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PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1945

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6. A decree is being prepared by the Italian Government giving patriot leaders army ranks. This decree will set out the rules on which the ranks or army grades will be granted. Interim instructions have been issued by the Ministry of Post War Aid, laying down exactly which army ranks partisan officers will hold pending publication of the decree.

JURISDICTION OF ITALIAN MILITARY PATRIOT REPRESENTATIVES.

7. In preparation for the forthcoming hand-over of the North all IEPAs are being transferred to Prefectural staff. After the hand-over they will deal direct with the Ministry of Post War Aid through the Prefects. Piemonte Regional Patriot Officer has reported that all IEPAs in his Provinces are now working under the jurisdiction of the Prefects and that no hitch was experienced in the transfer.

ADMINISTRATION OF PATRIOTS BRANCH.

8. Colonel Cripps, Director of Local Government Sub-Commission has left this Commission. Patriots Branch has been transferred from the jurisdiction of Local Government Sub-Commission and is now part of Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON PATRIOTS BRANCH.

9. Attached at Appendix is a report on the activities of Patriots Branch from its inception in July 44 to date.

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Appendix APATRIOTS BRANCH

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REPORT
ON ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF ARMED COMMISSION
IN CONNECTION WITH PATRIOTS IN ITALY.

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2. (a) General. - The general policy was to disarm the patriot bands as soon as possible, to disband all the units and send the patriots to their homes or wherever they wished to go. A few were to be used as police, general duty men, and to be given such employment as was available and as was necessary to assist the armies.
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DISBURSAL OF PATRIOTS.

3. (a) Planning. - A considerable amount of planning was done, commencing in July 1944. Ultimately, when it became obvious that North Italy could not be occupied until Spring 1945, various matters of policy were discussed with ITHQ and 15 Army Group and all possible arrangements

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hunts were made for the smooth running of patriots and handling of all patriots in the North.

- (b) Opening of Centres. - From information gathered it was obvious that there were many thousands of patriots in the North and it was decided that Centres should be opened to receive the patriots, disarm them, feed them and clothe them and ultimately arrange for their disarmament and return to their homes. See para 5.

REGIONAL PATRIOT OFFICERS AND ITALIAN MILITARY PATRIOT RECRUITING.

4. Regional Patriot Officers (Allied Personnel) were appointed to each Region to take charge of all patriot matters. Their duties were to supervise all patriot activity within the Region, to link up the Provinces and liaise with them. Such questions as housing, dispersal, employment, feeding and clothing were matters to be decided by them. Italian Officers were appointed at Regional Headquarters and in the Provinces to do the administrative work and documentation necessary to ensure that the policy laid down was carried out.

PATRIOT CENTRES.

5. (a) General. - The first Centres were opened in 5 and 8 May 1945: TRIESTE, VIENNA and LAVALLE. This enabled closer liaison with the Allies and with HQ and who still controlled the policy dealing with patriots. From information gathered it was estimated that there might be roughly 150,000 patriots in the North. Ultimately, this turned out to be an underestimate as over 300,000 is the latest figure. When the North had fallen 28 patriot centres were opened at the following places:

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Trieste
Florence

VIENNA
Alexandria (Casale
Monferrato)
Aosta
Novara (Intra)
Cuneo
Turin (Isona)
Asti
Vercelli

LAVALLE (also a
few feeding Centres)
Milan
Varese
Lecco (Como)

TRIESTE
Udine
Venice
Belluno
Bolzano
Verona
Trevise

VIENNA
Imperia
La Spezia
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(feeding Centre)
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	Belluno
	Bolzano
	Verona
	Treviso
<u>PIEMONTE</u>	<u>LIGURIA</u>
Alessandria (Casale Monferrato)	Imperia
Aosta	La Spezia
Novara (Intra)	Sevone (Albissola)
Cuneo	Genoa (Sampierdarena)
Turin (Lenta)	(Feeding Centre)
Isti	Genoa (Chiavari)
Vercelli	
<u>LOMBARDIA</u> (also a few feeding Centres)	<u>EMILIA</u>
Milan	Bologna
Varèse	Modena
Lecco (Como)	Parma
	Reggio
	Piacenza

All Centres are now officially closed.

- (b) Feeding. - Feeding was a problem which was solved by the drawing of rations from the Allied Armies in Italy.
- (c) Clothing. - Clothing was obtained from various sources for distribution to the Patriots, most of whom were practically without decent clothing. Boots and shoes, blankets, eating utensils, were obtained and distributed.

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- (d) Arms and Ammunition. - It was realized at the outset that arms and ammunition had to be taken off the Patriots at the earliest possible moment. Band leaders were encouraged to bring their bands in and they were disbanded as a band. In many cases Brigades and smaller units held a last parade as a unit. A service was held and the men marched through the town or village, fully armed and equipped, with red scarves and carrying daggers, grenades etc. The men appreciated this kind of final parade and as it was normally reviewed by a very Senior Allied Officer there was no difficulty in marching them to the dispersal centre and removing their arms. The following is a list of the arms and equipment surrendered to date:-

Armoured Cars	12	Mortars	912
Canons	217	Anti Automatic	187
Anti-tank weapons	768	Miscellaneous	
Sub-machine guns	1194	Bayonets	412
Machine Guns	4495	Bomb throwers	244
Rifles and Carbines	245974	Hand Grenades	72544
Automatic Rifles	1919	Shot Guns	140
Pistols	5079	Arms Ammunition	1330
		"Mortars"	

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BOUNUSES TO PATRIOTS.

6. (a) After much discussion with the Italian Government the following bonuses were to be paid to each patriot:

(i) Patriots with less than 3 months service	Lire 1.000
(ii) Patriots with more than 3 months service	Lire 5.000
(iii) Patriots seriously wounded or disabled as a result of length of service	Lire 10.000
(iv) Relatives of Patriots killed died or missing	Lire 20.000

- (b) Bonuses were paid out by the Patriot Officers and records have been kept of all Patriots who have been paid. Patriots were issued with identity cards and the sum of 50 Lire per day was paid to all patriots while held in Centres and Hospitals.

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Sub-machine guns	11,914	Bayonets	142
Machine guns	4483	Bomb throwers	244
Rifles and Carbines	243,971	Hand Grenades	72,514
Automatic Rifles	1,919	Shot Guns	1120
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7. Seriously wounded and injured patriots received initial medical treatment at Allied Military Hospitals. Afterwards they received medical care in Italian Military Hospitals for a period up to 60 days. The time limit was fixed because of the tremendous shortage of hospital space and equipment. In many cases the more seriously wounded were allowed to remain longer in military hospitals. After leaving military hospitals patriots were sent to civilian hospitals and convalescent homes which had been opened in various parts of the country and where they are still receiving attention. The number of patients still remaining of wounded or recovering from wounds or sick, are few and at present discussions are going on as to their care and treatment in the future.

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8. An organization called "Associazione Partigiani d'Italia" based on the concepts of the British Legion for the American Legion of Ex-Servicemen was formed and established under Italian Decree N. 224 of 5 April 45. This organization is in its infancy but its purposes are to look after the interests of patriots, to consider their claims for bonuses, pensions, look after their welfare, try and find employment and do all the jobs to make these men feel that their services to Italy have been appreciated. Branches are now being opened throughout the Country and the ex-partisans are being encouraged to join. It is non political.

VIRGILIO GIULIA.

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10. Special arrangements are being made for handling Partisans who fought outside Italy. Documentation is being gone on with and recommendations will be entered on the documents by Italian Military Patriot Representatives as to whether they consider the person should be considered a Patriot or not. Under Italian Decree 1,518 conditions are being set up all over Italy to receive the documents and recommendations and to decide whether the individual should be considered a Patriot or not. Courts of second instance will be set up to consider appeals. Meanwhile bonus will only be paid to next of kin of deceased Patriots and seriously wounded Patriots. Those in serious need or financial distress will receive assistance.

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INSIGLIA OF HONOUR (Patriot Ribbon)

12. Insignia are at present engaged on preparing nominal rolls of Patriots whom they consider should be entitled to wear the Patriot Ribbon. Rules and conditions have now been issued as to who are entitled and will be approved of by the Committee to be set up.

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CONCLUSION.

13. (a) In view and in preparation for the eventual hand-over of the North, Italian Military Patriot Representatives have become part of the Inspectoral Staff and under the Administrative control of Prefetto. They now deal direct with the Ministry of Post War Aid (through Prefects) and when the Allies withdraw there will be no hitch.
- (b) The work commenced by Patriots Branch, Allied Commission in so far as the Allies are concerned is nearly complete. The remaining problems of looking after the welfare of patriots, paying bonuses (doubtful cases), finding employment for patriots etc. is now the job for the Italian Government. All the necessary machinery has been set up and established by Statute and is functioning slowly but satisfactorily. Bonuses have been paid to all entitled except doubtful cases (a small percentage) which will be determined by the Committees which are being set up.
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MINISTRY OF POST WAR AID

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2. Instructions have now been issued to the Prefects by the Ministry of the Interior, and to the Regions by this HQ, regarding the administration of Patriots when territory is handed over.

EMPLOYMENT OF WAR VETERANS

3. A draft decree concerning the employment of War Veterans was forwarded to this Branch for comment. After discussion with Economic and Legal Sections a reply was sent to the Ministry of Post War Aid stating that the only comment was that provision might be made for disputes or claims arising out of the decree being referred to the Ufficio del Lavoro for adjustment.

MEDICAL AID FOR PATRIOTS

4. The position of Patriots being discharged from Military Hospitals after 60 days has been discussed with the Ministry of Post War Aid. It is alleged that individuals are discharged before complete cure and suffering from tuberculosis. In conjunction with Public Health Sub Commission and the Ministry of Post War Aid the situation is being examined and an endeavour is being made to make provision for further treatment in civilian hospitals. To this end a hospital at PRATO is to be put into operation solely for Patriot personnel.

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INSIGNIA OF HONOUR

6. Conditions under which the Insignia of Honour is awarded to Patriots have been forwarded to Regions. Regions have been instructed to prepare nominal rolls to avoid delay when the decree has been implemented.

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7. The position with regard to ANPI in the North is still not completely satisfactory. Persons were acting as ANPI officials although they had not been appointed in accordance with ANPI Statutes. Modifications of the Statutes are being discussed by ANPI and every effort is being made to assist ANPI in its formation and to enable it to be run on a non-political basis.

ARMS HANDED IN

8. Arms continue to be handed in but in smaller amounts. The latest figures available for arms handed in since the cessation of hostilities in Italy are:

Armoured cars	12	Miscellaneous	
Canons	217	Bayonets	112
Anti-tank Weapons	768	Misc. Bomb Throwers	244
Sub Machine Guns	11,914	" Hand Grenades	72,514 + 30 qts
Machine Guns	4,493	" Shot guns	140
Rifles & Carbines	213,971	" Brass Knuckles	1,330
Automatic rifles	1,919		
Pistols	5,073		
Mortars	912		
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Patriot Branch

MINISTRY OF POST WAR AID

- 1 Ministry of Post War Aid has now taken over Patriot work from Ministry of Occupied Italy.

EMPLOYMENT OF WAR VETERANS

- 2 This Branch has received and commented upon a draft decree concerning the employment of war veterans.

MEDICAL AID FOR PATRIOTS

- 3 A hospital at GENOVA is to be put into operation solely for Patriot personnel.

INTEGRITY OF SERVICE

- 4 Conditions under which the Insignia of Honour is to be awarded have been forwarded to Regions.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 55/1/PAT

10 Aug 45.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

Patriots Branch - Report for July 45.

FUTURE CONTROL OF PATRIOTS

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2 The organisation which existed on 22 April was converted into a state organisation on that date. The act of conversion laid down statutes prescribing Communal and Provincial branches. It is considered that as existing officers and committees did not comply with the provisions of the statutes they ceased to be qualified to act. Nevertheless in many places the old officers alleged to be self appointed or appointed by outside bodies instead of elected by members as the constitution provided are still acting as officers. The position is under discussion.

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PATRIOT MEDAL

4 A Decree has been published authorising the issue of a medal and ribbon to Patriots. Nominal rolls will be prepared and submitted by IMPRs for final approval of all those whom they consider entitled to the ribbon and medal. Rules and conditions of entitlement are being drawn to help IMPRs to decide whether or not a

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Patriot is entitled to the medal. In a generally sense three months service is required.

CENTRES

- 5 At the end of July there were only 12 Centres still operating in Italy; they are in LOMBARDIA 3, VENEZIA 4 and LIGURIA 5.

ARMS HANDED IN.

- 6 The following arms etc. have been handed in since the cessation of hostilities in Italy:-

Armoured cars	12	Pistols	4688
Canons	207	Mortars	1025
Antitank weapons	636	A.A. Automatics	160
Sub Machine guns	13057	Miscellaneous	
Machine guns	4348	Bayonets	607
Rifles & Carbines	207479	Misc.-Comb Throw	189
Automatic rifles	1343	" Hand grenades	86305
		" Shot guns	311
		" Brass knuckles	1146

PARADES AND DISBANDMENT OF UNITS.

- 7 A parade was held in UDINE by the Division "Italia" on 7 July and this Division was disbanded there. The demobilisation ceremony of the "Majella" Brigade took place at BRISIGNELLA on 15 July 45. All arms, ammunition and vehicles have been handed in by these divisions.

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11 Aug 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

ABBREVED MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 1945
Patriots Branch

FUTURE CONTROL OF PATRIOTS.

- 1 Italian Military Patriot Representatives will be responsible to the Ministry of Post War Aid. They will however be placed under the administrative control of Prefects.

- 2 ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE PARTIGIANI D'ITALIA.

The Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia has now been converted into a state organisation.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

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To : Civil Affairs Section.

14 July, 1945.

PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR JUNE 45.

DISARMING AND DISARMAMENT

1. With the exception of a few organised bands, such as the Ossoppo and Mino Marnetti Divisions in Venezia, the disarming and demobilization of Patriots is practically completed. There remain however a number of patriots requiring employment and assistance, and the following centres were still operating at the end of the month.

Region	No. of Centres
Lombardia	10
Venezia	5
Emilia	Nil
Liguria	5
Piemonte	7

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These centres are to be closed as soon as possible, and thereafter the Italian Military Patriot Representative will operate from offices attached to Provincial HQ. The Centre at Florence was handed over to the Italian authorities when Toscana Region closed down, and the one at Pescia had been closed earlier in the month.

It is clear that there are still large quantities of arms which have not been declared or accounted for, although the estimated numbers handed in by the end of June had reached the figures given below:

Lombardia	131,612
Venezia	25,146
Emilia	41,116
Liguria	5,381
Piemonte	55,809

259,054 (including 72,995 hand grenades)

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2. The authority for the issue of rations for Patriots from Allied Military sources expired on the 10th of June; since that date rations have been supplied from civilian sources on the Public Security scale.

CLOTHING

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CLOTHING

3. Approx 83 tons of salvage clothing have been allotted for Patriots and this is being issued to all the northern Regions from a central store in Milan.

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

As a result of the change of Government, the Ministry of Occupied Italy is to be abolished, and its responsibilities with regard to Patriots will be assumed by the new Ministry of Post War Assistance. The most important measures affecting Patriots taken by the Government during the month of June were the granting of "Ente Morale" status to the Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia, and the authorising of increased bonuses for Patriots, viz:

Patriots with less than 3 months service	L. 1,000
Patriots with more than 3 months service	L. 5,000
Wounded Patriots	L. 10,000
Relatives of fallen Patriots	L. 20,000

VENEZIA GIULIA

Contrary to expectations, the Patriot problem in Venezia Giulia has proved to be relatively simple, as those Italian Patriots who had not withdrawn into Udine, were disarmed and disbanded by the Yugoslav Forces before 8 Army troops occupied the area. The Yugoslav Patriots appear to have withdrawn into Yugoslavia. It is not proposed to set up any Patriot organization in Venezia Giulia.

PERSONNEL

One British officer and 6 NCOs have been temporarily attached to Venezia Region from 51 RTR for Patriot work.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 55/1/PAT

To : Civil Affairs Section,

Tel. No. 489081
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14 July, 1945.

ABRIDGED MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 1945.
Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Ref : 55/1/PAT

12 June 1945

To : Civil Affairs Section.

PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR MAY 45

DISARMING AND DISPERSAL OF PATRIOTS

1. During the month of May considerable headway was made with the dispersal and disarming of Patriots, particularly in the agricultural areas; in the frontier districts and the large cities the Patriots have proved somewhat unwilling for political reasons, to lay down their arms and go home, but those that remain are for the most part still in their original formations and well disciplined. In addition the Allied authorities have found it necessary to retain a number of Patriots for special police duties and "mopping up" purposes, notably in Turin, Milan, Genoa (where a special force of 2100 is being employed) and Udine (where the Osoppe and Garibaldi Groups have been retained and where the task of moving 5,000 horses from Austria to Emilia Region was entrusted to Patriots).
By the end of May 45,600 weapons had been collected in Lombardia 46,000 in Emilia.
In Venezia, where there are still a certain number of armed Germans at large, the Patriots have been ordered to store their weapons in central armouries, from which they can be drawn, if required operationally; disbandment was almost completed in the cities of Venice, Padua, Rovigo, Vicenza, and Verona by the end of the month.
The situation in Liguria has been somewhat complicated by the presence of the French in Imperia; this political factor and a certain shortage of civilian supplies has made the Patriots belonging to that area, somewhat unwilling to disband. On the other hand, during the latter half of the month 150/200 Patriots originating from the South of Italy were leaving the Province daily to return to their homes.
In Piemonte there has been the usual unwillingness to disarm in the frontier districts, but in Turin disbandment has progressed satisfactorily if rather slowly, and it has been helped by the fact that the industries of the city are anxious to reabsorb

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It is clear however that although a very large number of patriots throughout the North have attended ceremonial disarming parades, and laid down one weapon, they still have more in their possession which have not been declared to the Allies.

CENTRES.

2. Twenty-three Patriot Centres were in operation by the end of 1945, of which ten are in Lombardy. Those in Emilia and Tuscany Regions, having dealt with the majority of the local patriots, are handling a certain number from further North in transit to their homes in the South of Italy, and are to be closed or handed over to the High Commissariat for Veterans in the near future.

ENLISTMENT INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

3. The immediate enlistment of 4000 volunteers into the Italian Army has been sanctioned, which should help with the dispersal of Patriots in Northern Italy, and the three Screening (Recruiting) Agencies under control of AMG have reverted to Italian Army control for use if required in connection with the above intake.

PERSONNEL.

4. Lt. Col. Craig has left the Allied Commission. Lt. Col. S.H. White has taken his place as D/Director Local Government Sub Commission. In Venice Capt. Elms has become Regional Patriot Officer in lieu of Maj. Snee, whose death occurred in the middle of the month.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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 PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref. No. 459

9 June 1945

Ref : 55/1/ENT

To : Civil Affairs Section

ARMED AND DISARMED PATRIOTS
Patriots Branch

DISARMED AND DISARMED PATRIOTS

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GENERAL

2. Twenty-three Patriot Centres were in operation by the end of May, of which ten are in Lombardy. Those in Berlin and Toscana Regions, having dealt with the majority of the local Patriots, are handling a certain number from further North in transit to their homes in the South of Italy, and are to be closed or handed over to the High Commissioner for Veterans in the near future.

ENLISTMENT INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY

3. The immediate enlistment of 4000 volunteers into the Italian Army has been sanctioned, which should help with the dispersal of Patriots in Northern Italy and the three foregoing (Recruiting)

ATTACHED MEMORANDUM REPORT FOR MAY 1945

Patriots Branch

DISARMING AND DEFEAT OF PATRIOTS

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3. RELEVANT INFO ON ITALIAN ARMY

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Deputy Director,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref. No. 439081
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14 May 1945

Ref : 55/1/PAD

To : Civil Affairs Section.

PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR APRIL 1945

PLANNING - GENERAL

1. During the first three weeks of April, the Branch was mainly occupied with final planning for N. Italy. The most important development in this connection, was the temporary authority, for the issue of clothing and Italian Military rations to Patriots in Centres or Hospitals, issued by ARHC on 14 April, pending a decision of the matter by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

In the middle of the month Major Snee held three short courses with 5 Army, for the purpose of giving Allied Officers from the Northern Regions, instruction on the Allied Commission Plan for Patriots in N. Italy (94/PAP of 7 Apr 45), and on showing them Patriot Centres already in operation. The numbers of officers attending these courses were as follows:

Lombardia	7
Venezie	4
Emilia	4
Liguria	5
Piemonte	9

TOTAL 29

It has been difficult to make detailed plans for hospitalisation, owing to the uncertainty as to where, and how much medical treatment will be required; the Ministry of Occupied Italy however agreed that if, and when, it was necessary to evacuate Patriots to civilian hospitals, special wards would be set aside for them. This has now been put into effect in various places, e.g. Modena, where 150 Patriots have been admitted to the hospital.

CENTRES

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By the end of the month new centres had been opened at Modena and Bologna; the numbers encountered however in the Massa and Ferrara areas, did not call for the establishment of centres with permanent accommodation in these places.

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DISARMING

3. The only report of disarming up to the end of April, came from Bologna, where on 25 April, approx. 4,000 Patriots handed in their arms, at a most successful parade, held by General M. F. Clark and attended by a number of senior Allied Officers.

It is known that since then disarming parades have been held at Modena (800 to 10,000 Patriots), Verona (5,000 Patriots), Vicenza (7,000 Patriots), and Torino. While plans were in hand to similar parades at an early date at the following places:

Reggio Emilia	Padua
Genova	Venice
Savona	

MEASURES TAKEN BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

4. The Ministry of War has announced its intention of issuing a special medal ribbon for Patriots.

The Ministry of Occupied Italy has transferred to the Allied Commission the sum of 3 million lire, in reimbursement of funds expended in connection with Patriots, prior to 1 April 1945. The Ministry has also stated that combatant Patriots will be granted the same family allowances as are given to members of the fighting forces.

PERSONNEL

5. Major T. E. Gillett has been appointed Regional Patriot Officer Emilia vice Major M. B. Somerset, and Major V. J. C. Snee (Patriots Branch) has been attached to Venezia as Patriot Officer for that Region.

By the end of the month a total of 68 Italian Military Patriot Representatives had moved forward to assume their appointments with Armies and Regions.

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Genova
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PATRIOTIC BRANCH

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To: Civil Affairs Section.

10 May 1945

ARMED MILITARY REPORT.

PLANING - GENERAL

1. During the first three weeks of April the Branch was mainly occupied with final planning for Italy. The most important development in this connection, was the temporary authority, for the issue of clothing and Italian military ration to Patriots in Germany or Hospitals, issued by AFM on 14 April, pending a decision on the matter by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

CENTRES

2. One of the first results of the Allied Advance was that the Patriot Centres at Florence and Pesole passed from 5 Army control to Rescue Region. It has also enabled many Patriots to return to their homes in the Bologna and Massa areas, and it is hoped that with the consequent reduction of numbers in Ravenna and Florence, it may be possible to close these Centres in the near future.

By the end of the month new centres had been opened at Modena and Bologna, but the numbers encountered in the Massa and Carrara areas, did not call for the establishment of permanent centres in these places.

DISPATCH

3. The first report of a dispersing case from Bologna, was on 25 April, when 4,000 Patriots hurried in their cars at a most successful parade attended by General Mark Clark and a number of other senior Allied officers.

REMARKS TAKEN BY THE MILITARY OF WASH DC

RECONSTRUCTION REPORTREMARKS - GENERAL

1. During the first three weeks of April the Branch was mainly occupied with final planning for N. Italy. The most important development in this connection was the temporary authority, for the issue of clothing and Italian Military ration to patriots in Genoa or Hospital, issued by AM on 14 April, pending a decision on the matter by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

DETAILS

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for R. E. C. Col, Colonel,
Director,

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 55/1/PAI.

14 April 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR MARCH 1945

CENTRES

1. The following numbers were handled by Centres during the month of March:

No. 1	STORANCE	993
No. 2	PIESOLA	1470
No. 3	RAVENNA	282

NUMBER	TOTAL
2745	

FINANCE

2. The Ministry of Occupied Italy has agreed to assume responsibility for all expenses connected with Patriot Centres as from the 1st April, and to raise funds for expenditure under this heading incurred prior to that date. The Ministry also gave official approval to the payment of the following sums to Patriots and their dependents:

(a)	1,000 lire rehabilitation bonus;
(b)	5,000 lire to wounded patriots;
(c)	10,000 lire to the dependents of patriots killed in action.

CLOTHING

3. No authority has yet been received for the issue of clothing to patriots from military sources, but small quantities of salvage clothing have been allotted to Patriots.

PATRIOTS' CLOTHING - REPORT FOR MARCH 1945CENTRES

1. The following numbers were handled by Centres during the month of March:

NO. 1	FLORENCE	993
NO. 2	PESCIA	1470
NO. 3	RAVENNA	282

TOTAL

2745

FINANCE

2. The Ministry of Occupied Italy has agreed to assume responsibility for all expenses connected with Patriots' Centres as from the 1st April, and to reimburse M.O. for expenditure under this heading incurred prior to that date. The Ministry also gave official approval to the payment of the following sums to Patriots and their dependents:

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SCREENING AGENCIES

4. Following the decision to form REDGE units for employment with Italian groups, the Italian Army recruiting agencies have been reorganized, and consequently only three agencies now come under the operational control of this Branch. A further five agencies are allotted to form REDGE units by enlisting complete Patriot Bands and to deal with any former Italian Army personnel found in the Northern Regions when liberated; these agencies come under the operational control of the Italian Army.

ENLISTMENT INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY

5. (a) No. 1 Screening Agency gives the following figures for Patriots enlisted into the Italian Army

	<u>Feb. 45</u>	<u>March 45</u>
(i) <u>Enlistment by localities</u>		
FLORENCE	1362	1
PISOLA	50	123
SA. GIOVANNI V. L. D. RHO	392	
EPOLI	476	
PISTOIA	448	
MARRADI	246	
	2964	124
	=====	=====

(ii) Disposal of non enlisted

Combat Groups	2839	
240 Inf. Div.	67	120
213 Inf. Div.	58	
Other units	-	4
	2964	124
	=====	=====

- (b) The Ministry of War has issued instructions that when posting army volunteers to combat units, priority shall be given to Patriots.

- (c) At the Council meeting on 16 March the Italian Cabinet passed measures for granting temporary

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FIORINCE	1362	1
PESOLA	50	123
ST. GIOVANNI VALPENO	382	
EPOLI	476	
PISTOLA	443	
MARRADI	246	
	2964	124
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(ii) Disposal of men enlisted

Combat Groups	2339	
210 Inf. Div.	67	120
213 Inf. Div.	53	
Other units	-	4
	2964	124
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- (c) At the Council meeting on 16 March the Italian Cabinet passed measures for granting temporary enrollment into the Italian Army to Patriot Band Commanders with ranks up to that of Lt. Col.

ORGANIZATION - ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

6. The duties of the Italian Liaison Officer attached to this Branch have been defined, since the recent Government reorganization, as follows:

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- (i) To contact the Ministry of Occupied Italy for the assistance and reemployment of Patriots in A.M.G. territory;
 - (ii) To contact the High Commissariat for Veterans for the assistance and rehabilitation of Patriots in territories under Italian Government;
 - (iii) To contact the Committees attached to the Presidency of the Council whose duties are to establish the authenticity of patriots and consider recommendations for awards.

At the Ministry of War a Patriots Office has been instituted under the direction of Col. SAMPY. This Office will be responsible for all enlistment into the Italian Army.

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Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 55/1/PAT.

10 April 1945

To : Civil Affairs Section.

ARMED FORCES REPORT

FINANCE.

1. The Ministry of Occupied Italy has agreed to assume responsibility for all expenses connected with Patriot Centres as from the 1st April, and to reimburse A.C. for expenditure under this heading incurred prior to that date. The Ministry also gave official approval to the payment of the following sums to Patriots and their dependents

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|-----|-------------|---|
| (a) | 1,000 lire | demobilisation bonus, |
| (b) | 5,000 lire | to wounded patriots, |
| (c) | 10,000 lire | to the dependents of patriots killed in action. |

CLOTHING

2. No authority has been received yet for the issue of clothing to Patriots from Military sources, but small quantities of salvage clothing have been allotted to Patriots Branch and these are being sent forward to 5 and 8 Army Patriot Centres. It has been agreed that clothing shall be stockpiled for 5 Army at Florence, and for 8 Army at Forlì, at first and later at Florence. During the month of March 127 Patriots in Italian Government Italy were issued with clothing from the Ministry of Occupied Italy store in Rome.

SURRENDERING AGENTS

3. Following the decision to form Peace Units for employment with Italian Ground, the Italian Army Recruiting Agencies have been recognised, and consequently only three Agencies now come under the operational control of this Branch. A further five Agencies are allotted to form Peace Units by enlisting complete patriots Bands and to deal with any former Italian Army personnel found in the Northern Regions when liberated; these Agencies come under the operational control of the Italian Army.

RELINQUISH INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

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RECRUITING AGENCIES

3. Following the decision to form Recon Units for employment with Italian Groups, the Italian Army Recruiting Agencies have been recognised, and consequently only three Agencies now come under the operational control of this Branch. A further five Agencies are allotted to form Recon Units by enlisting complete Patriots Bands and to deal with any former Italian Army personnel found in the Northern Regions when liberated; these Agencies come under the operational control of the Italian Army.

RECRUITMENT INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

4. (a) No. 1 Recruiting Agency gives the following figures for Patriots enlisted into the Italian Army during the period 24 Jan. 45 to 28 Feb. 45.

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Enlistment by Localities.

FLORENCE
PESOLA
ST. GIOVANNI VALDARNO
CAROLI
PISTOIA
MAGRATE

1362
50
302
476
443
246

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A.R. OLIVERI,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Govt. A/C.

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R.R. COOPER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 55/1/PAT.

12 March 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

PATRIOTS BRANCH - REPORT FOR FEBRUARY.

PLANNING FOR NORTH WEST ITALY

1. Patriots Branch plan for N.W. Italy has been adjusted to agree with the Plan of 15 Army Group, that Army shall assume initial responsibility for the feeding, clothing, housing, hospitalisation and rehabilitation in general of Patriots. Responsibility will pass to the District Commander and Regional Commissioners when any territory passes out of Army control. Allied Patriot Officers from each Region, and a corresponding number of Italian Military Patriot Representatives will be attached to Armies, with whom they will work during the initial stages of Allied occupation; they will remain in their own Regions, under the control of Regional Commissioners, when the Army moves forward.

ENLISTMENT . FORMATION OF RECONNAISSANCE UNITS.

2. In addition to normal recruitment of Patriots into the Italian Army, it has been agreed in principle, to form a limited number of Reconnaissance Companies from existing Patriots bands, to work with the Italian Gruppi.

PRIORITY OF EMPLOYMENT.

3. No.2 District have agreed to give priority of employment to certified Patriots.

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(i)	Received into centres	1488
(ii)	Joined Labour Units	36
(iii)	Enlisted into Italian Army	153
(iv)	Returned home	346
(v)	Admitted to hospital	125
(vi)	At present in Centres at Florence and Toscan	570

and 780 patriots who are returning to the line.

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(b) 8th Army.

(i)	Received into Centre	398
(ii)	Joined labour units	50
(iii)	Admitted to hospital	17
(iv)	Returned home	100
(v)	Remaining in Centre	231

PERSONNEL.

5. (a) Allied Regional Patriot Officers for N. Italy are being attached to armies for initial training and experience in Patriot Work.

(b) The Italian Military Representative has been withdrawn from Ancona. A representative was appointed to deal with a temporary problem concerning wounded patriots in hospital, which arose at PERUGIA. Representatives for all areas in Northern Italy have been selected.

CLOTHING

6. A stock of clothing has been collected and stored in Rome for immediate requirements of partisans in Italian Government Italy. This may be issued only on written authority of Patriots Branch A.C. Complete sets of clothing were issued to the wounded patriots in PERUGIA hospital referred to in the previous paragraph.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

7. The Florence Centre was visited by the Chief Commissioner on 28 Feb and by Lt. Gen. TRUSCOTT, 5th Army, on the following day.

PROPAGANDA

8. A national "Patriot Day" was celebrated on 18th February. A Parade of Italian Regular troops and Patriots was held in Rome, with the object of demonstrating the union between formerly antagonistic regular soldiers and partisan forces. This was followed by the posthumous award of the Italian Gold Medal to regular soldiers and patriots who had died in action against the Germans since the Badoglio mistake. Smaller rallies and celebrations were held in provinces throughout Italy.

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POLITICAL REORGANISATION

9. (a) Under the recent political organisation resulting from Decree No 395 of 44, all Patriot problems in AMG territory are the responsibility of the Ministry of Occupied Territories. Assistance and reemployment of Patriots in Italian Government territory will be dealt with by the High Commissariat for Veterans, 2 Committees attached to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers will examine claims of individuals for recognition as patriots, and recommendations for military awards.
- (b) A sum of 100 million lire has been allotted by the Ministry of Occupied Territories for Patriots and assistance for their

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dependants.

BRANCH ORGANISATION.

10. Jun Comd M. PROBY has joined the Branch staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMS ON
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10th March 1945.

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For the Chief Commissioner.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CIVIL AFFAIRS
APO 324
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 55/1/141.

10 March 1945.

ADDITIONAL REPORT FOR PATRIOTS

GENERAL

1. The patriot position on the Fifth Army front remains practically unchanged. On the Eighth Army front about four hundred patriots have passed through the Patriot Centre at Ravenna. Preparations have been made to receive the larger numbers that are expected during the next few weeks if the front remains static or moves forward slowly. If the front moves forward rapidly Patriots Branch plan for N. Italy will come into operation.

PLAN FOR N.E. ITALY

2. 15 Army Group has submitted a plan for Army to take initial responsibility for feeding, clothing, housing, hospitalization and rehabilitation of Patriots. Patriots Branch plan has been agreed to agree with this. Allied Patriot Officers from Regions and Provinces with their Italian Military Representatives will go forward with Amies and help in the initial work. They will remain behind in their Regional and Provincial areas, to continue their work under Regional Commissioners, when any area passes out of Army control.

LIASION WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

3. Liaison with the Italian Government has been made easier by the formation of the Ministry of Occupied Territories, which is responsible for all Patriot Problems in AMG Territory.

PRIORITY OF EMPLOYMENT

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PRIORITY OF EMPLOYMENT

4. No 2 District have agreed to give priority of employment to genuine Patriots.

PERSONNEL

Selected Regional Patriot Officers for N. Italy are attached to Armies for initial training and liaison in Patriot work.

Italian Patriot Representatives for all areas northern Italy have been selected.

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PROPAGANDA

6. A national "Patriot Day" was celebrated on 18th February. A Parade of Italian Regular troops and Patriots was held in Rome, with the object of demonstrating the union between formerly antagonistic regular soldiers and partisan forces. This was followed by the posthumous award of the Italian Gold Medal to regular soldiers and patriots who had died in action against the Germans since the Badoglio Armistice. Smaller parades and celebrations were held elsewhere in Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 55/3/Pat

Ext. 374

To: Civil Affairs Section.

10 Feb, 45.

PATRIOT BRANCH ABRIDGED MONTHLY REPORT
FOR JANUARY, 1945.

2. Further progress has been made in connection with the rehabilitation and welfare of Patriots. In the authority granted by AFHQ, 2,000 sets of clothing have now been delivered to Arades. In addition, Patriots on Fifth and Eighth Army fronts are now being fed on the full Italian Army Ration Scale, and wounded Patriots are being tended in Italian Military Hospitals. Because of this treatment, Patriots are reported to be happier and more satisfied.

A further important concession has been made. Instructions have been issued by HQIA that 500 Patriots may be enlisted on the Eighth Army front directly into the Combatant Italian Forces. These men are sent straight into the line, and do not have to report to Base Training Centres for initial training.

2. Fifth and Eighth Armies Reports.

The number of Patriots held in Patriot Centres has been considerably reduced for the following reasons:

(a) Prevailing weather conditions have rendered many mountain passes impassable.

(b) Our contacts with the labour organisations of the Army have met with considerable success. As a result, over 1,000 Patriots are now employed as Labour Gangs with the South African Division at MARABILI, and 750 with the JM Depot at LIVIGNO.

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(c) Enlistments into the Italian Army show a considerable increase. At a special Recruiting Drive held in SUMA during the month of January over 700 recruits were enlisted.

3. Patriot Reception Centres and Points.

The PALLI centre has been closed down and another centre has been opened at PALMA. Otherwise, the locations of centres and points as shown in the Branch Report of the 10th January remain the same. There is no immediate prospect of the arrival at these Centres of large numbers of Patriots.

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4. Clothing.

The immediate clothing position is good. Sufficient clothing is held to meet the demands of a further 4,000 Patriots. In accordance with the long-term policy, efforts are being made to obtain agreement from higher authority for the immediate issue of clothing on a basis of 20% of the numbers of Patriots assumed to be in occupied Italy, so that it may be available when occupation takes place.

5. Patriots in Hospital.

The number of Patriots now held in hospitals is negligible. It is reported, however, that about forty seriously wounded Patriots are in hospital in ROME. Complete sets of clothing have been obtained for these Patriots and delivered to the hospital. In addition each Patriot has been given the sum of 1,000 L. and cigarettes.

6. Patriot Representatives.

Patriot Representatives have now completed their work in all liberated areas except CROSSELO, PISA and ANCONA. Regional Commissioners have stated that by the end of February work at GROSSETO and ANCONA will be finished, and that from that date, Patriot Representatives will be required only at PISA.

7. Branch Reorganization.

Major B.L. KRAMER has relinquished his position as Executive Officer and has been succeeded by Major V.P.J.O. SMITH.

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Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOT BRANCH

Ref: 55/1/Put
To: Civil Affairs Section.
Ext. 374
8th Feb, 45.

PATRIOTS BRANCH REPORT FOR JANUARY.

1. General.

On AFHQ authority:

- (i) Patriots are now being fed on the full Italian Army Ration Scale.
- (ii) All wounded Patriots are now being tended in Italian Military Hospitals.

Sufficient clothing has been obtained and delivered to Fifth and Eighth Armies to meet immediate needs.

2. Patriot Reception Centres and Reception Points.

- (a) The Reception Centre at FORLI has closed down. It has been replaced by a Reception Centre at PARMA.
- (b) Disposal of Patriots. (from figures available.)

Fifth Army: Disposed into the army during the month of Jan .. 1770
Joined working units 760
Returned to their homes Dec/Jan 1415
At present in the Centres at FLORENCE and PESOLA. 357

Eighth Army: In the Eighth Army area no Patriots are being held in Centres. The only Patriots under consideration for the future are those who are, at the moment, operationally active in this area.

3. Recruiting Agencies.

As a result of a special effort in the SIENA area during the month, 700 Patriots were enlisted into the Italian Army. A request has been received to send a Recruiting Agency to LIVORNO. This agency will start operating on 12th February, 1945.

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 Joined working units 760
 Returned to their homes Dec/Jan 425
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As a result of a special effort in the SIENA area during the month, 700 Patriots were enlisted into the Italian Army. A request has been received to send a Recruiting Agency to LIVORNO. This agency will start operating on 12th February, 1945.

4. Patriot Representatives.

Patriot Representatives have now completed their work in all liberated areas except GROSSETO, PISA and ANCONA. Regional Commissioners have stated that by the end of February work at GROSSETO and ANCONA will be finished, and that from that date, Patriot Representatives will be required only at PISA.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 55 1/PAC

Ext: 374.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

10th January, 1945.

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Returned to their homes in the South	700
At present in Centre	450

3. Recruiting Agencies.

A further Recruiting Agency has been sent to Fifth Army area, and, in addition, one resident Recruiting Officer is now located at each Patriot Centre.

4. Patriot Representatives.

A circular has been sent to all Provincial Commissioners in Italian Government Territory asking them to give their views as to the state of the patriot problem in their particular area, and at the same time asking whether they consider the presence of their patriot representatives to be still necessary.

5. Liaison with the Italian Government.

Political: The future of the I.N.P.C. remains in doubt, and a decision is awaited from the Italian Government as to who shall be responsible for handling the patriot situation.

Financial: In view of the obscurity of the situation, the financial position in regard to grants and indemnities to patriots remains unsolved.

6. Fifth and Eighth Army Reports.

These go to show that, with the complete reorganisation of the patriot problem in the forward areas and with the greater recognition of patriots from higher authority, the task of both Fifth and Eighth Army is becoming considerably easier. At the moment, the numbers of patriots held in the forward areas are of no great importance, there being approximately 900 in the Centres under Fifth Army control and something under 500 in the Centres under Eighth Army control.

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9. Branch Reorganisation.

The reorganisation of Patriots Branch at HQ has now been completed, and as from 3rd January, 1945, is under the Directorship of Lt.Col. P. CRAIG.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 55/1/PAT
Subject: Abridged Monthly Report.
To: Civil Affairs Section.
Date: 3/4.
10th January, 45.

PATRIOTS BRANCH - APPROVED RATION FOR PATRIOTS.

1. The Patriots problem has been earnestly attacked during the last month and the Branch is able to report that, as a result, the following authorities have been obtained:-

"Patriots coming through the line will be afforded treatment similar to that accorded to the Italian Army. They will be issued rations on a scale approved for the Italian Army. They will be issued with equipment and 2,000 sets of clothing on the following scale:- 1 pair boots, two pair socks, 1 pair trousers wool, one shirt wool, one jersey pullover, one gas cape or raincoat or equivalent, one mess tin or equivalent. In addition, one blanket is authorized within limits of availability."

As will be seen, this authority does not cover, in so far as clothing is concerned, the long term policy but at least it more than meets immediate requirements. The question of obtaining further supplies of clothes to meet future needs is being assiduously pursued. Over and above these requirements, the Branch has obtained during the month from diverse sources the following listed items:-

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Boards	2,500
Blankets	60
Spoons, knives, forks ...	1,500
Mess tins	1,500
Sundry Messing equipment.	
Blankets	1,500
Shirts	7,500
Overcoats	8,000

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Suits	400
Blank sq mtrs	74,000
Pants Mtl	2,000

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SUBJECT : Abridged Monthly Report.

TO : Distribution below.

1. An abridged version of all Regions' and Sub Commissions' Monthly Reports is sent to LONDON and WASHINGTON every month. Information for this has been obtained up till now from Part I of the Regional Reports and an abridged version of Sub-Commissions' full Monthly Report. But the compilation of this abridged report has become extremely difficult due to the manner in which Regions and Sub-Commissions present these portions of their report.

2. In future Regions will submit Part I and Sub-Commissions their abridged version set out in paragraphs exactly as they appear finally in the complete report. (See Monthly Abridged Report for October forwarded under 825/COS)

3. Regions.

a) Regions will as suggested in letter No. 497/79/CA of 2 September, divide their Monthly Reports into Parts I and II.

b) Part II will be the normal full length Monthly Report, exactly as previously submitted.

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4. Sub-Commissions.

a) Similarly, the full length report of the Sub-Commissions does not need alteration.

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It will comprise a well-balanced ten to twenty paragraphs containing the outstanding events of the month, written as a concise individual report and not as a summary of the detailed Monthly Report. It can therefore be compiled from facts collected throughout the month without reference to the detailed Monthly Report.

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MONTHLY REPORT - PROTERIA

1. Patriot Centres and Points

- (a) Supplies and clothing.
- (b) Transport
- (c) Arms handed in.
- (d) Certificates distributed.
- (e) Total patriots handled.
- " " grafted to labour gangs.
- " " enlisted into Italian Army.
- " " rehabilitated.

2. Recruiting Agencies.

3. Fifth Army Reports.

4. Eighth Army Reports.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext. 374

Ref: 55/1/PAT.

14 December 1944.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

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2. Reception Centres and Reception Points.

To meet this situation the Director of the Patriots Branch made a tour of the Army areas. In agreement with the Army A.M.C. authorities he established a system of Patriot Reception Centres and Points. In the V Army area two Reception Points were established at IMACCHIA and LUCCANA, and two Reception Centres at PISOLA and PIERINGOS. In the VIII Army area a Reception Centre was established at FORLÌ.

An A.M.C. Patriot Officer in V Army and another in VIII Army were made responsible for the administration of this new system. Each Patriot Reception Centre was placed in charge of a Centre Commandant. He will be an Allied officer and will have an Italian military patriot representative to assist him. The two Reception Points in V Army area were placed in charge of an Allied Officer who will also be assisted by an Italian military patriot representative. An Allied IM/OR will be assigned to each of the five Reception Centres and Points.

Accommodation for three hundred patriots is being provided at each of the Patriot Centres and Points and the intention is that patriots will be dismissed in them and, as far as possible, allowed to rest, recuperate, be finally dismissed and re-equipped for their future life after arrival. They will be interviewed, at the Reception Centres and Points, by the Italian Army Recruiting Agencies, and they will be dispersed thence to their homes or to such employments as may be found for them. It is hoped to employ Patriot bands en bloc on heavy essential labour in the Army areas.

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3. Supply Problem.

Experience has shown:

- (a) That patriots, when they are first encountered, are in practically every case in a destitute condition.
- (b) That patriots will not accept employment in labour gangs on any ration scale which is appreciably lower than the Allied military scale.

Application has accordingly been made to A.M.C. for authority to be given for the issue to an overall total of up to one hundred thousand patriots of rations approximately on the Allied military scale, at the discretion of V and VIII Army Commanders.

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Authority has also been asked for the release from Allied military sources of boots, blankets, battle dress clothing, socks, greatcoats and underwear for issue to the same overall total. Authority was asked at the same time for the release of accommodation stores for use in the Reception Points and Centres enumerated above.

Lack of transport has proved a crippling handicap, and application for ten trucks has been made to A.F.H.Q.

4. Reorganisation of the Patriots Branch.

In the light of five months' experience the Patriots Branch is in process of complete reorganisation. The Advanced Echelon in FLORENCE has been closed, and the distribution of intelligence reports to Regional Commissioners and others from the Advanced Echelon has consequently ceased. It was felt that the ground was sufficiently covered already by reports put out by other authorities.

5. Hospitalisation of Patriots.

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6. I.M.P.C.

Political difficulties, and the onset of the Italian political crisis at the end of November, crippled the work of the Italian National Patriot Committee for a great part of the month. A decision was reached, however, that monetary allowances would be paid to all fighting patriots, and that indemnities and pensions on a par with those in force in the Italian Regular Army would be paid to wounded patriots and to the families of the dead. As the funds previously made available by the Italian Government for this purpose are now exhausted, a fresh grant in aid is now an urgent matter. It is important to avoid an invidious inequality arising between patriots encountered some time ago and those being encountered now.

It has been necessary to inform the I.M.P.C. that no certificates other than those signed by the Allied Commander in Chief can be issued in Military Government territory, and that no visits by officials of the I.M.P.C. or of the Italian Patriot Office into Military Government territory or into the Army areas can be authorised. The I.M.P.C. has further been informed that no Patriot Committees other than those constituted by A.F.H. can be permitted in Military Government territory.

7. Patriot Representatives.

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8. Welfare.

The problem of welfare is under close and constant consideration, and it is hoped that practical steps will be taken shortly to ensure that this work is placed on a sound foundation.

R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext. 574

Ref: 55/1/VAF

11 December 1944.

Subject: Summary of Patriots Branch Report for November.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

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4. The I.N.P.C. have been informed that no certificates other than those signed by the Allied Commander in Chief can be issued in Military Government territory. They have been informed further that no Patriot Committees other than those constituted by the Allied authorities can be tolerated in Military Government territory.

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P.D. Raynes
Sir P.M. MAGNUS, Bt.,
For Col. R.C.B. STICKER,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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Headquarters
 All India Commission
 Civil Affairs Section
 District Branch

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oggetto - Summary of ^{District Branch} Prison Office Report.
 for October. (15-30 October).

- (1) Il presente rapporto si riferisce soltanto alla seconda quindicina di ottobre. Per quanto riguarda la ~~seconda~~ ^{prima} quindicina dello stesso mese ~~si riferisce~~ ^{si riferisce} a quanto ha già comunicato nel mio precedente rapporto weekly.
- (2) The Head Quarters India Region - A. M. G. - ha comunicato con lettera R.Y.X./H.2/T.4/1 del 28 Ottobre 1944 che il Cap^o A. Janetti & col il Prof. J. Meri, rispettivamente rappresentanti ~~civile~~ ^{civile} militare e civile presso quel Quarter Generale si intrattano a Roma - Essi sono ~~hanno~~ ^{hanno} richiesto l'ordine di rimanere in stretto contatto con questo Prison Office in order that they may be recalled at short notice.
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 L'Altezza R. Principe di Asturias General per la Regione India con sua lettera R.Y.X./H.2/T.4/1 del 22-ott-1944 ha segnalato

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di aver autorizzato il rientro a Parma postumo
indefinito dei rappresentati civili Prof Volterra -
I tre rappresentanti summenzionati sono in
stretto contatto con questo Liaison Office e
pronti a rientrare presso il Quartier Generale
della Regione Emilia, con appena le loro
opere siano ritenute necessarie.

/// Nella seconda quindicina di ottobre
sono partite per Firenze cinque pairs
di rappresentanti destinate a Bologna -
Modena, Reggio, Parma e Piacenza -
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di trasporto per raggiungere Rimini per
destinati a Forlì, Ravenna e Ferrara.

(1) La M. M. Y. A. ha comunicato che per quanto
riguarda gli ufficiali in P. P. P., si rende

La M. M. Y. A. ha anche comunicato che le
posizioni del Col. Tami Fudo e del Cap^{to}
Doos morino è stata regolarizzata col loro
richiamo servizio.

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indirizzati agli uffici del Col. Pennabò ~~ed~~
e ad altri uffici amministrativi della Capitale.
Questo ufficio finora ha svolto, come
in passato, mantenendo stretti contatti
col Ministero della Guerra, lo Stato Maggiore
del R. I., la Presidenza del Consiglio, il
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Subject : Summary of Patriot Branch Liaison Office
Report for October (from 16 to 30 Oct.)

This report refers only to the second half of October. Concerning the first fortnight I refer to my previous monthly report.

Headquarters of the Emilia Region (A.M.G.) in a letter Ref. R.I.X/H.Q./P/4/1 dated October 28, 1944, notified that Capt. A. Zanetti and Prof. I. Neri, military and civilian Representatives respectively at those Headquarters, were returning to Rome.

They were instructed to keep in close touch with this Liaison Office in order to be recalled at short notice, if necessary.

Headquarters for the Emilia Region, in a letter Ref. R.I.X/H.Q./P/4/1 dated 22 October 1944 have asked for authorization for the civilian representative, Prof. Volterra, to return to Rome for an indefinite period. The above three representatives are to keep in close touch with this Liaison Office and be ready to return to Headquarters of Emilia Region, as soon as it will be found necessary.

Five pairs of representatives, appointed to Bologna, Modena, Reggio, Parma and Piacenza, left for Florence during the second half of October. Another three pairs are awaiting transport to go to Riccione, having been appointed to Forlì, Ravenna, and Ferrara.

M.M.I.A. have notified that regular Army officers on full pay cannot be employed, and any now serving in this capacity must be released by mid November.

Regular officers on minimum pay can be employed until called back by the Ministry of War.

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M.M.I.A. has further notified that the position of Col. Guido Fava and of Capt. Marino Rocco, has been made regular by recalling them to the Colours.

Many Patriots keep coming to this Office asking to be allowed to return to their homes, and many others ask assistance of every kind. In the majority they have been addressed to Col. Bernabo's Office or to other assistance offices of the Capital.

This Liaison Office has also kept in close touch with the War Ministry, the General Staff of the Italian Army, the Presidency of the Council, the Ministry of Interior, and especially with the Patriots' Office (Col. Bernabo').

GF Col.
Col. G. FAVA.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 55/1/Pat.

Subject : Summary of Patriot Branch
Report for October.

Ext. 374

9 Nov. 44.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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2. The Italian National Patriot Committee has agreed that Patriot Representatives shall receive 100 lire a day from the time when they are called up and 200 lire a day from the time when they receive their appointment.
3. The I.N.P.C. is endeavouring to start employment Agencies in every Region, and to inaugurate welfare activities.
4. Certificates continue to be awarded in Regions behind the Army areas *as well as in the Army areas themselves.*
5. Only a small number of patriots have volunteered for enlistment in the Italian Army.
6. Intelligence Reports continue to be distributed to AMGs of Armies and to Regions destined for Northern Italy.

P.M. Magnus

Sir P.M. MACNUS,
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7. During the month of October Col. G.D. McCLEARY, OBE, former Director of the Patriots Branch, left Italy to become Governor of Eritrea. Col. Roy SPICER, DSO, will in future combine the post of Director of the Local Government Sub Commission with that of Director of the Patriots Branch.

10 November 1944.

Sir Philip MARRIS,
Major,
Acting Director,
Patriots Branch.

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8 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Monthly report.

TO : All Sub-Comms.

- 1 A request has been received from G-5 Section, AFHQ, that in future 35 copies of the full length report prepared by Sub-Comms should be sent to them instead of 30 as previously. Please therefore, send to this office by the 14th of the following month 42 copies of your October and succeeding reports.
- 2 Following a study of these reports before their despatch to AFHQ, the Chief of Staff has made the following comments:
 - a) As regards their length, he was glad to see that September reports are, taken as a whole, shorter than those for the previous months but, wherever possible, he wishes Sub-Comms to aim at a further shortening of their reports.
 - b) The majority of Sub-Comms whose reports are longer than, say, 10 pages include a table of contents. This is most useful and one should always appear at the beginning of a report of any length.
 - c) In some cases changes in staff have been made the subject of the first paragraph of a report. The Chief of Staff considers that these would more suitably be placed at the end of a report.

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R. R. CRIMPS Col,
CSO CA Section

Ext : 358

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Col. Mc. HY	
Maj. Mott	P. R.
Maj. DRAGE	
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Subject ; Report on Liaison Office activity from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 1944

As known on Sept. 15 an Advanced Detachment of this Patriots Branch has been constituted in Florence.

Cap. Marino ROCCO has been nominated Liaison Officer and Lt. Eugenio DE LUCA and Mr. CIOMPI Patriots Reps, to the Adv. Detachment.

Capt. Rocco since the beginning of his appointment has been in close touch with the Liaison Officer of this Branch for the purpose of the running of patriots and patriots reps.

For instance he has sent several names of patriots who could be employed as representatives for the regions of Northern Italy. The names of the above patriots have been transmitted to the I.N.P.L. to be taken in consideration in the case they could be favorably used.

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PATRIOT BRANCH REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

1. Italian National Patriot Committee.

A decree outlining the scope and authority of the Italian National Patriot Committee was published in the daily press on 30 September. A translation of this decree is appended. The Prime Minister of Italy is President of this Committee and there are seven members of whom one - Major General ODONE - acts as the Executive Head of the Patriot Office. On all matters of detail the Patriot Branch will deal with General ODONE. On all questions of policy it is hoped that A.C.C. will be able to deal with a small working committee of three or four members of the Italian National Patriot Committee.

2. Notices and Posters.

A revised poster by General ALEXANDER for use in the North has been approved and issued. A Memorandum for issue to Army Officers in forward areas has also been published, and P.W.B., with the approval of A.C.C., are producing a booklet on Patriots for general distribution.

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4. Handing in of Arms.

It has to be recorded that in a majority of cases arms are not being handed in. It is only the best disciplined of the "Military" bands which make a practice of handing in their arms. In Florence the Garibaldi bands have handed in only a very small proportion of their arms.

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Every effort has been made by those on the spot to deal fairly and firmly with Patriots. In most cases this work has proceeded smoothly and satisfactorily so that the Patriots have been dispersed without trouble. Florence, unfortunately, has proved an exception, but a special team which was sent there to handle the problem learnt valuable lessons. Extracts from a report on the patriot problem in Florence are being circulated to Regional Commissioners in order that they may be forewarned on the subject of the difficult conditions which may confront them in the cities of the North.

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6. Patriot Volunteers in the Italian Army.

There are at present three screening agencies from the Italian War Office engaged in the task of recruiting patriots for the Italian Armed Forces behind the army areas. Each of these teams consists of three officers and seven other ranks. In the army areas there are three additional screening agencies: two with the Fifth Army, and one with the Eighth Army.

Recruits so far have been few. Up to the end of September the number of volunteers who have actually joined and are listed in the Italian Army total 191. A further 120 are reported to have joined direct into an Alpini Regiment. It is quite impossible to estimate how many Italian Patriots were taken on, in addition, by American, British, Italian and Polish units of the V and VIII Armies; but the numbers are considerable.

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The reasons for these low figures are believed to be the following:

- (1) Patriots wish to join up in a body with their own officers as self-contained units. This is of course unacceptable to the Army.
- (2) The most favourable moment, psychologically, for recruiting patriots is immediately after they have been contacted by our own advanced elements. However, for security reasons it is impracticable to send recruiting officers into the hot forward areas to recruit patriots as soon as they are first met.
- (3) It has been found that elements which are undesirable from the point of view of discipline sometimes masquerade as patriots. These men are liable to tarnish the good name of all the rest and there is not much enthusiasm on the part of the Allied or Italian Army authorities to enlist them until their bona fides has been fully proved.
- (4) The terms of enlistment are stated to be unattractive.

7. Patriot Representatives.

Patriot representatives are being sent to forward Regions on a basis, usually, of one pair for every Regional and one pair for every Provincial H.Q. A.M.G.'s. of armies are now finding it more convenient in practice to select Patriot representatives from members of the bands which they meet in the course of their advance.

C.D. McCLINTOCK,
Colonel,
Patriots Branch.

12 October 1944.

Appendix to Para. 1.

Italian National Patriot Committee

By authority given us;

By virtue of the Decree of 25 June 1944, No. 151;

By virtue of the decision of the Cabinet;

Following the proposal of the Prime Minister in agreement with all the Ministers;

We have sanctioned and promulgated the following:

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Art. 2. The function of the National Committee for Patriots in Liberated Italy is to study on a uniform basis all problems concerning Patriot activities in their fight against Germans and Fascists and to promote all necessary measures.

Art. 3. The Committee will be under the Presidency of the Prime Minister and will consist of the Under Secretary of State in the Prime Minister's Office who will be Vice-President, and Under Secretary of State for War appointed by the War Minister, and Under Secretary of State for Press and Information and four Experts appointed by a decree of the Prime Minister on the advice of the Cabinet. The President of the Committee will appoint a Secretary chosen from among its members.

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Art. 5. The rules for the organization and functioning of the Office as in Art. 4 will be defined by a Decree of the Prime Minister in agreement with the Treasury Minister on the advice of the Patriot National Committee.

Art. 6. The expenditure needed for the functioning of the offices formed by virtue of the authority of this Decree will be charged to the Treasury Estimate Budget in the account of the Prime Minister's Office. The Treasury Minister is authorized to modify the Budget accordingly.

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- Art. 5. The rules for the organization and functioning of the Office as in Art. 4 will be defined by a Decree of the Prime Minister in agreement with the Treasury Minister on the advice of the Patriot National Committee.
- Art. 6. The expenditure needed for the functioning of the offices formed by virtue of the authority of this Decree will be charged to the Treasury Estimate Budget in the account of the Prime Minister's Office. The Treasury Minister is authorized to modify the Budget accordingly.
- Art. 7. This Decree comes into effect on the day following its publication.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Ref: 55/1/PAT

10th October 1944.

Subject: Summary of Patriot Branch Report
for September.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

1. The formation of the Italian National Patriot Committee under the presidency of the Prime Minister and with General ODDONE as the Executive Head of the Patriot Office is a landmark. It should mean the beginning of the handover of the patriot problem to the Italian Government.
2. Intelligence reports are being collected from all sources and disseminated to H.Q. of Regions going to North Italy. The idea is to give such up-to-date and last minute news to Regions that, in the event of a sudden collapse, all Regional and all Provincial Commissioners will have a clear and helpful picture of the conditions which they may expect to find.
3. It is important to record that in the majority of cases arms are not being handed in except in very small numbers.
4. It must also be recorded that the number of recruits who have joined the Italian Army from the Patriots has been remarkably low - under 400 in all from July until end of September. The main reasons for this low figure is given in the attached report but generally speaking our experience is that few responsible people, Allied or Italian, really wish to put Patriots into the Italian Army. The Patriots themselves display no eagerness to volunteer.

P. M. Magnus

Sir P. MAGNUS, Major,
for Col. C.D. MCCARTHY,
Patriots Branch.

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Ext: 469

C O P YSUBJECT : Monthly Report.

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TO : All(Admin) CA Sub-Comms.

The following instructions supercede all previous instructions. Two monthly reports will be prepared in future:

- a a summary - paragraphed under not more than four or five suitable heading the text of which, exclusive of headings will not normally exceed 30 lines (Public Health & Public Safety 50). Of this summary one copy only will be submitted which will reach (Admin Sec) CA Section on the 10th of each month.
- b A full report, of which 37 copies will be supplied, which will reach (Admin Sec) CA Section not later than the 14th of each month.

S.H. WHITE, Lt Col
for A/Hd CA Section

19 Aug 64.

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Patriot Branch
Patriot Branch Monthly Report

1. Italian National Patriot Committee.

A decree outlining the scope and authority of the Italian National Patriot Committee was published in the daily Press on 30th September. A translation of this decree is appended. The Prime Minister of Italy is President of this Committee and there are seven members of whom one Major General Oddone, acts as the Executive Head of the Patriot Office. On all matters of detail the Patriot Branch will deal with General Oddone. On all questions of policy it is hoped that A.C.C. will be able to deal with a small working committee of three or four members of the Italian National Patriot Committee.

2. Notices and Posters

A revised poster by General Alexander for use in the North has been approved and issued. A Memorandum for issue to Army Officers in forward areas has also been published, and P.W.B., with the approval of A.C.C., are producing a booklet of Patriots for general distribution.

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5. Rehabilitation of Patriots.

Every effort has been made by those on the spot to deal fairly and firmly with patriots. In most cases this work has proceeded smoothly and satisfactorily so that the patriots have been dispersed without trouble. Florence, unfortunately, has proved an exception, but a special team which was sent there to handle the problem learnt valuable lessons. A copy of a report on the patriot problem in Florence is being circulated to regional Commissioners in order that they may be forewarned on the subject of the difficult conditions which may confront them in the cities of the North.

6. Patriot Volunteers in the Italian Army.

There are at present three screening agencies from the Italian War Office engaged in the task of recruiting patriots for the Italian Armed Forces behind the army areas. Each of these teams consist of three officers and seven O.Rs. In the Army areas there are three additional screening agencies : two with the fifth army, and one with the eighth Army.

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2. The most favourable moment, psychologically, for recruiting patriots is immediately after they have been contacted by our own advanced elements. However, for security reasons it is impracticable to send recruiting officers into the most forward areas to recruit patriots as soon as they are first met.
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7. Patriot Representatives.

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Patriot Branch.

4th October, 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section.
APO 384

Ref: 55/1/Pat.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - August 1944.

To: R.C. & M.G. Section, Headquarters, A.C.C.

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1. FORWARD ECHELON

A Forward Echelon has been established in Florence. Florence is closer than Rome to the sources of Patriot Intelligence in the North and dissemination of Patriot Intelligence to the HQ of the new Northern Regions will be made more easily from Florence than from Rome when the new Regional HQs assume control of their territories.

2. THE ITALIAN PATRIOT COMMITTEE

The Italian Government have set up an Italian Patriot Committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister to handle the Patriot problem. The Committee includes representatives of the Ministry of War, the Ministry of Press and Information and the Presidency of the Council. The Committee has already started to meet and reports on Patriot activities are being forwarded to it by this Branch. In its relationship with the Allied Control Commission and with the Regions, the Italian Patriots Committee deals through the Patriot Branch, R.C. & M.G. Section.

3. INTELLIGENCE TEAMS

Intelligence Teams for Regions IX, Piemonte, Liguria, XI, and XII have been formed for the purpose of collecting and collating information on a regional basis about conditions in German occupied Italy. Detailed information is being supplied about industrial works which is being passed to save, locations of bands and their leaders, and the activities of Patriots. The reports of these teams will enjoy a wide distribution from HQ to Provincial Commissioners. The Allied Officer in charge of each team is responsible that his Regional Commissioner receives an adequate supply of information such as to assist him to appraise and dissolve with the minimum degree of friction the various bands in his region. In addition to the information which is collected by the Regional Intelligence Officer for the use of his Commissioner, one representative each from the HQ and from the Military Centre Group have been detailed to proceed to the HQ of every Province in the new Northern Regions to collect information for the use of the Provincial Commissioners.

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4. HANDLING OF PATRIOTS SOUTH OF THE LINE

Patriot Representatives of the CMI and Military Centre Groups are carrying out their task of distinguishing between genuine and bogus Patriots in the Army areas and in Region IV and V. In practice this work is carried out in cooperation with the Communal and Patriot Committees. Certificates are being awarded and it is hoped that in the back areas this work will be concluded by the end of September. Transport difficulties have, in many instances, had to be overcome.

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5. REHABILITATION OF PATRIOTS

The work of rehabilitating Patriots in civilian occupations has progressed more slowly than was hoped. However, Central and Provincial Patriot Committees are everywhere in being and they are being encouraged and exhorted by every means in the power of this HQ. In Florence it was found that the Patriots were by no means eager to accept civil employment at once. It must be said that in the Forward Areas increasing difficulty is being experienced in training Patriots to hand in all their arms. This matter is engaging the serious attention of the Allied authorities.

6. PATRIOT CAMPS AND RECRUITING FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

Arrangements have been made to establish seven Patriot camps to receive Patriots on their way South to the Italian Army Recruitment Centres or to their homes. In Regions IV and V owing partly to the time which has elapsed since the territory was liberated, very few Patriots have volunteered to join the Italian Armed Forces. Arrangements are being made to make it possible for any Patriot in this area who may desire to volunteer to be given another chance to do so. In Florence, through the courtesy of the ~~arrangements~~ have been made to make possible recruitment on the spot of up to 1000 Patriots.

Patriot camps, which will be established at suitable main-heads, will be operated by Italian Patriots. Most of the necessary equipment is being provided by the Italians. Trains will be on the railway route. The problem of securing motor transport to be used in connection with these camps has presented some difficulty but it is hoped that empty Allied lorries and trucks returning from the Forward Area can be used to transport these Patriots.

7. INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA

Weekly reports are being received regularly from the Patriot Representatives with the Allies and at the HQs of provinces. The information received is being used in cooperation with FRO and PAS for publicity purposes. A careful check on Representatives is being kept and some Representatives, who have been found unreliable, have been replaced.

8. ITALIAN LIAISON

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INFORMATION DIVISION

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19 September 1944

SUBJECT : Monthly Reports.

TO : Chief Clerk -

- INDUSTRY Sub-Commission
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- PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES Sub-Commission
- TRANSPORTATION Sub-Commission
- WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL

1. May one copy of each of your past monthly Reports (as far back as available) please be forwarded to Major JOHN V. HINKEL of this Division, third floor, room 11, if possible this afternoon.
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R.C. & M.C. SECTION
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Ref/197/87/GA.

16 Sept 1944

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - August.

TO : War Material Disposal & P.W. Sub-Comm.
Italian Refugee Branch
Patriots Branch.

1. Your Monthly Report, due on 15 September, has not been received.
2. Will you please expedite.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COUNCIL COMMISSION
R.E. & M.C. Section
APO 374

Ref/55/1/2/PAL.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - July 1944.

TO : R.E. & M.C. Section, Headquarters A.C.C.

19 August 1944.

FUNCTION OF THE PATRIOT BANDA.

1. Patriot bands which are many of them large and highly organized bodies have been created in various centres of German occupied territory in Italy and have received considerable encouragement and active help and instructions from the Allied Command. It is therefore clearly one of our chief tasks to look after the individual members of these bands when their fighting is over and in this connection it has been laid down by A.A.I. that bands must not accompany the units forward out of their own areas. The Patriots Branch of A.C.C. was formed early in July as a result of an instruction from A.A.I. and is responsible for all dealings with Resistance Groups as soon as the territory in which they have been operating is liberated by our troops.

2. Patriots, although mostly Italians, may be of any nationality, and are defined as being those in the ranks of genuine fighting bands who have carried arms, engaged in sabotage or secured important military information to the benefit of the Allied war effort.

3. A pool of Italian patriot representatives has been formed to assist Allied officers who are concerned in identifying patriots and in handling patriot problems. This pool of representatives (one each representing the C.L.M. Group and the Military Centre Group) have been despatched to Army areas and further towns are being organized for Regions.

4. It is the task of the Patriots Branch to direct the rehabilitation of all patriots in liberated territory, and to coordinate the policy of H.C.C. A.A.I. and A.C.C. with regard to future operations in enemy territory. To this end a message in poster form signed by General Sir Harold Alexander was designed and distributed in forward areas. A form of certificate of merit was prepared and approved at this time and certificates have been sent to Regiments and to the two armies for distribution through the recognized "band" leaders to individual patriots.

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5. Plans have been drawn up for dealing with patriots. Although many are used for a short while by the Army in their own area as guides and as patrols and for reconnaissance work, the intention generally is to direct nearly all of them into civil life. About 90 return to their own homes and occupation locally. Of the remainder some will be used for police duties or as drivers, others will be employed on engineering work, and on mine clearance; and arrangements have been made for recruiting and passing back volunteers for service in the Italian Army and Air Force.

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INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA

6. Reports are being received from Patriot representatives and from the leaders of the patriot bands. Information from these reports is extracted and passed on when relevant, for use by R.S.O., I.M.B. and the press. Italian newspapers are closely scrutinized. Information is being collected about conditions in every occupied territory in order

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that suitable plans can be made for handling patriot problems in that territory when it is liberated.

ITALIAN LIAISON.

7. Liaison is maintained with the Italian Ministry of War through an Italian senior officer who is responsible for coordinating the work of the two Groups which are recognized - the C.I.L. Group and the Military Centre Group.

POLICE.

8. Directives have been issued as required in agreement with A.A.I. and other authorities. It is fair to say that the task of ensuring that these directives are acted upon by all Allied officers concerned and by the leaders of the patriot bands is well in hand. The broad political aspect of the patriot problem has been borne constantly in mind, and very close liaison is being maintained with those Allied officers and officials who are concerned with the political future in Italy.

Wm. Carthy

C.D. DE GANDIA,
Colonel,
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R.C. & M.C. Section.

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