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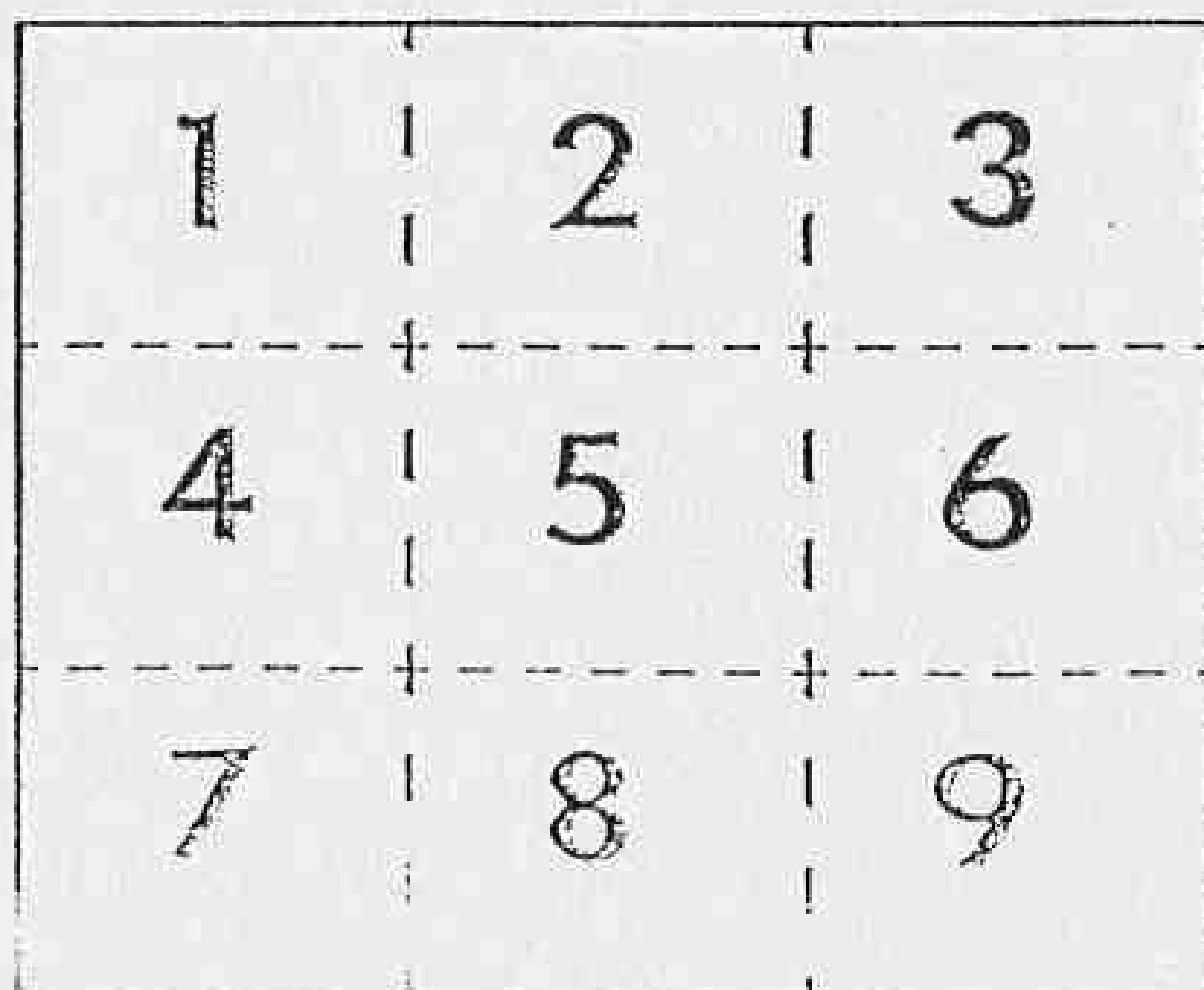
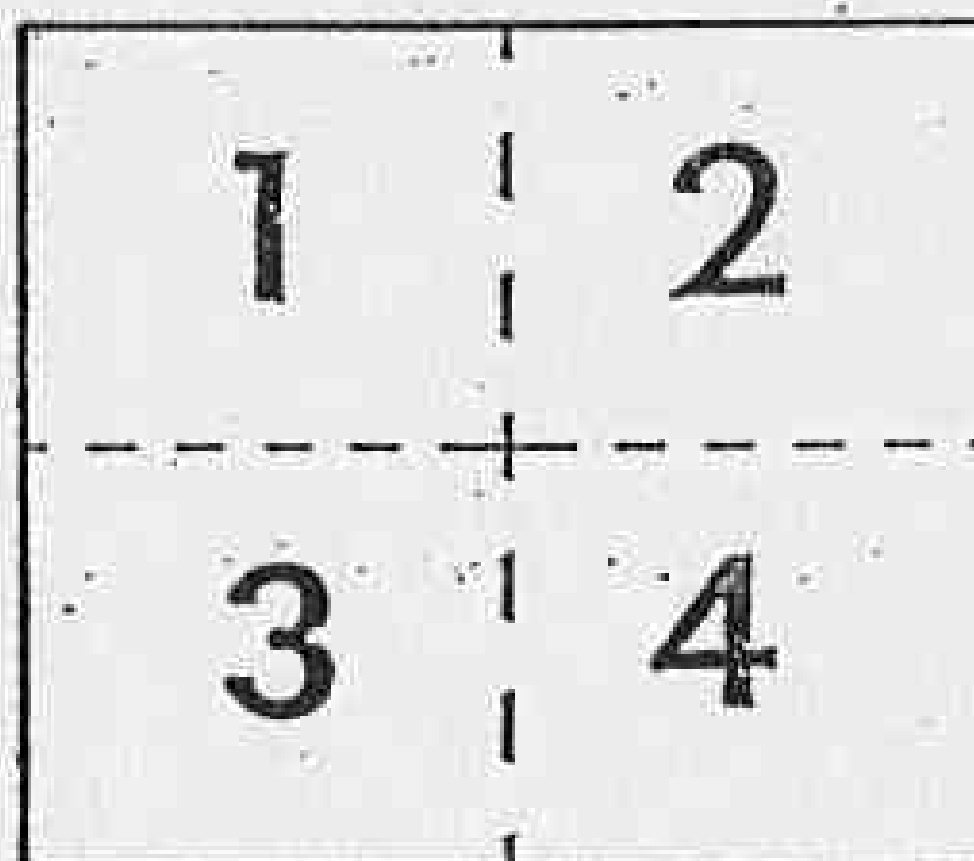
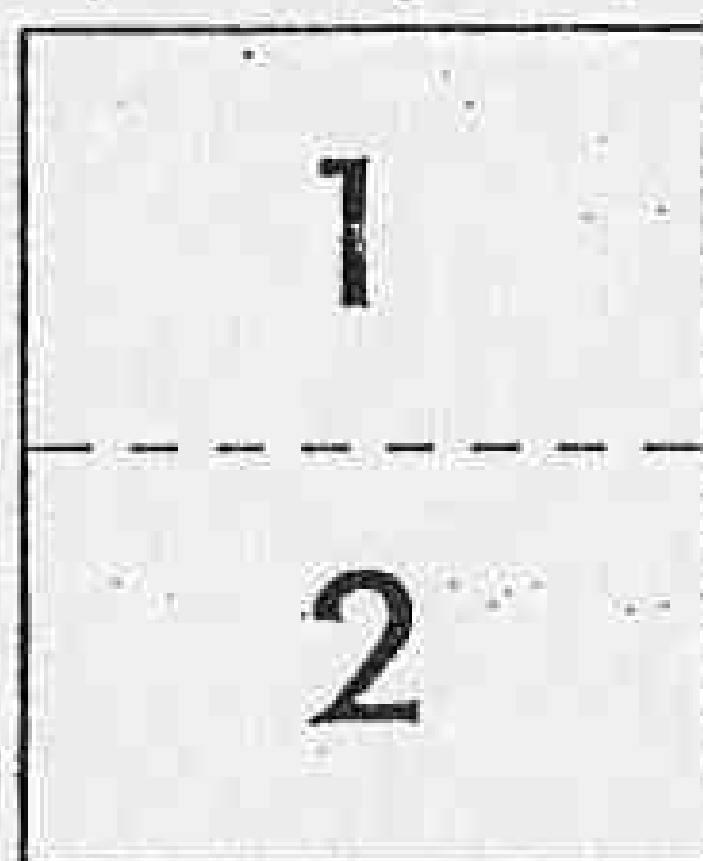


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SEPT. 44 - NOV. 44



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# AI PATRIOTI ORMAI LIBERI D'ITALIA

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Avete combattuto per liberare l'Italia. Adesso dovete cooperare alla ricostruzione di questa Italia che con il vostro valoroso aiuto è stata liberata.

Con l'espulsione degli invasori tedeschi il periodo della guerriglia è finito e nuovi compiti vi attendono. L'Armata della ricostruzione segue passo per passo le Armate Alleate combattenti: questa Armata è il GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO, la cui prima responsabilità è di far rispettare la legge e di mantenere l'ordine. Il vostro primo dovere è di assistere il Governo Militare Alleato nel suo compito di alleviare, con tutti i mezzi a sua disposizione, le sofferenze portate sul vostro suolo dalla guerra e dalla selvaggia brutalità dei nazi-fascisti.

Il Governo Militare Alleato non tratterà mai con i traditori fascisti; a parte questo, però, non si ingerisce in alcun modo nella politica interna italiana.

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7) *Elenco completo dei nomi di tutti quelli che hanno combattuto nelle bande dei patrioti o che li hanno aiutati. Tali elenchi dovranno essere preparati dai capi delle bande.*

Si attende che i patrioti italiani che, con l'arma in mano, ispirandosi alle loro antiche tradizioni di valore, hanno avuto una parte eroica nella liberazione del loro Paese, siano i primi a collaborare con il Governo Militare Alleato. Un comitato centrale per i Patrioti Italiani è stato creato sotto la presidenza del Primo Ministro Italiano con diramazioni che giungono attraverso le regioni e le province fino al più piccolo comune. Spetta a questi Comitati locali il compito di assistere in tutti i modi i patrioti, di metterli in grado, per quanto sia possibile, di arruolarsi nelle Forze Armate Regolari, o di sistemarli in occupazioni civili.

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Unico scopo del Governo Militare Alleato è di aiutare il popolo italiano ad aiutare sè stesso.

I patrioti italiani e tutti i buoni cittadini possono essere di grande aiuto al Governo Militare Alleato, agendo per mezzo dei loro Comitati rappresentativi che prenderanno contatto con gli ufficiali del G. M. A. il più presto possibile.

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# TO PATRIOTS OF ITALY FREE CITIZENS OF

By your courage, skill and endurance you have hastened the liberation of your country. The United Nations, and Italy, thank you.

You have played your parts nobly and in accordance with the finest Italian traditions. But your task is not ended by the departure of the Germans from Italy and the liberation of your country.

The Allied Military Government will never hold truck with Fascist traitors. Apart from this it is not in any way concerned with politics in Italy. Its only object is to help the Italian people to help themselves.



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*H. R. Alexander*

*Generale Comandante in Capo  
delle Armate Alleate in Italia*

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You have fought to free Italy. You must now help to rebuild the Italy you have helped so gallantly to free.

With the expulsion of the German invaders the shooting and killing are over, and new tasks lie before you. Behind the fighting Allied Armies comes the army of reconstruction and rehabilitation — that is the Allied Military Government — whose first responsibility is the maintenance of law and order. Your first task is to assist the Allied Military Government in its duty to relieve by every available means the suffering caused by war and by the savage brutality of the Nazis and Fascists.

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Italian Patriots and all good citizens can be of great assistance to the Allied Military Government by working through their Representative Committees which will meet the Allied Military Government officers as soon as possible.

They must be prepared to report fully on conditions in the communities under the following headings:

1. Cases of destitution or extreme hunger.
2. Lists of medicines urgently needed.
3. Lists of available foodstuffs abandoned by Fascists and Germans.
4. The state of the public services.
5. Lists of arms, ammunition and explosives in Patriot hands.
6. Names of Fascists who have been active collaborators with the Germans; also names of other criminals and traitors, especially those who have aided the enemy.



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band leaders.*

It is expected that Italian Patriots who with arms in their  
hands and under the inspiration of their ancient tradition of valour  
have played a heroic part in the liberation of their country, will be  
above all others ready to cooperate with the Allied Military Gov-  
ernment. An Italian Patriot Committee has been formed under  
the Presidency of the Prime Minister of Italy with branches reach-  
ing down through Regions and Provinces into every Commune. It is  
the task of these Committees to assist the Patriots in every possible  
way and to enable them, where possible, to join the Regular Armed  
Forces, or to establish them in civilian occupations.

The Allied Military Government desires to leave the adminis-  
tration of the community in the hands of good citizens who are no  
longer under the yoke of Fascist tyrants.

H. R. ALEXANDER  
General

Commander-in-Chief of Allied Armies in Italy



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH  
APO 194.

Ref: 102/Pat.

19 Nov 44.

SUBJECT: Fortnightly returns.

TO: AGV. Detachment Patriots Branch,  
c/o P.W.D., FLORENCE.

Please forward, as soon as possible, a list  
showing the number of:

- (a) Patriots Certificates
- (b) General Alexander's Porters  
(revised edition)
- (c) Memo on Patriots (2nd. Edition).

issued by you since 11 Sept 44 and to whom these  
were issued.

*P.D. Taggart*

Sir P.M. MAGNUS,  
Major,  
For Col. H.G.P. Spicer,  
Patriots Branch.



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION  
EIGHTH ARMY

Subject: Patriot Handbills.

GA/200/163

14 Nov 44.

Patriot Branch,  
Advanced Detachment,  
H.Q., Allied Commission,  
S.M.E.

1. Reference your AC/200/163 related in respect of the above subject.
2. This H.Q. desires 300 copies of the Italian Patriot handbills for distribution. *unpublished 2/1/45*
3. Could you please state whether the heading of the handbill is being changed from Allied Control Commission to Allied Commission?

*Aspinwall*  
Group Captain,  
Officer Commanding,  
H.Q., A.M.C. EIGHTH ARMY.

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ADVANCE  
HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION  
Allied Commission  
APO 394

TO : HQ. A.C., Patriot Branch,  
Advance Detachment.

13 November 1944

SUBJECT: Patriot Hand-Posters.

FILE No: ARXII/322(PAT)

1. Reference your letter AC/510/PAT.
2. In view of the fact that the Provincial Teams of this Region are not yet operational, it will be sufficient if 1000 of these posters are forwarded for distribution to the Public Safety Officers.

*See Glass/only Capt.*  
Intelligence Officer



HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

11 November 1944

Ref: Lig/RC/16

SUBJECT: Distribution Patriot Hand-Posters.

TO : Adv. Det., Patriot Branch, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your AC/510/PAT, undated, subject as above,  
a total of seventy-five hand-bills will be required by this Hq.

For the Regional Commissioner:

*re-patched.  
17/11/44*

*David Pasquesi*  
DAVID PASQUESI  
WOJG, USA  
Adjutant

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Patriot Br. 2913

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HEADQUARTERS  
PIEMONTE REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

JAL/jdm

14 NOV 1944

10 November 1944

File 461

SUBJECT : Request for Posters

TO : Adv. Detachment, Patriot Branch, Hq AC

1. Reference your AC/510/PAT, Subject "Distribution of Patriot Hand-Posters", undated.

2. May this Hq please be supplied with 150 copies of the hand-bills referred to in par 1 thereof.

For the Regional Commissioner:

*Lawrence E. Kearin*  
LAWRENCE E. KEARIN  
Capt, Inf  
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS  
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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Public Safety Division  
APO 39.

NOV 1944

FILE : R.IX/RS/8/15.

13 Nov 44.

SUBJECT: Patriot Band Posters.

TO : Major E.L. Drage,  
Allied Commission,  
Patriot Branch (Advance Detachment),  
G.H.F.

1. Reference your letter AG/510/PAT dated 9 Nov 44.
2. It would be appreciated if you would forward a supply of 100 of the posters for distribution to officers of this Region.  
For the Regional Commissioner.

enb.

*Adona, Enb.*  
for E.J. DYE, Lt-Col.,  
Regional Public Safety Officer,  
Emilia Region.



ALLIED COMMISSION  
PATRIOT BRANCH  
(Advance Detachment)  
G.M.F.

*file 15-A*

2nd, November 1944.

Ref. : AC/310/PAT.

Subject : Distribution Patriot Hand-Posters.

To : A.M.C. 5th Army  
A.M.C. 8th Army ✓  
Regional Commissioner  
EMILIA ✓  
LIGURIA ✓  
PIEMONTE ✓  
VENETIA ✓

Herewith attached hand-bill, which is now ready for distribution. The intention is that these shall be distributed as widely as possible to all Allied Army Officers and Senior W.C.O's in the forward areas, whose work may bring them into contact either with patriots or with patriot problems.

Will you please be so kind to inform this office of the number of hand-bills you may require.

B.L. DRA G E  
MAJOR  
Patriot Branch

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH  
APO 394

Ref: 44/PAT

28 October 1944.

Subject: Patriot Hand Posters - New Print. 9ATo: Major DRAGE,  
Adv. Det.

In reply to your letter of 21 October (ACC/510/Pat).

The intention is that these leaflets shall be distributed as widely as possible to all Allied Army Officers and senior N.C.O's. in the forward Regions, whose work may bring them into contact either with Patriots or with patriot problems.

It will be appreciated if you will be kind enough to work out a distribution list in the light of the above, in consultation with A.A.I., H.Q.

P.D. Dagnus  
Sir P.M. MAGNUS,  
Major,  
Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH  
APO 394

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18th October 1944

Ref : 44/PAT.

TO : Major Drage,  
Adv. Detachment.

My dear Ben,

You will have received some copies of the leaflets about Patriots signed by Brigadier Lush which were dispatched to you yesterday.

P.W.B. are endeavouring to trace what happened to the great mass of these pamphlets. They assure me that they despatched them together with the posters and certificates on the 27 September. However, they have not produced any definite proof that the leaflets were so despatched and it may be necessary for you to have them printed again in Florence unless they turn up within the course of the next few days.

With best wishes,

Yours ever  
Philip Pagans

Sir P.M. MAGNUS  
Major.  
for Col.C.D.McCarthy,  
Patriots branch.

24000 new  
in a batch 25/10/44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH  
APO 394

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22 October 1944.

Ref/44/PAT.

Subject : Patriot Posters.

To : Adv. Det Patriots Branch A.C.C.  
c/o P.W.B. Florence.1. Reference our cable 5234 dated  
22 October 1944.2. Herewith copy of H.Q. AMG 8 Army  
cable number R/1804 dated 20 Oct. 44.  
referred to therein.*P.D. Magnus*

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

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FROM LRKB 221150A

TO ADV DET PATRIOTS BRANCH PWB FLORENCE

GR 44 BT

REF NR , 5234 -R E S T R I C T E D-  
PLEASE FORWARD TO HQ AMG EIGHT ARMY ONE THOUSAND PATRIOT POSTERS UGDBY GEN ALEXANDER PD PAREN TO ADV DET PATRIOTS BRANCH PWB FLORENCE PARREN  
THESE ARE REQUIRED ~~URG~~ URGENTLY REF THEIR ROBERT OBLIQUE ONE EIGHT

ZERO FOUR OF TWENTY OCT

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SENT NR 1 22/2235A J O E AR THX  
GOT IT THAT TIME PAL R NR1 AT 2236 HH K

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PATRIOTS BCH  
PWB



ACC/510/Pat

21 Oct 44.

Posters.

Col. C.D. McArthur, O.E.E.  
Patriots Branch,  
Headquarters, A.E.C.  
C.M.F.

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I have now received delivery of 12,000 (new print)  
of the small hand-posters signed by Brigadier Lash.

There was some tentative suggestion as to whom  
these handbills should be distributed. I would be  
obliged, therefore, if you would kindly let me have  
a distribution list and a suggestion as to numbers.

B.L. DRAGE,  
Major, R.A.E.C.

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Replied  
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ACC/510/PAT

18 October 1944

PATRIOT POSTERS AND CERTIFICATES

COL. C.D. MCCARTHY

HQ. ACC.

In confirmation, 40,000 Patriot certificates have now been collected by this office.--

Several thousand were in a 'loose' condition, i.e. without wrappers, which resulted in the loss of 183 certificates.--

Numbers received and lost are as follows.

Received

|        |    |         |
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| 50.001 | to | 52.000  |
| 57.001 | to | 59.000  |
| 62.001 | to | 63.000  |
| 64.001 | to | 74.000  |
| 75.001 | to | 100.000 |

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| 86.001 | to | 86.010 |
| 93.000 |    |        |
| 97.999 | to | 98.010 |
| 98.829 | to | 98.932 |
| 98.941 | to | 98.996 |

B.L. DRAGE  
MAJOR  
Patriot Branch



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File 5<sup>th</sup>  
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Col. McCARTHY:

9.30 a.m.

JOYCE: I have been told that the Certs. and posters.

Capt. GARRICK of P.W.B. (Ext. 206) is responsible for the distribution of such goods once they are printed, so JOYCE refuses to accept any further responsibility after that point.

She adds that on 27 September the Certs. and Posters were collected from P.W.B. print shop by A.C.C. and signed for by someone of the name of FLORE. The Posters etc. were labelled A.C.C. but not for Florence.

JOYCE suggest that the person to be contacted is GARRICK.

Information from  
Posters  
Certificates

Forwarded to  
PWB. Warehouse  
16/10/64  
JP

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PATRIOT BRANCHCIRCULATION SLIPDate APR 1 1964 3 - OCT 1964FOLIO 3 & 4 ) For informat.  
Attachment..... ) ~~For action~~

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| ① | Major Drago     | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| ② | Capt. Knell     | <i>PK</i>          |
| ③ | Capt. Glasepool |                    |
| ④ | Capt. Harris    | <i>[Signature]</i> |
|   | Capt. Reese     |                    |

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

2 OCT 1944

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Ref: 44/PAT.

29 Sept 44.

Subject: Memorandum on Patriots for Garrison Commanders etc.

To: Maj. DRACE  
Copy to: Maj. MAGNUS

It has been necessary to change the wording of this memorandum.

Please therefore cancel copies already sent to you. More copies of the amended memorandum are being run off by P.W.B., and will be sent up to you shortly.

*2A*  
C.D. McCarthy Col.

C.D. McCARTHY,  
Colonel,  
Patriots Branch,  
R.C. & M.G. Section.

*the memo to be made  
when the correspondence  
which is already on the  
way.*

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R.C. & L.G. SECTION  
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27 September 1944.

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Subject : Patriot Posters.

To : Adv. Det. Patriots Branch.  
c/o P.M.B. Florence.

1. Arrangements have been made for Patriot Posters, certificates & pamphlets to be forwarded to your office with the exception of a small amount of each which will be retained for use of this office.
2. Any requests for these will in future be passed on to you.
3. It is hoped that these will arrive at your office within the next few days.

*Colm Carthy CC*

G.D. Mc CARTHY  
Colonel,  
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R.C. & L.G. Section.

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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section

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The history of the Italian anti-Fascist resistance movement, which is now aiding the Allies by military action of Patriot bands, begins as far back as Fascism itself. When Mussolini took over the government of Italy in 1922, by force, those Italians who realized, even then, what Fascism meant, formed underground organizations in order to fight Fascism and keep alive the real traditions of Italy, the traditions of liberty and democracy for which many great Italians had fought in the past. These underground groups, despite spy-systems, concentration camps, and Fascist firing squads, managed to keep these traditions alive in small groups in the universities, in the Army and Navy, and among the workers. When Italy went to war against the democracies in 1940, and the bulk of the Italian people came to realize exactly where Fascism had brought them, these groups gathered a larger following, and their work increased in scope.

They spread defeatism in the Armed forces, they disorganized the military machinery, they performed acts of sabotage. When, at last, Italy surrendered unconditionally to the Allies in September, 1943, and Mussolini created his so-called Republican-Fascist government to continue to fight with his ally Nazi Germany, the ranks of the patriots swelled to include all those who would not follow Mussolini, but who wanted to fight with the Allies.

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The history of the Italian anti-Fascist resistance movement, which is now aiding the Allies by military action of Patriot bands, begins as far back as Fascism itself. When Mussolini took over the government of Italy in 1922, by force, those Italians who realized, even then, what Fascism meant, formed underground organizations in order to fight Fascism and keep alive the real traditions of Italy, the traditions of liberty and democracy for which many great Italians had fought in the past. These underground groups, despite spy-systems, concentration camps, and Fascist firing squads, managed to keep these traditions alive in small groups in the universities, in the Army and Navy, and among the workers. When Italy went to war against the democracies in 1940, and the bulk of the Italian people came to realize exactly where Fascism had brought them, these groups gathered a larger following, and their work increased in scope.

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They spread defeatism in the Armed forces, they disorganized the military machinery, they performed acts of sabotage. When, at last, Italy surrendered unconditionally to the Allies in September, 1943, and Mussolini created his so-called Republican-Fascist government to continue to fight with his ally Nazi Germany, the ranks of the patriots swelled to include all those who would not follow Mussolini, but who wanted to fight with the Allies.

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The patriot bands in Italy have as their watchword the "Risorgimento". Thus, they link themselves historically with the great period of Italian history in the latter part of the 19th Century, when Italy freed herself from foreign domination by the military action of Giuseppe Garibaldi and his red-shirted soldiers. It is for this reason that many patriot

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bands call themselves "Garibaldi Brigades"; that the patriots wear red kerchiefs ~~of~~ armbands, and have the Garibaldi hymn as their song.

These bands began to organize long before the armistice, a year ago. They started in small groups of ten or twelve men, which gradually grew to number hundreds, and then thousands. They took to the hills and lived by the help of the peasants, and by their own resourcefulness in capturing enemy material. In many cases they were led by former officers of the Italian Army who had refused to adhere to the so-called Republican-Fascist government, after the armistice.

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The Patriots also help the Allied authorities after they have occupied a region or a city, by supplying information on the condition of the population, on medical needs, on public services, and on material left behind by the retreating enemy. One of their important services is to supply the Allied authorities



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noth the names of Fascists who have actively collaborated with the Germans.

In Florence, the patriots played a decisive role in the liberation of the northern part of the city, before the Allied troops could build a bridge across the Arno to replace those blown up by the Germans. The patriots furnished the Allied with constant information on enemy activity, which they conveyed across the river by a most daring feat, which consisted of laying a telephone line, right under the eyes of the Germans, across the only bridge that was left standing. By this method they connected the Headquarters of the Committee of National Liberation in northern Florence with Allied Headquarters, in the southern side of the city, and were able to

keep in constant touch with the Allied military authorities who guided their activity, first restraining them from making a premature uprising, then in directing the battle as they pushed the Germans out of the city. After the battle they began to reorganize civilian life, disrupted by lack of food, medical supplies, water, etc., under the guidance the Allied headquarters.

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Officers of the Allied Military Government have experience in the handling of patriot problems. Their object is to ~~give~~ <sup>use</sup> suitable work waiting for patriots to fill as soon as they have handed in their arms. Close cooperation to this end is necessary between officers of Sub Area or Garrison H.Q. staffs, labour officers and the Civil Affairs Officers of the Allied Military Government.

Patriots can be employed in a wide variety of jobs, for example as police, guards, orderlies, engineer labourers, clerks, drivers. Other things being equal patriots should be given preference in the allotment of work. It may be possible, sometimes, to replace women, who have undertaken men's work during the war, by patriots. Special care should be taken to see that prominent patriots in any band receive individual attention and special employment on a higher scale of wages when possible and appropriate.

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is to assist Allied officers and the patriot committees to distinguish genuine from bogus patriots. Certificates of merit are distributed to all genuine patriots. Bogus patriots must be sternly suppressed. They are often bandits, or men who have waited in hiding until the Allies arrived to jump ~~in~~ the handwagons and claim all the benefits. In the task of weeding out bogus patriots the genuine bands are usually very willing to assist, but it must be remembered that it may be a temptation to some hand leaders to increase their own importance by adding to the number of their followers.

The subject matter of the posters addressed to patriots and signed by General Alexander should be drawn to the attention of the leaders of patriot bands. *Euds* When in doubt the nearest Civil Affairs Officer should be consulted; the local patriot committee can be contacted through him.

11 Sept., 1944.



## SPIESSRUTENLAUFEN ?

Ihr wisst, dass der Feldzug in Italien seinem Ende nahe ist. Ihr wollt zurück nach Deutschland, aber über den Brenner führt für Eure Armee kein Weg mehr nach Hause.

Die Gründe sind jedem erfahrenen Soldaten klar:

- *Für einen raschen Rückzug fehlt es an Fahrzeugen, Treibstoff und Eisenbahnen.*
- *In der Po-Ebene wird unsere Überlegenheit an Panzern und Flugzeugen sich erst voll auswirken.*
- *Ihr seid ohne Luftdeckung. Jede Bewegung bei Tag wird daher zum Gemetzel.*
- *Die italienischen Partisanen warten auf Euch an jeder Ecke.*
- *Die Alliierten sind schon von Südfrankreich her in Italien eingedrungen. An Eurer linken Flanke steht der Russe heute in Jugoslawien.*

Alliierte Kriegsgefangenschaft bietet Euch den einzig sicheren Weg nach Hause.

Wollt Ihr das blutige Spiessrutenlaufen noch mitmachen - kurz vor Schluss ?

**Die Entscheidung drängt !**

# DAS ENDE!

Der Krieg tritt in seine Endphase. Im Osten und Westen kämpfen die alliierten Heere bereits auf deutschem Boden.

**Die Fünfte Armee sendet Euch, deutsche Soldaten in Italien, diese Warnung:**

Seit unserer Landung vor einem Jahr auf dem Festland Italiens haben wir Euch unerbittlich aus einer Stellung nach der anderen geworfen. Selbst Eure verlustreichsten Gegenangriffe — bei Salerno, am Volturno und am Brückenkopf von Nettuno — konnten unseren Vormarsch nicht aufhalten.

Im Laufe dieses Jahres machte die Fünfte Armee 48.000 Eurer Kameraden zu Kriegsgefangenen. Sie befinden sich jetzt in Sicherheit und werden nach Kriegsende nach Hause geschickt.

Wir warnen Euch: Wir sind stärker als je zuvor. Unsere Geschütze, Panzer und Flugzeuge werden Euch keine Ruhe gönnen. Generalleutnant Clark, Kommandierender General der Fünften Armee, sagte am 8. September in einem Tagesbefehl an seine Truppen:

« Entscheidende Schläge stehen noch bevor, und die Fünfte Armee wird bald einen Schlag führen, von dem der Feind sich nicht mehr erholen wird ».

Die deutschen Armeen in Frankreich, Belgien, Rumänien und Bulgarien sind bereits hinweggefegt.

## Jetzt seid Ihr an der Reihe!

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## **RUNNING THE GAUNTLET?**

You know the campaign in Italy is near its end. You want to get back to Germany. But there is no longer a road home for your army across the Brenner. Any experienced soldier can see the reasons:

- *You lack the motor transport, gas or railroads required for a rapid retreat.*
- *In the plains of the Po our superiority in tanks and aircraft will have full play.*
- *Without air cover, every move you make by day will mean terrible slaughter.*
- *The Italian partisans are waiting for you at every turn.*
- *The Allies have already crossed into Italy from Southern France. On your left flank, the Russians are in Yugoslavia.*

Allied captivity offers you the one certain road home. Do you still want to run the bloody gauntlet - now, just before the end?

## **DECIDE NOW!**

# THE END!

The war is in its final stage. East and West, Allied armies are fighting on German soil.

**From the Fifth Army we send this warning to you, German soldiers in Italy:**

Since we landed in Italy a year ago we have relentlessly thrown you from every defensive position. The costliest counter-attacks ordered by your Command — at Salerno, on the Volturno, at the Nettuno Beachhead — could not stop our advance.

During this year 48,000 of your comrades have been taken prisoner by the Fifth Army. They are safe now, and after the war they will be sent home.

We warn you: we are stronger than ever before. Our guns and tanks and aircraft will give you no respite. Lt. General Clark, Commanding General of the Fifth Army, said in an order of the day to his troops on the 9th September:

**« Final blows are still ahead, and your Fifth Army will soon deliver one from which the enemy will not recover ».**

The German armies in France, Belgium, Rumania and Bulgaria have already been swept away.

## It's your turn now!



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