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SEPT. 44 - DEC. 44

AC/506/PAT.

6 December 1944

Civilian Employees

All concerned

This will certify that Miss BRUNA MARA TERZANI has been employed by this Branch from September 1944 to 10 December 1944 as English speaking/typist.

Her dismissal is due to the closing down of this detachment. She can be recommended for any position requiring a fast and accurate typist.

B.L. D R A G E

MAJOR

Patriot Branch

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AC/505/PAT.

Patriot certificates and posters

5 December 1944

SCAO
AMC. 8th Army.

Owing to the closing of this Office Patriot Certificates and Posters as under which are at present held here forwarded to you as it is felt that they will be need at a latter date.

This will save unnecessary transport back to Rome.

Certificates

6000 Numbered 94001 to 98001
99001 to 100000

Alexander Posters
Memo on Patriots

8000
8000

Will you please acknowledge receipt direct to HQ.
Rome on the accompanying duplicate copy of this letter.

D.L. D R A G E
Patriot MAJOR
Branch

ALLIED COMMISSION
PATRIOT BRANCH
(Advance Detachment)

C.M.F.

5 December 1944

Ref : AC/505/PAT.

Subject : Patriot Certificates and posters

To : SCAO
AMG. 5th Army.

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Certificates 10,000 numbered 81001 to 91000. Less 86001 to 86011 reported lost;

Alexander Posters 10000
Memo on Patriots 14000
Poster " Ai Patrioti Italiani 2000

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B.L. #D R A G E
Patriot MAJOR
Branch

C.M.F.

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B.L. AD R A G E
Patriot MAJOR Branch

93171

4 December 1944.

AC/502/PAT.

travel orders

All concerned

Pursuant to authority received the under-mentioned Patriot Representatives attached to this branch will proceed forthwith to A.L.M. Train 35, 8th Army, reporting on arrival to the SCMO. This is a permanent change of station.

Travel by W D or civilian transport and issue of two days rations are authorized:

MAJOR ALDO BACCHI
PROF. MARIO MELINO

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

Distribution:

2 Mech Co. COMO.
1 HQ. Patriot Br.
1 Brass Sgt
1 File

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AC/502/PAT.

-Personnel

Capt. LINDEN
 Patriot Officer
 HQ. 7th. S.
 5th Army.

5th. December 1944.

This to introduce Capt. ROGER. It is suggested that you have a talk with him and decide whether or not you are inclined to employ him.

Perhaps you will kindly let me know your decision and if you do decide to take him he will be available to you with effect from Monday next 11 December 44.

P.L. P R A G R
 MAJOR
 Patriot Branch

785016

4 December 1944.

AC/20/111.

Vehicles

Major Ingalls
HQ. Patriot Dr.

Ref. Your LO/P L. of 28 November 1944.

It is regretted that no further information can be obtained regarding the vehicles in question.

It is pointed out that the allocation of these vehicles were made on the formation of the Patriot Branch before it had been assigned to the branch.

E.L. WEAVER
Patriot Branch

1738

ASSIGNMENT GENERALI
PISANO

4 December 1944

With reference to your No. 3202/M dated 1 Dec.

Will you please arrange to collect the two typewriters from
No. 28, Via Ricasoli on Wednesday 6 December 1944.

Con riferimento alla Vostra No. 3202/M in data 1°
dicembre, Vi preghiamo voler provvedere al ritiro di due mac-
chine da scrivere mercoledì 6 Dicembre 1944 dal n. 28 di Via
Ricasoli, Petriet Branch.

R.L. D R A G E
MAILER
Petriet Branch

17432

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Heath

4 December 1944.

AC/502/PAT.

Patriot Representatives

3310
A.M.
Main 35
8th Army

This will introduce Major ALDO MAGRI and Prof. M. M. MAGRI who are to be attached to your HQ, as Patriot Representatives by arrangements with King Commander G. Bear.

These representatives have been paid up to 30 November 1944 at the rate of 200 lire a day and payment should be continued by you as from 1st December.

Their transport is on hired vehicle, hired at the rate of 400 lire a day, as per copy contract attached.

Authority for both pay and transport is HQ/AC letter No. 36/PAT. dated 20 October 44 copy of which should be in your possession.

[Signature]

D.I. P R A G E
Patriot Branch

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Hand

4 December 1944.

AC/506/PAT.

CIV. Employees Report.

Col. BRIGER

Patriotic Branch

NO. 15.

The attached MEMO report by Pfc. Muller which
is self-explanatory is forwarded as directed by you.

B.L. D R A G E

MAJOR

Patriotic Branch

11230

Good

1st. December 1944.

304/PAT.

Receives

F.P.S.C.

Flourance Prov.

MONTELLI KAHINO

May be after curfew pass please be issued to the
above named civilian, who is employed by me as a driver.
His duties entail him being out of doors after curfew.

[Signature]

F.P.S.C.

MAJOR

Patriot Branch

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Hand

1st. December 1944.

AC/506/PAT.

Civilian Employees

N.B.S.

Pierence

MORRIS HARRIS

Ref. attached Appendix to G.R.O. No.15.

May the above named be visited please and a work permit issued. He is employed by this branch as driver.

Handwritten mark

f B.L. DRAGG

MAJOR

Patriot Branch

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306A, November 1944

AC/566/212.

Civilian Employees

HQ. A.M.G./
NAPLESMR. G I U S E P P I S E R P E

The above named civilian has been employed by this Branch in Rome and Florence, but owing to change in policy it is not possible to retain his services.

Mr. Berpe originally came from Naples, where he also worked for A.C.C. and as he is desirous of returning to Naples, I should be grateful for any assistance you can give him to find employment there.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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AC/502/PAT.

Travel orders

All concerned



30th November 1944

Pursuant to authority received the under-mentioned
Patriot Representatives will proceed to Rome on or about 1 De-
cember 1944 reporting on arrival to Col. Feva, Patriot Branch
A.C.

Travel by W.D. Transport is authorized :

Ten. Col. FETELLI VINCENTO
Ing. TREVES CAMILLO

D.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

Distribution :

2 Each Officer Conc.
1 File.

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Alford

27th November 1944

308/PAT.

Space Heating

O.C.

P.L.P. (P.O.L.)

May the following item be supplied to this branch
please for reason stated.

Kerosene 5 Gall. - Required for use in 4 Stoves, Oil
Heating for essential space heating.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR R.A.S. O.
Patriot Branch.

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offered

AC5505/PAT

30 Nov 44

Robert G. Serpe
G-1 (Civilian)

You are notified that the above has been discharged owing to the closing down of this office. He has been paid to date and does not wish re-employment with Allied Commission. May arrangements please be made for him to return to his home in Naples.

B.A. BRACE,
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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10/533/EAT

Assistance to Refugees.

Col. Ralyn,
Prefecture,
Via Cavour.

29 November 44

The attached letter addressed to a Patriot Representative of this Branch, with translation, is forwarded for your information and such action as you may think fit.

E.L. DRAGS.
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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29 November 44

Forwarding of Documents.

S.S.S.,
Florence.

The attached papers and photographs are forwarded for
your information and action as you think fit.

B.L. BRACE,
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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29 November 44

Forwarding of Documents.

M.S.D.,
Florence.

The attached papers and photographs are forwarded for
your information and action as you think fit.

B.L. RACE.
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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AC/505/PAT.

PATRIOT CERTIFICATES

The Adjutant
Headquarters

Asst.

Toscana Region.

27 November 1944

Ref. your RVIII/II/43/1/28 of 15 Nov.
 Patriot certificates have been issued as requested.
 The numbers are as follows.

For. FC PISTOIA

For HQ. Toscana Region

93001 - 93300

93301 - 94000

94001 - 94000.

B.L. D R A C N
MAJORPatriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

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J. L. M.

502/PAT.

27th. November 1944.

Patriot Representatives

Patriot Branch

HQ.AC.

Reference 35/PA. Dated 21 November 1944.

It is noted that the list of Patriot Representatives forwarded with the above quoted letter is incomplete insofar as the names of Lt. De Luca, Mil. Rep. and Dr. Marcello Ciampi, Civ. Rep. have been omitted. Both of these representatives are attached to this office and both will be proceeding to A.M.G. 8th Army this week.

As the omission of these names may cause a query with the Finance S/C may the list be amended please.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

Copy to Major Reid.
Prov. Finance Officer.

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Ref.

502/PAT.

27 Novembre 1944

CAPT. NELIS.

Patriot Branch

Ref. attached.

At the present moment I cannot recall anything about the case in question.

As all correspondence is apparently in your file 64/40 Pat can you please elucidate?

R. L. D R A C E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

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AC/502/PAT

25 November 44

Patriot Representatives.
 Wing Commander T. Haer.
 A.C., 8th Army.

Confirming telephone conversation of 24th instant
 I propose sending to you for service the following four
 Patriot Representatives: -

Lt DI LUCA, Italian Air Force) Military Reps.
 Major A. MARI

Signor M. ALBERTINI) Civilian Reps.
 Professor M. MARINO)

As I told you it is extremely difficult to get the
 owners of hired vehicles to take their vehicles out of the
 vicinity. However, I have obtained one very good car
 which leaves on Thursday next, the 30th Inst. with Lt. DI
 LUCA and Signor ALBERTINI. The other two will follow on
 as soon as I am able to arrange transport.

With reference to the two Representatives, DI LUCA
 and ALBERTINI, they are sent to you with the highest
 recommendation, most especially DI LUCA and I feel quite
 sure that they will use every endeavour to give you
 satisfaction.

With regard to the motor car, this is a hired
 vehicle, hiring being carried out under authority of
 M.C. A.C. memorandum ref. 36/PAT of 30 October 44, subject
 Employment and Payment of Patriot Representatives and
 Hiring of Motor Vehicles.

Incidentally Lt DI LUCA and

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and Signor ARBENTINI should also receive payment each at 200 lire per day under the same authority. They have been paid to the 30th November. I am enclosing a copy of the contract entered into with the Proprietors here. The rate of hire including services of driver is 400 lire per day and he has been paid by this office to the 30th November. Future hire payment should be made by you.

B.L. BRACE.
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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17/11/44

AC/502/PAT

25 November 44

Patriot Representatives.

Patriot Branch.
H.Q. Allied Commission.

It is notified for your information that Lt DI LUCA (Military) and Signor ALBERTINI (Civil) representatives are being despatched on Thursday next to report to A.M.C. 8th Army on temporary loan as Patriot Representatives. Transport is being supplied by this office in the form of a hired vehicle.

B.L. DRACE.
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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Post

25 November 44

CG/502/PAT

Patriot Representative.

To Whom it May Concern.

The bearer of this letter Lt. DI LICA is an accredited Patriot Representative attached to A.M.C. 8 Army, and should be given all necessary assistance.

B.L. DRAGE.
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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Handwritten: Direct

S/502/INT

25 November 44

Patriot Representative.

To Whom It May Concern

The bearer of this letter Signor E. ALBERTINI is an accredited Patriot Representative attached to A.M.G. 8 Army and should be given all necessary assistance.

B.L. DRAGE.
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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24th November 1944.

10/11/44.

Report.

Patricia Beach

MS. 10.

The attached reports dated 13 and 21 November 44 from Dr. Cluff, District Representative attached this Office are forwarded for your information.

H. L. T. R. S. S.
Major
Inlet Branch

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SEP 30 6/211.

Civilian Employee.

When it may concern.

with November 1944.

This will certify that Mrs. LILA MARSHALLINI
has been employed by this branch as receptionist and Ita-
lian translator since 17 September 1944.

Mrs. MARSHALLINI has been a most willing worker
and her discharge is due to the exigencies of the service
and not to any fault of her own.

B. A. D. R. A. G. W.
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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AC/516/FAT

21 Nov 44

Office Accommodation Rec.

Lt. Col. D. Morley-Fletcher
Staff Officer AMG Group
Adv. R.O. 2 Dist.

Reference your communication under date 23 November 44
ref. 24/AC/3.

1. Whilst at the moment nothing definite has been decided with regard to the future of this Advance Detachment it is confirmed that in the event of its liquidation there is no apparent reason why the office space in question should not be reallocated to you.

2. It is noted that in para 3 of your letter that the writer's services might be of use to A.C. and A.M.G. North West Italy and H.Q. No 2 District in its future planning. It is presumed that application will be made by you through the usual channels for the necessary posting. Should this arrangement be established the writer assures you of his every and utmost endeavour.

R.L. JAMES
Major
Patriot Branch

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AM/534/241

24 November 44

Report on Patriot Conditions.

Colonel R. A. B. Spicer,
Director of Patriots Branch,
H. A. Allied Commission.

Enclosed please find another report on
Patriot conditions from one of our Representatives.

R. I. DODGE,
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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23 November 1944

Fortnightly Return - Certificates and Posters.

Patriot Branch

HC, AG.

Reference your 102/PAT of 19 Nov.

The following particulars of certificates and posters issued from this office are forwarded as requested.

a) Certificates

Quantity

2000

1000

140000

1000

5000

400

23400.

Issued to

Region 9 (Emilia)

P.I.S.C. Florence

Major Hier Emilia Region

AMG, City of Florence

AMG, 3 Army.

AMG, Ancona.

Total.

Present stock of Certificates total 18,500.

b) General Alexander Posters.

500

AMG

2500

Lt. Col. Dye

1000

HQ, AMG.

4000

Total.

5th Army.

Emilia Region.

8th Army.

Present stock 18,000.

1400

c) Memo on Patriots 2nd Edition

1000	Advance HQ, Venezia Region.
100	HQ, Liguria Region
150	HQ, Piemonte Region.
100	HQ, Emilia Region
300	HQ, AMG, 6th Army.
<u>1550</u>	Total.

Present stock 22,300.

d) Poster "Ai Patrioti Italiani"

No issues

Present stock 2000.

D.I. P R A C E
 MAJOR
 Patriot Branch
 (Advance Detachment)

Copy to File AC/705/PAT.

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Civilian Employees
Administrative Officer
P.M.S.

25th November 1944

Owing to changes in the policy of this branch the under-mentioned employees are being discharged.

It would be very much appreciated if they could be considered for any vacancy in your organization which may be available either now or in the near future.

Mrs. GRADINI-English-Age 58- Widow. Has been employed as Clerk and Translator with the Italian Section. Speaks and reads English, Italian, German and French fluently.

Mrs. PARABOLINI-American-Age 36- Married- employed as Receptionist and translator. Languages Italian, French, Russian, Finnish. Knowledge of Spanish and Portuguese.

Miss MARIA DELMIA-Italian-Age 22- Typist- A good typist with a little knowledge of English (increasing rapidly) was previously employed by P.W.D. and passed to this office as an emergency on arrival at Florence.

Dr. LUIGI NERI-Italian- Age 37- Married- Was a Priest in the Florence action. Has been employed as orderly and general duties. Very willing and helpful.

Dr. SERIO- Italian Age 31
Came from Rome with this branch. Has been employed on transport.

Civilian Employees

Administrative Officer

P.W.B.

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Mrs. TAVANINI-American-Age 38- Married- Employed as Receptionist and translator. Languages Italian, French, Russian, fluently. Knowledge of Spanish and Portuguese.

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Mr. LUCIO VERRI-Italian- Age 37- Married- Was a Patriot in the Florence section. Has been employed as orderly and General duties. Very willing and helpful.

Mr. BERRE- Italian Age 31
 Came from Rome with this branch. Has been employed on transport

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Civilian Employees

Administrative Officer
P.W.B.

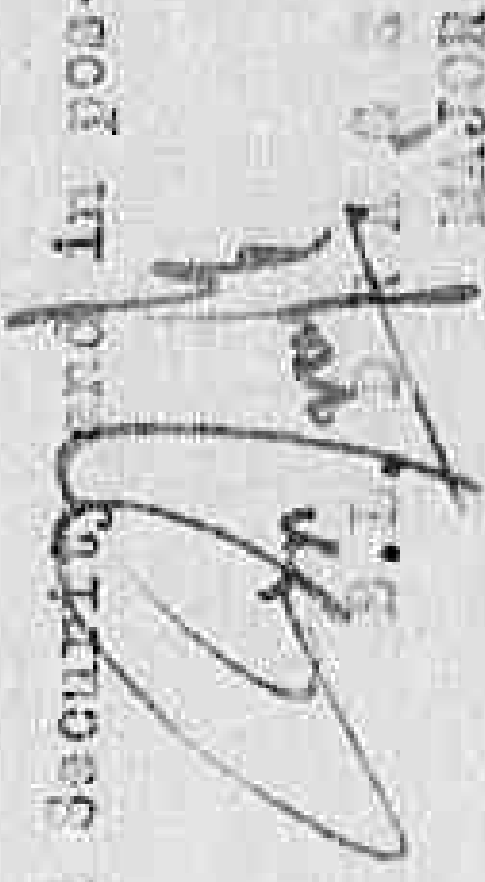
13th. November 1944

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and reports for Italian Section. Has
been previously employed with AGC as
Investigator.

MR. VERGINO ELVIO Italian- Age 35 - Employed as Watchman, previously
Maresciallo in Italian Army.

All the above have been screened by Field Security and in pos-
session of work tickets.


E. J. O'SULLIVAN
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

Copy to Major Noble
" " " Whelpton 'D' Section.

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23 Nov 44

AC/501/PAT

Circulars to Civil Affairs Officers.

Sgt. R.P. Starkins,
Patriot Branch.

Several circulars of a personal nature concerning the future of officers at the end of the war have been circulated at Headquarters. The subjects mentioned are:

- a. Planning for Austria.
- b. Release of Civil Affairs Officers.

These circulars have not been sent on to this office.

B.L. DeLoe,
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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AC/533/PAT

23 Nov 44

Assistance to Patriots.

Colonel R.G.B. Spricer
Director of Patriots Branch.

Further to your communication of 20 Nov 44, ref. 118/PAT
on above subject.

In view of recent happenings and of the conference on the
above subject it is felt that no reply is necessary.

No further consultation with A.M.C. 5 Army has been held.

J.L. DRACE,
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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23 Nov 44

AC/513/5-AT

Comments from R.N.H.

Colonel R.C.S. Squires
Director of Patriot Branch.

Reference 51/5-AT dated 18 Nov 44.

Your instructions have been noted and put into
execution immediately.

R.S. Squires.
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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23 Nov 44

AC/520/PAT

Hiring of Motor Vehicles.

Mr A.G. Antolini,
Economic Section,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

As requested herewith please find a copy of the type of contract used by P.W.B. for the hire of Motor Vehicles. It is confirmed that P.W.B. do not admit responsibility for servicing vehicles hired and what is more the owners of the vehicles are not paid for days off the road.

Any other information which I can help you with please do not hesitate to ask.

B.L. PRICE
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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AC/502/TAT

23 Nov 44

Patriot Representatives

Acting Regional Commissioner,
Advance H.Q. Venezia Region A.C.

Further to your communication ref. ARXII/322 (PAT) of
12 Nov 44. on the above subject.

Your views have been noted and on further consideration
it is agreed that this is probably the best course.

Therefore no further action will be taken by this H.Q.
to supply Representatives to you except on special demand.

E.L. DRAGG.
Major,
Patriot Branch.

1401

23 Nov 44

AC/120/PAT

Arrest of Major Severoni

Major Harris,
Public Safety,
Florence Province.

I have received a communication from Headquarters, copy of which please find attached. I should be obliged if you will kindly let me have a reply on the subject as quickly as possible.

B.L. DRACE,
Major,
Patriot Branch.

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COPY

Attachment to AC/120/PAT of 23 Nov

OFFICE MINUTE

Major Drage,
Adv. Echelon.

Would you please consult Major HARRIS of the
Public Safety Sub Commission in FLORENCE and let us know the
facts before we reply to Col. BERNARD.

20 Nov 44

sgd. F.M. MAXWELL.
Major.

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TRANSLATIONCOPYPRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
PATRIOTS OFFICE - PERSONNEL SECTION

N. 228/I

Rome 4 Nov 44.

To : A.C.C. Patriots Branch.
Rome.

Marg. Severoni Commander of the Garibaldi Brigade "Bruno Lughi" has informed this office that Ten. di Fant. di Com. BORBATO Vittorio formerly commander of the "Balducci" detachment of the above Garibaldi Brigade on the arrival of Allied Troops (23 August) in the Possumbrone area was taken to a concentration camp because he did not possess identification papers which had been destroyed during the time of the underground movement.

It appears that in the beginning the officer was taken to Chiaravalle and later further south.

As no charge has been made against the above mentioned officer we would like you to act on his behalf with a view to obtaining his release.

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Ten. Col. Siro Bernabo')

AC/516/PAT.

Office Equipment

I.I. Branch
Florence Command

16th November 1944

Authority is requested please for the issue of 6 Oil Stoves (Valor) for office space heating. Records for the issue of these stoves are as follows:

- 1) That this detachment is occupying only a part of a building for which the only heating arrangement is 'Central Heating' which would use approximately two Tons of kerosene per week.
- 2) The fuel supply is laid down in C.A.O. 174 is insufficient for minimum heating, the present strength of five Military Personnel plus 20 Italians giving only 15 lbs per day to heat five large officers with a cubic measurement of approximately 20 000 cubic feet.
- 3) That it is considered impractical ~~for~~ for the R.E.'s to fit alternative means of heating as it is a requisitioned building.
- 4) That this detachment is not static and any fixtures would be uneconomical. Valor stoves could be used in any location.

Whilst appreciating the fuel situation it is considered that the stoves requested are essential for the efficient working of this office.

B.I. P R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

17 th November 1944

AC/309/PAT.

ARMES

Major Sir P.M. MAGNUS
Patriot Branch
HQ. AC.

Reference this office letter of even number dated 8 Nov.
and with reference to 8th Army letter No. CA/200 dated 8 Nov.44,
copy of which was retained by your office.

Can you now state how this matter stands.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

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13th November 1944

AC/504/PAT

PASSES

P.S.O.
Piazza Signoria

Permits are requested for free circulation Curfew for the following personnel employed in this office, whose duties necessitate their being out after curfew:

- 1.) SCMS. DAVIES E. R A S C .
- 2.) EDMONDO ALBERTINI (Civ. Reps)
- 3.) MELINO MARIO (Mil. Reps)

E.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

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14th November 1944

Ref. AG/502/PMT.

Patriot Representatives

Administrative Officer

P.M.B.

Herewith copy of HQ. MAJ. letter No. 1027/91/A and
HQ. ACC. letter No. 16/TAT of 29 Sept. 44 giving authority
for Patriot Representatives to draw rations.

H.L. D R A G E

MAJOR

Patriot Branch

(Advance Detachment)

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AC/ 527/PAT.

Translations

Major Sir P.M. Magnus

16th. November 1944.

The attached translation of an article published in the " NAZIONE DEL POPOLO " is forwarded as an item of interest.

It will be noted that Lt. De Luca, the leader of the Brigade is now the Military Patriot Representative working with me here in Florence.

P.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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13th. November 1944.

AC/504/PAT.

Permits.

P.P.S.O.

A.M.G.

Sienna

AVV. ENRICO BACHI

The above named is a Patriot Representative attached to this branch.

It is requested please that permission be granted for his wife LUISSELLA BACHI, who is at the moment in Sienna to be allowed to move to Florence.

E.E. D B A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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11th November 1944

MC/534/PAT.

REPORTS

Patriot Branch

HD. AC.

The attached reported by Dr. Clonod is forwarded for your information.

E. L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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Handwritten signature

20th November 1944.

AG/502/PAT.

General Instruction Patriots.

Lt. Col. Parrell
Civil Affairs Section.
A.C.
HQ. AAI.

Herewith Patriot Branch circulated on the
handling of Patriots- ref. 30/2/PAT. dated 18 July and
36/PAT. dated 30 October 1944.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot French

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13th. November 1944.

ACC/

TRAVEL ORDERS

All concerned.

AVI. ENRICO BACHI

The above named Patriot Representative is authorized to proceed to Siena immediately on Patriot activities, returning to Florence as soon as possible.

Travel by Civilian or W.D. Transport is authorized.

D.L. D R A G S
MAJOR
Patriot Drench
(Advance Detachment)

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15th. November 1944

AC/536/PAT.

Fortnightly Return - Personnel

Patriot Branch
HQ. AC

Reference this office return of 15 November.

DELETE UNDER SECRETARIES.

Miss Dove
Miss Atkinson

ADD. UNDER PAT. REPR. ATTACHED.

Prof. MELLINO MARIO

E.I. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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Final

15th. November 1944.

AC/541/PAT.

Payrolls

Provincial Finance Officer
Florence Province

With reference to Payrolls submitted by this Branch for the month of September will you please note that a typographic error has been found as follows.

Under item No.4 -Mr. Innocenti Ranzo. Number of days should read 11 Not.4.

Cash column remains correct.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

16th. November 1944.

AC/504/PAT.

After Curfew Permits.

P.P.S.O.
Piazza Signoria

CIARDI ARTORE

Identity No..... Patente circolazione
degli Autoveicoli No.1000

May a permit be issued please to the above named
driver who is employed by this branch. This is considered ne-
cessary in order for him to carry out his duties.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

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[Handwritten signature]

Personal

16 Nov:44.

Soldiers Account:

Commanding Officer:
C.M.F.

2336177 Sgt: Jollyman T.J. R.O. of S.

I am in receipt of your communication under date 25th Oct: 44, ref: R2331/10/11/417, which deals with the pay account of the u/s R.O.C. Unfortunately it is extremely difficult for me to give you the required answer, as you will see by the above, I have now assumed another command, and all records relating to payments made from August 1942 are not now available to me, neither am I able to interrupt Sgt: Jollyman as I have now lost all idea of his present whereabouts.

I feel sure however that these payments would have not have been paid unless at the time I was under the impression the the R.O.C. was only drawing his entitlement, as is pointed out in your letter, the last balance notified was that of the 15th of May 1943, and he did not come under me for pay until sometime in March of this year.

You will doubtless realize the position in which I find myself, and advise me accordingly.

In the field.
16 Nov: 44.

.....Major R.S.O.
Commanding: Adv/Attachment:
Patriot Branch: Allied Commission:

1386

TRAVEL

All concerned

CAPT. T O N I - Italian partisan
BORGOGNONI DONATELLO
GIAMPAOLO LORENZINI

The above named are proceeding to PORRETTA. Any assistance which can be given them to reach their destination would be appreciated.

B. N. D R A G E

MAJOR

Patriot Branch

13 November 1944

AC/508/PAT

PERSONNEL

Executive Officer
HQ. AMO.
Toscana Region

The attached letters under your reference XVIII/2/222/3 of 24 Oct. in respect of Capt. Glasspool and Cunningham are returned as neither of the officers are now with this detachment.

E.I. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

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Final

10th November 1944

AC/534/PAT

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS.

Col. Kinkooda

Region 8. ANG.

The attached report by Dr. Ciampi of this Branch is forwarded for your information and distribution to Massa Carrara Province as necessary.

E.L. DRAGE
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

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R E P O R T

Mr. ENRICO BARTOLUCCI di SERAVATTA Foreman of the quarry of Italian Marble Society, presenting himself to this office has furnished me with the following information.

Captured by Germans on September 4th in Pietrasanta he was taken as a workman to the concentration camp of drivers in Pontremoli and succeeded in escaping on October 22nd.

This camp was used for the supply of German military motorcars operated by gas cylinders (he said that 80% of these cars were transformed to gas operation, a fact that shows a great shortage of petrol).

Pontremoli (Province of Massa Carrara) is situated in the beginning of the road that leads to the pass of Cisa.

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An episode happened in June: A young man who was trying to escape had his legs cut off with an ax and naturally died. This happened in Morcone of Villafranca.

The population helps the Patriots, but the fear for reprisals increase more and more.

Mr. Bartolucci asserts that the Germans are scarce and badly supplied.

No Germans were found on the mountains of Lunigiana from Castelnuovo to Pontremoli but it seems that they are North of Monteparia between Arni and Monte Altissimo.

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Bartolucci does not know anything about the number, or armament or location of Patriots, he had only seen Russians in the Command of Careggine.

The food situation of the zone is tragic, the Germans have requisitioned all they could find and do not provide for any distribution of food, even the most necessary. In the neighborhood of Pontremoli and Villafranca, Bartolucci never heard on any spy activity in favor of the Germans.

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Mr. Enrico Bartolucci,
Via Cavour, 4-Florence

Dr. CIOMPI
Civil Representative

8 Nov 44.

ACC/509/Pat

Collection of Arms from Patriots.

Major Sir P.M. Magnus, Bt.,
Patriots Branch,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

Following your communication of the 30 October, reference 52/42/Pat, as I told you in my letter of 3 November I wrote to 5 and 8 Armies requesting them to arrange for the arms to be handed over to the nearest Italian Army depot. As a result of this communication I have received a letter from AMG 5 Army, copy of which I enclose. Perhaps you would be kind enough to have the matter clarified so that I may be in a position to give them a reply.

D.L. DRAGE,
Major, R.A.S.C.,
Patriot Branch, Adv. Det.

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ACG/509/Pat

8 Nov 44.

Collection of Arms.

G-2 & 3,
A.S.C. Fifth Army.

Further to your communication of 7 Nov 44, reference 109/3, you are quite right when you say that the original arrangement was that arms collected should be handed over to Special Force. The letter I wrote to you however, on the subject, on the 3 Nov 44 was as a result of an instruction received from this department's headquarters in Rome. I have therefore written to Rome today asking them to let us have a directive on the matter immediately. No doubt they will contact W.M.I.A. and H.Q. N° 1 Special Force so that an agreement may be reached.

B.L. DRAGE,
Major, R.A.S.C.
Patriots Branch Adv.Det.

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

Good

Ref.: AC/504/PAT.

5th. November 1944.

Subject : Permits

To : P.P.S.O.
Florence

ALBERTONI ATRON
TRIGLIA ANTONIO

It is requested that the attached passes be renewed please in respect of the above named for November. In addition can you add Porretta to the destination.

A further pass is also required for Triglia Antonio for the same period and destination.

R.L. DRAGS
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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ALLIED COMMISSION
PATRIOT BRANCH
(Advance Detachment)

C.M.F.

2nd November 1944

Ref: AC/*rm*/PAT.

SUBJECT: News concerning Partisans

To: F.S.S.
Florence

The two Partisans STIGLIANO SALVATORE and DEVOTO NEDO, you are looking for enrolled in the C.I.L. (Florentine recruitment office) on the 21 October and have been sent to Rome.-

To obtain precise informations concerning them, you should telephone ROME No. 489061 Rome asking for the "Corsetti Office" and speak to Major PERGOLA, who should be able to give you all the information required.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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

File

2nd, November 1944.

Subject : Propaganda

To : Major Sinclair Noble
P.W.B.

Attached please find a letter I have
received from Cinema "Garibaldi", with translation.
I would appreciate your views and decision.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

13776

Telefono 23-498

CINEMA GARIBOLDI
Via Pietrapiana 46
Firenze

To COMITATO TOSCANO LIBERAZIONE
RAZIONALE = COMANDO MILITARE
F I R E N Z E

and to knowledge :

- R. QUESTURA - Ufficio Spettacoli
- P.W.B.-Patriots Office-Via Ricasoli-

The picture-show-house has intention of dedicating one day of the show to the Florentine Patriots and to give them the complete benefit of the profit of the day of work.

It is requested, that your office would indicate the date, chosen by you, of a day during a week (possibly not the holiday).

Waiting for your answer

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

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2nd November 1944

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B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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

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2nd, November 1944.

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P.W.B.

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B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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

2nd. November 1944

Ref.: AC/534/PAT

SUBJECT. MAPS

TO.: Capt. CLASPPOOL
c/o Headquarters.
Region Venezia Tres.

I have managed to obtain a map of Verona Province which
is forwarded herewith as I think that it will be useful to you.

S.L. D E A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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

Flow

Ref. : AG/510/PAT.

2nd, November 1944.

Subject : Distribution Patriot Hand-Posters.

To : A.M.G. 5th Army
A.M.G. 8th Army
Regional Commissioner
EMILIA
LIGURIA
PIEDMONTE
VENEZIA

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 N.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. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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Flow

3 Nov 44.

ACC/502/Pat

Patriot Representatives.

Major Sir Philip Magnus, Bt.,
Patriots Branch,
Headquarters, A. C.

To hand Patriot Representative situation as at 30 Oct 44. It is noted that representatives (six military and six civilian) are still employed in the Abruzzi-Marche area. I suggest that it is about time these people had completed their task of clearing up Patriot problems. Perhaps you would care to take the matter up with the Regional Commissioner.

With regard to Toscana, I do feel that in such provinces as Grosseto, Siena, Livorno, work should be nearing completion also.

B.L. DRAGE,
Major, H.A.S.C.

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ACG/502/Pat

3 Nov 44.

Patriot Representatives.

Regional Commissioner,
Venezia Tre.

It is noted with some concern that you have only requested for the aid of one civilian and one military Patriot representative in your region. It is pointed out that there are fourteen provinces in the region and that in other regions it has been the practice to attach one military and one civilian representative to each province.

Please let us know if this is your decision or whether there has been some mistake.

B.L. BRAGE,
Major, M.A.S.C.
Patriots Branch, Adv.Det.

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3 Nov 44.

AGC/502/Pat

Patriot Representatives - Lombardia.

Regional Commissioner,
Lombardia Region.

It is noted with some concern that you have only requested for the aid of two military and two civilian Patriot representatives in your region. It is pointed out that there are nine provinces in the region and that in other regions it has been the practice to attach one military and one civilian representative to each province.

Please let us know if this is your decision or whether there has been some mistake.

B.L. DRAGE,
Major, U.S.A.C.
Patriots Branch, Adv. Det.

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3 Nov 44.

Collection of Arms from Patriots.

Major Sir Philip Magnus, Bt.,
Patriots Branch,
H.Q. A.C.

Further to your communication reference 52/42/Pat subject Collection of Arms from Patriots, I have instructed A.M.C. Armies to see that in future arms are handed in to the nearest Carabinieri depot and finally handed over to Italian Army depots. I have furthermore instructed that receipts for arms should be forwarded to this office for onward transmission to you and thence to the Army Sub-Commission.

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

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ACG/909/Pat

3 Nov 44.

Collection of arms from Patriots.

A.S.C. 8th Army.

It has been requested by the Army Sub-Commission that in future all arms collected from Patriots should be handed in to the nearest Carabinieri Barracks in the first instance, and then handed over by the Carabinieri to the nearest Italian Army depot. The Carabinieri should obtain receipt for the arms handed over which receipt should be forwarded to this office for onward transmission to Army Sub-Commission.

B. L. DRAGE,
Major, R.A.S.C.
Patriots Branch, Adv.Det.

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3 Nov 44.

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Collection of arms from Patriots.

A.M.G. 5th Army.

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E. L. DRAGE,
Major G.A.S.C.
Patriot Branch, Adv.Det.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
PATRIOT BRANCH
Advance Detachment.
CMP.

Ref. AC/534/PAT 3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Reports

To: Major Sir P. Magnus
Patriot Branch.

The attached report is forwarded for your information.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

XCC/508/PAT.

31st October 1944

Personnel

Col. Reape

MGS. (ops)

HQ. AA I.

This will introduce Capt. C.I.J. WADSWORTH, who is attached to this branch as Intelligence Officer for Region Piedmonte A.M.G. Could you please arrange for him to have access to any information available.

B.L. D R A G E

MAJOR

Patriot Branch

Head
31 October 1944

ACG/525/FAT

Transport-Issue of Petrol and Oil.

Transport Sect.
P.W.B. Garage

Attached herewith list of cars used by the Branch.
The issue of Petrol and Oil should be confined to
these cars only.

Any addition or deletions will be notified as they
occur.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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Deal

31. October 1944

ACC/506PAT.

Civilian Employees

Mr. Wheeler
P.W.B.

VERBINO ELLIO

The above named has been taken on the payroll of
this branch as watchman. It would be appreciated if he can
partake in the midday meal.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

1362

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Ad

31. October 1944.

ACC/ 506 /EAT.

Civilian Employees

F.S.S.
Palazzo Vecchio

VERDINO ELVIO- Watchman

The above named civilian is employed by this branch in the situation stated. Could you please arrange to have him screened for security and work ticket issued.

Appendix to G.R.O. No. 16 in triplicate in respect of this man is attached.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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Flout

ACC/509/Pat

1 Nov 44

Rifles

Major Sir P.M. Magnus;
Patriots Branch,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

Further to your communication reference 52/39/Pat, subject Rifles, the responsibility with regard to arms collected and stored in diverse dumps is actually that of No. 1 Special Force.

It is the duty however, of the Patriot Branch, Advance Detachment, to notify the location of these dumps from time to time to No. 1 Special Force - this, in fact, is being done. We are informed, however, that at the moment No. 1 Special Force do not need any more arms, and therefore they are being allowed to remain where they are for the time being.

f *JS*
B.L. DRAGE,
Major,
Patriot Branch,
Adv. Det.

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27 Oct 44.

ACC/534/Pat

Memorandum by Gino PINOCHERLI
on the VENEZIAS.
Colonel R. Spicer,
Patriots Branch,
Headquarters, A.C.C.

I have carefully read the report in question and I am of your opinion that it does not call for any special action. I do, however, feel that the information therein contained might be of help to the Regional Commissioner of Region XII. I have therefore forwarded to him a copy of the report.

B.L. DRAGE,
Major, R.A.S.C.
A.C.C. Patriots Branch,
Advance Detachment.

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26th October 1944

ACC/33A/PAR.

Intelligence Reports

Col. Spicer
Patriot Branch
HQ. ACC.

The attached reports from Dr. Ciampi and Pfc. Miller
are forwarded for your information.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

1358

Floor

26th October 1944

ACC/502/PAT.

Travel orders

All concerned

Pursuant to authority received the u/m Italian Officer, attached to this Branch, will proceed to CIVITELLA via RIBBIENA without delay on special duties in connection with Patriot Activities.

Travel by W.D. or Civilian Transport is authorized.

Major TALLOX GIUSTO

B.L. DRAGE
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

Distribution:

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26th October 1944

AOC/ 508 /PAT.

Personnel

Executive Officer
D.W.B.

CAPT. C.I.J. WADSWORTH

Will you please note that the above mentioned officer, will be attached to this branch for a short period w.e.f. 26 October 44.

Messing and accommodation should be arranged for at the Porta Rossa Hotel.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

1356

ACC/503/Pat

25 Oct 44.

Master Sitreps

No. 5 Detachment,
No. 1 Special Force.

G.O.C. No. 2 District has requested that he might be put on to the distribution list for your Master Sitreps. He requests copies of sitreps to date at the same time. Can this please be arranged.

If the copies could be forwarded to this office, distribution could be made from here.

B.L. DRAGE, Major.
Patriot Branch, ACC.
Adv. Det.

1355

ACC/5074 Pat

21 Oct 44.

Patriot Representatives.

Col. C.D. McCarthy, O.B.E.
Patriots' Branch,
Headquarters, A.C.C.
C.M.P.

*This has been
cancelled as
reported on
telephone*

Further to our conversation when last I was in Rome when it was suggested and when I agreed that I would be prepared to hold a pool of representatives here in Florence, I have now been able to make the necessary arrangements and am prepared to accept immediately up to 35 representatives. I have arranged billets for them all but they will have one centralised mess. 48 hours notice of their arrival should be given and they should, if possible, bring camp kit with them. Arrangements however, can be made if this is not available. The daily cost of messing and accommodation to each representative will be a maximum of 65 Lire.

Major Gillette arrived safely yesterday and is quite comfortable. He however, seems to be extremely worried about the condition of his son and I have advised him to make the necessary approach to the right authority for permission to take a flying trip home. Perhaps you might be able to help him in the matter.

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News has palled somewhat during the last few days owing to the slowness of the war but we are all on our toes waiting for the balloon to go up. Some suggestion was made to me on the telephone the other day that Lt. di Loretto was to come up here. I do feel, however, that

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ACC/520/Pat

21 Oct 44.

Fiat Balilla N° 23698 FI.

Captain J.C. Porter, R.A.,
Patriot Branch,
La Spezia Province,
Liguria?
(Location Lucca)

Reference your LIG/SPZ/PB subject as above. I think the point has been raised, inasmuch as it was carefully pointed out to Lt.Col. Robertson that this department was prepared to supply the car in question provided higher payment were made from your own Finance Section, i.e. Major M.H. Haigh-Wood.

It is confirmed however, that under the terms of the contract with the owner-driver he is liable to meet the cost of any necessary repairs and therefore when payment is made to him the sum of 550 Lire, the cost of the repairs in question, should be deducted.

B.L. DRAGE
Major, R.A.'S.C.

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ACC/510/Pat

21 Oct 44.

Posters.

Col. C.D. McCarthy, O.B.E.
Patriots Branch,
Headquarters, A.G.C.
C.M.F.

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

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.S.C.

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ACC/509/Pat

21 Oct 44.

Rifles - former property of Patriots.

Col. C.D. McCarthy, O.B.E.
Patriots' Branch,
Headquarters, A.C.C.
C.M.P.

Attached please find a copy of a communication which I have received from Col. E.J. Bye. As you will see in this letter the request for the arms in question was urgent; I took it upon myself to accede to his request and have allowed him to draw 200 rifles from the stock now held in Florence.

In passing I would remind you that I informed you when I was down in Rome that there is a large stock of arms now lying available to No. 1 Special Force here in Florence and in Lucca. Owing to the condition of roads, etc., it is quite impossible to get over to the Adriatic side to get particulars, but I understand that there is a large stock lying over in Rimini also. Captain Glasspool has gone over to see Brigadier Dunlop for a conference when he is taking up the question of Patriot Representative requirements and I am hoping that he will be able to give me some idea of the arms position on his return on Monday or Tuesday.

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

1351

HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
APO.394

FILE : R.IX/PS/24/9.

19 Oct. 44

SUBJECT : Rifles - former property of Patriots.

TO : Major B.L. Drage,
Patriots Branch,
FLORENCE.

1. Rifles are urgently needed for CC.RR. who have rejoined the service in Emilia Region.
2. As such weapons are not readily available from CC/RR. sources it would be greatly appreciated if you would agree to 200 rifles, being part of those surrendered by the Patriots in FLORENCE in early September, at present stored in the CC.RR. Caserma, FLORENCE, could be handed to Capt. Bond, Assistant Regional Public Safety Officer, Emilia Region, together with a quantity of ammunition, against his receipt.
3. A careful check of these weapons would be kept and they could eventually be returned, if required, by your branch for other urgent purposes.
4. May this request please be granted.

For the Regional Commissioner.

E.J. BYE, Lt-Col.,
Regional Public Safety Officer,
Emilia Region.

EJB/ert.

ACC/504/Pat

21 Oct 44.

Travel Permit.

Provincial Commissioner,
Arezzo Province.

Special request has been made by General Palermo to Colonel McCarthy that permission might be granted for his servant Mariano Enzo of Via Lima N° 7, Rome, to go to Cortona to inspect the estate of General Palermo and to report its condition back to him.

Colonel McCarthy sends his compliments and trusts that you can see your way clear to granting the necessary permission. Would you please be so kind as to reply direct to him at Patriots' Branch, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

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

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21th October 1944

ACC/502/PAT.

Messing Patriot Rep *seen by W. a.*

Staff Capt. 'Q'
Florence Command

It is requested that authority be given for rations to be issued for Italian Officers and Officials, working for this branch on special duties. Authority has been given by HQ.A.A.I. (BGS op). Numbers involved would fluctuate up to a ceiling of 40.

These officers and officials are at the moment being held in a pool for distribution forward and rations are required immediately.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch-

1378

Hood

20th October 1944

ACC/502/PAT

Accommodation Pat. Reps.

Town Major, Florence Command.

Further to our telephonic conversation of the 17th October dealing with the question of accommodation for Italian Officers and Officials who are working for the Allied Control Commission, it is now desired to requisition the under-mentioned premises to serve as a mess for these Officials.

Via della Robbia, N^o. 66
(First Floor and Basement)

The owner of these premises, GIACOBONE NEGRI ALFREDO is not at present available but is believed to be in France.

The premises are now unoccupied. B.L.

I should be obliged therefore if you could effect the necessary requisition as soon as possible as I am expecting these officials to arrive in Florence within the next day or so.

H.L.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

1347

20th October 1944.

ACC/500/FAT.

Personnel

Col. Repper,
BGS. (ops)
HQ. AAI.

This will introduce Major RAY.W.WILSON (A), who is

attached to this branch as Intelligence Officer for Region 10,

A.M.S. Could you please arrange for him to have access to

any information available.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

W. Lock

ACC/510/PAT

18 October 1944

PATRIOT POSTERS AND CERTIFICATES

COL. G.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

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

Missing

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

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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Flork

19th October 1944

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Passes

Admn. Section
P.W.B.

May Passes be issued please for the under-mentioned
Personnel of this branch, to enter P.W.B. Building :

SIG. ALBERTINI

AVV. MALAVASI

B.E. DRAGB
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

17th October 1944.

ACC/502/PAT.

Pet. Reps - Travel Orders

All concerned



Pursuant to authority received the u/m civilians attached to this branch will proceed to Rome on or about 18 October 44 for approximately four days returning to this station on completion thereof.

Travel by civilian means is authorized :

Mr. EMILIO EAGHI

Mr. CAMILLO TREVES



B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

Distribution :

- 1 Each Civ.
- 1 File

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ALDO
DE LUCA

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=Passes=

Admin. Section
P.W.D

17th October 44.

May Passes be issued please for the under-men-
tioned Personnel of this branch, to enter P.W.B. Building :

Major	B.L. DRAGE
Capt.	GLASSPOOL
Capt.	HARRIS
SQMS.	DAVIES, E.
Cadet/Ensign.	DOVE .A.
"	" ATKINSON
Capt.	ROCCO. Ital.Army
Ten.Col.	PEDELLI VINCENZO
Avv.	BACHI EMILIO
Ing.	TREVES CAMILLO
Major	MAGRI ALDO
Lt.	DE LUCA
Mr.	SERPE
Mr.	GIOMPI
Miss	TERZANI
Miss	BELLIA
Mrs.	PARABULLINI
Mrs.	GRANDE
Mr.	NEPI
Mr.	INNOCENTI

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B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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ACC.508/PAT

PERSONNEL

ALL CONCERNED

18 October 1944

Pursuant to authority received the under mentioned civilian, attached to this Branch, will proceed to Rome on or about 19 Oct. on duties connected with this Branch, travel by W.D. transport is authorized.-

Mrs. M. LAWRENSEN.

B.L. DR A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

Distribution:

- 2 - Mrs. Lawrensen.
- 1 - File.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PATRIOT BRANCH
(ADVANCE DETACHMENT)
AFC.354

18 Oct 44.

Ref: ACC/505/Pat

Subject: Patriots' Certificates.

To all Regional Commissioners.

(Emilia, Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia, Venetia Tre)
A.M.G. 5th Army
A.M.G. 8th Army

Stocks of the new Patriot poster and also Patriot Certificates are now available at this office.

Indents should be submitted immediately so that delivery may be effected at the earliest possible moment.

B.L. Drace
B.L. DRACE, Major, R.A.S.C.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PATRIOT BRANCH
(Advance Detachment)

APC.394.

15 October 1944

Ref: APC/502/EAT

SUBJECT: PATRIOT REPRESENTATIVES

To: Col. Peasey Liguria Region
Col. Marshall Piedmont
Col. Bowen Region 9

With regard to Patriot Representatives being held by you in readiness for the move forward it has been found that if during the interim period you find it difficult to accommodate and mess these representatives, they can be called forward to Florence and from there be called as required.-

Will you please let me know if you wish to take advantage of this and the numbers involved.-

B.L. BRAGN
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

Copy to: Col. McCarthy. HQ. ROMS.

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File
Internal Memorandum

To: Major Drage

ACC/528/Pat

From: Capt Glasspool

13 Oct 44

1. With reference to the attached file from CIG 34 Div 2 Corps 5 Army, I suggest that the whole file be passed to the Public Safety Division AMG City of Florence, who will direct the Agendi di Pubblica Sicurezza to continue the enquiry.
2. There is no evidence that the accused has committed a war crime against any Allied National, neither has he committed any offence against the proclamation of the Commander in Chief; if these allegations can be substantiated he will be tried under Italian law in the Italian Courts.

1st Ind.FROM: Patriot Branch Adv. Det.
Allied Control Commission.

14 Oct; 44

TO: ✓ P.S.O. AMG. City of Florence.

Forwarded for such action as may be necessary.

B.I. DRAGE.
Patriot Branch
Advance Detachment.
c/o PWB. Florence.

37 Oct 44.

ACQ505/PAT

Patriot Certificates.

SCAPO, A.M.G. 5th Army.

With reference to the correspondence from A.C.S. Patriots Branch, Civil Affairs Section, alleging that it has been rumored known Fascists are prepared to purchase Patriot Certificates and that the name of the Patriot to whom the certificate has been issued has been deleted, - I have made exhaustive enquiries in the Florence area without result. I have also conferred with Major A. Saunders, P.S.D. A.M.G. City of Florence, and Major H.S. Harris, P.S.D. A.M.G. Province of Florence. Neither of them has received any complaint to the effect that Patriots are attempting to sell their certificates. Experience here shows that the Patriots are extremely proud of their certificates and it is felt that there has been no traffic whatsoever in this area.

I have also made enquiries from D Section, P.W.D. here in Florence, and they are unable to give me the name of the Italian Captain who has made this allegation.

If the P.W.D. authorities in Rome can furnish their source of information; this enquiry would be continued with a view to detecting and prosecuting the offenders.

T. W. Glasspool
T.W. GLASSPOOL, Capt. 1329
Public Safety Division, Region XII,
attached Patriots Branch, Adv. Det. AGC.

SECRET

Ref: AGC/502/547

30 Sept 44.

Subject: Patriot Representatives.

1. With reference to the plan for sending two Patriot representatives into each province I wish to point out that this will create a special problem in handling such a large body as that in Region XII. There are fourteen provinces requiring twenty eight men, plus two at Region Headquarters and reserves; this will create a special transport problem in itself.
2. In view of the fact that the Patriots in this region consist of ITALIANS, ALGERIANS, GREEKS and JUDOWS, it is highly improbable that representatives sent from HOME would be acceptable to them. Previous experience has shown that the best cooperation has been received by employing Patriot Leaders themselves, who have first been screened by F.S.S./C.I.C. British Liaison Officers are attached to all recognised bands and they have intimate knowledge of the capabilities of the leaders. I would suggest, therefore, that immediately an area is liberated contact be established with the M.L.C. and Patriot representatives of proven calibre be selected on the spot. They have the confidence of their own people, they have their own quarters, and arrangements for transport - usually cars requisitioned from Fascists who have fled the district. If the matter of disarming the Patriots is done expeditiously it is not anticipated that more than two or three weeks will be required to disband them. It therefore hardly seems to be worth the trouble of bringing representatives from HOME.
3. The Patriots of the North distrust the present ITALIAN Government and will have little faith in negotiating with Patriot representatives who are unknown to them.
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5. It is also suggested that a special broadcast be sent to all ITALIAN Police Agencies North of the line, calling upon them to desert and join the Patriot Bands with all arms and equipment that they can seize. This broadcast to be made by a CGMA General whose name is known and commands respect.

Plot

15 October 1944

ACC/536/PAT

Fortnightly Return Personnel

Col. C.D. McCarthy
Patriot Branch
HQ.ACC.

Reference your 102/1/PAT of 6 Oct. 44 .-
Attached herewith Particulars of Staff as requested together
with Strength Return as at 15 October 1944.-

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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FORTNIGHTLY STAFF RETURN SHOWING STRENGTH

on

15 Oct 1944.

Particulars	ROME	FLORENCE	TOTAL
British Officers on strength		1	
British Officers attached		2	
American Officers on strength		-	
American Officers attached		-	
Secretaries paid by A.C.C.		2	
Secretaries on loan from No. 1 Special Force		2	
Translators		2	
Italian Typists		2	
O.R's. on strength		1	
Patriot Liaison Officers		1	
Patriot Representatives		2	
" " Attached		5	
O.R/EMs. Attached		1	

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STAFF RETURN SHOWING STRENGTH ON 15th OCTOBER 1944.

FLORENCE

British Officers on strength :

Major B.L. Drage

1

British Officers attached:

Capt. Glasspool (Region Venezia Tre)
Capt. Harris (" Piemonte Liguria)

2

American Officers on strength : Nil

American Officers attached : Nil

Secretaries on loan from No.1 Special Force :

Miss Dove

Miss Atkinson

2

Secretaries paid by A.C.C. : Nil

Translators :

Mrs. Grande

Mrs. Farabullini

2

O.R.'s on strength :

SQMS. E. Davies

1

OR/EM's attached:

Pfc. Muller

1

Patriot Liaison Officers :

Capt. Rocco

1

Patriot Representatives :

Lt. De Luca (military)

Dr. Ciampi (C.L. N.)

2

Patriot Representatives attached :

L. Avv. Trombetti Carnolo

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Capt. Glasspool (Region Venezia Tre) 2
Capt. Harris (" Piemonte Liguria)

American Officers on strength : Nil

American Officers attached : Nil

Secretaries on loan from No.1 Special Force :

Miss Dove 2
Miss Atkinson

Secretaries paid by A.C.C. : Nil

Translators :

Mrs. Grande 2
Mrs. Farabullini

O.R.'s on strength :

SQMS. M. Davies 1

OR/EM's attached:

Pfc. Muller 1

Patriot liaison Officers :

Capt. Rocca 1

Patriot Representatives :

Lt. De Luca (military) 2
Dr. Giompi (C.I. N.)

Patriot Representatives attached :

1. Avv. Trombetti Carmelo
2. Ing. Treves Carmelo
3. Avv. Bachi Emilio
4. Magg. Maggi Antonio
5. Ten. Col. Fedeli Vincenzo

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ACC/528/Pat

11 Oct 44

Handling of Patriots

Col C.D. McCarthy
Patriots Branch
ACC

1. I received last evening a visit from Major Henderson and his opposite American number, No 1 Special Forces. These officers are deeply perturbed because of the way in which patriots are being handled in some instances when they first come through the line.

2. The example which has brought this matter to a head is as follows:-

250 patriots came through the lines the day before yesterday. They were disarmed and were sent on to Florence packed to the skin and unfed. These patriots on reporting to AGO in Florence said that they had been promised hot baths, clothing and food.

3. The feeling of Major Henderson to my mind is natural. He feels that if this kind of talk is allowed to go on it would lead to serious repercussions and an unnecessary element of danger for allied individuals elsewhere. He, furthermore, feels that with the advent of winter something quite definite should be done with regard to the feeding of patriots in general, not just those volunteering to enter the army. He has also pointed out that most of these patriots while operational, are wearing shorts and singlets only, so that a clothing problem arises.

4. I have discussed this matter with Col. Rolfe and Florence Province who, in fact, telephoned me on the subject. I pointed out to him that in my capacity here I was not in a position to interfere or to discuss the matter with Col. Maine, but I do feel that there is a grave risk in this dissatisfaction is allowed to grow, that numbers of these patriots may return to the other side and stir up trouble which might lead to grave difficulties for Special Forces. I think the time has come when

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Col. D. D. McCreary
Patriots Branch
NOC

1. I received last evening a visit from Major Henderson and his opposite American number, No. 1 Special Force. These officers are greatly respected because of the way in which patriots are being handled in some instances when they first come through the lines.

2. The example which has brought this matter to a head is as follows:-

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a) ASD should be told quite definitely that these people must be fed

b) That some consideration should be given to the question of clothing

c) That undue publicity and propaganda must cease.

5. The Army is moving forward quite well now and the matter is urgent.

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10 October 1944

ACC/534/PAT.

Intelligence Reports

Col. C.D. McCarthy
Patriots Branch
HQ. ACC.

The attached story is forwarded for your

review.

Names of the three girls can be furnished

if required.

B.I. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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PATRIOTS BRANCH
Allied Control Commission

Towards the end of July the German Command ordered the evacuation of all houses near the River Arno. Three of these evacuees came together in a large house in the centre of the City and on comparing notes found that they had each been working for the Patriot Movement. There work up till then had been that of preparing false Documents for partisans, fly-posting Patriotic and Bulletin obtaining information from German officials, transferring Arms and ammunition, including automatic Rifles from one part of the city to another.

These three girls decided from then on to work together, not an easy thing to do owing to the difficulty of obtaining food, lack of water and light and the overcrowded condition of the house in which they had met, in which 27 people were living. At that time all men were forbidden the streets, women only being allowed out for the purpose of collecting water from various wells.

On 3rd August at 14.00 hours notices were posted on the City walls declaring a state of emergency. Two of the girls had, that morning, crossed the Arno at Roverzano in spite of the German decree forbidding the movement of civilians, because they had been ordered to collect important documents and informations regarding artillery. They managed to return the same evening and crossed the city under violent fire from the Germans.

From that day on life became more and more dangerous but the three girls carried on often carrying their bottles as if going to fetch water.

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In the morning at 7 o/c they left the house to take orders from the various chiefs, who under different aliases remained hidden. These could only be approached if one possessed the proper password. Part of their job at this time was the supplying of small bands (10-20 Strong) with food etc., which necessitated long

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Dispatches carried at that time were mostly hidden in their underclothes.

The hardest task was that of reconnaissance ie. following telegraph wires to trace the source of the messages, to get near the General Post Office in the Centre of the town, to go to the outskirts of the town especially Via Bolognese where Armoured Cars were stationed. The most dangerous tasks were usually carried out in pairs but at times journeys as far as Piccola were made by single persons carrying arms to the Rosnelli Brigade and smuggling back British Officers with whom they had provided false papers. Through the order prohibiting all men on the streets contact was lost with one of the heads of the Office of Communication until he was found by one of the girls hidden in the Palazzo Vecchio, where he was living as a simple clerk. After this visit they were able to declare that contact had been made with the British Forces who were on the opposite bank of the Arno and it was arranged that the signal for the Patriots to go into action would be the ringing of the bells of the Palazzo Vecchio.

This information was spread throughout the movements. The ringing of the bells actually took place at 06-15 hours on 11 August and the girls continued their work after the Allies had taken the centre of the city whilst the patriots fought on at Mugnora.

These girls were only too glad to have been able to give a little help to their country and to the Patriots who had suffered so much this year.

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ACC/508/PAT.

10 October 1944

Personnel

Mr. Wheeler
P.W.B.

Further to this morning's conversation that Capt. Recco and Mr. Ciampi will, with effect from 11 Oct., become members of the Porta Recco Mess, it is also notified that Pfc. Muller, has reported for duty here and is billeted in the EM Mess, Via Cavoor.

In addition, Major Gillett, (E) and 1 Sgt (ATB) will be arriving towards the end of the week. Data of arrival will be notified later.

B.L. D E A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

1330

6 October 1944.

ACC/506/PAT.

Mr. Wheeler

The u/m drivers are employed by the Italian Patriot Section of this branch.

It is understood that they may partake of the Midday meal together with P.W.B. employees.

If this could be arranged it would be appreciated.

MELLI PIETRO
BRUNI ALBERTO
DORINI ALDO
PIGNATTI ALESSANDRO
SILLI GIOVANNI
PUGGI LONINCO
RAVENNI
TANINI BRUNO
PUCCI GINO
SANTONI GINO
DEL MATA GINO
BERNARDI ARMANDO
NACCI MANLIO

B.L. D B A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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Black

9 October 1944.

ACC/ 502/PAT.

Patriot Representatives

Col. MacCarthy.
Patriot Branch
ACC.

Attached sent to you for your personal

and opinion.

E.E. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PATRIOT BRANCH
(ADVANCE DETACHMENT)
APO. 894.

Float

Ref: ACC/507/4/PAT
SUBJECT: Amendments to Report
on Region XII.
To : Patriot Branch, H.Q. A.C.C.

DATE 5 Oct 44.

With reference to your letter 76/PAT dated
2 Oct 44, please find attached APPENDICES VII,
VIII, IX, X, and XI to Report on Patriot Acti-
vities in Region XII with distribution list
shown.

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B.L.DRAGE, Major, G.S.

Offload

ACC/504/PAT.

5. October 1944.

Request of permit.

P. S. O. Palazzo Vecchio.

Will you please issue a Permit to go to ROME and return to Mr. Giorgio Teddes da Filicchia and Mr. Edgardo Rosi, as these gentlemen have been asked by Col. Mc CARTHY TO CONFER WITH him on technical questions.

B.L. DRAGE.
Major,
Patriot Branch,
(Advance Detachment.)

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Flora

4 October 1944.

ACC/ 508/PAT.

Capt. TORRINI

S.I.B.

Statement by Major B.L. Drage Nr. 25995 R.A.S.C

who states:

I am the Officer in charge of the about Detachment.

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At this interview it was arranged that Capt. Torrini for the purpose of attending a conference with the Italian Chief of Staff to discuss procedure.

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Accordingly Capt. Torrini was issued with a movement order for the journey and it is ^{understand that he} the usual procedure that he obtained the usual circulation permit for his car from RACI.

No other permit for travel for other individuals to go with Capt. Torrini were issued or authorized by this Office.

It is confirmed that Capt. Torrini has done a considerable amount of good work in the early days of the occupation of Florence and it is very well known both here in Florence and the Ministry of War in Rome. He was first introduced to me in Siena during the month of August by Col. Pava an Italian liaison officer attached to Col. McCarthy, Headquarters ACC in Rome.

This Office has no knowledge whatsoever of the civilian transactions that Capt. Torrini may have been engaged in.

The above Statement is true and correct.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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3rd. October 1944.

ACC/520/PAT.

Transport

The Finance Officer,
A.M.G., Fifth Army.

1. The enclosed have been sent to me by the SCAO, AMG, 2 Corps, Fifth Army. I have discussed the matter with the Provincial Commissioner, Province of Florence, Region VIII, and he has advised me to send the documents to you for disposal.

2. No instructions for repairs to vehicles have been issued by A.C.C.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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ACC/508/PAT.

Personnel

Col. C.D. Mc Carthy
HQ. ACC.

3 October 1944

Further to my letter of even number dated
29 September, I enclose herewith a letter from Capt.
Torrini Luigi, for your information and action as may
be considered necessary.

No action has been taken by this office.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

TRANSMISSION.

Arezzo; 29 Sept. 44.

To :
Lt Major Drago.
Patriot Branch.
Florence.

Dear Sir,

You will remember that on Sept. 23 I came out of the nursing home and left for ROME where together with Sec. Messa and Col. McCarthy I was to have formed a Patriot Battalion. At CASTIGLIONE FIORENTINO I was stopped by the English police (No. 509 Company) and together with my chauffeur Rossi Aldo and the brother of the patriot who saved my life at FROSOLE St. RUFFILLI RUTILLI, I was arrested. I was subjected to treatment unworthy of the uniform I wear. I was suspected of being involved in the Black Market on account of some material I was taking to Rome for the Patriots. The material would have been delivered to Col. Barnabo at Patriot Headquarters; Rome. They further suspected me of I don't know what else, and my car, No. R.E. 90930 for which you yourself gave me a regular permit, was seized by the police who seem inclined to keep it. My wounds are not yet healed, on the contrary they have become worse so that I can hardly walk.

I should be most grateful to you if you can intervene with the S.I.B. at Arezzo on my behalf and inform them of all my past activities with the Patriots in Rome, Siena and Florence; I hope that this unqualified story will come to a speedy end and that the manner in which I have been treated will be radically changed. I sincerely hope that the Patriots in Rome Florence and Siena and Northern Italy will not hear of all I have been going through during my seven days imprisonment, because I could not answer for the disastrous consequences; I should be very glad of a visit from you or that of another officer. At the moment I am at Arezzo on parole, awaiting the decision of the Allied Military Court. I can be found at the Patriot Headquarters Arezzo or in Via delle Mieris, Palazzo Albergo.

Hoping that the situation in Florence and that beyond the Gothic line is satisfactory and that everything proceeds according to our wishes.

Believe me Sir,

Yours respectfully;

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Yours respectfully,

TORRINI LUIGI.

CM/ec;

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ACC/ 506/PAT.

3rd. October 1944.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Mr. Wheeler
P.W.B.

It is certified that the under-mentioned are employed by this branch and entitled to partake of a midday meal.

It is requested please that they be allowed to take this meal with the employees of P.W.B. as this Branch has no facilities for providing same.

- Mr. NEPI
- Mr. CORTESI
- Mrs. PARABULLINI
- Miss BELLIA
- Miss TERZANI

[Signature]
B.S. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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3rd October 1944.

502/PAT.

Patriot Representatives

S G A O
ARMY - ~~Spezia~~-
Luccia

This letter will serve to introduce Dr. Enzo Beratti, who is the appointed Patriot Representative for Spezia.

This Officer should be treated as one of your Staff and attached to your office for rations and accommodation.

B.L. DRAGB
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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Ref. ACC/506/PAT

SUBJECT : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

TO: PATRIOT BRANCH HQ. ACC

RETURN OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AS AT 30 SEPT. 1944

<u>N A M E</u>	<u>G R A D E</u>	<u>S A L A R Y</u>
Mr. Giuseppe SERPE	Sen. Adm. Asst.	4500 per month
Mr. Giacomo CORTESI	Clerk	100 per day
Mr. Luigi NEPI	Clerk/Messenger	100 per day
Mr. Renzo INNOCENTI	Driver	80 " "
Mrs. Clarissa MURANYI	Interpreter	100 " "
Miss Maria Antonietta BELLIA	Typist	90 " "
Miss Bruno Mara TERZANI	Typist (English speaking)	110 " "
Mrs. Alla PARABULLINI	Reception-Translator	100 " "
Mrs. Francis THRUPP (nee Grande)	Translator Clerk	100 " "

B. L. DRAGE
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

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29 Sep 44

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Patriots Branch
ACC

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On the one hand, on your last visit to Florence you informed me that these teams would be kept together and be dropped off in their own region as and when required.

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From information received up to date it appears actually that the main patriot problem will be in the environs of MODENA and not in BOLOGNA.

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I am in touch with Col. Rolf AMC with regard to the question of the hiring of the cars, and I hope to be able to give you a satisfactory reply within a day or two. I do feel, however, that it might be as well to take up the matter with Rayner from your end. In view of the illness of Major

Noble, there is obviously no-one up here of sufficiently high standing who could come to a decision in regard to the matter.

Col. Jansen has returned to you today. At the outset of our conversations we did not see eye to eye in regard to many matters. I went, however, to the trouble of putting him in touch with quite a number of people, and at our parting this morning he seems to have completely revised his ideas. I would suggest, however, that you come to some decision as to what you propose to do with him. He seems to be having quite unnecessary conversations and to be stating quite unnecessary views to certain people, whereas in point of fact he should confine himself to giving these views to yourself. He has left me saying that he proposes to return here within a few days.

Personally I consider it most inadvisable.

Lastly I do sincerely trust that by now some arrangement has been made whereby the patriot representatives may receive their remuneration. From all sides I am receiving complaints that nothing has been done for them.

This state of affairs might easily lead to serious repercussions.

Trusting you are well,

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ACC/508/Pat

Captain TORRINI

Regional Public Safety Officer
Region 8
ACC

29 Sept 44

1. I am in receipt of a communication reference 1130/30 from the PHO province of ANZANO. For your information it is confirmed that Captain TORRINI was proceeding to Rome to discuss with Colonel McCarthy the question of recruiting of patriots into the Italian Armed Forces.
2. It is confirmed that Lt. TORRINI CLINO and Lt. Antiooco CORBANO were the provincial district representatives at ANZANO. This office had no knowledge that the latter two officers were proceeding to Rome and they were certainly not given permission to do so from here.

Major

B.L. MAJOR

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ACC/508/ret

Personnel.

Colonel C.D. McCarthy
Patriotic Branch
ACC

29 Sept 44

Attached please find copy of a letter received from
PREC ACC, AMBZCO also copy of a letter which I have sent
to the Regional Public Safety Officer, Region 8 ACC.

H.L. BRACK Major

Encl 2

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Handwritten: 4/20/44

27, September 1944

ACC/519/PAT.

PATRIOT CAMP

Lt. Di Loreti
Patriot Officer
H.Q. AMG
8th Army

The following copy of signal from 557 B.O.D. is
forwarded for your action :

.....From Traffic (N) 557 BOD, 20/1700A
To HQ. ACC. Patriots Branch
Restricted TR/SG/1113.
Despatched 19th Wagens 77195033, 103892
TENTAGE to TOR SAPIENZA.....

B.L. D R A GE
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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28 Sept 44

ACC/502/Fat

Colonel C.D. McCarthy
HQ ACC
Patriots Branch

Enclosed please find copy of communication

received from Col. Hartley.

As you know up to now the Patriot representatives from Region IX have not yet reported to Florence, and it therefore seems to me that this communication is somewhat premature. I trust, however, the departure of these representatives to this HQ is being expedited.

H.L. DRAGE Major
Patriot Branch Adv Det
ACC

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ACC/522/Pat

28 Sept 44

GASTELLANI ALCEDE

PUBLIC SAFETY SECTION
ACC - Florence City

Attached please find copy of communication from
ACC Patriot Branch GROSSETO.

It would be appreciated if the information requested
could be supplied.

Encl: 1

B.L. DRACE Major
Patriot Branch Adv Det
ACC

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float
26 September 1944.

ACC/508/PAT.

Personnel

Col. Reaper,
BGS. (ops)
HQ. AAI.

This will introduce Lt.Col.JANZEN, who is paying
a visit to this branch from Headquarters, Rome.

I should be grateful if you can give him any
information of interest available.

B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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100/502/PAT.

29. September 1944

Patriot Representatives

S C A O.
AIC.
Ancona

This letter will serve to introduce Midshipman UBALDO MONTECHI, and Senor BARATTINI SERGIO, who are to be Patriot Representatives for Ancona in response to main A.M.G. 8th Army Signal Reference No. M.549.

These officers should be attached to your office for messing and accomodation.

B. L. D RA G E
MAJOR.
Patriot Branch

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Shaw

26 Sept. 1964.

ACC/508/PAT.

Personnel

Col. Zooper,
BGS. (ops)
HQ. MAI.

This will introduce Captain H.G. Harris, who is attached to this branch as Intelligence Officer for Region Region 10, A.M.G. Could you please arrange for him to have access to any information available.

D.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

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Florence

26 Sep 44

ACC/507/Pat

Leon & Rosemarie CALEF

AMG Refugee Section

You have in your refugee camp here in Florence two people named as follows:

Rosemarie CALEF
Leon CALEF

In view of certain information that these people have handed over to us, and the possibility that it may be necessary for us to interview them further on the subject, we would be obliged if you would kindly arrange to hold these people here in Florence for a further four or five days.

B.L. DRAGE Major

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Final

25 September 1944

ACC/ 506/PAT.

Civilian Employees

F.S.S.
Palazzo Vecchio

The w/m civilians are employed by this branch in the situations stated. Could you please arrange to have them screened for security.

App to G.R.O. No.16 in triplicate in respect of each individual is attached:

Mrs. Frances THURPP (née Grande)	-	Translator
Miss M.A. BULLIN	-	Supervisor
Miss A. PARADULLINI	-	Reception-Interpreter
Mr. G. CONTESI	-	Clerk
Mr. NEPI	-	Clerk/ Messenger.
Mr. ROMEO INNOCENTI	-	Driver

E.I. D R A G B
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

5. 25th. September 19

Military Position of Captain ROCCO MARINO, regular.

The Garrison Command.

We inform this Command that Captain ROCCO MARINO (regular) in a cavalry regiment is employed by the ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION- Patriot Branch, (Advance Detachment) APO. 594.

We communicate this to you inasmuch as this officer possesses the required experience and capability to occupy this appointment.

We beg you therefore to dispose that Captain's ROCCO MARINO's position may be made clear and that he should not be called to enter another appointment.

E.L. DRAGE.
Major,
Patriot Branch,
(Advance Detachment).

Informo codesto Comando che il Capitano in S.P.E. di cavalleria ROCCO MARINO presta servizio presso ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION Patriot Branch (Advance Detachment) APO. 594.

Comunico ciò in quanto l'opera del sopra detto ufficiale di pratica di detto ufficio possiede tutti i requisiti per disimpegnare le sue funzioni.

Pertanto prego disporre affinché la sua posizione militare venga regolata in merito a eventuale richiesta per altro impiego.

E.L. DRAGE.
Major,
Patriot Branch,
(Advance Detachment).

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ACC/ 516/PAT.

23. September 1944.

Office Equipment

Administrative Officer P.W.

This to notify you that I have hired a quantity
of furniture as follows :

10 Tables and 20 chairs

They are in this building and have been clearly
marked.

E.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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Handwritten signature
23. September 1944.

ACC/ 508/PAT.

Personnel

Administrative Officer P.W.

Herewith please find nominal roll of personnel of
this Department messing at Porta Rosse:

Major	B.L. Drago	
Capt.	Knell	
Capt.	Glasspool	
Miss	A. Dove	
Dr.	Serpe	
Major	Gianluigi Nomis di Cossilla	{ also billeted at Porta Rosse
Prof.	Edoardo Volterra	

A further two British officers, six Italians and three
British female secretaries should be arriving on Monday or
Tuesday next.

B.L. DRAGO
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Patriots Branch Adv. Det.

22 Sept 44

Ref. *Dec/512/44*

Subject. Industries in EMILIA (Region IX)
To. Distribution Below

Colonel Luigi TRUCCHI
Via G. D'Adda 12 Bologna

1. The above named Italian officer has for the past eight years been an official of the "FABRIGUERRA" in EMILIA and has a thorough knowledge of all the industries useful for war purposes.
2. Because of his position he was inscribed in the Fascist party and has been compelled to work for the Fascist Republic but he has never been an ardent Fascist.

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B.L. DRAGE Major

Distribution:

- BGS OES (3)
- ALG 5th Army (3)
- ALG 8th Army (3)
- Region Commissioners (2) Provincial Commissioners (8)
- ACC
- Political Section (2)
- Civil Affairs (2)
- PRO (1)
- Information Section (2)
- Adv Det Patriot Branch (2)
- File (2)

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TOP SECRET

Allied Control
Commission,
Patriots Branch
Adv. Det.

21 Sept 44

Ref;
Subject. Patriot Activities in Region IX
To. Distribution Below

REPORT ON PATRIOT ACTIVITIES IN EMILIA
(Region IX) Amendment No 2.

Ref Appx A to above report delete all detail under
the heading of Provinces of REGGIO & MODENA and Provinces
of PARMA & PLACENZA and substitute the attached.

B. L. DRACE Major

Distribution List.

BGS OPS	(3)
AMG 5th Army	(3)
AMG 8th Army	(3)
Region Commissioners	(2)
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No 1 Special Force	(2)
PWB	(2)
ACC	
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Civil Affairs	(2)
PRO	(1)
Information Section	(2)
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File	(2)

TOP SECRETAPPENDIX A to
Report on Patriot Activities
in EMILIA (Region IX)PROVINCES OF PARMA & PIACENZA

1. The bands in these Provinces include the 1st Ligurian Garibaldi Division under Colonel FONTANA. Major LETT, a British officer, is with this Division. The Division is organized in seven Brigades totalling 4,500 men. This Div has been asked to undertake an operational task outside Region IX and its members are not likely to be encountered until after its disbandment and its members return to their homes.

2. Other bands in the area include:

- a) 47 Garibaldi Bde at RANZANO (L 0248) Strength 200.
(As the HQ of this Bde is near the PARMA - REGGIO boundary it has also been shown under the Provinces of REGGIO & MODENA)
- b) A band of 150 at MUSIRA (P 9752)
- c) 31 Garibaldi Bde West of the City of PARMA commanded by CROLLOLANZA. Strength 200.
- d) PICELLI Bde just south of the city of PARMA. This Bde is not of first class quality.
- e) A band of 50 at P 9273 commanded by SALVATORE.
- f) A well armed band of 150 men near CASALIAGGIORE (P 1706)
- g) A band with a str of (?) 300 just south of CREMONA
- h) A Giustizia & Liberta Div just south of PIACENZA.
Str unknown but believed to be small.

3. There are GAP Bdes in the cities of PARMA and PIACENZA.

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in EMILIA (Region IX)

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APPENDIX A

To Report on Patriot Activities
in EMILIA (Region IX)

PROVINCES OF REGGIO & MODENA

1. The bands in these provinces are more numerous and better armed and organized than in the other provinces of Region IX and total approx 5000 men:

2. The bands given below have been definitely identified. The strengths shown are approximate only. The map references indicate the general area in which the bands have been operating.

- (a) 1st MODENA Div at LIGONCHIO (LC0633) Str. 2000
- (b) 2nd MODENA Div at MONTEFIORE (L323) commanded by "BARBERINI". Str 1000. This Div may include a Brigade known as Gino BOZZI Bde commanded by CECCO.
- (c) The EMILIA Div at FERRIO (L151) Str 1500. A British officer Major JOHNSTON is with this Div and controls its operational activities.
- (d) 4th GARIBALDI Bde at L 4315 commanded by "ETTORE". Str. 470 of whom 200 may be armed.
- (e) A band of about 250 men which includes Russian deserters and British ex PWs is at L 2709.
- (f) 6th GARIBALDI Div commanded by "SANTONI" operates on the road SPEZIA - REGGIO (Route 63) Str. 400.
- (g) 47th GARIBALDI Bde at RANZANO (LC248): Strength 200 (This Brigade is also shown under the heading of PARMA & PIACENZA)

3. The 1st MODENA, 2nd MODENA and EMILIA Divisions are reported to be grouped in the IV GARIBALDI Corps but this Corps, if it exists is NOT believed to exercise any effective control over the divisions.

4. Communist leadership is predominant in all the above bands.

5. There are GAP Brigades in the cities of REGGIO and MODENA but their strength is not known.

6. The bands are recruited by the CLN. The chief of the CLN in MODENA is Alfredo ZENASI. Avv Mario ALLEGRETTI is also a member of the CLN.

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Allied Control Commission
Patriots Branch
Adv Det.

Ref: ACC/523/Pat
Subject. Conditions in province of MODENA
To: Distribution below

1. The following report is compiled from information supplied by S. Tenente di Cavalleria, Guido de Luise who left MODENA on 6 July.
2. Political Conditions
The Committee of National Liberation (MODENA) comprises five parties (Liberal Christian Democrat Action, Socialist Communist) The tendencies of the crowd swing between communism (workers and lower middle class) and liberalism.
3. The names of the most influential and well known anti fascist leaders are:
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Ing. SALVATORE DE LUISE " Piazzale S Domenico 6
Prof BALLI former rettore of the University
Prof DELLA VOLTA Jew -- Now in the maquis
C. llo ARGIOLOS Monarchist persecuted for politics
Ten. C llo FILIPPONE former teacher at the Accademie
C. llo ANTONIO ALBERGHINI MOLTONI
4. The fascist republican party in MODENA (Town and province) has exactly 865 members. Their morale is very low and many prefer not to wear the party badge.
5. Names of the persons who are pro German and persecutors of Patriots are as follows:
Vice Prefetto BELSASO and his two daughters
Avv CAPPELLO and family persecutors of Patriots
Famiglia PINCHERLI - VICINI and family - Via del Teglio
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Giornalista VITTORE QUEREL - Director of Gazzetta dell' EMILIA
NINO BASAGLIA -- private secretary of head of Province
6. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
MODENA is very fertile province and so the food situation is not too bad. There is a black market but prices are low. For example flour costs 4 - 5 Lire per Kg.
7. After the bombardments the city's industries practically ceased to exist.

8. The bombardments destroyed the cast iron foundry Corni S.A. iron works Orsi and seriously damaged the FIAT works (Caddele) and the motor works C.C.I.

9. The railway S.E.F.T.A. still runs and is of great use to the Germans as it transports material to the Gothic Line.

10. The town has been mostly evacuated. Since the bombardments of Feb. 14 the schools have been closed.

11. WORK CONDITIONS

The Organizzazione Sindacale still exists. Salaries are not high owing to low cost of living. Very little unemployment.

12. The workers nearly all took part in the strikes of May 1st in upper Italy.

13. VATICAN AND CHURCH

Clergy are almost totally favourable to Patriots. The Vifaro di Stuffione di Nayarino periodically subsidises partisan groups. An Encyclical of the Archbishop of MODENA in favour of liberty and denouncing German acts of violence was very well received by the population.

B. L. Drage.

Distribution.

AMG 8th Army {4}
 AMG Region IX (2)
 Provincial Commissioner MODENA (1)
 No 1 Special Force (2)
 ACC
 Political Section (2)
 Civil Affairs (2)
 PRO (1)
 Information Section (2)
 Patriots Branch (2)
 File (2)

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22 September 1944

ACC/520/ PAT.

Transport

Whom it may concern

This is to certify that I am sending a car to Rome on Saturday 23. September 1944 and there is room in this vehicle to take Madame la Marchesa Pucci, Madame delle Micolette Pucci and one nurse.

B.L. B R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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22 Sept 44

Al Presidente della Deputazione Provinciale
di Roma
R. Prefettura - Roma

Onorevole Signor Presidente,

Il Prof. Edoardo Volterra, Membro della Deputazione Provinciale di Roma, inviato dal Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale come rappresentante dei Patrioti Italiani presso il Quartier Generale della IX Regione, e in questi giorni necessario per il suo compito che non può abbandonare.

La preghiamo quindi di voler giustificare la sua assenza da Roma, assicurandola che non appena sarà possibile, verrà facilitato il suo ritorno alla Capitale perché possa attendere al suo Ufficio presso codesta Onorevole Deputazione.

Distintamente

B.L.Drage

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22 September 1944.

AGC/370/PAT.

Report on Patriot Activities

HQ. Region IX A M G.

Ref Appendix 'B' (Names of persons recommended for administrative posts) it has been decided that information on this subject will in future be issued by the Interior Sub-Commission.

Appendix 'B' has therefore been removed from the report. Ten copies are however forwarded herewith for information only.

P.R.P. Knell Capt
for B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch

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ACC/507/Pat

21 Sept 44

Patriot Activities in Region IX

To HQ REGION IX AUG

Sufficient copies of Report on Patriot Activities in EMILIA are enclosed for distribution down to Provincial Commissioners. Copies No 12 and 13 for the Provinces of REGGIO and MODENA respectively have been distributed to them direct.

Amendments No 1 and No 2 have been inserted in the copies now forwarded. The map attached to Appx E of the report already in your possession should be transferred to Copy No 11. The remainder of the original report should be destroyed.

Encl:

B.L.DRAGE Major
Patriot Branch Adv Det.

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Volterra
CONFIDENTIAL

20 September 1944.

ACC/502/2/PAT.

Education Officials

Education Sub Commission
HQ.ACC.

Ref attached letter for the Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione addressed to Prof. VOLTERRA.

A list of persons recommended by Prof. VOLTERRA for educational posts is forwarded for information. Prof. VOLTERRA is a Patriot Representative attached to Region IX and is a Professor of Bologna University.

signed B.L. D R A G E
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
(Advanced Detachment)

Copy Region IX (6)
Col.G.D. McCarthy

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MINISTERO DELLA PUBBLICA ISTRUZIONE

IL MINISTRO

Roma, 12 Sett. 1944.

Caro Prof. Volterra,

so che Lei è diretto verso l'Emilia per incarichi ricevuti. Colgo l'occasione per pregare di volersi interessare delle Università e dei Provveditorati.

Data l'antica conoscenza e la piena fiducia che ripongo in Lei, sono sicuro a priori che le designazioni che Lei farà al Comando Alleato risponderanno al pieno interesse della Scuola. Quindi perciò che concerne il mio dicastero, Le dò carta bianca e ratificherò tutti i provvedimenti urgenti che Lei crederà di suggerire agli Alleati.

Mi creda con cordiali saluti e ringraziamenti Suoi
Firmato Guido De Ruggiero

TRANSLATION

Dear Prof. Volterra,

I am informed that you have received instructions to proceed to Emilia. I therefore take the occasion to ask you to interest yourself in the Universities and the Provveditorati.

Our old friendship and the full confidence I have always placed in you, make me feel certain that all appointments you propose to the Allied Command will be in complete interest of the school.

Therefore for all that concerns my Department I give you a free hand (carte blanche) and shall certainly ratify all the urgent measures you see fit to propose to the Allied Command.

With kindest regards and many thanks.

Signed Guido De Ruggiero.

PERSONS SUITABLE AS DEANS ("RETTORI") AT THE UNIVERSITIES

AT BOLOGNA

Prof. Oliviero OLIVO
Prof. Vittorio Ingli

AT PARMA

Prof. Teodosio MARCHI
Prof. Guido Donatuti

AT MODENA

Prof. Giuseppe Ignazio LUZZATTO

AT PERRARA

Prof. Ignazio BRUNELLI
Prof. Alessandro VISCONTI

PERSONS SUITABLE AS "PROVEDITORI AGLI STUDI"

AT BOLOGNA

Prof. Dr. Gianfranco CAVALLI
Prof. Mario LONGHENA
Prof. Dario ARPELLI
Prof. Silvio ALVISE

AT FORLI'

Prof. Luigi DEL PANE
Prof. Edgardo VALPIANI
Prof. PEDRAZZI (address: Via Toscana 177)

20 Sept. 1944.

ACC/504/PAT

Passes and permits

All concerned

DOTT. MARCELLO CIOMPI

The above named Italian Officer is working in liaison with this branch on special duties.

It is requested that facilities be given him to carry out his duties as necessary and to afford him priority of entry when possible.

B.L. DRAGE
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
Adv. Detachment -

ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)
APO. 594

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20 September 1944

Hired furniture.

This Command has hired for the duration of two months, from the Firm CALOSCI 19 Via Pederighi, 4 writing desks and 20 wooden chairs for the total price of 500 lire (fivehundred)

B.L. DRAGE
Major
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

Questo Comando ha noleggiato, per la durata di due mesi della ditta CALOSCI Via Pederighi no 19 20 scrivanie e no. 20 sedie di legno prezzo del prezzo complessivo di lire 500 (cinquecento)

B.L. DRAGE
Major
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

3.

Hired Furniture.
Ditta Fratelli POCCELLI

20 September 1944

This command has hired for the duration of two months from the Ditta Fratelli POCCELLI Via delle Belle Donne No 3 rosso 6. writing desks with tops covered in green and blue linoleum for the price of 500 lire (threehundred)

E.L. DRAGE.
Major,
Patriot Branch,
(Advance Detachment).

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Questo Comando ha noleggiato per la durata di due mesi, dalla Ditta Fratelli POCCELLI Via delle Belle Donne No 3 rosso No. 6 scrivanie ricoperte di linoleum verde-azzurro per un complessivo di lire 500 (trecento).

E.L. DRAGE.
Major,
Patriot Branch,
(Advance Detachment).

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20 September 1944

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Passes

P.S.O. AMG. Palazzo Vecchio.

May after-curfew passes please be issued to the under mentioned officers. They are considered necessary to enable the officers concerned to proceed to billets after duty.

Major B.L. D R A G E : RASO
SOMG.(WOII) E. DAVIES. RASO

B.L. D R A G E Major
Patriots Branch

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20 September 1944

ACC/507/1/PAT.

Reports.

Colonel C.D. Mc Carthy

Enclosed please find the translation of a suggestion for the handling of Patriots once their usefulness from a point of view of the Army has ceased to exist.

Some of the points and suggestion brought out may, I think, be adopted, most especially the suggestion that they be allowed to retain the individual weapons provided same are rendered useless.

This may be quite a strong propaganda point to issue each Patriot with a specially inscribed medal for attachment to his weapon.

However I should be obliged if you would let me have your views.

I am Sir your obedient servant

B.L. DRAGE
MAJOR
PATRIOTS BRANCH

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)
APO 394

This car No. _____ with all its accessories is from this date at the complete disposal of the Allied Control Commission until its complete requisition.

This vehicle should not therefore be requisitioned or interfered with.

B. L. DRACE.
Major,
Patriot Branch,
Advance Detachment.

Questa automobile, con relativi accessori, è da questo momento a disposizione del Allied Control Commission fino a completa requisizione.
Pertanto qualsiasi manomissione sarà punita a termine di legge.

B. L. DRACE
Major,
Patriot Branch,
Advance detachment.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO REPORT
ON PATRIOT ACTIVITIES
IN EMILIA REGION 9

PROVINCE OF BOLOGNA

STELLA ROSSA EDE

1. This Bde was the first to be formed in the Tuscan
Emilian Alps.

2. Politics. Mainly communist.

3. Command. The Bde. is commanded by Mario MUSOLESI
known as "IUPO" He is an ex-sjt of the Italian army.
Other officers are:

Alfonso VENTURI	Coy. Comd.
Otello MUSOLESI	" "
Berto MENINI	" "
Celso MENINI	" "
Giovanni ROSSI	Lieut.

4. Strength. 800-1000 men organised in companies
of 100 each.

5. Arms. The Bde. is adequately armed with allied
weapons and arms taken from the enemy but lacks am-
munition for the latter.

6. Zone of Operations. The Bde. operates mainly in
the triangle BOLOGNA - FUTA. (I8305) - PORETTA (I5812)

7. Present Locations. Owing to enemy action the
Bde. has been on the move and was last heard of (18th
August 1944) at PIETRAMALA (I8713).

8. Other Bands. There are believed to be other
bands operating in the province but strength and loca-
tions are NOT known.

G.A.P.

9. The GAP have been active in the city of BOLOGNA but
their strength is NOT known. The commander of the GAP
is Dott. WANNETTI.

10. After a successful attack on the prison which libe-
rated over 100 political prisoners; reprisals were so
severe that the CLN ordered a temporary cessation of
activities.

2. Politics. Mainly communist.
3. Command. The Bde. is commanded by Mario MUSOLESI known as "LUPO" He is an ex-sgt of the Italian army.
Other officers are:

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Otello MUSOLESI	" "
Berto MENINI	" "
Celso MENINI	" "
Giovanni ROSSI	Lieut.
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G.A.P.

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10. After a successful attack on the prison which liberated over 100 political prisoners; reprisals were so severe that the CLN ordered a temporary cessation of activities.
11. The above information was received from two Patriots who left the STELLA ROSSA BDE on 18 August 1944.

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18 Sept. 1944

Ref. ACC/507/PAT

SUBJECT: Fascist Personalities

TO : Distribution below.

The following list of prominent Fascists in EMILIA is forwarded for information:

FASCIST PERSONALITIES IN EMILIA

This list was received from Dott. BASSANI (Partito d'Azione, Via Sistina, ROME). His name must NOT be disclosed in connection with this information. He left FERRARA Dec. 1943.

MEMBERS OF THE OVRA

City of FERRARA:

GIULIO DIVISI (Console of the Fascist Militia)
Gen. Olso GAGGIOLI
Signora Cassei TUMIATI
Avv. Conte RONCHI

City of FORLI:

Dott. De RUPERTIS (Commissario of the OVRA)

City of BOLOGNA:

Comm. GIGLIO

DANGEROUS FASCISTS

City of FERRARA

DEL FANTE (Spy of the Federazione Fascista)
The Brothers BONETTI spies
THE brothers LUDEGNANI Collaborators with the Germans Alleged to have tortured political prisoners.

VEZZELINI

Capo della Provincia

ROSSI

Segretario Federale

Giulio RIVANI Segretario Federale RHO

Avv. Arrigo RIVANI Collaborated with the Germans

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FASCIST PERSONALITIES IN EMILIA

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Gen. Olso GAGGIOLI
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Dott. De RUPERTIS (Commissario of the OVRA)

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DANGEROUS FASCISTS

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VEZZELINI
Capo della Provincia

ROSSI
Segretario Federale

Giulio RIVANI Segretario Federale RHO

AVV. ARRIGO RIVANI Collaborated with the Germans

TORTONESI - Responsible for the atrocities of Oct. 43

Cianetto HARTMANN Member of "Direttorio"

Torriano HARTMANN Collaborated with the Germans

AVV. MAGNI

MELCHIORRI

Squadrista - Alleged to have tortured prisoners.

Avv. Giuseppe ZACCARINI collaborated with the Germans.

TO MINNELL
Collaborated with the Germans,

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Adv. Detachment
APO. 394

15 Sept. 1944

Ref. ACC/394/PAT

SUBJECT: Passes and permits

TO : All concerned



CEP. EUGENIO DE TUCA

The above named Italian Officer is working in liaison with this branch on special duties.

It is requested that facilities be given him to carry out his duties as necessary and to afford him priority of entry when possible.

Distribution.

F.J. DRAGE
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
Adv. Detachment

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PATRIOT BRANCH
(ADVANCE DETACHMENT)
APO.394

*File
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Ref: ACC/502/PAT.

Subject: Patriot representatives.

To: All Concerned.

This is to certify that the under-mentioned
officials are Patriot Representatives and are travelling
to ORBETELLO in connection with Patriot activities.

Capt. LUIGI TORRINI
Lt. GIOVANNI MEONI

B.L. DRAGE
Major
Patriot Branch
(Advance Detachment)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Patriots Branch.
(Advance Detachment)
APO.394.

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16 Sept. 1944.

SUBJECT; Information.

TO : Major Talbot,
RC. & MC. Section.
HQ. A.C.C.

The attached for your information.

It is thought that as this office is passing back
information, you would like a copy of anything interesting.

B. L. DRAGE
Major
Patriot Branch.
ADV. Detachment

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PATRIOT BRANCH.
(Advance Detachment)
APO. 394.

Ref: ACC/502/PAT.

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Subject: Patriot Representatives.

TO : All Concerned.

This is to certify that the under-mentioned
officials are Patriot Representatives and are travelling
to CRISTINA in connection with with Patriot activities.
CARLO ENRICO GIGLIOLI.
ROBERTO WALTINI.

B.L.DMGS.
Major,
Patriot Branch.
(Advance Detachment)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. DETACHMENT
APO. 394

Ref. ACC/504/PAT

SUBJECT : Passes and Permits

TO : All Concerned

Capt. ROCCO MARINO
TEN EUGENIO DE LUCA

14 Sept. 1944

The above named Italian Officer is working in liaison with this branch on special duties.

It is requested that facilities be given him to carry out his duties as necessary and to afford him priority of entry when possible.

B.L. DRAGE
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
Adv. Detachment

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PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. Detachment
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SUBJECT: Patriots

TO : Lt/Col. BYE
A.S.S.

15 Sept. 1944

I am sending there four patriots to your department for handling.

You will see by the attached correspondence that they have been of considerable use to our people.

E.L. DRAGE
MAJOR

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PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. Detachment
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SUBJECT: Travels orders
TO : All concerned

15 Sept. 1944

Floral

CAPT. JUNEI FUJIMORI

The validity of travel order no. ADP/390.4 of 5 August
is extended one month owing to the inability of the above
named to travel.



R. L. BRACE
MAJOR
Adv. Detachment
APO. 394

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PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. Detachment
APO. 394

Floral

Ref. AOC/509/PAT

15 Sept. 1944

SUBJECT: HANDING IN OF ARMS ^{by} PATRIOTS

TO : COL. C.D. MCCARTHY
Patriot Branch
Head Quarters A.C.C.

Sir,

Since I left you on Wednesday, you will have had ample time in which to digest the report covering the Patriots situation in Florence rendered by Col. Lye.-

On returning to Florence I decided that it would be as well to study the position more closely and find out the real ~~reason~~ why the Patriots have not handed in their arms.

I held a conference with the following individuals, Sig. Caravaglia, Vice Commandant of the Potente Division, and Count Bonni, Chief of General Staff of the Arno Division and I have come to the following conclusion:

That the main reason why arms were not handed in is because quite 80% of the Patriots in this area are inclined to communism and I am of the opinion that the demand by the Allied Authorities to hand in arms was anticipated.

In this connection I would refer you to a discourse given on this very subject by Free Radio Milan which, as you know, is sponsored by B; the other reason which is quite minor is that there has been to my mind a certain lack of discretion in the way these people have been handled.

Patriot leaders of the Potente Arno Divisions who I talked to, told me quite definitely that, they resented that orders to disarm were given generally to the Patriots instead of being given through the leaders and I do feel that greater cooperation would have been experienced had we dealt summarily through the leaders.

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I am convinced now that it is almost an impossible task to collect the arms in this area at this late date. Signor Caravaglia in fact told me that as his division had been disbanded his members has all gone to their homes and that it would be quite impossible for him to do anything about it.

This may or may not be true, but in any case that is the position to-day.

I feel that this problem is extremely serious for the following reasons.

It will be well known to bands North of the line that the local divisions here have not handed in their arms, and, what is more, seem to be getting away with it. If a vacuum owing to the trend military operations is created in the North and the patriots show the same reluctance to disarm, a most serious situation may arise which would be quite beyond the powers of U.A.G. & etc., to handle.

In conclusion, as difficult as it may be, or shall we say dangerous, I do feel that these people should be told something about the Allied intention with regard to the future government of Italy, because I am convinced that it is mainly the political issue which represents the seat of the trouble.

I am quite certain that although to all intents and purposes the patriot bands have been disbanded, that there is in existence a secret order and plan whereby these bands would be remustered on reception of a pre-arranged signal.

H.L. DRAGE
MAJOR
Patriots Branch
Adv. Detachment

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PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. Detachment
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Ref. ACC/501/PAT

15 Sept. 1944

SUBJECT: PATRIOT REPLY.

TO : C.T.I.N.

It is requested that C.T.I.N. arrange to send a representative to serve in this office as soon as possible.

This matter should be treated as URGENT.

E.L. DRAGE
MAJOR
Adv. Detachment
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PATRIOT BRANCH.
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Ref: ACC/501/PAT.

14 Sept. 1944.

SUBJECT: Communications.

TO: : Col. C.D. McCarthy
Patriot Branch
HQ. ACC. Rome.

Owing to the shortage of telephone lines available in the city only one line has been allocated to this building.

However, if calls are made to P.W.B. (Major Noble) Florence, I can be called for.

The telephone number is FLORENCE 369.

B.L. DRAGE.
Major,
Patriot Branch,
Adv. Detachment;

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. Detachment
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REF. ACC/508/PAT

SUBJECT: Personnel

14 Sept. 1944

TO : Lt. Col. Bye
A.M.C.

I saw Brig. Dunlop who instruct that when you leave that capt. Glasspool will remain in Florence and work under me at P.W.R. Offices.

I would be obliged if you would issue the necessary instructions.

B.L. DRAGE
MAJOR
Patriot Branch
Adv. Detachment

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PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. DETACHMENT
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14 SEP 1944

Ref. ACC/503/I/PAT

SUBJECT : EXTRACT OF SITREP
TO : COL. FRASEY
LIGURIAN REGION
A.M.C.

The following extract of Sitrep received this office is forwarded for your information.

.....2.(B) Pz H.3 and 4 Ligurian GARIBOLDI Divs. regrouped after recent German drives moving towards GENOA leaving forces to operate on roads from CHI VARI and road GENOA-PIACENZA.....

B.L. DRACE
MAJOR
PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. Detachment

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PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv? DETACHMENT
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Floral
14 SEP 1944

Ref. ACC/503/1/PAT

SUBJECT : EXTRACT OF SITREP
TO : COL. MARSHALL
FEDMONT REGION
A.V.G.

The following extract of Sitrep received this office is forwarded for your information.

.....Partisans FIEDMONT following recent enemy drive estimated total 12000 armed 13000 unarmed. K. LAPEOTTE Bde in VAL CHISONE has regrouped in smaller bands operating in general triangle of 48350 GIAVERO 7626 LUSERNA 7602 with total effectives 1550. ULO VAL STURA area reports band of 140 at MOL-IERRE (N5530) 300 south of DEMONTE (N6447) 300 VAL GESSO (N7543) 150 St. BERNARD.

B.I. BRAGE
MAJOR
PATRIOT BRANCH
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PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. DETACHMENT
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14 SEP 1944

Ref. ACC/SOB/1/PAT
SUBJECT : EXTRACT FROM SITREP
TO : COL. MARSHALL
FEDMONTE REGION
A.M.G.

The following extract of sitrep is forwarded
for your information.

..... (A) M. BIANCO factory in *Lower* Brescia province
making mines forced closed due Sabotage.

(B) Aircraft parts and shell case factory at
Borgomanero (GJ 7093) destroyed.

E.L. DRACE
MAJOR
PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. Detachment

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PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. Detachment
APO. 394

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Ref. ACC/503/1/PAT.

SUBJECT: EXTRACT OF SITREPS

TO : Brig. Duple
Reg. 12. AMG
Chiosiana

12 Sept. 44

The following extract of sitrep received this office
is forwarded for your information.

.....2. A. Partisan strengths lately reported. Area (MONTE
GAPPA) RB 2901 PATROTTI Ide 240 Armed 600 Unarmed 341500 Ide
180 Armed 1500 Unarmed 15000 Ide 250 Armed 1500 Unarmed
Second ITALIA LIBERA Ide 15 Armed 700 Unarmed.....

E.L. DRACE
MAJOR
PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. Detachment

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Adv. DETACHMENT
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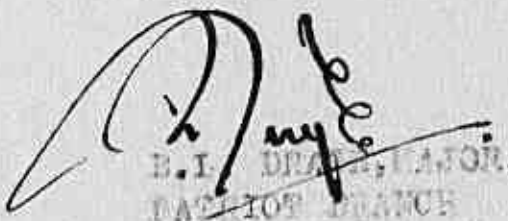
SUBJECT: Communications

TO : R.C.
Reg. 6, 9, 12
PINDMONTE
LIQUATA
LOMBARDIA

12 Sept. 44

1. An advance detachment office of the Patriot Branch has been opened at Florence, for dealing with patriot problems forward of Reg. 6.

2. It is requested that Regional Commissioners notify this office of their present location also of all moves in the future in order that quick contact can be made when necessary, and to forward any information of interest to Regions.


E.I. DRAKE, MAJOR,
PATRIOT BRANCH
Adv. Detachment

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PATRIOT BRANCH
ADV. DETACHMENT
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Ref. ACC/504/PAT

SUBJECT : PASSES

TO : A.M.G.

FLORENCE

AURVILLO MANTALBO
ENRICO CIANNOCCHI

The above named Italian personnel are attached to this office for special duties which necessitates a journey to Rome.

Can you please issue the necessary permits.

gd.
For B.L. BRAGE,
Major,
Patriot Branch,
Adv. Detachment.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

MEMORANDUM TO

Major MAGNUS
Col. FAVA

Move of Patriot teams to Florence

Teams 9 and 12 will move on Wednesday 13th September. On arrival will report to Major DRAGE at GIORNALE NAZIONE; Via RICASOLI, where they will be directed to Billets.

8th September 1944

B. L. DRAGE
Major.

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Notes on theESTABLISHMENT OF ADV. ECHELON OF PATRIOTS BRANCHOFFICES

The Adv. Echelon will be established in FLORENCE at the offices of GIORNALE NAZIONE, Via RICASOLI.

P.W.B. are in the same building. These offices are ready for immediate use.

BILLETS Adequate accomodation has been found.

RATIONS The drawing of these will be co-ordinated with P.W.B.

TRANSPORT Patriot Branch assigned vehicles.

FUNCTIONS Close liaison with A.M.G. ARMY.

" " " P.W.B.

CONTROL OF REGIONAL TEAMS 9.10.11.12. AND LOMBARDY.

Relaying of Information to HQ. Rome.
Supervision of Patriot problems forward of Region VIII.
A and Q general.
Establishment of Patriot Camps.
Obtaining of transport for Patriot Representatives.

STAFF Maj. B.L. DRAGE

Col. FAVA (Temp.)

SQMS. DAVIES

Civilian Personnel as required to be obtained on the spot.

INTER/COM. Communications will be through Normal channels and will be by ADLS service through RAAC.
Address will be as follows.

Patriots Branch
Adv. Detachment
c/o P.W.B.
FLORENCE

Advance offices to open
0830 hours 12 Sept. 1944.

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