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WEEKLY REPORTS - PISTOIA
NOV. 1944 - MARCH 1945

PISTOIA - TOSCANA REGIONSerial

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Date

28 May

Extract from Note of Interview with the Prefect of
Pistoia.
Patriots presented no difficulty.

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FILE	MINUTE SHEET No. 4	PAGE
5/12/ENG		
DATE		
22 Jan.	(9) Withdrewn info: from Pistoia on 17 Feb 1945 See P54 on 36/3. BLD. PAV. 19. 10.	17.
29th Jan.	To: Major Tulloch No. 1. Sp. Force. Please see relevant para of Report from Pistoia at Folio 12A, our letter at Folio 13 and reply at Folio 19F B.L. DRAGE B.L. DRAGE, Major Executive Officer.	12A 13 19F
2nd Feb.	Re Major Drage (11) Noted and returned with thanks Dr. Drage No 1 Specimen from	19F
12 Feb 45	(12) No. 1. Special Force. Please see para. 2. of Folio 20 B.L. DRAGE Major V.F.J.O. S.M.D.	22

29th Jan.

To: Major Tulloch No.1. Sp. Force.

Please see relevant para of Report from Pistoia at Folio 12A, our letter at Folio 13 and reply at Folio 19F

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B.L. DRAGE. Major
Executive Officer.

to Major Drage (11)

Noted and returned with business

Drage shows

No. 1 Special Force

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No.1. Special Force.

Please see para. 3. of Folio 3

Riches Reply.

MAJOR T. J. J. C. SMITH.

Noted RPT in Major No. 1 S.F.

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FILE	MINUTE SHEET No. 3	PAGE
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DATE	(6)	
21 Dec 44	EX:	
	-Para 5 re Para 8. This refers to programs drawn up by Patriots office.	
	It would appear that the work of the little exponents is no longer to be requested.	
	D. J. will have to send two copies of program to the office. <i>L. J. J. J.</i>	
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	<u>Count A. di Robit</u>	
	<u>Col G. Fave</u>	
	I do not understand the above minute & I do not think the Patriots office would have drawn up a new program. I think it is not representative in the Army & Military Government territory. That consulting A.C.	
2 Dec.		

I would agree that the work of the
 little executive is so much to be respected
 that it is to send the report of progress
 to this office. To be told.

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Count A. di Rotondo

Col. G. Fava

I do not understand the above
 minute & I do not think the
 Patriots office would have drawn
 up a new form to send it
 to the representatives in the Army
 to the National Government Territory
 without consulting A.C.
 Can you say kindly elucidate?
 P.D. Nagura

(8) Right

Spoke Col Fava & Mr. Vally. N.F.A

6 June 5

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FILE	5/12/506/PAT	MINUTE SHEET No. 2	DATE	PAGE
12 Dec.	Col. FAVA	⑤		4
	—	Will you please reply to the report at 4, saying:— I. That the question of funds is one in which we are very interested; ^{we} are trying to get it straightened. II. The Patriot reps. must not let up on the thoroughness of the enquiries which they would make into the bona fides of patriots. III. The welfare on ^{on} the ^{the} side ^{side} is best handled at a Reception Centre such as PEBCA or FORDORCO; but this side of the work must not be neglected by the patriot reps. IV. The patriot reps must do the best they can in difficult circumstances — ^{to} use ^{use} their own initiative & good sense.		

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12 Dec.

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III. The welfare on our own side is best handled at a Reception Centre such as P.E.B.C.A. or F.E.O.D.N.C.; but the side of the work must not be neglected by the patriot reps.

IV. The patriot reps must do the best they can in difficult circumstances & use their own initiative & good sense.

P.O. Dagnan

Major.

Sir P.O. Dagnan:

Minute ②. Written as suggested. See file

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Thank you

I just do not understand how it is and how it is falling out.

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FILE	S/P-ENG/PAT.	MINUTE SHEET No. 1	DATE	PAGE
9 Dec.			9 Dec. Director Pl. sec. P.O. O'Connell Major Ex/ What is the distinction between? The Act. have put up a very strong report. I cannot as yet certify the fund side, but there are other limits, I entirely agree that the expedition in connection with the issued manifestation of these certificates must be speeded up in order to behind the lines. (2) The PC speeding of order means what it says, but doesn't mean that the transportation of weapons should in any way delay.	304

Dec. 11.

Pl. see.

P.O. Daguerre
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Ex/ ^{Pistola} What is the position is regards
 Algeria? The Arabs have put up a very
 strong report. I cannot as yet certify
 the fund side, but there are other
 points, I entirely agree that the expedition
 in connection with the issued proclamation
 of these certificates must be speeded
 up, we are behind the times.

(2) The PC speeding up order means
 what, it says, but doesn't mean that
 the transportation of weapons should in any
 way delay.

* is understood, but can only be handled
 in my judgment efficient at a Central
 in g. ^{NESSIA} in FLORANCE

Finally I think they want a little common
 sense put in to them.

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Translated by J.D.R.

FROM : Presidency of the Council, Patriots Office
TO : A.C. Patriots Branch, Rome
REF : 1923/R.T.
DATE : 21 March 1945
SUBJECT : Subsidies for Pistoia Province Patriots.

It is known that the Allied Provincial Commissioner of Pistoia has instructed Maj. De Mas Gelio to return to Rome, as he was entitled to do.

We wish to inform you that the above Officer having settled 43 wounded, 943 demobilized, has not been allowed to complete his task and was forced to leave at AMG 150.000 lire for the final payments to patriots, who, having been screened, has already received the Alexander certificate.

Major De Mas, following direct arrangements with the Pistoia Allied Provincial Commissioner, will return in that town at the beginning of April for the final settlement of all administrative matters concerning the work already accomplished.

This Officer has heard that the Provincial Commissioner of Pistoia is distributing certificates to partisans who seem not to have been investigated by the representative of this Office. We therefore wish to point out that for the latter this office cannot take any definite responsibility concerning the payment of rices and subventions.

THE CHIEF OF THE OFFICE

(signed) BERNABO'

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Lt.Col. CRAIG, Director of Patriots Branch, A.C., ROME.

Mr. Calo', formerly Civil Representative at Pistoia gives a long description of his experience during the five months in which he has been a Patriots Representative,

His conclusions are that two representatives, a military and a civil one cannot work together especially if ~~the~~ differences should exist in their views.

I. He suggests that there should either be one representative only or, as alternatively three; in order to be able to establish a majority in case of controversy.

II. He further points out that he believes that the military representatives were trying to assume a ruling authority over the civil representatives, and that in such an attitude they were encouraged by the Patriots Office of the Presidency of the Council. He point out that such an attitude would be ~~in~~ completely inconsistent with all instructions that have been issued. He further makes implications that officers are unfit to be representatives, because "lacking in political sensibility, and being too militaristic".

III. The main difficulty of the representatives is met while trying to understand and put into action the instructions issued by Allied Authorities concerning the certification of patriots, especially as the basic qualities necessary to obtain the qualifications are not very clearly stated. The exact qualifications required for the Patriot Certificate should be clearly laid down including the minimum length of service with armed bands. He therefore suggests that the following points should be cleared.

- IV- 1. - What is the minimum activity for qualification and how many actions are necessary.
2. - Which actions may be considered as real sabotages.
3. - Who may be considered as having supplied valuable informations to the Allied Troops or Authorities and what evidence must be shown for above information.
4. - How long must a partisan have belonged to armed bands, independently from the number of actions.
5. - What should be understood by armed bands. Is being in possession of arms sufficient grounds to be considered a band or ~~is it~~ will be necessary to have been part of a real organisation?

The value of the "patriots certificate" is such that it must not be issued without all necessary and scrupolous previous investigations.

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V. Must the members of C.L.N. of occupied territories, who directed and organized the underground movement be considered as bonafide patriots.

VI. It is suggested that Patriots Branch should give instructions leading to give full control over all Patriots Bodies to the Patriots Provincial Offices, in matters concerning the issue of the certificates and welfare, from the moment the patriots come through the lines to the time of their rehabilitation, but without interfering in any way with directions of Military Authorities.

Concerning the Pescia Patriots Centre he points out that from the day it began operating it remained entirely detached and independent from the Pistoia Office.

that It is also suggested with reference to the Patriots Centres, instructions should be given putting their activity under the rule of the provincial Patriots Office.

It also appears that at the Pescia Centre Allied Officers have issued certificates without any of the previous necessary investigations and only upon verbal statements of partisans formation leaders.

Such a procedure, according to Mr. Calo's statement, obviously diminishes the authority and reduces the functions of the Patriots Provincial Representatives.

Rome, 25 February 1945.

(signed) Alfredo CALO
Civil Repr. for Pistoia.

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NOTE for Col. CRAIG.

While in charge Mr. CALO' has been reminded by this Office that his duties as Patriots Representative called for rather more action and less talk. Also he has been warned that his judgment on his military colleagues, as well as on other Patriots Bodies were uncalled for and often inconsequent.

It is possible that Mr. Calo' shows good will, but his character must be a difficult one, and having completed his work in Pistoia it might be for the best if he will obtain no further appointments concerning the patriots.

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6 March 1945

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Translated by J.A.R.

FROM : AMR. Patriots Representative, Pistola.
 To : AMR. Patriots Branch, Rome.
 : Presidency of the Council, Patriots Office, Rome.
 For their information:
 RR. ASD. Toscana Region.
 SUBJECT : Weekly report from 1 to 7 February 1945.

1. Visited areas. None.
2. Political tendencies. Brigade Bova strength 155 men.
Greatest Majority Communists.

3. Collection of arms. Following data concerning collection of arms appears from the statements of the commander of the "Bozzi" Brigade:

3. Marcello - RR. CC. Station.	
- lt. rifles	39
- pistols	2
- sub-machine guns Breda with two	
casses of ammunition.	1
- Sten, with clips	4
- 45 Cal. Mortars with ammunition	2
- 20 cal. machine gun with 7 ammunition casses	1
- hand grenades	3
- It. sub-machine gun	1
- ammunition	
Pracchia RR. CC. Station	
- rifles with ammunition	7
- hand grenades	3
To Allied HQ. in Lucca	
- various rifles	27
- German rifle and bomb thrower	1
- pistols	3
- Breda machine gun	1
- Bren machine gun	1
Sten machine gun	7
- Hand grenades	95
- bomb throwers	4
- Field telephones	5
- German machine gun barrels	15
- War materials - ex.	5

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4. Enlistment. 250 applications are pending. Total applications: 400. Enlistments have not become effective, because with the exception of the first ones to enlist the majority of volunteers are still expecting to pass the medical examination. The Pistoia association of Partisans, acting as gathering centre is making arrangements with Military Authorities in Florence in order that the expectation should not be prolonged with all inevitable consequences on the moral of many partisans who want to be sent to the front.
5. Re-employment. Data is missing.
6. Registration. Data is missing.
7. Issue of certificates. None. Certificates issued to the present date number 1037 excluding the few that have not been called for.
8. Ceremonies. None.
9. Hospitalization. 4 new admissions Patriots at the Pistoia civil hospital 1: total 48.
10. Notes. We have collected the documents necessary for the payment of annuities to the dependents of fallen patriots, in the hope that Maj. De Neri, who went to Rome to collect the funds, will be able to solve the present situation which would become quite impossible in the future.

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE.

(signed) Alfredo Colà.

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Translated by J.d.R.

FROM : A.M.T. Patriotic Representative, PISTOIA
 TO : AD. HQ. Patriotic Branch, ROMA
 : Presidency of the Council, ROMA
 : HQ. AN. Toscana Region.

WEEKLY REPORT FROM 25 to 31 JANUARY 1945.

1. - Visited areas. Campo Tizzano (Comune di S. Marcello Pistoiese) to contact the Chiefs of the "Ezra" Brigades.
2. - Political Tendencies. Nothing to report.
3. - Collection of arms. None.
4. - Enlistment. Applications for enlistment have begun coming in and for the time being about 150 have been received. The Volunteers are sent to Florence for medical examinations and from there are sent to the recruiting centres.
5. - Reemployment. - Data is missing.
6. - Repatriation. - Data is missing.
7. - Issue of certificates. In Pistoia 6 certificates have been distributed to members of the "Partigiani Liberi" formation. Total of issued certificates 1037 (including the certificates that have not been collected).
8. - Communism. - None.
9. - Mobilization. Entered: 6, Dismissed 4, hospitalized 43 (previous figure: 42 instead of 35).
10. - Notes. Final reports and lists of patriots of the "Ezra" Brigades are expected presently. They have suffered 24 losses and it is expected that certificates will be issued on 11 February. They are 150 patriots of the last formation which must still be ascertained. Ascertaining the existence of other formations have been completed. The problems concerning the Comunas of Corticella and Altopa are still pending because of the situation of the front lines.

Assistance which is still depending on local organisations such as shares, co-ops, etc. has been greatly improved by the institution of the local section of the Associazione Na-

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zionale Partigiani which is extending its activity to the smaller centres. The above association up to 27 January has distributed 100,500 lire for welfare and assistance.

Concerning the subventions of the Italian Government to the hospitals of fallen patriots and to wounded patriots, they will be paid of from 15 February, provided that Regg. De Mas et al. in Rome will receive the necessary funds.

11. - Borghesione. - Cont.

THE CIVIL REPRESENTATIVE

(signed) Dott. Alfredo GREGI.

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HEADQUARTERS 51/2
PISTOIA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref : PP/133

Date: 24 Jan 1945.

SUBJECT: Patriot Report 13 - 24 Jan 45.

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(Attn: Patriot Branch)

1. I am enclosing herewith Weekly Patriot report covering period from 18 to 24 Jan.
2. I am also attaching copy of the above report which I trust you will transmit to the Central Patriot Office of the Council of Ministries.

Passed
to Col
Fav
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W E McRatney
WILLIAM E. McRATNEY, Major
Provincial Commissioner
Province of Pistoia

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Encls. 2 reports (3 pages each)

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From : A.M.G. Patriots Representatives - PISTOIA
 To : AC HQ. Patriots Branch - ROME
 : Presidency of the Council - Patriots Office - ROME
 : A.M.G. Tuscany Region.

Subject : Weekly Report from 18 to 24 January 1945.

1. VISITED AREAS.
 None.

2. POLITICAL TENDENCIES.
 No news.

3. COLLECTION OF ARMS.
 None.

4. ENLISTMENTS.
 No data.

5. REEMPOWERMENT.
 Eight Patriots of the "Fiducia Band" dismissed from hospital have returned to their units.

6. REPARATIONS.
 None.

7. ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES.
 Pistoia : 10 Jan. 4 Certificates.
 Montele : 18 Jan. 11 Certificates.
 Pistoia : 19 Jan. 13 Certificates.
 Pistoia : 20 Jan. 17 Certificates.
 Marlions: 22 Jan. 10 Certificates.
 Pistoia ; 23 Jan. 15 Certificates.
 (Gruppo difesa donne)

8. CEREMONIES
 Friday 19:
 attended a concert for wounded patriots and to two distributions of Certificates.

9. HOSPITALISATION.
 4 Patriots seriously wounded, one of whom probably will need a limb amputated.
 15 Patriots are still hospitalized.

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4. ENLISTMENTS.
No date.

5. REPRODUCTION.
Eight patriots of the "Lilpe Band" dismissed from hospital have returned to their unit.

6. REINFORCEMENTS.
None.

7. ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES.
Pistoia : 18 Jan. 4 Certificates.
Montale : 18 Jan. 11 Certificates.
Pistoia : 19 Jan. 23 Certificates.
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Marliano : 22 Jan. 10 Certificates.
Pistoia : 23 Jan. 15 Certificates.

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10. NOTE.

During last week we have checked the administration of some patriots Welfare Committees. The administrations have proved to be held correctly and subventions have been payed out with justice.

A clerk who came on behalf of the dependents of a fallen patriot, has asked if the families will be entitled to a pension besides the subvention of 10,000 lire which in the Florence and Lucca province.

11. SUGGESTIONS.

It is suggested that a special uniform be issued to the patriots as wearing Allied uniforms in the front area is considered to be an offence, and patriots are frequently arrested. Even if released as soon as identity is established, the above incidents are creating

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HQ AMP PISTOIA PROVINCE

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

(Attn: Civil Affairs Section - Patriot Branch)

1. Reference your 51/2/Pat dated 12 Jan 45.
2. Enclosed please find reply.

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W. E. McBratney
WILLIAM E. MCBRATNEY, Major
Provincial Commissioner
Province of Pistoia

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HQ ALLIED PISTOIA PROVINCE
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(Attn: Civil Affairs Section - Patriot Branch)

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WILLIAM E. MCBRATNEY, Major
Provincial Commissioner
Province of Pistoia

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Translated by J.D.R.

From : A.M.G. PATRIOTS REPRESENTATIVES - PISTOIA.

To : A.C. H.Q. Patriots Branch - ROME

: Presidency of the Council - Patriots Office - ROME

Subject : Report 14-27 December.

2 January 1945

4) AREAS THAT WERE VISITED.

Commune of Salsuv. Pistoiese.
Commune of Piteglio.

2) BANDS THAT HAVE BEEN CONTACTED

1) "Sperviero" Unit, (Commander Bartolucci Aldo) operated in Pistoia and Tizzana Commune.

Strength : 9 men.

Political tendencies: Christian democracy.

2) "Mezzi" Band. Operated in the Pistoia and Modena Appennines (Communes of S. Marcello Pistoiese and Pistoia).

We are awaiting the report on the activity of the band which appears to have been very intensive.

3) PATRIOTS WHO DEMANDED REPATRIATION.

Nothing to report.

4) COLLECTION OF ARMS.

Amendments to previous signals:

Pescia.RR.CC. Station

It. Rifles : 14 instead of 52

German Rifles : 1 instead of none

Pistoles : 4 instead of 12

Hand grenades : 20 instead of 60

Pistoia RR.CC. Station

12 rifles out of the 49 that have been turned in to the RR.CC. have been turned in to the Communist Party.

Candegli RR.CC. Station

No rifles have been turned in instead of 1.

Massa Cozzile - Municipio.

Rifles : 7 instead of 9

Ponte Bugianese RR.CC. Station.

Rifles : 11 instead of 12

Further data:

- 1) Paraviero Unit, (Commander Bartolucci Aldo) operated in Pistoia and Tizzana Commune.
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3) PATRIOTS WHO DEMAND REPATRIATION. Nothing to report.

4) COLLECTION OF ARMS.

Amendements to previous signals:

Pescia RR.CC. Station

It. Rifles : 14 instead of 52
German Rifles : 1 instead of none
Pistols : 4 instead of 12
Hand grenades : 25 instead of 50

Pistoia RR.CC. Station

12 rifles out of the 49 that have been turned in to the RR.CC. have been turned in to the Communist Party.

Candegli RR.CC. Station

No rifles have been turned in instead of 2.

Massa Cozzile - Municipio.

Rifles : 7 instead of 9

Ponte Buggianese RR.CC. Station.

Rifles : 11 instead of 12

Further data:

Pistoia - Municipio

Rifles : 4

Pistoia Communist Party

Pistols : 3

Pistoia RR.CC. Station

Pistols : 5

Quarrata RR.CC.

Rifles : 2

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Pescia

An Allied Com. Bapt. Scout of the R.A.F. made the following collection of arms, which is the only one of which there is a precise record:

Rifles : 59
 Sub machine guns : 1
 Pistols : 10
 Hand grenades : 71
 Ammunition -

Montecatini Terme RR.CO.

Rifles Italian : 1
 Rifles German : 1
 Pistols : 6

Montecatini Valdiniavole RR.CO.

Bayonets : 1
 German machine gun
 Ammunition boxes : 13

Lenciano RR.CO.

Rifles : 8
 Pistols : 3

Lamporecchio RR.CO.

Rifles : 3

Serravalle Pistoiese RR.CO.

Italian War Rifles : 4
 Other Rifles : 1
 German Rifles : 1
 Pistols : 1
 Hand Grenades : 14

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Italian Rifles : 7
 German Rifles : 7
 Pistols : 3
 Hand Grenades : 16
 Ammunition : -

Vellano RR.CO.

Rifles : 3
 Pistols : 1
 Hand Grenades : 8
 Box of German : 4
 Hand Grenades : 4
 Mansu Rifle Clips: 25

Volterra RR.CO.

Italian Rifles
 German Rifles

: 27
 : 4

Bayonets : 1
German machine gun
Ammunition boxes : 13

Lenciano RR.CC.

Rifles : 8
Pistols : 3

Lamporecchio RR.CC.

Rifles : 3

Serravalle Pistoiese RR.CC.

Italian War Rifles : 4
Other Rifles : 1
German Rifles : 1
Pistols : 1
Hand Grenades : 14

Agliane

Italian Rifles : 7
German Rifles : 7
Pistols : 3
Hand Grenades : 16
Ammunition : -

Vellano RR.CC.

Rifles : 3
Pistols : 1
Hand Grenades : 3
Box of German : 4
hand Grenades : 4
Mansu Rifle Clips: 25

Volterra R.CC.

Italian Rifles : 27
German Rifles : 4
Dreds machine gun : 1
Italian sub machine gun : 2
American Sten : 4
Russian Parabellum : 2
Pistols : 1
Hand Grenades : 70
Rifle clips : 200
Machine gun rounds : 1000

Issue of certificates

At Lamporecchio on 16 December 1944 ^{during} with a public ceremony

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attended by an Allied Officer and all Local Authorities, 39 Certificates were issued, on 21 December 13 Certificates were issued in Pistoia to a Patriot Unit.

Upon recommendation of the local C.B.U. we approved the lists of other Units which operated in the Pistoia area during the underground period. Such Units include a party of women and they total 82 patriots to whom Certificates will be issued as soon as they will report.

Total issue of Certificates.
No 691

Political Tendencies
Nothing to report.

Acts of Gallantry
Reports are expected.

Rewards and compensation.
Referring to the letter 51/2/IT./TAT dated 13 Dec. 44, may I suggest that if there are difficulties in sending up all the funds necessary to pay off all the Patriots of the Province, the Central Patriots Office should for the time being send only the money necessary to pay off the families of fallen patriots who are in more urgent need of such subvention. We have so far ascertained over 20 such families.

Concerning Patriot Centres, and particularly the one of Pescia, I do not know that at present they have any financial possibilities with which to see to the immediate assistance of patriots who have recently come through the lines.

I will send further detailed information on the above matter in my next report.

Reports on activities of Bands.
Nothing to report.

Reemployment of Patriots.
Nothing to report.

Parades and Ceremonies.
Those connection with the issue of Certificates as above mentioned.

(signed) the Civil Representative.
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HEADQUARTERS
PISTOIA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

UFFICIO PATRIOTI

Ref :

Date: PISTOIA 16/1/1945

SUBJECT: Relazione sulla situazione a Pistoia

TO : AL COMANDANTE 907 ALB - A.D.C. - PISTOIA =

La risposta alle domande ed osservazioni del Col al
Regio 51/2/LAT del 12.1.45 da voi trasmesse in data 16
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- 1) Il governo della città annunziato nelle volentieri di cui
all'oggetto non è migliore e quello trucidato in un
pauze tempo. Vi è un solo un solo, perché, se vi è un
visione in uno dei ingenti del varco, si è fatto al
C.C. di Pistoia, l'azione considerata la più importante
è la più sotto tra i nuovi dati" relativa ad altra conser-
gna fatta al Comando alleato in Pistoia dalle stesse for-
mazione. Si tratta insomma di una trasposizione di cifre
relative alle stesse raccolte di armi, che in gran parte
te, anche se si considerano, come indicato una prima volta
ti, erano state versate al Comando alleato della città di
Pistoia? La dichiarazione in nostro possesso spiega inter-
ti con la massima precisione che la città fu occupata, subito
dopo la liberazione, raccolte presso la Caserma di Libe-
razione Nazionale di Pistoia per la necessaria consegna
alle autorità competenti e che, in seguito ad autorizza-
zione del Comando alleato, con una parte di esse si prov-
vide a distribuire a Calabrizi (al cui fronte la prima ar-
monia comunicazione) gli agenti municipali e le Guardie
Forestali, ed il resto fu preso in consegna dal Comando
alleato (Cap. STOUT e non SCOTT come erroneamente vi comu-
to).

Dalle somme delle armi versate ai due diversi En-
ti si completano il totale spedito nella prima relazione
con un leggero aumento dovuto alla consegna di armi fatto
da un distaccamento della stessa Banda, la cui relazione
perverrà più tardi.

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sta unione al C.C. di Pistoia, dipende, come le altre piccole va-
riazioni che seguono, da un semplice errore di trascrizione.

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1) Il numero delle armi consegnate nelle prigioni in cui
 era detenuto non è inferiore a quello consegnato in un
 unico tempo. Vi è anche un altro, perché, se vi è una
 consegna in un unico tempo, la consegna del vostro fatto al
 G. A. di Roma, bisogna considerare la data di consegna
 che non è la stessa tra i "nuovi dati" relativi ad altre conser-
 vazioni fatte in carcere alle tre in Pavia della stessa data =
 consegna. Si tratta invece di una trasposizione di altre
 relative alla stessa raccolta di armi, che in altre conser-
 ve, anche se si considerano, come indicato una prima volta
 tu, sono state versate al Comando all'atto della data di
 consegna. In considerazione in nostro possesso, anche in
 la con la consegna consegnata che la data di consegna, subito
 dopo la liberazione, l'armata presso il Comando di Libe-
 razione Nazionale di Roma per la consegna consegnata
 alla autorità competente e che, in seguito ad autorizza-
 zione del Comando all'atto, con una parte di armi e prov-
 vide a liberare i Carabinieri (di cui forse la prima ex-
 plicita comunicazione) alla agenzia Nazionale e la Guardia
 forestale, ed il resto in mano in consegna del Comando
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 ed un consegnamento della stessa data, la cui relazione
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 della data consegnata nelle dichiarazioni, scritte dal
 G. A. di Roma, scritte che si è potuto riscontrare in
 seguito ad una scrupolosa revisione di tutti i dati in
 nostro possesso e del preciso confronto tra questa e quella
 la riportati sulle relazioni.

Ma anche in questi casi non vi è alcuna dimissione
 no, bensì elencazione sotto una voce invece che sotto
 un'altra.

3) Posso assicurare che il Partito Comunista ha consegnato
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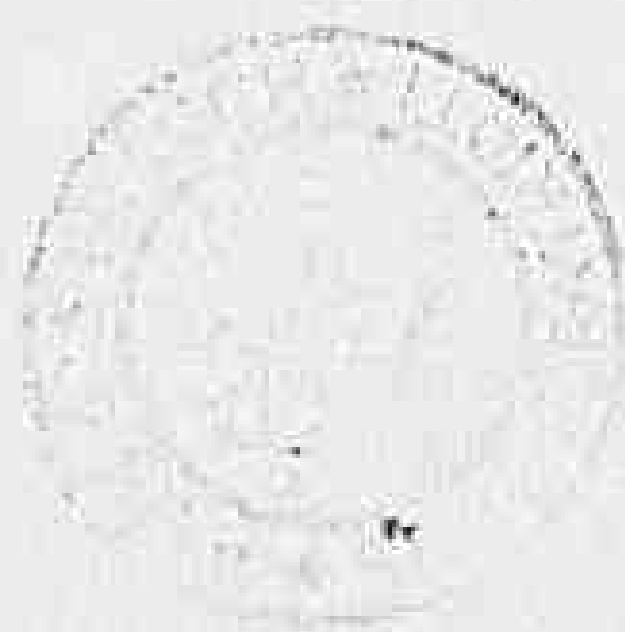
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mente versato in armi ai Carabinieri di Pistone. Si tratta complessivamente di n° 20 fucili e moschetti mod. 38 e 91, (compresi quei 12), di n° 3 pistole e di n° 37 caricatori per fucile, appartenenti a due formazioni del F.C., che nel primo momento furono depositate alla sede dello stesso Partito; il quale ne divenne responsabile. I Comandanti delle Bande di Amatrice e Fara questa dichiarazione, né altro risultava a quest'Ufficio, per quanto fosse stata data generica assicurazione verbale del successivo versamento.

IL RAPPRESENTANTE CIVILE
(Dott. Alfredo Galò)

Alfredo Galò



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Subject: Report on collection of arms.

TO THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER - A.M.G. - PISTOIA.

This is in reply to the questions and remarks contained in letter 51/2/TAT of the 12.1.45 handed over to us on the 15th inst.

1) The number of arms shown on the reports as per above subject is not inferior to that shown previously. There is instead an increase because if there is a change in less regarding the arms turned over to the CC.RR. of Pescia, we must also consider the figure under the heading "further data" concerning another delivery to the Allied authorities in Pescia by the same band. It is question of a figure transposition regarding the same collection, which instead of being turned over to CC.RR. they were mostly delivered to the Allied authorities of Pescia. In fact, the declaration in our possession explains that the arms were assembled, immediately after the liberation, at the C.I.N. of Pescia for being subsequently handed over to the authorities. Later, upon the Allied Command authority, part of were employed for arming again the CC.RR. (hence the first wrong communication), the Municipal agents and the Forest guards, and remaining ones were taken over by the Allied Command (Capt. STOOT and not SCOTT as it was erroneously written).

The amount of arms delivered to the two different Enti covers the figure stated in the first report with a slight increase due to the delivery of arms made by a detachment of the same band, the report of which arrived later.

2) The variety of 12 rifles turned over to the Communist Party instead of the CC.RR. is due, as the other slight varieties, to a simple transcription errors of the data contained in the declarations written by the Formations Chiefs. But also in these cases there is no diminution, but only transcription under a heading instead of another one.

3) I can assure that the Communist Party has subsequently turned over the arms to the CC.RR. of Pistoia. It is question of 20 guns and 91 rifles mod. 38 (including the 12 above), 3 pistols and 37 rifle clips, owing to the formations of the P.C., which were previously deposited at the

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PISTON BRANCH

Ref: 51/2/PAT

Subject: PAT. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

To: PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER, AMB
PISTON REGION

26 Jan 1945.

Re: From this branch's letter referenced subject as above,
dated 12 JAN 45

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- (a) These items have been a ready reference received.
- (b) If a reply is required by the Department, please expedite.

P. CRIM,
Lt. Colonel,
Director
Pistons Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS

PISTOIA PROVINCE

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref : PP/133

Date: 13 Jan 1945.

SUBJECT: Patriot Report 11 - 17 Jan 45

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(Attn: Patriot Branch)

1. I am enclosing herewith weekly Patriot report from 11th to 17th Jan 45.
2. I am also attaching copy of the above report which I trust you will transmit to the Central Patriot Office of the Council of Ministries.

*Passed to
Col Fava
12/1*

Signed:

Charles I. Dunn
CHARLES I. DUNN, Capt
Acting P.C.
Province of Pistoia

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translated by J.D.B.

From : A.N.C. Patriots Representatives-IBFOLA.

To : A.C. H.Q. Patriots Branch-ROME

Presidency of the Council - Patriots Office.

Subject : Weekly Report from 11 to 17 January.

1. VISITED AREAS

None.

2. POLITICAL TENDENCIES.

Nothing to report.

3. COLLECTION OF ARMS.

None.

4. ENLISTMENT OF PATRIOTS.

Enlistment propaganda has been done with Patriots.

5. REARMAMENT OF PATRIOTS.

Some Patriots have joined the "Tiro" band.

6. REPATRIATION OF PATRIOTS.

None.

7. ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES.

On 14 January 17 Certificates were issued in Massa and Cecile.

On 15 January 24 Certificates were issued at Ponte Bugianese.

8. CEREMONIES.

In connection with the above issue of certificates.

9. HOSPITALISATION OF PATRIOTS.

None during the week.

10. NOTES.

Funds are urgently needed to pay off Patriots and their dependents, especially because the work of this Office being nearly completed the payment of subventions can not be left over.

11. SUGGESTIONS.

The opportunity of issuing a special certificate to collaborators appears. The certificate should state:

a) The name of the cooperator.

b) The name of the Band with which he cooperated.

3. COLLECTION OF AIDS.
None.
4. EXISTENCE OF AGENCIES.
Inconsistent propaganda has been done with H. articles.
5. RETRIBUTION OF TERRORISTS.
Some petitions have joined the "vino" band.
6. REPARATION OF PATIENTS.
None.
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THE CIVIL REP.
CAIG.

THE MILIT. REP.
MAGS. DE MAS.

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translated by S.D.R.

From : A.A.G. Patriots Representative FISTOLA Prov. on

To : A.C. E.C. Patriots Branch - ROME

Date 16 January 1943

While answering to your letter ref. 51/2/PAT dated 5 inst. I wish to make some personal considerations and clarifications, which I believe concern us only, as the critics applying only to the reports which only I signed, following the recall of Ten. Col. Vascimini.

First of all if the reports should have an exposition of facts concerning our activity, the para "Political Tendencies of the Patriots" which appears in the pro forms which we received should not be there - That para does not concern our activities but concerns the observation of a political phenomenon, and is therefore a strictly mental operation.

But as the para exists on the pro forms, and I am reproached or not keeping to the point, and of not being objective on the matter.

Compiling a report on political tendencies of a large community or of a large body of people, if the information must have any value, means I believe, not the simple quotation of figures of members of a political party according to the returns which one might some how obtain, which would be a very quick but inaccurate system. What is needed is a thorough examination of a situation in its real substance, which is often quite different from the figures of the returns, and a search for the real feelings and principles which are not always openly declared and which might be quite different from the political course week or ignorant elements might be led.

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I do not know what idea one could have had of the local political situation. If explaining the truth, when the truth is kept hidden means being partial and expressing a "parti pris" it would be more logical not to entrust anybody with such a delicate and dangerous task.

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I thought logical to give the matter the interpretation of an accurate request on some points which might have led to errors, giving a picture as complete as possible, and therefore as close as possible to the real substance, which only can earn itself by of any interest.

Whilst speaking of the attitude of the Patriots towards the Italian Army, I was exposing their predominant and real feelings warning against a too simple interpretation, which would not have

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have been to their honor.

I thought it was my duty to report on the above matters, but I do not see where I was impartial. When on such matter I made a suggestion it was always under conditions, in the belief that the convictions and news spread amongst the patriots were wrong, which I left the Italian Authorities to judge, in the belief that they had far more data than I had if an unknown truth should be should be reestablished.

I would appreciate, therefore, if you could let me know precisely which points of my reports on political tendencies of the patriots, were superfluous and in what sense my appreciations were unjust or not objective.

The Civil Representative
CALO'

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 51/2/PAT

Subject: Patriots Representative,
Pistoia Province.

E.O. 374

To: Hq. AGS. Fifth Army
Patriot Officer.

16th January, 1945.

Will you please arrange to visit Patriot Office in
PISTOIA, and interview the Patriot Representatives there, as in
their Weekly Report concerning period 4th - 10th January, they
request closer liaison between your office and their own.

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G. CRAIG.
Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS
PISTOIA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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Ref : PP/133
SUBJECT: Patriot Report 4 - 10 Jan 45

Date: 11 Jan 1945

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(Attn: Patriot Branch)

1. I am enclosing herewith Weekly Patriot report from 4th to 10th Jan 45.
2. I am attaching also copy of the above report which I trust you will transmit to the Central Patriot Office of the Council of Ministries.

W. E. McBratney
WILLIAM E. McBRATNEY, Major
Provincial Commissioner
Province of Pistoia

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translated by J.D.R.

From: A.M.G. PISTOIA Province - Patriots Reps.

To : A.C. H.Q. Patriots Branch - Rome
Presidency of the Council - Patriotic Office - RomeSubject : Weekly Report from 4 to 10 January 1945.1) VISITED AREAS:

None.

2) POLITICAL TENDENCIES:

Nothing to report. There are statements of no political tendencies from people who are known to be communists.

3) COLLECTION OF ARMS:

None.

4) ENLISTMENT OF PATRIOTS IN THE ITALIAN ARMY:

We have no data.

5) REEMPLOYMENT OF PATRIOTS:

None.

6) PATRIOTS WHO HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED:

None.

7) ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES:

On 5 January, with the attendance of the C.A.C., certificates were issued to Patriots at Agliano.

Sold. MAGNI Lido di Giovanni

" MAGNI Rolando di Guglielmo

" BENEDETTI Libero di Bruno

" OCCORRELLI Gastone di Italo

" COPPINI Tullio di Antaresco

" COPPINI Terzo di Alfredo

" DIAGIONI Dante di Mario

" ALLORI Alvaro di Attilio

" ALLORI Alberto di Attilio

" PROSINI Elvio di Tommaso

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We have no date.

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None.

7) ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES:

On 6 January, with the attendance of the C.A.O., certificates were issued to Patriots at Aglione.

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" CECCHIARI Gastone di Italo

" COFFINI Tullio di Antinisco

" COMI I Terzo di Alfredo

" BIANCHI Dante di Mario

" ALLORI Alvaro di Attilio

" ALLORI Alberto di Attilio

" PROSINI Elio di Tommaso

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Cap.M. MAGNI Dante di Guglielmo

Sold. PALANINI Elio di Achille

" BONACCHI Dino di Ciriaco

" BORGIOLO Grazio di Marino

" BORGIOLO Marino di Silvio

Cap.M. PASTACALDI Alberto di Guido

Sold. SANTINI Ottorino di Raffaele

" RICASOLI Qualtiere di Dino

Cap.M. COFFINI Arrigo di Alfiero

Sold. RICASOLI Aldebrando di Florino

" RICASINI Ferruccio di Alfredo

" MANICOTTI Renato di Augusto

" TESSI Spartaco di Duilio

" NATALI Ilario di Averardo

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Sold. CECCHARELLI Sestimo di Egidio
 " PRINCIBI Nilo di Giuliano
 " MAGGI Elia di Giovanni
 " RICHICOLI Cino di Venanzio
 " ROMAGNOLI Brunero di Torquato
 " BRINUCCI Dante di Lorenzo
 " DIAGIONI Omero di Mario
 " PROSINI Dado di Fortunato
 " PROSINI Adelfio di G. Battista
 " BAISO Viricio di Ugo
 " RESCHI Francesco di Ines
 " SCURTI Corrado di Dante
 Sgt. FERRUCCIO Michele di Vincenzo
 " IMPOCANTI Libero di Alberto
 " NUCCI Dado di Gino
 " TONI Angiolo di Egidio
 4 MARINARO Antonio
 4 CECCHI Cino di Ferdinando

8) CEREMONIES:

Issue of Certificates at Agliate

9) HOSPITALIZED PATRIOTS:

14 Patriots of the "Pippo" band have been hospitalized at the Pistoia Civil Hospital, for various illness. The "Pippo" band is still engaged in action.

10) NOTES:

Patriots in great and urgent need often apply to this Office, which must send them to the various welfare committees, because we are entirely devoid of any assistance funds. Patriots who apply for work, through the A.F.C. employment Office are employed according to requests of labour and to their own capacities. We have contacted the "Pippo" band which is still engaged on p. work.

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The Civil Rep.
 (Alfredo CALO)

The Military Rep.
 (Maj. Celio DE MAS)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOT BRANCH.

Ref: 51/2/Pat.

Tel: 489081

Subject: Patriot Representative's Report.

12 Jan 45.

To: Provincial Commissioner, AAG,
Pistoia Region.

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1. Reference attached copy of Report by Patriot Representative, Mr. CALO (civilian) for the Province of Pistoia. This report covers the period 14th to 27th December 44 and was forwarded to us by your office on 16 January 45.
2. It appears from para. 4. on Collection of Arms, that actual numbers handed in were in fact less than previously listed.
3. Again in para. 4., the report states that 12 out of 49 rifles were turned over to the Communist Party instead of to the Allied authorities.
4. Would you be good enough to interview this Representative and find out from him why there is this alteration in the figures submitted and why any arms were handed over to the Communist Party.
5. Would you also please ascertain whether the Communist Party at PISTOIA kept the arms or whether they, in turn, handed them to the appointed authorities.


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

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Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS
PISTOIA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref : PP/133

Date: 10 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: Patriot Activity 14 to 27 Dec 1944.

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(Attn: Patriot Branch)

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1. I am enclosing herewith Patriot Activity Report as from 14th to 27th Dec 1944.
 2. I am also forwarding copy of the above report to the Italian Patriot Branch of the Council of Ministries which I trust you will transmit.

William E. McRatney
WILLIAM E. McRATNEY, Major
Provincial Commissioner
Province of Pistoia

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From : A.M.G. PATRIOTS REPRESENTATIVES - PISTOIA.

To : A.O. H.Q. Patriots Branch - ROME

: Presidency of the Council - Patriots Office - ROME

Subject : Report 14-27 December.

2 January 1945

AREAS THAT WERE VISITED.

Commune of Sambuca Pistoiese.
Commune of Piteglio.

BANDS THAT HAVE BEEN CONTACTED

- 1) "Sparviero" Unit, (Commander Bertolucci Aldo) operated in Pistoia and Tizzana Commune.
Strength : 9 men.
Political tendencies: Christian democracy.
- 2) "Bozzi" Band. Operated in the Pistoia and Modena Appennines (Communes of S. Marcello Pistoiese and Fistoie).
We are awaiting the report on the activity of the band which appears to have been very intensive.

PATRIOTS WHO DEMANDED REPATRIATION.

Nothing to report.

COLLECTION OF ARMS.

Amendments to previous signals:

Pescia RR.CC. Station
It. Rifles : 14 instead of 52
German Rifles : 1 instead of none
Pistoles : 4 instead of 12
Hand grenades : 28 instead of 30

Pistoia RR.CC. Station

12 rifles out of the 49 that have been turned in to the RR.CC. have been turned in to the Communist Party.

Candegli RR.CC. Station

No rifles have been turned in instead of 2.

Massa Cozzile - Municipio.

Rifles : 7 instead of 9

RR.CC. Station.

BANDS THAT HAVE BEEN CONTACTED

- 1) "Sperviero" Unit, (Commander Bertolucci Aldo) operated in Pistoia and Tiverno Comune.
Strength : 9 men.
Political tendencies: Christian democracy.
- 2) "Cozzi" Band. Operated in the Pistoia and Modena Agreines (Communes of S. Marcello Pistoiese and Pistoia).
We are awaiting the report on the activity of the band which appears to have been very intensive.

PATRICKS WHO OPERATE IN THE AREA:
Nothing to report.

COLLECTION OF ARMS.

Amendments to previous signals:

Pescia RR. CC. Station
It. Rifles : 14 instead of 52
German Rifles : 1 instead of none
Pistols : 4 instead of 12
Hand grenades : 38 instead of 50

Pistoia RR. CC. Station

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Candegli RR. CC. Station

10 rifles have been turned in instead of 2.

Messa Cozzile - Municipio.

Rifles : 7 instead of 9

Fonte Duggiannese RR. CC. Station.

Rifles : 11 instead of 12

Further data:

Pistoia - Municipio

Rifles : 4

Pistoia Communist Party

Pistols : 3

Pistoia RR. CC. Station

Pistols : 5

Quarreta RR. CC.

Rifles : 2

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An Allied Com. Capt. Scott of the R.A.F. made the following collection of arms, which is the only one of which there is a precise record:

Rifles : 59
 Sub machine guns : 1
 Pistols : 10
 Hand grenades : 71
 Ammunition -

Montecatini Gerse RR.CC.

Rifles Italian : 1
 Rifles German : 1
 Pistols : 6

Montecatini Valdiniavole RR.CC.

Bayonets : 1
 German machine gun
 Ammunition boxes : 13

Ianciano RR.CC.

Rifles : 3
 Pistols : 3

Laurorechio RR.CC.

Rifles : 3

Serravalle Pistoiese RR.CC.

Italian War Rifles : 4
 Other Rifles : 1
 German Rifles : 1
 Pistols : 1
 Hand Grenades : 14

Agliana

Italian Rifles : 7
 German Rifles : 7
 Pistols : 3
 Hand Grenades : 15
 Ammunition : -

Veileno R.CC.

Rifles : 3
 Pistols : 1
 Hand Grenades : 8
 Boxes of German :
 Hand Grenades : 4
 Marsu Rifle Clips: 25

Volterra RR.CC.

Italian Rifles

: 27

Pistols.

: 6

Montecchini Valdinevole RR. CC.

Bayonets : 1
 German machine gun
 Ammunition boxes : 13

Lanciano RR. CC.

Rifles : 8
 Pistols : 3

Lamporecchio RR. CC.

Rifles : 3

Servavalle Pistoiese RR. CC.

Italian War Rifles : 4
 Other Rifles : 1
 German Rifles : 1
 Pistols : 1
 Hand Grenades : 14

Aglians

Italian Rifles : 7
 German Rifles : 3
 Pistols : 3
 Hand Grenades : 15
 Ammunition : -

Vellano RR. CC.

Rifles : 3
 Pistols : 1
 Hand Grenades : 4
 Box of German : 4
 hand Grenades : 4
 German Rifle Clips : 25

Volterra RR. CC.

Italian Rifles
 German Rifles
 Bren machine gun
 Italian sub machine gun
 American Sten
 Russian Parabellum
 Pistols
 Hand Grenades
 Rifle clips
 Machine gun rounds

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Issue of certificates

At Lamporecchio on 16 December 1944 ^{during} a public ceremony

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attended by an Allied Officer and all local Authorities, 39 Certificates were issued, on 21 December 13 Certificates were issued in Pistoia to a Patriot Unit. Upon recommendation of the local C.I.M. we approved the lists of other Units which operated in the Pistoia area during the underground period. Such Units include a party of women and they total 82 patriots to whom Certificates will be issued as soon as they will report.

Total issue of Certificates.

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Political Tendencies

Nothing to report.

Acts of gallantry

Reports are expected.

Rewards and compensation.

Referring to the letter 51/2/17./141 dated 13 Dec. 44, may I suggest that if there are difficulties in sending up all the funds necessary to pay off all the patriots of the Province, the Central Patriots Office should, for the time being, send only the money necessary to pay off the families of fallen patriots who are in more urgent need of such subvention. We have so far ascertained over 20 such families.

Concerning Patriot Centres, and particularly the one of Pescia, I do not know that at present they have any financial possibilities with which to see to the immediate assistance of patriots who have recently come through the lines.

I will send further detailed information on the above matter in my next report.

Reports on activities of Bands.

Nothing to report.

Reemployment of Patriots.

Nothing to report.

Parades and Ceremonies.

These connection with the issue of Certificates as above mentioned.

(signed) the Civil Representative,
CAIO.

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(signed) the Civil Representative.
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From : A.M.G. Patriots Representative. - PISTOIA

To : A.C. Patriots Branch - ROMA

: Presidency of the Council - Patriots Office ROMA
(through Regional Commissioner)

WEEKLY REPORT FROM 29/12/44 TO 31/1/45

AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED

None.

POLITICAL TENDENCIES.

Nothing to report.

COLLECTION OF ARMS.

Nothing to report - Collection has been completed.

PATRIOTS THAT HAVE ENLISTED IN THE ITALIAN ARMY.

As the enlistment is not done through this Office, we have data concerning the enlistment.

REEMPLOYMENT OF PATRIOTS.

Reemployment is not done through this Office, we have, therefore, no data concerning such matter.

REPARATION OF PATRIOTS.

Does not take place through this Office - Data on such matter is therefore missing.

ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES.

At Sambuca Pistoiese 9 Certificates have been issued.

At Montecatini Terme 174 Certificates have been issued.

Total of Certificates issued No 183.

Three Certificates must still be issued, because ascertainment have not yet been completed.

CEREMONIES.

Besides the Ceremonies connected to the issue of the Certificates, we attended to a memorial mass which was celebrated at Pistoia for the Patriots of the "Pedi" Band. The Prefect, the Bishop and all other Authorities attended.

HOSPITALISED PATRIOTS

POLITICAL TENDENCIES.
Nothing to report.

COLLECTION OF ARMS.
Nothing to report - Collection has been completed.

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REEMPLOYMENT OF PATRIOTS.
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REVALUATION OF PATRIOTS.
Does not take place through this Office - Data on such matter is therefore missing.

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HOSPITALISED PATRIOTS
Nothing to report.

NOTE

The Pistoia representatives signal that there is a certain friction with Capt. Pianigiani of the Fascist Centre. Difficulties have arisen for the issue of Gen Alexander's Certificates.

SUGGESTIONS

In next week's report we will forward this Office's suggestions to coordinate the activities of this Office.

The Civil Rep.
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The Military Rep.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

10
5 January 1945

Ref. 51/2/PAT.

Subject : Weekly Reports.

To : A.M.G. Patriots Representatives - PISTOIA.

Examining your weekly reports it has been noted that too much consideration is given to the political tendencies of patriots.

Whilst recognizing the necessity that political tendencies of patriots should be kept under observation by Patriots Reps., it is of paramount necessity that reporting such tendencies a strict impartiality should be maintained, and you should refrain from any personal consideration.

In compiling your reports, you are therefore requested to observe a strict exposition of facts concerning your activity which must follow the lines of the proforma attached to the circular Ref. 36/PAT. dated 28 December 1944 and which we attach to this letter.

JDR/mlo.


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

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From: A.R.G. Patriots Representative, Trieste
 To: A.R.G. Patriots Branch, 1033
 Date: 20 December 1944.
 Subject: Weekly Report - 7/13 December 1944.

Arms Collection.

None.

Repatriation of Patriots.

None.

Collection of Arms.

Results have not been satisfactory because the condition put forth to obtain General Alexander's Certificate of handing over the arms has not proved sufficient to induce the patriots to surrender their arms. The number of arms that have been surrendered is quite inadequate to the number of patriots. A few band commanders have not felt sufficiently the responsibility they were undertaking in signing a statement without previously making sure that each member of his band actually handed in all arms in his possession.

On the other hand there is no way of checking the truthfulness of such statements, especially when it is stated that arms have been passed to other partisan units or have been directly handed over to the Allies. The problem therefore remains at least partially unsolved, because unless the difference between the number of arms and the number of patriots is too great one cannot force the band commanders to give evidence in support of his statements, i.e. to produce receipts for arms that have been passed on to other partisan units and such less for arms that have been surrendered to the Allies.

Issue of Certificates.

None.

Political Tendencies.

The case of some bands which refuse to state their political tendencies must be signalled. It is not probable that all members of these bands are of a certain political tendency. In the case in "Montecatini Terme", such statement is also contradicted by the well known political tendencies of certain members of such bands.

I believe that such attitude is only taken by those of extreme political inclinations, and it seems to be the consequence of a precise

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programme of which the final intentions are not yet known.

There is a general mistrust towards the Italian Army and the Italian General Staff. It is also believed that the Army is an instrument of the Monarchy. The patriots wish for the creation of a partisan army, based on the fact that there are already some partisan brigades which are at present employed by the Allies as regular fighting units side by side with Allied Armies.

The above reasons prove that patriots do not enlist in the Italian Army, not because they become disinterested in the war as soon as they happen to have come through the lines, but because they do not believe in the institutions under which they should serve.

It is my belief that if there are false ideas or news being circulated by elements of an interested propaganda, amongst the patriots, such ideas and news should be clarified and put into the proper light.

Acts of Gallantry of Patriots.

None.

Rewards and Compensations.

The ascertainment of patriots is sometimes difficult because of the data on which to proceed, which is not always clear and precise. At present the creation of the Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia, a section of which has been established in Fisticia, makes the ascertainment ever more difficult. The association, in granting the patriot qualification, does not always follow the same principles followed in the issue of the Allied certificates.

Due to the lack of agreement to the creation of two different kinds of patriots, those recognised by the Allies and those recognised by the "Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia". It is therefore necessary that an agreement should be reached with the above Association about the elements which are necessary for the qualification of patriot.

The terms of such agreement should be notified to the outside representatives of the Patriots Office and to representatives of the "Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia".

Concerning the welfare work it must be clearly established, as specified in the letter to the Patriots Office dated 28th Feb., that all other bodies instituted at the beginning should cease all activity, and leave all the work to the new body legally recognised.

In such case may I point out that the funds allotted by the Italian Government, at least where subventions to the families of fallen patriots are concerned or other similar cases, should be sent forthwith.

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Report on the Activities of Groups and Bands.

The reports of those formations that have ceased their activities recently are expected presently.

Reemployment of Patriots.

Nothing to report.

Parades and Demonstrations.

None.

Patriots Office,
The Civil Representative.

(Sgt.) CALO.

NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR.

From the weekly reports of the Patriots Representatives for Ristola it appears that too much consideration is given to the political tendencies of the Patriots, and that the above Representatives are inclined to represent their own opinions as political tendencies of the patriots.

I suggest sending another copy of the report proforma to the above Reps. attached to the inclosed letter.

Frank C.
Col. Guido EAVA.

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FROM : A.M.G. Province of Pistoia,
Patriots Office.
TO : A.C. H.Q. Patriots Branch, Rome.
CCPY TO: Presidency of the Council,
Patriots Office, Rome.
DATE : 10 Dec. 1944.
SUBJECT : Weekly report from 31 Nov. to 6 Dec.

Contacts with bands
None.

Repatriation of patriots.
None.

Collection of arms.
None.

Issue of certificates.
36 certificates have been issued to members of 2
units in the Merliana Comune.
Certificates issued, total 639.

Political tendencies of the Patriots.
No particular news on the general picture of the
situation. The prevailing tendency is communist, although
there are considerable differences in the political ten-
dencies of neighbouring communities where moral and
material conditions are exactly alike, meaning that the
political tendencies of the population, who is not
politically mature, follow which ever local propaganda
is more active or effective.

Acts of gallantry of the Patriots.
We must signal the behaviour of two women (Cutini
Lea, ved. Bareschi, and Cecchi Lilliana) who will be
awarded the patriots certificate for their liaison activi-
ties, and for having carried arms to various patriot units.

In a locality near Pistoia, following the killing of a
German soldier five hostages were arrested and threatened
with execution. The hostages included the secretary of
the Communist Party, the Vicar and the first of the two
women.

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The woman was released and immediately notified her companions, with whom at night she went back to town to rescue the other hostages.

The Cecchi woman went to German HQ, where she was well known, and declared that a British patrol had captured a German soldier of whom she made a description. She even offered to identify the German soldier by some photographs, convincing the Nazis that she was speaking the truth. Following to this all the hostages were released and saved.

We await detailed reports of other acts of gallantry.

Rewards and compensation to the Patriots.

As time goes by, the lack of assistance funds becomes more acute and affects deeply the Patriots moral who notice that the promises that had been made to them do not materialize and who resent the differences in treatment with other provinces.

I repeat my urgent request for at least one part of the necessary funds, ^{or} ~~or~~ ^{else} for instructions to take any other initiative which might lead to the urgently ~~wanted~~ ^{needed} result.

Activities of the bands.

None.

Reemployment of patriots.

Nothing new to report.

Parades and ceremonies.

The above mentioned issue of certificates could not, as usual, be done with an official ceremony because of lack of transportation.

THE CIVIL REPRESENTATIVE

(signed)

Dott. A. CALO'

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Translated by J.d.R.

FROM : A.M.C. Pistoia Province
Patriots Office
TO : A.C. H.Q. Patriots Branch
Presidency of the Council,
Patriots Office
DATE : 3 Dec 44.

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WEEKLY REPORT FROM 26 TO 30 NOVEMBER 1944.1. Bands that have been contacted.

Nothing to report.

2. Patriots who have asked repatriation.

Nothing to report;

3. Collection of arms.

Nothing to report.

4. Issue of certificates.

On 26 November 395 certificates have been issued in Pistoia to the members of 14 formations. On 28 November 100 certificates were distributed in Pescia. Total of distributed certificates 603.

5. Political tendencies of the Patriots.

Nothing to report.

6. Acts of gallantry of the Patriots.

Nothing to report.

7. Compensations and rewards to the Patriots.

Requests of subventions from the families of fallen patriots, who are in very great economic stress keep streaming in. I insist on the urgent necessity of the shipment of a first sum of money by the Patriots Office, to face the immediate requirements.

8. Report on the activity of the Bands.

The new instructions issued by the Patriots Office are entirely different from the old ones. The reports will have to be made out again and to do it will request at least as much time as has so far elapsed due to the difficulties of getting in touch with the Chiefs of the bands to give them

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the new instructions and for them to couch the new reports.

The Representatives will have further difficulties with the Provincial Commissioner if they will have to strictly observe the Rome Office instructions, as work will be even slower than it has been so far.

Referring to our reports of the 10 and 20 inst. we can now signal that the situation has changed because having ~~shown~~^{proved} the impossibility of making any further haste in the distribution of the certificates we have no longer been pressed to complete our work within the time limits which had been previously set.

9. Reemployment of Patriots.

Nothing to report.

10. Parades and ceremonies.

The above issue of certificates.

THE CIVILIAN REPRESENTATIVE

signed CALO'

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FROM : H.Q. A.C. PATRIOTS BRANCH
TO : A.M.G. Vistola Province
Patriots Branch
DATE : 13 Dec. 44
Ref : 51/2/It/PAT.
Subject: Representatives.

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Referring to your weekly report from 9 to 15 November, we can inform you of the following :

1. That the question of funds is one in which we are very interested, we are trying to get it straightened.
2. The Patriot Representatives must not let up on the thoroughness of the enquiries which they make into the "bona fides" of Patriots.
3. The welfare and assistance side is best handled at a Reception centre such as Pescie or Florence, but this side of the work must not be neglected by Patriot Representatives.
4. The Patriot Representatives must do the best they can in difficult circumstances and use their own initiative and good sense.

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

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FROM: A.M.G. Pistoia Province
Patriots Branch
TO : A.C. H.Q. Patriots Branch
Presidency of the Council,
Patriots Office
DATE: 30 November 1944.

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WEEKLY REPORT FROM 17 TO 23 NOVEMBER 1944.

Bands that have been contacted.

Having checked the final lists of the bands organised by the Partito d'Azione and by the Communist Party, commanded respectively by Simoni Michele and Andreini Cesare we can now give a definite report on the various formations which composed the above bands, and operated in the Pistoia Province :

1. Bands of the Partito d'Azione (XII Zone)
Strength : 254 men
Commander: Capt. Nardi Vincenzo
Group Commander and organizer: Simoni Michele.
2. Bands of the Communist Party
Strength : 240 men.
Commanders: Andreini Cesare and Ten. Gori Gorino.

Such figures are only liable to small changes due to omissions and errors.

Collection of arms.

Pistoia principal Carabinieri Station:
rifles (It.) n. 49
rifles (German) " 3
pistols " 13
hand grenades " 6
ammunitions.

Pistoia, Scalo - Carabinieri Station.
rifles n. 1

Pistoia - Municipio
rifles n. 3
hunting guns " 3

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Cindeglio - Carabinieri Station.
rifles n. 1

Casalguidi - Carabinieri Station
rifles n. 4
pistols " 4

Quarrata - Carabinieri Station
pistols n. 2

Monsuamano - Carabinieri Station
rifles n. 20
hand grenades " 51
ammunitions

MA DIANA - Carabinieri Station
rifles n. 3
rifles " 2
pistols " 2
hand grenades " 38
German hand grenades " 1
rifle clips " 25
pistol ammunition " 15 rounds.

Issue of certificates.

On 23 November at Borgo Buggiano and Montecatini Val di-
nievole 19 and 21 certificates respectively were issued.

Political tendencies of Patriots.

Nothing to report.

Rewards and compensations to Patriots.

Referring to our last report the situation is the
following :

1. Besides numerous Patriots who need assistance which cannot be granted, requests of subventions have been brought to this office by the families of fallen Patriots.
2. Such requests, which are of foremost importance, cannot be answered with that haste that would be indispensable because of the frequently complained of lack of funds.

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Report on activities of the bands.

Nothing to report.

Reemployment of patriots.

Together with the provincial labour Office, which was created recently, we see to the employment of patriots as soon as employment is available.

Parades and ceremonies.

Ceremonies were held on the occasion of above mentioned issues of certificates.

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

THE CIVIL REPRESENTATIVE

signed

Ten.Col. Vascimanni

Dott. A. Cold.

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office on 12/12*

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Translated by J.d.R.TO : H.Q. A.C. Patriots Branch
Presidency of the Council,
Patriots Branch

ROME

ROME

DATE : 20 November 1944.

WEEKLY REPORT (FROM 9 TO 15 NOVEMBER 1944).Bands that have been contacted.

No bands have been contacted besides those signalled in last week's report.

Collection of arms.

Nothing new to report. Collection of weapons has been carried out with a firm but persuasive attitude toward those Patriots who were reluctant to surrender their weapons, either on emotional ground or because they thought that they should still need the arms against more or less imaginary internal foes, not realizing that by not handing in their weapons they were breaking ~~all laws~~ Allied and Italian, ^{laws} and were exposing themselves to all the consequences.

Certificates could not be issued to the Patriots until the Chief of each Band had signed a statement that all arms held by the band at the liberation, had been handed to the appointed authority.

Issued of Certificates.

On 9 November the second distribution of 23 Patriots certificates took place at Serravalle Pistoiese.

Political tendency of the Patriots.

Nothing to report.

Awards and compensations to the Patriots.

Refer to detailed report further below.

Report on activities of Groups and Bands.

Nothing to report.

Reemployment of Patriots.

Nothing to report.

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Parades and Ceremonies.

On 9 November at Serravalle Pistoiese certificates were issued.

In last week's report we signalled that the Provincial Commissioner had pressed us to speed up the distribution of the Patriots certificates in the province. This unexpected attitude put us in a very difficult position especially because the Provincial Commissioner did not ^{only} give ~~no~~ only general instructions to increase our activity but has lately set to the end of this month the time to complete our work.

To fulfill such a request which must be understood as an order, the Representatives should ignore entirely the instructions of A.C. N.Q. and of the Central Patriots Office which both in their written instructions recommended that greatest care and scrupulousness ^{was} should be put in granting the qualification of "Patriot" and that individual credits should be ascertained to avoid that those who joined the patriots at the very last moment should be considered bonafide patriots. Obviously strict time limitations cannot be imposed to such a task, of which the moral and political importance cannot be ignored.

Should such argument against time limitations not be sufficient in itself, the present situation of the Province will show the impossibility to complete our work in such a short time. Many bands of the Province are still engaged on military operations on both sides of the lines, and one area of the Province (Comune of Cutigliano) has not yet been liberated ~~and~~ ^{nor} anything can be done there until the war will not have receded North. Furthermore many communes which at the beginning of our work had not been liberated have not yet been visited. It is only now that our work can become useful in such places.

X | We also need definite instructions concerning our task: must we only identify the Patriots and issue the certificates or must we also take care of the assistance and welfare work on behalf of the Patriots; which is certainly not a problem that can be neglected. Such problem is not completed when a bonus has been granted upon demobilisation of the bands.

The assistance and welfare work has not yet begun and we must point out that the contributions promised by the Central

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Patriots Office have not arrived, in contrast with what has happened in the Florence area where the Representatives have already received considerable funds to be used for the assistance of the Patriots. Such a difference inevitably creates a great deal of discontent and unrest amongst the Patriots of this Province who must apply to Florence for such help as they need for themselves and their families, which they cannot obtain from their own communes which are greatly disorganized and impoverished.

Having to chose between the alternatives of doing one's work badly and not doing it at all one can only chose the second solution.

The systems which have so far been followed in the ascertainment of who deserves and who does not deserve the qualification of Patriot cannot be altered by outside pressures, nor can one give up the guarantees that must honestly be required in the solution of a problem of such national importance.

When Allied authorities felt it necessary to have Italian representatives to deal with the Patriots, instructions were issued which the representatives accepted on their own free will, because they shared the general principles and ideas contained in the instructions. It seems strange and illogical that the representatives should now be put into the material impossibility of fulfilling such instructions.

We are firmly determined not to have in the Pistoia province the same state of affairs as has created itself in other provinces. We believe that it was the wish of the Allies to give the Patriots certificates a great moral value and we do ~~mean~~^{not} to consciously acknowledge ~~to~~^{not} the issue of certificates to whoever might apply for it. Only under such conditions do we believe that our cooperation can be useful and dignified.

Therefore, although we devote all our activity to the compilation of the final lists, we can henceforth state that at least one part of the Bands who are at present under our control will not have received the certificates upon the date that the Provincial Commissioner has fixed.

We inform the Patriots Branch of the above asking that we should be instructed ^{now} to behave each time that different and contradicting instructions are issued from other bodies.

The Military Rep.

The Civil Rep.

signed

T.Col.Vasciainni

Dr. A. Calò

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Carl G. Gandy
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FROM : ANE, Province of Pistoia
 Patriots Office
 TO : A.O., HQ. Patriots Branch
 Presidency of the Council,
 Patriots Office
 DATE : 10 Nov 1944.
 SUBJECT: Weekly report from 2 to 8 Nov. 44.

Visited Areas

Country of S. E. of the Pistoiese : wooded and mountainous.

NAME not in touch with

1. Band VERVA BONGHIO
 Area of operation - Country of Montecatini.
 Strength : 30 men.
 Political tendencies: None.
2. Band Group "Italia" - Chief Mgr. PAULI Ettore
 Operational area. - Country of Pistoia, Liguria & Western
 border of the Florence Province.
 Strength - 32 men.
 Political tendencies - None or Christian Democrats.
3. Gruppo di azione patriottica di Pescia.
 Chief Mgr. Armando TRILIPONTO.
 Operational area: - Pescia.
 Strength - 100 men.
 Political tendencies - None or socialist.

Requests by Patriots wishing to return to their homes.

None.

Collection of arms.

Pescia - Agenti Fascisti:	
Machine	3
Hand grenades	3
Rifle clips	12
Pescia - Guardia municipale:	
Rifle mod. 1891	3
Pistol	7
Hand grenades	13
Rifle clips	83

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Terms of certificates.

There are going to be further issues of certificates in the near future.

Political tendencies.

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Acts of gallantry.

We are awaiting the reports.

Wounds and compensations.

The number is becoming smaller because the R.M. is collected at the beginning and becomes exhausted and the services cannot always continue to supply funds to assist those in need. We therefore stand for immediate intervention by the Patriotic Control Office.

Reports on the activities of German and Italian.

The reports on the activities of German and Italian are not yet entirely finished and still missing. The reports on the Italian which are still missing in the files on the side of the Allies are also missing.

See layout of the data.

Nothing to report.

Parades and ceremonies.

None.

THE REPRESENTATIVES

Ten. Col. Vasciminni F. Dr. Cald A.

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NOTES.

Allied H.Q. through the Provincial Commissioner, is pressing for the issue of certificates to take place. Although I hope should not have to wait for this sign of recognition, the necessary process to be carried out carefully for the award the certificates only to those who are worthy of it.

We wish to be informed if, from now on, we are expected to alter our system, and through a more casual ascertainment speed up the release of certificates.

Signed

Dr. Gell

Dr. Gell V. Gell

MEMORANDUM

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 Ufficio Italiano Patenti

TO : A.C. A.C. District Branch
 Presidency of the Council,
 Patents Office

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 Rome.

Weekly report (from 26 October to 3 Nov.)

Deals with whom one got in touch.

- 1) - Deal : Nicola Roberto.
 Operation Area: Courses of Tizzen and Pistoia.
 Strength : 25.
 Political tendencies : Partito d'Azione.
- 2) - Other deals belonging to the 3rd of the Partito d'Azione under the name of "Nicola Roberto".

Deals with whom one got in touch.

Rome.

Collection of weapons.

ROMA.	At the R.C. Station	
	Italian rifles	5
	Hand grenades	3
	Mixed ammunition	50 rounds.
CAPODORIA	At the R.C. Station	
	Italian rifles	2
	German machine gun ammunition	
	Pistols	5
PISTOIA.	At the ex O.C. building	
	Rifles	4
	Pistols	1
	German rifles	1
	Hand grenades	4
	Grenades	4
	Mixed ammunition	2000 rounds.

Issue of certificates.

On 26 Oct. The first issue of Allied certificates to local

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patriots belonging to the white (Stella) band, took place in
Bonsueto.

The issue took place after careful ascertainment of the
qualifications of each member, and following the collection of
arms.

45 Certificates were issued.

Political tendencies of the Patriots.

From news collected up to now it can be safely assumed that
the majority of Patriots is of a pro-socialist.

Of other parties the most important is the "Partito d'Azione"
which spread in Pistoia and in the neighboring centers was
carried out in order to resist the German occupation against the
Germans, and was organized by Patriot units.

Very few patriots belong to the Social Party, the Chri-
stian Democratic Party or the Liberal Party. The Democratic
Labour Party is entirely non-existent.

If such is the apparent situation emerging from the check
up of identity cards or from open statements of political creeds,
reality is somewhat different. Actually many patriots as members
in some social classes, have shown a leaning towards political
tendencies devoid of a political conscience and lacking the most
elementary perception of the real and supreme interests of the
Country, or of a sufficient notion of the programs of the party
which they are expected to enter, and of which the only thing to
attract them is the fascination of the name.

During the underground period sheer organizational
necessities drew those who meant only to fight the Nazi-Fascists.
to enter the party which, because of its special capacities and
capabilities, gave them the means to take part in the fight.

It has actually happened, that members of liberal inclina-
tion belonging to a Partito d'Azione band consequently became
members of this Party, to which they subscribed at the moment of
the constitution of the band either because of organizational ne-
cessities or because there was no section of the Liberal Party.

State of activity of Patriots.

Nothing to report.

Report on the activities of Groups and bands.

Nothing of importance to report.

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Rewards and recognition to the Patriots.

While as above mentioned, Allied certificates were issued the full moral value of the certificates being appreciated by the patriots, a material sign of the gratitude of the Government and the country has been given in the form of a bonus, which, after much hesitation, has been accepted and unanimously transferred to the Patriots in greatest need.

Such distribution of money will not always be possible at such issues of certificates, as many Communes have not sufficient funds.

Concerning the difficulties encountered to provide even the minimum assistance due to the Patriots, we are waiting to be informed of the figures which the welfare section of the Central Patriots office is going to submit.

Reemployment of patriots.

It is a difficult problem to solve, because many branches of the economic life of the country have reached a complete dead lock, and because of the political purge which does not allow sudden changes.

A certain proportion, which can be estimated at about 30% of the Patriots is unemployed and represents the surplus in respect of the actual possibilities of the place. The situation can be improved if, together with the Allies, we constitute bodies which will effectively handle the employment problem.

As for the enlistment of Patriots into the Italian Army, which in itself is a form of reemployment, it appears that complications are few because of

1. A confused vision, which is often completely false, of the vital interests of the country at the present moment.
2. The conviction that any Italian soldiers will immediately be sent overseas to fight against Japan, it being unknown whether such conviction has arisen from sheer ignorance or from special propaganda, through false interpretation of press issues on the necessity for Italy to continue the war to the end at the side of the Allies.

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Parades and ceremonies.

The issue of the certificates at Monsummano took the form of a public ceremony which took place in the local theatre and in

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presence of the Prefect of the Province, of the Mayor and
of the Allied Provincial Commissioner, all of whom made
speeches thanking the Patriots.

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General VASCOVICH

Signed CALO

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