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TO : HQ. AC. Civil Affairs Section Patriots Branch
FROM : HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region
SUBJECT : "Patriots"
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DATE : 22 January 1945

The attached report received from the Ancona Patriots Reports is forwarded for your information and transmission.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

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Lt. Colonel,
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translated by J.D.R.

From : A. .G. Patriots Representatives - ARCONA

To : HQ.AG. PATRIOTS BRANCH.

Subject : Report of 15 January 1945.

- 1) Lists of patriots have already been forwarded.
- 2) Enlistment will be boosted by the "settimana dell'arruolamento" that the local C.I.F. is organizing with full support of all political and patriotic bodies, and which will take place during the last week of this month.
- 3) Concerning disarmament of patriots I have nothing to add to what has already been reported.
- 4) Employment has been found for 4 patriots.
- 5) To the present date 1674 Certificates have been issued. This number does not include the certificates issued to the patriots of the territorial organization of the province, because I could not get in touch with the chiefs of the organization for lack of means of transportation. There are still several patriots of the S.A.P. Brigade awaiting the Certificate, but the issue is for the time being impossible because the competent office of A.M.G. is temporarily devoid of forms. The arrival is expected from Aquila.
- 6) We are making the list of fallen, wounded and mutilated patriots.
- 7) I have seen to it that shoes and clothing should be given to three wounded patriots, at present in hospital.

(sgd) Capt. CORRADO SCOTO. 851

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 REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ANCONA FRONT AND ON THE
 IS STORY OF THE "RECONSTRUCTION FRONT", WHICH REPRESENTS THE
 ANCONA FRONT. FORMERLY (Military) AND R. S. 2220 ANCONA (CIVIL),
 AREA 30 5341. TO 25 CONCEPT 1944.

The movement of the Patriots in the Marche Region and
 Ancona Province began in the second half of September, having
 its origin from the V. S. 2220 III Brigade.

The Chief of the Brigade, whose assumed name is Anibale
 and who was the unit's military and entirely outside any
 political influence, was captured by the Germans.

After he was captured the S.I. appointed a successor Dr.
 Angelo Vignola. Vignola under the assumed name of "Pino",
 this was continued to follow the same line as "Anibale" not
 allowing any political influence in the unit. He therefore re-
 fused to accept any authority to Dr. Alberti who claimed to be
 representative of the Comando Generale Brigate Garibaldi.
 without the conclusion of credentials, and planned to continue
 his work in the Division of Marche, which should have been ruling
 over the Brigade. He furthermore went to institute the
 organization of a Political Committee in the Brigade.

During the process of breaking up the unit by communist
 elements who at all costs wanted the control of the unit, Pino
 offered to the S.I. to hand over his command to a senior
 officer of the Italian Army.

At the same time Alberti notified Pino that he was dismissed
 for incapacity, inactivity and disloyalty. When the Ancona
 S.I. was mentioned, on the other hand asked to ascertain if
 Alberti had the authority to act in such position, the answer was
 that Alberti had no authority whatsoever and that for a certain
 time they had only followed him.

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For the above reasons, on Oct. 20, an interim Committee
 was constituted at Ancona to bring to light the charges brought
 against Pino, at his own request at the moment of his resignation.

Col. Corradini's successor was appointed this, under the
 assumed name of "Giacca", and until then worked on the organi-
 zation of military for groups (C.I.P.) whose members were officers
 of the Italian Army. This organization had not achieved any
 considerable results.

There were besides another organization of the Gruppo Ancona
 Patriottico (G.A.P.).

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The two organizations agreed that the officers should join the G.A.P. unit as technical advisors. The agreement in many places brought no results because of differences in the political views of the organizations, one being communist, the other noncommunist.

We actually believe that neither has performed any valuable service.

The activities of the Brigade Garibaldi can be estimated by evidence given in the reports of the Brigade itself.

We want to point out that the activity of that Unit should be divided into three periods :

- Ist Period. - Chief Annibale. Constitution and organization. First operations till the capture of Annibale.
- II Period. - Chief Bruno; during this period there has been more active fighting and important hostages, released and shipment of ex P.O.W. to liberated areas.
- III Period. - Chief Bruno. He took over 15 days previous to the arrival of the Allies and ordered the various groups of the Brigade to proceed to certain localities, and established his headquarters at Gino. As this place was the first to be liberated the Chief was cut off from his units without knowing whether his orders had been carried out.

Actually the Units could never operate and were forced to disband. Bruno then constituted a meeting center at Gino.

The above facts enlighten us as to the situation we found at Ancona, such a long time after the liberation of the Province, and when it was in itself very difficult to trace the facts and reestablish contacts with all those who had returned to their homes.

Collection of Arms.

There is no doubt that returns of arms collected and those held by the attitude show a considerable difference, due to many reasons. First of all some units were disarmed by Polish troops without receiving a receipt or voucher. Secondly, as the headquarters of the brigade was cut off from the Units, orders could not be issued for the timely collection of arms, and when orders were issued most patriots had already gone back to their homes and did not want to part from their weapons, also for sentimental reasons.

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To get these weapons possession is needed more than the sense of action, and such possession can only be carried out by people who have lived with the problems, and who are respected and loved by them.

Issue of certificates.

At the time this branch there is great confusion, as some of the certificates issued directly by Allied officers who could not properly judge the individual merits.

Mr. Tomic received 101 certificates which he has already distributed to the leaders of his Unit. We have asked for more certificates from the Provincial Commission. To issue the certificates only to those who are entitled to it, and to the Committee of officers who are not in touch with local military life, we have decided to issue them.

Assignment to the army.

In nearly all commands the local Commission has not been established, and the army is ordering such commissions to be established. We have decided to issue them to the army, and to the army to issue them to the army.

Concerning employment of the army, we have instructed the army to issue them to the army, and to the army to issue them to the army.

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We point out that the army should give instructions to the army, and to the army to issue them to the army. The army is to issue them to the army, and to the army to issue them to the army.

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In conclusion, we have pointed out the necessity that the army should give instructions to the army, and to the army to issue them to the army.

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