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Appendix A

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ON ACQUISITION AND ADMINISTRATION OF MILITARY COMMISSIONS

IN CONNECTION WITH PATRIOTS IN ITALY.

EMERGENCY SERVICE.

1. Patriotic Branch was formed in July 1944 on the instruction of HQ and, for the purpose of dealing with Patriots, Partisans, Resistance Groups, etc., as well as territory and liberated by the Allies.

POLICY.

2. (a) General. - The general policy was to disarm the patriot bands as soon as possible, to disarm all the units and send the patriots to their homes or wherever they wished to go. A few were to be used as police, general duty men, and to be given such employment as was available and as was necessary to assist the armies.
- (b) Patriotic Posters and Alexander Certificates. - Patriotic Posters were prepared and posted in the forward areas. These were distributed and posted in Army areas. They were signed by Field Marshal Alexander. At this stage it was considered that some form of remuneration should be given to Patriots and for this purpose a certificate was prepared and signed by Field Marshal Alexander. These certificates were issued to Patriots who had served during the war of liberation. They were issued on a wide scale by the armies to Patriotic bands as and where they were being disbanded. The certificates included the following: a priority of employment to the individual holding the certificate. At a later date definite rules were laid down showing the conditions which had to be fulfilled before a Patriotic was entitled to a certificate. Up to date approximately 300,000 certificates have been issued. No more certificates are to be issued.
- (c) Bonuses. - At the beginning no bonuses were paid to Patriots. Later on, it was decided that these Patriots should receive bonuses or remuneration for services rendered. This is dealt with in para 6.
- (d) MIGR. - This organization is a semi-private one and is established to look after the interests of expatriates. See para 8.
- (e) Liaison with the Italian Government. - Liaison was established with the Italian Government by HQ to co-ordinate all policy matters and to assist in establishing uniformity of policy. In the early stages, liaison was with the Presidency of the Council but later a Ministry was established known as the Ministry of Occupied Italy.

PLANNING

1. Patriots in Italy were formed in July 1944 on the instruction of HQ, Italy, for the purpose of dealing with Fascists, Partisans, Resistance Groups, etc., in areas of territory not liberated by the Allies.

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(b) Patriot Bands and Individual Certificates. - Patriot Bands were disbanded and issued in the former areas. Those were distributed and placed in army areas. They were signed by Field Marshal Alexander. At this stage it was considered that some form of recognition should be given to patriots and for this purpose a certificate was prepared and signed by Field Marshal Alexander. These certificates were issued to patriots who had served during the war of liberation. They were issued on a wide scale by the Italian Patriot Bands as and where they were being disbanded. The certificates were also given a priority of employment to the individual holding the certificate. At a later date further rules were laid down governing the conditions which had to be fulfilled before a patriot was entitled to a certificate. Up to date approximately 300,000 certificates have been issued. No more certificates are to be issued.

(c) Remuneration. - At the beginning no bonuses were paid to patriots. Later on, it was decided that these patriots should receive bonuses or remuneration for services rendered. This is dealt with in page 6.

(d) APTI. - This organization is a semi-state one and it was not disbanded. Look after the interests of ex-patriots. See page 8.

(e) Liaison with the Italian Government. - Liaison was established with the Italian Government by HQ, Italy to co-ordinate all policy matters and to assist in establishing uniformity of policy. In the early stages, liaison was with the Presidency of the Council but later a Ministry was established known as the Ministry of Occupied Italy and Patriots Branch dealt with this Ministry on all matters concerning patriots. Many meetings took place and ultimately policy was closely laid down and determined. This Ministry was afterwards replaced by the Ministry of Post, for all which incorporated all the responsibilities and duties of the Ministry of Occupied Italy along with other duties.

DISMANTLING OF PATRIOTS

3. (a) Planning. - A considerable amount of planning was done, commencing in July 1944. Ultimately, when it became obvious that North Italy could not be occupied until Spring 1945, various matters of policy were discussed with APTI and 15 Army Group and all possible arrangements

ments were made for the smooth running of patriots and handling of all patriots in the North.

- (b) Opening of Centers. - From information gathered it was obvious that there were many thousands of patriots in the North and it was decided that Centers should be opened to receive the patriots, during their first and second stay and ultimately receiving for their third and subsequent stay to their homes. See para. 5.

REGIONAL PATRIOT OFFICERS AND PATRIOT MILITARY OFFICERS

4. Regional Patriot Officers (Allied Personnel) were appointed to each Region to take charge of all patriot matters. Their duties were to supervise all patriot activity within the Region, to link up the patriots and liaise with them. Such questions as housing, disposal, employment, family and clothing were matters to be decided by them. Italian Officers were appointed at Regional Headquarters and in the Provinces to do the administrative work and documentation necessary to ensure that the policy laid down was carried out.

PATRIOT CENTERS.

5. (a) General. - The first Centers were opened in 5 and 6 July 1945: BRCEL, PLACON and PLACON. This enabled closer liaison with the patriots and with all who still controlled the policy dealing with patriots. From information gathered it was estimated that there might be roughly 150,000 patriots in the North. Ultimately, this figure was to be an underestimate as over 300,000 is the latest figure. When the North had fallen 28 patriot centers were opened at the following places:

ROMANIA
PLACON
PLACON

FRANCE
Lorraine (Grosbois)
Alsace (Grosbois)
Alsace
Alsace (Lorraine)
Alsace
Alsace

LOMBARDY (Lombardy)
For Fighting Center
Alsace
Alsace
Alsace (Grosbois)

VENETIA
VENETIA
Venice
Belluno
Belluno
Vercia
Verona

EMILIA
Emilia
Emilia
Emilia (Bologna)
Emilia (Bologna)
Emilia (Bologna)
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4. Regional District Officers (allied personnel) were appointed to each division to take charge of all patriot matters. Their duties were to supervise all patriot activity within the Region, to link up the provinces and liaise with them. Such positions as houses, transport, employment, feeding and clothing were matters to be decided by them. Italian Officers were appointed at Regional Headquarters and in the provinces to do the administrative work and cooperation necessary to ensure that the policy laid down was carried out.

PATRIOT CENTRES.

5. (a) General. - The first centres were opened in 5 and 6 Army Areas: VARESE, MILAN and MANTOVA. This enabled closer liaison with the allies and with the still controlled the policy dealing with patriots. From information gathered it was estimated that there might be nearly 150,000 patriots in the North. Indeed, this turned out to be an underestimate as over 300,000 is the latest figure. When the North and Italian 2nd patriot centres were opened at the following places:

<u>ACQUAFRA</u> <u>PARMA</u> <u>FLORENCE</u>	<u>VARESE</u> <u>URBINO</u> <u>FORLINO</u> <u>BELLINO</u> <u>BOLOGNA</u> <u>VERONA</u> <u>BRIVIO</u>
<u>PIACENZA</u> <u>ALBA (Mantua) (Gangola)</u> <u>MONFERRATE</u> <u>LODI</u> <u>COMO (Inver)</u> <u>COMO</u> <u>TORIN (Lombard)</u> <u>ASTI</u> <u>VERCELLI</u>	<u>MILAN</u> <u>INVERIGO</u> <u>LA GAZZALE</u> <u>SAVONA (Alghisola)</u> <u>GENOVA (Campidoro)</u> <u>POGGIO CENTRE</u> <u>GENOVA (Chivara)</u>
<u>LOMBARDIA (also a</u> <u>LOW Fighting Centre)</u> <u>ALBA</u> <u>VERONA</u> <u>LODIA (Gangola)</u>	<u>MILAN</u> <u>HELING</u> <u>ALBA</u> <u>COMO</u> <u>POGGIO</u> <u>PIACENZA</u>

All centres are now officially closed.

- (b) Feeding. - Feeding was a problem which was solved by the handing of rations from the Allied Armies in Italy.
- (c) Clothing. - Clothing was obtained from various sources for distribution to the patriots, most of whom were practically without recent clothing. Boots and shoes, blankets, eating utensils, were obtained and distributed.

(2) arm and ammunition. - It was realized at the outset that arms and ammunition had to be taken off the Patriots at the earliest possible moment. Band leaders were encouraged to bring their bands in and they were dispersed as a band. In any case, brigades and smaller units held a last parade as a unit. A service was held and the men marched through the town or village, fully armed and equipped, with red scarves and carrying banners, grenades etc. The last symposium of this kind of final parade and so it was normally reviewed by a very Senior Allied Officer there was no difficulty in marching them to the Imperial Centre and carrying their arms. The following is a list of the arms and equipment surrendered to date:-

Armoured Cars	12	Mortars	312
Cannons	217	AA Automatic	137
Anti-tank weapons	768	Miscellaneous	
Anti-Aircraft guns	1194	Bayonets	142
Machine Guns	4483	Scab throwers	244
Machine and Carbines	243974	Hand Grenades	72544
Automatic Rifles	1948	Shot Guns	442
Pistols	5076	25mm Machine	
		"Livitors"	1530

Reports have now been received that a further 35 truck loads of arms have been handed in by Patriots in North Italy. No count has yet been made of the contents of the 35 trucks and it is not possible to classify the weapons handed in.

REPORTS TO PATRIOTS.

6. (a) After such discussion with the Italian Government the following bonuses were to be paid to each patriot:

(i) Patriots with less than 3 months service	Liras 4,000
(ii) Patriots with more than 3 months service	Liras 5,000
(iii) Patriots seriously wounded or disabled by loss of length of service	Liras 10,000
(iv) Relatives of Patriots killed in action or missing	Liras 20,000

(5) Bonuses were paid out by the Patriot Officers and records have been kept of all Patriots who have been paid. Patriots were issued with identity cards and the sum of 50 Liras per day was paid to all patriots while held in Centres and Hospitals.

WOUNDED AND INJURED (Reclassification).

7. Seriously wounded and injured patriots received initial medical treatment at Allied Military Hospitals. Afterwards they received

by a very senior Italian officer. They were immediately in
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 arms. The following is a list of the arms and equipment
 surrendered to Italy:

Armored Cars	12	Parties	912
Submersibles	217	Artillery	187
Anti-tank weapons	768	Miscellaneous	112
Anti-aircraft guns	1144	Barbed wire	24
Machine guns	4493	Bandage rolls	72544
Infantry and Cavalry	245971	Bandage rolls	140
Submarine Division	1949	Bandage rolls	140
Submersibles	5079	Bandage rolls	1530
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 and if it is not possible to classify the weapons handed in.

REPORTS TO ITALY

6. (a) After such discussion with the Italian Government the
 following losses were to be paid to each patriot:

- (i) Patriots with less than 3 months
 service Lira 1,000
- (ii) Patriots with more than 3 months
 service Lira 5,000
- (iii) Patriots seriously wounded or
 disabled members of leaders of
 service Lira 10,000
- (iv) Relatives of Patriots killed and
 or missing Lira 20,000

(b) Summarized below are the Patriotic Officers and Patriots
 have been paid to all Patriots who have been paid. Patriots
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 day was paid to all patriots while held in German and
 hospitals.

WOUNDED AND INJURED (Discontinued)

7. Seriously wounded and injured patriots received initial medical
 treatment at Italian Military Hospitals. Afterwards they received
 medical care in Italian Military Hospital in the period up to 60
 days. The time limit was fixed because of the tremendous shortage
 of hospital space and equipment. In many cases the are seriously
 wounded were allowed to remain longer in military hospitals.
 After leaving military hospitals patriots were sent to civilian
 hospitals and convalescent homes which had been opened in various
 parts of the country and where they are still receiving attention.
 The number of patients still remaining at medical or recovering
 from wounds or sick, or few and at present discussions are going
 on as to their care and treatment in the future.

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8. An organization called "secessione Partigiani d'Italia" based on the committee of the Italian Legion of the American Legion of Italy, was formed and established under Italian decree 11,224 of 5 April 45. This organization is in its infancy but its members are active after the liberation of territories, to encourage their claim for houses, pensions, work after their release, try and find employment etc. In all the jobs to make these men feel that their services to Italy have been appreciated.
- Branches are now being opened throughout the country and the organization is being encouraged to join.
- It is non political.

ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

9. It is known that there are a number of patriots in Italy. Within one or two territories is a president the subject of consideration it has to be treated separately. A Patriot Office has been opened in Italy, whose main functions are to recruit and recruit all patriots within that region. In many of the territories within this region probably served with the Carabinieri Division in 1943/44 or with the military forces, they are, for the time being, being considered as military and as such will receive back pay for their service in the military. Some of these men are foreign, some are Italian, but at present the policy is to complete documents - that is and only to pay houses to seriously wounded and the relatives of the deceased patriots. (Payment will, however, only be made to relatives resident within Italy). Future policy will depend on Italian citizenship can only be decided when the terms of the peace with Italy are known.

ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP TO COMBAT OUTSIDE ITALY

10. Special arrangements are being made for handling patriots who fought outside Italy. Documentation is being done on their and circumstances will be entered on the documents by Italian Military Patriotic organizations as to whether they consider the person should be considered a patriot or not. Under Italian law, all patriots are being set up all over Italy to receive the documents and recommendations and to decide whether the individual should be considered a patriot or not. Cases of special interest will be set up for consider appeals. Patriots and seriously wounded patriots. Those in special need or financial distress will receive assistance.

NON ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (Italians of neutral countries or enemy occupied countries)

11. Non Italian patriots other than enemy or allied military are being recognized and paid as patriots. In cases of deceased

or conditions which would entitle them to join it in any way.

2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

It is known that there are a number of patriots in Italy, and in the territory in it, and the subject of consideration is how to be treated separately. A special Office has been opened in Rome, which will function as a special office for all patriots within Italy. In the case of the patriots within this territory, probably served with the National Division in Russia, or with the military forces, they are, for the time being, being considered as patriots, and a law will receive back pay for their service in the military. Some of these men are Mussolini, and are Italian, but at present the policy is to consider documents only as regards to relatives resident within Italy. Future policy will depend on the results of the decision. However, patriots of the deceased patriots. (Parent will, however, only be able to relatives resident within Italy). Future policy will depend on the results of the decision. However, the results of the decision with Italy are known.

10. ITALIAN PATRIOTS IN THE ITALIAN TERRITORY.

Special arrangements are being made for handling patriots who are at present in Italy. Documentation is being done on their and documentation will be entered on the documents by Italian military Patriotic Representatives as to whether they consider the person should be considered a patriot or not. Some Italian patriots 1,516 patriots are being set up all over Italy to receive the documents and documentation and to decide whether the individual should be considered a patriot or not. Some of these in Italy will be paid to act as patriots. Patriots and seriously wounded patriots. There is a special need of financial assistance will receive assistance.

11. ITALIAN PATRIOTS IN THE ITALIAN TERRITORY. (In the case of patriots in occupied countries)

For Italian patriots other than those or allied military are being recognized and paid as patriots. In cases of deceased patriots, however, bonuses are only being paid to next of kin resident in Italy.

12. ITALIAN PATRIOTS IN THE ITALIAN TERRITORY.

There are at present engaged in preparing national rolls of patriots when they consider should be entitled to wear the Patriotic Ribbon. Rules on conditions have now been issued as to who are entitled and will be approved of by the Committee to be set up.

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CONCLUSION.

13. (a) In view and in recognition for the eventual hand-over of the 100th, Indian Military Police representatives have been a part of the Prefecture Staff and under the administrative control of Prefecture. They now deal directly with the Ministry of Post War Aid (through Prefecture) and when the Allies withdraw them, will be no hitch.
- (b) The work commenced by Patriots Branch, Allied Organization in order for the Allies are concerned is nearly complete. The remaining problem of looking after the welfare of Patriots, Indian Prisoners (disbanded units), finding employment for them etc. is now one for the Indian Government. All the necessary machinery has been set up and established by Statute and is functioning slowly but nevertheless. Government have been able to all entitled dependent and their cases (a small percentage) which will be determined by the Committees which are being set up.
- (c) Preparations to complete although in the latter stage there is still a tendency for Patriots to hang together despite the fact that the bands have been broken up.
- (d) Bands have been formed in all the districts given in para 5, on the assumption that each unit has one personnel member, indicate that a high percentage of personnel have been given up. Qualities and standards are still being carried out bringing to light further errors and correction.

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5 October 1945.

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- and when the Allies withdraw there will be no hitch.
- (2) The work suggested by the Committee is much, Allied Commission in so far as the Allies are concerned is nearly complete. The Commission is now in the process of looking after the welfare of prisoners, civilian dependents (dependent cases), finding employment for prisoners of war and for the Italian population. As the necessary machinery has been set up and established by Statute and is functioning slowly but satisfactorily. Arrangements have been made to all entitled except Italian cases (a small percentage) which will be later made by the Committee which are being set up.
- (3) Work is complete although in the larger towns there is still a tendency for prisoners to hang together despite the fact that the camps have been broken up.
- (4) Some have been handed in and the figures given in para 5, in the report show that such can be put on, national weapons, indicate that a high percentage of weapons have been given up. And finally and certainly now still being carried out bringing to light further arms and ammunition.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
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SUBJECT : Monthly Report - July 1944

TO : R.C. & M.C. Section, Headquarters A.C.C.

FORMATION OF THE PATRIOTS BRANCH

1. Patriot bands which are many of them large and highly organized bodies have been created in various centers of German occupied territory in Italy and have received considerable encouragement and active help and instructions from the A.C.C. It is therefore clearly one of our chief tasks to look after the individual members of these bands when their fighting is over and in this connection it has been laid down by A.A.I. that bands must not accompany the Armies forward out of their own areas. The Patriots branch of A.C.C. was formed early in July as a result of an instruction from A.A.I. and his responsible for all dealings with Resistance Groups as soon as the territory in which they have been operating is liberated by our troops.
2. Patriots, although mostly Italians, may be of any nationality, and are defined as being those in the ranks of genuine fighting bands who have carried arms, engaged in sabotage or secured important military information to the benefit of the Allied war effort.
3. A pool of Italian patriot representatives has been formed to assist Allied officers who are concerned in identifying patriots and in handling patriot problems. Nine pairs of representatives (one each representing the C.I.M. Group and the Military Center Group) have been despatched to Army areas and further teams are being organized for Regions.
4. It is the task of the Patriots Branch to direct the rehabilitation of all Patriots in liberated territory and to coordinate the policy of H.Q.'s A.A.I. and A.C.C. with regard to future operations in enemy territory. To this end a message in poster form signed by General Sir Harold ALEXANDER was designed and distributed in forward areas. A form of certificate of merit was prepared and approved at the same time and certificates have been sent to Regions and to the two Armies for distribution through the recognised "Band" leaders to individual Patriots.
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5. Plans have been drawn up for dealing with Patriots. Although many are used for a short while by the Army in their own area as guides and as patrols and for reconnaissance work, the intention generally is to direct nearly all of them into civil life. About 50% return who to their own homes and occupation locally. Of the remainder some will be used for police duties or as drivers, others will be employed on engineering work and on mine clearance; and arrangements have been made for recruiting and passing back of volunteers of service in the Italian Army and Air Force. Communal Committees are being set up to assist Provincial Commissioners in this work, and to help weed out bogus applicants among the genuine patriots. The problems of collecting and disposing of the patriots' arms is in hand. The arms will be used for future operations as directed by A.A.I.

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INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

6. Reports are being received from Patriots Representatives and from the leaders of the Patriot bands. Information from these reports is extracted and passed on when relevant, for use by P.R.O. P.W.B. and the press. Italian newspapers are closely scrutinized. Information is being collected about conditions in enemy occupied territory in order that suitable plans can be made for handling patriot problems in that territory when it is liberated.

ITALIAN LIAISON

7. Liaison is maintained with the Italian Ministry of War through an Italian Senior Officer who is responsible for coordinating the work of the two Groups which are recognized - the C.I.N. and the Military Center Group.

POLICY

8. Directives have been issued as required in agreement with A.A.I. and other authorities. It is fair to say that the task of insuring that this directives are acted upon by all Allied Officers concerned and by the leaders of the patriot bands is well in hand. The broad political aspect of the patriot problem has been borne constantly in mind, and very close liaison is being maintained with those Allied Officers and officials who are contacted with the political future in Italy.

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MEMORANDUM - 20 JULY 1944.

FORMATION OF THE PATRIOT GROUP

The Patriot Group of the R.C. 6 A. Section was formed in July 1944.

A patriot is defined as someone who has borne arms in the ranks of a genuine fighting band or who was engaged in sabotage, or who has aided the allies in effort by securing important military information. A good of Italian patriot representatives has been formed to assist allied officers who are concerned in identifying patriots and in solving political problems. Five pairs of representatives (one each representing the R.C. 6 Group and the Military Centre Group) have been assigned to Army needs, and further teams are being organized for Regions.

It is the task of the Italian Section to direct the rehabilitation of all patriots in liberated territory, and to coordinate the policy of U.S. Army and A.C.G. with regard to future operations in Italy. This and a message in poster form signed by General Sir Harold Alexander are designed for distribution in forward areas. Five thousand five hundred copies have already been sent to A.C.G. and 6 Airies. A form of certificate of merit was prepared and approved at the same time. Thirty one copies of these certificates have already been sent to Regions and to the two armies for distribution through the recognized "good" leaders to individual patriots.

TRAINING OF PATRIOTS SOUTH OF THE LINE

Plans are being drawn up for dealing with un-employed patriots. ~~These~~ ^{have been}

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6 Copies

patriot sympathizers has been forced to enlist allied officers who are concerned in identifying patriots and in handling patriot problems. This kind of overrepresentation (as well as representing the C.I.I. Group and the Military Service Group) have been described to Army, Navy, and Air Force, and are being organized in the Regions.

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TABLE 1

Italian is maintained with the Italian Ministry of War through an Italian member of the Italian Mission at Washington. The work of the Italian member is characterized by the following points:

collecting Policy

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The army are used by the Army as guides & patrol officers in their own area. The intention is generally to take them out of life. About 50% return to the army & occupation locally. Of the

Liaison is maintained with the Italian Ministry of War through an Italian senior officer who is responsible for coordinating the work of the two groups which are recognised - ^(the) G.I.A. Group and the Military Centre Group.

Observation Policy

Directives have been issued as required in agreement with A.A.I. and other authorities. It is fair to say that the task of ensuring that these directives are acted upon by all Allied officers concerned and by the leaders of the Patriot bands is well in hand. The broad political aspect of the patriot problem has been borne constantly in mind, and very close liaison is being maintained with those Allied officers and officials who are concerned with the political picture in Italy.

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

16th August 1944

Ref. 55/1/2/PAT.

Subject: Monthly report - July, 1944

To: : R.C. & M.G. Section Headquarters A.C.C.

GENERAL.

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Plans are being prepared to deal with Unemployed Patriots by forming De-mining Squads and for passing back volunteers for the Italian Army and Air Force. Communal Committees are also being set up under Provincial Commissioners to assist with this work and weed out bogus applicants from the genuine patriot.

Arrangements for the disposal of same through AAI for future of arms and subsequent disposal of same through AAI for future operations are in hand and it is hoped to quote figures of this activity in the next report.

INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY.

An information and publicity division is being maintained under Capt. SALVADORI of No. 1 Special Force. Reports are being received from the various band leaders, translated where necessary and relevant information extracted for use by P.R.B., P.W.B. and the press. Italian newspaper articles are also being examined for adverse criticism. Information is also being collected about conditions in enemy occupied territory in order that A.M.G. Officers can make suitable plans for dealing with Patriot problems in that area when liberated.

ITALIAN LIAISON DIV.

Liaison is maintained with the Italian Ministry of War through Col. FAVA, who is also responsible for the co-ordination of the 2 Recognized bands, i.e., C.L.N. and the Military Section. 9 pairs of Patriot representatives (one each of the above bands)

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In region eight, six pairs of representatives are operating, and in region five, five pairs.

*Before a Patriot is released
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*Results: It is found that all remaining Patriots
have been captured. It has been agreed that all remaining Patriots*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. & S.C. SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
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18th August 1944

Ref. 55/1/3/PAT.

Subject: Monthly report - July, 1944

To: E.C. & S.C. Section Headquarters E.C.C.

GENERAL.

The Patriots Branch, E.C. & S.C. Section was constituted in July 44 to direct the rehabilitation of all Patriots in liberated territory, and to co-ordinate the policy of A.C.I. and A.C.C. with regard to future operations in enemy occupied territory. With regard to the former, a message in poster form, signed by Gen. Alexander was originated and 5,500 posters were forwarded to the 5th and 8th Armies for distribution. A certificate of merit was also designed, printed, and 21,000 copies distributed to Regions 5 and 8 and to units who are carrying out the individual distribution through the recognized "band" leaders.

Plans are being prepared to deal with unemployed Patriots by forming De-mining Squads and for passing back volunteers for the Italian Army and Air Force. Municipal Committees are also being set up under Provincial Commissioners to assist with this work and weed out bogus applicants from the genuine patriot.

Arrangements for the disarmament of Patriots, the collection of arms and subsequent disposal of same through A.C.I. for future operations are in hand and it is hoped to quote figures of this activity in the next report.

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ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICER.

Liaison is maintained with the Italian Ministry of War through Col. FAVA, who is also responsible for the co-ordination of the organized bands, i.e., C.I.B., and the Military Section.

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To: : R.C. & L.F. Section Headquarters A.C.C.

GENERAL:

The Italian Branch, R.C. & L.F. Section was constituted in July 44 to direct the rehabilitation of all Patriots in Liberated Territory, and to co-ordinate the policy of R.C. and A.C.C. with regard to future operations in enemy occupied territory. With regard to the former, a message in letter form, signed by

Gen. Alexander was originated and 5,500 posters were forwarded to the 5th and 6th Armies for distribution. A Certificate of merit was also designed, printed, and 11,000 copies distributed to Regions 5 and 6 and 6th Armies, who are carrying out the individual distribution through the recognized "Band" leaders.

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It is the function of the branch to coordinate policy as between H.Q. A.I.I. and the Administrative & R.O. & M.G. Section of the A.C.C., and to see that this policy is carried out in the field, in the Army areas ^{and} in the forward Regions.

Patriots, who may be of any nationality, are defined as those who have borne arms in the ranks of genuine fighting bands, who have engaged in sabotage, or who have aided the Allied war by ~~securer~~ important military information. The first step towards inducing patriots to renounce their para-military status in favour of that of ordinary citizens is to insist that they should hand in their weapons.

~~SECRET~~

To this need a message in poster form signed by General Sir Harold ALEXANDER was prepared and distributed in large numbers.

Twenty-five thousand copies were sent to A.M.G., 5 Army, and thirty thousand to A.M.G., 8 Army. At the same time in order to show appreciation of individual effort certificates of merit were prepared which have so far been distributed as follows :-

A.M.G.	5 Army	12,200
"	3 "	12,000
Region	5 "	5,000
"	8 "	2,000
Total		31,200

These certificates are endorsed before issue by the recognized leader of the band to which the patriot belongs, and by an Allied Officer who will normally be the C.A.G.

In order to assist the re-employment and dispersal of patriot, Communal Committees are being formed under the aegis of Provincial Commissioners. Their task is to classify genuine patriots and to weed out all bogus applications.

(Colonel PAVA is writing a note about the screening agencies, their rationing and petrol problems, and the methods of transporting patriot volunteer from the forward areas to the recruiting centres. The question of their accommodation and feeding ^{or ~~feeding~~} should be included in his statement).

On 24 July a directive was issued, in agreement with H.Q., A.A.F., on the subject of "The Re-employment of Patriots". It is hoped that, other things being equal, it may be possible to give some priority of employment to patriots in possession of certificates.

After the great body of patriots have been satisfactorily ^{by} disposed of it is thought that there may remain a hard-core of persons who

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After the great body of patriots have been satisfactorily disposed of it is thought that there may remain a hard-core of perhaps 5% who will present a difficult problem. The following are some of the methods which are being tried ~~for~~ re-employing the members of this hard core of patriots :-

1. Enlistment in the regular Italian Army
2. Employment by Engineers or other military units for urgent work on bridging, road repair, dock clearance, and military repair work generally as soon as an area has been liberated.

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3. Employment by A.M.G. / A.C.C. for duties similar to (2) above.
 4. Employment by A.M.G. / A.C.C. as special police or as motor-car drivers.
 5. Employment by Area Commanders ~~and Town Major as night watchmen.~~

The problem of training ^{AND} providing de-ming squads in each area is under consideration.

Arrangements are in hand, in conjunction with the Air Forces Sub-Commission ~~and the Italian Air Ministry for~~ ^{RETURNING} ~~forming~~ Italian Air Force patriot personnel to the service and to civilian life.

MONTHLY REPORT (4th day)

The information service collects material about the bands of Patriots, their activities, ^{and} their leadership, ^{and} their tendency and ^{and} their strength.

Another area in which the information service is particularly interested is the area immediately behind the enemy line. It is desirable that Patriot Representatives and A.M.G. officers know what they will find as soon as an area has been liberated so that they can make satisfactory plans for the solution of the Patriot problems.

The publicity service keeps in touch with the Public Relations branch of A.C.C. with F.W.B. and with the press, both Allied and Italian. Newspaper correspondents have heard in the past considerable criticism about the way in which the Patriot problem had been handled before Patriot Branch had been established. That criticism has found its way in both the British and the American Press. Through interviews with newspaper correspondents and by asking them, as well as F.W.B. representatives to see in the field what is being done for the Patriots,

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All Patriot bands operating in Italy are taken into consideration, either they are in Liberated Territory or in Enemy territory. Patriot Representatives, the Comando Bande of the Centro Militare and the Giunta Militare of the C.I.M. have been asked particularly to supply rapidly information about bands in areas which have been liberated for a certain while in order to enable A.M.G. officers to proceed as soon as possible to the distribution of Patriot Certificates.

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The information and publicity section has already collected a number of statements from Italian Patriots concerning the best solution to be given to the Patriot problem. Practical suggestions are immediately passed to Patriot Branch for consideration.

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11 Agosto 1944

RELAZIONE

Oggetto : Relazione svolta fino al 10 Agosto 1944 dall'Ufficio.

Dall'inizio della costituzione dell'Ufficio a tutt'oggi, e' stata svolta la seguente attivita' :

- Su richiesta delle stesse Armate sono stati inviati dei rappresentanti della Sezione Militare e del C.L.M. e precisamente 3 copie presso l'8 Armata e 3 copie presso la 5a Armata. Le partenze hanno avuto inizio l'8 luglio e sono state completate il 15 luglio.

Le relazioni inviate dai suddetti rappresentanti sono state trasmesse a suo tempo all'Ufficio competente di questa Sezione.

E' stata richiesta ulteriormente un'altra copia presso l'6a Armata la cui partenza e' stata sospesa fino a nuovo ordine in seguito a comunicazione dell'Armata stessa.

- Per cio' che concerne la rappresentanza dei Patrioti presso i Commissari Regionali e Provinciali, sono state inviate, per l'6a Regione 6 copie di rappresentanti, da essere distribuiti nelle localita' seguenti :

Livorno, Pisa, Livorno, Siena, Grosseto, Arezzo.

E' imminente la partenza di altre 3 copie per la 5a Regione e cioe' :

Chieti, L'Aquila, Teramo, Ascoli P., Pescara.

- L'Ufficio ha inoltre svolto la sua normale attivita' mediante giornaliere contatti con la Sezione Militare e col C.L.M., nonche' col Ministero della Guerra, dell'Aeronautica, con lo Stato Maggiore R.F. e col Comando Supremo per tutte quelle questioni che il carattere stesso dell'Ufficio ha reso necessario venissero prese.

- Molto utile e proficuo si e' dimostrato il provvedimento intero a mantenere permanentemente presso il Patriots Branch i due rappresentanti rispettivamente della Sezione Militare e del C.L.M.

- *Memorandum for the Chief of Staff*

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- *Secretary of the Branch, Mr. H. H. H.*

Col. Guido PAVA
Liaison Officer

- *Information as regards the list of jobs and work to be done*
has been submitted.

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August, 11, 1944.

Report.

Subject: Activity of this Office till the 10th of August 1944.

From its setting-up till the 10th of August 1944, this Office has performed the following activity:

At ~~the~~ their request, this Office has sent to the 5th and 8th Armies some representatives of the Military Section and of the CLN, namely 3 pairs to the 5th Army and 3 pairs to the 8th Army. Their departures began on the 8th of July ult. and ended on the 15th of the same month. The reports sent by said representatives have been forwarded in due course to the competent Office of this Branch. Two further representatives have been requested by the 8th Army, but their departure

has been delayed pending further orders,
following a communication of said Army.
As far as the Patriots representation with
the Regional and Provincial Commissioners
is concerned, this Office has sent 6 pairs
of representatives for the 8th Region to be
distributed at the following localities:
Florence, Pisa, Leghorn, Siena, Grosseto, Arezzo.
The departure of 10 more representatives for
the 5th Region (via: Chieti, L'Aquila, Teramo,
Ascoli P., Pescara) is imminent.

This Office has, moreover, as its normal
activity, daily contacted the Military Section
and the CLN, the War Ministry, the Aeronautic
Ministry, the HQ R.F. and the Supreme Command
in order to deal with all matters with which
the Liaison Officer is entrusted.

The permanent staying with the Patriots
Branch of both representatives of the Military
Section and of the CLN, respectively, has
proved very useful and expedient.

Col. Guido Fava
Liaison Officer

MEMORANDUM

3 August 44

To: Major Magnus
Capt. Salvador
Col. Pava

From: Major Drage

In order to compile a monthly report to R.C. & M.G. Section on the progress and work of this branch may a copy of your monthly report be rendered to this department by 30th day of each month. Reports for the month of July should be submitted as soon as possible.

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