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HEADQUARTERS MILITARY COMMISSION  
CPO 384  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

26 SEP 45

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C/O Captain S.M. SLIN  
HQ Venezia Region

Dear Sirs,

I have your letter of the 20th inst. and have the following observations to make on the points raised by you.

1. The question of payment of expenses of Partisans in hospital has been raised with the Ministry of Post War Aid. They were aware of the position and are looking into the matter. There cannot be any involved but I shall hear from them again on this point.
2. I have now come under Prefects and it is for Prefects to keep contact with I.R.P.s. All instructions are forwarded to I.R.P.s. There is no objection to I.R.P.s limiting among themselves and would perhaps be a good thing for them to do. In addition they are, through the Prefect, in close touch with the Ministry of Post War Aid. The Italian Government intend to retain the present National HQs organization which will keep an overall supervision of their work.
3. In so far as the different organizations are concerned which are springing up like mushrooms" to look after the interest of Partisans it is the policy of the Ministry of Post War Aid to coordinate them eventually into one body presumably ANPI. The two you mention are recognized by Italian Government but their activities are wide and not confined to Partisans. Any Partisan who joins an organization other than ANPI cannot join ANPI as rules stand at present. Eventually when the territory is handed back the Italian Government will make arrangements for dealing with the

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4. Sgt. Stewins is carried on the strength of this HQ and attached to your HQ.
5. The 2000 Identity Cards have been issued. They went by air this morning.

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6. The question of 1000 suits of battle dress has been discussed between you and Maj. Rutledge. These clothes are all 5 Army property and while many signals have been sent to them they have not replied. Maj. Rutledge is coming down to day and has been asked to call in at the Depot in Florence to find out on whose charge they actually are. I shall get Maj. Rutledge to pursue this matter but the matter of payment is one I wish to be cleared before disposing of these clothes.



W.R. Rutledge Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

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W. L. Wilson Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Soc Commission

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HEADQUARTERS VENETIAN REGION,  
Allied Military Government,

XPO 394.

20 September 1945.

Sir,

Will you please give me rough answers to the following points:-

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PER IL DIRETTO SOCCORSO.

(b) ENTE NAZIONALE PER LA RECONSTRUZIONE.

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TO : Colonel R.R. CRIPPS, T.D.,  
H.Q. Allied Commission.

FROM: Captain E.W. SIMS.

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*E.W. Sims*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

16/PAT

21 July 1945

Dear

*H. C. Laughlin*

G-1 American in this Headquarters recently approached me regarding a future assignment for you. I find that really there is no further work required of Fifth Army AAG officers connected with Patriots.

As you no doubt already know, the whole of this work is folding up and will in a short while become an Italian Government responsibility. I have therefore told G-1 that you will be at their disposition for future employment.

I would like to take this opportunity of saying how much I have appreciated your work connected with Patriots which has been really superior. I feel I would like to say so to you personally in spite of the fact that you do not, of course, come directly under my command. I hope that General Hase will not mind my saying so. I also hope that you will get a further assignment that will be to your liking and I wish you the best of luck.

*y*  
*Yours sincerely*  
*A.H.C.*

Lt. H.P. McLaughlin Inf. (01296235)  
Headquarters AAG Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext. 495

24th May 45.

TO: Junior Commander PROBY, ATS and Staff of Patriots Branch.

I leave on Saturday. Before I go I wish to record my sincere appreciation of the excellent work and loyal support you have given me throughout most difficult and trying period. You have not had the good fortune as yet to gauge the successes of your work. That may take time. The war is over in Italy, but there is still work for Patriots Branch. I leave that in capable hands.

I also desire to express my thanks and good wishes to our Italian Liaison Staff, especially to Colonel Fava, Captain de Robilant and Lieutenant Villa, whose goodwill, wide understanding and personal friendship have done so much to establish good relations between Italian officials and the Allied Commission. To them I wish success, and to their country a speedy recovery.

Finally let me say that it has been a great privilege to have met you all and to have worked with you.

*F. Craig Lt Col*

Lt; Col. F. CRAIG  
3rd Hussars  
D/ Director

*See Statute to see*

*Pte Martin*

*Miss Cinillo*

*Miss Galassi*

*AmB  
GMM*

*mjc.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394.  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489084  
Ext. 321

Major F. Gillett,  
~~Executive~~ Regional Patrol Office  
~~Patrol~~ Emilia Region  
~~Branch~~

Dear Major Gillett,

We are to-day sending off to you a number of printed forms for use in connection with Patriots. They are not exactly the same as the ones you sent to me, but they were already in the process of printing for Venetia Region, and it seemed better to send you these which were ready almost immediately rather than to wait for your ones to be printed specially. I hope they will prove satisfactory. You will no doubt let us know if you require any more.

We are replying to you officially about Sgt. Starling. His future at the moment is rather undecided as, if 8 Army do not want him we feel that he should really be attached to Venetia Region; but this point is still under consideration. With regard to his pay it is suggested that he should be paid by the local Town Major, who holds an imprest account for purposes such as this, and this would obviate the necessity of making any alteration in his records until his future is decided.

Yours sincerely,

*Mary P. By*

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Executive Officer,  
Patriots Branch,  
Local Govt. Sub Com.

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
Establishments Branch  
Civil Affairs School  
APO 394

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21 April 1945

SUBJECT: Civil Affairs School.

TO : Lt. Col. F. Craig  
Patriots Branch

On behalf of Colonel N. E. Fiske and Major J. W. Cunliffe, I want to express appreciation for your cooperation in making it possible for the officers attending the Civil Affairs School to have such experienced lecturers on AC/AMG.

The lectures of Major R. P. T. Gibson on Patriots were both interesting and instructive. The subject of Patriots and C.I.N. seems to be generally misunderstood but Major Gibson's talks very effectively cleared up the picture. We feel sure that as a result of them these new officers will be able to cooperate more effectively with the C.I.N. and avoid the many pitfalls in establishing local government in their communes.

We appreciate very much that Major Gibson would give his time and energy to lecture to our school.

*W. A. Malm*

W. A. MALM,  
Capt. CAC,  
A/A.O., C. A. School.

Copy to:

Major R. P. T. Gibson

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## ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

No. 1 PARTISAN TRANSIT CENTRE

21 Mar '45

Dear Maya Snee.

My Jeep is due to return to Rome  
for maintenance.

Will you please press the Despatch Officer  
(Capt Birch) and the Maintenance officer at  
Super Garage (Capt Hoyle) to return this Jeep  
as soon as possible.

The necessary time for maintenance has  
varied from 4 days to 10 days and while  
the Jeep is away I am without any vehicle.

Perhaps you remember that I raised the  
question of whether this Jeep could remain  
with me in the event of an advance.

Yr sincerely,

William M. D.

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APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

24 February 1925

Before you leave Rome I should like to thank you for the very great assistance you have given to this Branch.

The fact that the officers in the Branch have changed so frequently must have made your task particularly arduous, but it has also increased still further the value of your contribution. Your knowledge of Patriot matters dealt with in the past has been most valuable, as has your very able assistance with the current problems.

On behalf of the Branch, may I thank you for all that you have done while with us and wish you good fortune on your leave and in your next appointment.

Yours sincerely,

F. CRAIG,  
Lt Colonel,  
Director,  
Patriots Branch.

To:-  
Miss J.M. Luttman Johnson.

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## ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FLORENCE

PATRIOT SECTION

Via Montebello 62

20 June '45

Dear Carol Craig,

I have been trying to get out a  
 of 1098 but I despair of it.

I am awaiting a P.W. camp scale  
 from Staff Captain Q. with which to check  
 my quantities.

As soon as this arrives I will revise  
 my scale and forward it to you.

The Italian representative has  
 arrived and is I think a good man.

There is an urgent necessity here  
 - an inspect account -

I can get one started through Major  
 Reed of Florence City here if authority is  
 given from Rome.

The Italian representative will act  
 as scrutator of the accounts from the  
 Italian Government point of view.

Refugees and Displaced Persons have  
 both inspect accounts and without me  
 purchases such as shoes for mothers,  
 cardboard for windows etc is much delayed.

I do not think that we wish to depend  
 on the charity of the local E.C.A.  
 Very sincerely, R. Hamman

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Major B.L. Drage  
 Major CAP Bestelli  
 Miss J. Hultman Johnson JH  
 Mrs E. J. Lawrence  
 Sgt BM Stockdale BMS  
 Miss M. Cinillo MLC  
 Miss MF Galassi  
 Col G. Fava France  
 Count A. de Robilant  
 Count J. de Robilant JR.  
 Mr A. Villy Smith  
 Mr G. Balbi S. Balbi

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Headquarters,  
Allied Control Commission,  
C.N.T.

4th January, 1945

My dear Craig,

I shall be glad if you will let all the Patriots Branch staff know how very much I appreciated the way in which they worked for me during the short time that I had the honour to command the unit. I would like to say how extremely sorry I am to give up the command of the Branch but I do not want the opportunity to go without expressing in writing my appreciation of all of them without exception.

Yours Sincerely,  
*R. N. M. M. M.*  
Colonel.

Lieutenant-Colonel Craig,  
Director,  
Patriots Branch.

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Headquarters,  
Allied Control Commission,  
C.A.F.,

4th January, 1945

Many thanks for your charming letter in which you  
wish me the season's greetings.

I am sorry to say that I am no longer in command and  
I have handed over to Lieutenant Colonel Craig, to whom I know  
you will give all that help which you so generously afforded me  
during the short period when I had the honour to be in charge.

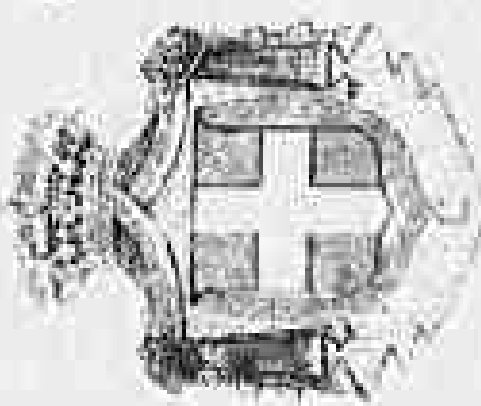
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Rome 30th December 1944

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THE COLONEL R.G.B. SPICER  
DIRECTOR PATRIOTS BRANCH - A.C.














Dear Colonel Spicer,

Many warm greetings, on behalf  
of the staff of the "Uffizio Patrioti",  
for a happy New Year.

May the 1945 bring us a bright  
and full Victory.

With my kindest regards

IL CAPO UFFICIO PATRIOTI  
(Ten. Col. Siro Bernabò)

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*Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri*

UFFICIO PATRIOTI

*Bernabò*

Rome 30th December 1944

TO

THE COLONEL R.G.P. SPICER  
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(Ten. Col. Ciro Bernabò)

*Bernabò*

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FROM:- Capt W.J. RANDALL, 11 APR Recd  
GSI(OL),  
Main HQ, EIGHTH ARMY, CMF.

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27 Mar 45

*Dear Burke,*

The bearer, LIBERO, is the commander of a first-class partisan band which is at present holding BORGO FOSSIGNANO on 13 Corps front for us - a most unpleasant job. He is very concerned about the state of affairs in the FLORENCE Partisan Centre, so I suggested he might go and see you while he was in ROME.

He is, I am sure, a completely honest man and I have heard from other sources that AMG hospitality in FLORENCE tends to be abused.

I was very glad to see you when you were here. Archie is at present on leave and won't be back before the end of the month.

I hope we shall work well together when the advance starts. I'm glad to say that SOMMERSET is I believe at last clearing some of the arones out of your HAVENNA centre - if

*you don't think it wise to be frank!*

*Yours*

*Frank Newell*

Major BERTHELLI,  
Patriots Branch,  
Allied Commission.

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2 Jan Recd

HEADQUARTERS JEWEL COMMISSION  
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PATRIOTS BRANCH, CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Telephone : 620

2nd January, 1945

PERSONAL.

Major Drago,  
Executive Officer,  
Patricia Branch

Please treat this letter which is semi official as such.  
But it must be attached to our P.C. file

I do not propose to take any further action in this  
record although I have referred the matter to V.P. who has seen  
this letter

*R. A. M. M.*  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
FIFTH ARMY  
APO 464

27th December 1944.

Colonel R.G. Spicer,  
Director, Patriots Branch,  
H.Q., Allied Commission.

Dear *Colonel Spicer*,

In the absence of Colonel Mayne I am writing to ask you about the Demobilisation Award for Patriots. We have heard that the Italian Government have got cold feet about implementing their promise to pay a Demobilisation Award of 5,000 lire to each man who is approved by the Military Representatives. This has placed us in a very difficult position; while we do not presume to pass judgement on the amount paid out, it makes things very awkward if we have to disperse the men from our Centres without a single penny in their pockets. Not only is it extremely unfair to the men but it makes them discontented and from a political point of view makes it more tempting for them to adopt dishonest tactics.

You might, if you will, draw it to the attention of the INPC that while individual representatives have in the past come up with their pockets bulging with money (usually provided by the Communist Party) which they have distributed to certain bands or to the Communist Members of those bands, there is no official award which can be given out equally to all. Furthermore we have at present no authority to expend a single lira on behalf of these wretched men. In the face of this there has been, *as I think you know*, a good deal of extortion from well-to-do individuals by lawless elements which has brought the whole Partisan movement into disrepute in the eyes of many Allied Officers and many well-to-do Italians. While it is easy enough for us to send the guilty parties to gaol one can hardly do so with a good heart when one knows that their Government has *made no attempt* to help them.

The same applies to compensation for dependents of casualties and pensions for the disabled. It is natural for individuals to ask us about this and our officers look a little foolish when they have to answer that we have no knowledge of anything been arranged. This is aggravated by such facts as that Major Terosi, lately attached to F.C. Florence, has cheerfully paid out 2,000,000 lire which he brought up in cash from Rome. No one knows where he got the money from, on what basis he distributed it or what precedents as to rates of benefit he may have set.

Can you wonder that in our eyes the I.N.P.C. is completely discredited already by the fact that after all these months nothing at all concrete and official has emerged? Can you wonder that we regard it with deep distrust as a body ~~and~~ that it is more interested in political intrigue than in helping those who deserve it?

I have shown this letter to Dick Limbert, who agrees with all of it: he is constantly worrying me for an answer on these points. It would be of great help to him if you can give us some sort of definite assurance as soon as possible.

We look forward very much to your next visit.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

*David R. B. Mynors*

Major D.R.B. Mynors.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext. 620

PERSONAL

18 December 1944.

Ref: DC/L21/6/PAT.

To: V.P.,  
Civil Affairs Section.

Reference your LTR DAE 4/78/21 of 17 December.

1. I wish in the first place to express my deep regret for taking action which has been considered incorrect and improper.

2. By way of further explanation, I was given to understand when I was appointed to take over the Patriots Branch that the policy in regard to demobilization money was, and at present is, entirely a matter for the Italian National Patriot Committee, and it was on the assumption that this information was correct that I addressed the President of the I.N.P.C. direct.

3. I had also been given to understand that the I.N.P.C. alone was responsible for laying down policy in regard to demobilization money, but that my predecessor Col. ROBERTS was "kept informed".

4. No specific sum was actually allotted, but the following sums had already been paid before I took over the Branch:

9,100,000 lire by S.I.N. (special expenses entrusted to Col. BERNARDI).

17,000,000 lire by the Ministry of War.

2,000,000 lire by the President of the Council (for administrative expenses).

5. My Branch report to me that Finance was never consulted in regard to para. 4.

6. It was laid down that 500 lire were to be paid to each genuine patriot. The I.N.P.C. have not received all the returns, but the Patriots Branch has never to date been advised in this regard. The matter has hitherto been handled directly between I.N.P.C. and its forward representatives. We have as yet no knowledge of the actual sums paid, and Col. BERNARDI states that he is unable to supply such information.

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7. As a result of my tour of the forward areas, I considered that the matter was being handled in a most unsatisfactory and unsystematic manner. I had various complaints from Italian Military Representatives that they were at that moment without funds, and that it was causing grave dissatisfaction amongst the new patriots arriving from the front that their predecessors had received bonuses, whereas they were receiving either a pittance or in some cases nothing at all. I also felt, which I regret, since it is not an approved policy of A.C., that the bonus of 500 lire was inadequate, and since I had been under the misunderstanding that this was a matter which concerned the I.M.P.C. alone I thought it my duty to make my representations to the I.M.P.C. in this regard.

8. In regard to para.7, I may say that such clothing and equipment has in fact been supplied by the Allied Forces, and was being supplied insofar as stocks permitted at the Centres and Points which I visited.

9. In regard to para.11, I had been informed by Special Task Force that I must be prepared to expect up to 100,000 patriots, and I further understood that this was an accepted fact since it was discussed at the conference held recently at which I was present.

10. My anxiety was because of the reports from patriot officers and patriot military representatives at the recently established Centres and Points which I visited, that there was grave dissatisfaction arising from the non-payment of bonuses in all the Points and Centres visited, and I therefore asked in para.12 of my letter for an ad hoc grant.

11. I do not wish to justify myself in any way, but I must in all fairness to myself repeat the statement that General HUME advised me even this morning telephonically that he regards the position as extremely serious, and that, unless the matter is more efficiently handled, the Commander in Chief will order him to send all patriots out of the areas of the Army zones.

12. It has been extremely difficult to reorganise the Patriots Branch, since very few authorities for actions that were taken can be found on the files or anywhere else.

13. I would close this explanation by saying that what I did I have done with the best possible intentions to rectify the situation which appeared to me as serious, and which was reported to me by V Army telephonically and verbally as being of the highest possible level of importance insofar as A.C. organisation is concerned.

I have nothing more to say except once more to say how sorry I am that my letter was not addressed through proper channels and was not approved at higher level before despatch.

*[Signature]*  
S.G.B. SPICER,  
Colonel,  
Director,  
Patriots Branch. (51)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 608

Ref. 4/78/CA

17th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Assistance to Patriots.

TO : Col. R.G.B. Spicer,  
Patriots Sub-Commission.

Reference the attached copy of your letter 53/Pat, dated 14th December, will you please give an explanation in writing for your reasons for forwarding this letter, which involved matters of policy, direct to the Chairman of the National Patriots Commission without first submitting it to this office for approval and onward transmission.

*G. S. Parkinson*  
Brig

G.S. PARKINSON, Brig.,  
A/VP CA Section.  
A/DCOS.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
PATRIOTS' BRANCH

18 December 1944

My Dear

Thank you very much for your letter DO/PCA of 12 December.

As far as I can see, your F.A.N.Y. shorthand typist can only be regarded as a pious hope, but I hope you will see your way to turn this into reality when it is possible.

Yours



Lt. Col. P. G. Ashton  
Director, Patriots' Branch  
HQ Allied Commission

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Personal

~~LT. COL. R.C. SPICER - CO RIFLES~~  
~~A.C. FB(1)~~

Ref. DO/PCA  
12 Dec 44.

X Dear Colonel

Thank you for your letter reference  
DO/16/PAT dated 24 Nov 44.

At the present time due to the commitment  
that we have had to meet for India, it is impossible to  
release two secretaries. In one month's time however,  
and position may all have altered and I will report  
if this is the case.

Now there is a surplus throughout this  
organization it is intended to allow those who have  
approved employment to go to. to leave F.C.(1) if they  
wish but they will leave as civilians and not as F.A.N.Y.  
personnel as the F.A.N.Y. Corps is particular in this  
matter to this formation and to P.W.S.

Yours sincerely

R. L. Ashkin

Colonel R.C.B. Spicer  
Director Patriots Branch,  
A.C.C.  
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: DO/16/PAT

9 December 1944.

Major MAGNUS thanks the Commander, No.1  
Special Force, for his kind present of the  
Air Mail edition of the Weekly Times of the  
first three weeks of November, for which he  
is very grateful.

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Ext. 620

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BLANCH

Ref: DO/16/PAT

9 December 1944.

Colonel SPICER acknowledges with grateful thanks the November Air Mail Editions of the Weekly Times which the Commander, No. 1 Special Force, has very kindly sent.

RGBS/ejl.

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No. 1 Special Force,

C.M.F.

7th December 1944.

To: Major Sir Philip Magnus, Bart.,  
Patriots Branch,  
A.C.

Enclosed please find Air Mail  
Edition of the Weekly Times for 1st,  
8th and 15th November, with the  
compliments of the Commander No. 1  
Special Force.

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No. 1 Special Force,

C.M.F.

7th December 1944.

To: Col. R.G.B. Spicer,  
A.C.

Enclosed herewith please find  
Air Mail Edition of the Weekly Times  
for 1st, 8th and 15th November, with  
the compliments of the Commander,  
No. 1 Special Force.

*Wish-5*  
Please ask rec. with grateful thanks.

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Lt. Col. P.C. Ashton, 60 Rifles.

H.Q. S.O. (M) Arm Echelon,  
C.M.F.

Ref. HQ/PCA

Subject: - C/Es. Dove & Atkinson.

31 Nov 44.

My Dear *Colonel*

1. In answer to your letter dated 16 Nov. 44 I will see that these girls are fully aware of the way in which they have behaved as soon as they return.

2. Regarding the question of their replacements, this H.Q. has to mount operational requirements of some sixty P.A.W.Y. personnel for India on a priority higher than our own needs within SO(M). This being so, SO(M) will themselves be short of secretaries for probably two months after which time a surplus will occur and we can probably then make up those which you need. At the present time, however, I regret to say that such is impossible.

Immediately I have a surplus I will get in touch with you and if you are going to require some by say Jan, if you will let me know, I will try and see that your requirements are met. If however in the meantime, women whose contracts have expired and who wish to remain in this theatre ask for advice on future employment, I will send them in your direction as we have no further hold over them and would like to see them as well placed as possible.

3. Further to the above, if you have any vacancies for officers would you please let us know, as we have an increasing surplus of all types of good officers and if you could hold them on your W.E. even at some future date, say two months, we could probably release them on that understanding.

Yours *Very truly*

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*B. H. Atkinson*

Col. R.O.B. Spicer,  
Director, Patriots Branch,  
A.C.C.  
None.

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Yours sincerely

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B. G. Spicer

Col. R.G.B. Spicer,  
Director, Patriots Branch,  
A.C.C.  
Rome.

Col. Spicer has seen this letter. Pl. file.  
R.G./6 Dec.

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Ext. 620HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

24 November 1944.

Ref: DG/16/PAT

Subject: F.A.R.Y's.

My dear

Referring back again to my letter 16/PAT of 16 November, in which I asked you if you could be so good as to let me have two stenographers, I have now gone into this question of F.A.R.Y's.

I do not wish to appear importunate, but could you let me know what chance there is of my getting by your kind offices two stenographers here in ROME. I do not want them at the present moment forward, but could handle them in ROME if they were available.

I presume that, under such circumstances, it will be possible to secure and accommodate them at the No. 1 Special Forces villa. However, of that you are the only judge, and it is only a suggestion on my part.

I should be most grateful for your help in this matter, and when you are in ROME I do hope you will come and see me.

Yours sincerely,

  
E.O.B. BRICK,  
Colonel,  
Director,  
Patriots Branch.

Mr. Col. E.O. BRICK,  
H.Q., C.O. (S) A.S. School,  
C.M.P.

To: Chief Executive Officer,  
Patriots Branch.

24 November 1944.

I understand that more than one D.O. File is being maintained in Patriots Branch. This will at once cease.

There is only to be one D.O. file in which all D.O. letters will be incorporated, and this will be submitted to me periodically.

*R. A. Munn*  
Director,  
Patriots Branch.

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Pl. not p.d./24 Nov.

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TO  
Asst. Director,  
Patrols Branch,  
A.C.

To 5 Detachment,  
No 1 Special Force,  
O.M.F.

List Nov 44.

MEMO

The following Signal has been received from H.Q.,  
No. 1 Special Force :

"List of List.

1. Please contact Patrols Branch, A.C. and suggest in  
when Capt Ensigns BOVE and ARZING are returning.
2. Advise London with A.C. or 4th to return them  
immediately via your Detachment.
3. Just insist they return immediately to H.Q. Code".

I would be grateful to have your comments on Signal  
and would ask you to expedite the return of Capt Ensigns  
BOVE and ARZING who, I understand are still in Rome.

(Signed) E. SULLOCH

Major,  
For Commander R.M.F.  
O.C. No. 1 Special Force.

Action taken by Major  
Jushe C. Hunt  
2/x/44  
Major  
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
INCOMING MESSAGE

*PATRIOTS*

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TO: ACTION ALCON ROME, INFO: HQ 1 SPECIAL FORCE  
FROM: AT HQ SOTTO SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 98/19  
REFERENCE No: 49 CLASSIFICATION: IN CLEAR  
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: CV 161230A PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE  
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Our 605 of 4 November. What is position regarding FANYS DOVE and  
ABERSON. Not yet reported here.

ACTION

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Action - Patriots Br (2)  
Info - Chief Commissioner  
G-1 (3)  
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*Revised Position  
due to arrival on 24<sup>th</sup>.  
24<sup>th</sup>*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 16/PAT

16 November 1944.

Subject: C/Es. DAVE and ATKINSON.

My dear

I want to follow up MAGNUS's letter of 9 November as I have now returned from East Africa and taken over charge of the Patriots Branch.

I do not wish to raise the past, but in my opinion both these Cadet Ensigns want smacking. Beyond that I will say no more. As for the future, it is very good of you indeed to say what you do. At the present moment we are in a process of reshuffle, but I can at this stage say that we could, in my opinion, ask for these two Cadet Ensigns to be replaced by serious-minded young women who are efficient, particularly if they are by any chance stenographers. As to going further than that at this stage, I am not in a position to comment, but I feel very much encouraged by your extremely cooperative letter.

I travelled with TOM as far as Cairo, and he seemed in great form and delighted with the prospect of his new job.

Yours sincerely,



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

Lt.Col. P.C. ASHTON,  
H.Q., S.O.(M) Adm. Echelon,  
C.M.F.

14 NOV 1944

Subject:- C/Ensigns Dove & Atkinson.  
Domestic Arrangements.

To:- A.C.C. Patriot Branch,  
 (Advance Detachment) APO.324

Copies to:- PANY Section No.1, Special Force.  
 (Action with regard to collecting claims  
 from C/Ens. concerned and forwarding them to Finance Officer.)  
 A.C.C. Patriot Branch, A.C.C.  
 Adv. Echelon "A" Branch.  
 Adv. Echelon Finance.  
 Finance, No.1. Special Force.

Adv. Echelon.  
 H.L. S.O.(M).  
 O.M.F.

242.PHY/1/3/645

10th Nov. 1944.

1. With reference to your memorandum AGO/308/PAY dated 26th Oct 44 asking for an extra allowance of 200 lire a week to be paid to Cadet-Ensigns Dove and Atkinson it is pointed out that no mention was made of the date on which these two Cadet-Ensigns ceased to be billeted in the P.M.F. Mess.
2. It is also pointed out that as can be seen from their Pay-books these Cadet-Ensigns are already in receipt of Laundry Allowance.
3. As these Cadet-Ensigns have been returned to No.1. Special Force it is felt that the best method of dealing with this matter will be for the Cadet-Ensigns concerned to put in claims through their Section Officer for any expenses necessarily incurred while working with you.

*H. Henderson*  
 Commander

P.A.B.V. Staff Officer.

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 14 NOV 1944

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 489081  
Ext. 321

9 November 1944.

Ref: 16/PAT

Subject: F.A.M.I. Personnel.

To: Lt. Col. P.C. ASHTON,  
H.Q., S.O.(M) Adm. Echelon,  
C.A.F.

*My Dear Colmd.*

Thank you for your letter of 6 November. It has been passed on to me in the absence of Col. SPICER in East Africa, as I am temporarily in charge of this Branch.

I will bring to Col. SPICER's notice on his return the question raised in the second paragraph of your letter as to the number of personnel we might in certain contingencies be able to absorb. The future is not clear at the moment, since it depends to a great extent on how the war develops in Italy.

In regard to your third paragraph, I have just returned from a visit to FLORENCE. I think it fair to say that, although there have been difficulties, no question of object failure is involved.

*P.C.*

Sir Philip MAGNUS,  
Major,  
Acting Director.  
Patriots Branch.

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**RESTRICTED** *MSC*  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
INCOMING MESSAGE  
**27 NOV** Recd *11*

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TO: ACC ROME INFO: NO 1 SPECIAL FORCE  
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N19/07  
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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 041950 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESTRICTED.** FOR SPICER PATRIOTS BRANCH FROM ASHTON.

Ref Col MC CARTHY'S letter regarding DOVE and ATKINSON. In circumstances it is better to withdraw both these girls from you immediately. Please order them to report No 1 Special Force ROME for onward routing. There is no question of either being released from contract at this time for their information.

*Telephoned Major Drage*  
*9/11/44*

**ACTION**

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ACTION: Patriots Br. (2)  
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7 NOV 1944  
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Lt. Col. P. C. Ashton, 60th Rifles.  
HQ SO(M) Adm Echelon,  
C.M.F.

DO/PCA

6 Nov 44.

My Dear Colonel.

By now you will have seen the signal which I sent to you regarding S/ans. Dove and Atkinson. In the first instance they were loaned to AGU in all good faith, as Tom McCarthy asked for four secretaries, and we thought that in point of fact, these two would be perfectly good. However, such has not been the case and I am withdrawing them immediately.

It is likely that in the near future, we shall have a number of all classes of officers and CJs, both men and women available, and who, it is imagined, are precisely the types which you require. Will you please let us know whether you anticipate being able to absorb a certain number, and, if so, give details of them, as clearly it is in the interests of the war as a whole that many of the people which we have, when no longer required by us, should be employed on work which is at least not similar to that which they were doing before, then returning them to regular formations, with whom they have long since lost touch.

If you would let me know about this matter, which Tom McCarthy was interested in previously, it would help us very much with our plans for the disposal of personnel in this theatre. I very much regret that these two girls, which we sent, have been such an abject failure, and hope that you will make it quite clear to them before they leave that such is the case. In our turn, we will do the same when they arrive.

One last point: we have an arrangement with FMR, USA, etc., that they do not accept girls who have been working for us without prior reference to this organization. I think this is a suitable arrangement as otherwise, persons who are due in one organization, so drifting round and start being due in another. As stated above, we shall have no difficulty in supplying good personnel, and if your organization would be prepared to ask for references for girls who have lately been employed by us, it would assist us at this end. For your private information, the case of Miss Remissen, who is trying to obtain a post with you, is a case in point, as we are not prepared to give her a reference in any way, and intend, all things being equal, to repatriate her to South Africa, from whence she comes, as soon as possible.

My Dear Colonel,  
 I am sure you will have seen the signal which I sent to you regarding C/Ans. Dove and Robinson. In the first instance they were loaned to ACO in all good faith, as you immediately asked for four secretaries, and we thought that in point of fact, these two would be perfectly good. However, much has not been the case and I am withdrawing them immediately.

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One last point: we have an arrangement with FIB, ISB, etc., that they do not accept girls who have been working for us without prior reference to this organization. I think this is a suitable arrangement as otherwise, persons who are dual in one organization, go drifting round and about being dual in another. As stated above, we shall have no difficulty in supplying good personnel, and if your organization would be prepared to ask for references for girls who have lately been employed by us, it would assist us at this end. For your private information, the case of Miss Rossmussen, who is trying to obtain a post with you, is a case in point, as we are not prepared to give her a reference in any way, and intend, all things being equal, to repatriate her to South Africa, from whence she comes, as soon as possible.

Yours

Col. R. Spicer,  
 A.C.C., Patriots Branch,  
 Rome.

Blm Robinson

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOT BRANCH  
APO 394

Ref: Pat/16

27 October 44

Dear

I think the attached notes speak for themselves.

For your personal information, Ann Dove is extremely disgruntled and wants to leave the P.A.C. and join P.W.B. Buntz Atkinson has, I think, been influenced by Ann Dove and said quite frankly that she didn't know what she wanted to do. Both Roy Spicer, my relief, and myself listened to them both blowing their heads off from 2300 hrs to 0301 in Florence the other night and I think a little change of air will do them both good.

Many thanks for your help in the past. If I can get you on the telephone, I will tell you that I am going as Civil Administrator to Eritrea in a day or two. Sorry I could not see you before leaving.

Colonel.

Brigadier . . . HEARD  
Mr. Atkinson.  
Mr. Spicer.  
Mr. . . .

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH  
APO 34.

Ref : 16/PAT.

27th Oct, 44.

TO : (Cadet Ensign DOWE.  
" " ATKINSON.

through Major Page.

Adv. Det.,  
Patriots Branch,  
c/o M.S.B.,  
ATKINSON.

Dear

When I came back from leave I found I had to reply to the letter of 13 October from M.S.B. (M).

You will see from my reply that you are now not at perfect liberty to explain to your section officer exactly what you would like to do. I am sorry I will not be here to see you through this, but since you both came to us from B.M. and PER ATKINSON I am sending them a copy of the correspondence.

W.H.

W.H. GARY,  
Colonel.

THIS MATTER IS  
UNDER REVIEW  
BY THE FBI  
IN WASHINGTON  
AND NEW YORK  
AND OTHER  
FIELD OFFICES

Ref: 10/10/57. 27th Oct. 14.

Subject: Life Love and Religion

To: SAC, London,  
NY and  
C.I.A.

In reply to your letter of 10/5/57 of 19 October, it is agreed that suggested arrangements should be made.

The two Cadet assigns now in London, at 10/10/57, have a lot to say concerning their financial position but since they discussed this fully with Miss [redacted] recently you have no doubt heard the story.

As operational reasons, i.e. since the advance into North Italy has not been so fast as we at one time envisaged, these two Cadet assigns have not been fully employed, and it is impossible to say when their work would become active.

Cadet assign will continue to join C.I.A.

Taking all the above points into consideration it is felt that it might be desirable to change both Cadet assigns as mentioned in your third paragraph, and there would be no objection from here if you decided to do so.

This is very grateful to you for having sent these two Cadet assigns to the Trieste branch, and at some future date it is felt that the Cadet assigns could be extremely actively employed, but this, of course, depends entirely on how fast the war moves in Italy.

Since these two Cadet assigns may wish to discuss their daily problems with their civilian relatives, copy of this letter and of your letter under reply is being shown to them for their information.

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The two quiet natives sent to London, at 11 and 12, have a lot to say about their imprisonment. They said almost they disapproved this fully with me. I recently you have no doubt heard the story.

of occasional seasons, i. e. since the advance into earth. Italy has not been so fortunate as our line on wages, those two latter designs have been fully employed, and it is dangerous to say when their work will be done.

**Abstract**

Having all the above in mind, the Commission is not about to suggest that the Government should attempt to change the law in order to make it possible to charge to the United States as much as in the case of the other countries. The Commission is not about to suggest that the Government should attempt to change the law in order to make it possible to charge to the United States as much as in the case of the other countries.

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Like what you said about my wish to discuss their death, including the date called within, my bf also told me of your book under only in being shown to them for their information.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
PATRIOT BRANCH  
(ADVANCE DETACHMENT)  
APO.394

Ref: ACC/503/Pat

26 Oct 44.

Subject: Confidential Report -  
C/Ensign A. Dove.

To: Colonel R. Spicer,  
Patriot Branch, H.Q. A.C.C. ✓

copies for information to:

'A' Branch, (Lt.Col. Ashton), Adm. Ech., S.O.(M).  
F.A.N.Y. Staff Officer, Adm. Ech., S.O.(M).  
F.A.N.Y. Section Officer, No. 1 Special Force.

The above-named Cadet Ensign has been acting in the capacity of Intelligence secretary to this detachment since 3 Sept 44. She has proved to be most efficient in her work, has shown considerable initiative and is, in my opinion, thoroughly worthy of advancement. Her integrity is above reproach. 6-307

I understand that Cadet Ensign Dove has made application to be transferred to P.W.B. in a civilian capacity, and that P.W.B. would very much like to avail themselves of her services. I feel that she is deserving of consideration for this appointment and am sure that she would give every satisfaction.

  
B.L. DRAGO,  
Major, R.A.C.C.  
A.C.C. Patriot Branch,  
Advance Detachment.

ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION  
PATRIOT BRANCH  
(ADVANCE DETACHMENT)  
APO 394

Ref: ACC/508/Tat

26 Oct 44.

Subject: Confidential Report -  
C/Ensign M. Atkinson.

To: Colonel E. Spicer, ✓  
Patriot Branch, H.Q. A.C.C.

copies for information to:

'A' Branch, (Lt. Col. Ashton), Adm. Ech., S.O.(M).  
F.A.N.Y. Staff Officer, Adm. Ech., S.O.(M).  
F.A.N.Y. Section Officer, No. 1 Special Force.

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B. E. DRAKE,  
Major, R.A.S.C.  
A.C.C. Patriot Branch,  
Advance Detachment.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
PATRIOT BRANCH  
(ADVANCE DETACHMENT)  
100,004

Ref: 100/002/1st

26 Oct 44.

Subject: Domestic arrangements,  
C/Estimate Dove and Robinson.

To: F.A.S.T. Section Officer,  
No. 1 Special Force.

copy for information to:  
H.Q. Patriot Branch, A.C.C. ✓

You are informed that it has become necessary for me to establish an individual mess for the above two Cadet ladies. Will you please forthwith make the necessary arrangements to meet their weekly out of pocket expenses which will amount to 200 lire a head. This represents cost of apartment and laundry account. It is essential that this matter be adjusted immediately as at the moment they are meeting this expense out of their pay.

For your information, no requisitioning of premises whatsoever is allowed in this area. I consider it most unsuitable for these two young ladies to be billeted in the F.A.S.T. mess, which consists entirely of men.

*[Signature]*  
Major, F.A.S.T.  
A.C.C. Patriot Branch,  
Advance Detachment.

Confidential *Patriots Br*  
*24 1016*  
Adm. Mahelon,  
H. S. S.O. (M),  
C. M. P.

A.C.C.,  
Patriots Branch,  
Gene.

Copies to: No. 1 Special Force  
FMY Section Officer,  
No. 1 Special Force.  
FMY O(4).  
Ref: A/52/9.  
19th October, 1944.

The position regarding C/Insigns Dove and Atkinson on loan to you from No. 1 Special Force is obviously unsatisfactory.

You will appreciate that the original arrangement was definitely of a purely temporary nature and now that the position is altered amended arrangements must be made.

It would be more satisfactory if two secretaries were S.O.S. H.S. S.O. (M) and L.O.S. to you. Therefore may we be advised w.e.f. what date this may be effected in order that this H. S. may decide whether the two C/Insigns concerned should be posted to you or two replacements be found at the discretion of S.O. (M).

Arrangements for pay and allowances for the a/n C/Insigns are being made by the Finance Officer, No. 1 Special Force further to FMY/1/6/402.

FMY/1/6/400 gives all information concerning arrangements made by Commander Henderson in respect of clothing and equipment.

Meanwhile may assurance be given that any further queries on the welfare and administration of the C/Insigns in question will be forwarded to F.A.M.Y. Section Officer, No. 1 Special Force with copy to F.A.M.Y. Staff Officer, Adm. Mahelon, H.S. S.O. (M).

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| Col. H.C. | WY       |  |
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*Major*  
Major.  
For Major Gen. Comd  
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She told him to look  
for some more data.

Chad

20/10/88

10/10/88

My Dear Tom,

I have sent Hansen Davidson to the you before!  
you your fellow which looks to days to arrive. Perhaps  
you know the good woman to inquire her to the  
Embassy and to P.O.B.

About Anne Jane & Dickinson. Jane is in her ninth  
month at present - Oct - 10. Good should not worry,  
but if her work gets much above that she has a case  
for promotion, then I will look for your report.

Dickinson is on the low side, and we are trying  
what can be done

In the meantime Anne Jane is being a son  
about her rank, which we will tell her.  
Anyway, to that old creation  
L. J. and Anne

8/10/88

My Dear Tom,

I have sent Hansen Davidson to see you before!  
you your letter which looks so days to arrive. Perhaps  
you know the good woman to introduce her to the  
Ambassador and to D.W.B.

Phout Anne Don & Atkinson. Don is in his master  
rank at present - Capt - is good shorthand writer,  
but if he wrote up much about that she has a case  
for promotion, though I will wait for your report.

Atkinson is on the low side, and we are doing  
what can be done

Incidentally, Don is being a  
about her rank, which we will tell her.  
happening to that old creature  
in your name

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Phout Anne

Subject: A.A.S. Clothing

For: Major Drago,  
Patriots Branch,  
A.C.C., FLORENCE

Adm. Schelon,  
A.C.C. (H),  
C.C.C.

Ref: PW/1/8/430.

28th October, 1944.

Copies to: F.A.S. Section Officer, No. 1 Special Force,  
(For action Form 3).

Adm. Schelon to: Branch.  
Colonel Macarty, Patriots Branch, A.C.C., Rome, (Personal).  
Junior Commander Stride, A.C.C. Company, A.A.I., Serial No:  
Pl, Sienna, (Personal).

1. It has been arranged with Junior Commander Stride,  
O/C A.C.C. Company,  
A.A.I.,  
Pl, Sienna. Tel. No: Phillips Main.

that the two F.A.S. employed with A.C.C., Florence can draw:

- A) Clothing and Initial Issue
- B) Accessories
- C) Replacement of clothing.

from the A.C.C. stores.

2. A) Initial Issue. In as far as is known, the only outstanding items  
are one shirt and two ground-effect engines (to be used as makintoshes).  
These items are ready for collection in Sienna.

- B) This consists of expendable stores such as A.C.C., Shoe Issue, Stude,  
Washing materials also initial issue of tooth-brushes, combs, hairbrushes  
etc., replacement of which, if required, will be paid for in cash.

- C) With regard to replacement clothing - Cadet Design Atkinson was  
equipped from W/D supply and therefore, can obtain any replacement  
on handing in the worn-out garment. Cadet Design Dove was equipped  
from a money grant and therefore, when requiring a replacement, must show  
the worn-out garment and will then be issued with a new one. This  
is ordered on her A.C.C. 1157A as an initial issue.

3. F.A.S. Section Officer, No. 1 Special Force, will send duplicate  
A.C.C. 1157A's to these Cadet Design O/C Major Drago, at the above address.  
The Cadet Design will keep their A.C.C. 1157A's and take them to Junior  
Commander Stride when the articles are drawn from W/D Stores, in order that  
the necessary entries may be made.

6.11.44  
F.A.S. Section Officer

Commander,

Copies to: P.A.M. Section Officer, No. 1 Special Force,  
(for action Para 5).

Adm. Colonel's Branch.

Colonel's Branch, Patriotic Branch, A.O.C., 1000, (Personal).  
Junior Commander's Office, A.O.C. Company, A.O.C., Serial 100  
Si, Sienna, (Personal).

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A.O.C. Company, A.O.C., 1000, (Personal).

Adm. Colonel's Branch, A.O.C., 1000, (Personal).  
Junior Commander's Office, A.O.C. Company, A.O.C., Serial 100  
Si, Sienna, (Personal).

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- C) Replacement of clothing.

From the A.O.C. Company.

2. A) Initial Issue. In as far as is known, the only outstanding items  
are one shirt and two trousers (to be used as replacements).  
These items are ready for collection in Sienna.

B) This consists of expendable items such as A.O.C., shoe lace, tube,  
banding materials and initial issue of tooth-brushes, combs, hairbrushes  
etc., replacement of which, if required, will be paid for in cash.

C) With regard to replacement clothing - Cadet Design Skins and  
equipped from A.O.C. supply and therefore, can obtain any replacement  
on hand in the work-out permit. Cadet Design Force was equipped  
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the necessary entries may be made.

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[Signature]  
Commander,

P.A.M. Section Officer,  
Adm. Colonel's Branch,  
A.O.C. Company, A.O.C., 1000,  
Si, Sienna.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
PATRIOT BRANCH  
(ADVANCE DETACHMENT)  
APO. 394.

DATE 7 Oct 44

Ref:

SUBJECT: Secretaries

To : Col. C.D. McCarthy  
Patriots Branch  
ACC.

1. I have just received a visit from Commander Hume Henderson FANY, and I feel that she was instrumental in causing a certain amount of discord and unhappiness in my office, in so much as her attitude towards Miss Ann Dove was most unreasonable.
2. It appears, as you already know, that Miss Ann Dove was originally a civilian who was seconded into the FANYs. I have discussed the situation thoroughly with her and one thing is quite clear to me that when she joined the FANY organisation she was not made completely au fait with its rules and regulations, and from conversations I have had with her, it appears to me that she was grossly misled.
3. She was promised by certain individuals that she would receive promotion within a given time. This promotion she has not received. Furthermore, no consideration whatsoever seems to have been given to her past valuable services as a civilian. It is well known that she only joined the FANYs in order that she might continue with her war effort. Financially she is the loser by somewhere about 50% of her pay. Finally she receives this visit from Commander Hume Henderson. She is severely reprimanded by her because she had written asking that all these matters might be put in order.
4. As you know, these young ladies are out here with the Army doing valuable work and releasing men for sterner jobs, and I do feel most strongly that this kind

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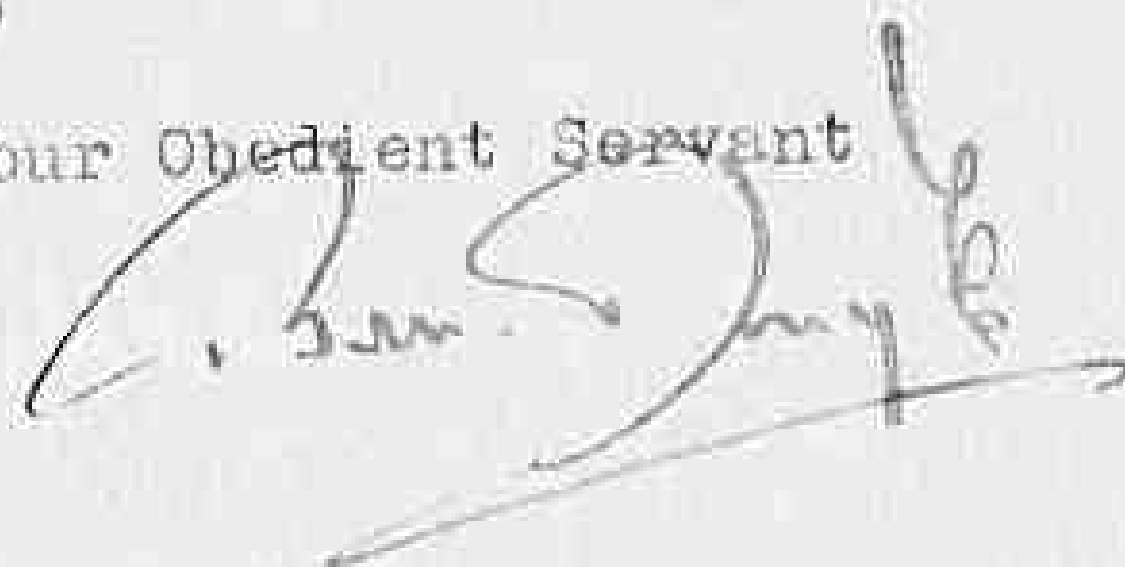
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of treatment is most unreasonable. Miss Dove is not of independent means and needs reasonable remuneration for her services. To quote actual figures, her transference from civilian capacity to that of military has meant a reduction in pay somewhere in the region of about £7 a month. A copy of a letter setting forth her position which she wrote to General Stawell is attached.

5. I am sorry to trouble you with this matter, but I would be very much obliged if you would take her case up with the powers that be and try to get something done about it: I have had a long talk to her and I have told her we will do all we possibly can.

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant



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Copy/

ACC  
Patriots Branch  
Adv Det CMF

22 Sept 44

Dear General Stawell,

This is rather a difficult letter to write but I will try to express it as concisely as possible.

I joined the FANYs on April 4th 1944 with the temporary rank of C/Ens and substantive rank of Trade Corporal. Before I left Cairo Phil Macpherson and his secretary assured me that the rank of T/Cpl was only temporary and that so soon as Col Beevor wrote a recommendation to the Fany's I should become a sergeant back dated to 4 April. I was at that time working for you with Daphne who was a sergeant.

During my first week here in Italy Col Beevor wrote the recommendation to the FANYs with presumably copy to A Branch etc. After three months I asked Jill Lutman Johnstone if she would look into the matter as I had heard nothing further. She did and found that the recommendation had been mislaid. The Chief Clerk then assured me that he would have the matter looked into. In August I reminded him again (through Miss Lutman Johnstone) and the matter was again said to be going forward. Before I left in September to come up here I saw the Chief Clerk myself. He told me that my name had been put forward to be an ensign filling the vacancy on the WE after Jill left.

On the 4th October I shall have been six months in the FANYs (we were told in Cairo we should become ensigns after six months in the FANYs) I have also been 14 months in the organisation. Its rather difficult to write a letter asking for promotion in so many words but as there is no one else to do it for me and as I know that there have been promotions in Torre of some girls who have been a far shorter time in the organisation and who are not fulfilling any particularly responsible job, I thought it was time I wrote to you about it.

Here I am fulfilling a Junior Officer's job. My expenses were high in Rome as I had to live in a hotel and the laundry if at all more expensive than in the south of Italy owing to lack of water and electricity. The FANY allowance of 3/- a week does not nearly cover it.

There is another point which I should like to make. Daphne and I were given a certain amount of money in Cairo to buy our uniform with as we were need in Italy urgently and no issue clothes had arrived. This has meant that we can draw no issue clothes as replacements but have to buy clothes, which badly need replacing after 6 months wear and tear in Italy on another rank's salary.

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I am giving Colonel McCarthy a copy of this letter. I haven't sent Gerry a copy as I have really done no work for him and although I officially belong to them, have had no contact with them at all here.

I do hope you will not mind me writing this letter to you but I do feel you have always been very fair and there does seem to have been a certain amount of oversight in my case. Also as regards work you and Col Beever probably know me as well as anyone and are therefore best fitted to judge.

I do find that it has been quite impossible to save anything while in the TANYs as having no leave allowance and pay being what it is - any money that one does save goes on the expense of leave.

I do not particularly want to resign from the TANYs as there is no doubt that uniform is a very definite asset the nearer one goes to the war, but when one compares the salary of a civilian girl working in the same firm and doing exactly the same job who receive her board and lodging free and many other privileges and then gets nearly double the salary, I am very tempted to do it.

I should be very glad if you would let me know what you think about this.

I was so sorry I missed you when I had lunch with Daphne the other day, but I do hope you will be coming up here one of these days. It really is the most lovely town and the countryside is beautiful. I was very surprised to find that I could sit down in comparative comfort after the long drive here - I think my back really seems to be mending at last!

Yours sincerely,

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