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3 Sept 45 To: Polad "B"

1) Surrender of Arms by Patriots.

2) In July you raised the question of obtaining a survey of the arms handed in by Patriots in relation to the number of arms believed to have been obtained by them:

- 1) by air drops from Allied sources;
- ii) on the ground from armament factories;
- iii) from enemy armed forces.

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R.R. Higgins
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Director
Local Government S/C.

3 September 1945.

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J. T. Griffiths
Rt. Adm. (P)
Sept 8

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 52/1/PAT

Tel. No. 489084
Ext. 321

Subject: Handing in of Patriots Arms

To :

21 50-7 1945

1. Hereunder are shown quantities of "Arms handed in by Patriots" in the Province of according to Reports received from
- 2.
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ALL REGIONS

/dmv.

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS, Colonel,
Director,

Local Government Sub Commission.

ARMED CARS (STENS & SIMILAR TYPES (Stens & simili) SUB MACHINE GUNS (Fucili mitragliatori & mitra it. e ted.) MACHINE GUNS (Mitragliatrici di tutti i tipi) RIFLES AND CARBINES (Fucili e moschetti di tutti i tipi) MORTARS VARIOUS (Mortai vari) VARIETY PISTOLS (Pistole lanciarazzi) PISTOLS (Pistole varie e pistole a rotazione) AUTOMATIC PISTOLS (Pistole automatiche) AUTOMATIC RIFLES (Fucili automatici) SHOT GUNS	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938	1937	1936	1935	1934	1933	1932	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886	1885	1884	1883	1882	1881	1880	1879	1878	1877	1876	1875	1874	1873	1872	1871	1870	1869	1868	1867	1866	1865	1864	1863	1862	1861	1860	1859	1858	1857	1856	1855	1854	1853	1852	1851	1850	1849	1848	1847	1846	1845	1844	1843	1842	1841	1840	1839	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831	1830	1829	1828	1827	1826	1825	1824	1823	1822	1821	1820	1819	1818	1817	1816	1815	1814	1813	1812	1811	1810	1809	1808	1807	1806	1805	1804	1803	1802	1801	1800	1799	1798	1797	1796	1795	1794	1793	1792	1791	1790	1789	1788	1787	1786	1785	1784	1783	1782	1781	1780	1779	1778	1777	1776	1775	1774	1773	1772	1771	1770	1769	1768	1767	1766	1765	1764	1763	1762	1761	1760	1759	1758	1757	1756	1755	1754	1753	1752	1751	1750	1749	1748	1747	1746	1745	1744	1743	1742	1741	1740	1739	1738	1737	1736	1735	1734	1733	1732	1731	1730	1729	1728	1727	1726	1725	1724	1723	1722	1721	1720	1719	1718	1717	1716	1715	1714	1713	1712	1711	1710	1709	1708	1707	1706	1705	1704	1703	1702	1701	1700	1699	1698	1697	1696	1695	1694	1693	1692	1691	1690	1689	1688	1687	1686	1685	1684	1683	1682	1681	1680	1679	1678	1677	1676	1675	1674	1673	1672	1671	1670	1669	1668	1667	1666	1665	1664	1663	1662	1661	1660	1659	1658	1657	1656	1655	1654	1653	1652	1651	1650	1649	1648	1647	1646	1645	1644	1643	1642	1641	1640	1639	1638	1637	1636	1635	1634	1633	1632	1631	1630	1629	1628	1627	1626	1625	1624	1623	1622	1621	1620	1619	1618	1617	1616	1615	1614	1613	1612	1611	1610	1609	1608	1607	1606	1605	1604	1603	1602	1601	1600	1599	1598	1597	1596	1595	1594	1593	1592	1591	1590	1589	1588	1587	1586	1585	1584	1583	1582	1581	1580	1579	1578	1577	1576	1575	1574	1573	1572	1571	1570	1569	1568	1567	1566	1565	1564	1563	1562	1561	1560	1559	1558	1557	1556	1555	1554	1553	1552	1551	1550	1549	1548	1547	1546	1545	1544	1543	1542	1541	1540	1539	1538	1537	1536	1535	1534	1533	1532	1531	1530	1529	1528	1527	1526	1525	1524	1523	1522	1521	1520	1519	1518	1517	1516	1515	1514	1513	1512	1511	1510	1509	1508	1507	1506	1505	1504	1503	1502	1501	1500	1499	1498	1497	1496	1495	1494	1493	1492	1491	1490	1489	1488	1487	1486	1485	1484	1483	1482	1481	1480	1479	1478	1477	1476	1475	1474	1473	1472	1471	1470	1469	1468	1467	1466	1465	1464	1463	1462	1461	1460	1459	1458	1457	1456	1455	1454	1453	1452	1451	1450	1449	1448	1447	1446	1445	1444	1443	1442	1441	1440	1439	1438	1437	1436	1435	1434	1433	1432	1431	1430	1429	1428	1427	1426	1425	1424	1423	1422	1421	1420	1419	1418	1417	1416	1415	1414	1413	1412	1411	1410	1409	1408	1407	1406	1405	1404	1403	1402	1401	1400	1399	1398	1397	1396	1395	1394	1393	1392	1391	1390	1389	1388	1387	1386	1385	1384	1383	1382	1381	1380	1379	1378	1377	1376	1375	1374	1373	1372	1371	1370	1369	1368	1367	1366	1365	1364	1363	1362	1361	1360	1359	1358	1357	1356	1355	1354	1353	1352	1351	1350	1349	1348	1347	1346	1345	1344	1343	1342	1341	1340	1339	1338	1337	1336	1335	1334	1333	1332	1331	1330	1329	1328	1327	1326	1325	1324	1323	1322	1321	1320	1319	1318	1317	1316	1315	1314	1313	1312	1311	1310	1309	1308	1307	1306	1305	1304	1303	1302	1301	1300	1299	1298	1297	1296	1295	1294	1293	1292	1291	1290	1289	1288	1287	1286	1285	1284	1283	1282	1281	1280	1279	1278	1277	1276	1275	1274	1273	1272	1271	1270	1269	1268	1267	1266	1265	1264	1263	1262	1261	1260	1259	1258	1257	1256	1255	1254	1253	1252	1251	1250	1249	1248	1247	1246	1245	1244	1243	1242	1241	1240	1239	1238	1237	1236	1235	1234	1233	1232	1231	1230	1229	1228	1227	1226	1225	1224	1223	1222	1221	1220	1219	1218	1217	1216	1215	1214	1213	1212	1211	1210	1209	1208	1207	1206	1205	1204	1203	1202	1201	1200	1199	1198	1197	1196	1195	1194	1193	1192	1191	1190	1189	1188	1187	1186	1185	1184	1183	1182	1181	1180	1179
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R.P.G. 100-17
R.R. CRIPPS, Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub Commission.

	Longfellow	Benard	Lucas	Veritas	Edith	Totals
ARMOURD CARS	-	-	-	-	-	-
STENS & SIMILAR TYPES	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Stens & simili)	-	1717	348	1115	-	3180
SUB MACHINE GUNS	1570	2100	593	70	4040	8313
(Fucili mitragliatori & Mitra it. e ted.)	1296	781	248	1570	377	2492
MACHINE GUNS	8733	3314	8413	48460	23197	64493
(Mitragliatrici di tutti i tipi)	301	271	48	240	30	890
RIFLES AND CARBINES	-	-	6	8	2	16
(Fucili o moschetti di tutti i tipi)	-	-	-	-	-	-
MORTARS VARIOUS	1430	107	238	569	407	2151
(Mortai vari)	-	-	-	-	-	-
PISTOLS	-	-	-	2087	-	2087
(Pistole varie o pistolo a rotazione)	1890	-	3	2	-	1895
AUTOMATIC PISTOLS	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Pistole automatiche)	-	-	-	-	-	-
AUTOMATIC RIFLES	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Fucili automatici)	-	-	-	-	-	-
SHOT GUNS	-	-	-	111	-	111
(Fucili da caccia)	148	-	15	12	-	175
A.A. AUTOMATICS	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Mitragliere anti-aeree)	-	-	61	-	71	132
BAYONETS	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Baionette)	-	121	18	54	16	209
CANNON	-	-	-	-	-	-
(cannoni)	-	-	-	-	-	-
BREN MACHINE GUNS	-	-	-	8	-	8
(Brens)	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANTI TANK WEAPONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Panzerfaust)	-	-	146	622	-	768
BOMB THROWERS	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Lanciariparte)	-	153	47	-	33	233
HAND GRENDES	4096	-	-	-	-	4096
(Bombe a mano)	-	-	-	-	-	-
KNIVES	-	1124	-	25	195	1344

	ROMBARDIA	PIEMONTE	LIQUORIA	VENEZIA	EMILIA	TOTAL
ARMORED CAR	-	7	-	-	5	12
CANNONS	-	121	18	54	16	209
ANTI-TANK WEAPONS	-	-	146	825	-	968
SUB MACHINE GUNS	1510	3617	941	1155	4040	11493
MACHINE GUNS	1206	781	295	1878	514	4324
RIFLES AND CARBINES	84331	33193	8413	48400	32147	200593
AUTOMATIC RIFLES	1890	-	2	2	-	1894
PISTOLS	1430	197	346	2614	409	4804
MORTARS	301	371	48	240	30	890
H. A. AUTOMATICS	147	-	15	12	-	175
MISCELLANEOUS: BAYONETS	-	-	49	-	51	100
" " : BOMB THROWERS	-	183	27	-	33	233
" " : HAND GRENADES	40961	-	1763	11059	14281	68064
" " : SHOT GUNS	-	-	-	111	-	111
" " : BRASS KNUCKLES	-	1121	-	25	175	1321

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See p. 420.

This is going to be a program for when we get the information. As you know

P. Garrison is compiling a return & sketch of all information of returned arms for comparison.

L.S.C.

G. R. Clapp

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Note re 410

Maj. Gillett phoned 1600 hr 19 Jul.
 No I Dist have provided 10 trucks which will work in valleys - take all the members of the Maella Band right to their homes -
 The revised schedule is as follows

Aquila, Rieti, Rome - 17 Jul
 Chieti, Campobasso, Mante, - 20 Jul
 Various, including N. Italy - 23 Jul
 Maj. Gillett will ring through again tomorrow morning.

M.P. 10/2

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27 JUNE. with N.R. Stephens & C.S. AFHQ agreed
that pressure be brought to bear on
No. 1 district to secure a satisfactory
arr. made to fix a satisfactory
shut down parade. to the NAIAA

Band.
C.S. (C.S. Stephens)
L.G.S.C. 7. CA.

14 Jul.

We spoke (C.S. Stephens: 1st Lt Stephens - 1st Lt Stephens)
It was agreed that payments should be
made to all participants who were members.
The amount given on 8 Sep 43 and into
only to Regular Army soldiers - hand
down 8/43 to make all necessary arrangements

L.G. (Pat)
JUL 1945

N.R. Stephens
R.R.C.

8,

10 July 1945

To: Director.

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categories in which quantities of arms should be reported

was made to give a satisfactory
 old down parade. & the 171211

Paul
 (Cairns - great study).
 L.G.S.C. 7. CR.

14 Jul.

Mr. Spoke (Cotton): 171211 (Cairns - great study)
 It was agreed that payments should be
 made to all patriots who were members
 of the armed forces on 8 Sep 43 and who
 only to Regular Army soldiers - Land
 Forces S/C. It was also agreed that necessary arrangements

L.S. (Rat)
 JUL 1945

N.R. CR.

10 July 1945

To: Director.

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3. If you approve, a stencil will be set. Several lists already await elucidation.

Approved by Director 10/7.

R. 10/7

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Public Safety

1. Ref (19). This appears to be the same problem as that raised in ~~minutes~~ in S.O. (M) letter LS/31/749 of 14 May.
2. Do you know whether any further action has been taken in Emilia Region on the lines suggested in the V.P.'s memorandum of 15 May?

Patriote Branch
Local Govt Sub Com

M. Pasley for Col
Ex Officer.

25 May 45

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Patriote Branch - Local Govt d/c -

1. Not having a copy of S.O. (M) letter LS/31/749 of 14 May nor of V.P.'s memorandum of 15 May, I wouldn't know the answers.
2. How about letting me have a completed file?

Chapman
Col. D.D.

28 May 45

Patriote Branch Local Govt d/c

Enrico Regain has taken some notes on solving the problem

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memorandum in S.O. (M) letter
LS/51/749 of 14 May.

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file 99)

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Patriotic Branch M. Pasby for Col
Local Govt Sub Com: Ex Officer.

25 May 45-

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Patriotic Branch. Local Unit d/c-

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28 May 45-

Patriotic Branch Local Unit d/c

Emilio Reguin has taken some pictures on as police. Not many as reported to us.

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Chapman
Col. D.D.

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Civil Affairs Section

10.

Ref (18). This appears to be primarily a matter for Public Safety. The have received a copy, & beyond noting Brig Carr's remarks, there does not seem to be any useful action that Patrols Branch can take at this juncture.

Craig

11/ Director Local Govt Subcom.

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VP for information

Ex.

Wtd.

SPM

24 May 45

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1) Director Local Govt
Subcom.

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Letal
GPH

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To Civil Affairs Sec 7.

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For information

4.

W. C. S. J. Holland, Major
C. A. Sec.

9 Mar 45

To: Patriots 8

Please confer with Land Forces about

folio (4)

W. C. S. J. Holland, Major

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C. A. Sec.

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Note

1. Spoke M.M.I.A. (Major Rex) who noted folio 4, & did not require this Branch to take any further action.

2. There are no screening agencies other than those employed with Patriots. The "call-up" is effected through the Italian Military District H.Q.

10 Mar 45

M. Parby for Paul

W. C. S. J. Holland

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MINUTE SHEET No. 3

DATE

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To Civil Affairs Section (5)

7 Mar '45

Reference Minute(4) above and Folios 1, 2, & 3

1, 2, 3.

1. It is confirmed that the Patriots mentioned in Folio 1 had not come through ^{any} Patriot Centres.
2. In addition to the Recruiting agencies working at Patriot Centres, there are, however, other Recruiting agencies working in Army areas.
3. Although it is difficult for Allied Patriot Officers to control the activities of agencies outside the Centres, letter at Folio 2 was sent to them on 27 Feb '45 instructing them to contact all recruiting agencies, and to ensure that all Patriots, wherever and however contacted, handed in arms.
4. In addition, letter at Folio 2 has been sent to Recruiting Agencies direct. (3)
5. Land Forces Sub-Commission have been ^{advised} ~~contacted~~ of this matter, and know of the action taken.

[Signature]
 Major
 Patriots Branch

(6)

To: Patriots

Minute 5 noted with thanks

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W. G. S. Dollard, Major

C. H. Lee

8 Mar. '45

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MINUTE SHEET No. 2

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To. COS.

(2)

Ref you 3207/100. (file 1).

Please ^{see} minute 1 and plus 2 opposite.
for action taken.

Instructions will be incorporated in the
PATRIOT Directive to be issued, the problem
is well emphasized in the directive at
present under consideration at 15 Army Gp.

C.H.S.

x. 608.

R. L. Hopper

5 MAR 45

CA Sec

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Ref 2 above this file has been noted by
Ex Com².
Land Forces S.C. should also see.

E. H. Horder

(4)

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To Patriots:

In Confirmation of Conversation May Ince - May
Dollard:

1) Please add in minutes additional information
about the groups mentioned in minutes 1-3,
and the recruiting agencies which sent Patriots
to Germany.

2) Confer with Land Forces.

7 Mar '45

W. G. S. Dollard, Major
C. A. Sec.

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MINUTE SHEET No. 1

DATE		PAGE
27 Feb, 45.	(1) To : Civil Affairs Section. Folio 1. 1. Capt. Limbert AMG V Army reports that the Patriots who have passed through Patriot Centres have been disarmed. 2. The Patriots who have arrived at CESANO with arms must therefore have been sent by Recruiting Agencies working outside the Centres. 3. Capt. Limbert has seen some Patriots bearing an authority issued and signed by Major Stephen O. Rosetti OSS. IV Corps allowing a Patriot to bear arms. The text, written in English and Italian, is as follows : "This authorises of the Partisan "Division to bear arms for security reasons." (signed) Major Stephen O. Rosetti, OSS. IV Corps." 4. It seems probable that Recruiting Agencies have allowed Patriots to continue bearing arms on this authority. 5. Capt. Limbert is approaching Lt. Col. Walker SOAO IV Corps, asking that no further passes be issued. 6. The Recruiting Agencies are being ordered to ensure that Patriots have no arms when reporting to Patriot Centres. <i>Kraig</i> Col. F. CRAIG, Director Patriots Br.	1

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

52/1/PAT

18 Sep 45

SUBJECT: ARMS

TO : A.F.H.Q. (G-5 Section)

55 a.

The documents attached to your letter G-5:370.64-3 of 14 September have been perused and are returned to you herewith.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

[Signature]
R.R. CRIPPS Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Documents attached:

1. Letter from HQ No 2 Dist dated 5 Sep
2. List of arms &c. recovered
3. 1st List of raids made in Piemonte Region with note of arms found
4. 2nd List of raids made in Piemonte Region with note of arms found
5. Two letters from HQ No 2 Dist Dated 30 Aug.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

MJH/prb

G-5: 370.64-3

14 September 1945

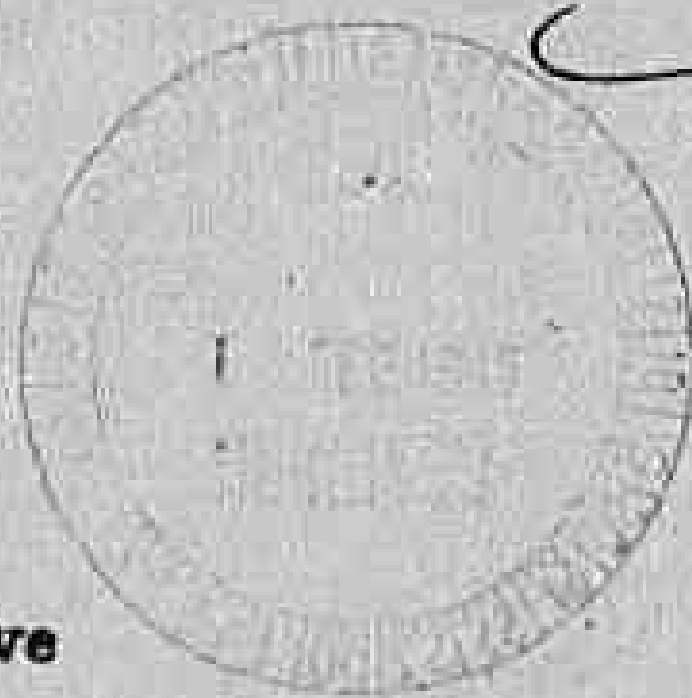
SUBJECT: Arms.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

See folio 564.

- 47th 52nd 42nd
1. Reference is made to your AC/52/1/PAT of 17 July and 7 August 1945 and to our G-5: 370.64-3 of 11 August 1945.
 2. The attached documents re the subject are forwarded for your perusal.
 3. Request return as soon as practicable as copies are only ones available and must be returned to originating Section for retention.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

M. J. HEYL
1st Lt., AUS

Incls: as above

Nothing of note in the documents
but shows that P.O. are on the
job and have made several
raids.

pk 17/9.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

COB/prb

G-5: 370.64-3

29 August 1945

SUBJECT: Surrender of Arms by Partisans in Northern Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference your AC/52/1/PAT dated 17 July.

1. Attached is a copy of a report giving certain information on the amount of arms held and surrendered by the Partisans in Northern Italy.

2. It is hoped that more recent and complete information will be available shortly. This will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Charlton

G. O. BENSON
Major, R.A.

Incl: Report as above

*See letter to you**pk 2/9**N7A meant time**pk 13/9*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
(Operational Intelligence Section)

14 August 1945

Surrender of Arms by Partisans in Northern Italy

In comparing the quantities of arms turned over to the Allies by Partisans during the past few months as with those quantities of arms available to Partisans for over a year and a half, the following factors affecting the present picture must be taken into consideration.

a. An unestimated number of arms were most probably retained by members of the Italian Army after the Armistice of September 1943. Despite the fact that Partisan resistance did not reach sizable proportions until some months later, it is reasonable to assume that many partisan bands were armed in this manner, before Allied supplies of arms became sufficient.

b. It has been estimated that, during the past nine months, the following quantities of arms have been supplied by the Allies:

SA-----	32,000
MG-----	5,600
Mortars and Pistols-----	800
Guns-----	12

Note: (In reaching an accurate figure of the arms supplied, some difficulty is encountered, as more than one agency became responsible for supplying arms to certain regions).

c. For some time before and after the surrender in Italy unknown quantities of arms were obtained by Partisans from surrendering Fascist Republicans, and to a small extent, German formations. No figures are available, but it may be assumed that, with the object of improving their armament and equipment, the Partisans were particularly interested in obtaining automatic weapons, especially German type machine guns.

d. The most recent figures on the number of arms turned in by Partisans throughout North Italy are as follows:

Rifles and Carbines-----	173,416
Sub MG-----	7,342
Sten-----	5,235
MG-----	3,089
Mortars-----	899
Auto rifles-----	1,043
Pistols-----	2,120
Verney Pistols-----	31
Shotguns-----	43
Armored cars-----	11
AA automatic-----	141
Bayonets-----	876
Other-----	150

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L.W. in
papers
ph.*

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Bayonets-----	876
Cannons-----	150
Bren MG-----	175
AT Weapons (Bazookas)-----	142
Hand Grenades-----	78,651

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e. While these totals compare favourably with the amount of arms furnished by the Allies, it is improbable that they account completely for those described in paragraphs A & C.

For the past two months, reports have been received that large quantities of arms and ammunition have been secreted by Partisans for various reasons for the retention of arms vary. On the one hand there is an understandable desire on the part of the individual Partisan to keep what they consider their own; on the other there is clearly also intentional

storing of arms by lower echelons of political factions who feel that armed potential is still an important factor in the prosecution of their policy.

In making use of the following list, it should be remembered that many of the reports on hidden arms have almost certainly a basis in private antagonism and grudge. Though of these reports have however been substantiated by investigation to show that arms have been concealed on a fairly considerable scale.

f. List of reports concerning concealing of arms:

LOCATION	ARMS	DATE
<u>REGGIO AREA</u>		
CEREDOLO DEI COPEI	Field guns captured from Germans	Early June
COSTA BONA	In unspecified houses	"
BAGNO	8 x HMG	"
SUCCHISCO	Light arms	"
RUBIERA	"	"
DOMUS OSPITALIS (in basement)	"	"
	(It is reported that these arms are frequently removed to other localities to prevent discovery)	
<u>PARREIS</u>		
FONTANA DI RUBIERA)	Reported CARIBALDI dump and arms	Early June
CASTELLAZZO DI RUBIERA)	Individual and automatic arms (exact location known to VARANI and BASTIANI (FRANCO) in CASTELLAZZO. They are communists appointed for job)	9 June
<u>SARONNO</u>		
	2 reported dumps of arms hidden by 183 Gari Bde in walls of former air raid shelter Via BREGGIO. Said to have been di- verted by CATTANI and MAGGIO of SARONNO.	15 June
<u>TALiedo</u>		
	Several cases MGs, 100 cases SA ammo, 7 cases hand grenades, hidden at MPRONI workshops in forwarding warehouses (Magazzino Spedizioni)	15 June
<u>UDINE AREA</u>		
COLLE DI ROSAZZO	Amo dumps on hill overlooking village, in last-war trench.	Early June
CORONA DI MAREANO DEL CETULI	Amo dump of Gari	"
ROSSAL (VAL PUSARINA)	Amo, morts, MG(SINOCCHI, Umberto)	"
SAURIS	Amo	"
TAVAGNACCO	In houses of following people: DEL FABRON Giovanni, COLAUTTI Dino, CASSARINO, COTTA, Gine	"

COSTA BONA	In unspecified houses	"	"
BAGNO	8 x HLG	"	"
SUCCISC	Light arms	"	"
RUBIERA	"	"	"
DOMUS OSPITALIS	"	"	"
(in basement)			

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AMMO dump of Gari

POSSAL (VAL PESARINA)

AMMO, mortar, MG(SAFOTTO, Umberto)

SAURIS

AMMO

TAVAGNACCO

In houses of following people:
DEL FERRON Giovanni, COLAUTTI Dino,
CASARSA Gino, COLO Gino

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BELLUNO AREA

ALGARO

Arms

PUOS DI ALPAGO (B7428)

Arms hidden by Austrians

MILAN

3 July
3 July
3 July

Via GENERALE ARIMONDI 12

each communist cell is reported to
have arms hidden.
(In cellar are arms hidden by a CASATI
(alias RAIMONDO or RIMONDO), former
leader of Partisan groups of
MOSCATELLI.

BEDONIA (int' Val DI TARO)

Arms hidden by communist in cemetery believed in chapel of Senatore LAGASI and other building of cemetery. 5 July

ACQUA region

ARMAZ

Small number arms hidden in railway station by station master - a catholic priest - head of local communists. 5 July

ISSOCHE

Near Bazzit chapel, 1/2 hour's walk from parish church (J 0093), are two caves containing arms.

S. MARCEL (?)

In pyrite mine in branches are large numbers of arms 5 July

BOGO SASSIA

MONTIZZIERA Grotto (J 583955)
3 Km SE BOGO SASSIA

Arms in Grotto hidden by MOSMATELL Partisans. "

VARALLO AREA

Partisans in area believed to have hidden arms in hills around RUTILLA (D 1918) "

BURGO SESIA

MONTAFIENZA Grotto (J 580955)
3 Km SE BURGO SESIA

VARALLO AZZA

Arms in Grotto hidden by
MOSCATINI Partisans.

Partisans in area believed to
have hidden arms in hills
around RUTULA (D 4918)

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 370.64-3

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Arms.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

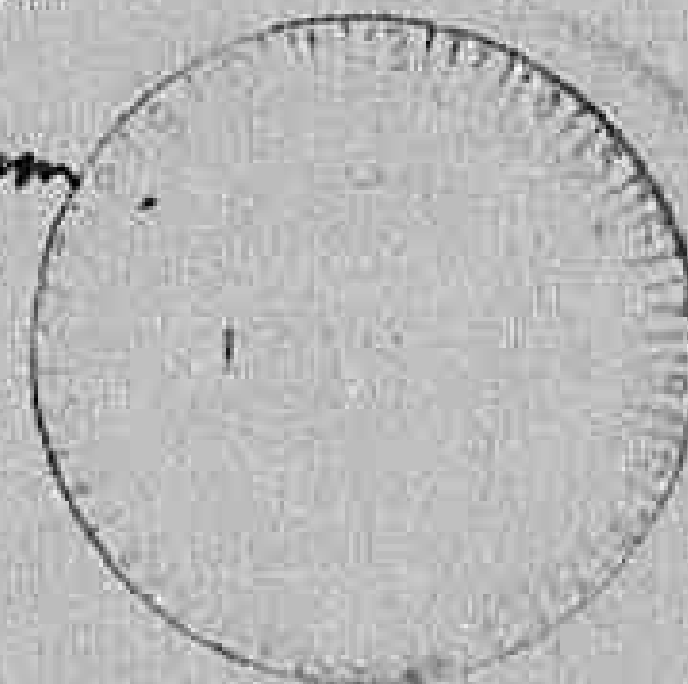
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See 42A

Reference your 52/1/PAT dated 7 August.

1. Steps are being taken to obtain the information required.
2. You will be informed of the results as soon as possible.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Chas. O. Benson
C. O. BENSON
Major, RA

OK. 14/8.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRICIOS BRANCH

Tel No 489081
Ext 358

13 August 1945

Ref : 52/1/PAT

Subject : Majella Brigade

To : Allied Commission
Liaison Officer BOLOGNA
(attn. Maj. GILBERT)

50A
Your RIX/14/PAT of 3 August has been received.
The task of winding up the Brigade has been passed to the
Distretto Militare of Chiati. Any problems arising in connection
with the Brigade should be passed to that District. Reference
is made to letter from MMA to you 1D/14/11/A of 6 Aug. copy to
this H.Q.

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R. R. GRIFFS, Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub Commission.

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APC 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel No 439081
Ext 358

13 August 1945

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this H.Q.

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R.R. CRIPPS, Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Office of the Regional Patriots Officer
APO 394

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RIX/14/PAT
3 August 1945

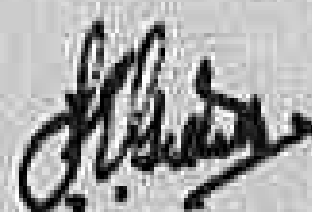
SUBJECT : Maiella Brigade.

TO : HQ - Allied Commission -
Patriots Branch.

- See 6802*
1. The attached memorandum relating to the Maiella Brigade is forwarded please for onward transmission to HQ NO. 1 District.
 2. It is necessary that the record office mentioned be established in order to clear up the various outstandings connected with the Brigade.

It is thought that the work of this office will be completed in about two to three months time.

For the Regional Commissioner



F.E. GILLET
Major, 5 R.I.D.G.
Regional Patriots Officer

Copy to N° 1 District

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1. The purpose of these instructions is to provide the procedure to be employed for the collection of arms and ammunition from ex-Partisan Bands or individuals after AMG Administered Territories are released to the control of the Italian Government.
2. The Italian Government will issue orders that all arms and ammunition will be turned in to Italian Army Depots. The turning in of the arms and ammunition will be coordinated through the local Prefects, or special Offices to be established for the purpose of handling Partisan affairs.
3. All arms and ammunition turned in to Italian Army Depots will be reported by the Depot in regular periodic inventories, with notation to the effect that the arms were received from civilians or ex-Partisans.
4. All arms and ammunition of other than Italian Origin (U.S., British, German, etc) will be reported on a special bi-monthly report to this MIA, either direct or through MIA LO channels. This report will show the following information:

Country of Origin
Type and Model
Caliber
Quantity

Upon receipt of the above reports, MIA will issue the necessary disposal instructions regarding this non-Italian material.

5. A copy of the orders issued by you to carry out the instructions in para. 3 & 4 above will be forwarded to this office.

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Wm. V. Fordyce
 IRA V. FORDYCE, Captain
 for Major General
 Land Forces Sub Commission

TVF/ag

Copies to:

AC for Local Government Sub Com. (Your 52/1/PAT of 4 Aug. refers).

ALL MIA LOs.

Cpl. L. L. L.

Wm. V. Fordyce

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SUBJECT: Disbandments1D/14/11/A6 Aug 45HQ EMILIA Region AMG
(Attn Major PE GILLET)MAIELLA Brigade NTL7A

Reference your RIX/14/212 dated 3 Aug 45 addressed to HQ ACC - Patriots Branch, copy to this HQ.

1. It is understood that a Records Office for the above Bde is not authorized by HQ.
2. The task of winding up the Bde has been passed to the Distretto Militare of CHIVARI.

Marshall

C.M.F.

Colonel i/o Adm.,
No 1 District.Copy to :- HQ ACC Patriots Branch
MMA LO*leg 375*
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 52/1/PAT

Subject: Arms

To : AMHQ - C-5 Section

Tel. Ext. 358

7 August 1945

May a reply now be received to this HQ letter AC/52/1/PAT
of 17 July 1945.

[Handwritten signature]

R. E. CHURCH, Colonel
Director,
Local Government Sub Com

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Subject: ARMS

To : AFHQ - C-3 Section

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May a reply now be received to this HQ letter AG/52/1/PAT
of 17 July 1945.

R.E. GRIFFIN

R.E. GRIFFIN, Colonel
Director,
Local Government Sub Com

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 354
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 52/1/PAT

Subject : Collection of Arms

To : Local Patriots Sub Commission

Tel. Ext. 358

4 July 1945

Aug

Reference para 4 of the notes of a meeting with the
Under Sec. of Ministry of Post War Aid which is attached hereto.

Will you arrange with the Min. of War and with Allied
Forces the procedure to be followed for the collection of arms from
Patriots which are surrendered or otherwise recovered after AMG has
handed over responsibility for administration to the Italian Government
on the supposition that no AMG officers will be available.

S. H. WHITE
Lt Colonel
D/Director
Local Government S/C

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4 July 1945

Subject: Collection of Arms

Aug

To: Land Forces Sub Commission

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S. H. WHITE
Lt Colonel
D/Director
Local Government S/C

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30 JUL Read 52/1
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION
APO 394

26th July 1945

Lig/Pat/41

Subject : Handing in of Patriots Arms

To : Local Government Sub-Commission
Patriots Branch.

In reference to 52/1/Pat.

no copy of letter referring to.

1. Here attached the quantities of "Arms handed in by Patriots" from the Province of Apuania, total number collected up to 30th June 1945.

2. With sheet Lig./Pat./29 dated 12th July a report from Liguria Region of the quantities of "Arms handed in by Patriots" has been transmitted to the Local Government Sub-Commission Patriots Branch dated 30th June including the Provinces of Savona - La Spezia - Genoa - Imperia.

3. The report from Region H.Q. of the 31st July will refer to all the Provinces of Liguria Region. The arms will be cumulative and listed in accordance with the categories as they are shown and refer to the date of the report.

R.H. Wright
R.H. WRIGHT RAOC
Major

ph
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STENS & SIMILAR TYPES (Stens & simili)							
SUB MACHINE GUNS (Fucili mitragliatori & Mitra it. e tod.)	71						
MACHINE GUNS (Mitragliatrici di tutti i tipi)	143						
RIFLES AND CARBINES (Fucili e moschetti di tutti i tipi)	733						
MORTARS VARIOUS (Mortai vari)	14						
VEERY PISTOLS (Pistole lanciarazzi)							
PISTOLS (Pistole varie e pistole a rotazione)							
AUTOMATIC PISTOLS (Pistole Automatiche)							
AUTOMATIC RIFLES (Fucili automatici)							
SHOT GUNS (Fucili da caccia)							
A.A. AUTOMATICS (Mitragliere anti-aeree)							
BAYONETS (Baionette)							
CANNON (Cannoni)							
BREN MACHINE GUNS (Brens)							
ANTI TANK WEAPONS (Panzerfaust)							
BOMB THROWERS (Lanciagranate)	22						
HAND GRENADES (Bombe a mano)							

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PATRIOTS

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Tel. 14

REF: RIX/24/PAT

24 July 1945

SUBJECT: ~~Handing~~ in of Patriot Arms.

TO: HQ. Allied Commission, Patriots Branch. ✓

no copy of letter referring to

1. Reference your 52/1/Pat of 21 July 1945, the number of Stens and similar types on 26 - 5 in Parma Province should read 1645 and not, as reported by you, 1675.

For the Regional Commissioner:

[Signature]
F. E. GILLET
Major, 5 Innis D.C.
Regional Patriots Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 121/6/PAT

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 321

Subject: Payment of Bonuses

25th July, 1945.

To : The Minister of Post War Assistance.

Copy to: File 52/1/PAT

I confirm the discussion this morning between Lt.Col. White and Sig. Mosconi that an IMPR will be placed at your disposal for the payment of those members of the Majella band who were dispersed before receiving their bonuses and for payments to the families of deceased patriots. The amount estimated as to be paid is 4 million lire.

I also confirm that the head quarters of the bandleader Troilo is now at Torricella Peligna Chieti Province where he may be contacted.

It is suggested that one of the IMPRs about to be released by 5 Army should be instructed to report to you for this duty.

The Band Leader is likely to be in Rome at the end of this week, perhaps you would like to meet him then.

/amr.

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS, Colonel.,
Director,
Local Government Sub Commission.

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18 JUL 1945
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

RML

Ref: AD/52/1/DMT

17 Jul 45

SUBJECT: ARMS.

TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

- 1 The British Political Adviser is very anxious to get a picture of the quantity of arms surrendered by Patriots and compare it with such arms as are known to be in the North of Italy.
- 2 It is understood that G-2 has unofficially stated that they are prepared to supply figures of the arms known or assumed to have been present from various sources.
- 3 Will you kindly request G-2 to give us whatever information can be supplied.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Office of the Regional Patriote Officer
APC 394

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18 JUL Recd 52/1

RIA/18/PAT
16 Jul 45

SUBJECT : Matella Bde - Demobilization of
TO : Regional Commissioner
Provincial Commissioner - Bologna
Allied Commission - (Patriot Branch)

R.H.

For your information.

I attended the demobilization ceremony of
the Matella Brigade at DIVISIONELLA yesterday.

The ceremony was an unusual one and passed
off according to plan.

Four Ministers from Rome were present,
for War, Interior, Reconstruction and Air.

225 Decorations were given.

After the ceremony 2262 TROOPS commanding
the Matella Bde gave a luncheon, at a villa just
outside the village at which about 60 guests were
present.

The demobilization - handing in of arms,
stores and equipment is proceeding as ordered and
will take 20 - 24 days. Some of the equipment has to
be handed in at Naples. The troops are being return-
ed to their homes in three main parties. Those for
AQUILA RIETI ROMA on Tuesday 17th, those for CHIETI
CAMPANUSO MARCHI on Saturday 22th and remainder on
Wednesday 25th.

by what means?

[Signature]

F.H. GILLET
Major, 5 Innis D.O.
Regional Patriote Officer

HEADQUARTERS
18 JUL 1945

Rome, 1 July
Italy

Thank to them of 250 left from
250 leave from
23/24 " See 40^A 250 August 31/87

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FOR ACTION AMG EMILIA REGION

2031

18 July 1945

PRIORITY

IN CLERK PD

PARA ONE PD REQUEST PATRIOT OFFICER TELEPHONE PATRIOTS BRANCH WITHOUT DELAY

PAREN TO FOR ACTION AMG EMILIA REGION PROHQ ALCOM CITE A C P A T PAREN

PARA TWO PD INFORMATION REQUIRED CONCERNING ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL MAIELLA
BAND IN THE ABRUZZI

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: META
TO : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
INFO: 13 CORPS
SD 2307

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REF YOUR 1/263 OF 28 (.) ONE (.) MARIO PALERMO
AVAILABLE FOR CEREMONIAL PARADE 6 JULY BUT IN PRIVATE
CAPACITY AS HE IS NOW NO LONGER UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR WAR ALTHOUGH STILL ACTING AS SUCH PENDING ARRIVAL OF
HIS RELIEF (.) THIS HQ RECOMMENDS PALERMO ATTEND
CEREMONY (.) TWO (.) ALSO RECOMMEND GENERAL ARSELLINI
GO TO TERRITORIAL HQ U D I N E BE PRESENT (.) THREE (.)
REF FROM MINISTRY OF WAR WILL BE DETAINED TO PAY ARREARS
FOR ALL MEMBERS OF GARIBOLDI DIV ^{WERE} REGULAR ARMY SOLDIERS
AT DATE OF ARMISTICE (.) FOUR (.) AND MEMBERS OF GARIBOLDI
DIV VOLUNTEERING TO JOIN ITALIAN ARMY AFTER DISARMAMENT OF UNIT
WILL BE ACCEPTABLE AS INDIVIDUALS UNDER USUAL CONDITIONS (.)
PLEASE CONFIRM

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

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JWB SD/38/2

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REF 1008 1/253 OF 25 (.) ONE (.) MARIO PALERMO

AVAILABLE FOR CEREMONIAL PARADE 6 JULY BUT IN PRIVATE
CAPACITY AS HE IS NOW NO LONGER UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR WAR ALTHOUGH STILL ACTING AS SUCH PENDING ARRIVAL OF
HIS RELIEF (.) THIS HQ RECOMMENDS PALERMO ATTEND
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G O C TERRITORIAL HQ U D I N E BE PRESENT (.) THREE (.)
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FOR ALL MEMBERS OF CARTRALDI DIV ^{WERE} REGULAR ARMY SOLDIERS
AT DATE OF ARMISTICE (.) FOUR (.) SIX MEMBERS OF CARTRALDI
DIV VOLUNTEERING TO JOIN ITALIAN ARMY AFTER DISARMMENT OF UNIT
WILL BE ACCEPTABLE AS INDIVIDUALS UNDER USUAL CONDITIONS (.)
PLEASE CONFIRM

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MAIN 8 ARMY

ACTION HQ ALGOM INFO 13 CORPS.

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First parties ITALIA DIV arriving Allied territory 1 July.
Expedite reply our I/263 of 28.

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**INFO**

ACTION - LAND FORCES 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER 2
CA SEC
ECOM SEC
PATRIOTS BR
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PATRIOTS 36A

I/263
JUNE 28 1635BE/7274
JUNE 29 0945
PRIORITYMAIN 8TH ARMY
HQ ALGOM INFO 13 CORPS.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Not a request of Italian Army

SECRET.

1. By arrangement with YUGOSLAV authorities ITALIA GARIBALDI assault Div moving into Allied territory 4 July from under Command 2 YUGOSLAV ARMY. Div is being met by army tpt and moved to CONC Area west of ISONZO. Ceremonial farewell parade held by YUGOSLAVS recently near ZAGREB.

2. Propose hold parallel ceremonial parade on 6 July with British Italian and YUGOSLAV reps. Request presence at parade of PALERMO, under Secretary of War or another Government Rep. PALERMO most suitable since he visited Italian units in YUGOSLAVIA last year and arranged repatriation of 9 MILIA GARIBALDI DIV. If PALERMO willing to come we will arrange aeroplane to pick him up in ROME on 4 July.

3. Whole of Div consists Italian soldiers serving in YUGOSLAVIA at time of armistice. Immediate decision required whether they are to be given Partisan gratuities or back pay as soldiers W.R.F. date of last payment. If the latter please arrange through MMIA for local Italian paymaster to pay them on occasion of parade.

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HEADQUARTERS

27 JUN 1945

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Lt Col TROILLO, leader of the Maiella Brigade has telephoned at 1100 hours from Maj. Gillett's Office requesting that the following message be given to Mr. PARRI or to Mr. SPATARO:

"The Maiella Brigade is being disbanded, the C.O. 8 Army had ordered that the disbandment ceremony should be held to-day at Forli', and had sent an order of the day to the Maiella Brigade.

The ceremony could not take place because neither the Italian General Staff nor the Italian Government had sent their representatives with the decorations that should be awarded to members of the Brigade.

He pointed out, with great resentment, that although the Brigade receives all possible attentions and consideration from Allied Authorities, it is entirely ignored by the Italian Government.

The Brigade is at present at Castel S. Pietro. A further date will be set for the ceremony which should take place in Rome.

It is necessary that the Italiana Government should contact 8 Army for the necessary authority to transfer the Brigade to Rome for the disbandment ceremony.

There also is, lying at the Italian Ministry of War, a recommendation for the award of the Gold Medal to the colours of the Brigade, and for other military awards (commission presided over by Gen. PIRZIO-BIRROLI).

It is requested that above recommendations be promptly granted, in order that they should be presented on the disbandment ceremony.

One can contact Lt Col TROILLO through Maj. Gillett at Emilia Headquarters.

Telephone message received by Capt. di Robilant.

NOTE: Although there seemed to be a misunderstanding concerning the disbandment parade, it appears as if something should be done for the military regards.

Spoke to SPATARO. evening of the day of receipt is 28. Jan. 45.

Sugg. Lt. That parade be held in Novara, with reception at Aquila or Chiari on the return of the band

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disarmed.

Agreed that visit to Rome of Troilo would be of benefit to moderate his time R. K. Lipp

HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL PATRIOTS OFFICER
APO 394

28 JUL 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

RLX/18/PAT
27 Jun 1945

DEAR Dicky

Ref. Maiella BDE.

1. I am only holding a "watching brief" at present.
2. As I ^{am} somewhat apprehensive of the reactions that may result from a poor stand down parade etc. I will try and give you a clear picture of the situation.
3. Strength :
 - (a) 1380 have served, approxi 850 are located at CASTEL S. PIETRO on Route 9 in 5 Army area, the remainder have already returned to CHIETI/MAIELLA M8s Area.
 - (b) In addition 50 were killed, 15 are missing and 135 wounded.
 - (c) I have the nominal roll and am prepared to pay the grants as seen the Bn leave & Army Comd.

4. Signal from DISTONE to 217 AREA Inio to AFHQ cite REGCT, 15 Army Gp, Main 8 Army, Pol-corps, 1 Gds Bn IRTD, AMG Emilia Region - Patriots Officer reads :-

SD38. CONFIDENTIAL.
ONE. CEREMONIAL DISBANDMENT PARADE FOR BANDA MAIELLA WILL TAKE PLACE 1100 B HRS 28 JUN FOR LI AIRD UNDER YOUR ARRANGEMENTS. SALUTE WILL BE TAKEN BY BRIG TITANIS FAFV EIGHT ARMY. ARMS MAY BE CARRIED ON PARADE BY BANDA BUT COLLECTION OF ALL ARMS IMMEDIATELY AFTER PARADE WILL BE ARRANGED BY YOU. 1 GDS BN IRTD AGREE PROVIDE GD OF HONOUR 50 ALL RANKS WHICH WILL BE MOVED TANO TO FORLI AND I RETURN IN. THREE-3 TONNERS TO BE DETAILED BY Q DISTONE FOUR.- LIAISE EARLIEST WITH BANDA MAIELLA AND 1 GDS BN COPY MAIN EIGHT ARMY 1 GDS BN IRTD.

TWO.-

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LIAISE EARLIEST WITH BANDA MAIELLA AND 1 GDS BN COPY MAIN EIGHT ARMY 1 GDS BN IRTD.

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5. I called at HQ 217 Area yesterday Tuesday 26 Jun and was shown the plan for the ceremony on the airfield. It appeared to me that it will be quite a small, but efficient military parade but it seemed official guests and spectators were not being arranged for, and of course on the airfield the public will not be present and there will be "no waving of flags" etc. a Polish band will attend.

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6. As the Maiella Bde refused to attend the ceremony a Liaison Officer from 8 Army went to see the OC Maidas last night, he was told the whole story and I understand he was convinced that the proposed parade on Forli airfield was not quite fitting. He has returned to report to 8 Army

7. It would appear that the proposed parade at Forli will not take place tomorrow Thursday.

8. I will keep you informed.

Yours ever

Gilly

P.S. a rough translation of the Bde's history is attached.

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THE PATRIOTS OF THE "MAIELLA"

(from the Sangro river to Asiago - 5 December 1943 - 1 May 1945)

On December 5th 1943 the Patriots Band "Maiella" is formed ; so 300 Abruzzesi begin to fight at the side of the 5th English Corps acting in the zone Guardiagrele-Palombaro-Lama dei Poligni-Collelmacino-Pizzoferrato-Palona, and liberate important localities of the Aventino and Sangro valleys from the German bondage.

February 3rd 1944 is the date of the bloody and glorious battle of Pizzoferrato ; in this battle the English Major WUEGRAM heroically fell at the head of the Patriots of the Maiella.

c These Patriots are young men and boys of all the social classes; they fight only for the liberation of Italy in the most miserable conditions ; for that they make sacrifices and face difficulties of any kind.

For the above mentioned actions, on May 1st 1944 the Army Corps General ALFREY sent to the Patriots the following message :

" I thank you for the work which you and your compatriots have performed up to this moment, and I am sure that you will continue to fight bravely also in the future. All your sacrifices will be fully rewarded by the Allied Governments, as soon as the complete victory is gained."

After having passed the Maiella mountain, the Patriots begin to pursue the enemy ; they are always dependent on the 8th Army and cooperate with the 2nd Polish Corps. The advance goes on uninterruptedly through the towns of Campo di Giove, Sulmona, Aquila ; then there are the battles in the Marche Region from the fight of Caldarola on the Chienti river to the bloody and glorious conquest of Montecarotto. On August 30th-31st Pesaro is liberated ; the English Lieutenant LESLEY Filister falls in this battle.

The Patriots stop for a short time at Recanati in order to fill the large gaps opened in their ranks ; the glorious Band transforms itself, increases, becomes a Group.

During the fire drills the English Major Lamb, Liaison Officer of the 5th Corps, was badly wounded ; he was a brave soldier and as Major Wegram and Lt Lesley fought in the most important actions with the Patriots of the Maiella.

In October about 1000 men almost all Abruzzesi are again on the front line, in Romagna. Monte Castelluccio, Pietramore, Monte Caparano are taken by assault. The incomparable valour and audacity with which the Patriots effected these falminous actions deserve praise and admiration by the Allied Commands. The beautiful words which the 1st Carpathian Riflers Brigade saluted the "Garibaldini" of the Maiella are well known ; we report them enterily :

" The Italian "Maiella Brigade participated to the military actions from October to December 1944, fighting on the rivers Amone, Sintria and Senio with the 1st Carpathian Riflers Brigade.

The "Maiella Brigade obtained many great victories, fighting in the most difficult conditions, on the left of the zone occupied by the 1st Carpathian Riflers Brigade ; it occupied many important positions as Castelluccio, Bicocca, Brighella, Monte Rontana, Monte Sacco, Monte Mauro, Monte della Volpe, etc.

I affirm that in these actions the soldiers of the Maiella Brigade have shown the greatest valour in fighting, and the highest spirit and bravery, being conscious of the purpose for which they were fighting, and of the sacrifices which they were making for the defence of the real liberty of all the Nations and of Man-kind.

The soldiers of the Maiella Brigade adhere to the tradition of their fathers who fought on Monte Grappa, on the Piave and at Vittorio Veneto, and of their ancestors who fought for the cause of Liberty and Democracy, led by the great Giuseppe Garibaldi.

I salute the soldiers of the Maiella Brigade and I wish them other successes and chiefly that their pure patriotism bring real liberation and happiness to their beautiful Country. " Signed Staff Colonel WIJNIEWSKI

In the first days of January 1945, after a short rest, at Modigliana the Maiella Brigade is again on the first line on the Senio, where it repels any attack of the enemy with supernatural heroism. The course of the war becomes precipitous ; the Patriots of the Maiella would need an adequate period of rest but they renounce to it ; they feel that they cannot be far from the battle-field in such an important and decisive moment. They are substituted on the Senio by the Friuli Group and are transferred to another zone. Even there they make miracles. With forced marches they always follow at the heels of the enemy ; on April 21st they arrive in Bologna, where they are welcomed with delirious manifestations of sympathy. But they do not stop because the war is almost at its end. On May 1st some Parties of the Maiella come in Asiago. We report completely the salute which the Command of the "7 Communes" Brigade addresses to the Command of the Maiella:

On May 1st, at 1900 hours we had the joy to receive at our Headquarters the Patriots of the Maiella, the first to arrive at Asiago. In the liberty gained through sacrifice and fighting, the Group of "7 Communes" Brigades shake hands with and embrace you, Patriots of the Maiella ; you have been tenacious in fighting and as strong as the rock of our and your mountains."

From the Sangro (5 December 1943) to Asiago (1 May) 50 soldiers fell, 135 were wounded ; 15 soldiers are mutilated and 18 missing.

They represent the tribute given by the Patriots for the cause of Liberty.

Many proposals for medals for military valour and the proposal for

the gold medal to the flag of the Group are being examined.

The Patriots of the "Majella" deserve and must obtain the admiration and gratitude of all the Italians.

THE COMMANDANT
OF THE PATRIOTS GROUP "MAIELLA"
(Lt. Col. Treilo Ettore, Atty)

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24 JUN Recd 52/1

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Patriots

Originator's Reference: FX 98294.....

Message Centre No: E/6476.....

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 232010B...

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 240945

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAGRED CITE FHGAB

TO : MAIN 8TH ARMY INFO HQ ALCOM

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Your U 284 undated. Following is substance of HQ ALCOM 196 dated 20 June. Considered as ceremonious stand down parade as possible will assist dispersal of MAIELA Patriot Battalion. Especially as it is inadvisable to bring the band to ROME for the ceremony it is believed a presentation in recognition of the services of the band by a senior officer of 8TH ARMY would be very much appreciated.

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 INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Patriots

Originator's Reference: U 284
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 220920B

Message Centre No: E/6279
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 222145B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MAIN 8 ARMY
TO: AFHQ CITE FHGAB INFO HQ ALCOM

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Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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23 JUN 1945
A.M.C.

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FOR ACTION HIGHWAY MAIN

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22 June 1945

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DOWN PARADE COULD BE A CEREMONIAL AS POSSIBLE PD PARA TWO PD IT IS BELIEVED

THAT IF A PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICES OF THIS BAND COULD BE MADE

BY A SENIOR OFFICER OF HIGHWAY IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED CMA ESPECIALLY

AS IT IS NOT CONSIDERED ADVISABLE TO BRING THIS BAND TO ROME FOR THE CEREMONY

UNQUOTE PD

Patriots Branch

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R.R. CHIFFE, Col. Director, Local Govt. 3/0

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 97130

Message Centre No: E/6167

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 212122B

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 220845

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE PHGAB

TO: MAIN HQ 8TH ARMY INFO HQ ALCOM

CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref HQ ALCOM 196 and this Hq FX 96213 both dated 20 June.

Understand MAIELLA Patriot Bn has done good work and suggest if you agree adoption of HQ ALCOM recommendation. If adopted please arrange direct with DISTONE.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ SGD SACRED CITY PHOENIX 20 1631 B
TO : DISTONE CONFIDENTIAL
INFO : NMIA
HQ RAAC
MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY
REF : MX 96213

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YOUR A/52 DATED 14 JUN (.) HAVING REGARD M K I A
SIGNAL SD 2777 DATED 19 JUN PERMISSION CANNOT BE
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MILIA REGION

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20 June 1945

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Civil Affairs Section

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L. R.R. CHAPPS, Col. Director, Local Govt. S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 321

Ref : 49/PAT

29 June 1945

Subject : Maiella Patriot Band.

To : H.Q. 15 Army Group
H.Q. AMG ~~Emilia~~ Region.

Copies of the following signals are passed to you
for information.

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- (a) Ref No. FK 94523 from AFHQ to MMIA.
(b) Ref No. SD/2777 from MMIA to AFHQ.

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R.R. CRIPPS, Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub Commission.

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13 JUN 1971 52/1

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA
TO : AFHQ
INFO : DISTONE
RAAC
MAIN 8 ARMY

Date Time

19 14 00 B

REF : SD/277

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REF FX94523 (.) WAR MINISTER ASKS THAT M A I E L L A
PATRIOT BN NOT REPEAT NOT BE BROUGHT TO R O M E
FOR ANY PURPOSE ON ACCOUNT OF DELICATE POLITICAL
SITUATION AND RECOMMENDS FAREWELL CEREMONY AND
DISBANDMENT IN AREA OF PRESENT LOCATION AND
PERSONNEL BE PROMPTLY RETURNED TO HOME AREA
C H I E T I (.) WE STRONGLY AGREE (.)

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

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LTC
G-S.

Copy to: Patriot Branch A.C.
MA to GOC
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This HQ letter SD/26/2
of 8 Jun refers.

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FROM: AMHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FIGAB

TO : MMIA

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INFO: DISTONE
RAAC
MAIN 8th ARMY

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REF : RI 94523

FORMAL STAND DOWN PARADE WITH PRESENTATION OF MEDALS
AND GENERAL DISPLAY IN ROME BETWEEN 25 AND 30
JUNE REQUESTED BY GOC MAINE LA PATRIOT BN (.)
ATTENDANCE REPRESENTATIVES 8th ARMY AND DISTONE
REQUESTED (.) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION
EARLIEST (.) AFHQ LETTER G-1(HR)/1074/A1 (SER
2275) OF 20 MAY REFERS

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5.

At appendix "B" is the situation in the Region as at June 7, with regard to the turn in of arms. Additional quantities have since been turned in particularly in BRESCIA and CREMONA, which it is reported will bring the total of rifles as at June 8 to 70,000. If this is compared with the total of registered patriots in the Region (Appendix "C") it appears that more than one weapon per patriot has been collected. Some difficulty is encountered in guarding dumps of arms once collected.

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PATRIOTI SMOBILITATI DALL'8 MAGGIO AL 1 GIUGNO 1945

Centro di raccolta	n. patrioti presenti presso il Centro	N. patrioti presi in forza dall'8 maggio	n. del parco
MILANO CITTA'	775	18.575	
MILANO PROVINCIA	1.302	22.000	
VARESE	972	4.334	
COMO	1.324	3.153	
SONDRIO	1.225	2.853	
BERGAMO	1.956	6.736	
BRESCIA	3.711	7.125	
PAVIA	1.445	6.922	
CREMONA	1.300	8.000	
MANTOVA	1.380	1.880	
Totale	15.390	72.578	

APP. B

PATRIOTI SMOBILITATI DALL'8 MAGGIO AL 1 GIUGNO 1945n. patrioti presenti presso
il CentroN. patrioti presi in forza
dall'8 maggion. dei patrioti persi di forza
perche' smobilitati al 3 giugno

775	18.575	17.800
1.302	12.000	10.693
512	4.334	3.362
1.324	3.153	1.839
1.225	2.853	1.628
1.956	6.736	4.780
3.711	7.125	3.414
1.445	6.922	5.477
1.300	8.000	6.700
1.380	1.980	500
15.390	71.578	56.188

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RIEPILOGO ARMI VERSATE A TUTTO IL 1° GIUGNO 1945

Centro di raccolta	Fucili e moschetti	Fucili automatici	Fucili mitragliatori	Mitraglia- trici	Cannoni e mortai	Mitragliere
VARESE	3543	71	150	129	4	—
COMO	770	35	6	82	6	12
SONDRIO	1720	177	76	19	12	4
BERGAMO	7453	44	55	33	6	2
BRESCIA	6497	105	98	53	2	19
PAVIA	4874	58	72	92	1	22
CREMONA	3000	5	200	60	20	10
MANTOVA	1220	72	75	25	—	—
MILANO CITTA'	10240	—	130	115	14	—
MILANO PROVINCIA	4879	20	73	98	8	—
	44196	577	935	716	73	68

APP. "C"

RIEPILOGO ARMI VERSATE A TUTTO IL 1° GIUGNO 1945

• ati	Fucili automatici	Fucili mitragliatori	Mitraglia- trici	Cannoni e mortai	Mitragliere	Bombe a mano	Pistole
	71	150	129	4	—	2403	47
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: CAS/603
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 091525B

Message Centre No: E/4457
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 101235Z
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
TO : 5 ARMY & ARMY. INFO: ALCON AFHQ

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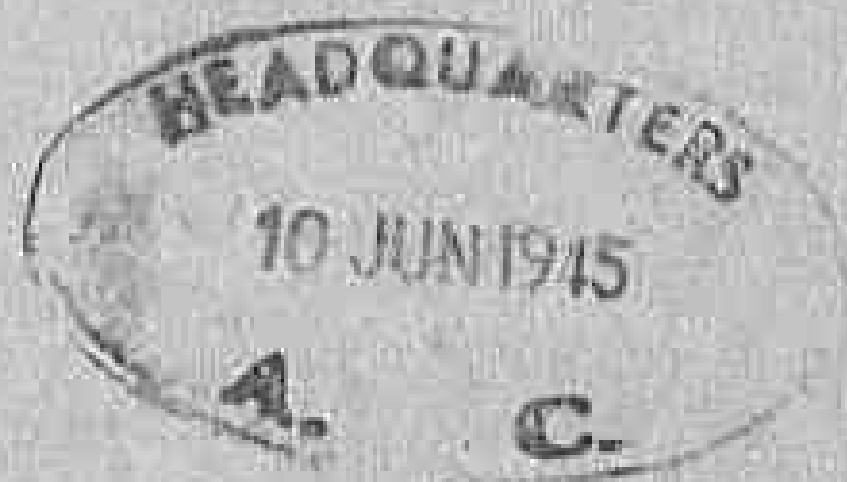
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Our signal CAS/554 of 25 May refers text of which is as follows
"Advise by category, that is, rifles pistols and machine guns,
etc the total number of weapons collected from Partisans by all ele-
ments of your command from 10 April to 10 May 1945. Treat please
as urgent". Please expedite reply

Dist

Info-Action - Patriots Br
Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
File 2
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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

52/1 PATRIOTS BRANCH
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SECRET
FIX/18/PAT
31 May 1945

SUBJECT : Arms Returns.

TO : G-5, Fifth Army.

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Reference 5 Army (G-5) signed No. 2231 dated 27 May 1945, cite F 200.

1. Herewith attached is the return of arms called for.

2. The following points should be noted.

a) The return submitted is up to and including week ending 26 May - it is practically impossible to sort out the returns up to 10 May as requested.

b) In some instances it was not possible to make an accurate detailed list of the weapons collected as, for example, in one case the American Ordnance Coy. receiving the arms said "they had neither the time nor the men to check the arms on arrival, so approximate figures are given".

For the Regional Commissioner:



A handwritten signature in ink.

F.P. GILLETT
Major, 5 Innis D.G.
Regional Patriots Officer.

MP

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2 copies to HQ. Allied Commission (Patriots Branch).

copy to 51/23

SECRET

SITUAZIONE ARMI VERSATE. Aggiornata al: 26 MAY 45

ARMI	BOLOGNA	MODENA	REGGIO E.	PARMA	PIACENZA	FORLÌ	FERRARA	RAVENNA	TOTALE
Carri armati				5	2				5
Cannoni		2	3		8				13
Mortai	2		12		10		1		25
Lancia bombe Ted.	9		12						21
Mitragliatrici It.	18	150	65	55			34		322
Mitragliatrici Ted.	1		3						4
Fucili mitragl. It.	52		53		1280		2		1387
Fucili mitragl. Ted.	1								1
"Mitra" Italiani	94	50		125	350				819
"Mitra" Tedeschi	6		140	1520					1666
Fucili 1891	214	7500	3665	3020	3200		205		17804
Fucili Tedeschi	12								12
Moschetti 1891	1313		200	5			303		1821
Moschetti Tedeschi	122	2000							2122
Pistole	344		8				1		353
Armi port. varie			2	30					32
Lancia razzi			2						2
TOTALE	2188	9102	4165	4758	5050		546		26409

+ RAVENNA arms supplied by 8 Army have been returned to 8 Army

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 324
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref. 52/V/PAT

Tel. No. 439081
Ext. 321

Subject:- Emilia Region - Public Safety

29 May 45

To : Ministry of Occupied Italy,
Cabinet.

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1. Reference your 1244/D.1 of 22 May 45.
 2. The matter referred to in your letter had already been raised with this Headquarters, and a number of Patriots are now being employed as special police, in the area in question, in order to put a stop to the incidents such as you mention.

M.P.
R.R. CRIPPS
Colonel,
Director,
Local Govt. Sub Com.

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Riservata.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489081
Int. 321

Roma, 29 Maggio 1945

Ref : 52/1/PAT

Oggetto : Emilia Region - Sanita' Pubblica.

Al : Ministero dell'Italia Occupata.
Gabinetto.

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1. Si fa riferimento al foglio 124/D.1 datato 22 Maggio 1945 di codesto Ministero.
 2. L'argomento accennato nella suddetta lettera e' gia' stato trattato da questo Comando ed al fine di evitare gli incidenti lamentati da codesto Ministero, numerosi patrioti, nelle zone in argomento, vengono impiegati con compiti di polizia speciale.

m.p.

R.R. CHIPPS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Govt. Sub Com.

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26 MAY Recd 62/1
INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: CAS/554
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 251750BMessage Centre No: E/2368
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 252125B
Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: 15 ARMY GROUP
TO: ACTION (1) 5TH ARMY (2) 8TH ARMY INFO (3) ALCOM**SECRET**

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Advise by category, that is, rifles, pistols and machine guns etc the total number of weapons collected from partisans by all elements of your command from 10 April to 10 May 1945. Treat please as urgent.

DBTINFO-ACTION: Patriots Br
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
File**SECRET**

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24 MAY Recd 52/1TRANSLATION 19

From : Ministry of Occupied Italy - Cabinet.

To : A.C. Patriots Branch - ROME

22 May 1945

Ref. : 1244/D.1

NOTE BY HAND - STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

It has been reported to this Ministry that in the Parma and Piacenza provinces (in opposition to instructions of the British Governor of Reggio Emilia - Radice -) Patriots have been disarmed whilst armed fascists are allowed to circulate freely.

In order to avoid the reoccurrence of painful incidents, which have already taken place and have cost the lives of gallant patriots, it is urgent and necessary that the matter should be brought up to V Army H.Q. which through U.S.A. Colonel Bowmans, Commissioner for Emilia Region, should issue such instructions to the Governors of Parma and Piacenza, by which partisans commands, while in operation should be treated with the due regard.

Amongst other things, it would be necessary that the above commands should be supplied with fuel and lubricants for their motor vehicles, already authorized by Allied Authorities, to circulate on official business.

While the Patriots Branch is kindly requested of the above, we wish to thank it in anticipation of what steps will be taken, and we await to be reassured on the delicate matter.

FOR THE MINISTRY

(sgd) BORRELLI.

See file 99 in file
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PAT 28-5

23 MAY 1945



Ministro dell' Italia Costituente

Ufficio Gabinetto

Prot. N. 1244/D. 1

Allegato N. 2

Risposta al N. 2

del

OGGETTO

FONOGRAMMA A MANO RISERVATISSIMO

ROMA

alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Patriots Branch

Viene qui riferito che nelle provincie di Parma e Piacenza (a differenza di quanto è stato opportunamente disposto dal Governatore Inglese Radice in Reggio Emilia) sono stati disarmati patrioti mentre si lasciano circolare fascisti armati. Ad evitare ripetersi dolorosi incidenti già verificatisi per cui hanno perduto la vita valorosi patrioti rendesi necessario ed urgente interessare Comando V° Armata perchè, tramite colonnello americano Bowmans, Commissario dell' Emilia, voglia impartire istruzioni al fine di ottenere che Governatori Parma e Piacenza usino doverosi riguardi verso Comandi partigiani finchè essi rimangano in funzione. Fra l'altro sarebbe opportuno che fosse provveduto a porre a disposizione di detti Comandi congruo quantitativo carburante et lubrificante per loro automezzi già autorizzati dalle Autorità Alleate a circolare per servizio.

Nel rivolgere viva preghiera a codesto Patriots Branch nel senso suesposto, si ringrazia molto per quanto verrà fatto e si resta in attesa di ricevere cortesie assicurazioni sul delicato argomento.

Pel MINISTRO

M. Bonelli

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Idi. Part. Costituente
23/5/45
1945
Roma, 22 Maggio
JMR. 23/5

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FONOGRAFIA A MANO RISERVATISSIMO

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Pel MINISTRO



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION

CONFIDENTIAL

17th May 1945

LIG/HQ/102

22 MAY 1945

SUBJECT: A.M.G. Policy in Northern Italy

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. I am in receipt of your letters No. 501/76/EC and 501/77/EC of 1 May 45, and the new A.M.G. policy is being brought to the notice of all officers.
2. There is one matter to which I feel I should draw attention. No mention is made in Para. 7 of your 501/76/EC of 1st May of the restoration of law and order. This is a matter which is of vital importance to Allied Military Government and to the re-establishment of the Italian Government.
3. The situation in LIGURIA Region so far as can be gathered is as follows:

While the disarming of patriots can be considered to have proceeded satisfactorily in the larger towns, there remains the fact that many of them were in possession of more than one weapon.

In the country districts disarming is proceeding slowly owing to the difficulty of locating the patriots and their arms and of lack of precise information as to what their numbers are. Many of these Patriots, some of them mere boys, carry permits made out by local CLNs for them to carry firearms, requisition goods and property, and to enter property.

The Sindaci are, in general, members of the local CLN and even when their appointments are regularised it will be a considerable time before there are established in the Province the necessary police forces. Up to the present, Carabinieri drafted into the Region are insufficient for the large towns, but the situation will improve if and when reinforcements asked for are sent forward by your Headquarters.

4. Discussions are taking place with the local Military Commanders as to what measures can be taken to get under control all Patriot Forces, particularly in country districts. A.M.G. work in this connection is made difficult by the very small number of Provincial

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5. The situation is, generally speaking, quiet at the moment but there seems little doubt that extortion and similar irregularities are common. Generally speaking this state of affairs does not bear on the protection of Allied troops and installations and it does seem to me that AMG must be vitally concerned with the restoration of law and order.

M. Carr
M. CARR,

Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

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Strongly advise that leaves granted to Partisans be disciplined or discontinued interfering with railway operations. Further suggest they be disarmed of all weapons and hand grenades. Propose leaving PALMISTO 25 on new passenger ship service to discuss several important matters.

List

Action - Patriots Br
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Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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22 MAY 1945

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DRAFTLIBERIA REGION

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ReferenceMganda Region Sitrep No. 3
of 13 May

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Text

Disarming of Patriots con-
tinuing, approx. 6000 arms handed
in to date, but difficulty is that
most patriots are in possession of
more than one weapon.

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FOR ACTION 15 ARMY GROUP GEORGE FIVE SECTION RPTD EIGHTARMY REAR FOR AMG
EIGHTARMY REAR FOR AMG VENEZIE REGION MAIN

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14 May 45

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS FINANCING PATRIOTS YOUR REFERENCE CHARLIE ABLE SUGAR
FIVE ONE SEVEN OF ONE THREE MAY PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION 15 ARMY GROUP GEORGE FIVE SECTION RPTD EIGHTARMY REAR FOR
AMG EIGHTARMY REAR FOR AMG VENEZIE REGION MAIN FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACPAT PAREN

PARA TWO PD PRESUME YOU HAVE NOW RECEIVED BY SEVEN FIVE ZERO ONE OF ONE THREE
MAY EXPLAINING PROCEDURE WHICH SHOULD BE FOLLOWED PD FUNDS SHOULD BE OBTAINED
AS IN NINE FOUR SLANT PETER ABLE TARE OF SEVEN APRIL APPENDIX ABLE PARA TEN
AND APPENDIX EASY AND ONE TWO ONE SLANT ONE FIVE SLANT PETER ABLE TARE OF ONE EIGHT
APRIL ADDRESSED TO ARMIES AND REGIONS PD ANY MATTER ARISING OUT OF FINANCING OF
PATRIOT CENTRES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER AMG ARMIES PD COPY
OF ONE TWO ONE SLANT ONE FIVE SLANT PETER ABLE TARE OF ONE EIGHT APRIL IS BEING
FORWARDED TO YOU

Patriots Branch

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Lt Col F. CRAIG

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SECRETDAP 517
MAY 13/1700HE/646
MAY 14/0830H
PRIORITY15 ARMY GROUP
ACTION: AICOM INFO: CHIEF OF STAFF EIGHT ARMY ANG, EIGHT ARMY MAIN VENEZIA
REGION FOR ANG**SECRET.**

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Reference EIGHT ARMY ANG signal M 984. It is obviously impractical attempt disarm patriots before they have been paid. This Hq recommends you coordinate with Italian Government to send funds immediately. After payment stand down parades should be held thus obviating necessity to continue extra rations

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ACTION : CA REC (2)

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
ECOM SEC
LAND FORCE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref. 52/1/PAT

Tel No 489081
Ext. 321Subject : Collection of Arms

13 May 45

To : HQ Toscana Region

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1. Ref your R-VIII/PS/6 of 9 May 45.
2. The information contained in the above-mentioned letter is noted.
3. All arms received from Patriots must of course be handed over to the military authorities. It is presumed therefore that you will contact V Army, IV Corps of the HQ of the local Military Area, with regard to the collection and disposal of the arms in question.

F. Crang Lt Col

F. CRANG
Lt. Col.,
D/Director,
Local Govt. Sub. Com.

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12 MAY Recd

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APUANIA PROVINCE

KLS/gt

5 May 1945

File: A/811.

SUBJECT: Collection of Arms.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region, AMG.

1. We have collected, in Apuania Province, a large supply of arms which would probably amount to several tons at present time and the disarming of Partisans is not near completed.

2. We request that arrangements be made to remove these arms and that we receive several days notice of when trucks will call either here or at Carrara for this purpose. The arms are at several points in the Province and can be collected at a central point of Massa or Carrara, if a few days notice thereof be given.


K.L. SHIRK
Major, AUS
Provincial Commissioner

Copy to: S.C.A.O., 5th Army AMG.
" " Gen. Carr, S.C.A.O., 92nd Div, Genoa, Liguria, AMG

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File : R-VIII/PS/6

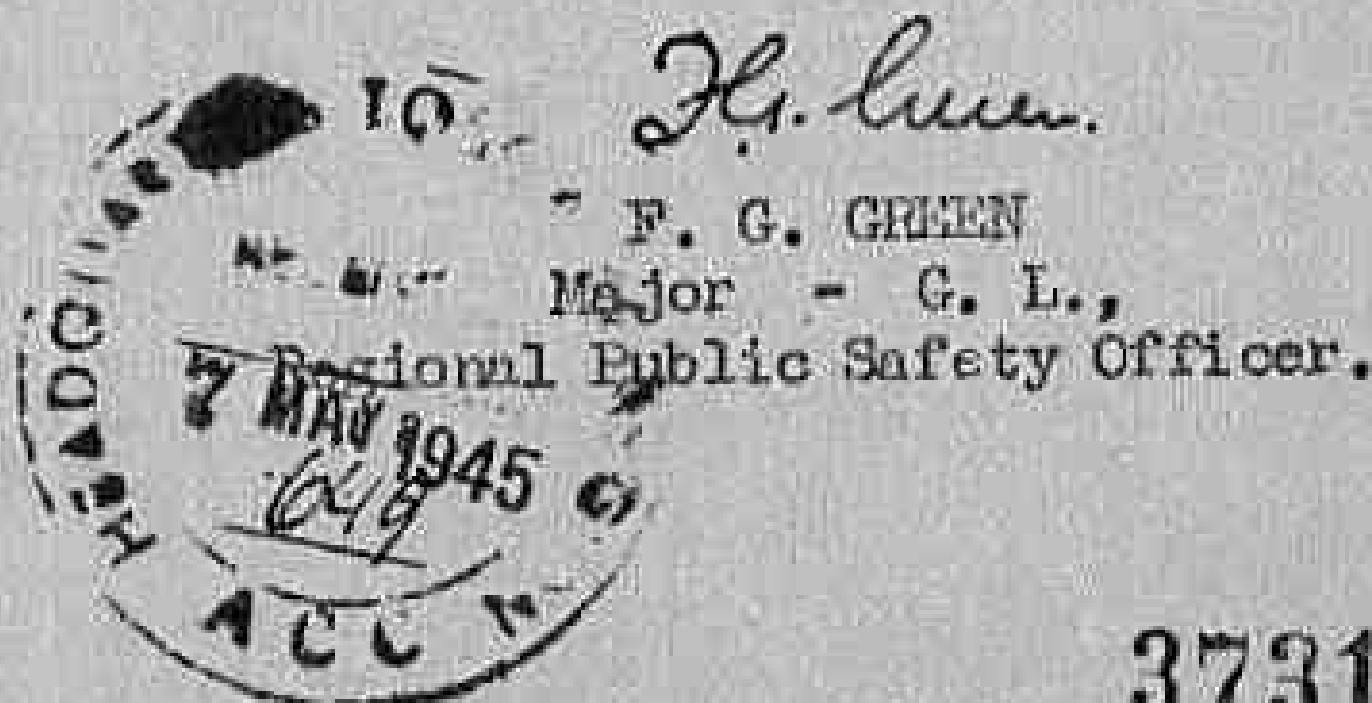
9 May 1945.

FROM : H.Q., A.M.G., TOSCANA REGION, Regional Public Safety Division.

TO :: Local Government Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C. (Patriots Branch). ✓

In view of instructions para 23 of 30/PAT, 18th July 1944, forwarded for your information and such action as you deem necessary.

FGC/ar



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R-VIII/PS/6.

Copy to 52/1/PAT

To : Ministry of Occupied Italy
From : *IMPR Modena*
Copy : A.C. H.Q. Patriots Branch
: Provincial Commissioner - MODENA

MP
Modena 1 May 1945

Subject : Conclusion of Patriots Activities
in the Modena area on 30 April 45.

Yesterday 30 April, the Patriot formations of the Modena Province were reviewed by General Hume Commander of AMG V Army and by the Italian Commander of the Bologna territorial Army Corps.

The partisan formations composing the three Modena Divisions (Mountain Modena Division, Plain Modena Division, and Modena "Armando" Division) paraded in perfect military formation, all armed.

The total strength was of about 7,000 men. Some battalions are still operationally engaged in clearing up areas in the mountains and the plain, and would not take part in the parade.

At the end of the parade, which begun at 1430 hours and ended at 1630 hours the patriot formations, without the slightest incident, handed in their arms, which in the majority of cases had been captured from the enemy or had been received from the Allies.

In addition to the arms, motor vehicles, ammunition, artillery, equipment, armoured trucks, horse drawn vehicles, horses and mules were also handed in. 3720

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ROUTINE

HQ 5 ARMY FROM G-5 CITE 133

ACTION 15 ARMY GROUP FOR G-5. HQ ALGOM INFO TO 8TH ARMY FOR AND

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Reference your CAS 494.

MANTOVA parade held for 600 partisans of city and vicinity. Partisans not
disarmed yet. Matter in hand. VENEZIA parade held 5 May. 5000 partisans in parade.
~~150 and 1 1/2~~ ^{15-2 1/2} tons truck loads of rifles and small arms, ~~50 and 1 1/2~~ ^{5-2 1/2} ton truckloads
dynamite and hand grenades. 2 truckloads helmets and other equipment. 2 field
pieces, and 420 M2 anti aircraft guns were turned in. Report on VICENZA to
follow.

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ACTION: CA Sec
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Patriots Ex
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TO FOR ACTION 15 ARMY GROUP CIVIL AFFAIRS

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8 May 45

ROUTINE

IN CLEAR PD

PARA ONE PD REF YOUR CHARLIE ABLE SUGAR FOUR NINE FOUR OF
SIX MAY PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION 15 ARMY GROUP CIVIL AFFAIRS FROM HQ ALCOM

STATE ACPAT PAREN

PARA TWO PD UNABLE TRACE SIX FOUR SIX EIGHT OF FOUR MAY PD
PLEASE ELUCIDATE

Patriots Branch

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Lt Col F. CRAIG

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29 10 7 MAY Recd 52/1
INCOMING MESSAGE
 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Patriots 8

Originator's Reference: CITE: CAS 494
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 6/1700B

Message Centre No: D/9916
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 7/1025B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP
 TO: ACTION: AIGOM, FIVE ARMY CP FOR G-5 FOR HUE,

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NO TRACE IN OR OUT HQ AC

Reference your 6468 dated 4 May. On what date were 7000 partisans disarmed in VICENZA and what numbers of weapons were turned in. Please advise number of partisans disarmed after parade in MANTOVA on 5 May and number of weapons collected. On what date and in what numbers did the partisans parade in VERONA and how many weapons were collected



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ACTION : PATRIOTS BR
 INFO : A/PRESIDENT
 CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 CA SEC
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Extracts from Col CRIPPS' Tour Notes of 4 May '5, Folio 4 of 165/PAT

15. I visited Modena, where a large parade was taking place. The numbers were estimated as being 10,000. My own estimate is more in the region of 8,000. The Patriots were given a great ovation and laid down their arms at the end of the Parade when ten truckloads were collected, mainly rifles, some German captured vehicles were also collected, together with one piece of ordnance.

17. Reggio Emilia the Patriots have not yet been disarmed, but it was anticipated that a parade would be held in a few days.

18. At PARMA Patriots are also still armed and are likely to be so for a short period in view of the fact that there are German parties at present in the area who are not prepared to surrender to Patriots. Under the direction of the British Liaison Officer, contact is being kept with them and it is anticipated that when an Allied Officer or Allied Troops are available to call upon them to surrender they will do so.

19. The situation over Patriots in this city seemed a little difficult. They were mostly Communist or Left in political outlook and were requiring very tactful handling. The B.L.O., Major Holland, was giving assistance to the Regional Commissioner in these matters. The Italian Military Patriot Officer had already reported to the PC, PARMA, and was ready to start work.

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30 APR 1945

C.A. Sec

Pr 6
P/S

Ref: 3201/312/CC.

28 April 1945

SUBJECT : Treatment of Partisans in Northern ITALY.

30 APR 1945

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Piemonte,
Lombardia,
Venezia,
Liguria,
Emilia.

1. Attached for your information is a copy of Appendix 1 to 15 Army Group Operations Instruction No. 5 dated 12 April 1945.

2. With reference to para 2a to n. of the Appendix, the following quotation from a sitrep, received from AMG Fifth Army on a most successful ceremonial parade and disarmament of Patriots at BOLOGNA on 25 April, may be of interest to you :

A | " At 1530 hrs to-day ceremonial parade of partisans held in main square BOLOGNA in presence of Generals ARNOLD, CLARK, TRUSCOTT, KEYES, GRUNTER, HUME and others and before large gathering of populace. Ceremony passed off well and without incident. 4,000 rifles and eight 6 x 6 truck loads of ammunition, grenades etc. were collected and certificates presented."

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl.

Copy to : A.C. of S., G-5, 15 Army Group.
C.A. Section

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APRIL 26/1130Z

ROUTINE

MP

See R.R. e

AND FIVE ARMY FOR HONOR CHIEF OUR 108

HQ ALCON INFO: HQ EIGHTH ARMY HEAD FOR AMILIA REGION FOR AND, HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
 FOR G-5 SECTION, HQ 8 ARMY MAIN FOR AND

SECRET.

1. At 1530 hours today ceremonial parade of partisans held in main square
 BOLGNA in presence of Generals ARNOLD, CLARK, THOMPSON, REYES, GUYTON, HARRIS and
 others and before large gathering of populace. Ceremony passed off well and without
 incident. 4000 rifles and 96 by 6 truck loads of ammunition, grenades etc were
 collected and certificates presented.

2. Luigi Tenente visited BOLGNA this morning prior to parade and received
 tumultuous welcome.

3. Provincial towns REGGIO and BOLOGNA now in their capitals. Parma town has
 been liberated in PARMA. Expect to enter PARMA and VERONA tomorrow.

4. Move of AMILIA region HQ to BOLGNA now arranged and imminent.

5. Move of LIGURIA Region to LIGURIA now in process.

**LIST**

INFO-ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER (2)
 CA SEC
 ICEN SEC 3724
 DET SEC

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INFO : A/PRESIDENT
 CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

AES/kr

6 March 1945

REFERENCE: 109/3

SUBJECT : Disarming of Patriots.

TO : Director,
Patriots Branch,
Civil Affairs Section.
H.Q. Allied Commission.

1. This refers to your letter of 27 Feb 1945,² reference 52/PAT, which mentions reports that patriots arriving from Florence at the CESANO Reinforcement Training Centre are armed, and asks that AMG 5th Army contact all recruiting agencies and ensure the surrender of arms by patriots before they go to training centres.

2. All patriots "processed" by AMG 5th Army are disarmed at once. Any such personnel reaching Italian recruiting agencies with arms must have by-passed AMG completely. In order to bring the report in question to the attention of the Italian recruiting authorities, copies of your letter and of this answer are being put in the hands of the MMIA liaison officer here, with the request that he give the information proper currency.

Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr.

ARTHUR E. SUTHERLAND, Jr.

Copy to: MMIA Liaison Officer, Lt. Colonel, CAC.,
HQ Fifth Army Rear. Executive Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED FORCES
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 105/PAT.

7 March 1945.

Copy to: 92/PAT.

Subject: Patriot weapons.

To : Officer i/c No.1 Recruiting Agency
: Officer i/c No.3 Recruiting Agency
: Officer i/c No.5 Recruiting Agency.

Copy to: AGC 5th Army (for attention Capt. Linhart)
: AGC 8th Army (for attention Major Corbin).

1. It has been reported that some Patriots are coming to Italian Army Training Centre at Cassino with weapons (revolvers, grenades, etc.) in their possession.
2. This is not permitted.
3. Officers in charge of Recruiting Agencies will instruct all their Officers and men that Patriots must be disarmed before being sent back.

KGC
F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 105/PAT.

7 March 1945.

Copia : 52/PAT.

Oggetto: Armi patrioti.

Alla : Commissione Reclutamento No. 1
: Commissione Reclutamento No. 3
: Commissione Reclutamento No. 5.

Copia : V Armata (Cap. Lindert)
: VIII Armata (Magg. Corbin).

1. E' stato comunicato che alcuni patrioti giungono al Centro di addestramento dell'Esercito Italiano in Cesano, in possesso di armi (pistole, granate, e c.).
2. Cio' non e' permesso.
3. Gli Ufficiali addetti alle Commissioni di reclutamento dovranno dare istruzioni ai loro ufficiali e dipendenti che i patrioti devono essere disarmati prima di essere inviati al Centro di Cesano.

[Signature]
P. ORAIN,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

Director,
Patriots Branch.

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Ref : 52/PAT.

27 February 1945.

Subject: Disarming Patriots.

To : A.M.G. 5th Army
(for attention of Capt. Linhart)

Copy to: A.M.G. 8th Army
(for attention Major Garbin)

1. It has been reported that many of the Patriots arriving in bands of 500 from Florence at the GERMANO Reinforcement Training Centre are armed.
2. Please contact all recruiting agencies and ensure that all Patriots hand in arms before being sent back to Training Centres.

[Signature]
P. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

/s/

Tel Ext 341

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO #394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 3207/ /EO

24 February 1945

25 FEB 1945

SUBJECT: Disarming of Patriots

TO : VP, Civil Affairs Section

1. Your attention is invited to the attached copy of letter from Land Forces Subcommittee to the Executive Commissioner in regard to the processing, etc., of personnel at the Cesano Re-inforcement Training Center and, in particular, to section b of paragraph 4 of that letter which points out the necessity for taking proper and adequate measures to ensure that the Patriots are disarmed. The Executive Commissioner directs that appropriate orders to cover this point be included in Patriots' directive.

2. Please inform this office of the action taken in regard to the above.

1 Incl.
Cy LF S/c ltr, SD/45/1,
20/2/5, sub "Reinforcements
RTC, ICF Cesano

P. W. Stearns
Chief Staff Officer
To the Executive Commissioner

To: Patriots
Please investigate and advise this
Section about this report from the Ex-
Comm. and the attached papers.
W. S. Dollard, Major 3721
C. A. H.

26 Feb 45

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: REINFORCEMENTS - R.T.C., I.C.F. CESANO

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/45/1
20 Feb 45

H.Q. AC, for Executive Commissioner

1. On Saturday 17 Feb, I received the attached report verbally on the situation at R.T.C. CESANO.
2. I decided that:-
 - (a) the patriots attitude was largely an excess of "joie de vivre"
 - (b) it would only provoke trouble if I sent special troops to CESANO to keep order. The political dangers in producing a situation whereby soldiers might be shooting patriots are obvious.
 - (c) it was inadvisable to attempt disarmament of Patriots on the day before "Patriots day" (18 Feb).
 - (d) the Italian officers at CESANO had unnecessary "wind up."
3. I therefore: -
 - (a) cancelled the Italian intention to disarm patriots forcibly on the evening of 17 Feb.
 - (b) ordered the policy to be one of conciliation - i.e., the iron fist in the velvet glove rather than without the latter.
 - (c) went to CESANO today (20 Feb) and delivered the attached speech in Italian; taking MARIO PALERMO the communist under secretary of state for war with me. The latter made an excellent speech, endorsing my remarks. Both speeches were received with applause.
4.
 - (a) I think the general situation is now tranquil and in hand, but serious trouble may occur if patriots continue to secrete and bring arms with them from your patriot camps to CESANO.
 - (b) I must therefore request that you issue urgent orders again to your AMG to ensure that patriots are properly disarmed before being sent to CESANO.
 - (c) otherwise, I cannot be responsible if trouble occurs at CESANO.

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/s/ L. Browning
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTREITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

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REPORT FROM COL S.C.W.W. REA, SENIOR BRITISH OFFICER AT CESANO
MADE IN ABSENCE OF LT COL. L. H. McKAY, O.C. B.L.U.

1. There are now at CESANO, as reinforcements for the Groups, approximately 2000 patriots. These have been sent down in Groups of 500 from the FLORENCE area. Another 500 are expected on 18 February and 1000 in March.
2. These patriots arrive as well organized groups, professing communism, with their own commissars. They have been seen to march from CESANO station to the camp in an orderly fashion under the red flag. They are men of good physique and very keen to fight. Many of them are armed (pistols, hand grenades, etc.).
3. The following incidents have been brought to Col. REA's notice:
 - (a) A number of "commissars" approached O.C. No. 1 Regt and demanded that the Italian flag with the arms of SAVOY should be taken down.
 - (b) It is believed by the patriots that clothing is provided by the British but the Italian permanent staff prevents it reaching the reinforcements. (The truth is that there is not at present enough clothing and equipment to go round - since 1 Jan, 20,000 sets have been indented for but only 9,000 have arrived. These are now exhausted. It is expected that 5,000 sets will arrive on 19 Feb.).
 - (c) It is reported that 3 working parties of patriots at first refused to carry on with fatigues, stating that they had joined up to go and fight.
 - (d) A meeting of commissars is reported to have been held at which it was decided that in future patriots would salute neither Italian nor British officers.
 - (e) Patriots have shown the greatest unwillingness to give up their arms, and the officers of the Centre have not yet enforced this, for fear of provoking trouble.
4. General RICCARDI has reported on the situation to S.M.R.E. He has suggested these measures to Col. REA:
 - (a) That one or two companies of GRANATIERI should be posted from ROME, ostensibly as demonstration troops, in order to provide a solid reliable force.
 - (b) That large numbers of trained CC.RR should be posted to the Provost School, ostensibly as students, in order to assist with any disciplinary measures.
 - (c) That the patriots be disarmed immediately.
 - (d) That a talk be given to all patriots on what it means to be a soldier, with an explanation of the Military Code.

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5. Expected movement of patriots in and out of CESANO is as follows:-

<u>IN</u>			<u>OUT</u>		
Present	17 Feb	2,000	To Groups	21 Feb	1,000
Due	18 "	500	To Groups	28 Feb	600
Due	4 Mar (approx)	500	To Groups	7 Mar	600
Due	12 Mar (approx)	<u>500</u>			
	TOTAL	3,500			

17 Feb 45

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