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WEEKLY REPORTS - LUCCA  
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MINUTE SHEET No. 2

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DATE

30 Dec.

Director.

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Ref. Minute 3 of 20 Dec.  
Ref. to Para 2

The paras of the weekly reports of the Patriots  
Reps concerning contacts with, and informations  
gathered from outside bands do not directly concern  
this office, but as the reports are actually  
addressed to the Patriots Office of the Presidency  
of the Council, such informations are needed for  
the ascertainment, screening and classification  
of Patriots and Patriots activities.

Referring to para II, I will issue a circular  
to all Patriots Reps. reminding them that amongst  
their tasks, the almost most paramount problem is  
the absorption and dispersal of patriots.

See File 36/100  
Folio 258.

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| TIME    | MINUTE SHEET NO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PAGE                                                  |
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| 19 Dec. | <p>①</p> <p><u>Director</u></p> <p>A good report.</p> <p>P.M. Rogers<br/>Rajon</p> <p>②</p>                                           | 4                                                     |
| 19 Dec. | <p><u>Director</u><br/>Pl. sec</p> <p>③</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5                                                     |
| 20 Dec. | <p> <u>Ex</u> Inqree. obviously willing<br/> a man with his head in his job -<br/> 2. But in so far as we are concerned<br/> I cannot see the value of these forms<br/> worked with a ♀.<br/> 3. A Pro. forma is as I have said<br/> being done<br/> P.O. </p> | <p>Agreed<br/>P.O.</p> |

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HEADQUARTERS  
LUCCA PROVINCE  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Patriots Branch

(Sezione Patrioti Provincia di Lucca)

Ref.

SUBJECT: Attività dell'Ufficio Patrioti di Lucca dal 15 al 31 Marzo 44.-

TO: → AL H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

ROMA

e.p.c.

AL COMMISSARIO REGIONALE

MONTECATINI

ALL' A.M.G.

LUCCA

Si trasmette l'acclusa relazione concernente l'attività svolta da questo Ufficio Patrioti.

IL RAPPRESENTANTE CENTRO MILITARE

M. A. G. Urzini

of us at least what so ever to this  
Patriots Branch

18 DEC Recd

Translated by J.d.R.

FROM : H.Q. A.C. PATRIOTS SECTION  
for the Province of LUGNA

TO : A.C. H.Q. PATRIOTS BRANCH

Date 7 December 1944

Subject : MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

1. AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED.

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Barga           | 2 November |
| Porte dei Marmi | 3 Nov.     |
| Seravezza       | 4 Nov.     |
| Barga           | 6 Nov.     |
| Tolignora       | 8 Nov.     |
| Montoni         | 9 Nov.     |
| Vetriano        | 11 Nov.    |
| Porte dei Marmi | 13 Nov.    |
| Barga           | 15 Nov.    |
| Bagni di Lucca  | 17 Nov.    |
| Porte dei Marmi | 19 Nov.    |
| Barga           | 21 Nov.    |
| Porte dei Marmi | 24 Nov.    |
| Seravezza       | 26 Nov.    |
| Barga.          | 28 Nov.    |

2. BANDS THAT HAVE BEEN CONTACTED - STRENGTH, ARMAMENT, AMMUNITIONS, LOSSES INFLECTED ON THE ENEMY, LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE BANDS, OPERATION ZONES OF THE BANDS.

BARGA

During last month we have often visited the "Pippo" band operating with Allied Units in the Barga area.

The band, whose members in the majority have no political tendencies is constantly active and has often been praised by Allied H.Q.'s.-C.I.S. which keeps in touch with the band, sees to all its armament, ammunition and clothing necessities.

The band which originally was much more numerous had now 350 members, 150 of which are employed in the Calle del Serchio, the remaining 200 operate near S. Marcello Pistoiese.

Armament and ammunition are both sufficient.

The band has lately suffered the following losses:

15 dead.

17 wounded.

The losses inflicted on the enemy will be reported at a following date when sufficient data will be available.

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FORTE DEI MARMI.

The "Compagnia Fulgor", commanded by Ten. Villa has been contacted. This unit operates together with an American Regiment in the area between the sea and Monte Altissimo.

The band has an entirely military formation on platoons and squads. Equipment is entirely supplied by the O.S.S. . . Armament is sufficient.

On the shoulders of their uniform coat and on their headgear tricolor symbols are worn.

The members have no political tendency.

We will give further details on the activities of this band which is entirely trusted by the Allies.

At Forte dei Marmi using messengers who cross the lines nearly daily, we contacted the "Pietro" Band, operating in the Massa area.

Pietro Del Giudice, a Dominican Monk, is of all the most highly valued, chief of bands in this Region. He has a strong number of members and good armament. It is known that enemy forces fear this band and its constant activity.

The members of this band have no political tendency and wear tricolor symbols on their clothing.

As soon as further data will be available we will give particulars on the activities of the band.

SERRAVALLE.

There is a formation 50 men strong commanded by Sandelloni Lorenzo. The above formation operates with an American Infantry Regiment which sees to all the necessities of the band. The armament is sufficient.

Colognara - Motroni - Vetriano (Pescaglia Comune).

As previously signalled in the weekly report from 13 to 25 November, the band operated firstly commanded by Capt. Saunders (British) and afterwards by the Priest Gino Bachini, Vicar of Colognara.

Nearly all activities of the band which has a strength of 37 men was concerned with sabotage because of lack of armament.

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3. Issue of certificates.

153 certificates have been totally issued.

4. Demobilisation of the bands.

The "Sarmatus" band has been demobilized and the arms have been regularly handed over.

5. Reemployment of Patriots.

Nothing to add to what has been signalled in the weekly report from 13 to 15 November.

6. Acts of gallantry amongst the Patriots.

The acts of outstanding gallantry of the Bands and of individual members will be forwarded as soon as sufficient data will be available and collected from the chiefs of the bands.

7. Recruitment of Patriots for the Italian Army.

The operations for the enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army continue satisfactorily.

Lately many Patriots have arrived from the Modenese region and have enlisted in the Italian Army.

8. Provisions on behalf of the Patriots.

A considerable number of patriots (about 500) of the Modenese Region have arrived at Lucca these days. They have been billeted at Villa Bottini and Allied H.Qs supply the necessary rations. None of them has any money and the majority is in urgent need of clothing. Some of them want to be repatriated to their homes and receive the necessary permits. The majority through, have their homes in occupied Italy and therefore wants to be employed and see to their own subsistence.

We await provisions which will enable us to satisfy the Patriots desires.

It is urgently necessary to give those patriots who for several months have fought in the mountains, all possible assistance, supplying them with clothes and money according to present rules (500 lire demobilisation bonus).

9. Notes and suggestions.

Many isolated individuals report to this Office claiming to be Patriots operating across the lines. As

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none of them have any documents they are directed for screening at C.I.G., when the ascertainment is entirely satisfactory permits are issued and they are repatriated to their homes.

We will transmit a list with all data necessary for the recognition of Patriots, as requested by the Presidency of the Council, Patriots Office.

The Civil Representative

signed Silvestri

The Military Representative

signed Maj. Grazzini.

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FROM : H.Q. A.C. Patriots Branch  
TO : H.Q. A.C. Patriots Branch  
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Regional Commissioner  
Provinciale Commissioner  
A.C. Patriots Branch  
Lt. Petrucci

LUCCA  
LUCCA  
FLORENCE  
IV Corps.

DATE : 25 November 1944  
SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT.

Enclosed we transmit the weekly report  
concerning the activity of this Patriots Office.

THE CIVIL REPRESENTATIVE

signed S. Silvestri

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

signed Magg. Grazzini.

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

(Sezione Patrioti della Provincia di Lucca).

WEEKLY REPORT FROM 13th to 25th November 1944.

1. Recruitment of Patriots for the Italian Army.

Ten.Col. Sansone of the Italian Army has arrived in Lucca and is recruiting Patriots for the Army. *Members?*

2. Patriots who have asked to return to their homes.

During last week 42 Patriots have been repatriated.

3. Collection of arms.

Nothing to report.

4. Issue of certificates.

During last week the following certificates were issued :

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| "Saundus " Band       | 37 |
| "Poggiocaro" "        | 56 |
| Isolated elements     |    |
| - Cheli Ettore        | 1  |
| - Cheli Aldo          | 1  |
| Angelini Tito Valerio | 1  |
| - Bandettini Umberto  | 1  |

Total 97.

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5. Political tendencies of the Patriots.

"Saundus" Band. - 18 members with no political tendency;  
19 christian democrates.

"Poggiocaro" Band - In the majority the members have no  
political tendency.

6. Acts of gallantry amongst Patriots.

Nothing to Report.

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7. Awards and compensations to Patriots.

During last week the following subsidies have been payed out :

|                                                    |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| MALPERMONI Federigo                                | L. 200,- |
| BARSANTI Arnoldo                                   | " 500,-  |
| BERTAI Dionisio                                    | " 300,-  |
| CAVANI Pietro                                      | " 200,-  |
| CAPPELLI Alfredo                                   | " 200,-  |
| POLI Domenico                                      | " 200,-  |
| PARDINI Amedeo                                     | " 200,-  |
| BEILLI Giuseppe                                    | " 200,-  |
| GASPERI Eugenio                                    | " 300,-  |
| FORNI Ruggero                                      | " 200,-  |
| SACERDOTI Vittorio                                 | " 200,-  |
| CAIO' Emanuele                                     | " 200,-  |
| VECCNI Sante                                       | " 200,-  |
| SACERDOTI Piero                                    | " 200,-  |
| PERETTI Antonio                                    | " 200,-  |
| SETTI Ezio                                         | " 200,-  |
| GINORRI Michele                                    | " 200,-  |
| PANINI Giorgio                                     | " 200,-  |
| BERTAGNINI Silvano                                 | " 200,-  |
| DOMENICI Arnolfo                                   | " 200,-  |
| MORETTI Candido                                    | " 200,-  |
| To the mother of FARNESI Ulieno,<br>a dead patriot | " 500,-  |

Total 5.200 ,- Lire  
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8. Reemployment of Patriots.

A considerable number of demobilized Patriots have arrived in Lucca, and for the well known reasons there are no possibilities of employment for them, who, in the majority have their homes in areas which have not yet been liberated and therefore are entirely isolated and devoid of any means. It is obvious that such a state of affairs, besides being an actual menace, does not support the propaganda meant to encourage the Patriots on the other side of the lines.

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9. Parades and ceremonies.

Sunday the 19th, a ceremony was held at Pieve di Compito on occasion of the issue of the certificates to the members of the "Salani" Band.

10. Areas that have been visited.

During last week the following areas have been visited : Colognara, Motroni e Vetriano. - We have contacted the "Saundus" band that operated in those areas.

The band had 37 members, was formerly commanded by the British Capt. Saundus whose name it adopted, afterwards a Priest, Gino Bachini, Vicar of Colognara, commanded it.

The armament was almost entirely composed of hunting guns belonging to the members themselves, of one sub-machine gun, and hand grenades supplied by the "Pippo" Band.

When the band was demobilized the machine gun was returned to the Pippo band and the hand grenades turned in to the Carabinieri of Borgo a Mozzano.

The band has operated in the areas of the Pescaglia Comune and the activity was mainly concerned with sabotage.

The band has not suffered or inflicted any losses.

At Forte dei Marmi we contacted the "Compagnia Fulgor" which is operating jointly with an American Regiment (during the last few days this band has suffered 7 dead and 15 wounded). 807

This unit has a typically military organisation and is divided in platoons and squads.

Equipment. - Entirely supplied by O.S.S. They wear tricolour symbols on shoulders and headgear. No political tendencies.

In the same place, using liaison couriers we contacted the "Pietro" band which is operating in the Massa area.

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The formation has no political tendency and all members wear on their shoulders tricolour symbols.

In SERAVEZZA, Patriots commanded by Bandelloni operate with an American Regiment who sees to all their necessities.

In the BARGA area a formation of Patriots commanded by "Pippo" operates with an American Regiment.

THE CIVIL REPRESENTATIVE  
signes Silvestri

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE  
signed Magg. Grazzini.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : HQ. AG. NO. 2 HQ. SECTION  
PAT. INSERN CH

FROM : HQ. A.S. 2 HQ. INSERN CH

DATE : 18 Nov. 44

SUBJECT : Weekly Report.

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We herewith forward the weekly report concern-  
ing the activities of this Intelligence Office.

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- A.S. Intelligence Branch
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U.S. A.C. RC. & MC. SECTION

FOR THE U.S. AIR

(The 10th Paratrooper Division Province of Lecce).

WEEKLY REPORT (FROM 5 TO 12 NOVEMBER 1944).

1. Recruitment of Paratroops for the Italian Army.

Nothing to add to our previous signals.

2. Paratroops who wish to return to their homes.

During last week 13 Paratroops were reintegrated to their homes.

3. Collection of arms.

Nothing to report.

4. Issue of certificates.

During last week certificates were issued as follows:

|                          |           |                          |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 3 for "Silvio Consolodi" | 3         |                          |
| " " "G.F.S."             | 23        | Five of which posthumous |
| " " "Attendant Bomb Ice" | 1         | posthumous               |
|                          | <u>27</u> | Total.                   |

5. Political tendencies of the Paratroops.

Nothing to report.

6. Acts of solidarity of Paratroops.

Nothing to report.

7. Awards and honors to Paratroops.

During the last week the following subsidies were paid:

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| - to wounded Paratroop EWA Giovanni      | L. 500,- |
| - " " " A. ORRINI Alfredo                | " 500,-  |
| - " " " ORRINI Nicola                    | " 1000,- |
| - to the family of the missing Paratroop |          |
| CORRADI Aimo                             | " 1000,- |

Total L. 3300,-

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8. Recruitment of Patriots.

Nothing to add to last week's report.

9. Payroll and commissary.

None.

10. Areas visited during the week.

Brga.

Pietrasanta.

Brga. Got in touch with Pineda's Bnd and agreed to augment the number of Patriots assigned to active operations in that unit.

Pietrasanta. The operating section of the "Bandalloni" Bnd was visited. Necessities of the Bnd have been forwarded to A.S.S.

11. Improvements on behalf of the Patriots.

The former "Casa Litigio" chosen for the "Casa del Patriot" is undergoing repairs and modifications. Shower baths have been installed.

At present there will be 30 beds, but we expect to increase their number.

12. Notes and suggestions.

Nothing to add to the October report.

THE REPORTING OFFICER OF COUNCIL

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.C.

(Sezione Patrioti Provincia di Lucca)

Lucca 9th November 1944.

To : R.C. A.C.C. Patriots Branch  
Copies to :  
Commissario Regionale  
Commissario Provinciale  
A.C.C. (Patriots Branch)  
E.P. PetrucciRome  
Lucca  
Lucca  
Firenze  
II Corpo

Subject : Monthly report (October).

We hereby transmit the Monthly report for  
October on the activities of this Office.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A.C.C.

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

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## TRANSMISSION.

HEADQUARTERS  
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.C. SECTION  
APO 334  
PATR CTS BRANCH  
(Lucca Section)

Jucca 1st November 1944.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR OFFICER1. Visited Areas.

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Pietrasanta       | 1 Oct. |
| Compitese         | 3 "    |
| Borgo e Mozzano   | 5 "    |
| Bagni di Lucca    | 6 "    |
| Frazione di train | 9 "    |
| " Campegna        | 15 "   |
| Torrici           | 18 "   |
| Viareggio         | 19 "   |

## 2. Contacts with bands, strength, armament, ammunition, losses to the enemy, own losses, operating areas of bands.

The activity of the following bands will be reported next month.

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Bardelloni | (Pietrasanta)     |
| Amducci    | (Borgo e Mozzano) |
| Tippo      | (Bagni di Lucca)  |

## Compitese - "Galani" Band.

Commander : Ten. Col. Galani Giuseppe

Strength : 40

Armament :

Italian rifles 9

German rifles 15

Sub machine guns Benetton 5

Ammunition

Bands grenades - Sufficient ammunition for all weapons.

Losses to the enemy

1 officer & 4 other ranks.

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Own losses.

None.

Operating Area.

Sella di Campito, Pieve di Campito, San Ginesio, San Leonardo.

Frazione di Matricola - "Cincoi" Band.

Commander : Cincoi Albino.

Strength : 15

Armament

St. n. sub machine gun 5

German rifles 5

Italian rifles 3

Ammunition

hand grenades - sufficient ammunition.

Losses to the enemy

None.

Own losses.

Two wounded.

Operating Area

Matricola Valgiano.

Frazione di Cerasuolo - "Antonelli" Band.

Commander : Antonelli Silvano.

Strength : 7

Armament

sub-machine guns 2

pistols 2

rifles 3

Ammunition

hand grenades - sufficient ammunition

Losses to the enemy

None

Own losses

None

Operating areas

Valle del Serchio.

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Tofori - "S.T.S." Band

Commander : Angelo Lazzareschi  
Strength : 33

Armament

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| rifles           | 17 |
| sub machine guns | 2  |
| machine guns     | 2  |
| pistols          | 15 |

Ammunition

hand grenades - sufficient ammunition

Losses to the enemy .  
Not ascertained

3. Certificates that have been issued.

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| "Cincci" Band           | 7   |
| "Cavalli" Band          | 156 |
| "Antonelli" Band        | 3   |
| "Salvio Caretelli" Band | 32  |

(This band has been signalled in the September monthly  
report).

Isolated elements.

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Caritona Vincenzo        | 1 |
| Galli Edo                | 1 |
| De Vito Andrea           | 1 |
| Stag Iano Salvatore      | 1 |
| Devoto Nello             | 1 |
| Salsidi Bruno            | 1 |
| Amato Filippo (deceased) | 1 |

195 - Total of certificates issued during October 1944.

4. Demobilisation of the bands.

The bands Galani, Cincci, Antonelli, S.T.S., Cavalli,  
have been demobilised and the armament they signalled has been  
fully handed over.

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5. Political tendencies amongst the Patriots.

Salvi Band = mixed of military and civilian elements with no political tendency.

Giacci Band = No political tendency

Antonelli Band = No political tendency

S.M.S. Band = Liberal-democratic

Cavalli Band = No political tendency - or communist.

6. Reemployment of Patriots.

As per suggestions of para 10.

7.  gallant actions of the Patriots.

Salvi Band : S. Ter. Somasta Pier Donato (see weekly report from 30th October to 4th November).

Cavalli Band : Carosi Marcello (see weekly report 22-29 Oct.) = Nello Riccardini (same report).

8. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army.

During the month of October, 30 Patriots have been enlisted.

9. Provisions in favour of demobilized Patriots.

Demobilized Patriots who await the permit to return to their homes, get a warm meal at the S. Collegio di Lucca.

We have signalled to Italian Authorities the necessity of establishing a "Cassa dei Patriots" which will supply food and lodgings.

✓ A concert has been organized in Lucca of behalf of the Patriots. The profits totalling 1,570 lire have been entrusted to this office that will use <sup>them</sup> as contributions to the families of deceased Patriots, who are really in need.

There will be more concerts organized for the Patriots.

10. Observations and suggestions.

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The experience acquired during this period, keeping in touch with demobilized bands, with operating bands, from information gathered from Patriots who cross the lines, and from inspections carried out to the Patriots in the lines, we have noticed what follows :

The situation of the guerrillas is taking an entirely new out line which requires new orders and instructions by Allied Authorities.

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The partisan formations that the Allies by and by meet are entirely different from any other partisan organization which has been met so far. The bands are in meeting at the present moment have strictly military organizations who live and operate in direct connection with Allied Commands, with whom they keep in touch by means of wireless stations.

The action of these bands on the other side of the lines is carried out under very special hardship due to lack of food and of all kind of supplies. As soon as a band has been reached by the first Allied lines the partisans are immediately disbanded.

No provisions are taken concerning food, shelter or any other kind of help, on behalf of those patriots who are in especially hard conditions.

Many patriots who found themselves behind the lines in mountain areas devoid of any possibility <sup>or</sup> aid, are left to themselves, with very poor clothing and often in bad health.

The Patriot problem has now taken such proportions that it necessitates an amendment of the instructions previously issued.

The operational employment of Patriots is neglected in the majority of cases especially when they insistently demand to be allowed to fight the Germans, side by side with the Allies in the same areas where they fought for so long.

The units therefore disband amidst the general discontent of the members who are led to accept extremist theories which are preached to them.

Only very few patriots are employed by the Allies to carry out reconnaissance and other work, remaining thus in the most advanced positions.

Amongst the Patriots, there have been real acts of gallantry as a result of their dangerous activity and often such gallant acts are forgotten.

The "Gizze" formation, operating with Allied Troops north of Forte dei Marmi, during one patrol operation which led to the capture of several Germans, suffered five dead and six wounded. The dead were removed by emergency means, and military honors were paid at their burial.

In consequence of the above mentioned and to improve the present situation of the Patriots, we make the following suggestions:

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1. Supply by air the bands across the lines with weapons, ammunition, food, medicines, heavy shoes and rollers so as to enable them to carry through the winter.
  2. Parachute trained personnel across the lines with precise orders so as to coordinate the operations of all bands.  
The operations of the bands will prove effective only if they are carried out simultaneously.
  3. The Patriots need a station where they can wash and a medical inspection to prevent the spreading of contagious disease.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF U.I. .

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE.

## TRANSLATION

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.C. SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH  
(Patriot Section of the Province of Lucca)

To the HQ ACC Patriots Branch Lucca 8th October 44.  
and (for attention) ROME  
to : The Provincial Commissioner Lucca -  
the AMG Siena -  
the AMG Florence -

Object : Weekly report (1st - 7th October) -

1. Recruitment of patriots for the Italian Army.

Till now only 20 patriots have wished to enlist and this owing to the fact, that after the demobilization, they were all ready to continue to fight, but they didn't find an organization, which could have address them to the enlistment centers. Other band too, very well organized, wished to be incorporated and remain under ~~the~~ their leaders for the re-employment and hazardous action. Therefore the patriots dissolved after some days and we have lost trustworthy elements.

2. Patriots who want to turn back to their home

Nearly all the patriots desire to go back to their houses. But for this is necessary:  
1st)

that the travel permit must be released at once, to avoid that many patriots will remain at Lucca without the necessary means, otherwise staying in Lucca they will complicate more the food and lodging problem.

2nd)

that instructions should be given to all drivers to take on their vehicles the patriots, who are returning to their houses, because in generally they refuse to give them a passage.

3. Collect of Arms.

The band are desarmed by the local RR.CC. and the quantity of arms is regularly reported to the AMG.

4. CERTIFICATES which have been issued.

During this week no certificate has been issued. In this distribution we take a great care to avoid dissension among the Patriots.

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### 5. Political Tendency.

The political tendencies of the patriots are various. In some zone it prevails the social-Communist tendency in others democratic one. But in generally they have no real political conception. Frequently the patriot joins to the party which give him more economic and assistance-help.

### 6. Particular acts of patriots.

Till now we have no report on the matter.

| Col. MC.        | IN | 6. |
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| Col. MAGNUS     | PD |    |
| Maj. DRAGE      |    |    |
| Capt. SALVADORI |    |    |
| Col. FAV        |    |    |

1. Major Lencioni (P.R.O.)

To me.

2. Colonel Fava.

Per. 190444

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# 7. Rewards for patriots.

As we have just reported in our last relation, the CLN of Lucca cannot give to the patriots who are desarmed the prize of 1000 Lire for lack of fund. But it would be very important to take care of this question, to avoid dissention among the patriots, because to the "Ottorino and Sordini" bands has just been accorded the prize of 1000 Lire.

# 8. Re-employment of patriots.

At Lucca is forming as part of the Military engineering corp a regular course for 150 patriots for the clearance of mined-fields in Toscana. Since now 80 patriots have presented themselves. Then in order to employ patriots it would be very opportune to enforce the law for the purge of the personnel who compromised with the past fascist regime so that these will be more vacant places and the number of un-employed patriots will become inferior and they will not have anymore the opinion that nothing had been done for those patriots who have good deserved from the fatherland.

# 9. Revues and Ceremonies for Patriots.

During the last week no revue and Ceremony took place.

# 10. Visited Areas.

Pietrasanta 1st October  
Compitese 3rd October  
Borgo a Mozzano 5th October  
Bagni di Lucca 6th October

# 11. During this week contacts have been taken with the following bands:

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Bandelloni Band - leader Bandelloni -

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Compitese : Band of Lt. Col. Salani Giuseppe

Strength of the Band : 48 men.

The band operated in the area of Colle di Compito, Pieve di Compito, S. Ginese, S. Leonardo.

Borgo a Mozzano: We have taken contacts with the local mayo and instructions have been issued for the constitution of the Communal Committee for the re-employment of patriots.

Bagni di Lucca: We have taken contacts with the "Pippo band". It's not yet possible to make sure of the strength of the band because two thirds of it are still fighting in the area north of Bagni di Lucca and nearly 300 men are still in the town where they continue to repair the light and the water.

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THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE.

HQ ACC  
RCMG Section  
Patrols Branch

7 Nov 44

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- To HQ ACC Patrols Branch -

ROME -

- To the provincial commissioner

Lucca -

- To the AMG

Siena -

- To the AMG

Florence -

Object: Report about ~~the~~ September

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Lucca 1<sup>st</sup> sept. 44 -

Report about the month of September -

From the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> September we were  
restrained at Siena by the regional Com-  
missioner

We arrived at Lucca in the afternoon  
of the 18<sup>th</sup>

We sent meanwhile this report about  
September (19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>) -

12 Visited Zones

Vareggio

22<sup>th</sup> -

88 -

Porcari

27<sup>th</sup> -

Altopascio

27<sup>th</sup> -

Manara

28<sup>th</sup> -

Capannori

30<sup>th</sup> -

2) Contacts with bands their strength.  
 Their armaments - ammunition, inflicted  
 losses, substantiated losses, operation areas  
 of the bands —

Lucca: "Bonacchi" Band —

Leader = 2nd Lt Mario Bonacchi

Strength = 200 men

Armament = 195 guns

2 machine-guns "Breda 30"

1 automatic gun "Beretta 38"

3 parabolium - STEN —

Ammunitions = 9 cases of ammunition  
 for automatic-gun Beretta 30

3 cases of bombs —

Inflicted losses = 9 german killed

16 " captured

Substantiated losses = 10 killed men

Operation area: The town of Lucca and  
 the surroundings <sup>comprised within</sup> zone quadrilateral <sup>area</sup> Ponte San  
 Pietro (in west of the town) Guarna (on the south)  
 San Vito (on the east) Monte S. Quirico (on the north)

Ottorino Band, "Gus Lombardi Brigade" —

Leader = Ottorino Balestini

Strength = 264 italians

24 russians

11 sloves

1 German

2 germans

2 french men

Total 301 men

61) Ammunition = 2 heavy machine-guns  
 12 "Bren"  
 4 "Breda"  
 160 "STEN"  
 7 "MAUSER"  
 4 Machine-pistols  
 3 German machine guns —

Ammunitions = sufficient for all weapons  
 2 cans of hand grenades

Inflicted losses = 400 Germans killed and many wounded

Sustained losses = 16 killed, 10 dispersed & wounded —

Operation area = all villages and moun-

tains comprised in the Apu-  
 ana Alps and <sup>in</sup> particular  
 the towns of Capezzano, Caprighia,  
 Serravezza, Stazzema, Mulina,  
 Cardoso, Pietrasanta, Forno, Monti  
 Gabberi, Altissimo, Tambura, Fo-  
 rate, Panda della Gioia, Cor-  
 chia, and so on — mountains  
 on the top of Valle del Freddone  
 and countries of this sector.

Banda "SODINI" —

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Leader = officer aspirant Renato Sodini —  
 Strength = 169 men

Armament: 8 machine-guns (3 Bren, 5 Bren) -  
40 STEN

112 guns of various type -

Ammunitions: 500 bullets for Bren  
400 " " STEN  
enough bullets for guns

Inflicted losses: 22 Germans killed  
26 " wounded

Sustained losses: 2 killed men  
4 wounded "

Operation area:

S. Graziano, Focci del Zello,  
Focette at North-east of Pescaglia  
locality of Cuculiera, Casotto,  
Loppeggia, Focci di Frans, Monte  
Acuto, Capannuccia, Molicciano,  
South of Casabianca, Monte  
Bonadimario, Monte Formoso  
Montecatini, Torre Cerreto, Monte  
S. Giuliano.

Pofani = (Band "Poggio Caro")

leader = Arcangelo Toschi

Strength = 56 in the conspire period  
92 in the insurrectional  
period.

Armament = 18 Italian guns  
1 German "

37

1 american gun

7 revolvers, Beretta

3 " Mauser

6 " Browning

3 " Smith

2 american machine guns

Ammunition: 356 loaders for gun

800 bullets for machine gun

19 hand grenades

Inflicted losses 5 germans captured

Sustained losses —————

Operation area: The band acted in the  
area of between Via Pesciatina  
Gragnano, Porcari, Montecarlo  
Altopascio. —

Massarosa: Silvio Ceraghioli "Band —

leader: Lt. Arnaldo Vignali —

Strength: 120 men

Ammunitions: 2 machine guns, Beretta 30

2 " " Bren —

1 " pistol Beretta 37

1 american Mach pistol

30 Stear

20 guns

Ammunitions = 400 bullets for automatic arms  
(Breda, Bren.)  
60 bullets Sten

6 loaders for guns  
100 hand grenades

Inflicted losses = 15 Germans killed 2 spies captured  
8 wounded

Sustained losses: 1 killed and 6 wounded

Operation area = Campo di Orso,

Monte Piano, Casa Bianca,  
Lucese, Gombitelli, Anticiana,  
Stignano, Loppesha, Fiano, Monte  
Acuto, Montarosa, Bogano —

3 — Issued certificates

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Bonaparte Band | 170 — |
| Ottorino Band  | 131 — |
| Sodini Band    | 169 — |

The certificates had been delivered  
to the bands by the in charged officers  
of the 4th allied corps, before our arrival —

Poggio Carr Band —  
S. L. O. O. Band —

The certificates had not been  
delivered to these bands yet because  
the verification about them are still in progress —

#### 4.) Demobilization operations of the Bands -

The bands: Bonacelli  
Ottorino  
Sodini

had been regularly demobilized and their arms had been delivered to us at our arrival at Lucca. —

The bands: Poggio Carr  
Siddis Ciaghli

had been demobilized too and we have disposal for the delivery of their arms. —

#### 5.) Political tendency Among the Patriots. —

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Bonacelli Band =   | Social-Communists -      |
| Ottorino Band =    | not political tendency - |
| Sodini Band =      | democratical -           |
| Poggio Carr Band = | no political tendency -  |
| Ciaghli Band =     | communist tendency -     |

We can say that the component men of bands with communist tendency have not the clear idea about the true meaning of communism. Their communism is nothing else than a reaction of to the past regime. —

#### Re-employment of Patriots —

We have made contacts with the local unions about the reemployment

of patriots according to their propensity.

N<sup>o</sup> 2. Courageous actions developed by the patriots -

a) Bonacchi, Band-

re On the 5<sup>th</sup> sept. The 3 patriots Angelo Bizio, Angelo Umberto, Marchigiani Aldo - while the attacks on the <sup>german</sup> resistance center placed near the S. Anna church (strong about 25 men and armed with automatic arms) waged, the 3 partisans pushed forward near the german arms killed 1 german and wounded others and provoked the panic among the others.

Aldo Marchigiani was wounded by the action - The patriots: Luigi Giuseppe, Chicacci Alberto, Gardini Alfonso, Bini Guglielmo passed during the night of 3<sup>rd</sup> september the german resistance line on the Ozzeri canal by a obliged pass (# Frati bridge) killed a german guard and avoided the reaction of the german guards (about 20 men)

5) They brought to the American Command the prayer not to bomb the towns, for this action they get the eulogy from the Command of Vorno by the hand of Colonel Hermann —

— (Lt Mario Bonacchi), At 5 a.m. from the 23 August, disguised in a militia man of the "Black Mussolin Brigade" — entered into the S. Giorgio prison at Lucca and liberated 3 political prisoners, condemned to death, for complicity in an outrage on the Black Brigade of Castelluccio Garfagnana. The prisoners were: Giorgio, Bertolucci Luciana, Gualtieri Gina —

3) Ottavio "Band" —

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We shall report ~~to~~ their ~~other~~ courageous action as soon as we shall gathered enough documentation about

C) Sachin "Band"

1) the patriot Pietro Pistris intended to intercept the Brenners street - by means of mine explosion, intended to act alone, while his companions had to guard the zone - was surprised by the enemy while the detonating cord burnt just. He has been overcome by the enemy and fell dead ~~on~~ the ground - Three patriots attacked on the Fredana road a convoy of three trucks charged with <sup>prisoners</sup> Italian taken during mopping up attempts. 2 Germans were killed, the trucks destroyed and the prisoners escaped. The action was just finished when German reinforcement arrived -

8) Recruiting of patriots in the Italian Army  
We are collecting the names of those who want to engage. As soon as possible we shall send the recruited

6) To the engagement centers — 16

9) Providence for demobilized patriots

For demobilized patriots whose residence is still occupied by the enemy, we have provided to institute a warm reception with food from the Alimentation office of Lucca and paid by the local communes. We had provide to lodge them and for tobacco too. For patriots residing in liberated zone we have provided to sent them back to their Communes of provenience — 879

The Liberation Committee of Lucca has delivered the prize of demobilization to all patriots of the Scarmi and Ottorino bands 1000L and 300L to the leader of the band and to the families of the killed patriots —

## 10) Observations and propositions —

1) We have noted that some patriots of the demobilized Bands are without clothes — We propose to set on ~~the~~ disposition to this Office some clothes to distribute to the very needy patriots —

2) For the patriots of those Bands which are to be ~~demobilized~~ demobilized in the following time we can no more attribute to them the prize of 1000 Lira because ~~the CL~~ has no more funds. Meanwhile we propose to accord to each patriot L 500 — and we require to the patriots' office which Union must provide for the payment —

3) As this Office had no possibility to assist passing patriots, we propose to institute a comfort place to prove that the Italian Government assists by help of the Allies, with every middle the patriots, who offers their sacrifices to the revival of the fatherland.

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7 Novembre 1944

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Rappresentante della provincia di LUCCA.

Alla Presidenza del Consiglio - Ufficio Patrioti.

Si trasmette, per competenza, l'unita relazione  
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vincia di LUCCA durante il mese di Settembre.1944.

Col. Guido FAVA  
Ufficiale di Collegamento  
Patriots Branch.

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Patriots Branch—

Headquarters - ACC  
 AC & G Section  
 Patriot Branch of Lucca—

Lucca, 14 October 1944—

|                                |   |             |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|
| To HQ ACC - Patriots Branch    | — | ROME —      |
| To the provincial Commissioner | — | Lucca —     |
| To the AMG-                    | — | Pistoia —   |
| To the AMG-                    | — | Florence —  |
| To Lt. Petrucci                | — | 1st Corps — |

Object = Weekly report — from 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October —

1) Enlistment for patriots into the Italian Army —

Till now 30 patriots enlisted themselves —

At Florence we have made contact with the "Enlistment Office" for the Italian Army (C.E.R.S.E.T.I.) in taken accords how to send ~~as~~ in the shortest time the volunteers to the regroupment centers — As soon as possible an (in charged officer) will be sent to Lucca, to collect the volunteers and sent them to Florence — To accomplish this he will get on his disposition a truck —

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2) Patriots who wants to turn back to their home —

The patriots of demobilized bands and who have their residence in just liberated ~~and~~ zones, need at Lucca only <sup>necessary</sup> time to get the permit to reach their home — Those <sup>instead</sup> who live in yet occupied zones ~~and~~ were sent little by little to work and during this period they get the food assistance, which is put on the disposition of this ~~office~~ patriots' office by the local ecclesiastic Authorities — During this week 20 patriots have been sent to their home —

3) Collect of arms —

No arms have been collected this week —

4) Delivered certificates —

2 certificates have been delivered in this week —

7 to patriots of the 'MATRAIA' - BAND -  
 1 to the memory of the patriot Amadi Filippi killed  
 at Segnomigno by the Germans. -

5.) Political tendency of the patriots -

We have ~~not~~ nothing to add about this, to ~~the~~ our  
 report from the last week -

6.) Particular acts accomplished by patriots. -  
 nothing to mention -

7.) Rewards to patriots -

~~The report to last~~ In reference to our last weekly report  
 (1-7 October) we ~~announce~~ are still waiting about the  
 decisions you will take concerning to the delivery ~~to patriots~~  
 of the prices <sup>of remobilization (500.- L.)</sup> to patriots, according to the dispositions in vigour -  
 Besides we propose to send some funds for subsidies on  
 fallen patriot families who are in bad economical  
 circumstances -

8. Re-employment of patriots -

Nearly one hundred patriots are frequenting a course  
 of draught for mined-fields in Corsica.

This office is in continual contact with the committees,  
 expressly constituted in the commune for all providences  
 which little by little give work to those patriots who wish it -

9. Ceremonies for patriots -

nothing to mention

10.) Visited zones -

area of Matraia

" S. Lorenzo o. Vercelli  
 " Cerasomma

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4.) Bands with which contacts have been made —

a.) in the area of Matraia we have made contact with the Matraia-group, led by Ciucci Albino.

Its strength is of 15 men —

Its armament is the following:

6 machine-gun — STEN —

5 German guns

3 guns "mod. 91" —

Hand-grenades and sufficient ammunition —

Acted in the area of Matraia and Valgiano —

The squad arose from the formation of "Pipiro" —  
 Had sustained some fights with German patrols and distinguished themselves in guiding allied patrols —  
 In one of this actions 2 patriots have been wounded —  
 (Ciucci Felice and Ciucci Ernesto). This results also by a declaration by the allied Command —

b.) in the area of S. Lorenzo and Vaccioli we have made contact with the ~~squad~~<sup>group</sup>, led by St. Carpena Francesco. The ~~group~~<sup>group</sup> acted in the area of S. Lorenzo and Vaccioli. ~~It acted in the area of S. Lorenzo and Vaccioli.~~ Substage acts and gave <sup>military</sup> information ~~to~~ to the Allies — The strength is of 11 men — we have not yet ~~got~~ the report about its act assured about its activities —

c.) In the area Cerasignano, we have made contact with the group lead by Antonelli Stano, composed of 7 men —  
 Its armament was the following —

2 machine guns

2 revolvers

5 guns

Hand-grenades

The group developed patrol activities in the Valley of Lucina —  
 The group after having acted by itself had been united to the avanguard company 370<sup>o</sup> C.T. till the 13<sup>th</sup> September — We have not yet ready the report of their activities —

12. Further remarks —

We have met no difficulties during this week

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The representative of the CLN

The military representative

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