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Patriots and Partisans

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Patriot Cordana Armando

Sr MMIA 15 Oct  
MMIA LO 1945

Attached are copies of correspondence which as I understand it should be passed to the Italian War Ministry for their action. The original letter dated 8 March 1945 addressed to your HQ was apparently not received by you for it was not forwarded to Italian War Ministry for they have no record of it. The soldier concerned called at my office a few days ago and I told him I would forward the correspondence to you so that the Italian War Ministry can take any action it deems proper. The only questions involved now are back pay and perhaps promotion since the British unit which was requesting this man's services has left the theater.

R.C.VAN KIRK  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. MMIA LO  
Florence

## INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

## HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Enlistment of Partisans

RCV/jed

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr MMIA LO	CG Folgore Group	30 Jul 1945	<p>1. Reference attached communication marked as Appendix "A" forwarded to me for action by the AG 5th Army.</p> <p>2. You state, "I propose that only those who wish voluntarily to be enrolled in the Regular Army, should remain. These will be incorporated as reinforcements amongst the various units." I suggest that you are without authority to enlist partisans as such in the Italian Army. Your attention is invited to the attached copy of a directive from my HQ which outlines the requirements for enrollment of partisans in the Italian Army. Your letter "Appendix "A" directed to 5th Army was misdirected since such matters should be handled by the Italian Territorial HQ in whose area you are. Further suggest you contact them.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RCV R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, Inf., Sr. (MMIA) LO 5th Army</p>
	MMIA	Sr MMIA LO	3 Aug	<p>cc: MMIA ✓</p> <p>C G FOLGORE Group's proposal to enlist volunteers is in order, though this enlistment must be tied up with the Territorial H.Q. MMIA A 110 of 8 June and A 013 of 6 May refer. Please correct above.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">WP Major General, M.M.I.A.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">done by</p> <p style="text-align: right;">624</p>



## Partisans in Italian Military Hospital

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Sr	Ital	28 Jul
MMIA LO	LO	1945
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Request compliance with attached communication.

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Disarming of Patriots

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For your information.

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

Patriots

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Sr CG 25 Feb  
MMIA LO Deleg 1945  
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In conformity with verbal instructions from my HQ this date, you are authorized to enlist up to 500 partisans in the Italian Army and assign them to 210 Division.

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

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Partisans

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Sr Partisan 19 Jan  
RMIA and 1945  
LO Refugee  
Section  
Attn.  
Capt  
Limbert  
AMG

1. Reference our conversation of even date relative to the attached comments made by General Cerica of Delegation.

2. For your information but please bear in mind the circumstances under which I solicited these views.

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Major, Infantry,  
Sr. (RMIA) L.O.,  
5th Army



## Handling of Partisans

RCV/jad

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Sr LFSCAC 8 Jan  
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

1. Reference 109/2 HQ AMG 5th Army of 29 December 1944, forwarded to you under date of 6 January 1945. Inviting your attention to Par. 15, which states, "The channel for wounded Partisans is through Allied Evacuation Hospitals to Italian Military Hospitals. Sick Partisans may be evacuated through the same channel if they come through the line sick. Sick from Reception Centres should be sent to Italian Military Hospitals".

"Ex-Partisans who become sick after dispersal among the communities are not entitled to any treatment other than that in Italian Civilian Hospitals".

"For present location of Italian Military Hospitals see Appendix "A".

"Where the use of Italian Military Hospitals is impossible, casualties should be directed to the Italian Red Cross Hospitals rather than ordinary civilian hospitals".

2. Partisans in Military Hospitals must of necessity be fed Italian Military Rations because one patient can't be fed one ration and one another. Query: Is this statement correct or not?

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Attached Request/

RCV/jad

Sr  
MMIA AG 8 Jan  
LO 1945

Suggest that this request should be routed to the J.A.G. since applicant wants to enlist in the American Army not the Italian.

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Patriots and Partisans

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAC 6 Jan  
MMIA (MMIA) 1945  
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Lt. Col. Sansone, Italian Army O.C. recruiting,  
advised me that for the past 30 days, he has in-  
ducted the following numbers into the Italian Army:

To 210 Division

From Florence	68
From Pescia	<u>55</u>
Total	123

To Gruppe

From Florence	38
From Pescia	<u>115</u>
Total	153

Grand total for 30 day period - 276

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Attached Applications

RCV/jad

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XXXXXSr. AG  
MMIA LO17 Dec  
1944

1. Applications are returned for the applicants, not being American subjects cannot be enrolled in the U.S. Army.

2. They should be advised, if liable for service with the Italian Army to make application through the local Italian Adm. HQ.

3. If not liable for service with the Italian Army they should make application to join one of the Patriot Groups.

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INTER ICE REFERENCE SHEET - FIFTH AR.  
 OFFICE G-4 Rear FILE NO. SUSPEND DATE  
 Subject: Draft of Adm. Inst. RCV/jad

Ind No.	From	To	Date
	SR (MMIA) L.O.	G-4 BPNS	19 Sept 1944

Suggest that if you approve this "draft",  
 it be forwarded to G-5 for comment and publication.

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

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Sign each indorsement with last name in full. Draw line at end of your action.  
 Use entire width of sheet for large indorsements. If additional sheets are  
 needed use this form, numbering all pages, use only one side. Keep attached to  
 this correspondence to be filed therewith.

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