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Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref. 121/6/PAT. 17th January, 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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So far Patriot representatives have been provided with funds by the I.N.P.C. and have been making payments of varied amounts to Patriots. Sometimes much dissatisfaction has been caused because representatives have run out of cash and have not been able to make any further payments.

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It has also been reported to me that a representative of the Ministry of Occupied Italy has been sent to the neighbourhood of Florence - without consulting the Patriots Branch here - with a large sum of money for distribution to Patriots. I have, ~~of course~~, ordered an immediate investigation and his recall.

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These are ~~three~~ two examples of the present haphazard and unsatisfactory system of remunerating Patriots and it cannot be allowed to continue in Military Government Territory.

As a matter of urgency therefore, my dear Prime Minister I must ask you to give immediate instructions, as a temporary measure, that no Patriot representatives will be sent into Military Government Territory except

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with the consent, to be obtained in writing, of an officer of the Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission; and further that such representative be furnished with written instructions by the appropriate Ministry stating the amount of currency which he is carrying and the exact terms upon which he is to distribute such currency amongst Patriots or their dependents.

With regard to the future I would ask you to consider putting the remuneration of Patriots onto a proper governmental basis so that the present haphazard system may be terminated.

In particular I ask you to consider:-

(a) The proper budgetary appropriation of a sufficient sum to remunerate Patriots; it is of course impossible to say how many Patriots will ultimately be met, but purely as a guide I doubt if the number is likely to exceed 10,000 in the next three months.

(b) The basis on which the payment should be made. This has varied in the past and you will no doubt want to consider whether every Patriot should be paid a flat rate or whether the sum should vary according to his financial means, injuries received, or some other basis. The latter method would give rise to some complications and it would be necessary to lay down with the utmost clarity the principles upon which a variation is to be made in each case. Certainly no discrimination should be made on the basis of political belief or party membership

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I ask you, my dear Prime Minister, to give this matter your most

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I ask you, my dear Prime Minister, to give this matter your most urgent consideration, for much difficulty is being met with every day as Patriots come through, owing to the lack of a coordinated policy on the part of your Patriot representatives.

Yours very truly,

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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref. 121/6/Pat. 14th January, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Chief of Staff

SECRET:

Ref. 96/PAT

24th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Policy for Employment of Patriots.

TO : Advanced H.Q., A.A.I. 15 Army. G

AAI Hlt

Reference your letter of the 9th December, No. 16/G(Ops), the following comments on the enclosure thereto are offered.

It is presumed that the letter addressed to Fifth and Eighth Armies under the same reference as above applies only to the employment of patriots for operational purposes, and this Headquarters welcomes any form of employment which can be found for genuine and reliable partisans. It is desired to make comments on the Memorandum under two main headings: (a) Disarming, and (b) Distinctive Marks or Uniform.

(a) Disarming: (Para 6 refers).

It is considered from a political point of view and security in general that all patriots should be disarmed, but, of course, if patriots are to be used in operational roles a certain number must be exceptions to this rule. Your suggestion that a patriot battle zone should be recognised will inevitably result in difficulties in the disarming of patriots, especially those not required by the Armies to be armed. It is, therefore, suggested that the present policy of disarming all patriots should be continued and that this should take place at the initial reception points and centres to which patriots are first directed. It is considered that

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(b) Feeding and Accommodation: (Para 8 refers).

Attached at appendix "C" is the lay-out of the present patriot reception centres and camps. It is intended that points and reception centres be mobile and moved up behind the armies as the advance continues. The purpose of these centres is to register and screen patriots, arrange for their recruitment into the Italian army when they so desire and to accommodate them temporarily prior to dispersal. At these centres it is intended to accommodate and feed them temporarily and application has been made to AFHQ for the authorisation of a special ration. [It therefore would be convenient if personnel passing through were also dealt with by the representatives of Fifth and Eighth Army when they wish to offer military or operational employment to these men.]

(c) Distinctive Marks or Uniform: (Para 15 refers).

It is considered to be an essential element of compliance with the Geneva Convention that patriots must wear some"distinctive emblem" if they are to be officially recognised as members of the Armed Forces. It is not known whether members of the Volksturm are in fact equipped with such an emblem, nor whether the declaration of policy by the Foreign Secretary was in such terms as to amount to a relaxation of the principle in this respect. If it is clear that this concession has been made for Germany, where it can only operate to the disadvantage of the Allies, it should clearly be claimed for patriots in this country and should be claimed for them in whatever part of the country they are fighting.

It should be observed that the exact nature of the "distinctive emblem" necessary for compliance with the terms of the convention has never been decided; the Allied Commission has officially advised all the

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For the Chief Commissioner

Brigadier,
~~Chief of Staff~~.
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D R A F T

Ref: 121/PAT 19 December 1944.

Subject: Rationing, Clothing, Hospitalisation, and Transport of Patriots.

To: A.F.H.Q.

1. This Commission has had under consideration the question of treatment accorded to Italian patriots. Four aspects of this question are regarded as urgent. They are:

a. Rations

b. Clothing

c. Hospitalisation

d. Transport.

2. On the basis of the best information available, and more particularly on the basis of information supplied by the Commander of No.1 Special Force, it is estimated that up to 100,000 genuine fighting patriots will be encountered in the near future and will require to be handled. Patriots have already begun to cross the line in numbers so large that it is impossible for the A.M.G. Officers to handle them adequately under the arrangements which have hitherto been applied. Latest reports say that patriots on FIFTH Army front are at present crossing the lines at an average rate of more than 60 a night.

3. Patriot activities in enemy occupied territory are conducted under the orders of the Allied Commander in Chief. It is not therefore necessary to recapitulate in detail the value of the services rendered by the patriots [illegible] On the other hand, it is very necessary to keep

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4. The patriots have been encouraged constantly by the Allied wireless, Allied leaflets, and Allied agents to wage ~~a ceaseless~~ war against the enemy. They have been armed and instructed by the Allies. They have learnt to rely not on the Government, for the Fascist Government betrayed them; not on law, for the law was perverted to serve Fascist ends, and they have no more respect

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for it, but on themselves and on their leaders. The task of disarming and dispersing the patriots, of inducing them to abandon their habits and mental attributes of the guerilla, and to settle down into the normal avocations of a civilian life is, at the best, one of extreme difficulty. The problem is rendered virtually insoluble, unless the means are provided whereby the patriots can be assured of fair treatment whenever they are encountered by the Allied Armies of liberation. Unless such treatment can be assured to the patriots, great danger is to be apprehended. Their resentment will, it is to be feared, lead them to conceal their arms and secretly maintain their bands in readiness with a view, when the times are ripe, to seizing by force the control of the organs of Italian political and economic life. The seeds of the same unfortunate conflict and misunderstanding which have burst into civil war in Greece are present today in the soil of Northern Italy.

5. Experience shows that patriots when they are first encountered are in practically every case in a destitute and exhausted condition. The first problem which has to be faced in connection with their rehabilitation is a problem of supply:

a. Rations.

No scale for the feeding of patriots has hitherto been laid down. It is submitted that, on political as well as military grounds, a case exists for treating the genuine fighting patriot, until such time as it has been possible to rehabilitate him to civilian life, as a soldier on a par with his comrades who are fighting in regular disciplined units.

During the period of transmition which must elapse before large numbers of patriots can be dispersed to their homes and ordinary avocations, it is intended to place alternative offers of employment before them.

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i. Patriots will be offered the opportunity to accept service as individuals in regular units of the Italian Army.

ii. Patriot bands will be offered employment en bloc on heavy essential labour in the Army areas. TS - 8

Centres and Points for the reception of patriots when they cross the line are in process of being established on [redacted] and [redacted] Army Fronts in such numbers and in such locations as may prove to be necessary. It is

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anticipated that at any given time during the next four months seven such Centres or Points will be in operation, affording accommodation to some 1,500 patriots each. It is submitted that on grounds of military necessity accommodation stores sufficient to provide for the needs of 2,100 patriots should forthwith be made available for use in these Reception Points and Centres. It is submitted further that authority should be given for rationing patriots during such time as they are accommodated in these Reception Centres and Points on the scale of rations laid down for the Italian Army. It would be very desirable that authority should be given further for such comforts as cigarettes, tobacco and sweets to be made available for issue in small quantities to the patriots while they are accommodated in the Reception Points and Centres. This last concession, coming in most cases immediately after the patriots are first encountered, (it is considered) would have an excellent effect upon morale.

It is submitted that, until patriots have been afforded an opportunity of enlisting as individuals in regular units of the Italian Army, authority should be given for them to be rationed on the Italian Army scale. Furthermore, experience has shown that patriots will not be willing to accept employment ~~as~~ in gangs on essential heavy labour in the Army areas, if any scale of rations lower than ~~equivalent to~~ the Italian Army scale is offered to them. It is accordingly submitted that, at the discretion of FIFTH and EIGHTH Army Commanders, rations on the Italian Army scale may be made available from military sources forthwith for the use of patriots who do accept such employment. Many patriots, it is hoped, will be dispersed peaceably to their homes and normal agricultural pursuits. It is not anticipated that more than 50% of the overall total of 100,000 patriots who are likely to be encountered [illegible] the next four months will require to be rationed on the Italian Army

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b. Clothing.

Very small quantities of boots and clothing have from time to time been made available by this H.Q. for the use of patriots from salvage sources as and when they were needed. The quantities of material which it has been possible to obtain from such sources have been inconsiderable and haphazard. For handling numbers in the neighbourhood of 100,000 the methods hitherto followed would be unavailing. It is submitted for your consideration that on grounds of military necessity adequate supplies of:

i. Boots

ii. Battledress

iii. Underwear, Greatcoats and Socks

iv. Blankets

should forthwith be made available from military sources to meet the needs of an overall total of up to 100,000 patriots.

This clothing need not necessarily be new. Reconditioned clothing will suffice. It is understood from the Land Forces Mission that adequate supplies of reconditioned clothing would be available to meet this need, and its authority were given for its release.

c. Hospitalisation.

A letter on the subject of hospitalisation was despatched to H.Q. A.A.I. dated 21 November, ref. 7152(PW).

In this letter it was submitted that authority be given for the treatment in Italian military hospitals, when available, of all patriots wounded in operations on the side of the Allies. It was further submitted that in cases where no Italian military hospitals were readily available authority be given for wounded Italian patriots to be received in Allied

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This request was based on grounds not only of justice and gratitude, but on the necessity for maintaining patriot morale.

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The existing practice both in FIFTH and EIGHTH Army areas is not uniform. In FIFTH Army area wounded patriots are sometimes passed through military channels to the Italian military hospital depot attached to FIFTH Army, and in other cases passed to civilian hospitals. In EIGHTH Army area most wounded patriots are passed through military channels until they finally arrive in a civilian hospital.

This treatment, it is submitted, offers little encouragement to patriots, for although the technical treatment to be found in Italian military hospitals may be as good as in the military hospitals, there are three disadvantages:

i. Italian military hospitals as well as hospitals in civilian hospital may be exceedingly short of essential supplies at the moment when they are most needed.

ii. Civilian hospitals only receive civilian hospital rations, which are on a much lower scale than Italian army rations.

iii. Cigarettes and other small personal items which may be available in military hospitals are never available in civilian hospitals. Experience has shown that the issue of such small comforts has a tonic effect upon morale.

d. Transport.

For the efficient organisation of the Patriot Reception Points and Centres, it has been found necessary to make application for 10 trucks to be loaned to A.M.G. FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies. Since the burden lies considerably more with FIFTH Army than with EIGHTH Army, it is submitted that 7 trucks should be loaned to FIFTH Army A.M.G. and 3 trucks to EIGHTH Army A.M.G. For the purposes of maintenance, it is submitted that American trucks should be loaned

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D R A F T

Ref: 10/PaT 21 December 1944.

Subject: Transport for Reception Points and Centres.

To: A.F.H.Q.,
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1. At a recent conference at which your representatives were present, it was decided to apply for 10 trucks for the efficient organisation of Patriot Reception Points and Reception Centres.

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2. Col. R. SPICER has been over both the FIFTH and EIGHTH Army Fronts personally, and is confident that the plan formulated for the reception and handling of patriots cannot be efficiently carried out unless such transport is provided.

3. As the problem of the patriots weighs more heavily upon the FIFTH than the EIGHTH Army, it is suggested that the allocation should be 7 trucks to FIFTH Army and 3 trucks to EIGHTH Army.

4. For the purpose of maintenance, it is considered highly desirable that American trucks should be provided for the use of FIFTH Army and British trucks for EIGHTH Army.

5. Furthermore, application is made for the allocation of 5 Jeeps or 15 cwts for five patriot Points and Centres which are being established in FIFTH and EIGHTH Army areas at locations which are dependent upon mobile operational factors.

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6. It is suggested that the 10 trucks and 5 Jeeps (or 15 cwts.) should

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4. For the purpose of maintenance, it is considered highly desirable that American trucks should be provided for the use of FIFTH Army and British trucks for EIGHTH Army.

5. Furthermore, application is made for the allocation of 5 Jeeps or 15 cwts for five patriot Points and Centres which are being established in FIFTH and EIGHTH Army areas at locations which are dependent upon mobile operational factors.

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6. It is suggested that the 10 trucks and 5 Jeeps (or 15 cwts.) should be assigned to A.M.G. FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies respectively as they will be the controlling H.Q. The transport will be for the use of ~~patriots~~ the frontier area reception centres, and it is proposed to find efficient driver mechanics from among the ranks of the patriots themselves.

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7. The detailed purposes for which all this transport is required will be:

a. Camp maintenance

b. Drawing of equipment and supplies

c. Transfer of patriots from Reception Points to Reception Centres and from Reception Centres to Italian Army ~~to~~ Enlistment Depots.

This transport will be used entirely under the orders of S.C.A.O's. FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies and more directly by the Patriot Officers of those Armies, and by the Allied Reception Centre and Point Commandants who are responsible to the Patriot Officers.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 439081

Ref : 10/Pat

5 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Patriots Branch Transport.

TO : AFHQ G-5 (Attention Col KING)

1 At a recent conference at which your representatives were present, it was decided to apply for 10 trucks for the efficient organisation of Patriot reception points and Patriot centres.

2 Col SPICER has since been over the ground of both V and VIII Army fronts personally and is confident that the working of the Patriots Branch activities cannot be efficiently maintained unless such transport is supplied.

3 In discussing this with SCAOs and since the burden lies considerably more with V Army than with VIII Army, it is suggested that the allocation should be 7 trucks to V Army and 3 trucks to VIII Army.

4 For the purpose of maintenance, Col SPICER was advised that it would be highly desirable to obtain American trucks for V Army and British trucks for VIII Army.

5 In addition, I also wish to make application, which both V and VIII Armies state that they cannot supply, for the allocation of 5 Jeeps or 15 Cwts for 5 Patriot centres and the overall supervising officers who are Patriots Officers on the Army HQs, that is to say:-

Patriot Officer V Army	1
Patriot Centre Commandant SIENA	1
Patriot Centre Commandant FLORENCE	1
Patriot Centre FORLI'	1
Patriot Officer VIII Army	1

6 I would explain that the whole of the basis on which these Patriot reception points and centres will be organised is that they will be mobile and move forward as circumstances and patriot problems demand.

7 In regard to drivers for these cars, it is proposed to find drivers from efficient driver-mechanics who may be found within the ranks of the patriots themselves.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :-

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It was decided to apply for 16 trucks for the efficient organisation of Patriot reception points and Patriot centres.

2 Col [redacted] has since been over the ground of both V and VIII Army Fronts personally and is confident that the working of the Patriots Branch activities cannot be efficiently maintained unless such transport is supplied.

3 In discussing this with [redacted] and since the burden lies considerably more with V Army than with VIII Army, it is suggested that the allocation should be 9 trucks to V Army and 3 trucks to VIII Army.

4 For the purpose of maintenance, Col [redacted] was advised that it would be highly desirable to obtain American trucks for V Army and British trucks for VIII Army.

5 In addition, I also wish to make application, which both V and VIII Armies state that they cannot supply, for the allocation of 5 Jeeps or 15 Cwts for 5 Patriot centres and the overall supervising officers who are patriots Officers on the Army HQs, that is to say:-

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Patriot Centre Commandant [redacted]	1
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Patriot Centre [redacted]	1
Patriot Officer VIII Army	1

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M.S. BUSH
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 51/1/PAT. 14 December 1944.

Subject: Patriots Branch Report for November.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

1. Patriot Problem.

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To meet this situation the Director of the Patriots Branch made a tour of the Army areas. In agreement with the Army A.M.G. authorities he established a system of Patriot Reception Centres and Points. In the V Army area two Reception Points were established at PRACCHIA and LIZZANA, and two Reception Centres at PESCIA and FLORENCE. In the VIII Army area a Reception Centre was established at FORLI.

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Accommodation for three hundred patriots is being provided at each of the Patriot Centres and Points and the intention is that patriots will be disarmed in them and, as far as possible, allowed to rest, ~~for a short time~~ recuperate, unarmed and re-equipped for their future life after arrival. ~~after their arrival.~~ They will be interviewed, at the Reception Centres and

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Points, by the Italian Army Recruiting Agencies and they will be dispersed thence to their homes or to such employments as may be found for them. It is hoped to employ Patriot Bands en bloc on heavy essential labour in the Army areas.

3. Supply Problem.

Experience has shown:

(a) That patriots, when they are first encountered, are in practically every case in a destitute condition.

(b) That patriots will not accept employment in labour gangs on any ration scale which is appreciably lower than the Allied military scale.

Application has accordingly been made to A.F.H.Q. for authority to be given for the issue to an overall total of up to one hundred thousand patriots of rations approximately on the Allied military scale, at the discretion of V and VIII Army Commanders.

Authority has also been asked for the release from Allied military sources of boots, blankets, battledress clothing, socks, greatcoats and underwear for issue to the same overall total. Authority was asked at the same time for the release of accommodation stores for use in the Reception Points and Centres enumerated above.

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hospitals are not available, and in such cases authority has been asked for wounded patriots to be hospitalised in Allied military hospitals. It is felt that this concession will be reasonable and timely on grounds not only of humanity and justice, but of military necessity also. It is regarded as essential that patriot morale should be maintained on the highest possible level.

5. I.N.P.C.

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6. Patriot Representatives.

All patriot representatives of the C.L.N. in Army areas have been withdrawn, and all patriot representatives, Military or C.L.N., will be withdrawn from Italian Government territory by 31 December. It is considered that the work of the Patriot representatives in Italian Government territory should have been completed by this date.

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13 December 1944.

Ref: 51/1/PAT

Subject: Patriot Branch Report for November.

To; Civil Affairs Section.

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Accommodation for 300 Patriots has been provided at each of the Patriot Centres and Points and the intention is that patriots will be disarmed in Army and, as far as possible, allowed to rest for a short time after their arrival. They will be interviewed at these Reception Centres and Points by the Italian Army Recruiting Agencies and will be dispersed thence to their homes or to such employment as may be found for them. It is hoped to employ Patriot Bands en bloc on heavy essential labour in the Army areas.

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Experience has shown:

(a) That patriots when they are first encountered, are in practically every case in a destitute condition.

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Authority has also been asked for the release from Allied military sources of boots, blankets, clothing, socks, greatcoats and underwear (battle dress) to the same overall total. At the same time authority was asked for the release of accommodation stores for use in the Reception Points and Centres enumerated above.

4. Reorganisation of the Patriots Branch.

In the light of five months' experience the Patriots Branch is in process of complete reorganisation. The Advanced Echelon in FLORENCE has been closed, and the distribution of intelligence reports to Regional Commissioners and others from the Advanced Echelon has consequently ceased. It was felt that the ground was sufficiently covered already by reports put out by other authorities.

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Application has been made to A.A.I. and repeated to A.F.H.Q., for authority to be given for patriots wounded, which fighting at the side of Allied troops, or immediately before their arrival, to be hospitalised in Italian military hospitals, however 625

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military scale.

Accordingly it has been found necessary to make application to A.F.H.Q. for authority to be given for the issue at the discretion of V and VIII Army Commanders of approximately the Allied military ration scale, up to an overall total of 100,000 patriots.

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5. I.N.P.C.

~~Owing to the political crisis in the Italian Government, the I.N.P.C.~~ ceased to function for ~~the greater~~ part of the month of November. A decision was reached, however, that monetary allowances should be paid to all fighting patriots and that indemnities and pensions on a par with those in force in the Italian regular army would be paid to wounded patriots and the families of the dead.

It has been necessary to inform the I.N.P.C. that no certificates other than those signed by the Allied Commander in Chief could be issued in military government territory. They have been informed further that no ~~certificates issued by committees other than those constituted by the Allied authorities could be tolerated in military government territory.~~ be authorized. The I.N.P.C. has further been informed that no Patriot Committees other than those constituted by the A.M.G. can be permitted in military government territory.

6. Patriot Representatives

[As in January]

7. Welfare

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[As in January]

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SECRET Draft. 9 December 1944

Ref: (Draft).

To: A.F.H.Q. (To be signed by C.O.S.)

SUBJECT: Clothing, Rationing and Hospitalisation of Patriots

1. This Commission has had under consideration the question of the treatment accorded to Italian patriots. Three aspects of the question are felt to be of great urgency. They are:-

A. Clothing
B. Rations
C. Hospitalisation.

On the basis of the best information available, and more particularly on on the basis of information supplied by the Commander of No.1 Special Force, it is estimated that up to one hundred thousand genuine fighting patriots may be expected ~~to cross to this side of the line during the next four months~~ will be encountered in the near future which will require to be handled. Patriot activities in enemy occupied territory are conducted under the orders of the Allied Commander-in-Chief. It is not necessary, therefore, to recapitulate in detail the value of the services rendered by the patriots to the Allied cause. It is sufficient to affirm that patriots ~~who carry out these instructions~~ when they are encountered are in practically every case in a ~~desperate~~ destitute condition, so that the first problem that has to be faced in connection with their rehabilitation is a problem of supply.

2. Patriots have in fact already begun to cross the line in numbers so large that it is impossible for the AMG authorities to handle them under the ad hoc arrangements which have hitherto been applied. 1503

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A. Clothing

Very small quantities of boots and clothing have from time to time been made available by this HQ for the use of patriots from salvage sources as and when they were needed. But the quantities of material which it has been possible to obtain from such sources are inconsiderable and haphazard. For handling numbers in the

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neighbourhood of one hundred thousand the methods ~~were~~ hitherto followed would be unavailing. It is submitted for consideration that, on grounds of military necessity, adequate supplies of:-

i. Boots.
ii. Battledress.
iii. Underwear and Greatcoats, and Socks.
iv. Blankets.

should forthwith be made available from military sources to meet the needs of an overall total of one hundred thousand patriots.

B. Rations

No scale for the feeding of patriots has hitherto been laid down. It is submitted that, on political as well as military grounds, a case exists for treating the genuine fighting patriot, until such time as it has been possible to reabsorb him into civilian life, as a soldier on a par with his comrades who are fighting in regular disciplined units. During the period of transition which must elapse before large numbers of patriots can be dispersed to their homes and ordinary avocations, it is intended to offer employment to patriot bands en bloc on heavy essential labour in the Army areas. Experience has shown that this work will not normally be accepted if any scale lower than the ration scale authorized for the Italian Army is offered to the Patriots. It is NOT anticipated that at any one time the full estimated number of one hundred thousand patriots will be employed in this manner. Many patriots, it is hoped, will be dispersed peaceably to their homes and normal agricultural pursuits. Nevertheless, it is submitted for

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V. Army. - American military ration scale less fresh meat component

VIII. Army - P.O.W. Scale 30

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Centres and points for the reception of patriots when they cross the line are in process of being established on V and VIII Army fronts. It is anticipated that at any given time during the next four months sixteen hundred patriots will be accommodated in these centres and points. Accordingly it is submitted that on grounds of military necessity accommodation stores sufficient to provide for the needs of sixteen hundred patriots should forthwith be made available. It is further submitted that authority be given for such comforts as cigarettes, tobacco and sweets to be made available for free issue in small quantities to sixteen hundred patriots a week.

C. Hospitalisation.

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This request was based on grounds not only of justice and gratitude, but on the necessity for maintaining patriot morale.

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This treatment, it is submitted, offers little encouragement to Patriots, for although the technical treatment to be found in Italian

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military hospitals may be as good as in the military hospitals, there are three disadvantages:

(a) Immediately after an area is liberated, the civilian hospital may be exceedingly short of essential supplies at the moment when they are most needed.

(b) Civilian hospitals only receive civilian hospital rations, which are on a much lower scale than Italian army rations.

(c) Cigarettes and other small personal items which may be available in military hospitals are never available in civilian hospitals. (Experience has shown that the issue of such small comforts has a tonic effect upon morale.

3. It is requested that this matter may be given immediate consideration.

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Ref: 36/PAT

7 December 1944.

Subject: ~~Recall of Civilian Representatives~~
Patriot Representatives.

To: See below.

Reference this H.Q. directive of 30 October (36/PAT).

1. All patriot representatives of the C.L.N., (Civilian) in 5 and 8 Army areas are recalled forthwith.

2. All military patriot representatives working in Italian Government territory will be recalled with effect from 31 December 44.

3. In future, only military representatives ~~should~~ will be permitted to work in the Army areas ~~or in military government territory~~. Para.6 of this H.Q. directive referred to above will be amended accordingly.

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as in Directive of 30 Oct.

Distribution: S.F.O., A.M.G. 5th Army
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R.F.O., Lazio-Umbrio.
R.F.O., Toscano.
R.F.O., Abruzzi-Marche.
R.F.O., Emilia.

R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
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APPENDIX C.

PATRIOT CAMPS.

1. Camps for the receptionx of Patriots will be established in a line from East to West in the army areas. Three tented camps will be established in the 8th Army area and two camps in the 5th Army area which will be located in permanent buildings.

2. These five camps will be established as near as possible to the front line and on the Army L of Cs. Patriot Branch at HQ A.C. will be responsible for the organisation of the camps and will supply an officer to each Army AMG to supervise the camps under the orders of AMG Armies. AMG Armies will supply each an additional officer to travel round and supervise the day to day details of camp administration.

3. At each camp will be established a store of clothing, blankets and boots for the use of Patriots. Each camp will also contain a supply of comforts (e.g. cigarettes, matches and tobacco) and facilities for hot baths. Each camp will provide accommodation for 2,000 patriots.

4. If the Armies advance towards the North by stages the camps will go forward with the Armies, Transport will be provided by Army AMGs. 4628

5. At each of these camps an allied Quarter Master Sergeant will be stationed permanently in charge of all stores including a supply of Patriot certificates for issue to Patriots after their bona fides has been established and their arms have been surrendered.

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7. Patriots may remain in these camsp for a period up to three weeks for the purpose of rest and recouperation if they so desire and circumstances permit. At the close of this period they ~~would~~ will berequired either to proceed quietly to their homes if their homes are local, or to accept such civilian employment as may be offered to them, or to proceed to the Italian Army recruitment centres to enlist into the Italian Army. Patriots whose homes are in the South will proceed to their homes if they so desire through Refugee channels. While at the camps Patriots will be fed on the refugee scale of rations.

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SUGGESTED DRAFT

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
PATRIOT CAMPS

INFORMATION :

In agreement with AMG 5th and 8th Armies, Camps for the reception and temporary accommodation of Patriots are to be established in the Army area.

LOCATIONS:

Three tented Camps will be established in 8th Army Area in conjunction with AMG 8th Army and will be located within vicinity of Army Rail/Road head or on Army L of C.

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As and hwen Allied Armies advance Patriot Camps will be moved forward under arrangements AMG 5th and 8th Armies to Roadhead and/cr Railhead as deemed necessary.

In each Camp accommodation will be provided for up to 2.000 Patriots for periods not exceeding 21 days.

COMMAND:

Patriot Branch HQ AC will be responsible for the organization and establishment of Patriot camps and will supply Each Army AMG with one Allied officer ~~Allied personnel~~ and one U.S. to supervise the administration and control of camps as and when established. Other Allied personnel will be supplied by Army A.H.Q. as may be necessary.

The local administration of camps in AMG territory will be the responsibility of AMG assisted if required by Patriots Branch HQ AC 1626

POLICY:

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(2) AMG Officers and CAO's will be responsible for the interviewing of Patriots with a view to affording them an opportunity of employment with the Allied Forces or on such local work as may be available. Ammunition and equipment will be disposed of under o.C. Camp and AMG arrangement.

(3) The Italian Army Screening Agencies for recruiting of Patriot volunteers into the Italian Army referred to in Appendix E will visit

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CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT:

(a) Blankets will be made available for issue to Patriots in Camps in Scale of 3 ' per person.

(b) Palliasses will be provided.

(c) Essential clothing and boots will be issued as and when available.

WELFARE AND COMFORTS:

Supplies of cigarettes, tobacco and matches will be issued under arrangements O.C. Camp.

HYGIENE AND SANITATION:

O.C. Camp will ensure that adequate and efficient arrangements are made to ensure a high standard of hygiene in the camps.

Facilities for hot showers will be set up. All Patriots on arrival in camps will undergo medical inspection and facilities will be set up for disinfestation of personnel and clothing.

TRANSPORT:

The supply of rations, fuel etc. and transport required for local administration of camps will be supplied under arrangements AMG.

Transport for dispersal of Patriots will be supplied under arrangements AMG.

DOCUMENTATION:

In order to ensure speedy ~~shoreding~~ dispersal of Patriots to their homes it is essential that on arrival in camps Patriots are registered. The following information will be required:

(a) Surname
(b) Christian Name
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(e) Place of birth
(f) Nationality

Patriots evacuated through Refugee channels will be accompanied by normal roll in duplicate giving the above information together with

(g) immediate destination.

Lists of Patriots dispersed in the communes and returned to their homes should be supplied by C.C. Camp to the Provincial Commissioner concerned.

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Patriot Camps as may be required for the purpose of affording Patriots an opportunity of volunteering.

(4) Patriots may remain in the camps for a period up to 21 days for the purpose of rest and recuperation should the available accommodation permit.

DISPERSAL OF PATRIOTS :

On completion of the period permitted for Patriots to remain in Patriot Camps the following arrangements for dispersal will be made by O.C. Camp in conjunction with A.M.G.

(a) Patriots whose homes are in vicinity of the camp will be returned to their homes.

(b) Patriots whose homes are not in vicinity of camps will be dispersed through Refugee channels.

(c) Patriots who desire to enlist in Italian Army will be despatched to recriutment centres.

(d) Patriots accepting employment will be despatched to respective destinations.

(e) Patriots accepting employment on camp staff and with Allied Armies will be disposed of accordingly.

ADMINISTRATION:

CAMP STAFF:

On the basis of camps being set up to accommodate 2.000 the following establishment of Allied Military Personnel will be provided by AC/AMG

Camp Commandant ..... Lt. or Captain
Camp Adjutant and Q..... RQMS.
Storeman..... Cpl.
Hygiene ..... Cpl.

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Cooks, sanitary squand and casual labour to be employed locally as and when necessary. It will be essential to establish Camp MI Room if camp is not

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RATIONS:

AFHQ have authorised the issue of AFHQ Scale 36 for the feeding of Patriots whilst accommodated in Patriot Camps.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:- Patriotic Branch. 5 Nov '44.

1. Ref. attached draft, this contains general directions given by the Deputy Chief of Staff Civil Affairs Section at the interview with Major Magnus on 4 Nov. '44.

done 2. Major Magnus to draft a letter for submission to AFHQ on para 2.

3. Major Magnus to clarify the position with regard to Patriot provincial committees and to inform I.M.I.5. that the only committees that could be formed in NW territory would be those appointed by Provincial Commissioners.

not done 4. (1) Major agree to submit a further memo on his proposal to retain Patriot bands as organised bands.

Secs. Ack. Ad
16. Nov -

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for C.E. STUART. Brig.
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To: Civil Affairs Section. 4 November 1944.

Four months have passed since the A.C. first faced up to the problem of the Italian patriots. During those four months conditions have altered in two important respects. On the one hand, a considerable volume of experience has now been garnered which was not previously available. On the other hand, the climate of opinion which determines the broad outline policy towards Italy, so far as this can be discerned, has grown unmistakeably more mellow. The present time, therefore, seems favourable for reviewing briefly the manner of handling the patriot problem.

The present policy in dealing with the patriots is to disarm them and disperse them into civil life. This policy has met only with very partial success, and there is no doubt that in the breasts of the patriots a sense of bitterness and frustration is being aroused, which is potentially dangerous. The roots of the trouble, so far as it is possible to disentangle them are these:

1. The patriots responded well to Allied appeals to resist and harass the enemy. There is no doubt that the life of the German invader has been made difficult and dangerous over a wide area by the activities of about a quarter of a million patriots. Now, when the Allies advance and the patriots with all their emotions quickened as a result of many months of privation, expect to be received as brothers in arms by General ALEXANDER's soldiers, they experience a

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to allow the Carabinieri to disarm patriots. Patriots are bound at first to regard the Carabinieri with great suspicion, since north of the line the Carabinieri have been cooperating with the S.S. and Republican Fascists.

2. Wounded patriots receive first-aid at Army dressing stations and are then sent down the line. No proper organisation exists for looking after patriots when they have left the advance dressing station. The ball is passed from hand to hand, from Allied military to civilian hospitals, from civilian to Italian military hospitals, and so on to the C.L.N. authorities and possibly back to hospital again.

Whether wounded or unwounded, the present arrangements or the lack of them tend to make the patriots feel that they belong to a species of pariah dog. Very seldom do they experience even such elementary comforts as hot meals or change of clothes. Their morale drops and they are fair game for any agitator who is at hand to exploit their mood of dejection.

3. The question of rations and clothing for patriots when they are first received in our lines is absolutely fundamental. The present policy - it would be true, to call it "absence of policy" - is responsible for much the larger part of the discontent which is being engendered. It

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4. The delay in issuing patriot Certificates depreciates their value in the eyes of patriots. There is reason to fear that Certificates have been changing hands on a cash basis for something in the neighbourhood of 15,000 lire a time. The Italian National Patriot Committee has recently decided to draw up its own roll of patriots. It is not prepared to accept the award of a Certificate signed by General ALEXANDER as affording final proof that its holder is a certificated patriot.

5. The organisation of a welfare department of the I.N.P.C. is making little progress, and the prospects for the future are less bright than I had hoped. The I.N.P.C. argues that before a really effective welfare organisation can be established some of its powers must be delegated to offshoots of itself in the Provinces and Army areas. The intention is that welfare committees should work in association with these delegated offshoots, but the truth is that every one of the six parties is anxious to run a welfare "racket" to serve its own ends. General ODONE, the excellent secretary of the I.N.P.C., is wrestling with this situation.

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the six parties are shortsightedly eager to see one of their own number installed as welfare agent. It is very difficult to make them understand the necessity for an impersonal and non-political approach.

Other matters could be enumerated were it necessary or helpful, but enough has, I think, been said to make it reasonable for me to submit a proposal which would, I believe, obviate at one stroke a large part of our troubles. I feel that the time has come when the patriots should be recognised - as they are recognised in France and in Russia - as a part of the regular fighting forces of the Italian Army acting under the orders of the Allied C. in C. I know that the ceiling imposed under the Armistice Agreement makes it technically impossible for this policy to be adopted immediately, but there are a great many respects in which the Armistice Agreement of 1943 is already becoming an anachronism. I think that a way should be found to overcome this difficulty. Even if the patriots were only regarded as an auxiliary military force, temporarily attached to the Italian Army, it would be possible for them to be subjected to discipline - which they badly need - and military law, and the situation would be susceptible of vast improvement. It would be possible then to supply them, without recourse to subterfuge, with such rations and clothing as can be made available. The patriots would then have an ordered place in the world and would no longer feel themselves slighted, unregarded and unrewarded.

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immense value to the future not only of Italy but of Europe as well. In present circumstances the patriots remain united in sentiment if not in fact, and there is a danger that some day when the times are ripe, they may conclude that a march on Rome in red shirts might have as good a chance of succeeding as a certain march a quarter of a century ago when the fashionable colour was black.

It may be argued, of course, that after a Region has been liberated the continued existence of patriot bands is useless to the Allied war effort; that the patriots must settle down in civilian life some time and that the sooner they start the better. There is a twofold answer to this argument:-

1. If the transition to civilian life is to be made successfully, the time and conditions must be favourable. They are not favourable now.

2. Military considerations are not in all circumstances and at all times the most important. Two examples only need be given. First, in 1941, political considerations were rightly held to overrule military ones when a British Army was sent to help the Greeks. And, second, after the invasion threat was virtually at an end in England, and the Germans were hopelessly involved in Russia, the Home Guard was still maintained (increasingly) at a high level of efficiency. Time and money were lavished upon it, and it is obvious that the justification for all this was far less military than moral. The Home Guard justified itself because it helped to maintain the morale of the nation. In Italy today, if the transition from the present period of difficulty and

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ends is to keep those patriots who desire it under arms and under military discipline until the times are ripe for them to be disbanded.

P.M. Magnus
Major

Patriot. Branch
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APPRECIATION

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I. REVIEW OF THE SITUATION.

(a) As the Allies move north larger and yet larger bands of Italian partisans - patriots are being encountered. They have increased from a few to hundreds and may soon amount to thousands - perhaps many thousands.

(b) Patriots, geographically speaking, are divided into either local or non-residents of the area within which the band or bands operated. The "local" patriots, except those who wish to enroll in the Italian armed forces, present no problem which cannot be handled locally without movement of patriots themselves. Of the local patriots only those who wish to volunteer immediately for the Italian armed forces are dealt with in this appreciation.

(c) Non-resident patriots are further classified as non-Italian partisans and Italian patriots. The non-Italian partisans such as Yugoslavs, Russians and Allied PWs are also excluded from this appreciation, since this type of partisan is dealt with by the Displaced Persons or other already existing organizations.

(d) This appreciation therefore deals with the problem of

(i) Recruiting Italian patriots who volunteer for immediate service in the Italian armed forces.

(ii) The evacuation and readjustment of Italian patriots whether these Italian patriots be Italian civilians turned patriot or Italian military operating as patriots.

II. FACTORS.

(a) Numbers that will be encountered will be so great that an organization must be formed and established to cope with these problems.

(b) These Italian patriots can not be dealt with through existing agencies

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(b) These Italian patriots can not be dealt with through existing agencies because

(i) They are NOT displaced persons

(ii) They are NOT refugees and Italian patriots resent such classification

(iii) They are Italian military or Italian civilians who by reason of their patriot-military activities are quasi-military and regard themselves as being to all intents and purposes military.

(c) By reason of III (a) and (b) - AF regards the problemsoutlined as being essentially an Italian military problem to be dealt with by a proper Italian military organisation, part of which is already in existence as for example :

(i) General Pomaselli's 210 Italian Division presently located in the Eighth Army sector.

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(ii) General Dapuord's 209 Italian Division presently located in the Polish Corps sector. A

III. INTERIOR.

To deal with

(i) The recruiting and absorption of Italian patriot volunteers into the Italian armed forces.

(ii) The evacuation and readjustment of non-resident Italian patriots encountered in the northward advance of the Allies - whether these patriots be civilian or ex-Italian military.

IV. PLAN.

(a) Mobile camps organised on lines similar to AMG Refugee Camps to be organised and staffed at Corps Roadheads, Army Roadhead and Army and Polish Corps railheads by Italian military.

(i) These camps to be mobile and move forward as Army advances.

(ii) Italian non-resident patriots to be evacuated to these camps for

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(b) Onward transmission to their homes and to Italian Army training centres.

(b) Transportation and movement

(i) Transportation to be used empty backloading Corps and Army transport returning to Corps and Army Roadhead and Railhead or transportation to be furnished to Italian military by appropriate Allied agency.

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(d) Food and other supplies including Medical

(i) to be provided by appropriate Allied Military authorities.

(ii) Ration scale to be used to be decided upon with appropriate Allied authority.

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(e) Method and Operation.

(i) Italian Military Recruiting, Screening and Patriot Evacuation Agency will be based at Corps Bridehead and Army Bridehead and Army Railhead camps and will travel within Army area where required to deal with problem outlined. These Italian military must be provided with transport of their own.

(ii) AMG officers may themselves initiate movement of patriots to Corps Bridehead camps when these camps are known to them.

(iii) Location of Patriot Camps will be given to Eighth Army AMG and HQMG 2 Polish Corps who will in turn supply this information to interested AMG personnel.

(iv) Italian Military Agency dealing with patriots will arrange to draw off Corps area down L of C to Patriot Camp all Italian patriots requiring to be dealt with.

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(b) Information as to Italian patriots required to be evacuated from particular areas.

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LINES OF COMMUNICATION

(a) From local CAO (through DIV ADS HQs) to

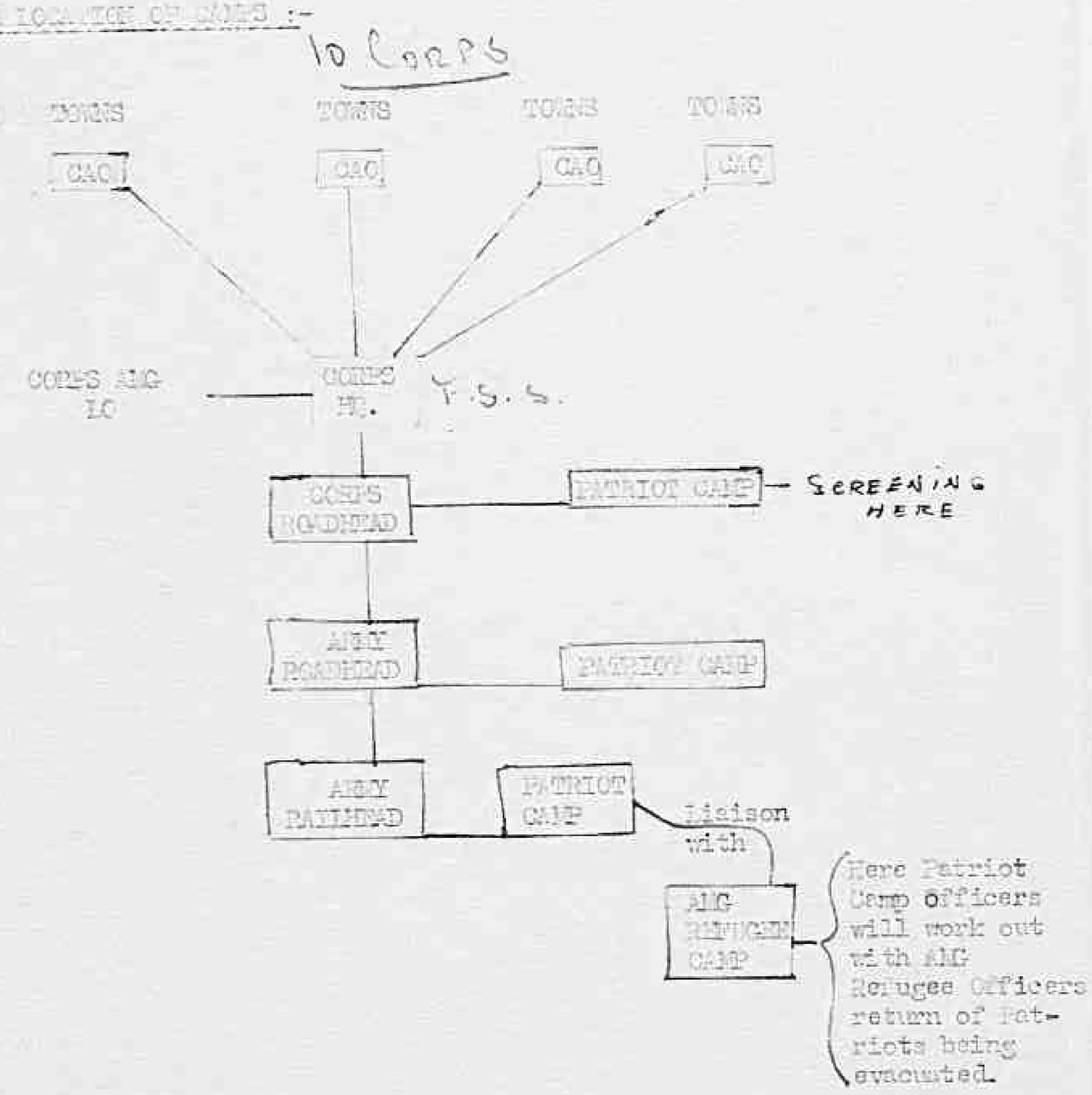
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(c) Corps Patriot Camp at Corps Headhead to

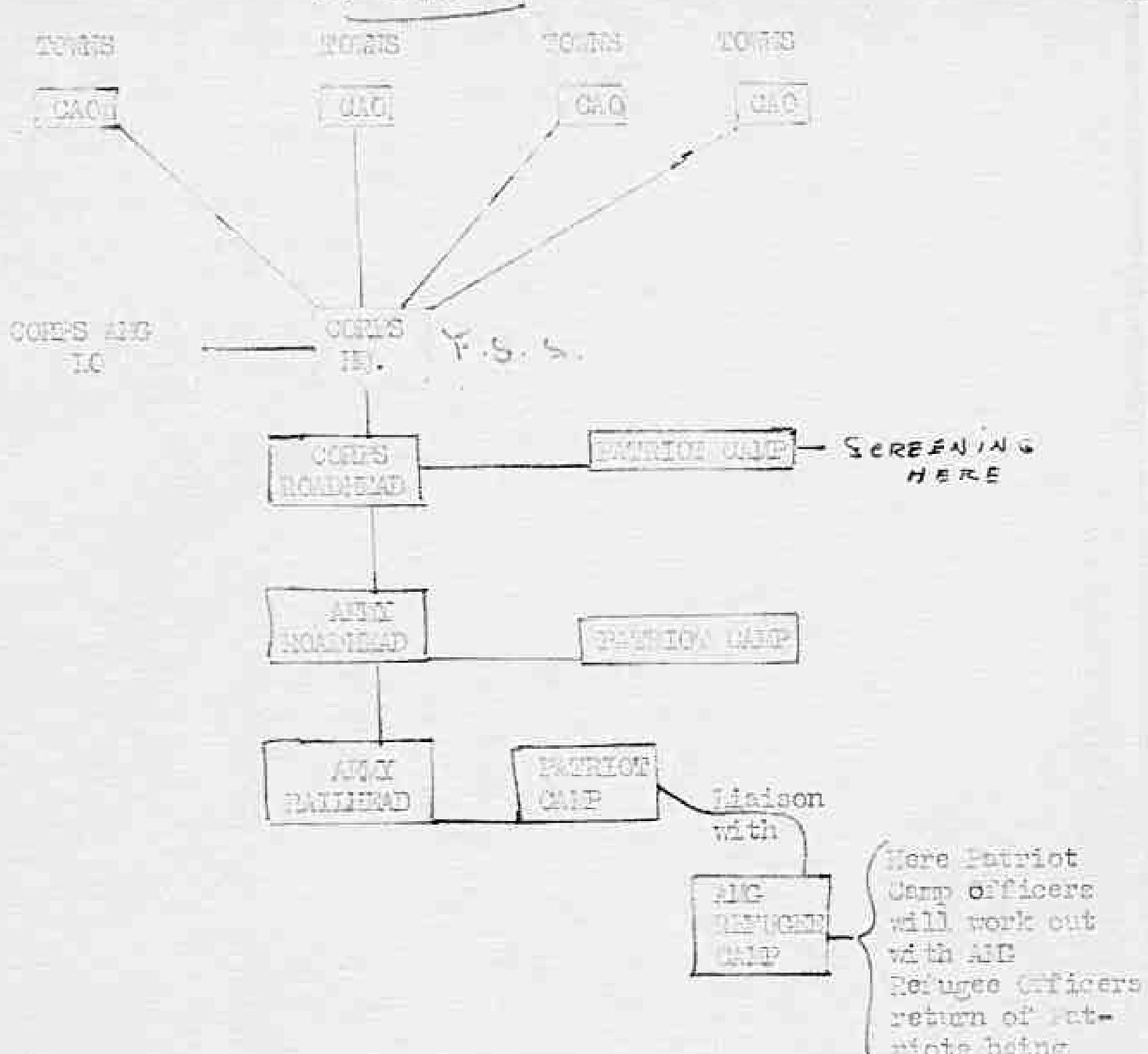
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(e) ARMY Patriot Camp at ARMY Railhead

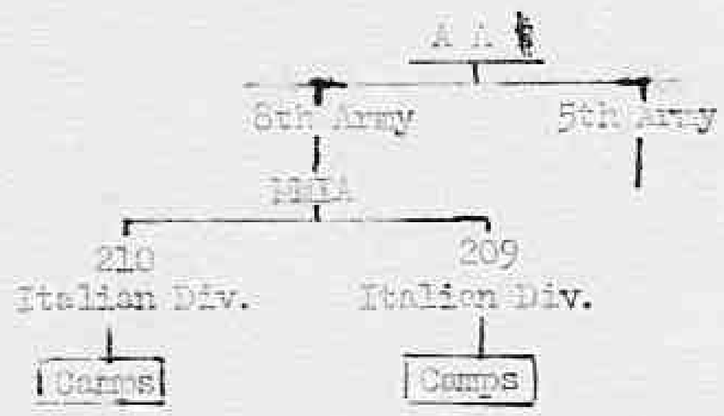
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HANDLING OF ITALIAN PATRIOT VOLUNTEERS.

The initial outlay of the scheme for the handling of patriot volunteers into the Italian Army is outlined in the attached memorandum dated 4th August 1944. This has now been agreed in principle by A.A.I. and M.M.I.A. and the method of physical operation is shown in Appendix A.

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Camp Locations - Several Refugee Camps have been inspected and there is adequate space adjoining such Refugee Camps for the setting up of the Patriot Camps.

Equipment - It is felt that tentage must be made available from some source but bivouacs would suffice. Cooking utensils etc. can be obtained from Army Quartermasters in the areas.

Rations - It has been agreed that the patriots shall be fed on the same scale as that laid down for refugees. This ration scale has been examined and is considered adequate.

Personnel - Each Camp to be commanded by an Italian officer as Camp Commandant, with a small Staff of Italian soldiers, the general duty men to be made up into a permanent staff of patriots (these patriots will not be drawn from those volunteering to join the Army).

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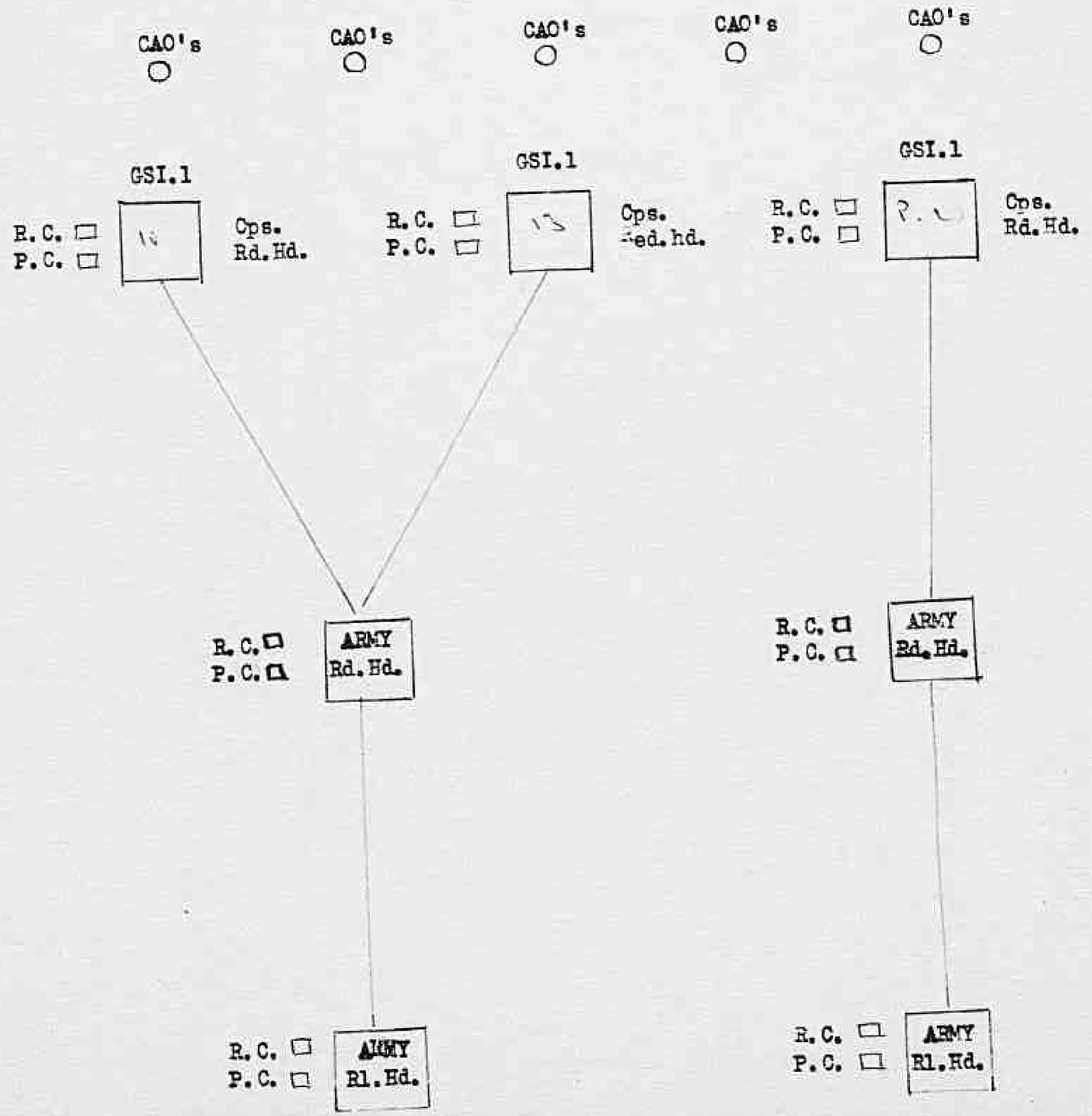
Transport for the daily collection of rations will not be necessary as these can be arranged to be collected by the refugee vehicle and by a liaison between the two Camp Commandants.

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August 11th 1944.

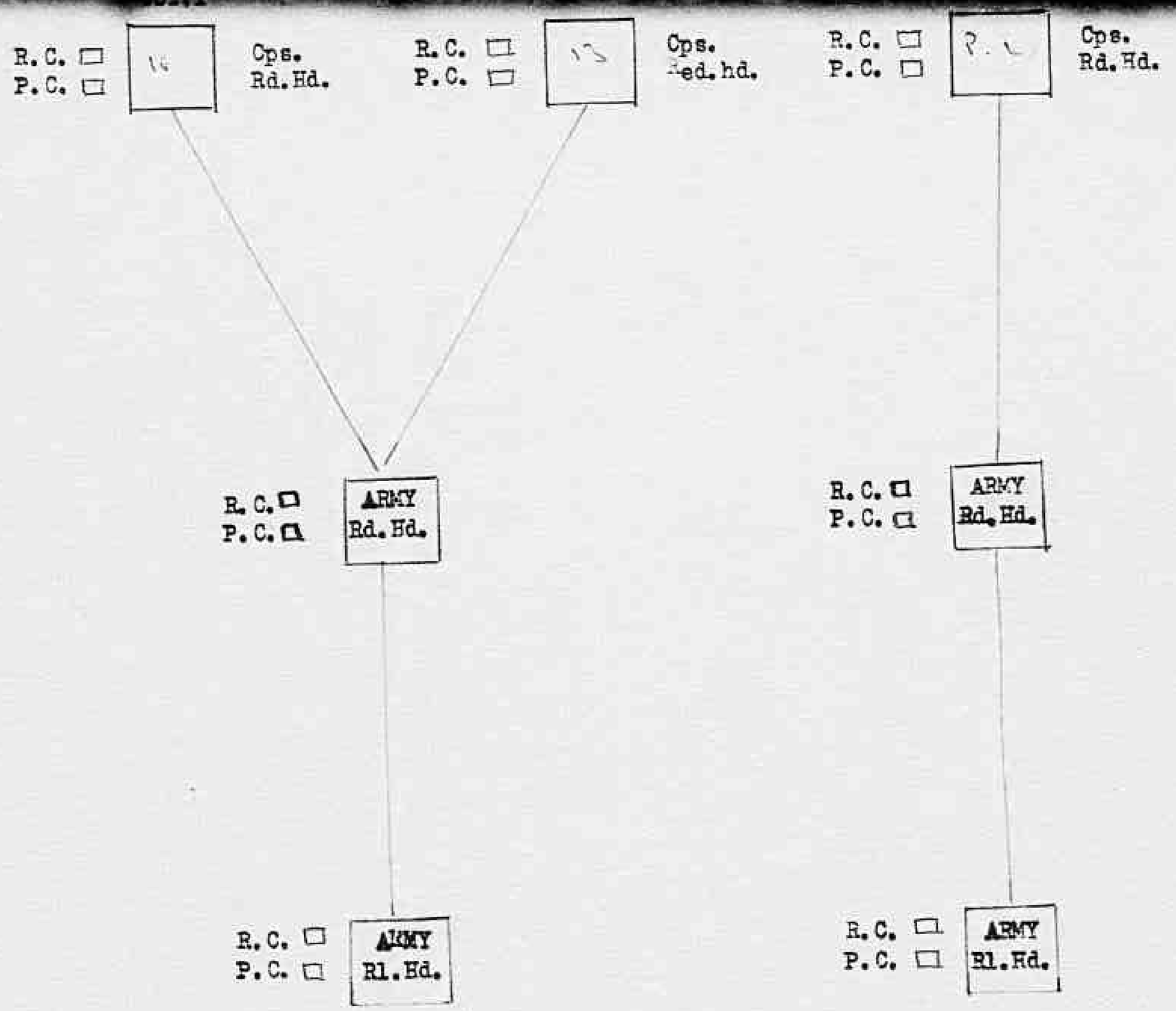
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APPENDIX A.



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REPORT ON PATRIOT BRANCH ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

The I.N.P.C. after a short period of quiescence began a season of activity during the month of OCTOBER. This augurs well for the future but it has to be said that the present performance still lags somewhat behind.

2. The I.N.P.C. decided that all Patriot Representatives should be paid 100 lire a day from the time they are called up and 200 lire a day from the time they receive their appointment.

3. Employment Agencies and Welfare.

The I.N.P.C. is concerned with the task of starting Employment Agencies for patriots in every Region and with that of inaugurating welfare activities. It has to be said that difficulty is being experienced within the I.N.P.C. itself owing to its composition. Each of the 6 parties is represented on the I.N.P.C. and each party representative is inclined to envisage the patriot problem primerarily as a factor to be exploited to the advantage of his party and secondarily as a question to be considered on its merits as a means of serving the state.

3. Certificates

The award of certificates in the Regions behind the Army areas has been completed during the month of October. The I.N.P.C. has in the mean time decided in principle to issue a new kind of certificate to patriots. This decision raised the question of principle and further action upon it has been suspended for the

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4. Patriot Volunteers for the Italian Army.

The response has been disappointing. It has not been found necessary to establish any camps to receive recruits on their way from the front to the recruitment centres, ~~though 2000 bivouacs were~~ held by this Branch in reserve for this purpose throughout the month.

5. Intelligence Reports.

A considerable volume of information has been collected throughout

the month and distribution is a routine matter to AMG of Armies and to those Regions which are destined for North Italy.

6. Patriot Representatives.

A new directive covering the payment of Patriot Representatives and the hiring of motor cars was issued at the end of the month. It was decided that serving Regular Italian Army officers on full pay were inelligible for this employment and all such officers who were serving in that capacity have been recalled. HQ A.A.I. have agreed that Patriot Representatives were to receive free petrol, billets and free rations. Free billets was not to be construed as including furniture or bedding.

8. With the cooperation of Finance Sub Commission a scheme for the payment of Patriot Representatives by Regional Finance Officers was inaugurated.

9. A scheme for the hiring of motor vehicles on behalf of Patriot Representatives on the authority of Patriot Branch was inaugurated during the month.

7. During the month a considerable of patriots continue to come to this office asking to be allowed to return to their homes and for assistance of various kinds have been directed to the offices of the INPC where they have been taken care of.

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Dr Carthy O.B.E. (former) Director of the Patriot Branch left Italy to become Governor Eritrea Col. Ray Spicer, D.S.O. will (Author the post) Director of the local Government Sub Commission with Italy Dealing the Patriots Branch.

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Patriots in Florence

Attached are extracts from the Reichsführer conclusions of a special team of three officers headed by Lt Col Pyle who were sent to help the provincial commissioner in Florence on patriot problems.

It will be noted that the conclusions are very similar to the contents of the directive No 31/1/Pat issued on 15th July

Both ref to Para 5 the annex of V and VIII annex should endeavour to see that the screening agencies are allowed to operate as far forward as possible compatible with the requirements of the armies.

S.C.A.O. 5 Army

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VIII Army.

Reflect VIII & expunge hyphens.

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LIGURIA
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LOMBARDIA
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Subject : Patriot SERGIO PORTI
Lt. Italian Naval Engineering Corps.

TO : ~~HQ. 8th Army~~
~~HQ. 5th Army~~
Maj. ~~Drago~~ B. L. DRAGE

~~We are forwarding to you~~ A copy of ~~the~~ a report on Lt. Sergio Porti killed in action by the Germans on June 14, 1944 near Norcia (Perugia) while leading a sabotage squad is enclosed

A/ Capt. T.J.A' Brien (P/168958 RAF) and A/Capt J.Noel Woods both ex P.O.Ws operated for 5 months together with Lt. Forti and ~~they~~ sent in a report about 15th July 1944 to HQs 8th Army on the gallant actions and on the heroic death of Lt. Forti.

~~It seems opportune that the enclosed report should also be kept in the files concerning proposals for posthumous reward.~~

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Ministero delle Corporazioni - Comitato Centrale del Lavoro - Servizio Centrale dei Consigli e degli Uffici Provinciali delle Corporazioni

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4. They sent in a report ~~about~~ about
~~for~~ 12th July 44 to ~~HQ~~ 8th Army
on the gallant actions & on the
heroic death of Lt. Fort.

3. It seems important that the enclosed
report should also be kept on
the files concerning proposals for
posthumous reward.

HQ ACC
Patriots Branch
APO 394

October 4, 1944.

Subject: Patriot SERGIO FORTI
Lt. of the Naval Engineering Corps

To: ~~Colonel~~ ~~Com~~ HQ. 2. Army
HQ. 5 Army
Maj. Droge

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(2) A/Capt. T.J. O'Brien (P/168958 BRF.) who had taken part in ~~the said~~ this action and in ~~some~~ previous successful sabotages with Lt. Forti and A/Capt. J. Noel Woods, both ex P.O.W. operating for ~~five~~ months together with Lt. Forti, course about July 15 19

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To : [illegible]

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(3) It seems opportune that ~~also~~ the enclosed ~~account~~ also be attached to the records concerning the proposal for a posthumous reward.—

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1. At a meeting held at 1700 hrs on 19th September 44. to discuss patriot camps, Lt. Col. Barnabo asked that his position as Chief Executor of the Patriot Committee be clarified and officially recognised in a letter to that effect signed by General Berardi.

2. It was suggested that Colonel Mc Carthy should attend the Patriot Committee meeting to be held on Friday 22nd to confirm the validity of that Committee - in order to ensure that the necessary authority be given to Lt. Col. Barnabo.

3. It was decided to postpone further discussion until after Friday's meeting.

4. Major Magnus undertook to see Mr Fenoaltea to ask him to persuade the Committee to meet earlier than the 22nd.

Present : - Major Sir P.M. Magnus
Cod. Fava
Lt. Col. Janzen
Lt. Col. Barnabo
Major Casali
Lt. Di Loreto
Lt. Villa

[redacted]

[redacted] PATRIOTS.

1. It is suggested that P.W.B. produce a thousand copies of a pamphlet about Patriots. In this pamphlet the responsibility of the Italian Govt for ensuring that patriots are dealt with fairly when their fighting is done should be stressed. Certain facts also should be brought out, which Allied officers of any branch or formation who may have to deal with patriots ought to know.

2. [redacted] OF A PATRIOT.

Patriots 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 information.

3. [redacted] PATRIOTS FOR WORK.

It has been laid down by A.F.H.Q. that evacuated free Patriots will be welcomed inside the area in which each band has been fighting. It will be impossible to take armed bands of Patriots on to provinces further north.

4. [redacted] OF THE PATRIOT MOVEMENT.

An account of the Patriot movements is being prepared. In this connection it should be remembered that patriots have achieved successes in a large number of cases not only before Allied troops have arrived but also immediately after they have arrived, e.g. in the course of street fighting in [redacted].

5. [redacted] OF PATRIOTS.

After the enemy has been cleared from a district in which a band has been formed, the members of the band will, in many cases need to earn their livings at once. It is estimated that about 50% will go to their homes, but that the remainder (50) will need work. Plans for providing them with work must be made by AMG officers in conjunction with Sub Area Commanders or staff, and labour officers in It is important that these plans should be made before patriots are asked to hand in their arms, so that the patriot is taken straight off to work immediately after he has handed in his arms.

6. [redacted] FOR PATRIOTS.

Patriots can be employed as policemen, guards, ordnance, engineer labourers, clerks, and drivers. Some patriots, furthermore, will want to join the Italian Navy, Army and Air Force. Special note should be taken of prominent patriots in any band, with a view to giving them special employment on a higher scale of wages.

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It has been laid down by A.A.I. Italy that evaders from Patriots will be welcomed inside the area in which each band has been fighting. It will be impossible to take armed bands of Patriots on to provinces further forward.

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2007

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Patriot representatives must be sure, are from the military and not from the political left groups. They are sent out from HQ in response to a request from A.M.G. of Italy. They are in no way political and are not allowed to make any political propaganda whatever. Their main duties are, first, to help your local C.M.G.s in their identification of leaders of Patriot bands, second, to help to select suitable Patriots out of the bands to work on the C.M.G.'s staff, and third, to assist A.M.G. in dealing with political problems.

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and the Patrol thanked by some senior officer for their services.

15. MANNER BETWEEN DETECTIVE AND HIS PATROL ON RETURN TO BARRACKS.

A.P.C. officers must remember to keep in close contact on the subject of Patrols, with the Military Govt., Garrison Capt. Special Forces, F.S.B., I.S.U. and labour officers. It might be advisable to have daily a meeting of Patrols for the first few days with these people present.

16. CRIMINAL CASES.

It must be explained to Patrols that Penal Committees are being set up in each Province to look after the rehabilitation of Patrolmen.

17. [illegible]

The simplest method of these posters should be drawn to the attention of leaders of Patrol's hands.

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It must be explained to them that Central Committees are being set up in each country to look after the rehabilitation of Patriots.

17. [redacted]

The subject matter of these posters should be drawn to the attention of leaders of Patriot bands.

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TO: M.M.I.A.
~~Civil Affairs Branch.~~
~~Refugees Branch.~~
~~Major Bergin.~~

All comments please to Col. K rthy before the meeting at AAI on 11/8/44.

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

SECRET

DRAFT.

SUBJECT: Movement of Patriot Volunteers from Army Areas into the Italian Army.

TO ;

NUMBERS.

(1) It is impossible to say how many volunteers there will be. At present the numbers are very few, but the organization outlined below is designed to take care of a variable flow which might for a short period amount up to several hundred per day.

(2) These volunteers who are accepted have to be moved from Corps and Eighth Army Areas back to the main Italian Army Recruiting Centres which are now at ROME and CHIETI. It is possible that the latter centre will, at a later date, be moved forward to ANCONA.

(3) Accepted volunteers will come on the W/E of the Italian Army for rations and etc., when they arrive at Recruiting Centres.

SCREENING AGENTS (Italian Army)

(1) These screening agents will operate in Army Areas under orders from Fifth and Eighth Armies and select suitable recruits from Patriot volunteers on the lists of A.M.G.

(2) It has been agreed by G.S.I. Eighth Army that a part of the Screening Agency should be set up at Corps roadheads. This in effect means that possible rejections will not be shipped back to Army Roadhead and therefore the necessity of dealing with such rejections and arranging further shipments forward again will not occur.

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(3) Accepted volunteers will be given a ticket to the effect that they will be taken on the strength of one of the enlisted centres, ROME or CHIETI, as soon as they reach these centres.

(4) F.S.S. will also propably have a screening section at Corps Roadhead camps.

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MEANS OF TRANSPORT FOR MOVING RETURNING PATRIOTS.

(1) The means of transport will be along the main army channels (see attached appendix from Corps Areas) to Army Roadheads and Railheads by returning M.T. and by rail where possible.

(2) At present there are three main routes, the East coast route from Pole Corps, the central route from 10 and 13 Corps and the West coast route from Fifth Army.

(3) Requests for road movement along these routes will be made to R.A.S.C., M.T., Officers by C.A.O's., in forward areas and by Camp Commandants of Patriot Camps in Areas further back.

R.A.S.C., M.T., officers will call up parties as convenient and arrange for their movement to the next destination.

(4) Requests for rail movement will be to 'Movements' with whom details, giving numbers, should be arranged on the day prior to the move.

(5) If C.A.O's can at any place arrange for volunteers to be moved under seperate arrangements they should do so provided Corps have screened the men.

CAMPS AND BILLETING AREAS.

(1) These will be required to take care of returning volunteers, and, depending on conditions existing from time to time, one such area may be needed in each corps area, at each Roadhead and at each Railhead.

(2). They can be located near Refugee Camps so that the Allied Officer supervising the latter can also supervise the former.

(3) They must come under command of the Army in whose area they are working.

(4) Whenever possible an Italian barracks or other public building should be used if the Sub-Area Commander can locate.

(5) Rations, Bivouacs and cooking utensils must be found from

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(5) Tentage, Bivouacs and cooking utensils must be found from various sources. 1660

The Refugee Ration Scale will apply and rations can be collected by the refugee truck.

(6) Italian Officers can act as Camp Commandants under the general supervision mentioned above. General duty men to be paid as civilians by A.M.G. can be found from Patriots who need employment.

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R.C. & M.C. SECTION.
PATRIOT BRAZIL.
APO. 394.

SECRET

DRAFT.

SUBJECT: Movement of Patriot Volunteers from Army Areas into the Italian Army.

TO :

REMARKS.

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(3) Accepted volunteers will come on the W/E of the Italian Army for rations and etc., when they arrive at Recruiting Centres.

SCREENING AGENTS (Italian Army).

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2018

MEANS OF TRANSPORT FOR MOVING DISPLACED PERSONS.

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(3) Requests for road movement along these routes will be made to R.A.S.C., M.T., Officers by C.A.O's., in forward areas and by Camp Commandants of Patriot Camps in Areas further back.

R.A.S.C., M.T., officers will call up parties as convenient and arrange for their movement to the next destination.

(4) Requests for rail movement will be to 'Movements' with usual details, giving numbers, should be arranged on the day prior to the move.

(5) If C.A.O's can at any place arrange for volunteers to be moved under separate arrangements they should do so provided Corps have approved the same.

CAMPS AND ASSEMBLY AREAS.

(1) These will be required to take care of returning volunteers, and, depending on conditions existing from time to time, one such area may be needed in each corps area, at each Roadhead and at each Railhead.

(2). They can be located at near Refugee Camps so that the Allied Officer supervising the latter can also supervise the former.

(3) They must come under command of the Army in whose area they are working.

(4) Whenever possible an Italian barracks or other public building should be used if the Sub-Area Commander can locate.

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SUBJECT MATTER FOR PAMPHLET ON PATRIOTS.

1. It is suggested that P.W.B. produce a thousand copies of a pamphlet about Patriots. In this pamphlet the responsibility of the Italian Govt for ensuring that patriots are dealt with fairly when their fighting is done should be stressed. Certain facts when should be brought out, which Allied officers of any branch or formation who may have to deal with patriots ought to know.

2. DEFINITION OF A PATRIOT.

Patriots 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 information.

3. WHERE PATRIOTS WILL FIGHT.

It has been laid down by A.A.I. H.Q. that assistance from Patriots will be welcomed inside the area in which each band has been fighting. It will be impossible to take armed bands of Patriots on to provinces further forward.

4. HISTORY OF THE PATRIOT MOVEMENT.

An account of the Patriot movement is being prepared. In this connection it should be remembered that patriots have achieved successes in a large number of areas not only before Allied troops have arrived but also immediately after they have arrived, e.g. in the course of street fighting in FLORENCE.

5. RE-EMPLOYMENT OF PATRIOTS.

After the enemy has been cleared from a district in which a band has been functioning, the members of the band will, in many cases need to earn their livings at once. It is estimated that about 50% will go to their homes, but that the remainder 50% will need work. Plans for providing them with work must be made by AMG officers in conjunction with Sub Area Garrison HQ staff, and labour officers. It is important that these plans should be made before patriots are asked to hand in their arms, so that the patriot is taken straight off to work immediately after he has handed in his arms.

6. JOBS FOR PATRIOTS.

Patriots can be employed as policemen, guards, orderlies, engineer labourers, clerks, and drivers. Some patriots, furthermore, will want to join the Italian Navy, Army and Air Force. Special note should be taken of prominent patriots in any band, with a view to giving them special employment on a higher scale of wages.

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Bogus patriots must be put down ruthlessly. It will usually be found that any genuine band will be glad to assist in this task.

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16. COMMUNAL COMMITTEES.

It must be explained to Patriots that special Communal Committees are being set up in each commune to look after the rehabilitation of Patriots.

17. GENERAL ALEXANDER'S POSTERS.

The subject matter of these posters should be drawn to the attention of leaders of Patriot bands.

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SUBJECT: General Instruction on the Administration of Patriots in Occupied Italy.

References (1) A.A.I. letter No. 4C/G(Ops) of 22 June 44 copy attached.

(2) Minutes of meeting held in Rome on 3 July 44.

Definition of Patriots.

1. For the purpose of this instruction "Patriots 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."

Patriot Poster signed by General Alexander.

2. 20,000 have already been sent to 5 Army and 30,000 to 8 Army.

3. They should be put up in forward areas as soon as these are liberated.

4. The contents of the poster will also be broadcast locally by P.W.B. and will be put in Italian newspapers.

5. Particular care should be taken that Patriot bands see this poster as soon as possible.

Issue of Patriot Certificates.

6. Certificates (of merit) will only be issued to individuals but in special cases letters of thanks by Corps

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7. Care must be taken not to issue certificates to bogus Patriots who, for instance, only became Patriots after their area was liberated. On the other hand C.A.C's. may issue certificates to borderline cases at their discretion.

8. It is proposed to number these certificates by blocks and issue them at the same time as this instruction to A.M.G. Armies and to Regions.

9. There must inevitably be a considerable backlog in the issue of some certificates which will therefore be issued by Regions after A.M.G. spearhead C.A.C's. have left.

10. Also all Regions will issue certificates, if properly vouched for by Patriot leaders, in respect of areas liberated within the last few months. Regional Commissioners should give this matter very early attention and will where necessary set up special commissions to deal with outstanding problems e.g. in the Rome area.

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Adriatic Coast. Further representatives can be provided, on demand, for A.M.G. Armies or for Regions.

15. Patriot representatives are paid by their own organisation. Theyshould be housed by A.M.G.

16. D.Q.M.G.(A.A.I.) is sending instructions to Armies that these representatives will be put on the A.M.G. ration strength and will draw petrol for their cars.

17. The transport position is tight but sanction has been obtained that these representatives should have cars which may be requisitioned locally for this purpose.

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18. The surrender must be to C.A.O's. and Allied officers who should if practicable sign the receipt, otherwise Patriot leaders should give individual receipts from C.A.O's. or Allied Officers.

19. After much consideration it has been decided that all Patriots and all others should be given one reason only for handing in their arms and that this should be that the law requires them to do so.

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23. Lists of arms handed in by Patriots ~~and eventually be handed over to No. 1 Special Force~~ must be turned in to Patriot Branch A.C.C. Furnitare lists NO1 Special Force only select those suitable for reemployment.

24. C.A.O's. have permission to reissue arms to temporary

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policemen who may in fact be drawn out of Patriot bands.

25. Surrendered arms will as far as possible be moved to central points such as Perugia, whence they will be taken over by No. 1 Special Force and returned to South Italy where they will in fact be used for dropping by parachute. They are urgently required for this purpose. A.F.H.Q. at Armies should notify this Headquerters at what central points they can collect arms. Grenades and bombs need not be so collected.

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32. Patriot leaders are to prepare nominal rolls of their groups and reports on their operations previous to the Allied occupation of the Communes from which they were operating.

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33. It is extremely important that while order is to be maintained and arms have to be surrendered, Patriots should be treated with great tact and sympathy in order to avoid arising antagonism and discouragement which would become known and have an adverse effect upon patriots still operating against the enemy. Leaders of Patriot groups should be thanked by A.M.G. officers, for the assistance which they have rendered to the Allies, and told to convey to their groups the Allied appreciation of their efforts. Peremptory orders about handing in arms are a particular source of aggravation and should be avoided.

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VISIT TO FLORENCE

Arrived 27 August 1300 hrs. departed 28 August 1000 hrs.

1. While I was in FLORENCE I met Brig. Gen. HUME and Colonel MAYNE; also I had a two hour discussion with the Military Comdr. Brig. FRITH. I also saw Mr. RAYNER of PWB and Comdr. HOLDSWORTH.

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back ~~to~~ any operational troops and so dislocate his other arrangements.

It is interesting to note that quite a number of people, including Patriots, have used the opportunity of attacking personal and political enemies and I do not think it will ever be possible to stop this kind of thing during the troublesome period of street fighting in a large city.

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I was able to pass to BGS Ops. some information which happened to be badly needed which had been passed to me from the Economic Branch of ACC and from the Italian Government, concerning power stations and pump stations in areas which might be flooded in Northern Italy.

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It was laid down by Ops. that all this kind of information, which is badly needed and can be drawn from Italian Government and ACC channels, should be passed to Ops. who will decide to what extent ~~xxxxxxx~~ it is possible for Patriots on the Northern side of the line to protect them. BGS Ops. AAI will alone decide what measures are taken including what broadcasts are sent out.

So far as the Patriot Branch is concerned, Regional Comdrs. of forward Regions are each allocating one of their staff officers at their HQ to look after Patriot problems and to pass instructions to their provinces. Regional Commissioners are each sending an Intelligence officer to collect information on Patriot Bands' activities etc. from us.

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It occured to me in FLORENCE that there are a large number of Military Organisations in any town who should know how we handle Patriots and how imperative it is to give them priority for purposes of reemployment and I am producing a little pamphlet which can be distributed not only to C.Os, but also Sub Area Comdrs., Military Comds. Special Force Officers, PWB, ICU and Labour officers. This should be ready in about 10 days time.

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SUBJECT: Patriots in Florence.

TO H.Q. Fifth Army A.M.G.

1. In reply to your letter of 20 August I would assure you that this problem has been very carefully watched from here and also discussed with H.Q. A.A.I.

2. In view of your strong recommendation a team of officers from Regions that are about to form are being sent to reach Florence tomorrow. Colonel Mc Carthy is going up at the same time to investigate and report.

3. This team is for your use in Florence on Patriot work and it has been explained to Regional Commissioners that they can withdraw their officers when they wish to do so - probably within a fortnight. I am sure that their experience in Florence should be useful for them afterwards.

4. ~~I feel however strongly that~~ It is not the function of the Patriot Branch of A.C.C. H.Q. to go to Florence or any other town except in an advisory capacity, and then only for a very brief visit. The Patriot Branch have many other duties to perform in Rome, such as liaison with the Italian Government, and these duties must be carried out by the existing staff which is not numerous. The handling of Patriots on the spot must be done by AMG staff.

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To be signed by Brig Lush

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HQ ACC, APO 394
743 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 21 Aug 1945
By

20th August 1944.

Acting Chief Commissioner.

The history behind the attached draft letter(1) to the Italian Government is as follows:-

(a) Colonel McCarthy was informed by his Staff Captain that Palermo was working on a scheme for handling patriots. Palermo was then asked to apply to see the Patriots Branch which he did through MMIA.

(b) General Browning held a meeting which General Oxilia, Palermo and Colonel McCarthy attended. The Italian Under Secretaries for War (Oxilia and Palermo) suggested a scheme which they put in writing (2) the following day at Colonel McCarthy's request.

(c) General Browning discussed the scheme with Colonel McCarthy and wrote a memorandum to Colonel McCarthy who sent it to me for comments (3).

(d) I then asked Colonel McCarthy to write a draft letter (1) giving our views to the Italian Government. It is suggested that this be sent to General Oxilia and Palermo with a copy to Bonomi and a meeting be held with the Italian Government to discuss the points mentioned.

(e) The Patriots Branch are anxious that the commission should be started soon.

Figures in red refer to attached letters.

Brig Leech

Hop the draft letter
been coordinated
with Gen B? If so,
I will send, but pls
indicate a new date
for the meeting. Thx

M.S. Leech
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner. 1586

Yes I agreed

Suggest Friday pm: CSL

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Subject:- Organisation of Patriots

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Memorandum to Brigadier Lush. 20 August 1944.

The history behind the attached draft letter to the Italian Govt. is as follows.

FIRST I heard from Max Salvadori that Palermo was working on a scheme for handling Patriots and I told Max to tell Palermo to apply to see us which he did through A.M.I.A.

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FIFTH It is important to get the Italian commission started soon.

Retype in 3rd person
as draft AC/CC

C.D. Mc Carthy

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Colonel,
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R.C. & M.G. Section.

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DRAFT

(1)

SUBJECT: Organisation of Patriots.
H.Q. Memorandum of 6th Council of Ministers

TO : Italian Government.

The memorandum on this subject from the Administration
~~Your memorandum undated~~ has been carefully considered.

It is felt that a meeting should be held as soon as possible to discuss the following matters.

WORKING COMMISSION

Some form of commission should be set up immediately by the Italian Government to handle, with guidance from the Patriots Branch A.C.C., the problem of (a) appointing Patriot Representatives and providing them with transport, (b) the preparation of records of Patriot activities (c) the payment of compensation and rewards, and, (d) the regular supply of information to the Patriot Branch.

/ CONSTITUTION OF THE WORKING COMMISSION

It is considered that this might be formed under the Ministry of the Interior or the Presidency of the Cabinet and that it should contain some officials coopted from the Ministries of War and Finance.

CONTROL OF PATRIOT ACTIVITIES

For all questions affecting Patriots North of the rear Army boundaries the working commission must clearly understand that it cannot have any authority whatsoever. All authority and contacts will be under the absolute control of General Alexander's H.Q. Any recommendations the committee may wish to make (e.g. re Propaganda) should be addressed to the Patriots Branch A.C.C.

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Anytime on Sunday 25 August

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" Admy
" Ministry of War

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Acting Chief Commissioner

Signature

The attached is submitted for your ~~information~~.

M.E.L.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH - DRAFT OF SPEECH FOR 22 AUGUST 1944.

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1. Patriot Bands, which are many of ~~them~~ large and highly organised bodies, have been created in various centres of German occupied territory in Italy and have received considerable encouragement and active help and instructions from the Allied Command. 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.

XX Shall up in for 14 days

The Patriots Branch of A.C.C. was formed early in July as a result of an instruction from A.A.I. and is responsible for all dealings with Resistance Groups as soon as the territory in which they have been operating is liberated by our troops.

2. In all dealings care is taken to distinguish between bogus Patriots and genuine patriots who are definedwas 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. It must be remembered that these genuine patriots have in very many cases lived extremely precarious lives, suffered considerable casualties and been a very great nuisance ~~value~~ to the enemy. Let us not forget that they have been living under the grim shadow of torture and death not only for themselves but also for their families. I will read you the text of a German Order signed for the Commander in Chief of the German Armed Forces and found in the SUSSIANO area in mid-July:

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TWO. Whoever gives shelter to bandits, protects them or gives them clothing, food or arms ..... WILL BE SHOT.

THREE. If it is found that anyone known a group of rebels or even a single rebel without having reported them to the nearest Headquarters, he .... WILL BE SHOT.

FOUR. Whoever gives information to the enemy or to the bandits on the location of German Headquarters or Military dumps ... WILL BE SHOT

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FIVE. Any village where it can be proved that there are bandits or where attacks against German or Italian soldiers have been made, or where acts of sabotage intended to damage or destroy warlike stores, have taken place ... WILL BE BURNT ... TO THE GROUND. However, male inhabitants of the village over 16 years old ... WILL BE SHOT. Women and girls will be interned in labour camps.

There is no doubt that many patriots have acted with extreme bravery and courage, and a note of their activities has been prepared and is available to those who would like to read it.

3. Many questions have been asked of the political tendencies of patriot bands. After speaking to a large number of patriots in various corners of the country I personally feel that in the great majority of cases these men have been fighting first to defeat the Germans, second to destroy Fascism and third in the case of some of them, to build up a new Italy. Most of them have at this stage of the war very little idea of the aims and ambitions of the six political parties in Italy but they are keenly alive to the fact that something drastic must be done about politics in the very near future and being mostly young and active men they are keenly susceptible to influence and require a lead from the Italian Government. Some of them will undoubtedly be of importance in the new Italy and they are a great responsibility for us all.

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4. Many Plans have been drawn up for dealing with patriots. A message in poster form signed by General Alexander has been distributed in forward areas, a form of certificate of merit has been approved and certificates have been sent to Bastia and to the 5 and 8 Armies for distribution. Although many

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PATRIOTS BRA - ~~XXXXXX~~ (SPEECH FOR 22 ARMY 1944.)

1. Patriot Bands which are many of them large and highly organised bodies have been created in various centres of German occupied territory in Italy and have received considerable encouragement and active help and instructions from the Allied Command. 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 is responsible for all dealings with Resistance Groups as soon as the territory in which they have been operating is liberated by our troops.

2. In all dealings care is taken to distinguish between bogus Patriots and genuine patriots who are definedas 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. It must be remembered that these genuine patriots have in very many cases lived extremely precarious lives, suffered considerable casualties and been a very great nuisance ~~value~~ to the enemy. Let us not forget that they have been living under the black cloud of torture and death not only for themselves but also for their families. I will read you the text of a German Order signed for the Commander in Chief of the German Armed Forces and found in the SUBIACO area in mid-July:

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THREE. If it is found that anyone knows a group of rebels or even a single rebel without having reported them to the nearest Headquarters, he .... WILL BE SHOT.

FOUR. Whoever gives information to the enemy or to the bandits on the location of German Headquarters or Military dumps ... WILL BE SHOT /FIVE

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FIVE. An village where it can be proved that there are bandits or where attacks against German or Italian soldiers have been made, or where acts of sabotage intended to damage or destroy warlike stores, have taken place ... WILL BE BURNT ... TO THE GROUND. However, male inhabitants of the village over 18 years old ... WILL BE SHOT. Women and girls will be interned in labour camps.

There is no doubt that many patriots have acted with extreme bravery and courage and a note of their activities has been prepared and is available to those who would like to read it.

3. Many questions have been asked of the political tendencies of patriot bands. After speaking to a large number of patriots in various corners of the country I personally feel that in the great majority of cases these men have been fighting first to defeat the Germans, second to destroy Fascism and third in the case of some of them, to build up a new Italy. Most of them have at this stage of the war very little idea of the aims and ambitions of the six political parties in Italy but they are keenly alive to the fact that something drastic must be done about politics in the very near future and being mostly young and active men they are keenly susceptible to influence and require a lead from the Italian Government. Some of them will undoubtedly be of importance in the new Italy and they are a great responsibility for us all.

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PATRIOTS BRAI - DRAFT OF SPEECH FOR 22 AUGUST 1944.

1. Many Patriot Bands ~~which~~ are ~~many of them~~ large and highly organised bodies ~~have been created~~ in various centres of German occupied territory in Italy. They have sprung into being and have received ~~considerable~~ encouragement ~~and~~ active help and instructions from the Allied Command. ~~It is therefore clearly one of our chief~~ It has been laid down by A.A.I. that ~~tasks to look after the individual members of these bands when their fighting~~ our Patriot Bands must not accompany the Armies forward out of their own areas. ~~The responsibility rests upon A.C.C. to ensure that individual members of~~ ~~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.~~ these bands are looked after when their fighting is done.

The Patriots Branch of A.C.C. was formed early in July as a result of an instruction from A.A.I. It ~~and~~ is responsible for all dealings with Resistance Groups as soon as the territory in which the bands have been operating ~~is~~ has been liberated by our troops.

2. In all dealings with Patriot groups care is taken to distinguish between bogus and genuine Patriots. A patriot is defined as someone who has borne arms as a member of a genuine ~~and genuine patriots who are defined as being those in the ranks of genuine~~ fighting band, ~~who have carried arms,~~ who has engaged in sabotage, or who has secured important military information to the benefit of the Allied war effort. It must be remembered that these genuine patriots have in ~~many~~ very many cases lived ~~extremely~~ precarious lives, suffered considerable casualties and been of very great nuisance value to the enemy. ~~Let us not forget that they~~ It must not be forgotten that these men have been living under the ~~black cloud~~ shade threat of torture and death ~~not only for themselves but also~~ that the danger was not only to themselves but also to their families. I will read you the text of a German Order signed ~~for~~ on behalf of the Commander in Chief of the German Armed Forces and found in the SUBBIANO area in mid-July:

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2. In all dealings with Patriots great care is taken to distinguish between bogus and genuine Patriots. A patriot is defined as someone who has borne arms as a member of a genuine fighting band who has engaged in sabotage, or secured important military information to the benefit of the Allied war effort. It must be remembered that these genuine patriots have in many cases lived very precarious lives, suffered considerable casualties and been of great nuisance value to the enemy. It must not be forgotten that these men have been living under the black threat of torture and death not only for themselves but also for their families. I will read you the text of a German Order signed on behalf of the Commander in Chief of the German Armed Forces and found in the SUBRIANO area in mid-July:

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There is no doubt that many patriots have ~~acted with extreme bravery and~~ acted with extreme fortitude & resolution. ~~courage~~ A summary of their activities has been prepared and is available to those who would ~~like~~ care to read it.

3. Many questions have been asked about the political tendencies of patriot bands. After speaking to a large number of patriots in various parts of the country I personally feel that in the great majority of cases these men have been fighting first to defeat the Germans, second to destroy Fascism and third in some cases to build a new Italy. Most patriots have little knowledge of the aims and ambitions of the six political parties in Italy; however they are keenly alive to the fact that something drastic must be done in the political field in the very near future. Since patriots are mostly young and active men they are very susceptible to influence. It is highly desirable that they should be given a lead by the Italian Government. (Since some patriots at any rate are certain to be of importance in the new Italy, the responsibility is a heavy one for all concerned.)

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Memorandum to Brigadier LUSH. 20th August 1944

The history behind the attached draft letter to the Italian Govt. is as follows.

FIRST Iheard from Max SALVADORI that Palermo was working on a scheme for handling Patriots and I told Max to tell Palermo to apply to see us which he did through M.M.I.A.

SECOND General BROWNING had a meeting at which General OXILIA, Palermo and self were present. The two Italian undersecretaries for War (OXILIA and Palermo) put up a scheme which was practically what they wrote in next day at my request (attached).

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FIFTH It is important to get the Italian commission started soon.

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SUBJECT : Organisation of Patriots.

To : Italian Government.

Your memorandum undated has been carefully considered. It is felt that a meeting should be held as soon as possible to discuss the Following matters.

WORKING COMMISSION

Some form of commission should be set up immediately by th Italian Government to handle, with guidance from the Patriots Branch A.C.C., the problem of (a) appointing Patriot Representatives and providing them with transpott, (b) the preparation of records of Patriot activities (c) the payment of compensation and rewards, and, (d) the regular supply of information to the Patriot Branch.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WORKING COMMISSION

It is considered that this might be formed under the Ministry of the Interior or the Presidency of the Cabinet and that it should contain some officials coopted by the Ministries of War and Finance.

CONTROL OF PATRIOT ACTIVITIES

For all questions affecting Patriots North of the rear Army boundaries the working commission must clearly understand that it cannot have any authority whatsoever. All authority and contacts will be under the absolute control of General ALEXANDER's H.Q. Any recommendations the Committee may wish to make (e.g. ref Proganda) should be addressed to the Patriots Branch A.C.C.

For problems South of the rear Army boundaries the active cooperation of the working commission will be welcomed, it being understoud that nothing can be done without the full approval of A.C.C. Patriot Branch. Suggestions for activities in addition to those mentioned above can be discussed when the meeting takes place. It is suggested that 1100 hrs on 24 August would be a suitable time and date if the Italian Government will be ready with its proposals by then.

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Means for transfer & Reorganization

Patents Granted

log: to be taken

(1) At present this consists (excluding ~~employees, said to be eligible~~ attached personnel) of the following as detailed in appendix A attached —

1 C-R.	1 S/M
1 Major	1 Sergt.
1 Major (Yarthenia)	1 Orderly
1 Capt (Not yet arrived)	2 British Civilians (FEMALE) ~~Engineer~~ (Interpreters)
	3 Italian Civilians

(2) The work carried out during the last two months has involved the provision of new directives and the setting up of an organisation, largely Italian Patriot Representatives, to ~~assist~~ work with Lands and in Regions. Patriots in Army areas & a large amount of information is also being collected through special channels.

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(3) In the future and then say

AAI Headquarters themselves are actually

part of the Gothic line the position as I

visualise it will be as follows:- Just a

steady stream of information will be

coming back for collation: this must be

tabulated by the Italian Patrick committee which

is being set up by the War Ministry for purposes

of record & compensation. Second the patriots

themselves south of the Gothic line should

have been disarmed and sent to their

various destinations and settled to the work

now settled by Repatriation by some end of Feb.

Third. Further problems as they affect Patrick

South of the Gothic line should be few and purely

political

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if [illegible] Patriots north of the battle zone
also all those inside the Army areas will
present a continued [illegible] problem
which will with the accompanying propaganda
[illegible] have to be handled in close liaison with
A.A. Civ Staff & Special Forces.

(4) With ref to Paras 3(a) & 3(b) of the letter of 7th
I have discussed the matter with Lt Col Fuke and we
feel that the Patriot organisation can best be
amalgamated into the Civil Affairs branch
since its problems are chiefly concerned
with the operations of the Army in the field &
(A) second extremely political.

(5) Such a merger could take effect only
in Rome but at AAI Hq where a representative
organisation of the Patriot branch is required above

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by the time the Hqrs moves of A-A, are
north of the Baltic line I consider that the
whole of the present patrol staff as in
H. Hqrs Appendix A should have moved
there, leaving behind one officer under
Civil Affairs branch who can deal with
maritime patrol problems, putting up more
important issues to the head of the Civil Affairs Branch.
Civil affairs clerks in Rome could distribute copies
with the correspondence.

(5) Delete ref to 3(c) of the letter of 9 Aug
and that this means ~~MMMMMM~~ no more officers
which can be replaced by Italians

(6) Delete ref to 3 (d) the number of officers
required, are probably three at AAI and one in
Rome in addition to Italian Civilian Officers and

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Special Force Officers who are attached to
the for special purposes: but would like
to allow myself the liberty of writing this
upon towards the end of next to be handled
estimate on if the Command
in North Italy ~~develop~~ varies from what we
have visualised.

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14th August 1944

Ref.

Subject : Organization.

To : Manpower and Reorganization Committee H.Q. A.C.C.

Staff Position and Requirements of Patriot Branch ACC

P R E S E N T P O S I T I O N

Officers. 3 British officers as follows :-

Col. C.D. Mc CARTHY, R.E.
Major Sir Fitzroy MACLEAN Bt. I.C.
(part time only).
Major B.L. DRAGE R.A.S.C.
~~Attached. Information Section from Special Forces.~~

Italian Office s Attached.

Col. Fava.
~~Dr. Treves.~~
Lieut. Villa.

OR/EM. S/Sgt. Davies. R. R.A.S.C.
Sgt. Stanton. P.R. R.A.S.C.
Pte. Taylor.

CIVILIANS. 2 British Civilians Secretaries. (Female)

Other Civilians. Mr. Forti. Translator.
2 Typists.

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FUTURE REQUIREMENTS.

OFFICERS. British officer. +++

2 Lieuts. (1 British, 1 American) for supervising Patriot Field Camps.

+++ NOTE. It is expected that this branch will eventually be attached to HQ. AAI. and will move forward and the officer requested will be required to remain at this HQ. as a rear link.

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Rotterdam.

A.A.I. 1 Colonel. B
2 Majors. (1 B + 1 A)
2 Italian officers.

HMIA 5th Army
2 Italian officers

HQ Italian Corps attd 5 Army
2 Italian Officers.
1 Lt (A)

Lt for Transport.
1 Italian Offr

Sect 209 Svy
2 Italian Offrs

1 Lt (B)
AG 2D/HQ

Camps.

Camps.

MMIA d'Istria
2 Italian officers

HQ Italian Legio with 5 Army
2 Italian officers.

1 MT (A)

L.A. for transmitter.
1 M.G.
1 Italian officer

Like 209 Bde
2 Italian officers

1 MT (B)
AC 20/mb

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Labour Sub-Commission

SUBJECT:- Re-employment of Patriots.

1. This directive written in consultation with B.C.S.(ops) A.A.I. has been agreed by R.A.M.C. (A.A.I.) and is for the guidance of A.M.G. Officers in connection with appendix "A" of the General Instruction for the Administration of Patriots in Military Government Territory reference 30/1/MIS dated 16 July 1944.

2. It should be used as a basis for discussion with Area Commanders, Town Majors, Royal Engineer units and Labour Officers who, other things being equal, should be asked to give priority for employment to genuine Patriots with certificates. C.A.O's. should get in touch with the nearest Labour Officers (D.A.D.L. or S.L.C.O.) as soon as possible and give them a list of suitable names of Patriots that can be used as civilian workers.

3. Some Patriots may be taken for special operations, some will be disposed of locally, some will move to or have to be transported to a distance for re-employment and some foreigners e.g. Yugoslavs will be despatched under special arrangements. There will however remain a hard core of say 30 - over whom a good deal of trouble may have to be taken and the following suggestions for their re-employment are approved in principle by A.A.I. and the other authorities concerned.

(a) Enlistment in the Regular Italian Army by the special Italian Officers being sent up by H.Q.M.I.A.

(b) Employment by Royal Engineer units for urgent work on bridging, road repairing, dock clearance and military repair work as soon as an area has been liberated.

(c) Employment by MIS/ACC for duties similar to (b) as and when required.

(d) Employment by MIS/ACC for special police and harbour case duties.

(e) Employment by Area Commanders and Town Majors as watchmen.

(f) Carabinieri will do their own recruiting and C.A.O's. should contact the senior Carabinieri officer or R.C.O. in their area.

(g) Where it is clear to a C.A.O. that he will have an irreducible task in absorbing locally his hard core of Patriots, he must pass particulars quickly to his Provincial Commissioner who should arrange for work within the Province.

4. The problem of paying and feeding Patriots who are employed in some of the manners suggested above should be carefully studied. Full instructions for feeding civilians employed on military duties are given in "Instructions Regarding the Employment of Civilian Labour (Italy and Sicily)" - copy attached. For issue of U.S. rations to civilians see NATOUSA circular No. 4 of 4 Feb 44 (attached).

Problem of Pay and Feeding Patriots

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(c) Employment by AMG/ACC for duties similar to (b) as and when required.

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Problem of training & provision of recruiting squads in back areas is being considered.

C.Stu
28/7 1557

Copy for comment please to:-

- also B.C.S., D.C.A.C., and D.A.C., A.A.I.

Brig. Ritchie	A.A.I.
Political Section	A.C.C.
Maj-Gen. Browning	A.C.C.
Col. Upjohn	A.C.C.
Brig. Lush	A.C.C.
Patriot Reps.	A.C.C.
Labour Sub-Commission	A.C.C.

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ESTABLISHMENTS BRANCH
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Ltr JTA/jmv
Cmm 24 July 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Civil Affairs Branch.

1. Despite the fact that the hand writing on the note to the Establishments Branch is so illegible that I am not certain what is desired, I am submitting the following comments:

a. If this memorandum is intended to be sent to the field, the last paragraph on page 2 should be deleted and brief instructions included for the actual pay and feeding since these instructions will go to forward CAOs who do not have files of Executive and Establishment Memorandums readily available.

b. They are not entitled to army rations either British or American except when it can be fully established that it is an operational necessity

The Food Sub-Commission has set-up a special ration for drivers employed by AMG/ACC. (See para. 2, Daily Bulletin No. 150, dated 24 June 1944). If any other special action is to be given, it must be by arrangement with the Food Sub-Commission.

c. Payment must be by AAI scale. If they are employed in the removal of mine fields it may be possible for the Labor Sub-Commission to arrange a special wage rate for this particularly dangerous duty.

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishments Branch.

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Major Talbot.

I agree your para (

I am not clear what this document is. It is labelled "draft", and has no ref number or signature, so I think it must be something that is in (and others) for comment before publication.

Could you pl. check with Col McCarthy.

Established

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Sec Bn

Could we please have your comments on this - in particular in relation to last para.

Eric Shiner
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Civil Affairs Branch

Chief

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SUBJECT: Re-employment of Patriots.

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It should be used as a basis for discussion with area Commanders Town Majors and R.E. units who can employ Patriots and who, other things being equal should be asked to give priority for employment to genuine Patriots with certificates.

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(6) Employment by Area Commanders and Town Majors for guard

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duties including the guarding of Italian Ammunition dumps until these are taken over by the Italian Army.

(7) Where it is clear to a CAC that he will have an impossible task in absorbing locally his hard core of Patriots he must pass particulars quickly to his Provincial Commissioner who should arrange rehabilitation within the Province.

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Brig. Ritchie	A.A.I.
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Political Section	A.C.C.
Maj. Gen. Browning	A.C.C.
Col. Upjohn	A.C.C.
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Patriot Representatives	ROME

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Appendix "A" to 30/1/PAT dated 18 July 1944 SECRET

FORMATION OF COMMUNAL COMMITTEES FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT AND DISPERSAL OF PATRIOTS.

1. (a) The Committee will be formed and exist at Commune level only in the first instance.

(b) Subject to local conditions a suggested form of committee is as follows:-

Sindaco (or Commissario Prefetizio) to preside;
four or more representatives chosen by and from the patriots;
two members of the Giunta Communale if formed as such or otherwise two well known and respected local residents.

(c) Consistency of policy, co-ordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees and means of communication from AMG/ACC HQ should be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner.

2. The function and purpose of the Committee are as follows. They will firstly determine whether persons calling themselves patriots are in fact patriots. After sifting for this purpose, the bogus patriots will be ignored. The genuine patriots will be classified and dealt with in the following manner:-

(a) Local absorption into their ordinary walks of life and means of livelihood and employment (particularly agricultural and harvesting) which may still exist in the local area. They will be dealt with as any other residents of the locality who had remained there. This process will apply both to patriots whose home is in the particular area and to non-residents if the latter so wish. Preference may be given to patriots in providing employment.

(b) Non-residents who do not want to stay in the area. It is believed that this class will be very small in number. They will return to their homes. Their return will be arranged locally by the CAO to Provincial HQ thence by the Provincial Commissioner.

(c) Those who want to join the Army immediately (as opposed to waiting for "call up" if and when liable) will be conveyed to Provincial HQ and thence under Provincial arrangements to such points as may be determined by the Allied/Italian Military authorities. To enable this to be done the MMIA will keep Regional Commissioners and SCAOs informed as to the places to which such persons are to be conveyed and any other relevant information for the purpose.

(d) Those who wish to continue to serve as patriots. These will be selected, in small numbers, by the appropriate military agencies if needed.

(e) Yugo Slavs who have not already been sifted and dealt with under these instructions will be returned through Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for

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3. The Sindaco and/or his official will keep proper records of the Committee's proceedings including the names, certificates (if any) and classification of all persons dealt with and the method and date of their disposal.

Lists prepared by patriot leaders together with any other relevant information which may be required will be made available to the Committee.

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APP. "B"

Notes on the enlistment of Patriots into the Italian Army.

1. The strength of the present Italian Army is fixed by the Allies and must not be exceeded.

2. All Italian men in liberated Italy between certain ages (at present 20 - 30) are liable for military service.

3. The registration and enlistment of men of military age is effected in the usual way by proclamation. ROME is the most northerly area as yet affected. Other liberated areas will be included as normal conditions return.

4. As younger men are taken into the Army, a corresponding number of older men are demobilised.

5. Patriots (and others) encountered in newly liberated areas, even though they may be wearing uniform or have been former members of the Italian Army are NOT now soldiers and must remain as civilians for all purposes until re-enlisted by proper authority.

6. Patriots should normally remain in their own homes until the calling-up proclamation is made applicable to that area. Patriots of military age who volunteer to join (or rejoin) the Italian Army, and who have either no home or no occupation in forward areas, may be sent through refugee channels to Army ~~Screening~~ Enlisting Centres ~~Agencies~~ (at present ROME and ~~PESCARA~~ CHIETI). If rejected by the Army authorities they then remain "refugees."

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Col. MacCarthy.

attached draft returned agreed.

W.P. Ed

MMIA.

24 Jul

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Maj-Gen Browning

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W.P.
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MMIA.
23 July.

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H.Q. A.C.C.
C.M.F.
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Col. C.S.

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two members of the Giunta Communale if formed as such or otherwise
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We are in general agreement with the directive on the re-employment of Patriots. We suggest:

1) That paragraphs 1 to 7 should apply without modification to Patriots who cannot be used as fighting Units.

2) That instructions for the feeding, paying and lodging of Patriots who remain in Allied Authorities service should be given in the same draft.

3) That re-employment of Patriots for land clearance and agricultural work should be examined together with the Italian Government (Ministero dell'Agricoltura) which will eventually pay them. We suggest to the Allied Authorities that the problem of food and lodging for these workers urgently requires a solution.

4) That Patriots should be re-employed in the reconstruction of public utility services, such as power stations, electric cables, water supply, telegraph and telephone, etc.

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Docks clearance
Battlefield clearance.

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V.P

No comments

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I agree.

Return to Allworth

Gerry

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Speak to Ministry of Agric

Guide to FTTCHes.

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& feed them with patriots.

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Guide to Italians.

R/c Carthy

Re para 3 -

1. Carabinieri pick up their own people up to a fixed ceiling (for them + 6 ors) of 55000. Suggest putting in Standstill para.

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See attached W.P.

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See cutter Bell W.P.

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for mine clearance (say) he must
be hired as a civilian & cannot
come within Italian Army establ
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L.B.
20 July

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APP. "B"

Notes on the enlistment of Patriots into the Italian Army.

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D. Pickthy
Colonel.
21 July 44.

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DRAFT.

Maj. Gen. Browning.
May I speak to you on this Case? Chas. Coulthard 6/6 20/7

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SUBJECT: General Instruction on the Administration of Patriots in Occupied Italy.

References (1) A.A.I. letter No. 4C/G(Ops) of 22 June 44.

(2) Minutes of meeting held in Rome on 3 July 44.

Definition of Patriots.

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Patriot Poster signed by General Alexander.

2. 20,000 have already been sent to 5 Army and 30,000 to 8 Army.

3. They should be put up in forward areas as soon as these are liberated.

4. The contents of the poster will also be broadcast locally by P.W.B. and will be put in Italian newspapers.

5. Particular care should be taken that Patriot bands see this poster as soon as possible.

Issue of Patriot Certificates.

6. Certificates (of merit) will only be issued to individuals but in special cases letters of thanks by Corps Commanders or other senior commanders may be sent to towns or villages who have actively aided the Allied cause. Certificates

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5. Particular care should be taken that Patriot bands see this poster as soon as possible.

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6. Certificates (of merit) will only be issued to individuals but in special cases letters of thanks by Corps Commanders or other senior commanders may be sent to towns or villages who have actively aided the Allied cause. Certificates will be endorsed by a recognised Patriot leader and by an Allied officer who will probably be the C.A.O. If for any reason a Patriot leader wishes to remain anonymous his signature should be replaced by a pseudonym or signed by a Patriot representative. Posthumous certificates will be awarded to next of kin.

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7. Care must be taken not to issue certificates to bogus Patriots who, for instance, only became Patriots after their area was liberated. On the other hand C.A.O's. may issue certificates to borderline cases at their discretion.

8. It is proposed to number these certificates by blocks and issue them at the same time as this instruction to A.M.G. Armies and to Regions.

9. There must inevitably be a considerable backlog in the issue of some certificates which will therefore be issued by Regions after A.M.G. spearhead C.A.O's. have left.

10. Also all Regions will issue certificates, if properly vouched for by Patriot leaders, in respect of areas liberated within the last few months. Regional Commissioners should give this matter very early attention and will where necessary set up special commissions to deal with outstanding problems e.g. in the Rome area.

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Adriatic Coast. Further representatives can be provided, on demand, for A.M.G. Armies or for Regions.

15. Patriot representatives are paid by their own organisation. Theyshould be housed by A.M.G.

16. D.Q.M.G.(A.A.I.) is sending instructions to Armies that these representatives will be put on the A.M.G. ration strength and will draw petrol for their cars.

17. The transport position is tight but sanction has been obtained that these representatives should have cars which may be requisitioned locally for this purpose.

Surrender of Arms. (Including Hand Grenades and Bombs).

18. The surrender must be to C.A.O's. and Allied officers who should if practicable sign the receipt, otherwise Patriot leaders should give individual receipts from C.A.O's. or Allied Officers.

19. After much consideration it has been decided that all Patriots and all others should be given one reason only for handing in their arms and that this should be that the law requires them to do so.

20. C.A.O's. may employ Carabinieri or others for receiving and guarding the surrendered arms.

21. Care must be taken with the storage of grenades and bombs which should be handed in to Ordnance as soon as possible.

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22. C.A.O's. have discretion to fix the date on which arms should be handed in but this should be as early as possible.

23. Lists of arms handed in by Patriots and eventually handed over to No. 1 Special Force must be turned in to Patriot Branch A.C.C.

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24. C.A.O's. have permission to reissue arms to temporary

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policemen who may in fact be drawn out of Patriot bands.

25. Surrendered arms will as far as possible be moved to central points such as Perugia whence they will be taken over by No. 1 Special Force and returned to South Italy where they will in fact be used for dropping by parachute. They are urgently required for this purpose. A.M.G. at Armies should notify this Headquarters at what central points they can collect arms. Grenades and bombs need not be so collected.

26. When spearhead C.A.C's. move on they must notify the AMG/ACC officer to whom they hand over what quantity of arms they have collected and where they are stored.

27. A short report must also be sent by A.M.G. Armies at the end of each month to give a picture of the position as far as it is known or guessed in order that this H.Q. may have an idea what arms are still hidden, with any recommendations for dealing with the problem.

Re-employment of Patriots.

28. It is decided that AMG/ACC will take over the handling of Patriot bands behind the Allied lines.

29. Once behind the Allied lines their military function ceases.

30. It must be remembered that C.L.N. Committees have no legal status as soon as A.M.G. have taken control.

31. Patriot resistance groups have no political function

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26. When spearhead C.A.C's. move on they must notify the ASC/ACC officer to whom they hand over what quantity of arms they have collected and where they are stored.

27. A short report must also be sent by A.A.F. Areas at the end of each month to give a picture of the position as far as it is known or guessed in order that this H.Q. may have an idea what arms are still hidden, with any recommendations for dealing with the problem.

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29. Once behind the Allied lines their military function ceases.

30. It must be remembered that C.L.N. Committees have no legal status as soon as A.A.G. have taken control.

31. Patriot resistance groups have no political function and they must conform to the requirements of Allied Military Government.

32. Patriot leaders are to prepare nominal rolls of their groups and reports on their operations previous to the Allied occupation of the Communes from which they were operating.

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33. It is extremely important that while order is to be maintained and arms have to be surrendered, Patriots should be treated with great tact and sympathy in order to avoid arising antagonism and discouragement which would become known and have an adverse effect upon patriots still operating against the enemy. Leaders of Patriot groups should be thanked by A.M.G. officers, for the assistance which they have rendered to the Allies, and told to convey to their groups the Allied appreciation of their efforts. Peremptory orders about handing in arms are a particular source of aggravation and should be avoided.

34. Patriot Representatives should enter new areas with C.A.O's., set up a special Patriot office and produce for the C.A.O. a complete list as soon as possible - but most of the work should be completed within five days - to show names of Patriots entitled to certificates and proposals for their re-employment.

35. Yugoslavs are urgently required back in their country to fight and special arrangements should be made to send them back south quickly through the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission or the Italian Refugee Branch.

36. Special Committees of Italians should be set up by the C.A.O's. in Communes to organise re-employment and dispersal of Patriots on the lines set out in the attached appendix.

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APPENDIX

regarding formation of Committees

under para 36 of attached Instructions

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1. (i) The Committee ~~will~~ will be formed and exist at Commune level only in the first instance. In view of lack of transport and communications, and the disorganisation caused by war conditions it would be impossible to expect all patriots spread over a considerable area to make their way to Provincial HQ.

(ii) The Committee will be constituted as follows: -
Sindaco (or Commissario Prefettizio) to preside
2 members of the Giunta Comunale if formed as such or otherwise 2 well-known and respected local residents.
4 or more representatives chosen by and from the Patriots.
(The above numbers particularly in regard to the patriots need not be firm. Discretion is permitted but in principle the number should be kept small and "wieldy".)

(iii) Consistency of policy, co-ordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees and means of communication from AM/ACC HQ shall be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner.

2. The function and purpose of the Committee is as follows. They will firstly determine whether persons calling themselves patriots are in fact patriots as defined in the Instructions. After sifting for this purpose, the bogus patriots will be ignored. The genuine patriots will be classified and dealt with in the following manner: -

(i) Local absorption into their ordinary walks of life and means of livelihood and employment (particularly agricultural and harvesting, which may still exist in the local area. They will be dealt with as any other residents of the locality who had remained there. This process will apply both to patriots whose home is in the particular area and to non-residents if the latter so wish.

(ii) Non-residents who do not want to stay in the area. It is believed that this class will be very small in number. They will return to their homes. Their return will be arranged locally by the CAO to Provincial HQ thence by the Provincial Commissioner.
(A simple procedure would be for a pass entitling a patriot to travel to his home to be issued by the Committee and countersigned by the CAO.)

(iii) Those who want to join the Army immediately (as opposed to waiting for "call up" if and when liable) will be conveyed to Provincial HQ and thence under Provincial arrangements to such points as may be determined by the Allied/Italian Military authorities. To enable this to be done, [illegible] Provincial Commissioners and SCAO's in-

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(iv) Those who wish to continue to serve as Patriots and who according to the decision of the appropriate military authority are needed for the purpose. (As in (iii) it is necessary that the Committee should have sufficient information to enable them to refer such patriots to the proper quarter.)

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(v) Jugo-Slavs who have not already been sifted and dealt with under para 36 of the Instructions will be returned through Displaced Persons and Refugee Sub-Commissions for special employment in Jugo-Slav fighting forces.

3. The Birdcage and/or his officials will keep proper records of the Committee's proceedings including the names, certificates (if any) and classification of all persons dealt with and the method and date of their disposal.

Nominal rolls and lists prepared under paras 32 and 34 of the Instructions, together with any other relevant information which may be required shall be made available to the Committee.

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Arm Bands for Pol prisoners

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SUBJECT: General Instruction on the Administration of Patriots in Occupied Italy.

References (1) A.A.I. letter No. 4C/G(Ops) of 22 June 44 [redacted].

(2) Minutes of meeting held in Rome on 3 July 44.

Definition of Patriots.

1. For the purpose of this instruction Patriots 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.

Patriot Poster signed by General Alexander.

2. 20,000 have already been sent to 5 Army and 30,000 to 8 Army.

3. They should be put up in forward areas as soon as these are liberated.

4. The contents of the poster will also be broadcast locally by P.W.B. and will be put in Italian newspapers.

5. Particular care should be taken that Patriot bands see this poster as soon as possible.

Issue of Patriot Certificates.

6. Certificates (of merit) will only be issued to individuals but in special cases letters of thanks by Corps Commanders or other senior commanders may be sent to towns or [redacted] positively aided the Allied cause. Certificates

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7. Care must be taken not to issue certificates to bogus Patriots who, for instance, only became Patriots after their area was liberated. On the other hand C.A.C's. may issue certificates to borderline cases at their discretion.

8. It is proposed to number these certificates ~~by blocks~~ by blocks and issue them at the same time as this instruction to A.M.G. Armies and to Regions.

9. There must inevitably be a considerable backlog in the issue of some certificates which will therefore be issued by Regions after A.M.G. spearhead C.A.C's. have left.

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12. Patriot representatives are in no way political.

13. Their main duties are first to help the spearhead

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18. The surrender must be to C.A.O's. and Allied officers who should if practicable sign the receipt, otherwise Patriot leaders should give individual receipts from C.A.O's. or Allied Officers.

19. After much consideration it has been decided that all Patriots and all others should be given one reason only for handing in their arms and that this should be that the law requires them to do so.

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21. Care must be taken with the storage of grenades and bombs which should be handed in to Ordnance as soon as possible.

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Re-employment of Patriots.

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29. Once behind the Allied lines their military function ceases.

30. It must be remembered that C.L.N. Committees have no legal status as soon as A.M.G. have taken control.

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APPENDIX

regarding formation of Committees

under para 16 of attached Instructions

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1. (i) The Committee will be formed and exist at Comune level only in the first instance. In view of lack of transport and communications, and the disorganisation caused by war conditions it would be impossible to expect all patriots spread over a considerable area to make their way to Provincial HQ.

(ii) The Committee will be constituted as follows: -
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2 members of the Giunta Comunale if formed as such or otherwise 2 well-known and respected local residents.
4 or more representatives chosen by and from the Patriots.
(The above numbers particularly in regard to the patriots need not be firm. Discretion is permitted but in principle the number should be kept small and 'wieldy'.)

(iii) Consistency of policy, co-ordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees and means of communication from AMG/ACC HQ shall be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner.

2. The function and purpose of the Committee is as follows. They will firstly determine whether persons calling themselves patriots are in fact patriots as defined in the Instructions. After sifting for this purpose, the bogus patriots will be ignored. The genuine patriots will be classified and dealt with in the following manner: -

(i) Local absorption into their ordinary mode of life and means of livelihood and employment (particularly agricultural and harvesting) which may still exist in the local area. They will be dealt with as any other residents of the locality who had remained there. This process will apply both to patriots whose home is in the particular area and to non-residents if the latter so wish.

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(A simple procedure would be for a pass entitling a patriot to travel to his home to be issued by the Committee and countersigned by the CAO.)

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(iv) Those who wish to continue to serve as Patriots and who according to the decision of the appropriate military authority are needed for the purpose. (As in (iii) it is necessary that the Committee should have sufficient information to enable them to refer such patriots to the proper quarter.)

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(v) Jugo-Slava who have not already been sifted and dealt with under para 36 of the Instructions will be returned through displaced persons and refugee sub-Commissions for special employment in Jugo-Slav fighting forces.

3. The Minister and/or his officials will keep proper records of the Committee's proceedings including the cases, certificates (if any) and classification of all persons dealt with and the method and date of their disposal.

Nominal rolls and lists prepared under paras 32 and 34 of the Instructions together with any other relevant information which may be required shall be made available to the Committee.

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SUBJECT: General Instruction on the Administration of Patriots in Occupied Italy.

References (1) A.A.I. letter No. 4[illegible]/G(Ops) of 22 June 44 [redacted].

(2) Minutes of meeting held in Rome on 3 July 44.

Definition of Patriots. (formerly known as Partisans)

1. ~~For the purpose of this instruction~~ Patriots 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.

Patriot Poster signed by General Alexander.

2. 20,000 have already been sent to 5 Army and 30,000 to 8 Army.

3. They should be put up in forward areas as soon as these are liberated. + Patriots attention drawn to this

4. The contents of the poster will also be broadcast locally by P.W.B. and will be ~~put~~ published in Italian newspapers.

5. Particular care should be taken that Patriot bands see this poster as soon as possible.

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6. Certificates (of merit) will only be issued to individuals only but in special cases letters of thanks by Corps ~~Commanders~~ or other senior Commanders may be sent to towns or villages who have collectively actively aided the Allied cause. Certificates

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7. Care must be taken not to issue certificates to bogus Patriots who, for instance, only became Patriots after their area was liberated. On the other hand C.A.C's. may issue certificates to borderline cases at their discretion.

8. It is proposed to number these certificates by blocks and issue them at the same time as this instruction to A.M.G. Armies and to Regions.

9. There must inevitably be a considerable backlog in the issue of some certificates which will therefore be issued by Regions after A.M.G. spearhead C.A.C's. have left.

10. ~~Lec all~~ Regions will issue certificates, if properly vouched for by Patriot leaders, in respect of areas liberated within the last few months. Regional Commissioners should give this matter very early attention and will [~~where necessary~~] set up special commissions to deal with outstanding problems e.g. in the Rome area.

Patriot Representatives for Corps Areas.

11. These Patriot representatives are Italian and belong to the Military Central Italy Group controlled by Col. Bernabò, and to the Comitato Liberazione Nazionale controlled by Mr. Bauer who has done much valuable work as the Chief of the Military Section of the C.L.N.

12. Patriot representatives are in no way political.

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14. A total of ten have been sent up with drivers to A.M.G. ~~at~~ 5 and 8 Armies for distribution to Corps areas. Four are for 5 Army and six for 8 Army of whom two are for the

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Adriatic Coast. Further representatives can be provided, on demand, for A.A.G. Armies or for Regions.

19. Patriot representatives are paid by their own organisation. They should be housed by A.A.G.

16. D.Q.M.G.(A.A.I.) is sending instructions to Armies that these representatives will be put on the A.A.G. ration strength and will draw petrol for their cars.

17. The transport position is tight but sanction has been obtained that these representatives should have cars which may be requisitioned locally for this purpose.

Surrender of Arms. (Including Hand Grenades and Bombs).

18. The surrender must be to C.A.C's. and Allied officers who should if practicable sign the receipt, otherwise Patriot leaders should give individual receipts from C.A.C's. or Allied Officers.

19. After much consideration it has been decided that all Patriots and all others should be given one reason only for handing in their arms and that this should be that the law requires them to do so.

20. C.A.C's. may employ Carabinieri or others for receiving and guarding the surrendered arms.

21. Care must be taken with the storage of grenades and bombs which should be handed in to Ordnance as soon as possible.

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22. C.A.O's. have discretion to fix the date on which arms should be handed in but this should be as early as possible.

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23. Lists of arms handed in by Patriots and eventually handed over to No. 1 Special Force must be turned in to Patriot Branch A.C.C.

24. C.A.O's. have permission to reissue arms to temporary

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policemen who may by fact be drawn out of Patriot bands.

25. Surrendered arms will as far as possible be moved to central points such as Perugia whence they will be taken over by No. 1 Special Force and returned to South Italy where they will in fact be used for dropping by parachute. They are urgently required for this purpose. A.M.G. at Armies should notify this Headquerters at what central points they can collect arms. Grenades and bombs need not be so collected.

26. When spearhead C.M.C's. move on they must notify the AMG/ACC officer to whom they hand over what quantity of arms they have collected and where they are stored.

27. A short report must also be sent by A.M.G. Armies at the end of each month to give a picture of the position as far as it is known or guessed in order that this H.Q. may have an idea what arms are still hidden, with any recommendations for dealing with the problem.

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28. It is decided that AMG/ACC will take over the handling of Patriot bands behind the Allied lines.

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32. Patriot leaders are to prepare nominal rolls of their groups and reports on their operations previous to the Allied occupation of the Communes from which they were operating.

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33. It is extremely important that when order is to be maintained and arms have to be surrendered, Patriots should be treated with great tact and sympathy in order to avoid arising antagonism and discouragement which would become known and have an adverse effect upon patriots still operating against the enemy. Leaders of Patriot groups should be thanked by A.M.G. officers, for the assistance which they have rendered to the Allies, and told to convey to their groups the Allied appreciation of their efforts. Peremptory orders about handing in arms are a particular source of aggravation and should be avoided.

34. Patriot Representatives should enter new areas with C.A.C's., set up a special Patriot office and produce for the C.A.C. a complete list as soon as possible - but most of the work should be completed within five days - to show names of Patriots entitled to certificates and proposals for their re-employment.

35. Yugoslavs are urgently required back in their country to fight and special arrangements should be made to send them back south quickly through the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission or the Italian Refugee Branch.

36. Special Committees of Italians should be set up by the C.A.C's. in Communes to organise re-employment and dispersal of Patriots on the lines set out in the attached appendix.

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APPENDIX

regarding formation of Committees

under para 35 of attached Instructions

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1. (i) The Committee ~~should~~ will be formed and exist at Commune level only in the first instance. ~~In view of lack of transport and communications, and the disorganization caused by war conditions it would be impossible to expect all patriots spread over a considerable area to make their way to Provincial HQ.~~

(ii) ~~The Committee will be constituted as follows:~~ Subject to local conditions a suggested form of committee is as follows
Sindaco (or Commissario Prefetizio) to preside
2 members of the Giunta Comunale if formed as such or otherwise 2 well-known and respected local residents.
4 or more representatives chosen by and from the Patriots.
~~(The above numbers particularly in regard to the patriots need not be firm. Discretion is permitted but in principle the number should be kept small and "wieldy".)~~

(iii) Consistency of policy, co-ordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees and means of communication from AMG/ACC HQ ~~shall~~ be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner. Should

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(ii) Non-residents who do not want to stay in the area. It is believed that this class will be very small in number. They will return to their homes. Their return will be arranged locally by the CAO to Provincial HQ thence by the Provincial Commissioner.
~~(A simple procedure would be for a pass entitling a patriot to travel to his home to be issued by the Committee and countersigned by the CAO.)~~

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3. The Sindaco and/or his officials will keep proper records of the Committee's proceedings including the names, certificates (if any) and classification of all persons dealt with and the method and date of their disposal. ~~Nominal rolls and~~ Lists prepared under ~~para~~ 32 and 34 of the Instructions together with any other relevant information which may be required ~~shall~~ will be made available to the Committee.

Surely we need to include something a little more favourable to Patriots than this, if may say so, rather rigid blanket approach to a certain enthusiastic group of people.

Even if the duties of the Committee should be the provision of employment, if the fabric has gone, the provision of shelter, the exercise of the Sanitation function and demobilisation so as to avoid disturbance.

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Title

Subject. (in one line)

General Instruction on the Administration of Patriots in occupied Italy.

2) Remember paras from 3 " Instructions ~~Instruct~~

3) at end of 3 (same line) put " ~~Directions~~ for dealing with all those who have helped Allied Persons of who are being issued & separately.

4 Refer to article 134.

5) Appendix Leading

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

17 Jul 44

ASC/AO/IMT

SUBJECT : Patriots in Normand Areas.

TO : Patriot Branch, SC & IM Section (Attn: Col G.R.Le Carton).

1. I think it is important that CAO's should appreciate that Patriot bands may consist of

i Communists
ii Fascistes
iii Elements of some other centrally controlled body not yet disclosed to the Allies.
iv Independent parties of fully good shape.

2 The Italian patriot representatives (see para 14 revised instructions) will obviously endeavour to secure recognition for classes i and ii above and I think steps should be ensured to be on the lookout for classes iii and iv. Attached is a suggested para to deal with this.

3 In my opinion, 2 (iv) of the appendix is too vague. How does the SHAEF or the Committee know how to deal with this?

4 I propose, unless you see any objection, to instruct Interior Sub-Commission to notify the Minister of the Interior etc to the plan so that he may issue appropriate instructions to prefects especially with regard to re-employment etc.

G.R.Lipscomb
G.R.LIPSCOMB, Col
A/Head, Adm Sec

Rider to Article [illegible] 14

CAO's must bear in mind that those patriot representatives may be mainly concerned to obtain recognition for patriots belonging to their own organisation.

There may be a large number of patriots belonging to some organisation not yet disclosed to the Allies or belonging to [illegible] bands. They must be carefully scrutinised and if found to be [illegible] CAO's must encourage the patriot representatives to take a broad view and not to look after the interests merely of members of their own organisations but also of genuine patriots [illegible]

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 30/1/RAT July 1944.

SUBJECT: X

TO : SCAO, AMG 5 Army.
SCAO, AMG 8 Army.
Regional Commissioners,
Regions IV, V, VIII, IX and Z.

1. The handling of patriots is a difficult problem which will increase in complexity as the advance continues and the patriots increase in numbers and achieve more successes. Their rehabilitation in liberated territory is an added burden to CAOs in Armies and to Provincial staffs, but it is a duty which must be carried out with firmness and sympathy and with the knowledge that sucess or failure in this matter may have wide repercussions in this and other territories.

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. NP The following directions contain the main principles of the agreed policy with regard to patriots and all the procedure to put that policy into effect. X X

4 3. On liberation of territory patriots must revert from their quasi-military status and become good citizens. To this end a message in poster form signed by General Alexander has been prepared and will be widely

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~~5~~ 4. Patriots come under the aegis of AMG officers whose duty it is to see that the metamorphosis from military to civilian status takes place with the minimum of disillusionment. To this end representatives of patriot organisations have been sent to Army AMGs and Italian committees with strong patriot representation will be set up in the local governments of liberated territory.

It is extremely important that while order is to be maintained and arms have to be surrendered, patriots should be treated with great tact and sympathy in order to avoid antagonism and discouragement which would become known and have an adverse effect upon patriots still operating against the enemy. Leaders of patriot groups should be thanked by AMG officers for the assistance which they have rendered to the Allies and told to convey to their groups the Allied appreciation of their efforts.

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5. While the patriots are not a political organisation and must be dissuaded from setting up purely patriot local governments, it must be remembered that by virtue of their military aid they have a right to strong representation in the local government. Italian local government officials must be made to realise and show appreciation of their value and their right to be represented in government.

6. Patriots will be unwilling to hand in arms but the preservation of law and order precludes the existence of irregular armed bands in liberated territory: the law demands their surrender and they must therefore be tactfully told to obey the law.

7. After months of guerilla warfare it will be hard for patriots to settle down to normal life. To encourage rapid return to their ordinary vocations will be one of the most difficult duties of the local committees who, like AMG officers and Italian officials, must deal with the patriots not as a nuisance but with sympathy and gratitude. It should at all times be remembered that an unemployed patriot is not only a disgrace to the community but a menace.

8. While it is desirable to leave the rehabilitation of patriots to the Italians themselves, in the form of local committees, CAO's and especially Provincial Officers in the later period of occupation, remembering that they have fought for the Allies, should ensure that they are given a square deal.

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11. The advice of patriot leaders should be sought before the issue of any

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certificate in order to avoid possession of them by bogus patriots.

12. Provincial Commissioners will issue certificates, if properly vouched for by patriot leaders, in areas where the CAOS, Army AMGs, have not been able to do so, ~~in respect of~~ and in areas liberated within the last few months. Provincial Commissioners should give this matter very early attention and will set up special committees in local governments to deal with outstanding cases, e.g. in the Rome Region.

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(b) to help in the selection of suitable patriots out of these bands to assist the CAO;

(c) to assist AMG generally in dealing with all patriot problems.

15. These representatives draw pay from their own organisations. They should be housed and rationed by AMG (DQMG, AAI is sending instructions to Armies HQ to this effect).

16. Distribution of these representatives is as follows:-

4 to AMG 5 Army;
6 to AMG 8 Army of whom 2 are for Pol Corps.

Cars may be requisitioned locally for them.

17. When these patriot representatives enter new areas with CAOs it is suggested that they should set up a special patriot office and produce for the CAO a complete list of patriots in the area in order that certificates

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4 to AMG 5 Army;
6 to AMG 8 Army of whom 2 are for Pol Corps.

Cars may be requisitioned locally for them.

17. When these patriot representatives enter new areas with CAOs it is suggested that they should set up a special patriot office and produce for the CAO a complete list of patriots in the area in order that certificates may be issued and plans made for their re-employment.

18. These representatives should also be of assistance in setting up the more permanent communal committees whose duties will be to organise the re-employment and dispersal of patriots on the lines set out in the attached Appendix.

19. Patriot leaders should be encouraged to prepare lists of their groups and reports on their operations previous to Allied occupation.

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20. Patriots must hand in their arms (including hand grenades and bombs). No other reason need be invoked except that the law requires the surrender of arms. At the same time peremptory orders in the first instance should be avoided.

21. Arms should be handed over normally to CAOs and Allied officers and a receipt should be signed by these officers or patriot leaders. Carabinieri or other patriots may be used to receive and guard surrendered arms and great care should be taken with regard to storage, especially of bombs and grenades.

22. Surrendered arms will as far as possible be removed to central points whence they will be taken over by No.1 Special Force ~~by~~ who~~m they are urgently need~~ them for further operations. It is important that the Patriot Branch, ACC, should be notified of the location of arms and stores, numbers of arms, and be given a general picture of the position including estimated number of arms still unsurrendered.

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FORMATION OF COMMUNAL COMMITTEES FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT AND DISPERSAL OF PATRIOTS.

1. (a) The Committee will be formed and exist at Commune level only in the first instance.

(b) Subject to local conditions a suggested form of committee is as follows:-

Sindaco (or Commissario Prefetizio) to preside;

4 or more representatives chosen by and from the patriots;

2 members of the Giunta Communale if formed as such or otherwise

2 well known and respected local residents.

(c) Consistency of policy, co-ordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees and means of communication from AMG/ACC HQ should be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner.

2. The function and purpose of the Committee are as follows. They will firstly determine whether persons calling themselves patriots are in fact patriots. After sifting for this purpose, the bogus patriots will be ignored. The genuine patriots will be classified and dealt with in the following manner:-

(a) Local absorption into their ordinary walks of life and means of livelihood and employment (particularly agricultural and harvesting) which may still exist in the local area. They will be dealt with as any other residents of the locality who had remained there. This process will apply both to patriots whose home is in the particular area and to non-residents if the latter so wish. Preference may be given to patriots in providing employment..

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as to the places to which such persons are to be conveyed and any other relevant information for the purpose.

(d) Those who wish to continue to serve as patriots. These will be selected, in small numbers, by the appropriate military ~~authorities~~ agencies if needed

(e) Yugo Slavs who have not already been sifted and dealt with under these instructions will be returned through Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for special employment in Yugo Slav fighting forces.

3. The Sindaco and/or his official will keep proper records of the Committee's proceedings including the names, certificates (if any) and classification of all persons dealt with and the method and date of their disposal.

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