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2. *See further.*

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To Ex.

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Francis
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29 Jan.

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(7) Can you help in this matter

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To HQ A.C. (4)

With our more precise details of the area in which MEROLA was operating, it is not practicable to institute further enquiries.

R. J. Murphy
S/LOR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 53/6/Pat

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Ext. 374

To: AFIC. G-5.

1st February, 45.

Every effort has been made to obtain the required information.

We have, however, been informed that without more precise details of the area in which MEROLA was operating, it is not practicable to institute further enquiries.

P. CRAIG.
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Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch.

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SECRETALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 512*Patriot Branch*
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G-5: 383-1

25 January 1945

SUBJECT: Death of Francis Merola.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, AFO 394.

1. Attention is invited to the attached copy of letter from Defence Security Officer, Malta.

2. It is requested that any information that may be obtained through your Patriot Branch be transmitted to this headquarters not later than 5 February 1945.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

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Incl: Cy ltr fr Def.sec.off, to this
Hq, subj.above, dtd 17 Jan 45.
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Subject: Francis MEROLA.

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G-2(CI) Section,
Office of the A.C.of.S.
Allied Force HQ,
APO 512, U.S. ARMY.

It was recently reported by the Italian Republican Radio that Francis (Francesco) MEROLA son of Rosario now in Sicily and formerly a resident of Malta (deported on 13.6.40), has been killed in action by guerillas in Northern Italy.

He was described by the Republican Radio as a "Patriotic Maltese".

I should be grateful, if it is possible, if you could obtain from any source confirmation of the death of this man while fighting for the enemy.

MALTA,
17 Jan 45.

/s/ G. L. Harrison Lt Col
/t/ G. L. HARRISON
Lt-Colonel.
Defence Security Officer.

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