. 939 patrioti.

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Headquarters,
15 Army Group.

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19 Dec '44.

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M.M.I.A.

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In accordance with your signal O-653 of 17 Dec '44 am enclosing herewith copy of our 16/G(Ops) of 9 Dec '44.

Would appreciate your comments.

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John W. Rice. Col.,
for Major-General,
Chief of Staff. 779 SC

JHR/daw

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SUBJECT: Policy for Employment of Partisans

Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

16/G(Ops)

9 Dec '44.

Fifth Army.
Eighth Army.

1. In view of the fact that increasing numbers of Patriots are now being met with, the question regarding their treatment in the battle zone has been raised by Commander Eighth Army, and the whole matter needs review.

2. Hitherto the policy of the Commander-in-Chief has been to render all possible assistance to Patriots fighting in territory occupied by the enemy. As soon as Patriots come within our zone they are however deemed to become citizens of liberated territory, and are required by immediate proclamation posted by AMG in newly liberated territory to surrender their arms.

3. It is recognised that the enforcement of the surrender of arms and the rehabilitation of patriots presents a big problem for AMG, and that for physical reasons alone the handing in of arms takes time.

4. In the battle zone experience has shown that Patriots can be of use to armies and moreover in most cases patriots in the battle zone ignore the proclamation to hand in their arms.

5. It is therefore desired to clarify the position and to regularise the employment of a limited number of patriots by Allied formations at the discretion of Army Commanders in useful work such as the gaining of information, leading patrols and operating in areas inaccessible to regular troops.

6. It is suggested that a Patriot battle zone should be recognised, limited either by rear divisional boundaries or rear Corps boundaries behind which the handing in of arms should take effect. Forward of this line no action would be taken to disarm patriots, but behind this line disarmament would be strictly enforced. In this connection it must be clearly understood that it is the duty of all military commanders to assist AMG as required in the important task of disarming the civil population in liberated territory, as the retention of arms is a potential cause of civil disturbance which might entail the diversion of Allied troops from the battle.

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The following items should also be issued at the discretion of the Army Commander :

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Land Mine

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1 Pr boots

2 Prs socks

1 Jersey pullover

1 Cascape

1 Mess tin

for each patriot drawing rations, with a monthly turnover of 500.

9. British Increment FIFTH Army should now be authorised to issue rations for up to 200 patriots per day and 50 cigarettes per week for each patriot and equipment on the above scale should be issued at the discretion of Comd 13 Corps with a monthly turnover of up to 100. The above issues will not be exceeded without reference to this HQ.

10. It is not considered desirable to arm patriots in the battle zon who volunteer their services unarmed, but it may well be desirable in order that they may be of use in the roles envisaged, to issue ammunition (including German and Italian) for arms in their possession, or to exchange arms in their possession for arms of a better type. For this purpose it is proposed that EIGHTH Army should now be authorised to hold a stock of :

200 TSMGs

20 LMGs

and 20 PIATs

and to make good issues from that stock up to a monthly limit of 50 TSMGs, 5 LMGs and 5 PIATs.

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40 TSMGs

3 LMGs

and 3 PIATs

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12. The issue of battle dress to improve the standard of clothing of

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and equipment on the above scale should be issued at the discretion of Comd 13 Corps with a monthly turnover of up to 100. The above issues will not be exceeded without reference to this HQ.

10. It is not considered desirable to arm patriots in the battle zone who volunteer their services unarmed, but it may well be desirable in order that they may be of use in the roles envisaged, to issue ammunition (including German and Italian) for arms in their possession, or to exchange arms in their possession for arms of a better type. For this purpose it is proposed that EIGHTH Army should now be authorised to hold a stock of :

200 TSMGs

20 LMGs

and 20 PIATs

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12. The issue of battle dress to improve the standard of clothing of partisans in the battle zone cannot be undertaken. Special circumstances, however, may require the issue of battle dress to partisans for particular missions. It is proposed therefore that should Commander EIGHTH Army or Commander 13 Corps consider the issue of battle dress essential to the task they should be empowered to issue a small number on their own authority. For this purpose a pool of 100 battle dress should be authorised for EIGHTH Army and 20 for 13 Corps.

13. It is considered that all patriots to whom rations are issued should be given an identity card in the form suggested at Appx 'A'. For psychological reasons this pass should bear the holder's thumb print.

14. It is recommended that if patriots bearing such a pass become sick or casualties they should be evacuated through normal channels and be treated in Italian Military hospitals, and not in civil hospitals.

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It is understood that genuine patriots becoming casualties in action against the enemy in occupied territory and who pass into liberated territory have been evacuated through Army channels to Italian civilian hospitals where the treatment is inferior to that provided in Italian military hospitals. It is therefore suggested that unit commanders be empowered to issue a similar pass to that referred to in para 13 to such people, if it can be established that they were injured in action against the enemy and that in case of doubt this added benefit should be extended to a wounded Italian. The Medical Service, when evacuating wounded Italians through military channels, should clearly indicate that they are holders of the patriot pass entitling them to be treated in Italian Military hospitals.

15. If the suggestions outlined above meet with general agreement and are put into effect, the question of the position of the patriots employed by us in the battle zone, in relation to the Geneva Convention, in the event of their capture, must be considered. The question whether we should press for German recognition of the Italian patriots under the Geneva Convention has been frequently considered. Quite apart from the real difficulty of providing and distributing some uniform insignia which would meet the requirements of the Convention, the matter, up till now, has not been pressed because it was thought that if we did so it would give the enemy a lever to press for our recognition of similar German activity on the entry of the Allies into Germany.

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18. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Allied Commission for action

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for Lieut-General,
Chief of General Staff

Copies to :
- MA to CGS
- PA to CAO
- ADC to DCGS
- DMO
- DQMG
- G (Ops)'B'
- 'A'
- 'Q'
- Medical
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APPENDIX 'A'

to 16/G(Ops)

dated 5 Dec '44

PATRIOT PASS

The undermentioned is a member of the Patriot Forces cooperating with the Allied Armies in Italy. If the bearer becomes sick or is wounded during the period for which this pass is valid he will be entitled to treatment in an Army Hospital.

VALID from

until

renewed until)

" ") Each period

" ") NOT more than

" ") 7 days.

PARTICULARS OF HOLDER

Surname .....

Christian Names .....

Father's Name .....

Thumbprint .....

Signed British L.O.

renewed until)

" ") Each period

" ") NOT more than

" ") 7 days.

PARTICULARS OF HOLDER

Surname .....

Christian Names .....

Father's Name .....

Thumbprint .....

Signed British L.O.

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AGAO ELBA

MINISTRY OF WAR

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Ref [redacted] - MUSCHIA spoke (.) Seventy-eight Italian military unfit for service despatched to PIOMBINO today (.) Will be located at CAMPETI det PIOMBINO (.) Request you arrange tpt to island soonest

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for M.A.I. (SIGN),
C. O., C. M. M. I. A.

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17 1730A

Hq 15 Army Group

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RESTRICTED

Your 04967 of 16 Dec 44 (.) Your 16/G(O) of 9 Dec referred to has not been received here (.) Please dispatch copy

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FROM ' FBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEIA LO 151555A

TO MMIA

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SECRET

Ref your 0645 of 12 Dec (.) Personnel have been screened under CIC arrangements and regularly documented by Italian Army (.) No knowledge here of any activity by patriot branch.

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small) MESSAGE FORM

Call | Srl. No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions | Register No. 175

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP — Date-Time of Origin: 16/8/15A — OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

TO: MMIA 15/8/19.

(W) For Information (INFO) 171

Message Instructions — OR —

Originator's No. B4967 SECRET Ref cross SD 1917

Ybr Nuclear appt one is NOT correct to trying postcode in accordance with our 16/8 (G) Secretariat

P.S.S. B/Sec 1000M 6/43

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT) WIRELESS

SIGNED

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

SIGNED Roger

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY — IMPORTANT

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Time cleared

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Dec.13

MMIA H.Q. 174
British Increment, V Army.
Telephone: Lightning Rear 163.

To: MMIA H.Q.

Subject: Partisans in the Florence Area.

T5/G/19
15/V R5/2.

Today I had an interview of Gen.CERICA of Delegazione 'T' on the subject of partisans in the Florence area. He is going up to Rome in a few days time to discuss the situation with the Ministry of War, and he will contact Major Baumann.

He gave me a very complete picture, but I am only sending information which seems to have some bearing on the enlistment of the partisans into the Italian Army.

Gen.CERICA states that the great majority of the partisans are quite unwilling to join the regular Italian forces in the normal way. (48 have enlisted out of 1100 here, for example.) He ascribes this to various factors:

1. They do not feel inclined to change the free and easy life of a partisan for the circumscribed life of a normal soldier.

2. As soon as their town or village is liberated they will want to go home, and they will be unable to do so if they enlist now.

3. They resent very much the indifference (sometimes discourtesy and hostility) with which they are received in our lines. They take this as a sample of what they are to expect if they join the Italian Army.

They are encouraged in all these sentiments by their leaders, a small part of whom are genuine political fanatics, but most of whom realize that once their men are enlisted in the army in the normal way, they themselves, from being important people, will become military nonentities in view of their lack of experience of normal military commands. Hence they vigourously counteract any persuasion urging on the part of those (like Gen.CERICA) interested in getting the partisans into the Italian Army where their combat experience would be useful.

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The leaders would be quite willing to bring the men into the Army units which they themselves would command. The absurdities which this would involve have already been pointed out to the leaders here.

Gen.CERICA has his own proposals for dealing with the situation and he will put these forward to the Ministry of War.

Partisans are situated in this area at the moment as follows:

At Florence	600	partisans from	Modena Division.
	250	.. ..	B.C.B.
Total	850		
At Pistoia	500	.. ..	Imperiale and Modena Divs.
At Lucca	500	.. ..	Gruppo Brigata EST.
At Pescia	115	.. ..	Various formations above.
Total	1965		

In the mountains around Apuania there are 1400 partisans, at present led by PIETRO - whom Gen.CERICA declares to be the very best type to be found among partisan leaders. A German Division has been sent to round them up and PIETRO states that within the next ten days he will be obliged to withdraw his men into our lines. This will bring the total number of partisans ~~xxxxxxxx~~ located in this area up to 3,365.

If these 1400 can be kept apart from the others, in view of the disposition of their leader we may get some good material for reinforcements from their ranks.

It has been proposed to bring the Pistoia group of 500 into Florence. This would be a very bad move, in view of the fact that this city is seething with political unrest, to such an extent that the retention here of the already existing group of 850 is unwise even from the point of view of the possibility of their spreading discontent among Italian soldiers employed by the Allies.

a. va. Newton ..... Cm 762

MMIA I.C. Brit.Incr.V Army.

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SECRET

Subject:- Repatriation of personnel and return of Wireless equipment from SPAIN.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TS/G/19
14 Dec 44

02 Secs.
A.F.H.Q.

R 15/12.

The attached correspondence is forwarded to you for interest. Separate action has been taken by this H.Q. on the movement of the stores.

for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AG
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Political Section. A.C. from M.M.I.A.

Ref att

Would recommend that we send to South of FRANCE a small screening agency of approx 5 Italian Military personnel to screen (or select) patriots who desire to rejoin our presently constituted Italian Army. Recommend that those selected as suitable be shipped to Italy. No man actually to become a member of Italian Army until documented in this country

4 Dec 44.

s/d S.M. INGLEDEW,
Lt Col. G.S.
for G.O.C. MMIA.

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TO: Land Forces S/C)
)- in turn
Patriots Branch)

Mr. Hopkinson would like your comments on the attached telegram from the Italian Legation in Switzerland.

13. 12.44.

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Land Forces Sub Commission.

Patriots Branch

any comments ?

Vice President, Pol Sec.

copies sent to DMFA and CSM
12 Dec 44

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13. 12.44.

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Copy

PARAPHRASE of telegram No 242 December 10, 1944, from the American Legation, Bern, addressed to AMDEL ROME.

No 551, dated December 6, for Italian Foreign Ministry, from Magistrati.

News comes from Southern France that many Italian patriots, some wounded included, are there now and especially in vicinity of Aix Les Bains. They escaped from Piedmont and took refuge there. The nephew of the former Premier, Antonio Giolitti, Commander of the Piedmont patriot division of Piedmont, is with them. He reports that the French military authorities, though having scarcely means for this purpose, are providing food and shelter. Therefore, patriots suggest that the Royal Government examine the possibilities of the creation of an Italian unit for Western Alps, or for their repatriation through Marseilles and Naples.

Land Forces Sub Commission.

Patriots Branch

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Vice President, Pol Sec.

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12 Dec 44

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SECRET JFE/ns 172

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/13/G-II (IT) Tel. 453081 Ext. 394 13 December 1944.

TS/6/19.

SUBJECT: Arrival in Naples, of Italians from Spain.

TO: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italian Government, Palazzo Viminale.
High Commissioner For War Refugees, Italian Government Piazza Nicosia No. 1

1. Enclosed is copy of memorandum dated 12 December relative to arrival in Naples of certain Italians of interest to your organization.

2. Please arrange for their reception in Naples.

For the Director:

James F. Clinian Capt
C. A. OLIVER,
Lt. Colonel,
for G-1, Italian.

Copy to:
Land Forces Sub Commission, MMIA.
Transportation Sub-Comm. A.C. (to arrange for their transportation to Rome.)

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TRANSLATION

MEMORANDUM FOR LT COL OLIVER.

Rome, 12 December 1944.

The Italian Minister of Foregin Affairs informs us that as of today the following persons will leave by sea from Algesiras (Spain), destination Naples.

15 employees of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs.
6 Italian Military.
45 civilian refugees

And a few Italian Merchant Marine Seamen, all in all an approx. 80 persons.

The Italian Minister asks if possible to bring all these people to Rome where they will be under the care of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. It is necessary to notify the Allied Command in Naples, so that he can give the necessary orders, so that they can come to Rome.

Carlo Villata.
Lt. - L.O.

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Understand FIVE ARMY is employing approx 1000 (1000) Patriots in Combat Area (*) Would point out this is contary to present policy vide HHIA letter G/19 of 23 Jul with amendment at TS/G/19a of 30 Nov (*) G/19 of 25 Jul parms 3 and 4 also refers (*) In addition provision of food and clothing vide FAN 338 of 26 Feb 44 can NOT be made to other than duly enlisted personnel (*) Request therefore you instruct personnel to report to screening agencies in FIGHTER Area after which enlistment into Army will take place

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Recruiting of Patriots for Italian Army.

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

TB/C/19
12 Dec 44

Chief of Staff
H.Q., A.C.

Reference your letter Ref/3201/69/COS dated 7 Dec 44.

Attached is short draft of what is considered suitable for publication in the Press.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Much publicity has been given to the activities of the Italian Patriots and detailed accounts of their work behind the lines have appeared frequently in both the Allied and Italian Press.

In response to the repeated requests of the Patriots for an opportunity to continue the struggle for the liberation of their country, the Italian Army has formed a number of mobile selection commissions or detachments responsible for interviewing and accepting Patriot volunteers for the Army. These operate in Army Areas and contact Patriots in newly won territory as early as is practicable. Once selected, volunteers are conveyed to Italian Army recruitment centres where they are enrolled, equipped and despatched for training to the Italian Combat Groups or to other units operating under the command of Allied HQ's.

All volunteers, both officers and men, are enrolled individually into the Italian Army and sent to units about to be formed or as reinforcements for the Combat Groups as is considered necessary in the interest of the combined war effort. No patriot band is recruited as a band.

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SUBJECT: Recruiting of Patriots for Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. T3/G/9
12 Dec 44

TO : MMIA LO 5 ARMY
(Attn Capt NEWTON)

Herewith for your information copies of MMIA instructions on the recruiting of Italian Patriot Volunteers.

J.K. Selby
Lt. Col. Cav
U.S.

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PRIORITY FOR [illegible]

3 DIST 3 DIST [illegible] PATRIOT BRANCH AC
G 5 AFHQ WAR MINISTRY

G 645

Secret

Subject Italian personnel ex South of France (.) You will ONLY accept into Afragola Camp or despatch to other Military camps those Italian personnel which have been screened by Patriot Branch AC and enlisted by B of W into present Italian Army (.) Confirm all 400 now in camp belong to present Italian Army (.) For Patriot Branch AC (.) Ref your 49/PAT of 9 Dec (.) Confirmed personnel should be screened (.) Proportion this personnel as above have now reported to our camp (.) Please confirm you have already screened or will do so in next few days (.) For B of W (.) Report now accepted into Army

In agreement - Patriots Branch AC + MMIA
W.M. will arrange for Screening agency to
go down to Aversa & Patriot Branch
have agreed that one of the two
rescue depts now in Rome will to
keep

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FROM PENBASE 12181

TO AFHQ, PENSOUTH

INFO MTOUSA ATTENTION COT
SACMED, AAI ADVANCE, 5 Army, MMIA

PBS 532915 SECRET

LST 907 lifted from ELBA 200 French personnel all ranks 90 mules, 150 tons unladen equipment including 2 immobile tanks and 11 guns, and 1 vehicle, 11 Dec (.) LST 1021 lifted a total of 750 Italians from ELBA in 2 shuttles, last one being completed 11 Dec (.) Movement of Italians to 5 Army has been arranged.

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MMIA DIST:
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AQ (1)
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : MCC 112

Classification : S

Precedence : PRIORITY

From : PAS

To : MTOUSA

IMPORTANT for 7

Date / Time Rec'd : 130105

Date / Time Sent : 130115

Reference NR : PAS 32915

Cite : BPTPN

SD.

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MXXXRPT LST ~~RPT LOVE SUGARJTARE~~ NINE XERO SEVEN LIFTED FROM ~~ELBA RPT~~ ELBA TWO ZERO ZERO FRENCH PERSONNEL ALL RANKS CVA NINE ZERO MULES CVA ONE FIVE ZERO TONS UNLADEN EQUIPMENT INCLUDING TWO IMMOBILE TANKS AND ONE ONE GUNS CVA AND ONE VEHICLE CVA ONE ONE DECEMBER PD PENBASE THREE ZWO NINE ONE FIVE PD CITE BPTPN ~~RPT BPTPN~~ THREE SIX ZERO ZERO PD PENBASE TO MTOUSA ATTENTION GOT ~~RPT GOT~~ FOR ACTION CVA TO AFHQ ~~RPT AVIIQ~~ CVA PENSOUTH ATTENTION TO ~~RPT TO~~ CVA ~~SQXXXRPT SACVED RPT~~ SACVED CVA AAI ~~RPT AAI~~ CVA ~~AAI RPT~~ AAI ADVANCE CVA FIVE ARMY AND VVIA ~~RPT VVIA~~ FOR INFORMATION PD

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Recruiting of Patriots for Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. TS/0/
12 Dec 44

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Lt. Col.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 49/PAT

9 December 1944.

Subject: Screening of Personnel.

TS/G/19

To: Lt.Col. S.M. DICKSON,
Land Forces Sub Commission,
(M.M.I.A.).

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Reference your TS/G/19 of 6 December.

Before instructions are issued by this Branch for a Recruiting Agency to interview these men, will you be good enough to indicate that they do in fact claim and are in your judgement entitled to be considered as patriots.

P.M. Magnus

Sir P.M. MAGNUS, Bt.,
Major,
Executive Officer,
Patriots Branch.

PMM/ejl.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel : 735

Ref/3201/69/OOS.

7 December 1944

SUBJECT : Recruiting of Patriots for Italian Army.

TS/G/19 R9/12

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) 154

8/12

1. Thank you for your letter TS/G/19 of 3 December 44.

2. In view of your remarks the Chief Commissioner considers it would be better to send to "Stars and Stripes" an accurate account of the patriot recruiting situation rather than a dementi.

3. Will you please submit draft of a statement suitable for forwarding to "Stars and Stripes.

M.S. Lush.
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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T5/G/29

G.O.C.

1. Patriot fmns in PIEDMONT Valleys.

For information the correspondence is consolidated as under:

Folio 123 M of W letter of 19 Nov asking us for help in PIEDMONT Valley.

Folio 125 We pass this on to AFHQ.

Folio 145 AFHQ informs us they will render assistance.

Folio 149 We pass this on to M of W.

2. Evacuees from Southern FRANCE.

Please see F 153g for information.

I gather on the phone that these personnel are chiefly civilians but we may get up to 200 for the Army.

6 Dec.

Thanks
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File TS/9/19

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AMIQ FOR G3 ORG A AND MOV

AAI 5 ARMY 5 ARMY FOR AMIA LO

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CONFIDENTIAL

Ref your MX 61532 of 2 (.) 500 ITIS expected available

AMIA are in addition to TARANTO personnel

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Screening of Personnel

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. TS/G/19
6 Dec 44

TO : PATRIOTS BRANCH A.C.

It is understood that approx 2,000 Italian personnal have recently arrived from South of France and are now accomodated in the AVERSA Area.

Will you please screen these personnel and say what No's should be enlisted into the Army, when this HQ will take steps with the Ministry of War to implement same.

Lt. Col

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Displaced Persons Sub-Com.

B/F 12 Dec.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Personnel for patriots transit camps.

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TS/G/19
5 Dec 44.

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 12324/Op of 23 Nov.

1. It is not proposed to authorise seperate patriot transit camps. In certain specific instances on application to this HQ., MMIA may authorise enlistment centres to open in the forward areas in order to save transportation.

2. Please see TS/G/19a of 30 Nov.

REP

for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject:- No 8 Detachment CERCHI.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TS/G/13
3 Dec 44.

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 8505/Ord dated 9 Nov 44.

1. Eighth Army advise that they have no objection to No 8 Cerseti Detachment working in the Army area as far forward as Corps rear boundaries.

2. It is suggested that the unit be located in the vicinity of HQ 228 Div which is at present in Pesaro.

for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: No. 8 Detachment CERSETI

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. TS/G/19
5 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Your ref 8508/Ord of 9 Nov 44.

1. Attached is copy of Rear EIGHTH Army letter R 2012 Q of 25 Nov, in which you will note they state there is no objection to No. 8 CERSETI Detachment working in the Army Area as far forward as Corps Rear Boundaries.

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Patriot Formations in the PIEDMONT Valleys

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TS/O/19
5 Dec 44

TO : Ministry of War

1. In answer to your G3/MD of 19 Nov 44, the following is for your information;

(a) In the near future, after clearance has been obtained from the appropriate French authorities, the CLNAI (The National Italian Liberation Committee) is sending a Military Mission, headed by General Zambon Bortolo, to SAVOY for the purpose of :

(1) Reconciling existing differences between Italian Patriots and French Maquis.

(2) Providing better reception for those Italian Patriots forced by enemy action to cross the French Italian border, and

(3) Promoting the passage of arms and equipment from FRANCE to ITALY.

(b) From the air supply viewpoint, AFHQ is doing all in its power, subject to other strategic commitments, to keep the Partisans in Northern ITALY supplied with ammunition, boots, clothing and food for the fast approaching winter.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Patriots Branch, Hq A.C.

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SUBJECT: Patriot Volunteers for Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. T3/G/19
5 Dec 44

TO : PATRIOT BRANCH A.C.

Will you please say what action has been taken on this HQ letter T3/G/19/b of 30 Nov as it is understood from the War Ministry that so far no one has as yet reported to HQ 10 Div. for enlistment.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Recruiting of Partisans for Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TS/G/19
3 Dec 44

TO : Chief of Staff A.C.

Ref your 3201/CCS dated 27 Nov.

1. I am shocked to read the "Stars and Stripes" article. It is completely false and completely contrary to our policy, as you know.

2. I have enquired of the Ministry of War and they know nothing as to where the information came from to the "Stars and Stripes". They did not give it.

3. My staff also enquired the source from the "Stars and Stripes". The latter, after much talk, were not able to produce the original, but only a translation of the original - which is understood to have been an unsigned typed draft purporting to have come from M of W.

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(d) Perhaps, therefore, we should word the dementi carefully, but vaguely, without being too specific. We should, I think, bring out the following :-

(i) That the information the "Stars and Stripes" foolishly acted on was not official and that in fact, no military authorities (Italian or British) authorised it.

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5. (d) (CONTD)

(ii) that recruiting centers for patriots have been in being for months according to an agreed policy, whereby any patriot can volunteer to join the Regular Army.

(iii) that, like any other soldier, no guarantee can be given to any patriot as to where he will serve or what job will be allotted to him on induction. This is total war and a lorry driver is pulling his weight in his own sphere just as much as a soldier in the front line is in his.

(iv) that the "Stars and Stripes" much regrets having issued a statement which gives a false impression.

A.B.

Major General
U.S.I.A.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

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From: Office of the Chief of Staff. TS/G./19 28/11 R 29/11

SUBJECT: Recruiting of Partisans for Italian Army. **FILE No.** 3201/COS.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Com. 27th November, 1944.

The Chief Commissioner would be glad to know whether you can give any indication as to the source of the report in the attached extract from the "Stars and Stripes" which appeared today, and if you would make recommendations for a dementi to be published.

M S Clark

737 Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

MSL/JG.

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BS AND STRIPES Monday, November 27, 1944

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inaccessible peaks. Yet 7th Army officers could only listen sympathetically and shake their heads when ABTF men asked for trucks and guns; the needs of the divisions hurling the Germans north into the Belfort Gap were greater.

'This was the forgotten front — and it still is. The soldiers down here, suffering their losses, taking here a town and there a mountain mass, don't make the headlines. They know this and they'll tell you so. Some say it with a touch of bitterness, thinking of their scanty transportation and not-too-warm clothing. Others, looking forward to a pass to glorious Nice next weekend, grin and say, "Hope we stay forgotten."

Italian Partisans Recruited For Army

ROME, Nov. 26—Partisan forces now in liberated provinces will be allowed to join the regular Italian army, Italian military authorities announced today, adding that recruiting centers have already been opened.

Partisan officers will be allowed to continue command of their own men after induction, it was said. Before being committed to action, the patriots will undergo a period of training to familiarize them with the use of modern equipment.

The decision, said military authorities, is in response to the repeated demands of the Partisans for an opportunity to continue their struggle for the liberation of Italy. As further territory is liberated, a spokesman said, Partisan forces will be urged to join up. Italian army representatives will be attached to advance Allied units so as to be able to contact Partisan bands in newly-won territory as soon as possible.

More than 600 already have been recruited, particularly in Tuscany, Umbria, Marche and Abruzzi.

Greek Flyers Go Back

27th FA Battalion Catapults 300,000 Rounds At Krauts

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Nov. 26—The 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, which has fired 300,000 rounds of ammunition at Germans in North Africa and Italy, has been in action as a unit of the 1st Armored Division fighting with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th Army, it was recently announced.

Members of the battalion, which completed its 413th combat day on September 15, hold a large number of decorations—six Distinguished Service Crosses, four Croix de Guerre medals, an Order of the Red Star, eight Legion of Merit medals, 36 Silver Stars, 27 Bronze Stars, 375 Purple Hearts and 93 individual citations.

Its overseas missions include support to the American 1st Armored, 3rd Infantry, 9th Infantry, 34th Infantry, 85th Infantry, 88th Infantry and 91st Infantry divisions, Canadian-American Special Service troops, the Rangers, the 504th Parachute Regiment, the 36th Engineer Combat Regiment, the 6th South African Armored Division, the 1st British, 5th British, 56th British and 78th British Infantry Divisions, the 6th British Armored Division, the Corps Expeditionaire Francaise, Italian elements, and troops from French Morocco.

Organized in June, 1940, by Major General Vernon E. Prichard, now Commanding General of the 1st Armored Division, the 27th came overseas with other elements of the 1st Armored in May, 1942. It trained for several months in Ireland, stayed in England a while and landed at Oran, Algeria, on D-day, Nov. 8, 1942.

In Algeria the 37th fired its first mission against the local defenders, destroying two antitank guns and knocking out all guns of an enemy six-gun battery.

The 27th arrived in the Medjez el Bab sector as a major German armored thrust cut through and overran Allied positions there. One battery of the 27th was a victim of this assault but withdrew from its guns only after all artillery

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Monday, November 27, 1944 THE STARS AN

Tokyo Raid Casts Shad Of Doom Upon Nippon!

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26—The smoke from the huge fires kindled in Tokyo b Super Fortresses, still smouldering today long after the attack, foreshadowed certa Tokyo and all Japan, reports and comments upon the raid indicated.

Most significant was the comment of Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Air Force comm pointed out that the Tokyo assault was "in no sense a hit and run raid," rather extension of American airpower assuring that from now on no part of the Japane out of range, no war factory too remote.

"The battle for Japan has been joined," he said. "The systematic demolition of Japan's war production begun six months ago from China bases henceforth will be carried out with decisive force. We opened against Tokyo an attack which will be carried on relentlessly."

Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, whose 20th Air Force made the Tokyo mission said, "This marks the true beginning of a new phase of the air war against Japan, which in its various aspects will steadily unfold."

Accounts of the attack, only now becoming clear, disclose that heavy bomb loads were dropped on the Musashina airplane plant in the northwest section of the city. The central industrial district was also hard hit. For the first time in recent raids over Japan weather permitted the bomber crews a reasonably clear view of their targets. Reconnaissance photos afterwards showed great fires in the city's heart.

REAL SUPER RAID

An undisclosed number of Super Forts (the Tokyo radio said there were 70 of them) roared from newly-completed bases on Saipan in the Marianas at dawn last Friday. Their attack had been preceded by daring reconnaissance missions over Tokyo by Super Fort crews who photographed antiaircraft defenses and future targets.

Describing the takeoff, an American correspondent wrote: "A great force of B-29 Super Fortresses thundered into the dawn at breathtaking one-minute intervals from this island which five months ago

B-29s Avoided Hir

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26—Reconnaissance photos ration for the Tokyo raid plainly showed the Emper grounds, but B-29 crews were carefully briefed to av and other shrines.

Lt. Col. Robert Haynes of Hermosa Beach, Calif., briefed for days on the Tokyo area but when we made raid we were briefed 15 minutes."

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So strongly imbedded is the Emperor concept t dealt death would unite the Japanese to a final deat other single incident. It would sweep the country w attackers far transcending the jingoistic-fed hatred pressed, the Associated Press commented, adding that militarists might some day kill the Emperor themselves the same result.

Super Fort bases already built or under construction at Tinian and Guam as well as Saipan.

In the lead plane was Brig. Gen. Emmett (Rosie) O'Donnell of Jamaica, N. Y., 38-year-old former West Point football coach, who commanded the historic attack. Major Robert Morgan, pilot of the famous B-17 "Memphis Belle" of the 8th AAF in Europe, was at the controls of the first bomber over Tokyo, in which O'Donnell rode. It was O'Donnell who flashed back word to his anxiously awaiting base at Saipan that his sizeable force had successfully bombed the capital of Japan.

General O'Donnell is Brooklyn-born and was three times decorated

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FROM SAC

TO MAIA 021958

INFO HQ AAI CITE FHGCT 126a

FX 61592

T5/6/19

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Your 9495, 30 Nov 1944 (.) Are 500 ITIS available

ELBA in addition to personnel formed for FIFTH Army in

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To AFHQ for G3 OPS Another.

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MSG Center No : N 87/02
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From : SAC
To : ACTION MAMIA, INFO HQ AAI,

Date Time Rec'd : 021958
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Reference NR : EX 61592
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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC( ) CITE FHTFN 020145

TO PENBASE 021638

INFO COM 8th Fleet-CTF 81 - DELTA BASE -SOLOC - COMZONE ETOUSA - FIFTH Army - AAI - MMIA

FX 61726 SECRET

Estimated time of arrival 5 Dec are 2 Lsts at PORTO LONGONE, ELBA to make the following moves :

(1) 1 LST (.) Remainder of 29th RCT for MARSEILLEY (.)

(2) 1 LST (.) Italian muletiers FIFTH Army, for PIOMBINO (.)

Request necessary arrangements be made.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : 7303
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From : AFHQ
To : MAIB

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Date Time Rec'd : 020145 (Act) 051600 (Rec'd)
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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

N/cp. UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

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N. 12324 prot. /Op. P.M.151, li 23 novembre 1944.

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

OGGETTO: personale per campi raccolta patrioti.-

Personnel for patriot collection camps

LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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e, per conoscenza :

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - GAB. -
Ufficio C.A.

P.M.151

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Seguito foglio nr.10887/Op. del 15.10.44.-

Come segnalato con foglio a cui si fa seguito il personale occorrente per la costituzione dei campi raccolta patrioti trovasi presso il Comando 228^ divisione in attesa di essere impiegato.

Non essendo giunta, tranne la richiesta iniziale, alcuna altra comunicazione in merito si prega far conoscere se i campi raccolta patrioti verranno ancora costituiti e se il personale in oggetto deve ancora essere tenuto a disposizione per un successivo eventuale impiego.-

IL GENERALE DI ESERCITO
-Alexander- 731-

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Subject:- No. 8 Detachment CERCERI.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FIELD 201

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
(MMIA)

3600/3/Q(AE)

29 Nov 44.

Copy to:- G(SD)
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CERCERI.

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Ref your letter T3/G/19 dated 14 Nov 44 and further to this HQ 3600/3/Q(AE) dated 19 Nov 44.

1. Attached for your information is copy of Rear Eighth Army letter R 20129 of 25 Nov, in which you will note they state there is no objection to No. 8 CERCERI Detachment working in the Army area as far forward as Corps Rear boundaries.

2. It is hoped this will satisfy the requirements of SHAEF.

5 Dec
m/w informed
2 Dec

W. Maclean Lt. Col.
for

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Subject:- Italian Egpt Recce Dets.

Rear HQ Eighth Army,
CMF.

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HQ AAI

25 Nov 44.

Copy to:- G (Ops) Main Army.
G (SD) " "
Sal Rear Army
MGIA " "
CEM " "

Reference your letter 3600/3/Q(AF) dated 19 Nov 44.

1. There is no objection to No. 8 Detachment CSDIC(I) working in the Army area as far forward as Corps Rear boundaries.

2. It is suggested that the unit be located in the vicinity of HQ 228 Div, which is at present in PESARO.

3. The unit will work under the direction of MGIA HQ to Eighth Army and HQ 228 Div. It will receive full co-operation from Salvage and CEM.

(Sgd) R.V.HOUGH, Major
for Lieut-Gen.,
GOC, Eighth Army.

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To : MMIA

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Subject:- Patriot Volunteers for ITALIAN ARMY

Land Forces Sub Sec., A.C.
(L.M.I.A.)

Z/3/19
30 Nov 44

Ministry of War

1. Attached for information is copy of this HQ letter of 22 Nov, ref Z/3/19, addressed to Patriots Branch, A.C.

2. In amplification of the above letter it is stressed that:-

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(b) Under no circumstances will groups of patriots or bands under their own officers be posted together to a unit. This is in keeping with the policy agreed between CCS, SACMED, Patriots Branch, A.C., and HE the Minister for War.

3. It has come to the notice of CCS, SACMED, personally, that the War Ministry recently submitted verbal proposals contary to the above policy with regard to the group of patriots from FLORENCE(270) and the group from FEDTOLA(400). These proposals can NOT, of course, be entertained.

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Lt Col.,
General Staff,
L.M.I.A.

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It Col.,
General Staff,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Patriot Volunteers for ITALIAN ARMY

Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Ministry of War

TE/C/1.9a
30 Nov 44

Copy to:- HQ, AAI
HQ, AC
Navy Sub Comm, AC
Air Forces Sub Comm, AC
Patriots Branch, AC
MMIA LO NAPLES
" " 5 Army
" " 8 Army
" " 1 District
" " 3 District

Ref MMIA letter C/1.9 of 23 Jul para 2(c).

Where, in certain cases, the enlistment centre is forward(i.e. in AAI area), it will be the responsibility of MMIA to arrange either through Allied or Italian channels for personnel so accepted into the Army to be moved from enlistment centre to the units to which personnel have been assigned. Transportation remains the responsibility of Patriots Branch, AC until personnel are duly enlisted.

L. M. Ingleden Lt-Col
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Patriots Volunteers for ITALIAN ARMY.

Land Forces Sub Com., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

TS/G/19b
30 Nov 44

Patriots Branch, A.C.

Attached find copies copies of this Hq letters TS/G/19 of 30 Nov and TS/G/19a of 30 Nov.

Will you please take action on para 4 of TS/G/19 of 30 Nov.

Lt Col.,
General Staff,
M.M.I.A.

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TS/6/19

Subject: Italian Troops in South-East France.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
S/AQ/10/1

27 Nov 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your letter 400029/RFC of 13 Nov 44.

1. The substance of the information contained in your above quoted letter was communicated to A.F.H.Q.

2. A.F.H.Q. have asked this HQ to submit the date of the reports on which your request was based, together with a copy of the reports.

Will you please forward this information and a copy of the reports to this HQ immediately.

F.J.NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

DSLG/hh

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Italian Troops in South East France

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/AQ/10/1
19 Nov 1944

TO : AFHQ for G-5

1. The Italian War Ministry has reported that the major portion of the Italian troops in South East France are without work and are destitute.

2. The Ministry has therefore requested that the question of repatriation be considered.

F.J. NOARES Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

From Ministry of War — Ref No 400029/RFC

TO M.I.A. — Date 13 Nov 44

SUBJECT Italian Tropps in South Eastern France

Further to letter 204949/CA dated 6 Nov.

The major part of the Italian troops at the time located in sout Eastern France are all without work and without means of living.

It has been ordered that the more urgent and serious cases be dealt with but this does not alter the situation which is becoming more acute and may be prolonged in the future.

We therefore beg you to examine the possibility to repatriate the troops that cannot be employed on the spot as manual labourers.

Such repatriation would be rather advantageous as amongst the troops are elements of first class units that most probably could be used in the Combat Groups.

/s/ Gen CXXLIA

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

SECRET
By Authority of
SACMED
Officials RHF
24 November 1944

AG 370.64/203 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Patriot Formations in the Piedmont Valleys.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)
Attention: Major General L. Browning.

TS/G/19 R 29/11
27/11

1. Reference is made to letter, your headquarters, file TS/G/19, dated 19 November 1944.

2. In the near future, after clearance has been obtained from the appropriate French authorities, the CLNAI (The National Italian Liberation Committee) is sending a Military Mission, headed by General Zambon Bortolo, to SAVOY for the purpose of:

a. Reconciling existing differences between Italian Patriots and French Maquis,

b. Providing better reception for these Italian Patriots forced by enemy action to cross the French Italian border, and

c. Promoting the passage of arms and equipment from FRANCE into ITALY.

3. From the air supply viewpoint, this headquarters is doing all in its power, subject to other strategic commitments, to keep the Partisans in Northern ITALY supplied with ammunition, boots, clothing and food for the fast approaching winter.

By command of General WILSON:

AF

HEADQUARTERS
27 NOV
A. C.

H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

SDW/mls

G-5: 383.6-17

23 November 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Troops in South-East France.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC (MMIA).

1. Your letter AG/10/1 of 19 November 1944.

2. See letter War Materials Disposal and Italian PW Sub-Commission IPW/1/14/14 of 8 November 1944 and preceding correspondence.

3. ComZone has been advised by CG MTOUSA (6 November 1944) that under general supervision of higher Allied Military Authorities former Italian Soldiers and Sailors may be employed as civilians on voluntary basis provided that when procedures and facilities for evacuation to Italy are established, such employment will not interfere.

4. Evacuation of Italian Displaced Persons and PWs as well as others ex. France is now under discussion between SHAEF and this Headquarters.

5. It is requested that you submit the date of the reports upon which the request of the Italian War Ministry is based, as well as copies of the said reports.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

S. D. WEISSBUCH,
Lt. Comdr, USNR.

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SUBJECT: Absorption of Italian Patriots into Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TS/G/19
21 Nov 44

TO : Patriots Branch

With reference to paragraph 2 of letter IS/4/75.

We shall be pleased to absorb the partisans referred to via the following procedure :

(a) When the partisans have been assembled at collecting point or points, advise this Mission and transportation will be provided for their transfer to a military camp.

(b) At the camp they will be all screened and processed and dispositions made accordingly.

(c) They will be incorporated into either combat units, in the branch of service for which they are best suited in which case they will receive proper training and eventually join an operational outfit, or they may be sent to service units working for the Allies.

These partisans cannot therefore be "incorporated intact" into the Italian Army but must adhere to the above procedure for absorption into the Army.

for [illegible] Capt
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: SD/42

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26 Nov 44

Col Ingledew phoned Jamison and told him:-

1. These blokes are not soldiers and therefore nothing to do with us.
2. Washington in any case will refuse to feed them as soldiers.
3. That we do not see eye to eye with this letter.
4. We are not authorised to direct medical supplies away from Military.
5. That they should be treated in civil hospitals.
6. Would Jamison bear these things in mind when reading the letter.

(Sgd) A. Cooper Lieut.

Medical Branch, MMJA.

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FROM MTOUBA CITE NATFN

TO PBS FORWARD

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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MSG Center No : N 11/24
Classification : SEC
Precedence : (P) IMPORTANT
From : MTOUSA
To : ACTION PENBASE FORWARD, INFO AAI, 5 ARMY, AAI ADVANCE
MMIA

Date Time Rec'd : 240205
Date Time Sent : 231938
Reference NR : FX56976
Cite : NATPN

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FROM (A) PBS FORWARD

TO (FOR ACTION) MMIA

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OMITTED FROM THE ORIGINAL MESSEAGE:-

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Notes for Lt HORLICK

21 Nov 44

RV 0830 hrs War Ministry " Sala dei Quadri "

Collect Capt SCHIABOD and Lt PELLEGRIN and travel by veh provided by War Ministry to AAI (Gen OXILIA has arrangements in hand for car)

At AAI see Col NEGRONI of Italian Liaison sec, who will arrange interview for the Italian offrs and their accn.

The night of 21/22 Nov will be spent at AAI and return journey made on 22 Nov.

If in any difficulty, or unable to contact NEGRONI, see Maj WHITTY Adv ~~FIELDFORCE~~ FILFOR ~~LSXXIX~~ 18 (G Ops)

SCHIABOD and PELLEGRIN to report to Maj BAUMANN at 1000 hrs by phone, as usual, 23 Nov.

22 Nov
Orders phoned thro Lt Schiabod &
return finish.

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1. FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHSBI 161704

TO MMIA

F 53422 CONFIDENTIAL

Necessary is questioning by counter intelligence corps agent MORZE, behalf of G 2 this HQ, of PELLEGRINA DN THREE others referred to in our FX 52023 dated 13 Nov to DELTABASE, rptd to you (.) MORZE is travel control agent stationed at ROME airport, but rather than hold up the party for interrogation there on arrival, he will arrange with you to see subjects in ROME later

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FROM LAEE AFK 161704A
TO MMIA
GR 86 BT
CONFIDENTIAL PD NECESSARY IS QUESTIONING BY COUNTER INTELLIGENCE
CORPS AGENT MORZE CMA ON BEHALF OF ~~GEORGE~~ G-2 THIS HEADQUARTERS CMA
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TO YOU PD SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGBI F53422 PD MORZE IS TRAVEL CONTROL AGEN
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FROM.....CG DELTA BASE

REFERENCE NO.....2945

DT RECEIVED.....160203A

DT GROUP.....151811A

TO:

ACTION: CG MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY ROME

INFO: CG COMZONE MTOUSA MAIN AND CG COMZONE MTOUSA ADV

CITE: DBSGA

LIEUTENANT RICCARDO PELLEGPIN AND 3 OTHER ITALIAN OFFICERS WITH MAJOR MAKULAK, USA, AS ESCORT WILL ARRIVE LATORIA AIRPORT ROME AT 1400 HOURS ON 16 NOVEMBER. REFERENCE RADIO FX 52023 COMZONE MTOUSA

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FROM CG DELTA BASE CITE 18SGA 151811

TO CG MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY ROME

INFO CG COMZONE MTOUSA AND CG COMZONE MTOUSA ADV

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Lieutenant RICCARDO PELLEGRIN and 3 other Italian offrs with Major MAKULAK, USA, as escort will arrive LATORIA airport ROME at 1400 hrs on 16 Nov (.) Ref Radio FX 52023 COMZONE MTOUSA

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ORIGINATORS FILE No. 3/16

NATOUSA MESSAGE FORM 130

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 13 November 1944

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ACTION TO:

DELTABASE

INFORMATION TO:

COMZONE MTOUSA AHD COMGENE MTOUSA AIV AND MMIA G.

(REF No.) [illegible]2023 10/11

AIR TRAVEL REQUEST FROM FRANCE TO ROME FOR LIEUTENANT RICCARDO PULLEGHINE AND THREE OTHER ITALIAN OFFICERS PD .

SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE MAAGE PD

AUTHORITY IS GRANTED FOR ABOVE MENTIONED TO PROCEED BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM MARSEILLES FRANCE TO ROME ITALY IN ORDER TO PERFORM MISSION AS MENTIONED IN YOUR ONE FOUR THREE SIX DATED TWO FOUR OCTOBER CITE DELTA CMA PARAPHRASED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY COMZONE MTOUSA LX FOUR NINE THREE THREE SIX DATED TWO SIX OCTOBER AND ALSO YOUR TWO ONE NINE EIGHT DATED FOUR NOVEMBER CURRENT PD IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THESE FOUR OFFICERS WILL BE PROPERLY ESCORTED FOR SECURITY REASONS AND UPON ARRIVAL IN ROME THE PARTY AND ESCORT WILL REPORT TO MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY ROME PD MMIA WILL ISSUE ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ESCORT AS MAY BE NECESSARY PD PLEASE ADVISE IN ADVANCE ETA AND AIRPORT AT WHICH THE PARTY WILL ARRIVE IN ROME CMA TO MMIA ROME AND TO THIS HEADQUARTERS

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FRM MATOUSA SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE NAAGE

TO DELTABASE

INFO COMZONE MTOUSA AND COMZONE MTOUSA ADV AND MMIA

FX 52023

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Air tra vel request from France to Rome for Lt RICCARDO Pellegrin and 3 other Italian officers (.)

Authority is granted for above mentioned to proceed by military aircraft from Marseilles France to Rome Italy in order to perform mission as mentioned in your 1436 dated 24 Oct cite DBSGA, paraphrased to this HQ by COMZONE NATOUSA LX 49336 dated 26 Oct and also your 2198 dated 4 Nov current (.) It is pointed out that these four officers will be properly escorted for security reasons and upon arrival in Rome the party and escort will r port to Military Mission Italian Army Rome (.) MMIA will isse any further instructions to the escort as may be necessary (.) Please advise in advance ETA and airport at which the party will arrive in Rome, to MMIA ROME and to this HQ

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Fan Force S/C

Tel: AB9082
Ext: 383

Ref: 5152/HI

22 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Wounded Patriots.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. The Allied Comdsasion has under consideration the handling of wounded Italian Patriots. The following points and recommendations are submitted for your comments.

2. Since Patriot activities in enemy territory are conducted under the direction of AAI, it is hardly necessary to restate the valuable services which they have performed for the Allied Armies in Italy.

3. For humane as well as military reasons this Headquarters requests that the whole question of reception and hospitalisation of wounded patriots be reviewed by your HQ. At present there is no well defined policy for this important problem.

4. It appears that in the Fifth Army area, wounded patriots in many cases are passed through military channels to the Italian Army hospital depot attached to Fifth Army, but the practice is not uniform, and in other cases they are passed to civilian hospitals. In Eighth Army area also the practice is not uniform, and most of the Patriots, after being passed through Army channels finally arrive in a civilian hospital.

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

a) Immediately after an area is liberated the civilian hospitals may be exceedingly short of essential medical supplies just at the moment when they are most required.

b) Civilian hospitals only receive civilian hospital rations which are on a much lower scale than Italian Army rations.

c) Cigarettes and other small personal items which may be available in military hospitals are never available in civilian hospitals.

6. It seems essential in the interests, not only of justice and gratitude, but also in the maintenance of Patriot morale and effectiveness, that Patriots should receive proper hospital treatment when wounded in fighting on the side of the Allies. This question may become even more serious when larger bands are met with in the North.

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7. It is felt that if Patriots cannot be dealt with in Italian military hospitals this fact may well become known to Patriots in the North and that they may be less willing to undertake the valuable services which they are at present rendering to the Allies.

8. Accordingly it is requested that authority be given for the treatment in Italian Military hospitals, when available, of all Patriots wounded in operation on the side of the Allies. It is further requested that, in cases where no Italian military hospital is readily available, authority may be given for wounded Italian Patriots to be received in Allied hospitals, as is the case at present when soldiers of other belligerent nations - e.g. Greeks, Poles, Brazilians - are wounded.

9. As you are aware, although there are now only about 600 wounded Patriots, considerably larger numbers may be expected with operations in Northern Regions, when a definite policy on this question may be an operational necessity as well as a humane gesture.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: AFHQ, G-5 Section.
DCCAO, Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAI.
Patriots Branch.
Land Forces Sub-Comm.
Political Section.
Commander Holdsworth, No.1 Special Force, CMF.

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SUBJECT: Absorption of Italian Patriots into Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TS/G/19
22 Nov 44

TO : Patriots Branch

With reference to paragraph 2 of letter TS/4/75.

We shall be pleased to absorb the partisans referred to via the following procedure :

(a) When the partisans have been assembled at collecting point or points, advise this Mission and transportation will be provided for their transfer to a military camp.

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These partisans cannot therefore be "incorporated intact" into the Italian Army but must adhere to the above procedure for absorption into the Army.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACSEC CITE FHGBI 220025

TO: DELTABASE

INFO: CIC PASSENGER CONTROL AGENT, LITTORIO AIRPORT
MMIA DELTABASE

FX 55668 SECRET

Para one (.) Authority to send Lt CANOVA Armando and GENTILE Eugenio, Italian partisans to ROME granted (.) For ELEMAN (.) Para two (.) For special agent MORZE (.) Treat in same way as previous four members Italian partisans and pass to MMIA (.) Para three (.) DELTABASE directed to cut orders for air passage to ROME

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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From : 1 AAI
To : MAIA (Cyprus)

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Date Time Sent : 211916A
Reference NR : FX 53[illegible]
Cite : FWD 31[illegible]

SECRET TO PARA ONE PD AUTHORITY TO SEND LT CANOVA ADVANCED AND GENTILE EUGENIO CMA ITALIAN PARTISANS TO ROME GRANTED PD

TX ACTION TO DELTABASE FOR INFO CIC PASSENGER CONTROL AGENT CMA LITTORIO AIRPORT ETA ROME VIA DELTABASE REF NO FOX XRAY FIVE FIVE SIX EIGHT EIGHT SIGNED SACVED CITE FHQBI FOR CHARI FOR ELLWAY PD PARA TWO CIA/EA SPECIAL AGENT MORE PD TREAT IN SAME WAY AS PREVIOUS FOUR SECRET ITALIAN PARTISANS AND CASE TO LIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE PD PARA THREE PD DELTABASE DIRECTED TO CUT ORDERS FOR AIR PASSAGE TO ROME

HEADQUARTERS 22 NOV 1944 A.C.

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FROM (A) PENBASE FWD 211832A

TO (FOR ACTION) SACMED, AAI, FIVE ARMY, AAI ADVANCE, MMIA

TO (FOR INFORMATION) AFHQ

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS GR 224/1

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(REF. No.) 1331

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET

REFER PENBASE FWD 1205 CITE BPTPN FWD 170 RE LIFT OF ITALIAN REPLACEMENTS FROM ELBA BY Z CRAFT THIS MOVE NOW TO BE MADE BY LST. AFHQ ARRANGING AND IS TO ADVISE DATE AVAILABILITY OF CRAFT.

2 Copies we left Your Kirk

Capt AUS 2411

L. K. Norton Lt Col AUS Duncan 22/1

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SUBJECT:- Italian Egpt Reoce Dets

TS/G/19 124
21/11

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FITPOT 201

3600/3/3(AE)

19 Nov 44

Main Eighth Army

Copy to: Rear Eighth Army
MMIA - Your TS/G/19 of 14 Nov 44 refers.
G(SD)
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Ref this HQ letter 1605/50/19/G(SD1) of 9 Jul 44 and your signal SD 3502 of 20 Jul 44.

1. MMIA have requested that more scope may be granted to No.8 Detachment CERSETI, which it is stated is not at present allowed forward of the Army Rear boundary.

2. May we please have your views on this matter? It is suggested that the unit might operate usefully in conjunction with the Salvage organization.

R.H. Lowden Lt. Col.
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Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Subject:- Patriot Formations in the PIEDMONT Valleys

Land Forces Sub Com., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

FS/C/19
17 Nov 44.

A.F.H.Q.

1. I attach a letter to me from the Minister of War on the above subject.

2. While sympathising with the Minister of War point of view, I do not see that much can be done about this end.

3. As you know, we are having the utmost difficulty in clothing even the official Italian Army and call-ups. Any diversion of clothing or boots to patriots can only be at the expense of the official Italian Army and thus the war effort in ITALY. Moreover, patriots are regarded as civilians. We cannot issue them with Army clothing, equipment or rations - see para 6 of your AG.091.711/169 GCT -O of 16 Nov.

4. The matter of liaison with and re-organisation under Allied Command in FRANCE is outside my purview.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Patriots Branch, A.C.

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TRANSLATION

15/6/19 D. 19/11. 121

FROM: Ministry of War Ref: 68/MG

TO : Gen. BROWNING Date: 19 Nov 1944

SUBJECT: Patriot Formations in the PIEDMONT Valleys

You are well aware of the situation of the Patriots in the PIEDMONT Valleys - It seems to be a case of over 20,000 men engaged in the guerilla warfare against the overwhelming Nazi-Fascist Forces - Under extremely difficult conditions.

Their situation, which was already bad during the summer period when the mountain roads were open, is rapidly worsening with the approach of winter, because the snow - which has already fallen - is obstructing communications, the local resources are beginning to lack, the localities and the few passes and tracts which are still accessible are easily controlled by the Nazi-Fascists.

If quick relief is not forthcoming, their definite elimination is to be forseen sooner or later. Particular mention should be made of the Patriot Formations in the AOSTA Valley - about 2500 men - who, under strong pressure from Nazi Fascist actions, have retreated into the upper Valleys where they lack ammunition, clothing and food, and are reduced to tragic conditions.

As I believe it to be indispensable, I implore you to please use your high Authority with AFHQ in order that:

- Regular Liaison be established between the above formations and the Allied Commands in France;

- The Partisan Formations be supplied with ammunition, clothing (Especially shoes) and food, setting up, if necessary, special distribution depots at the best suited points;

- Those Groups which were forced to cross into France be allowed to reorganize themselves under the command of Italian Officers in order to be able to take up the fight again as soon as possible.

I am convinced that you will back these requests of mine with AFHQ, thus enabling these embattled formations, so well acquainted with Mountain Warfare, to continue, morally and materially supported, their efficient operations which will be a notable contribution to the Allied Operations in the impenetrable mountain zones.

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(Sgd) CASATI

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MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N° 68/MG Allegati

Roma, 14 Novembre 1944

Risposta al foglio Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO: Formazioni Patriote Valli Piemontesi. -

Al Magg. Gen. BROWNING Langley
Capo della Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
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- fra dette formazioni e i comandi alleati in Francia si [redacted] preso regolare collegamento;

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- sia effettuato il rifornimento di munizioni, vestiario (specie scarpe) e viveri alle formazioni partigiane, costituendo, se ritenuto necessario, appositi magazzini di distribuzione nei punti più opportuni;
- sia concesso agli elementi che devono forzatamente sconfinare in Francia di riordinarsi sotto il comando di ufficiali italiani per potere riprendere la lotta appena possibile.

Sono convinto che la S.V. appoggerà queste mie richieste presso il Comando supremo Alleato, dando così modo a queste agguerrite formazioni, pratiche della guerra di montagna, di continuare, moralmente e materialmente sostenute, la loro efficace azione, che potrà portare un notevole contributo, nella impervia zona montuosa, alle azioni alleate.

IL MINISTRO

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SUBJECT: Patriots

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. T3/G/19
16 Nov 44

TO : POLITICAL SECTION

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Ref your note of 12 Nov regarding proclamation re Patriot status proposed by the Italian Government to be issued by General ALEXANDER.

1. Please see my G/19 of 5 Aug to Acting Chief Commissioner and the latter's A/CC 324.5 dated 8 Aug.

2. I have no further information of developments.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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FROM (A) PENBASE FWD 131551A

TO (FOR ACTION) PENBASE MAIN

TO (FOR INFORMATION) SACMED, AAI, FIVE ARMY, AAI ADVANCE, MMIA, COMZONE MTOUSA MAIN

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(REF. No.) 112 (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET

REFERENCE TELETYPE TPNWAT-2 CITE NONE DATED 4 NOVEMBER ALSO SACMED FX 47834 CITE FHTPN TO COMZONE. PENBASE FWD 1205. CITE BPTPN FWD 170.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO LIFT ITALIAN REPLACEMENTS FROM ELBA TO WEWE BY X CRAFT. NO SCHEDULE FOR LIFT SET UP AS YET AWAITING ADVICE FROM MMIA REPRESENTATIVE AS TO WHEN REPLACEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MOVEMENT. CAPT SMITH AMG REPRESENTATIVE ON ELBA ADVISES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE HAS BEEN NO PREVIOUS LIFT OF ITALIAN REPLACEMENTS FROM ELBA TO MAINLAND.

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12 November 1944

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TO: Chief of Staff Section (attn: Lt.Col. G.W.I.Shipp).
Civil Affairs Section, Patriots Branch.
Land Forces Sub-Commission, (AMGIA).

FROM: Political Section

1. Sig. Del Balzo of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in handing me the enclosed copy of Sig. Bonomi's letter to the Acting Chief Commissioner of the 2nd August, said that the Italian Government was still anxious for the issuance of a statement on the lines proposed.

2. From an examination of the file it appears that this request was submitted to General Alexander by the Acting Chief Commissioner on the 8th of August, but that no reply has been received. Is there any information available here on the subject? If not, I would propose to take the matter up at General Alexander's Headquarters when I go there the end of next week.

H. L. d'A. HOPKINSON
Acting Vice President, Political Section

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C-O-P-Y

TRANSLATION

Rome, August 2, 1944

Dear Admiral,

As you are aware, the Allied Control Commission has recently adopted several practical measures in recognition of the contribution given by Italian patriots to the allied war effort against the Germans. The Italian Government have also acted on the same lines.

The Italian Government are of the opinion that such measures could be very usefully developed and integrated in a statement to be issued by the Allied High Command in Italy, of which I take leave to enclose a draft copy.

You will note that the aim of the statement is that of considering the patriots, who are fighting with unabated vigour and considerable self-sacrifice in the occupied territory, as an integral part of the Italian Corps of Liberation and of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Italy under the leadership of the Commander-in-Chief, General Alexander.

Such recognition would not only place them under the protection of the rules of warfare, but would undoubtedly give them encouragement and incentive of particular significance and importance. I need hardly stress the important place the patriots' movement occupies within the framework of our national life and in the consciousness of the Country.

I have no doubt, therefore, that you will give the matter your most earnest consideration in the interest not only of our own, but also of the common war effort.

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Thanking you in advance for the kind interest I feel sure you will take in the matter,

Believe me, Yours very sincerely.

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ROMAN TRANSLATION OF DRAFT STATEMENT

The Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Italy has issued the following statement:

1. - The Italian patriots constitute a fighting army, under the leadership of regularly appointed officers and is a part of the Italian Corps of Liberation and of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Italy.

2. - Italian patriots bear their arms openly against the Germans and have received precise instructions to conduct the war against the enemy according to the rules of warfare. They wear a badge which has been duly notified in accordance with international rules. General Alexander considers these troops as one of the armies at present under his command.

3. - The status of regular fighting troops as an integral part of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in the war against Germany places them under the protection of International Conventions. Any reprisal that has been, or should henceforth be, exercised against the patriots organizations and the patriots themselves, would, therefore, represent a violation of the rules of warfare which are binding also on Germany.

The Allied Chief Command will make every effort in order that the authors of any atrocity committed against troops acting under its orders shall be placed under trial and duly punished.

ROME,

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SUBJECT: No 8 Detachment "CERRETI"

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. TS/C/19
4 Nov 44

TO : MAIN AAI (3)

R.13/11

1. Attached is copy of letter ref 8508/Ord dated 9 Nov from Italian War Ministry to this HQ requesting more scope for No 8 Detachment "CERRETI" a small salvage unit.

2. As leave is permitted to the security line it is recommended that this Detachment be allowed to operate to security line and/or Army Rear Boundry whichever is further forward.

3. Will you please forward instructions to this HQ.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

ELBA file
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OPERAZIONI DI RICHIAMO NELL'ISOLA D'ELBA

(This covers action taken by M of W in connection with men being transferred from ELBA to mainland — G log 8/11 Nov refers)

1) E' stato disposto che un apposito distaccamento del Cerseti si trasferisca domani 14 corrente a Piombino per predisporre ricevimento richiamati provenienti da isola d'Elba.

2) Materiali di cucina per mille uomini, mille coperte, mille gavette, saranno prelevati strada facendo dal distretto militare di Viterbo.

3) Carabinieri occorrenti per servizio vigilanza saranno forniti da compagnia CC.RR. di Piombino. All'uopo Comandante distaccamento Cerseti sarà provveduto di lettera contenente tale richiesta.

4) Alle ore 17 telefonato alla 210 Divisione (Firenze) per accertarsi che provveda al vettovagliamento e al vestiario dei richiamati provenienti dall'isola d'Elba. Il Capo di S.M. della Divisione non era al corrente della questione in quanto che nessuno aveva dato disposizioni in tal senso. Egli ha comunicato che provvederà facendo però riserva in merito al vestiario stanti le note difficoltà in materia.

5) Tenente Colonnello Cachet che già fu inviato all'isola d'Elba, ha riferito che Piombino non offre possibilità di accantonamento. Anche reparti alleati dislocati nella zona sono attendati. Sarà pertanto necessario provvedere all'attendamento anche per i richiamati. A tale riguardo è stata preavvisata la Direzione Generale di Commissariato che tenga pronti per il distaccamento di Cerseti 1000

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

SEGRETO

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Nº 8508 /Ord. di prot.

P.M.151, 9 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Distaccamento "Cerseti" Nº 8.-
Detachment Cerseti No 8

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA = GABINETTO = Uff. C.A. P.M.151

Codesta M.M.I.A. autorizzò a suo tempo la costituzione del distaccamento Nº 8 per il ricupero dei materiali nel settore dell'8ª armata, all'immediato seguito delle truppe operanti.-

Risulta invece che il comando 8ª armata ha ordinato che il distaccamento stesso rimanga a sud della linea delle retrovie.

Poichè per la buona riuscita delle operazioni di ricupero è indispensabile che il distaccamento possa agire tempestivamente nelle località di mano in mano liberate, si prega codesta M.M.I.A. di volersi cortesemente interessare affinchè sia rilasciata dal comando 8ª armata la necessaria autorizzazione.-

M.R.E.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Sorti)

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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FROM MEDIA

TO 5 ARMY

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INFO MEDIA 10 5 ARMY
PRIORITY
FOR MINISTRY
ROME MEDIA

ED 1727 SECRET

Ref Army signal FX 47934 of 3 NOV NOT to all (.) MEDIA

VAR KIRK MEDIA 10 5 ARMY will be MEDIA rep to coordinate reception and onward arrangements RESULTS of 700 Italian PWs from ELBA (.) For VAR KIRK (.) PCE PCE are arranging 2 craft lift (.) For VAR MINISTRY (.) Request GACHET forthwith as agreed

GACHET

PRECEDENCE Emergency

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/HMR/mls

G-5 : 383.11

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Treatment of Italian Neo-Fascist Soldiers.

TS G/19.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Further to this Headquarters signal F 29562 of 24 Sept. 44 and your reply of S-346 of 26 Sept, 44. For your information the following is paraphrase of signal sent to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

2. The Chief of General Staff of National Defence, under the presidency of the Provisional Government of the French Republic has given formal agreement that captured Italian Neo-Fascist soldiers shall be treated as prisoners of war in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5 :

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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PRIORITY

ACTING CHIEF COMM.

26 SEPT.

SECRET FD YOUR FOX TWO NINE FIVE SIX TWO CITE EIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWO FOUR PAREN TO AFHQ FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES THAT ITALIAN CO DASH FASCISTS IN UNIFORM FIGHTING AND ORGANIZED UNDER PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WHO MAY BE CAPTURED BY ALLIED FORCES SHALL BE TREATED UNDER GENEVA CONVENTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR

AUTHENTICATED :

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, CWAC
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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File III
TS/C/19

FROM: MAIA

TO : AFHC

Rptd: FIFTH ARMY

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SD 1756

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref FIFTH ARMY signal 2069 of 5 Nov (.) Request you take action and ship to LECHGEM if possible

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FROM 5 ARMY Ø415Ø1A

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ G-3 ORG

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REF NR2Ø89

CONFIDENTIAL X REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL (~~SUGAR DOG ONE SIX NINE TWO OF TWO NINE~~) SEPTMEBER (~~ONE NINE FOUR FOUR~~ 1944) SUBJECT ITALIAN REPLACEMENSS ON ELBA PAREN FIVE ARMY TO MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE ACTION INFO ABLE FOX HOW QUEEN FOR GEORGE DASH THREE ORGANIZATION PAREN X PREFER SHIPMENT TO LEGHORN X WILL ARRANGE TRANSPORT FROM THREX// THERE X NOTIFY EASY TARE ABLE

SENT NR6 Ø5/Ø733A FM AR TNKS

RECD NR 6 Ø5/Ø733A SS AR

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FROM.....AFHQ.....SIGNED SACMED

REFERENCE NO.....FX 47834

DT RECEIVED.....030109A

DT GROUP.....031938A

TO:

ACTION: COMZONE MTOUSA MAIN

INFO: AAI-5ARMY-ADV AAI-MMIA-PBS-PBS FWD

CITE: FHTPN

WITH REFERENCE AAI SIGNAL SD 952 OF 2 NOVEMBER 700 ITALIAN REPLACEMENTS NOW READY ON ELBA WILL BE SHIPPED TO WEWE. PBS FWD WILL ARRANGE Z CRAFT AND LIFT. MMIA WILL HAVE REPRESENTIVE PRESENT TO COORDINATE MOVEMENT.

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IN-COMING MESSAGE

From : AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

To : COMZONE NATOUSA MAIN

(Info) MMIA, AAI, AMG ELBA, MMIA LO 5 ARMY

031547

FX 47663 (.) SECRET (.) 1. 700 Suitable Italians available ELBA as reinforcements for Italian Service Units with 5 Army (.)

2. Request you arrange sea transport earliest to PIOMBINO

ROUTINE

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : NAPLES
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : ROUTINE
From : CINCAFHQ
To : AMMISCOM

Date Time Rec'd : 031856Z
Date Time Sent : 031547
Reference NR : FX 41663
Cite : FHQCT

ONE X SEVEN HUNDRED ~~SUITABLE~~ SUITABLE ITALIANS AVAILABLE ELBA

~~OUT~~ ELBA AS REINFORCEMENTS FOR ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS WITH FIVE ARMY

X ~~FX OUT FIVE YRAY~~ FOUR SEVEN SIX SIX THREE FOR ACTION COMZONE

VTOUSA MAIN FOR INFO ~~WVIA~~ ~~OUT~~ CVA AAI ~~OUT~~ CVA ~~ELBA OUT~~

AMG ELBA CVA ~~ELBA OUT~~ WVIA LO FIVE ARMY SIGNED GAC ~~DELETED~~ CITE

FHQCT ~~OUT~~ FHQCT X TWO X REQUEST YOU ARRANGE SEA TRANSPORT EARLIEST

TO PIOMBINO

MA-A
FILE REF
Dest Rec'd 4/11

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MMA T5/6/19
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Ref. CPM/60.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, A.P.O. 394. U.S. Army.

SUBJECT: Garrison of Elba.

DATE: 29th October 1944.

1. Following the visit of Lt. Col. Cachet of the Italian Army to Elba, acting under instructions of M.M.I.A., it appears that early recruitment of the young men of military age in Elba will be instituted.

2. I therefore submit for consideration a proposal that both recruiting and training should take place actually on Elba.

3. If Lieut. Col. Cachet would be made available he would be eminently suitable. A limited number of officers and NCO's are already living on Elba and could assist.

The actual number of young men is approximately 700 and no serious difficulty with regard to the creation of a training depot should be encountered; subject to the provision of rations, arms, and uniforms.

4. It is pointed out that this recommendation, if adopted, would dispose of the present difficulty where replacement of the French garrison is concerned.

C. P. Murabia,
Major,
S.C.A.O. Elba.

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File 107

SUBJECT: Administration of Civilian Refugee Assistance Units

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TE/G/19
3 Nov 44

TO : Ministry of War

Ref your letter 303317/GA dated 29 Oct.

1. Italian Refugee Assistance Units should be attached to the nearest Italian H.Q. for administration purposes.

2. No difficulty in drawing rations will be experienced provided form ST/8 is used.

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Internal:
A/G

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FROM MSILA

TO AFHQ

SD 1714

03 1415A

SECRET

Ref AAI signal SD 952 of 3 NOV 44 (.) Request 4 clear days notice when shipping available so that WAR MINISTRY rep can proceed to ELBA and supervise embarkation

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

M.L.B.A.

Ref. CM/67.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, A.P.O. 394. U.S. Army.

SUBJECT: Italians of Military Age on Elba.

DATE: 29th October 1944.

(For attention of M.M.I.A.)

1. I have just received a visit from Lieut. Col. Cachet of the Italian Army, acting under instructions of M.M.I.A.

2. The object of his visit was to obtain accurate figures giving the number of young men between the ages of 20 and 30 years who could be made available for military training.

3. Approximate figures were obtained. They are as follows:-

Young men between the ages of 20 and 30.	700 —	— MMIA
Men between ages of 30 and 40 years.	290 no	} AMG
Youths of 19 years.	80 no	} AMG

4. Lt.Col. Cachet is willing to adopt whatever steps may be approved with regard to recruitment. Owing to the lamentable conditions under which many of these young men find themselves, and the corresponding urgency of the need for the adoption of speedy measures, I strongly recommend that Lt. Col. Cachet be appointed.

This recommendation is supported by the following facts:-

a. He speaks fluent French and is already on friendly terms with the French Command here.

b. He has the necessary knowledge of local conditions.

C.P. Marchie,
Major,
S.C.A.C. Elba.

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PROMEMORIA PER LA MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY XXXX ROMA

OGGETTO: Viaggio all'isola d'Elba del T.Col. GACHET per l'arruolamento nell'Esercito Italiano di militari ancora sbandati (riferimento foglio 1/101 del 23 ottobre '44 della M.M.I.A.).

1 – La cifra di 2.000 militari italiani ancora sbandati nell'isola d'Elba va ripartita approssimativamente così :

Regio Esercito	nº	1.200
Regia Marina	"	700
Varie FF.AA.	"	100

2 – La Regia Marina sta già provvedendo per i suoi elementi ed è quasi al termine dei lavori (incorpora i militari aventi obblighi di servizio ed invia in licenza od in congedo in continente tutti gli altri) .

3 – I 1.200 del Regio Esercito sono ripartiti fra le varie classi come da allegato; da esso risulta:

Uffimiali	circa	nº	40
Sottufficiali	"	"	40
Militari aventi obblighi di servizio, (1914–1924) ,	circa		700
Militari più anziani (dal 1914 in giù)		"	290
Militari più giovani (1925)		"	80
Militari più anziani residenti in territori italiani non ancora liberati		";	14

4 – Le cifre sono approssimate poichè occorre dalla stesse dedurre:

colore che si sono allontanati dall'Isola con permesso che in primo tempo l'A.M.G. ~~in prima tempo~~ concedeva;

i non idonei fisicamente che dovranno essere giudicati tali

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Regio Esercito n° 1.200
Regia Marina " 700
Varie FF.AA. " 100

2 - La Regia Marina sta già provvedendo per i suoi elementi ed è quasi al termine dei lavori (incorpora i militari aventi obblighi di servio ed invia in licenza od in congedo in continente tutti gli altri) .

3 - I 1.200 del Regio Esercito sono ripartiti fra le varie classi come da allegato; da esso risulta:

Uffiziali circa n° 40
Sottufficiali " " 40
Militari aventi obblighi di servizio,(I9I4-I924) ,circa 700
Militari più anziani(dal I9I4 in giù) " 290
Militari più giovani(I925) " 80
Militari più anziani residenti in territori italiani non ancora liberati "; I4

4 - Le cifre sono approssimate poichè occorre dalla stesse dedurre:

coloro che si sono allontanati dall'Isola con permesso che in primo tempo l'A.M.G. ~~in primo tempo~~ concedeva;

i non idonei fisicamente che dovranno essere giudicati tali da una ~~ma~~ visita medica;

quelli aventi diritto ~~di~~ esclusioni per ragioni di lavoro o di famiglia;

dati che non si sono potuti desumere poichè avrebbero richieste la presa di contatto diretta con i singoli individui.

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5 - dalla visione effettiva della situazione e per quanto positivamente espresso dal Comandante del distaccamento dell' A.M.G. dell'Elba lo scrivente è del parere che la situazione si debba risolvere con tutta urgenza poichè :

- si tratta di una massa uomini senza sostentamento in una località che non consente più alcuna fonte di guadagno;

- sono tutti individui laceri e senza calzature che da oltre un anno vivono di espedienti;

- la popolazione dell'isola ridotta alle più misere condizioni in seguito alla totale distruzione dell'industrie, non è più in grado di sopportare il quasi totale mantenimento di questi militari.

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- inviando in continente presso le rispettive famiglie i militari delle classi anziane e più giovani e quelli aventi diritto ad esclusioni per ragioni fisiche, di famiglia o di lavoro .

7 - Per portare a compimento detto lavoro occorre che un distaccamento composto di :

- 4 ufficiali
- 2 sottufficiali
- 4 militari di truppa
- 1 autocarro

si porti nell'isola e sia posto in condizione di :

- richiamare con bando di presentazione :

- tutti gli uomini dal 1914 al 1924 attualmente nell'iso-

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- tutti i militari delle altre classi (più giovani e più anziane)che si trovano nell'isola dall'8 settembre '43 in poi ed aventi residenza in continente;

- arruolare quale volontari i militari delle classi 1913 e più anziane , 1925 e più giovani, e quelli aventi diritto ad esclusioni con residenza nei territori dell'Italia non ancora liberata.

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- inviare in continente a scaglioni giornalieri di circa 100 i militari idonei e quelli da restituire alle famiglie appoggiandoli alla Base di Piombino (della P.B.S.) che dovrebbe provvedere al successivo smistamento;

- fornire di viveri dal giorno della chiamata sino all'arrivo presso il reparto di destinazione dei militari incorporati, e sino all'atto della successiva partenza da Piombino dei militari restituiti alle famiglie.

Roma, 2 novembre 1944-

Ten. col. L. Gaulet

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Rome, 2 November 1944.

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ELENCO DEI militari del R.E. attualmente all'Elba

-Ufficiali.....	n°.	37
-Sottufficiali.....	"	38
-Truppa classe I924.....	"	68
- " " I923.....	"	76
- " " I922.....	"	65
- " " I92I.....	"	I02
- " " I920.....	"	79
- " " I9I9.....	"	39
- " " I9I8.....	"	36
- " " I9I7.....	"	49
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- " " I9I4.....	"	68

-Truppa classe I925.....	n°.	8I
- " " I9I3.....	"	43
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- " " I9II.....	"	26
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- " " I906.....	"	I6
- " " I904.....	"	I

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Dalle classi I9I3 al I904 numero quattordici appartengono a territorio dell'Italia non ancora liberata.-

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Precedence : R
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To : AFHQ-
5 ARMY -MMIA - PBS - ADV AAI

Date Time Rec'd : 03-105
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(~~SEVEN ZERO ZERO~~) ITALIAN REPLACEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE ON ELBA URGENTLY REQUIRED BY FIFTH ARMY PD REQUEST SHIPPING BE MADE AVAILABLE AND THIS HQ [redacted] ADVISED PRESENT STATUS AND EASY TARE DOG PD MMIA [redacted] MSGS (~~SUGAR DOG ONE SIX NINE TWO~~) SD 1692 OF (~~TWO NINE~~) 29 OCT [redacted] AND (~~SUGAR DOG ONE SIX FIVE THREE~~) SD 1653 OF (~~TWO ONE~~) 21 OCT [redacted] TO AFHQ [redacted] PAREN FROM HQ AAI [redacted] TO FOR ACTION AFHQ [redacted] RPTD FOR INFO 5 FIFTH ARMY G5A MMIA [redacted] G5A PBS [redacted] G5A ADV AAI [redacted] CITE SUGAR DOG [redacted] NINE FIVE TWO PAREN REFER

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BU/bc. MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N. 303317 / 6 *Allegati*

Risposta al foglio

~~Roma~~, P.M. 151, 29 ottobre 1944

Div. *Sez.* 7ª

OGGETTO. Dipendenze Reparti A.P.C.

Civilian Refugee Dept United

Al LA M.M.I.A.

ROMA

e per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO

P.M. 151

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.B.OXILIA)

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OGGETTO: Dipendenze Reparti A.P.C.

United Refugee Aid Unit

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e per conoscenza:

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FROM MMIA

TO AFHQ for G3 Gen

RPTD AAI for SD
AMG ELBA for COL GAGLIE
5 Army
MMIA LO 5 Army
War Ministry

SD 1692

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref MMIA signal SD 1653 of 21 OCT to AFHQ only (.) 700 (700) suitable Italians available ELBA as rfts for Italian service units with 5 Army (.) Request sea tpt to PIOMBINO (.) MMIA LO 5 Army to signal MMIA what arrangements for reception on mainland 5 Army will make

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Date Time of Origin. 21 A D.

From : MMIA

To(For Action) : G 3 Org AFHQ

Ref No : SD 1653

TS/9/19.

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In reply FX 41325 of 20 Oct received here 21 Oct (*) Paren [illegible] Area _____ Paren Regret cannot accept your offer of tpt on 24 Oct (*) Investigation of exact nos that should be accepted into Italian Army is proceeding and MMIA will immediately signal you

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Authenticated _____

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Subject: Italian Military Personnel - Officers

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/11
21 October 1944

To : Civil Affairs Sub Commission
Patriots Branch, HQ ACC.

Ref our AQ/11 of 13 Oct 44 and ref conversation Col McArthy and Capt Archer

1. Will you please amend para 2 of the above quoted letter to read: "Officers in receipt of full pay and allowances will be withdrawn within one month of the date of this letter. The remaining officers i.e., those on the active list but unemployed, may continue their work with the Patriot Groups but are liable to be recalled to military duty by the Ministry of War at any time".

F. J. NOARES, Lt Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

SPA/wk

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: G-3 AFHQ CITE SAC CITE FECT

Date-Time of Origin: 201356A

For Action

TO: MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

AAI

G-1 We don't know how many of this 2000 we want. Detail Board have NOT yet screened them G-2

Message Instructions — OP

FILE REF

Dec Read 21/10

Reg 21/10.

Originator's No.

FX 41325 (.) SECRET (.) SUBJECT IS 2000 ITALIAN PERSONNEL EIPA TO MAINLAND (.) ONE (.) OPPORTUNITY WILLK EXIST TO LIFT ON LST2 ABOUT 24 OCTOPER (.) TWO (.) ADVISE IMMEDIATELY THAT DATE, ALSO READINESS DATE FOR ANY REMAINDER (.) THREE (.) ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION ON MAINLAND WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY YOU

Quoted Echos 92, 96 + 98 refer.

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority: IMPORTANT

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SUBJECT: Screening Agencies

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
33/G/19
19 Oct 44.

Ministry of War

Copy to: Patriots Branch A.C.C. (Your 105/PAT of 14 Oct refers)

1. It is considered that there is no further useful work which can be performed by CSIGNI 2.

2. Will you therefore please withdraw this screening agency to CSIGNI - ROME.

Major General
U.K. I.A.

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SECRET. Reference our F36096 of 8 October. Reply urgently required as to position in this matter.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Ref|10s|PAT.

14 October 1944.

Subject : Screening Agencies.

To : Lt. Col. Ingledew
M.M.I.A.

1. It is suggested that screening agency No.2 be withdrawn in view that there is no further useful work which it can perform.

P.M. Magnus

Sir P.M. MAGNUS
Major,
for C. D. Mc CARTHY.
Colonel,
Patriots Branch.
Civil Affairs Section.

agree.

Please take action

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SUBJECT: Former Italian Military in ELBA

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. TS/C/19
17 Oct 44

TO : HQ ACC RC & MG SECTION

1. Please state what action you propose to take vide para 2 this Hq letter TS/C/19 of 4 Oct 44.

Maj Gen
M M I A

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Subject:- Italian Military Personnel - Officers

Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E
AG/11

13 October 44

Civil Affairs Sub Commission
Patriots Branch
HQ A.C.C.

Ref correspondence from Presidency of the Council of Ministers (returned herewith).

1. It has been decided that the Officers listed in the a/m correspondence cannot be employed as Regular Officers of the Italian Army, whilst serving with Patriot Groups.

2. These officers must be withdrawn within one month of the date of this letter.

3. The Ministry of War have been informed of the above decisions.

4. The only Italian Army Personnel authorised to work in conjunction with the Patriot Groups are the Screening Agencies as confirmed in this HQ letter TS/G/19 of 29 Sep and amended by TS/G/19 of 12 Oct.

P.J. NOAKES Lt Col - A.G.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

SPA/jrp

Copy to:- "G" MMIA

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SUBJECT: Screening Agents

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
TS/G/19
12 Oct 44

Patriots Branch HQ ACC

Ref your 105/PAT of 10 Oct.

1. It is agreed that "Cersoti" 4 and 6 are no longer required.

2. Instructions have been issued to SAME to withdraw these two agencies to their parent formation.

Major General
M M I A

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SUBJECT: Screening Agents

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
TS/G/19
12 Oct 44

War Ministry

Copy to: Patriots Branch HQ ACC

1. It is considered that there is no further useful work which can be performed by CERSETI 4 and 6.

2. Will you therefore please withdraw these two screening agencies to CERSETI - Rome.

Major General
M I A

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SUBJECT: Italians on Island of Elba.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
TS/G/19
11 Oct 44

TO : AFHQ.

Copy to: SD AAI.

1. It has been reported that there are approx 2,000 Italians on the Island of ELBA who wish to join the Italian Army. This HQ will accept into the Army those men who are screened and it is planned to allot them to units in Fifth Army area.

2. Before proceeding further with the arrangements will you please state availability of transportation from ELBA.

SMI Lt Col

for Major General
M M I A

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Ref: 105/PAT

10th October 1944.

Subject: Screening Agents.

To: Lt. Col. INGLEDEW,
M.M.I.A.

It is understood that you consider that there is no further useful work which can be performed by two of the three teams of Italian screening agents in the backward areas.

If this is in fact the case, I suggest that Teams 4 and 6 might be disbanded.

Will you kindly say if you are in agreement with this?

P. M. Magnus

Sir P.M. MAGNUS, Major,
for Col. C.D. McCARTHY,
Patriots Branch.

G III (1)

Please say that I agree,
and suggest that SMIE & myself
these teams & their part from
the Cabinet

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SUBJECT: Italian Military Personnel
of Isle of Elba

Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E
AQ/11/3
7 October 1944

TO: Ministry of War

Ref your 301676/CA of 3rd Oct. 44.

1. The situation of the 2,000 Italian Military Personnel on the Isle of Elba is at present being considered, and has been passed to R.C & M.G. Section A.C.C. for action.

2. This HQ has also represented to R.C & M.G. Section, the advisability of sending screening representatives to Elba for the purpose of obtaining volunteers for the Italian Army.

3. You will be kept informed of any action taken.

F.J. NOAKES, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SECRET. Suggestion by combined Chiefs of Staff that if Italian Partisans fulfill conditions of Article 1 of Regulations appended to HAGUE Convention Number IV of 1907 a statement should be prepared for issuance by the Italian Govt stating the facts and demanding treatment as Prisoners of War in the event of capture by enemy. Such statement is to be submitted to this Hq and will not be issued until released here.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff.

REF : 2206/1/CCS.

3 Oct 1944

SUBJECT : Provision of ITALIAN Army and other Personnel to assist Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

TO : Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Comm.

With reference to AFHQ letter AMG/423 of 27 September 44, addressed to ACC a copy of which has been passed to you, please take the matter up and submit a draft reply for signature by the Chief of Staff, through your Section.

Chief Staff officer,
For Chief of Staff.

Copy to:
Civil Affairs Section
Army Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

SECRET

FILE NO : HSD/424

27 September 44

SUBJECT : Provision of ITALIAN Army and Other Personnel to Assist Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

TO : ACC.

Reference 75/470/CA A/CC. 383.7 of 26 August.

1. Arrangements are being made to supply the following ITALIAN Military personnel : -

(a) Medical

Medical Officers	20
Offrs Pharmacists	1
NCOs Medical	16
ORs Medical	80
	117

(b) General Duty

Officers	50
NCOs	44
ORs	469
Chaplains	5
	568

2. (a) The Medical personnel will be attached to you until 31 Dec 44. It is understood that it will be possible for you to replace these personnel by civilians except for the Medical ORs (see para 3 (B) below). Will you therefore take steps forthwith to carry out this replacement, which should be effected as early as possible, and at latest by 31 Dec. As regards medical personnel, circumstances may arise which will necessitate their removal by 30 Nov. so that every effort should be made to obtain their replacements by that date. MMIA are arranging to provide these personnel from the last two GRUPPIS to be formed.

(b) For General Duty, a HQ ITALIAN Pioneer Labour Battalion, and three ITALIAN Pioneer Labour Companies will be formed on WEs A1/14/1 and A1/11/1 at a date to be notified later but these WEs will not be filled beyond the 513 ORs required. An additional 34 Offrs will be provided

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(c) You are no doubt aware, that there are no nurses in the ITALIAN Army It will therefore be necessary for you to produce from other sources Red X workers or nuns, who should be put on to heavy workers' rations.

(d) As regards Police - you have made a request for 141 Polizia including 2 Officers and 12 NCOs. It is understood that these must be Carabinieri and that although the Public Safety Sub-Commission state that no Carabinieri can be made available, you may be able to make the necessary arrangements with the ITALIAN Government. Will you please confirm.

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3. In order to put the Refugee Organisation on a firm basis, will you please :-

(a) Forward proposed WEs and personnel requirements for Camps in the Army Area to this HQ by the 15 October.

(b) Examine the numbers of military personnel now employed in the Army Area with the object of reducing them, and making any surplus available for training as medical orderlies in order to relieve the medical personnel mentioned in para 2 (a) above.

(c) Report full details of the examination in (b) above, tothis HQ by 15 Oct ber.

DANIEL NOCE,
Major General G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

JLCH/her.

Copies to : AAI(2) Ref para 2 (b) please arrange with MMIA that these units are formed forthwith.

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DANIEL NOCE,
Major General G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

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SUBJECT: Former Italian Military in ELBA

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R C M E
File No. T3/C/19
4 Oct 44

To : HQ ACC RG & M.G. Section

Rec'd 4/10.

Ref your 186/28/CA of 30 Sep 44

1. The 2000 personnel at ELBA referred to in above letter are not members of the Italian Army, and therefore cannot be dealt with by this HQ at present.

2. If you could, however, arrange for the Patriot Branch ACC to screen them for suitable volunteers for the Italian Army , and notify numbers involved and their location, this HQ would apply to AFHQ for their transportation to the mainland for absorption into the present Italian Army.

Maj Gen
M M I A

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394.

Ref. 49/PAT.

To : M.M.I.A. (For attention Lt.Col.Ingledew.)

2 Oct 44.

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With reference to your letter of 29th Sept.,ref.TS/G/19 the following points arose at a conference held on 30 Sept. in Lt.Col.Ingledew's office. This was attended by Col. Mc Carthy and Lieut. Di Loreto.

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7. Lt.Col. Ingledew stated that, depending on numbers, M.M.I.A. would make every endeavour to arrange for recruits to go to recruiting centres in forward areas e.g. Bologna, if possible.

8. It was agreed that Patriot Branch would later, after further discussion with the Italian National Patriot Committee, draft an instruction to be agreed by M.M.I.A. concerning the new procedure as outlined in this letter and in the letter under reply.

C.D. Mc CARTHY,
Colonel,
Patriots Branch.

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- 1ª Sezione - Ordinamento e Serv.-

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nr. 2514/2/C di prot. Op. P.M.16,li 29 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: personale per campi raccolta patrioti.-

AL COMANDO 405° REGGIMENTO I.P.L. P.M. 16
AL COMANDO 409° REGGIMENTO I.P.L. P.M. 16

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Operazioni - (rif.f. 9401 del 7/9/1944) P.M.151
AL VICE COMANDO 228ª DIVISIONE P.M. 16
AL NUCLEO STACCATO DEL COMANDO 228ª DIV. P.M. 16
ALLA COMMISS.ARRUOLAMENTO PATRIOTI P.M. 16

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- drappello del I/412° Reggimento I.P.L. della forza di 1 ufficiale e 28 uomini di truppa, aggregato al 409° Rgt. I.P.L.-

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
f.to Attilio Tomaselli

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- Ufficio Operazioni -

nr. 10584 /Op. di prot. P.M.151,li 15 ottobre 1944

ALLA M.M.I.A. Sottocommissione Esercito
(per Maggiore Baumann)
R O M A

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ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Operazioni - P.M. 151
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nr. 10887 /Op. di prot. P.M. 151, li 15 ottobre 1944

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AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto - Uff.C.A. P.M. 151

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.....per conoscenza a seguito foglio 9401 del 7 settembre c.a. (allegato in copia per il Ministero Guerra).-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Santi -

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TS/C/19
29 Sep 44

Patriots Branch.
RC and MG Section, A.C.C.

At a short conference held 28 Sep at MMIA offices, attended by Col C.D. MCARTHY, it was re-affirmed

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PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Subject: Screening Agencies. Ref. 49/PAT

24 Sept 44.

To: General Browning, M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Col. Fava
Major Drage
Major Magnus

I have just returned from Florence and the position about screening agencies at present is as follows:-

1. Screening Agencies in Florence.

There are two screening agencies in Florence consisting altogether of five officers and fifteen other ranks. These will serve the Fifth Army area and are actually starting today to recruit up to 1,000 men for the new 6th Division. These men, as you know, are being taken back to Benevento by C.I.L. transport and are drawing from AMG in Florence sufficient rations to cover the journey and to cover also time spent in Florence and Florence barracks before the journey commences.

2. The third screening agency consisting of three officers and eight other ranks arrived in Ancona yesterday and is starting to operate in the Eighth Army area immediately. Lt. di Loreto, of our office here, meets them today and is fixing up their itinerary.

3. Di Loreto is also organising in conjunction with the Italian Patriot Committee the handling of the camps for Patriots in the Eighth Army area.

4. We arranged with Col. Pidsley that three Screening Agencies should start work at once in the back areas and I presume they are already started. Can you let me know if there is any difficulty about their work.

No further action required. Noting required.

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C.D. McCARTHY, Colonel,
Patriots Branch,
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SECRET. POLICY HAS BEEN APPROVED BY CCS THAT ITALIAN NEO-FASCISTS CAPTURED BY ALLIED FORCES IN UNIFORM AND ORGANIZED AND FIGHTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WILL BE TREATED UNDER GENEVA PRISONERS OF WAR CONVENTION AS GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

PARA REQUESTED YOU WILL APPROACH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WITH VIEW TO SECURING THEIR AGREEMENT TO ABOVE POLICY. IN SO DOING THEY SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT IF THEY AGREE THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS WILL BE ADVISED AND WILL UNDERTAKE IN TURN TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION FROM GERMAN AUTHORITIES OF VERBAL ASSURANCE ALREADY GIVEN THAT IF ITALIAN HOLDING IN NAME ITALIAN ARMY ARE CAPTURED BY GERMANS THEY WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER THE CONVENTION.

PARA IT IS NECESSARY THAT APPROACH TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BE MADE PROMPTLY AND FIRST CABLE VIEWS BE SENT HEADQUARTERS

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FONOGRAMMA A MANO

ALLA M.M.I.A. ROMA

Stamaggiore Ordinamento nº 7081/Ord. (.) Risposta vostro T.S./G/19 del 16 corrente (.) Aumento forza distaccamento "Cersoti" nº 7 sarà effettuato dal 27 corrente (.) Stamaggiore Ordinamento - 210944 -

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PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

To : Brigadier Lush
Copy to : M.M.I.A.
Political Section
Civil Affairs

Ref. 95/PAT

16 September 44.

Subject : Italian Patriot Committee.

1. I attach a copy of the minutes of the first meeting held on 11 September 44.

2. The President asked me to go and see him before the second meeting which is taking place today and the following points were discussed:-

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(v) We discussed the disinclination of Patriot Representatives to join the Italian Army and I said I thought it ought to be clearly understood that all Patriots coming through the lines since the beginning of August had been carefully listed and very few appear to want to join the Italian Army. This was agreed but the matter would probably be discussed by the Committee. My point in raising it was to avoid any grumbling later that Patriots coming through the line had not been told about it.

(vi) I was asked what my feelings were towards the Comando Superiore Partigiano and similar new Patriot organisations. I replied that the few organisations which we had investigated had proved to be very small ones and that I thought that it should be up to the Patriot Committee to decide to what extent these new organisations should be recognised.

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(vii) The Rome Committee.

I asked if it would be possible to have this Committee functioning and the names of Patriots in Rome fully listed by the end of September because I thought it desirable that this problem should be settled before we uncovered large towns in Northern Italy. The President thought this would be possible.

(viii) We discussed the advisability of recognising those who had helped the Patriots. I replied that I had been told that this was merely a political method of securing a 'patriot' following in order to strengthen the position of certain parties. In any case, I mentioned that we had discussed the matter very fully in July and decided that it would be almost impossible to make a complete list of all who had helped Patriots. In some cases this would embrace whole villages and in a case like Rome an almost infinite number of people would claim to be considered as helpers.

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Record on the meeting of the Patriots Committee - September 11., 1944 - 11 a.m.
There where presents: H.E. Bonomi - President: H.E. Pancaldi; H.E. Palermo; H.E. Rusteno, Gen. Odone, Avv. Bartini, Dott. Carocci, Dr. Brosi; Secretary Lt. Col. Bernabb.

Decisions taken :

1-) Constitution of the "Patriots Office".
This office is divided into 5 sections :
a) Personnel - awards section
b) Re-employment and transport section
c) Assistance section
d) History section
e) Administration

At the head of each section will be put a military or a civilian.
The Committee reserves itself the right to name the Chiefs of the Sections.
In the next meeting, that will be on saturday the 16th, it will be proceeded to the nomination of the s/m.

2) Screening Agencies for the identification of the Patriots for Rome.
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the meeting closed at 12, 15 a.m.

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SUBJECT: Partisans and M of W Reps

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tel : FILPOT 23.

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17. Sep 44.

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Ref TS/G/19 of 29 Aug forwarding Lt Col Howard's report which has been studied with interest.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

95/Pat

16.9.44.

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Patriot Committee

TO: Distribution below.

The Italian Government have set up an Italian Patriot Committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister with the following terms of reference:-

1. The Commission will be called "Commissione per i Patrioti"

2. It will be presided over by the Prime Minister and, in his absence, the Under Secretary of State to the Presidency.

3. The members will be:-

H.E.Mario PALERMO, Under Secretary of State for War.

H.E.Guiseppe SPATARO, Under Secretary of State for Press and Information.

Dr. BAUER or other representatives of the C.L.N.

General ODDONE (Military)

4. The directives of the Commission will be carried out by a corresponding "Ufficio Patriote". The work will be undertaken by military and civilian personnel.

5. The head of this, Lt. Col. BARLOW, will also be Secretary of the "Commissione".

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Object:- Increase in Personnel Strength of No. 7 CANADIAN Reserve Detachment.

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Army Sub Comission, MMIA.
H.Q. A.C.C.

ROME.

T.S.J/G/19.
16 Sept. 44. D

War Ministry.
copy to A/G
G.3 (for your Category List).

Ref. SHAEF letter 6777/Ord of 12th Sept. 44.

1. Increase (1 offr Interpreter. 4 N.C.Os. 3 Dvrs) is agreed.

2. They will be carried in Category 1. Our G/6/1/F of 15th. Aug. refers.

3. Please report when this increase has been effected.

approved
by Fob PO

A.P.M. for
Major General.
Army Sub Comn. A.C.C.

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

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MMIA 5D.
FILE REF 1
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Nº 6777 /Ord. di prot. P.M.151, lì 12 sett. 1944.

OGGETTO : Aumento personale distaccamento nº 7 del "CERSETI".

Increase in personnel in Detachment No. 7 of Cerseti

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

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Il comandante del distaccamento nº 7 del "CERSETI" ha richiesto il seguente aumento di personale, per i motivi a fianco specificati :

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- 2 sottufficiali di artiglieria e 2 graduati artificieri : per il ricupero di materiali di artiglieria e rastrellamento di proiettti;
- 3 militari autieri (di cui un graduato meccanico): per la guida di 3 automezzi recuperati.

Si prega codesta M.M.I.A. di voler autorizzare l'assegnazione del personale suddetto.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
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(Alessandro Santi)

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SUBJECT: Patriots - Italian Army Screening Agencies

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E
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Sept 44

MMIA LO 8 Army

Copy to: MMIA LO 5 Army
MMIA LO 1 Dist
ACC Patriot Branch

1. Col Pidsley and Capt Selby attended a meeting at the Patriot Branch, ACC on 10 Sept 44 at which the general opinion was expressed that the SCRE (MMIA) agencies for screening and enlisting patriot volunteers laid down in letter (of 23 Jul) were not working properly.

2. The following particular points were made.

(a) para 2 (a) The agency sent to 8 Army had been returned to Rome and was idle.

(b) para 2 (h) The agencies generally tended to put obstacles in the way of certain patriot volunteers, to be ignorant of conditions laid down and that they had political partialities.

(c) para 2 (f) The agencies for back areas had completely failed in their duties.

It was decided that Patriot Branch would take up the points, would redouble its efforts to get the show running.

2. It must be clearly understood that screening agencies in Army areas operate under the control of Army AMG officers and that the evacuation of volunteers, the administration of staging camps and the feeding of personnel are a Patriot responsibility. MMIA LO's are not in any way responsible for Patriots. Furthermore no mutual arrangements will be made nor will any agreements be reached by MMIA LO's and the Patriot Branch ACC.

Maj 640
Army Sub Commission

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SUBJECT: Army Screening Detachments

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E
TS/G/19
12 Sept 44

Navy Sub Commission HQ ACC

Ref your NSC/830 of 10 Sep.

1. No Italian Army Screening Detachment has been sent to Florence.

2. An Army Screening Agency was sent to HQ FIFTH Army to work under the direction of AMG 5 Army.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Screening Detachments

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
T2/G/19
12 Sep 44

War Ministry

Copy to:- HQ EIGHTH ARMY
Patriots Branch A.C.C.
MMIA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY
MMIA LO 1 District

Ref our letter G/19 of 23 Jul 44, not to all, instructing you to send three Italian Army detachments to the combat zone for screening and enrolling suitable Italian patriot volunteers into the Italian Army.

1. On or after 15 Sep 44 (date will be agreed by EIGHTH ARMY). Lieut DE LORETTO U.S. Army of Patriot's Branch A.C.C. will accompany Col SANTUCCI's det from ROME to Rear Hq EIGHTH ARMY (MMIA LO Lt Col MONIARTY) to re-commence work in EIGHTH ARMY area.

2. Please alert the det and its tpt to be ready as from 15 Sep 44 to report to HQ A.C.C., pick up Lieut DE LORETTO and move to Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

AMC

Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
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Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
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Report on Visit to ELBA - 7-10 SEP 44

11 SEPT.1944

Major F.E. GILLETT, 5 Innis D.G. of the Information Division A.C.C. visited ELBA 7-10 SEP 44 and submits the following report.

PATRIOTS:

1.A (i) So called Patriots in ELBA constitute a small party under the leadership of a Committee called the National Committee of Liberation.

(ii) This Committee has 20 odd members including 8 leaders, is communist in outlook, and has 200/300 lukewarm supporters.

(iii) Small meetings have been held at street corners when odd fascists have been beaten up. Necessary action was taken and the meetings dispersed.

(iv) (a) Recently a meeting was called in an endeavour to claim the workers right to take over the iron ore mines.

(b) Immediately on hearing that a clandestine meeting relating to this meeting had taken place, the S.C.A.O. ordered the three Sindacos, who had attended this preliminary meeting, to report to him.

(c) One Sindaco failed to report, was sent for and brought in, by French troops, under arrest.

(d) The 3 Sindacos were then arraigned before the S.C.A.O., sitting with his full complement of C.A.O's, and each Sindaco was given an envelope enclosing a copy of Proclamation No 3 with the paragraph relating to the "holding of meetings" under lined in red, together with an appropriate covering letter.

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(e) These Sindacos were then ordered to sign a declaration stating that they had had their attention drawn to the above mentioned paragraph and that they fully understood its implication so far as their personal responsibility was concerned.

(f) The Sindacos wished discussion and made an attempt to offer excuse but the S.C.A.O. maintained a strong front saying that simple fulfillment of the proclamation was all that was necessary.

(g) To ensure that the Sindacos were in a position to enforce authority troops were sent to parade the rendez-vous of the proposed meeting. A number of people had congregated in the village square but the meeting had been cancelled. At a later hours when the S.C.A.C. went himself to collect his C.A.O. who had gone there as observer, he was greeted with cheers and shouts of acclamation.

1.B OBSERVATIONS

Patriots (a) It would seem, very definitely, that official support for the Patriots in ELBA is a somewhat delicate question, although there are some, ready to fight anywhere.

Political (b) A pointer to the immediate political situation can perhaps be found in the following:-

(i) On the one hand there are all the unemployed industrial workers who are confessedly communist in outlook.

(ii) On the other hand there is the conservative agricultural community, part of which is undoubtedly fascist and a great part of which, in the past, paid lip service to fascism.

(iii) Whatever may have been the political status of the latter (ii) they are all attacked as fascists by the former (i).

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(c) I am convinced, that as soon as AMG leaves ELBA, active communism, under the leadership of the National Committee of Liberation will, immediately endeavour to assume power.

(d) From information obtained locally it is deduced that of the island's population, the Communists and Fascists are about of equal number. If this assumption is correct, it would appear that a small body, with authority, should be able to maintain the balance.

A.M.G. (e) During my brief visit to the island I have been increasingly impressed with the efficiency with which Military Government has been implemented in the island and I have no hesitation in stating that the report by the S.C.A.O. at the recent monthly conferences and such other information as is available at HQ ACC does scant justice to his efforts or those of the other officers concerned.

Not only is the liaison with the French Military Garrison on a most friendly and co-operative basis but it is also obvious that a firm understanding exists with the islanders of whatever political persuasion.

Garrison (f) It is understood that the S.C.A.O. has put forward a recommendation that 100 Garrison Troops be sent when the hand-over takes place.

(g) Since discussing the foregoing (para f) with the S.C.A.O. agreement has been arrived at that, to maintain law and order efficiently, it is essential to divide the island into 3 areas (viz, at MARCIANA MARINA, PORTOFERRAIO, and RIO MARINA - Total 3 officers 150 men). Allied troops being unavailable, it is recommended that good Italian troops be sent to the island.

2. Italian personnel available for service.

(1) It seems there is a number of italians available for service. These are divided into 3 categories:-

(a) 1400 Italian nationals of service age who evaded Service for one reason or another and who are resident in ELBA.

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(b) 400 in a similar category to (a) but who are resident on the mainland.

(c) 230 who carried arms under German pressure and who deserted on the arrival of the Allies. In this category there are 12/20 individuals whose loyalty is in doubt.

(ii) The personnel mentioned in (a) (b) (c) above is not included in the official recorded island population and consequently a problem arises in regard to their welfare.

(iii) Most of these Italians have been issued with Ration cards but cannot buy AMG rations. Some time ago they were supported by the inhabitants, but now, in view of the reduced ration, steps are being taken to see that all are in possession of Ration cards and also to grant relief at the rate of 4 Lire per diem (Present AMG ration costs only 2 Lire per diem - ECLSA scale of relief is 8 Lire for the head of a family, 4 for others).

OBSERVATION.

The foregoing would appear a simple and satisfactory solution to the problem for the moment.

3. CIVILIAN RELIEF

(i) In regard to civilian relief a decree had been issued and a scheme is in force in the 8 Communes.

(ii) In each commune a committee of 4 is formed comprised of the Doctor, Curé, a workmen and a woman.

(iii) These committees scrutinise and agree the lists of persons requiring relief.

(iv) These committees are, in turn, responsible to a central finance committee which is comprised of the 8 Sindacos who are not permitted to serve on the relief committees.

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4. Communications.

The question of communications has been enquired into and is being taken up with the various HQs concerned.

F. G. GILLETT
Major,
5 Innis D.G.

Distribution:

V. President Political Section.
Executive Commissioner.
Civil Affairs Branch.
Patriots Branch
M.M.I.A.
Regional Commissioner - Region VIII
S.C.A.C. - MLBA
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/830

10 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.
To : Army Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.

Subject: Army Screening Group.

1. The Ministry of Marine requests permission to send a group of officers to Florence to muster and check Italian Naval personnel there, to operate similarly to the group said to have been authorized for Italian Army personnel.

2. Confirmation is requested as to whether subject group was sent as stated above.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC

C-5 (I)

Subject answer (the correct one) is NO.

Make answer that no Italian army Screening det was sent to FLORENCE

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Unclassified Radio

From: MMIA

To : MMIA LO Rear 8 Army.

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SD 1409 (.) Confidential (.) Subject is Col SANFUCCIS retiot screening detachment with Hq 8 Army (.) SANFUCCI reports 8 Army will NOT allow him to screen NORTH of the line CIVITA NOVA - ORVIETO and have sent his detachment away (.) Request you visit Main 8 Army and find out true position

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
UFFICIO TELEGRAFICO

Fonogramma in partenza

Roma, li 194

Mittente :

Destinatario : DIRECOMILES
et conoscenza:
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ESERCITO A.C.C.
(rif.fogl.SD/1355 del 30/8/44)

N. STAMAGGIORE ORDINAMENTO
CORSETI Caserma Bianchi

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P.M. 151(a mano)
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GUERRA COMMISSARIATO N.9321 /S/1 alt DESTINATARIO DIRECOMILES ET CONOSCENZA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ESERCITO A.C.C. ET STAMAGGIORE ORDINAMENTO ET CORSETI ALT STAMAGGIORE ORDINAMENTO HABET COMUNICATO CHE SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ESERCITO AUTORIZZA AUMENTO 12 UNITA' ORGANICO CORSETI ALT COTESTA DIRECOMILES IMPARTISCA DISPOSIZIONI VIVERIMILES ROMA PER DISTRIBUZIONE AI CORSETI DODICI RAZIONI IN PIU' RISPETTO FORZA PRECEDENTEMENTE AUTORIZZATA ALT PRO.MINISTRO GUERRA PELLICRA

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Il Direttore Capo Divisione II.

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Il Direttore Capo Divisione
Comm.

Ro/gr.

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

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FONOGRAMMA A MANO

AT SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ESERCITO A.C.C.

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Stamaggiore Mobilitazione N° 6554/Mob. punto Riferimento foglio SD/2 in data 26 luglio u.s. di codesta Sottocommissione punto

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Dibitonto

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- Ufficio Operazioni -

MIAI
FILE REF.
Date Rec'd 8/9

N. 9401 OP. di prot. P.M. 151, li 1 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: campi raccolta per patrioti.

Collecting camps for Patriots

AL COMANDO TRUPPE ITALIANE 8ª ARMATA P.M.16
e, per conoscenza:

ALLA M.M.I.A.-Sottocommissione Esercito ROMA
(per Maggiore BAUMANN)

1) - Il "Patriots Branch" del Quartiere Generale dell'A.C.C. in Roma ha stabilito di costituire 7 campi di raccolta per i patrioti delle zone finora liberate.
Il Ten. Di Loreto, dell'esercito americano, incaricato della costituzione di detti campi ha richiesto, per il loro funzionamento il seguente personale italiano :

- 7 ufficiali
- 7 sottufficiali
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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
-Alessandro Santi-

P.C.C.
TEN.COLONNELLO in s.S.M.
Capo Ufficio Operazioni-
(Piero Sampò)

Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito * Ufficio Operazioni

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Maj DRAPER (Public
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From: MMIA

To: MMIA LO 60 SUB AREA
SPEC War Ministry
MMIA LO Rome 8 Army
MMIA LO DISTONE
MMIA LO DISTOW

SS 1397 (.) Confidential (.) Ref your 21473 of 4 AGUST not to all (.)

No objection to move of CIESSA from CHIETI to MACERATA providing

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TO MMIA (ROME)

FROM MMIA

LO 60 SUB AREA

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Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission

3 Sept 44.

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Dear General

Thank you for your letter TS/G/19 dated 1 Sept. This matter is being dealt with by RC & M Section and I am passing your letter on to Brig Lush.

Yours sincerely

G. R. Hyslop

Major General L. Browning, CB, CBE, MC,
Director, Army Sub-Commission.

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
TS/G/19
Sep 44

Minister for War

SUBJECT:- Duties of CERSETI Detachments

Reference your 12295/C.A. of 24 August.

1. You have previously been authorised to send a detachment with each Army to discover, inventory and safegunrd Italian Army property.

2. The CERSETI Detachments should have sufficient work to do if they do the personnel screening job properly. If they do not have sufficient to do the strength should be cut down. Of course, if they incidentally find any Italian Army property, they should take care of it until they can turn it over to the property Detachments, and should be instructed to do so, but they should not be diverted from the primary work they were sent to perform.

3. If you find that the property Detachments authorised are not sufficient to perform the work, your proposals will be considered by MMIA and higher authority.

AEC

Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
M M I A

See Folio 74.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

REFERENCE: 16080/1/G-1. 2 Sept 44.

SUBJECT: Italian Military Drivers.

TO: H.Q. Comdt.

G
19
Date Recd 3191

Reference your HQC/5/4 of 24 Aug 44.

1. The under mentioned Italian soldiers, recently returned by Region VIII, should be despatched to CHRISTI, CASERINA BIANCHI, Via Nomentana, Rome. The above named has been notified to this effect.

Cpl.Mag.	NATALE.	Nicolo
Pte.	GESUE.	Lelio
"	BALDIERA.	Amedeo
"	AMBROSINE.	Giuseppe
"	LUSINI.	Giorgio
"	DRIEVI.	Antonio
"	BRUNCOLI.	Antonio
"	LACAITA.	Giacomo
"	MONTATO.	Cosimo
"	TARABELLI.	Santo

2. Please report to this office the date the men are despatched.

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENTS OFFICER.

G. Pains Capt

J.L.JONES,
Lt-Col.
G-1 (B).

RS.

Copy to: Army Sub-Commission (MMIA).
G(L), MMIA.

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CASERMA SIACCHI, Via Nazionale, Rome. The above named has been notified to this effect.

Cpl.Mag.	NATALE.	Nicolo
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Lt-Col.
G-1 (E).

RS.

Copy to: Army Sub-Commission (MMIA).
G(L), MMIA.

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SUBJECT:- Partisans

Army Sub Commission (ACC)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O I E.
TS/G/19
2 Sep 44

H.Q. A.A.I.

Ref our TS/G/19 of 28 Aug 44.

It is regretted that the report stated to be attached was omitted and it is forwarded herewith.

ABC

Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
A A I A

SUBJECT: FLORENCE

TOP SECRET

Army Sub Commission (ACC)
MMIA

TO: Army Sub Commission (ACC)
Main H.Q.

FLORENCE
DO/H /16
23 Aug 44

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Herewith my report on FLORENCE for the period 17-23 Aug 44.

2. MILITARY SITUATION

I arrived in FLORENCE on 17 Aug and found the military situation still very fluid. 71 Garrison HQ where I reported, situated South of the R. ARNO (see Appendix A and ITALY 10,000 Town Plan of FLORENCE) had been shelled two nights before and had sustained casualties. The Enemy, holding all the dominant heights North of the R ARNO, was shelling Route 2 by night and by day, and also the Bailey bridge over the river after dark. Patrol clashes Allies and Partisans/Enemy in the Canal area drew mortar fire and light shelling as far in as the centre of the City.

Sniping by Blackshirts or Enemy agents was not uncommon in the area of Piazza Cavour and was still fairly fierce on the outskirts of FLORENCE. The following day the Enemy made a slight withdrawal which eased the situation but which did not affect the zones covered by his mortar and shell fire within it.

The position which is the same at the time of writing this report would appear to be due to the fact that both the Enemy and ourselves are thin on the ground on the FLORENCE front, that the complete liberation of the city is dependent on pending operations, and that neither side wishes to be responsible for serious operations which might burden them with the responsibility of destroying the still undamaged part of the City.

3. Col PIACENTINI

I introduced Col PIACENTINI to OC 71 Garrison and also to Brigadier Firth the officer in charge of operations in the FLORENCE area.

It was agreed that he would be allowed to open an office as un-official representative of the Minister della Guerra, and carry out the following tasks. (i) Listing and examination of ex-regular army personnel not engaged in active operations with the partisans. (ii) Listing and examination of such personnel now serving with the partisans only after the latter had become non-operational and with the consent of the Allies. (iii) the listing of Italian war materiel available in FLORENCE provided that any information on this subject should be passed to the Garrison Commander for his decision as to it s immediate availability for the Partisans who were short of arms and munitions.

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The position which is the same at the time of writing this report would appear to be due to the fact that both the Enemy and ourselves are thin on the ground on the FLORENCE front, that the complete liberation of the city is dependent on pending operations, and that neither side wishes to be responsible for serious operations which might burden them with the responsibility of destroying the still undamaged part of the City.

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5. PARTISANS

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(c) it is too early to know what percentage of arms they were handing in and what withholding. I am of the opinion that harassed AMG officers must trust Partisans leaders who will therefore hand in whatever they feel inclined to according to their lights.
(d) such partisan spirit is not conducive to military discipline and I feel sure that there would be too much mistrust on the part of both the Italian Army and the leftist partisans to make a large scale enrolment possible even if it was required.
(e) although further North small regular army units are working as Partisans in the FLORENCE area the percentage of ex regulars is not likely to exceed 15% -- but this is my guess.

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(f) In the light of events I do not consider that my mission here or that of Col PIACENTINI was essential, but I do feel that in all the big towns that we come to during the course of our advance the old Italian Army has so many interests in the form of pensions, records, property, ex officers etc that it would be in the interests of everybody to let them have some representative on the spot. Furthermore if there is any likelyhood of Italian war materiel being discovered unless MMIA and Italian Army interests are represented early on in the proceedings there will be very little hope of recovering any of it.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS.

(i) The question of Col PIACENTINI's return here should be settled when the Ministero raise the question.

(ii) The question of whether to send an MMIA and Ministero representative to big Towns such as MILAN, TURIN, GENOA and VENICE after their capture shouldbe considered, when the time comes, on its merits.

(iii) The Ministero della Guerra is almost certain to ask to operate Distretti Militari in the large towns we come to as civilian offices for the maintainance of records and the payment of pensions. This is a policy decision but I do not see any objection to it.

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Appendix "C"

PATRIOT ACTIVITY FLORENCE
AREA

1. FIRST PHASE

The CLN (Comitato Liberazione Nazionale) started controlling all Partisan activities in the FLORENCE area about middle of May. It was then in touch with AAI by W/T and its military executive was then, and is now Col NICOLI. The most important contribution of the Partisans to the Allied cause at this time was a negative one in that they prevented the Enemy making full use of the Fascist Republicans for whom the Partisans were a match. Their strength was then about 3,000 of whom only 1,500 were armed, and they belonged to all Political parties, but the majority were either Communists or Party of Action. Other activities included the liquidation of marked men, the maintenance of communications with the South and sabotage. At the request of the Allies they shot VOLPINI who had maltreated Allied prisoners of war, as a result of which 17 Partisans were caught and shot.

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Subject:- Return of Civilians to their Homes

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
TS/C/19
1 Sep 44.

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My dear

1. I feel I must state my views in connection with ACC letter 75/470/CAA/OO 383.7 dated 26 Aug.

2. As you know, I said I felt it my duty to oppose this use of 93k soldiers for civilian transit camps on military grounds (see my TS/C/19 dated 12 Aug). But there are other aspects also, as follows.

3. The problem is not that this mass migration should be controlled but who should control it.

4. (a) We have handed over King's ITALY to the Italians and it is thus the job of the Italian civil government to control, under the direction of ACC.

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6. This matter raises the whole question of the Carabinieri. Frankly I am doubtful if this Corps is organised properly and economically, and thus pulling its full weight. Do you need 3500 Carabinieri in ROME ? or 707 in CORSICA ? Carabinieri are not used for guarding military installations; we have soldier guard units for this.

7. (a) What I feel is required (perhaps you are doing it already) is a complete analysis and investigation into the whole of the Carabinieri duties and distribution.

(b) This obviously involves:-

(i) Securing accurate data as regards numbers and distribution.

(ii) analysis of the importance of the various areas.

(iii) Analysis of the actual duties, the period of duty per day, the number of reliefs necessary and the provision of reserves for emergency use as required.

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(iv) the allotment of totals per area within the ceiling of 55000, together with the issue of a policy letter.

6. The Italian idea of security is to have masses of men laying about in heaps ! Our idea is that a few energetic men with mobile patrols and reserves give better control.

9. As I have said many times " We must all cut our coat according to our cloth". The Army is doing so, with great difficulty and a much reduced ceiling. I feel that you should and should be able to do so also, if the Carabinieri were really well organised and redistributed and if the Italian government does its job instead of throwing up its hands and passing the baby to the Army !

Yours

L. B.

Brigadier G.R. BRIDGES
V.P. Administrative Section AGO.

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DGS(SD) HQ AAI

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To:- Adelaide

Date

From:- Adelaide

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(.) RESTRICTED (.) Authority is granted for employment by CHRIST of twelve additional personnel within ceiling of category (1) of appx 'A' of MEIA letter C/E/1/P of 15 Aug (.) This increases personnel attached CHRIST for recruiting in MEIA from twenty to thirty-two.

May be sent as RESTRICTED by any means except ( ) wireless.

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Copy Maj. [illegible]
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Subject:- Partisans.

Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q. A.C.C. 54

ROME.

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Aug. 44.

To :- H.Q. A.A.I.

1. Herewith an interesting report from Lieut-Col. Hon. H.A.C. HOWARD, my L.O. with No. 1 District.

2. As regards his remarks on PARTISANS:-

(a) Only about 1 in 10 volunteer for actual fighting the Germans. I think we will be able to absorb the % quite easily in the new "Combat Groups."

(b) I also believe there are a great many "passengers" in the partisan ranks.

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4. Would you let me have your views on the above.

2. B.

Major General.
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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FILE REF 75/G/19
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Ref: 75/479/GA.
A/GS. 383.7

26th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Return of Civilians to their Homes.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
C. M. F.

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1. I refer to this HQ letter Ref: 75/ dated 1.August.44.

2. The Italian Government has been approached on the lines of this letter and are formulating a plan for the implementation of the decision to return agriculturists to their homes.

3. The Italian Government state, and I agree with them, that it would be impossible to set up rapidly the organisation necessary with civilians. The Carabinieri are fully employed in preserving law and order. The Italian Government has submitted a request for 2½ effectives from the Italian Army in order to man the transit points mentioned in para.4 of my letter. These transit points will be the key to the smooth and rapid working of the organisation envisaged and they consider that these cannot be maintained without military discipline and organisation.

4. I have approached the C.C.C., M.M.I.A. who opposes the removal of these men to deal with civilian refugees and is unwilling to take up the matter with you in view of your 1605/50/56/G(SD1) dated 24.July.

5. I wish to urge in the strongest possible manner that these effectives from the Italian Army be provided.

6. In making the decision that the repatriation of agriculturists should commence when the plans of the Italian Government were prepared and the organisation was ready to carry them out, I had the following considerations in mind:-

(a) The Allies are importing food into Italy. Great areas of fare land are lying untilled. Their rehabilitation will save Allied shipping and supplies.

(b) The urge of great masses of people to move home can only be restricted by employing regularised movement. This necessitates the use of force. Such force involves the employment of resources including men and transport.

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(c) Unauthorised mass migration must create disorder and affect Allied lines of Communication. This has been brought to my notice forcibly by your own Headquarters, by A.F.H.Q. and by several Regional Commissioners, who have commented on the serious effects which this uncontrolled movement is creating.

7. The best method of restricting this mass migration is to initiate a regular controlled flow of movement. I am satisfied that the Italian Government can do this provided, and only provided, that they are furnished with the troops for which they have asked.

8. I fully appreciate the strict necessity of employing the Italian Army for military matters, and military matters only. I submit, however, that this is a matter which affects not only the Italian but the Allied military effort. I cannot emphasise too greatly the dangers of uncontrolled movement of a quarter of a million people. It must lead to disorder. It can be prevented. I submit that the provision of 93 men from the Italian Army requested by the Italian Government is a small price to pay for the avoidance of these dangers.

9. An early decision is necessary. We cannot have a repetition of 2000 refugees crowded in a disorderly and unhealthy mass on Naples Station. We cannot use trains loaded with military supplies being over-loaded with returning refugees. We cannot have uncontrolled migration into devastated areas of hungry and homeless people.

10. I would ask, therefore, that the provision of the troops asked for by the Italian Government be made at the earliest possible moment in order that the Italian Government may set about its task of proper control of a potentially very dangerous situation.

Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date/Time 27 Aug 1400
via HQ
USFET

HARRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Italian Refugee Branch

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OGGETTO Compiti dei distaccamenti Cerseti n. 1 - 2 - 3

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ALLA ARMY SUB COMMISSIONE A.C.C.

ROMA

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Con lettera G/19 del 23 luglio u.s. codesta A.S.C. autorizzò la costituzione di tre distaccamenti avanzati di Cerseti (1°-2°-3°) destinati ad arruolare volontari da immettere nelle formazioni combattenti italiane.

Viene ravvisata, ora, la convenienza di affidare a tali distaccamenti anche il compito di censire e disporre per la custodia dei materiali di pertinenza dell'amministrazione militare recuperabili nelle zone via via liberate, nonchè quello - possibilmente - di censire il personale militare recuperato nelle zone avanzate.

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Prego codesta A.S.C. di voler considerare quanto sopra al fine di una soluzione della questione nel senso desiderato.

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ALLA ARMY SUB COMMISSIONE A.C.C.

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In your C/19 of 23 July authority was given for the formation of three forward detachments of the CERSETI (1-2-3) for the purpose of enroling volunteers for Italian Combat Units.

It is now suggested that these detachments might also well be entrusted with the duties of taking stock of salvage materials belonging to Military Administration and arranging for its safe custody in forward areas as they are liberated as well as the duties - possibly - of taking a census of military personnel found in the fwd areas.

The advantage of entrusting detachments 1-2 and 3 with the above functions, and in particular that regarding military material lies in the opportunity to act quickly in recovering the admin stores thus avoiding that the greater part of these stores - left unguarded - be lost through theft and damage.

Will MMIA please consider the above in order that this question may be solved as desired.

Under Sec of State for War
Gen G.B. CHILIA

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24 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Patriots.

TO : Distribution as Below.

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PATRIOT BANDS IN CENTRAL ITALY

(This report concerns only the liberated areas of Regions 4; 5 and 8.)

1. ORIGIN OF THE BANDS.

The Patriot Movement does not represent something completely new in Italian life; it can be considered a new and wider development of the struggle carried out during the last twenty years by several underground organisations against the Fascist regime. The activities of these underground organisations had a direct influence in creating the conditions which made possible the coup-d'etat of July 25, 1943.

After the coup-d'etat, leaders and members of the underground organisations came out into the open. With the re-establishment of the Fascist regime (25 Sept. 1943), it became imperative for anti-fascists in enemy occupied territory, to go into hiding. The same was done by many other people who had not taken part in the anti-fascist activities before July 25th; and who after that date had shown sympathy for the new regime and for the Allied cause.

As a result of the armistice, most of the Italian Army disbanded. Officers and soldiers went home or tried to reach home, hoping that the Allies would soon arrive. When the new Fascist Government was re-established and it became evident that the enemy was going to occupy parts of the country for a certain while, officers and soldiers who did not want to join the new Fascist Army or were afraid of being sent to Germany to work, went into hiding.

Among the hundreds of thousands who went into hiding during the months of September and October 1943, there was a minority willing to engage in anti-fascist and all anti-German activities. In the towns the old anti-fascist organisations absorbed many of the people willing to act against the enemy. New groups were formed mainly by former officers in the Italian Armed Forces. In the rural districts a separation was soon established between members of bands and those who were simply waiting for the arrival of the Allies. Also in the rural districts, members of the former anti-fascist organisations succeeded in establishing some kind of authority over the bands, except for those bands which were formed by officers and men of the disbanded Italian Army.

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2. DEVELOPMENT OF BANDS.

Fairly large bands were already in existence at the end of September. They could be found chiefly in the mountainous regions. There were bands in the Maiella and the Gran Sasso. A cluster of bands could be found all along the VIA SALARIA from RIETI to ASCOLI and for a depth of about 30 to 40 miles north of this road. Other bands were formed in the Upper Tiber Valley and surrounding districts. Bands could be found in the sparsely inhabited area of MAREMMA, from CECINA to CIVITA VECCHIA. Large concentrations of bands were formed in the mountains north and east of the Arno Valley. Small groups which in some cases developed into large bands existed in the mountains between Lazio and Abruzzi, and in the hilly districts of southern Lazio (Castelli Romani, Monti Lepini). It is possible that the average strength of genuine bands in rural areas of Regions 4, 5 and 8 has varied from 8,000 to 12,000 true patriots.

It soon became customary for the bands in the rural districts to have some kind of military organisation, and they called themselves Battalions or Brigades. Battalions were bands with a strength of around 100 men. Brigades were usually bands or groups of bands with a strength which varied from about 250 men to a maximum of 800 men. Most Brigades had around 350 men.

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In the towns, the leaders of the anti-fascist organisations who had some experiance of underground work, organised Gruppi d'Azione Patriottica (G.A.P.), small squads usually containing from five to twelve men. In the city of Rome there were both bands which usually had been organised by officers of the Italian Army and "gaps". It is possible that in the city of Rome there have been as many as 7,000 to 8,000 true patriots.

3. CENTRAL CONTROL.

While bands and gaps were being organised spontaneously in every section of Central Italy, effarts were being made to coordinate their activities and to bring them under some kind of unified control.

Before the coup-d'etat of 25 July 1943 an agreement had been reached between the six main anti-fascist political parties, and in most provincial capitals clandestine committees were formed by representatives of the six parties. After a while all the clandestine committees adopted the name of Comitati di Liberazione Nazionale (C.L.N.).

In Central Italy the Rome C.L.N. soon acquired special importance. It established a Giunta Militare, also composed of representatives of the six parties. After the armistice, the Rome Giunta Militare tried to establish contact with the provincial C.L.N's. in Central Italy and with the bands, but on the whole the real influence of the Rome Giunta Militare on the bands outside the cities' area was negligible. The fact remained however, that most bands considered themselves subordinated to the provincial C.L.N's. and through them to the Giunta Militare.

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Brigades also tried to get together. There was a time for instance when several Brigades in the provinces of Macerata and Perugia were working together. Later on various Brigades in the Marche Region established cooperation and formed a Garibaldi Division. Another Division came into existence in the Arno valley. In the provinces of Siena and Grosseto, officers of the Italian armed forces brought together several bands and formed a Raggruppamento which was in contact with the C.B.E. Other Raggruppamenti were formed in northern Lazio, southern Lazio and in the area east of Lazio.

4. ARMAMENT - FOOD AND CLOTHING - POLITICS.

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The majority of the Patriots who went to the hills or the mountains of Central Italy in September and October 1943, had little or no arms. A band of more than 200 patriots on the Gran Sasso had more than 40% casualties when attacked by the Germans because of a deficiency in weapons and ammunition. The situation improved before the end of Autumn 1943, thanks to the attacks made against barracks of the Fascist Militia and the Carabineers and thanks also to the raids on dumps of either the Italian or the German Armies. In certain districts arms were supplied by the Allies.

The food situation for the patriots in Central Italy was altogether satisfactory. Peasants gave generously. More food was obtained by the patriots by raiding the depots organised either by Italian or German authorities. Even in the city of Rome food was obtainable for the patriots. A large organisation sprung into being for the transport of foodstuffs from the countryside to the city.

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It was something of a shock for many patriots to find, on their first contacts with Allied troops or with A.M.G. representatives, that the Allied officers with whom they came in touch knew little or nothing of patriot activities and had little or no idea of what Allied propaganda had said and promised.

/6. ACTIVITIES

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6. ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE ENEMY.

In the appendix are listed a series of examples of what bands and "gaps" did in Central Italy during the period of enemy occupation. It is impossible yet to give a complete record of patriot activities in Central Italy and it will be some time before all facts are collected and verified. It is impossible yet to say how many Germans and Fascists have been killed by the patriots, or how many trucks or railway were destroyed. By summing up what the bands did in various areas, the total is far from negligible.

Patriot activities in Central Italy can be summarised as follows:

(a) Killing of Fascists and of Germans.

(b) Sabotage against means of communications.

(c) Attacks in the outlying districts against small groups of Fascists, of Carabineers and of Germans.

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A German map shows the areas in which it was not advisable for Germans to travel unless they were in fairly large numbers. It is an indication of the seriousness of the problem created by the patriots to the enemy troops. It appears that the Germans usually believed the patriots to be more numerous, better organised and better armed than they really were.

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APPENDIX

Patriot Activities in Central Italy.

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27th Nov. '43 - A squad of the Action Party at the Prenestina Station at night attacked a train loaded with ammunition and fuel. Five wagons with their loads were destroyed.

28th Nov. '43 -G.A.P. of the Communist Party executed at 2030 hours in Via Magella a fascist consul called MUSSO (sic) killing him with revolver shots.

9th Dec. '43 - G.A.P. of the Communist Party killed a German of the S.S. with revolver shots at Via Regina Elena, at 1750 hours.

19th Dec. '43 - G.A.P. of the Communist Party attacked Hotel Flora, a German H.Q., with grenades. This occurred at 1805 hours. 14 Nazi-fascists were killed and 2 trucks were damaged.

16th Jan. '44 - G.A.P. of the Communist Party sabotaged a German garage with a bomb at Via San Nicolò da Tolentino at 1750 hours. 5 German trucks were damaged.

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23rd March '44 - G.A.P. of the Communist Party attacked a German Company with hand grenades at Via Rasella at 1500 hours. 32 Nazis were killed and 71 wounded.

June '44 - Members of the Filippo band, in a Company of 80 strong, occupied FORTE MONTE MARIO, at the time of the Allied entry into Rome. They captured 25 German soldiers, a tank and various arms and ammunition. Another band occupied the Military Hospital Baldi and saved all medical equipment, uniforms and provisions left behind by the Germans.

Sept. '43 - June '44 - From the very first days of Nazi occupation of Italy, the Action Party was very active in the production of false identity documents and their distribution to Patriots in the whole of Italy. False documents in circulation included the following:

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23rd March '44 - G.A.P. of the Communist Party attacked a German Company with hand grenades at Via Rasella at 1500 hours. 32 Nazis were killed and 71 wounded.

June '44 - Members of the Filippo band, in a Company of 80 strong, occupied FORTE MONTE MARIO, at the time of the Allied entry into Rome. They captured 25 German soldiers, a tank and various arms and ammunition. Another band occupied the Military Hospital Baldi and saved all medical equipment, uniforms and provisions left behind by the Germans.

Sept. '43 - June '44 - From the very first days of Nazi occupation of Italy, the Action Party was very active in the production of false identity documents and their distribution to Patriots in the whole of Italy. False documents in circulation included the following:

1. Papers stating unfitness for military service;
2. Papers stating membership of the Fascist Republican Forces;
3. Papers stating absence from labour service of the Ispettorato Fascista Repubblicano;
4. Ausweiss of the Todt organisation;
5. By falsifying the orders of the German High Command and Embassy the Action Party was able to sequestrate vehicles and food supplies which, with false permits, were sent through German control points to Patriots in the hills.

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L?A Z I O (not including Rome).

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19th May '44 - At Rustica Vecchia a band connected with the C.B.E. threw hand grenades at a truck. 6 Germans were killed and the truck immobilized.

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G.A.P. of FERMO in Sept. '43 obtained by force from the Fascists 25 rifles, 3 Breda machine guns, 2 cases of hand grenades and 13 cases of ammunition.

Oct. '43 - The C.L.N. group of MONTE NERO - CINGOLI fought a Nazi-fascist force. They killed 1 German , captured 3 and also a vehicle.

Nov. Dec. '43 - The Nicolò di Monastero Group had a clash with Nazi-fascists at S. GINESIO. Eight of the enemy were killed. The Patriots lost one killed.

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In order to obtain arms, ammunition and food, the Garibaldi, Gramsci and Spartaco Levagnini Brigades attacked barracks of the Fascist Militia and of the Carabineers at Camerino, at Nocera Umbra (when two Carabineers were killed), at Campello (where two agents of the Fascist Police were killed), at Matigge di Trevi.

Two Fascists were killed by members of the Spartaco Brigade on January 24.

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February 7th. - Members of the band located in Pescina killed an enemy D/R at Km. 140 on Via Tiburtina.

11th March '44 - 400 Germans attacked the patriots at UNITO and in the surrounding hills. The battle lasted 3 hours. The patriots were obliged to retreat. 36 patriots were killed but the Germans had 23 casualties.

A small band in the Collepardo area carried out cutting of telephone wires and sabotaging of petrol dumps during the Winter and the Spring.

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The Marsica Band in eight months of partisan struggle lost 15 dead and 12 wounded. They have to their credit: - 45 Germans and Fascists killed and wounded, 41 trucks destroyed or damaged, 40 railway wagons sabotaged, 3 armoured cars rendered unserviceable, 15 cases of ammunition and 70 weapons of various kinds captured.

T U S C A N Y (Area liberated at 15th August).

During January and February 1944, members of the C.L.N. Brigade Spartaco Lavagnini engaged the enemy at MURLO and MONTE CUCIO. The Patriots had severe losses but they are reported to have killed or wounded 30 Fascists. The Boccheggiano mines were damaged in March.

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The 3rd Garibaldi Brigade is reported to have collaborated wholeheartedly with the Allies. Patriots were sent through the lines to carry useful information on military activities of the enemy and location of mined areas. Losses of this formation were considerable, the total in dead, wounded and prisoners amounting to well over 150 men.

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22 August 1944.

Speech made by Colonel C.D. MC CARTHY Patriots Branch

at Regional Commissioner's Conference 22 Aug. 1944.

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The Patriots Branch of A.C.C. was formed early in July as a result of an instruction from A.A.I. and is responsible for all dealings with Resistance Groups as soon as the territory in which they have been operating is liberated by our troops.

2. In all dealings care is taken to distinguish between bogus Patriots and genuine patriots who are defined as being those in the ranks of genuine fighting bands who have carried arms, engaged in sabotage or secured important military information to the benefit of the Allied War effort. It must be remembered that these genuine patriots have in very many cases lived extremely precarious lives, suffered considerable casualties and been a very great nuisance to the enemy. Let us not forget that they have been living under the black cloud of torture and death not only for themselves but also for their families. I will read you the text of a German Order signed for the Commander in Chief of the German Armed Forces and found in the SUBBIANO area in mid-July:

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FIVE. Any village where it can be proved that there are bandits or where attacks against German or Italian soldiers have been made, or where acts of sabotage intended to damage or destroy warlike stores, have taken place.... WILL BE BURNT .... TO THE GROUND. However, male inhabitants of the village over 18 years old... WILL BE SHOT. Women and girls will be interned in labour camps.

There is no doubt that many patriots have acted with extreme bravery and courage and a note of their activities has been prepared and is available to those who would like to read it.

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3. Many questions have been asked of the political tendecies of patriot bands. After speaking to a large number of patriots in various corners of the country I personally feel that in the great majority of cases these men have been fighting first to defeat the Germans, second to destroy Fascism and third in the case of some of them, to build up a new Italy.
Most of them have at this stage of the war very little idea of the aims and ambitions of the six political parties in Italy but they are keenly alive to the fact that something drastic must be done about politics in the very near future and being mostly young and active men they are keenly susceptible to influence and require a lead from the Italian Government. Some of them will undoubtedly be of importance in the new Italy and they are a great responsibility for us all.

4. Plans have been drawn up for dealing with patriots. A message in poster form signed by General Alexander has been distributed in forward areas, a form of certificate of merit has been approved and certificates have been sent to Regions and to the 5 and 8 Armies for distribution. Although many patriots are used for a short while by the Army in their own area as guides and patrols and for reconnaissance work, the intention generally is to direct nearly all of them into civil life. About 50% return to their own homes and occupation locally. Of the remainder some will be used for police duties or as drivers, others will be employed on engineering work, and on mine clearance; and arrangements have been made for recruiting and passing back volunteers for service in the Italian Army and Air Force. Communal committees are being set up to assist Provincial Commissioners in this work, and to help weed out bogus applicants among the genuine patriots. The problems of collecting and disposing of the patriots' arms is in hand. The arms will be used for future operations as directed by A.A.I.

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8. The patriot question is very much in the news at present and I am bombarded with questions about what we are likely to find on th other side of the line. We have a fairly good idea and I am endeavouring to furnish this information when it is essential to do so. At the same time I am endeavouring to see that those on the other side of the line are properly informed about what is going on this side of the line. I would like in conclusion to take this opportunity to thank the press, P.R.O. and P.W.B. for the active cooperation given in recent weeks and for the manner in which publicity has been treated. The power of the press is tremendous in this present era of the patriot movement; and we must remember that the Germans are spreading propaganda against us as energetically as they can so that it is necessary for us to encourage our patriots as much as we can. I am trying to help in this firstly by ensuring that the proper arrangements are made for their welcome on this side of the line and secondly by taking care that they shall be informed immediately what that welcome will be.

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CURRENT PROBLEMS

(A) PROBLEMS FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

1. Institution of a Patriot Commission for Italy.
2. Patriot Committee for Rome.
3. Nomination of truly representative Patriot Representatives.
4. Keeping a check on names and performances of genuine Patriots and seeing that they have employment.
5. Providing Patriot Branch with information.
6. Collect money for Patriot needs, such as pay and salary for Patriot Representatives, compensations for Patriots and provision of food, clothing and cigarettes to fighting Patriots pending their employment.
7. Provide transport and drivers for Patriot Representatives.

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2. Collecting and forwarding of reports from Patriot Representatives and Band Leaders.
3. A short summarised weekly report of patriot activities.

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2. Formation of an Italian Patriot Committee and prodding of it to see that it functions.

(D) PROBLEMS FOR INTELLIGENCE SECTION OF PATRIOTS BRANCH.

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1. Information to AMG of Armies and Regions concerning composition of forward bands etc.

2. Information regarding Po flooding, sea flooding and pump station preservation.

3. Information regarding Prefects and prominent men in present occupied area.

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4. Statement on damage to be avoided - this may need a special committee of Italians.

5. Collect reports weekly from Patriot Representatives and Band Leaders (through Armies and Regions) and examine and pass to Italian Government for their need.

(E) PROBLEMS FOR PROPAGANDA SECTION OF PATRIOTS BRANCH.

1. Collect news from all Regions all sources. Collect good stories and statistical data.

2. Produce anti-Boche and anti-Fascist propaganda.

3. Give news to patriots of what is happening through P.R.O., P.W.B., B.B.C. broadcasts to civilians, leaflets and press.

(F) PROBLEMS FOR H.Q. SECTION OF PATRIOTS BRANCH.

1. Look after problem of returning volunteers.

2. Investigate question of providing patriots with food, cigarettes, clothes and boots.

3. Keep up to date lists of Italian officers for special jobs.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
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- Sezione Ordinamento -

N° 6169 /Ord. di prot. P.M.151, lì 23 agosto 1944

OGGETTO : Distaccamenti "CERSETI" 7° (per 210^ div.ital.) e 8° (per raggr.forze ital. 8^ Armata).

SUB: Cerseti Detachment

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA C.C. ROMA

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Per detto motivo é stato mosso severo appunto al "CERSETI".

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- al fatto che,per difficoltà incontrate dal Ministero nella ricerca di ufficiali competenti in questioni di catalogazione e conservazioni materiali, l'assegnazione degli ufficiali stessi é avvenuta con qualche giorno di ritardo ed inoltre le comunicazioni relative sono pervenute malauguratamente agli ufficiali interessati dopo ancora qualche giorno;
- ad errata interpretazione degli ordini impartiti da parte del comando "CERSETI" il quale non ritenne urgente l'avviamento dei distaccamenti sopradetti visto il ritardo della partenza del distaccamento n°6 ed il rinvio a Roma dei distaccamenti n°1 e 2.

Per detto motivo é stato mosso severo appunto al "CERSETI".

S.M.R.E. IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

HEADQUARTERS 23 AUG 1944 A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394.

Palermo 6/19 49

Memorandum to Brigadier Lush. 20 August 1944.

The history behind the attached draft letter to the Italian Govt. is as follows.

FIRST I heard from Max Salvadori that Palermo was working on a scheme for handling Patriots and I told Max to tell Palermo to apply to see us which he did through M.M.I.A.

SECOND General Browning had a meeting at which General Ocilia Palermo and self were present. The two Italian undersecretaries for War (Ocilia and Palermo) put up a scheme which was practically what they wrote in next day at my request (attached).

THIRD General Browning discussed with me and put up the attached memos which were sent to you and you made comments (attached).

FOURTH You asked me to put up a draft (attached) giving our views to the Italian Government. I suggest this be sent to General Ocilia and Palermo with a copy to Bonbom and that we have a meeting with the Italian Government to discuss the points I mention.

FIFTH It is important to get the Italian commission started soon.

C.D. MC CARTHY.
Colonel,
Patriots Branch,
R.C. & M.G. Section.

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SUBJECT: Organisation of Patriots.

TO : Italian Government.

File CMS 4 F

Your memorandum undated has been carefully considered. It is felt that a meeting should be held as soon as possible to discuss the following matters.

MIXED COMMISSION

Some form of commission should be set up immediately by the Italian Government to handle, with guidance from the Patriots Branch A.C.C., the problem of (a) appointing Patriot Representatives and providing them with transport, (b) the preparation of records of Patriot activities (c) the payment of compensation and rewards, and, (d) the regular supply of information to the Patriot Branch.

b CONSTITUTION OF THE MIXED COMMISSION

It is considered that this might be formed under the Ministry of the Interior or the Presidency of the Cabinet and that it should contain some officials accepted by the Ministries of War and Finance.

CONTROL OF PATRIOT ACTIVITIES

For all questions affecting Patriots North of the Rear Army boundaries the working commission must clearly understand that it cannot have any authority whatsoever. All authority and contacts will be under the absolute control of General Alexander's H.Q. Any recommendations the committee may wish to make (e.g. ref Propaganda) should be addressed to the Patriots Branch A.C.C.

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For problems South of the rear Army boundaries the active cooperation of the working commission will be welcomed, it being understood that nothing can be done without the full approval of A.C.C. Patriot Branch. Suggestions for activities in addition to those mentioned above can be discussed when the meeting takes place. It is suggested that 1100 hrs on 24 August would be a suitable time and date if the Italian Government will be ready with its proposals by them.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

17th August, 1944.

No. L.368/2.

MINISTER OF MARINE,
ROME.
(Copy to :- Military Mission to the
Italian Army.

M.M.I.A. 78/G
FILE REF. 19
Date Recd 20/8/44

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ITALIAN NAVAL PROPERTY IN FORWARD AREAS.

With reference to your letter No. R.741 of 3rd August, the Italian Army already have parties for safeguarding Italian Military property attached to the Allied Armies in forward Areas. There is no objection to the formation of 2 similar Italian naval parties which should not exceed ten in number. These parties will be attached to the Military Mission to the Italian Army liaison officers operating with the forward troops who will arrange rations, passes etc.

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4. Approval for the formation of the Adriatic party has been received from Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic, and arrangements should be made for it to go forward directly the passes are issued. You will be informed when approval has been received for the formation of the Tyrrhenian party.

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SUBJECT:- Attachment of Italian Army Personnel

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
T3/G/19
13 Aug 44

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You are requested to reply without further delay to our G/19 of 25 July 44 and reminder 0 536 of 11 Aug 44.

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Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
M M I A

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Secretary General

FILE No. 324.5

SUBJECT:

17 August 1944

TO: General Browning, Army Sub-Commission

With reference to your G/19 dated 15 August 1944, Captain Stone has directed me to inform you that he personally took care of this matter at AAI yesterday.

FRANK L. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.
Deputy Secretary General

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SUBJECT:- Collection of Personnel. SECRET

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY
MM/100

14 Aug 44.

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
H Q A C C ROME.

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1. Receipt of your TS/G/19 dated 11 Aug 44 is acknowledged.

2. A conference in SIENA with the Prov. Commissioner and Lt-Col. CROCI has clarified the situation considerably.

3. It now appears that :-

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4. Lt-Col. NICOLLS, the Prov. Commi., has known him from the start, and gives him a first class report for character and cooperation. His men were non political, and have given no trouble at all. What trouble there has been has come from the Comitato di Liberazione, a set of self selected corner boys of a garish political colour, who are posing as the voice and will of the people.

5. It was agreed that Lt-Col. CROCI should visit ROME as soon as possible and through the Ministry of War, make contact with MMIA, so as to see how far his position and activities can be legitimised within the present framework of the Italian Army.

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6. It remains to be established whether he or Gen. Tomaselli should be the accredited representative of the Ministry of War for taking over military property, in particular M/T, in the province of SIENA.

Lt-Col. G.S.
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY

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

SEGRETO

N° 5832/Ord. di prot. P.M.151, li 11 agosto 1944

OGGETTO : Distaccamenti "CERSETI" n° 2 - 3.

M.M.I.A. 4/19
FILE REF
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ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA) HQ ACC
ROME

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Riferimento foglio G/19 del 23/7/44 di codesta M.M.I.A..

I distaccamenti del "CERSETI" n° 2 - 3, inviati presso i comandi di 8ª Armata e Corpo Polacco per la discriminazione e l'arruolamento dei patrioti nell'esercito italiano, sono stati rimandati a Roma d'ordine del Comando 8ª Armata.

Poiché quanto sopra é in contrasto con le direttive contenute nel foglio G/19 sopra detto, se ne informa codesta M.M.I.A. con preghiera di intervenire affinché non sia ulteriormente ritardato l'arruolamento dei volontari.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Panti)

UFF. ORD. e MOB.

Replying verbally

SUBJECT: M. of W. Proposal of 12 Aug re Control of Patriots.

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME.

T.S./C/19
13 Aug 44. D

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L. Browning

Major General.
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Appendix "A" to MMIA T.S./G/19
of 13 Aug.

COMMENTS ON M. of W. PATRIOT PROPOSAL OF 12 AUG.

1. As explained yesterday, there can be no question of a central Italian Commission (whether under Minister of War or any other Minister) running the patriot problem as the directing organisation.

2. All patriots North of the line and inside Army Areas are operational. Policy, action and orders in connection with these are the responsibility solely of the Operations Branch AAI under Gen. ALEXANDER's orders.

3. All patriots south of Army rear boundaries are similarly under Gen. ALEXANDER's orders through his "third Army Commander," the Chief Commissioner, A.C.C., who delegates the executive working to Col. McCARTHY, Patriot Branch, A.C.C. The latter works in close touch with AAI and with Comd MMIA, who advises on and deals with the Italian Army aspect (as opposed to the civil aspect, though the two are intimately connected.)

4. This chain of control cannot be altered and any developments or changes can only be in respect of how much more the Italian Government or an "Italian Patriot Commission" can be brought in to assist and implement the policy or action by the control authorities.

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(c) It puts CALDERINI Section (espionage) of S.I.M. under M of W. This section is under the Allies (with C.O. a British officer) direct and cannot be transferred to Italian control. The danger of the latter is obvious, apart from the fact that AAI lose its services.

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In fact the proposal in its present form is completely inacceptable and dangerous.

6. Ref para. 4 above.

(a) The constitution of the proposed Patriot commission or committee requires analysis.

(b) In M of W proposal I understand that the various sections will be composed of civilian patriot personnel, selected from all the representative patriot parties. These will have no executive authority, e.g. the pensions section can examine cases and recommend, but the authority for issue of pensions must rest with the Minister of Finance.

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6. (b) A representative of the Minister of Finance should therefore be head of that section. The same applies to other sections.

(c) Advice on the whole patriot question is the collective responsibility of the Italian Government. On the other hand there are advantages in having one centralised working commission or committee co-ordinating all the work.

(d) From all this, the logical answer seems to be as shown at App "B" viz. an advisory ministerial committee and a working commission centralised under the War Ministry, the whole working under the Allies. This in fact is thus an extension or development of the existing set-up.

A. Browning

Major General,
Director, Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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SUGGESTED SET-UP FOR CONTROL OF PATRIOTS

Patriots North of the line and in Army Areas

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A. A. E.

A. C. C. (Patriot Branch)

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of 13 Aug.

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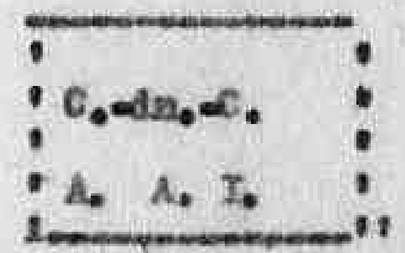

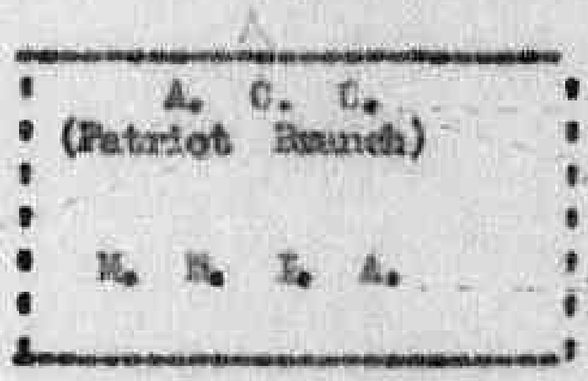

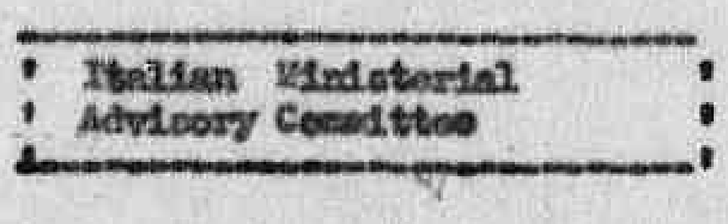

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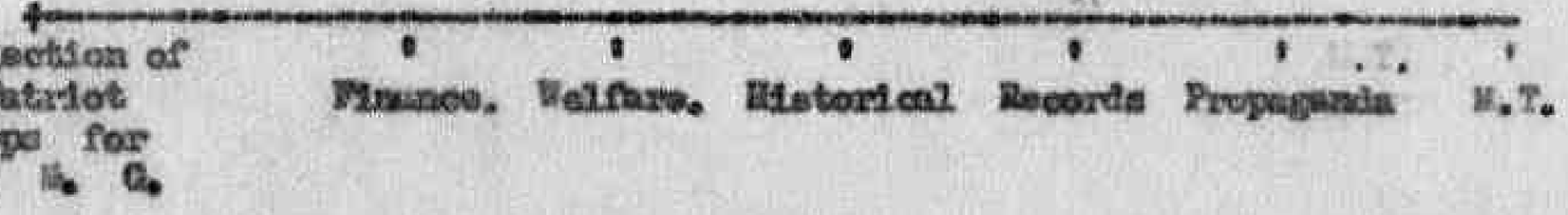

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SUBJECT: CERSETI 2 & 3

Army Sub Commission (MAIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
ROME
G/29
16 Aug 44

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Ref your 5832/Ord of 11 Aug

1. AMG EIGHTH Army have stated that CERSETI 2 and 3 cannot perform their functions in the Army area unless they are provided with more transport. The minimum transport required is one staff car for each recruiting agency, in addition to the lorry already supplied.

2. Patriot Branch ACC will provide each agency with a permit to draw petrol in the Army area.

3. Will you please provide the necessary transport in order that "CERSETI" 2 and 3 may be despatched without further delay.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

COL.

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SUBJECT: Patriots - Status

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME.

15 C/19 Aug 44.

Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

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ROME.

T.S. 18/19
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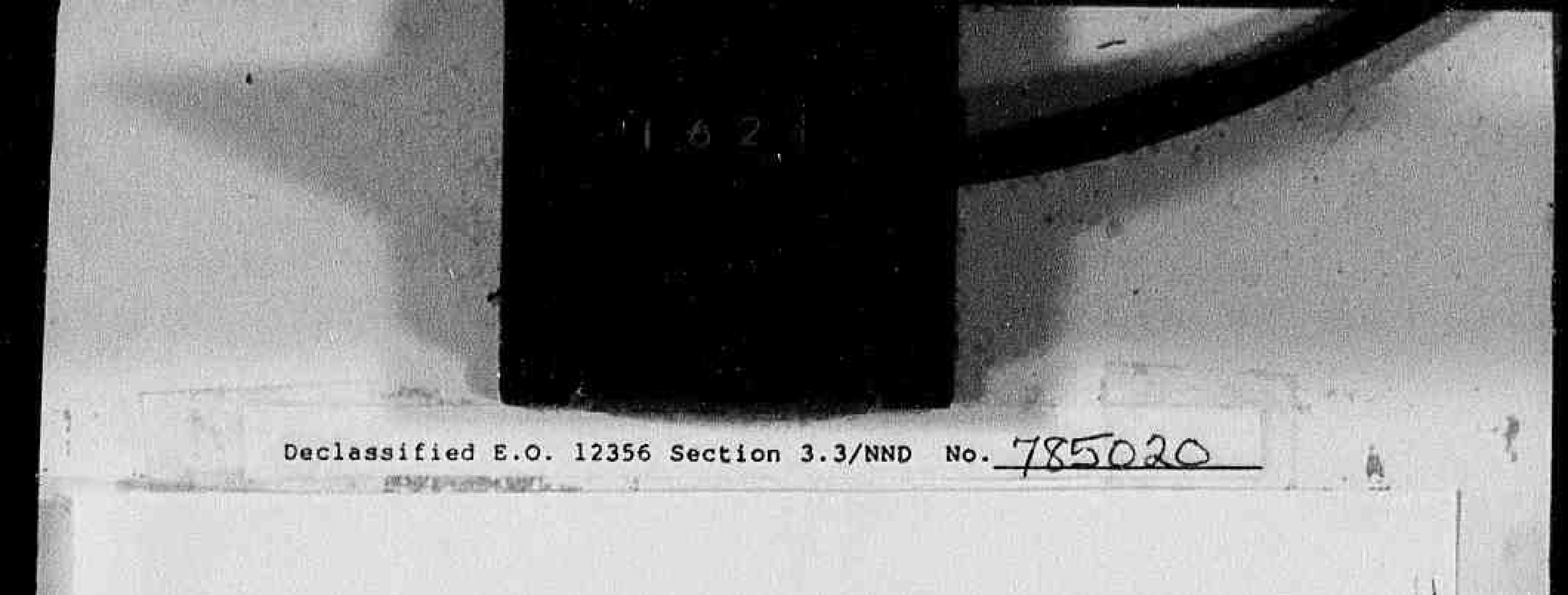

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4. I therefore suggest that a letter, signed on a high level and explaining the whole system of control and operation, be issued to the Italians when C.-in.C., has given his decision.

5. Though the civil and military aspects of the patriot problem are intimately connected, my sphere is really the Regular Italian Army aspect. I therefore presume you will now take all this up with the necessary authorities.

R. Browning

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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Chief Clerk

Copies have already been sent by hand to Col. McCarthy today

L.R.
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PROMEMORIA PER IL GENERALE BROWNING E COLONNELLO MAC KARTY

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D. 14/8 to Gen Browning

OGGETTO: Organizzazione dei patrioti.

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b) - patrioti dell'Italia liberata.

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- coordinare ed unificare l'azione dei patrioti allo scopo di trarne il massimo rendimento;

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TRANSLATION

From Min of War — Ref ? — Date ?

To Gen BROWNING & Col MACARTHY

SUBJECT:- Organisation of Patriots

1) In order to unify and settle all matters relating to the patriots, the Cabinet has decided to ask the War Ministry to provide a solution to the various problems and the necessary consequent organisation.

Within the Ministry the matter will be dealt with by a "Patriot Commission" which will work in full agreement with the Allies.

The Commission will be thus formed :-

- H.E. PALERMO
- H.E. General OXILIA
- Allied Representative
- S.I.M.

2) The problems to be solved can be divided into two groups thus :-

a) Patriots of German occupied ITALY.

b) Patriots of Liberated ITALY.

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- coordinate and unify patriot action in order to derive the maximum benefit therefrom.
- follow up the effort of the patriots encouraging and facilitating supplies of war material, money, etc.
- develope welfare and propaganda.

The problem can only be solved by means of the constitution of one only "Command of Patriots of Northern ITALY". This HQ would evidently act on directives and orders received from the Allied Military Command when the Commission could send one of its own liaison officers.

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d) Assistance to patriots and families of the dead, wounded and missing. Check up on dead and wounded. Pensions.

e) Awards (monetary ?)

To carry out these t asks an office in the War Ministry has been scheduled (see enc. 1)

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- seguire lo sforzo dei patrioti favorendo ed agevolando l'invio di materiali bellici, denaro, ecc.;

- svolgere assistenza morale e propaganda.

Il problema può essere risolto solo con la costituzione di un unico "Comando patrioti dell'Italia settentrionale"; tale Comando agirebbe evidentemente in base alle direttive ed ordini del Comando Militare Alleato, presso il quale la Commissione potrebbe inviare un proprio Ufficiale di collegamento.

b) Per quanto riguarda l'Italia Liberata si tratta di assolvere i seguenti compiti:

a) riconoscimento, scioglimento e disarmo delle varie bande; smistamento e trasferimento dei patrioti alle varie sedi, avviamento dei volontari ai reparti regolari dell'Esercito;

b) raccolta delle relazioni, dati e documentazioni varie sull'attività svolta da tutte le bande;

c) accertamento dell'attività individuale svolta; riconoscimento della qualifica di "patriota" o di "collaboratore" (quest'ultima per coloro che pur non avendo operato attivamente, hanno però agevolato con prestazioni varie le organizzazioni dei patrioti);

d) assistenza ai patrioti e alle famiglie dei caduti, feriti, dispersi; accertamento morti e feriti; pensioni;

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Per lo svolgimento di queste attività è prevista la costituzione di un apposito ufficio presso il Ministero della Guerra (Vedi allegato 1).

c) Infine vi è tutta una parte propagandistica da svolgere allo scopo di:

- dare ampia pubblicità alle varie disposizioni e provvidenze relative ai patrioti;

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c) Finally propaganda must be developed in order to :-

- give all orders or instructions regarding patriots ample publicity.

- Publish the list of patriots recognised as such.

- Enhance the work done by the patriots.

The Department of the Under-Secretary for Press and Propaganda has been scheduled to deal with this problem.

3) The total organisation scheduled can be seen in enc. 1 and will be set in motion as soon as MVIA's approval is received.

signed per THE MINISTER

(Illegible)

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- pubblicare le liste dei patrioti riconosciuti tali;
- valorizzare l'opera compiuta dai patrioti.

Per tale attività è previsto di valersi del Sottosegretariato Stampa e Propaganda presso il Ministero dell'Interno.

3°)- L'organizzazione complessiva prevista risulta dall'allegato 1) e verrà attuata non appena codesta Sottocommissione darà il suo benestare.

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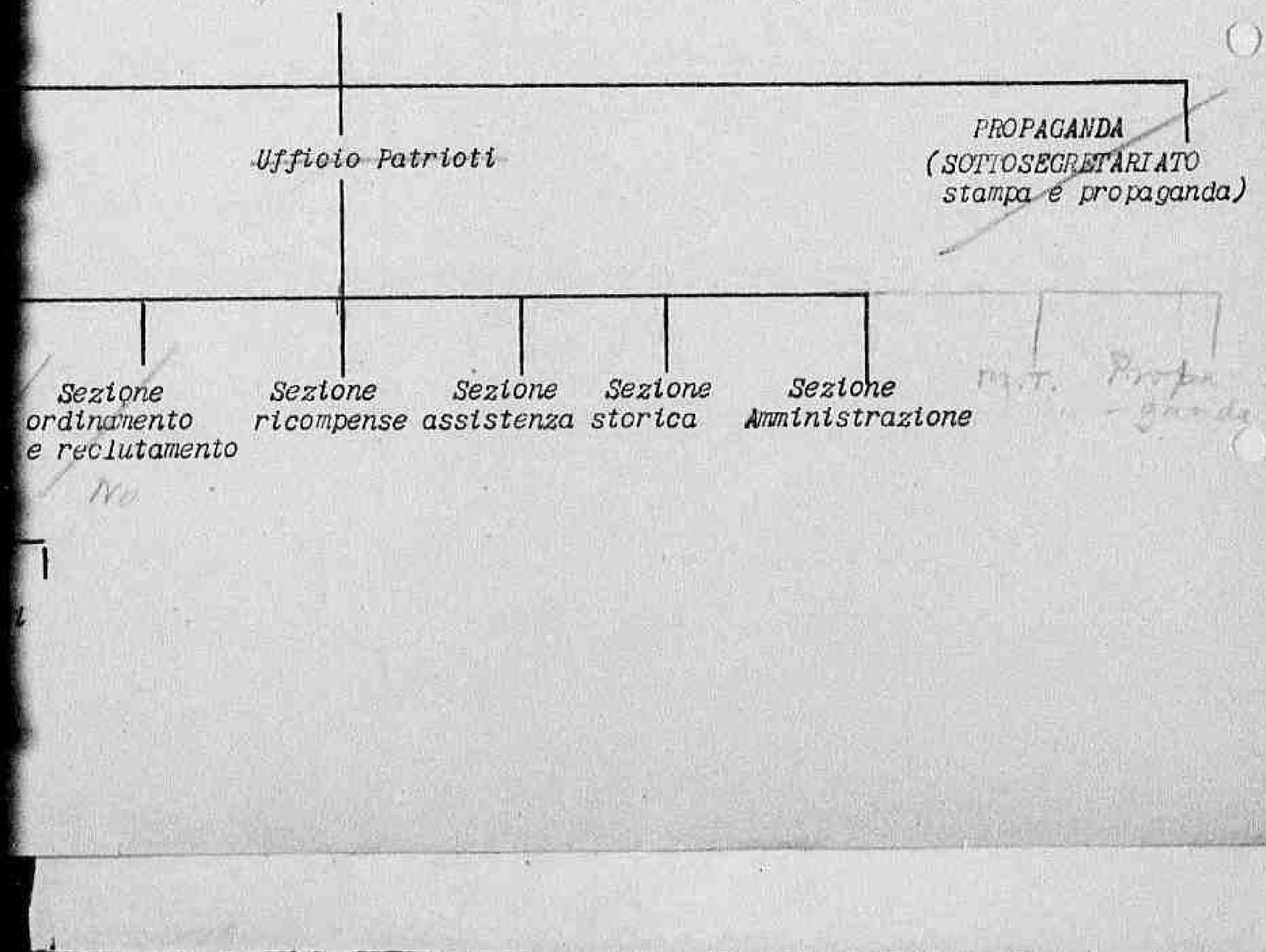

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SUBJECT: Movement of Patriots.

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME.

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13 Aug 44.

Patriot Branch, A.C.C.

1. I agree with attached draft.

2. There is one point that should be made clear in para. 4, "CAMPS and BILLETING AREAS." This is that any Regular Italian Army personnel used for the running of Camps and Billeting Areas will be found from Italian troops already allotted to and under command of 5 and 8 Army or POLCORPS and NOT from the rest of the Italian Army.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH.
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D R A F T

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

TO :

NUMBERS.

(1) It is impossible to say how many volunteers there will be. At present the numbers are very few, but the organisation outlined below is designed to take care of a variable flow which might for a short period amount up to several hundred per day.

(2) These volunteers who are accepted have to be moved from Corps and Eighth Army Areas back to the main Italian Army Recruiting Centres which are now at ROME and CHIETI. It is possible that the latter centres will, at a later date, be moved forward to ANCONA.

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

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(1) These screening agents will operate in Army Areas under orders from Fifth and Eighth Armies and select suitable recruits from Patriot volunteers on the lists of A.M.G.

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(3) Accepted volunteers will be given a ticket to the effect that they will be taken on the strength of one of the enlisted centres, ROME or CHIETI, as soon as they reach these Centres.

(4) F.S.S. will also probably have a screening section at Corps Roadhead camps.

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MEANS OF TRANSPORT FOR MOVING RETURNING PATRIOTS.

(1) The means of transport will be along the main army channels (see attached appendix from Corps Area) to Army Roadheads and Railheads by returning M.T. and by rail where possible.

(2) At present there are three main routes, the East coast route from Pole Corps, the central route from 10 and 13 Corps and the West coast route from Fifth Army.

(3) Requests for road movement along these routes will be made to R.A.S.C., M.T., Officers by C.A.Os, in forward areasand by Camp Commandants of Patriot Camps in Areas further back.

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

(4) Requests for rail movement will be to 'Movements' with whom details, giving numbers, should be arranged, on the day prior to the move.

(5) If C.A.Os can at any place arrange for volunteers to be moved under separate arrangements they should do so provided Corps have screened the men.

CAMPS AND BILLETTING AREAS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SUBJECT: Collection of Personnel

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA
H.Q., ACC.

ROME.

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12 Aug 44.

Lt. Col. MORIARTY,
Rear 8th Army.

Reference your last Weekly Liaison

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Herewith more information on the RAGGRUPPAMENTO AMIATA.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:- Return of Civilians to their Homes

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
TS/2/19
12 Aug 44

Executive Commissioner A.C.C.

Ref your 75/427/CA dated 8 Aug -

1. I do not see how I can take this up with A.A.I. in view of their definite ruling in 1605/50/56/3(SDl) dated 24 July.

2. The basis of that letter is of course that A.A.I. have had their demands for 375,000 Italian soldiers reduced to 309,000 and everything is being cut to the bone - even the danger limit. Also we have an important operational project in hand. There are not enough troops to go round for military purposes as it is.

3. I am sorry but I must oppose the removal of nearly 1,000 men to deal with civilian refugees. I also feel quite sure A.A.I. would not agree.

A.B.

ABC

Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Ref/75/427/CA.

8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Return of Civilians to their Homes.

TO : G.O.C., M.M.I.A.

1. Reference para.4 (c) of memorandum from R.C. & M.G. Section, reference No.75 dated 1 August 1944. attached

2. The Italian Ministry concerned has pointed out that unless this movement can be got under way promptly and peasants be returned before the Autumn, the advantages to agriculture will be lost for the best part of another year.

3. It is of course a matter of considerable interest to ourselves to secure a maximum agricultural output as early as possible in order to cut down our own imports into Italy and economise the shipping which these imports involve. The Italian Ministry states that they find it impossible to set up the organisation necessary - starting from scratch - with civilians gathered from here, there and everywhere. They have asked for the employment of 1000 officers and men from the Italian Army. Transit points will be the key to the smooth and rapid working of the organisation envisaged, and they consider that these cannot be got going without military discipline and organisation.

4. The use of these soldiers would undoubtedly assist the scheme materially and the cost to the Allies which their employment would involve must, on balance, be considered a very small price to pay for attaining this objective.

5. Our own experience, in handling large numbers of Italian refugees bears out the Italian Ministry's view, and for this reason and those mentioned in para.2 above, it is strongly recommended that the Italian request be acceded to.

6. The matter is undoubtedly urgent. Would you be good enough to take it up with AAI on behalf of this Commission ? A schedule of exact numbers of officers and men involved is enclosed herewith.

M. S. Nash.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Italian Refugee Branch.

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MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR PROGRESS CENTRES OF RE-ALLOCATION AND REST ALONG THE RAILROAD LINE.

PERSONNEL	TOTAL
OFFICERS	50
OFFICERS MEDICAL	25
OFFICERS PHARMACIST	2
N.C.O.	44
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O.R's	469
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CHAPLAINS	5
POLIZIA: a) OFFICERS	2
b) N.C.O.	12
c) O.R's	127
NURSES	71
TOTAL	934

already employed medical
47 Ufs
14 NCO's
382 ORs

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Ref/75/

1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Return of Civilians to their homes.

TO : Distribution below

1. In common with almost all other nations in Europe, the Italians desire to get back to their homes those people driven by war to other parts of the country. There may be, south of Rome, 250,000 such people. The homes of many are non existant and these concerned cannot be returned for a long time. But many are agriculturalists. The latter should be got back to the land as early as possible. It is a matter of Allied interest to do this.

2. This problem is distinct from that of handling refugees in battle zones as a part of our military operations. The latter is dealt with by SCAO's Armies and the Refugee Branch ACC, and we have an organization which deals comprehensively with this.

The return of civilians requires a considerable organization, and whilst this Hq will lend assistance in many ways, the work in the main must be carried out by the Italians themselves. The head of the Italian Refugee Branch will direct this work in collaboration with the Italian Government Commissioner for Refugees.

3. In their desire to get people to their homes, an uncontrolled and unauthorized movement has been started by the Italians in several parts of Italy. Instructions have been given by the Italian Government to their prefects, and by this Hq. to Regional Commissioners, that this movement, which is causing hindrance to military interests, is premature and must for the moment cease. It is the duty of Regional Commissioners in conjunction with Italian authorities in their regions to see that these orders are obeyed and to control the people in their respective regions.

4. It has been decided by this Commission that the regularized repatriation of these people should be started as soon as possible. Plans, details of which are being studied, for the return of civilians, may be outlined as follows:

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b. Transit Points: From larger camps at main terminals, such as Naples, and Rome, down to feeding halts at selected places on a long journey. These must be fixed and staff (Italian) at each indicated.

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c. Staff for Transit Points: The Italian Commissioner will state numbers required. He wishes to have Italian Military staff, and this is recommended. The movement will not be got under way promptly and efficiently without military discipline, at least during the initial stages.

d. Food at Transit Points: The Food Sub-Commission will be requested to issue a directive regarding this.

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c. Finally, programme of trains will be arranged with military and civil railway authorities.

To summarize: Firstly (a) and (b) must be completed by the staff of the Italian Government Commissioner. Meantime under (c) MMIA will be requested to take up the question of Italian Military Staff with AAI (SD). Questions under (d) and (e) will be decided in principle whilst the above work is in progress.

5. Regional Commissioners should make known in their regions the fact that this work is being pushed ahead as rapidly as possible. The speed with which it can be started depends to a great extent upon reasonable discipline amongst the Italians themselves. They must be reminded that their position is not worse than that of millions of other people all over Europe whose prospects of return to their homes is remote. Unauthorized and disorderly movements which have recently taken place in certain regions, must not be repeated, and if attempted must be dealt with in the firmest manner possible.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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A/CC 324.5

11 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Army Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission

Reference is made to your letter of 10 August calling my attention to para 3 of my letter A/CC 324.5 dated 8 August.

Thank you for calling this error to my attention. I am writing the C-in-C, AAI at once, requesting that the word "subsequently" be changed to "simultaneously."

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR.
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Political Section
Patriots Branch

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A/CC 324.5

11 August 1944

Subject: Statement Giving Recognition to Italian Patriots

To: Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy (Tac Hq)

1. Reference is made to my letter dated 8 August, A/CC 324.5, on the above subject. The second line of para 3 of my letter incorrectly reflects General Browning's views in that the word "subsequently" should read "simultaneously".

2. I should be grateful if this correction is made on my original letter.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Army Sub-Commission
Political Section
Executive Commissioner for
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SUBJECT: Patriots - Status.

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Army Sub Commission, M.M.I.A.
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME.

G/19
10 Aug 44.

For Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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A.B.

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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A.A.I. for G(BD)

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Lt Col HOWARD

The att letter was sent out by HQ A.C.C. on the advice of this Sub Commission and is fwd to you for infmn.

ABC

Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
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AFCC 324.5

8 August 1944

Subject: Statement Giving Recognition to Italian Patriots

To: Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy

1. The Prime Minister of the Italian Government, desiring to have the Patriots receive maximum support and avoid being treated as franc tireurs, has proposed that the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy issue a statement of which a draft copy is enclosed.

2. The statement has been coordinated with General Browning of the Army Sub-Commission who feels that on the whole the issuance of such a statement would be helpful, and I recommend that such a statement be issued.

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I find "Simply Heartfelt" not Regular Italian Army troops at the front"

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Encl.
Draft of statement

cc: Army S/C
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TRANSLATION

Ref. 1/158

Roma, August 2, 1944

Dear Admiral,

As you are aware, the Allied Control Commission has recently adopted several practical measures in recognition of the contribution given by Italian patriots to the Allied war effort against the Germans. The Italian Government have also acted on the same lines.

The Italian Government are of opinion that such measures could be very usefully developed and integrated in a statement to be issued by the Allied High Command in Italy, of which I take leave to enclose a draft copy.

You will note that the aim of the statement is that of considering the patriots, who are fighting with unabated vigour and considerable self-sacrifice in the occupied territory, as an integral part of the Italian Corps of Liberation and of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Italy under the leadership of the Commander-in-Chief, General Alexander.

Such recognition would not only place them under the protection of the rules of warfare, but would undoubtedly give them encouragement and incentive of particular significance and importance. I need hardly stress the important place the patriots' movement occupies within the framework of our national life and in the consciousness of the Country.

I have no doubt, therefore, that you will give the matter your most earnest consideration in the interest not only of our own, but also of the common war effort.

Thanking you in advance for the kind interest I feel sure you will take in the matter,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely

/s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
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The Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies in Italy has issued the following statement:

1. The Italian Patriots constitute a fighting army under the leadership of officers and is a part of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Italy.

2. Italian patriots bear their arms openly against the Germans and have received precise instructions to conduct the war against the enemy according to the rules of warfare. They wear a badge which has been duly notified in accordance with international rules. General Alexander considers these troops as one of the forces at present under his command.

3. The status of regular fighting troops as an integral part of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in the war against Germany places them under the protection of International Conventions. Any reprisal that has been, or should hencefeth be, exercised against the patriots organisations and the patriots themselves, would, therefore, represent a violation of the rules of warfare which are binding also on Germany. The Allied Chief Command will make every effort in order that the authors of any atrocity committed against troops acting under its orders shall be placed under trial and duly punished.

H.Q., Allied Armies in Italy

SUBJECT:- Handling of Italian Patriot Volunteers. SECRET

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
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4 Aug 44.

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Memorandum for Col. T. McCarthy, A C C

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4. Conditions in Polish Corps area are again different from those obtaining in the area West of the Appennines, and a parallel scheme will have to drawn up to cover No.3 Commission's activities in that area.

Lt-Col.G.S.
M M I A Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.

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5th Aug. 1944

Ref. : 49/ 22/PAT

Subject : Enlistment of Patriots from Army Areas into the Italian Army .

To : Army Sub-Commission (Att. Maj.Gen. Browning)

Further to interview this morning with Brig.Ritchie A.A.I. In principle the contents of the memo are agreed , subject of course to

a) the agreement of Brig. Bastion and
b) agreement of the final meeting : see para 7 of memorandum .

Attached please find a further re-draft of the memorandum showing further suggestions made by Brig. Ritchie .

B. Drage
Major,
Patriots Branch.
R.C. & M.G. Section .

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Subject:- Enlistment of Patriots from Army Areas into the Italian Army

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M.M.I.A)
ROME

G/19
4 Aug 44

Col McCARTHY

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(d) Surely 5 Army must contribute their quota of staff for the patriot coming back by their route ?

(e) We can NOT "pay and feed patriots from Italian Army sources". As I have said throughout and as is shown in your paras 2 & 4, the patriot is a CIVILIAN till he reaches the enlistment centre.

Your para 7.

(f) [redacted] must be in on the final ROME meeting, NOT S.H.A.E.F. unilaterally.

A.D.

cc/

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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SUBJECT:- Italian Refugee Branch Personnel Reduction

Army Sub Commission (AMMA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
(R O M E)
G/39
5 Aug 44

Ministry of War

Copy to:- AAI ref your 1605/30/56/0(SDL) of 1 Aug
Italian Refugee Branch A.C.C.

Please suspend action on your 10175/11 of 7 July addressed to Italian Refugee Branch office (Col GAIA) until 1 Sep by which date Allied HQ will have decided in conjunction with Col HILLS of A.C.C., which units may remain and which will be dispensed with or replaced by civilian personnel.

ABC

Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
M M I A

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SUBJECT:- Patriots - Status

Army Su b Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
G/19
5 Aug 44

Captain Ellery W STONE
U.S.N.R.,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
A.C.C.

1. This proposed statement would certainly tend to raise the morale of the Patriots and give them a certain (doubtful) "cover" against being shot out of hand as franctireurs by the Germans. To this extent it would do good.

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(b) it gives another "puff" to the patriots and focusses Italian eyes on them rather than on the Regular Italian Army, which has been much more valuable, I think to the Allied war effort.

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Major General
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C O P Y

ROUGH TRANSLATION OF DRAFT STATEMENT

The Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in ITALY has issued the following statement :

1. The Italian patriots constitute a fighting army, under the leadership of (regularly appointed) officers and is a part (of the Italian Corps of Liberation and) of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in ITALY.

2. Italian patriots bear their arms openly against the Germans and have received precise instructions to conduct the war against the enemy according to the rules of warfare. They wear a badge which has been duly notified in accordance with international rules. General ALEXANDER considers these troops as one of the (armies / forces) at present under his command.

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RGdS,

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Sent to Sec by Chief Commissioner for comment on 5 Aug, beg - pertip that words in RED bracket or deleted or altered as shown.

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

SEGRETO 7

N° 5624/Mob. di prot.

P.M.151, lì 2 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: arruolamento di volontari.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA) HQ ACC

ROMA

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SUBJECT: Patriots.

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T O P S E C R E T

Army Sub Commission, (MMIA)
H.Q. ACC

ROME.

3 G/19 Aug 44.

Political Section, ACC (Mr. CACCIA)

Your remarks on my letter of 1 Aug - See attached x

1. ORIGIN.

Yes. I realise that this is normal practice and expresses the Italian Government's feelings.

BUT

2. CONTENT.

It is not the Allied policy and the Italian Government should be under no illusions.
Patriot activity is of course part of the war effort of ITALY. On the other hand, it is AAI (BGS Ops) who control and maintain liaison with bands North of the line. The Minister for War does not really come into the picture till the bands are over-passed by our advance and the personnel are then available to him as volunteers or conscripts for the official Italian Army. The Patriot is a civilian to all intents and purposes till he is officially enlisted as a soldier again by the M. of W.

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L.B.

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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copy to: Patriot Branch, ACC (Col. McCARTHY.)

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1. Origin. - This, I think, was part of an official communique published in accordance with normal practice after a Cabinet meeting to record publicly what the Government had discussed, decided etc.

2. Content.- Is not the last sentence the only objectionable one from your point of view ? And surely even that can be interpreted to fit in with your requirements.

H.A.C.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army, old and new.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA.

ROME.

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30 July 44

To : Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. Inviting attention to attached letter from REGION IV regarding an Italian Military Command in VITERBO.

2. It appears that the AMG/ACC officers do not understand the situation regarding the present Italian Army, and the recognition of irregular or non-official elements by Allied officers may prove embarrassing.

3. I attach a draft of instructions which I request be issued by you to all your officers, both at HQ and in the Field, in order that the whole state of affairs may be clarified.

L. Browning

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

M.M.
FILE REF S/17
Date Recd 7-27-44

23 July 1944

TO : ~~Public Safety Sub-Commission~~
Army Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Situation at Viterbo.

FILE NO: R4/PS/53.

1. The attached copy of translation received from ACC. Viterbo Province, referring to the situation there, is submitted to you for your attention or necessary action.

for Karl Rischer Mayo Lt. Col.
Regional Public Safety Officer

HEADQUARTERS
25 JUL 1944
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ITALIAN MILITARY COMMAND
ITALIAN FORCES RECRUITMENT COMMAND 8 ARMY (I.F.A.HQ.8 ARMY)
P.M. 16

Palestrina 17-6-1944 ore 20

SUBJECT: Statement of Lt. Colonel Chiaravalli Ugo sent by Colonel S.M. Talbell, Prefect of Viterbo, in order to receive special orders concerning the work in Viterbo Province.

An Italian Military Command has been constituted in Viterbo by the Prefect Colonel Talbell. Its task is to reorganize the military institutions as of 8 September 1943, that is: Military District, Deposito 3 Granatieri, Deposito Paracadutisti. These institutions are already active and take care of the enlistment of the Officers and NCO presenting themselves to regulate their position, to the preparation of what is necessary for the assistance of the dead and missing soldiers, and war prisoners, to the recovery of the materials of the military administration, to the control and administration of the capitals left from the dissolved military institutions created by the Republic.

The reorganization of these institutions will make it possible, at the proper time, to accomplish their tasks.

This initiative has been praised by the Allied Authorities of Viterbo who have asked the Italian Authorities for the legalization and acknowledgement of these institutions.

The Prefect of Viterbo is giving great support to the organization of the townish life which has been paralyzed by the war and he also intends to give assistance to the above mentioned Military Command and to the many officers and NCOs of the Province.

In order to perform such task the Prefect awaits for confirmations instructions and money.

A.D. BONHAM - CARTER
Lt. Colonel
A. Provincial Commissioner

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D R A F T

SUBJECT: Italian Army, old and new.

To : All AMG/ACC Officers.

1. The Italian Army in existence prior to the time of the Armistice, does NOT now exist as such and is NOT recognised officially by the Allies. A NEW Italian Army has been organised under the control of the Army Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.) acting under direct orders of the Commander-in-Chief.

2. A ceiling for the strength of this new Italian Army has been fixed. The Italian Ministry of War cannot exceed the fixed ceiling or absorb people in this new Italian Army without permission of the Allies acting through Army Sub Comission.

3. Arrangements have been made by M.M.I.A. for representatives of the Ministry of War and the General Staff to be attached to Armies and to enter newly-liberated regions for the following purposes: -

(a) To locate, inventory, and arrange for the safeguarding of Italian Army property and records. Civilian guards will be employed for safeguarding military installations. No Italian Army personnel will be stationed at such installations.

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4. It is NOT the policy of the Allies to open up any military headquarters, depots, district headquarters, or other Italian Army installations in newly-liberated areas on the basis of the pre-War layout. Such installations will only be authorised on a basis of military necessity, depending on the distribution of the new Italian Army.

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5. Certain units of the new Italian Army are operating under Allied Command in the newly-liberated areas. The Italian parties specified in para. 3 above are attached to these units, and operate under Allied Command. M.M.I.A. has liaison officers with 5 and 8 Army and POLCOMPS.

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6. It must therefore be clearly understood that members of the old Italian Army existing prior to the Armistice are NOT recognised as members of the official new Italian Army until they are specifically enlisted or otherwise officially incorporated in the new Italian Army. Therefore, such people are civilians insofar as AMG/ACC and MMIA are concerned, and must be dealt with as such. Such people must not be allowed to set up or re-new any military installation of any nature in the liberated territory. Italian Army property will be safeguarded by AMG/ACC officers in the same manner as other Government property. Civilian guards will be utilised to safeguard this property until the arrival of the official Italian parties mentioned in para 3 (a).

7. AMG/ACC officers will therefore give NO official recognition to any Italians who are, or profess to be, members of the old Italian Army.

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ROUTE RAISED PATRIOT CONFERENCE PATRIOT BR A.C.C. 30 Jul 44

1. "Cerneti" Dets Nos 1, 2 and 3 had not arrived at AMG Main 5 and 8 Army HQ's on 28 July.

2. 5 Army are keeping Recruiting Agencies in Grosseto and Livorno Areas. 8 Army's Recruiting Agencies will be kept behind Corps Bdys for time being.

3. 5 Army report only few arms being handed in by Patriots in their area.

8 Army report handing in of Italian arms satisfactory. Patriot leaders, however, have stated that German arms and ammn have been captured and used by patriots. NO German arms had been handed in up to the 28 July.

4. Provincial Commissioners are to have Patriot Reps.

5. Patriot Branch propose to send up Patriot Reps as far fwd as Divs and/or Bdes. These reps would move into towns with the first Allied Tps to contact the genuine Patriot leaders and get first hand and reliable information on mine fields, bridges etc.

T.K. Selby. Capt
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for Lt Col GS

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