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FOR ATTENTION OF MAJOR REAKES OR LT COL WHITE ON RETURN.

Reference Folio 67 of this file I discussed this matter with the Exec. Comm. 14A in file 141/5/PAT which is a letter from the Ministry of PR Assistance also refers to this matter.

Exec. Comm. and myself agreed that Lt Col De Garston would not be necessary in the North as a Liaison Officer. Our letter to Regions of 31 October was presumably based on handover about 1 December. Lt Col De Garston will not be leaving the North until it finally closes down about 21 January so that he will have had nearly an extra two months by which time the Italians should be able to carry on. If we can do anything about clearing up the ANPI situation before January ends we should do so but we must remember that after the handover it will be a matter entirely for the Italian Government except in Udine and Venezia Giulia.

ML
M. CARR
BRIGADIER

VF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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MINISTRY OF POST WAR AID

- THE MINISTER -

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Rome, 15 January 1946

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*Roberto Ex-Band
MC*

Dear General Carr,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 11 January and express you my gratitude for the confidence you have in the Italian officials.

With my best regards

Yours truly

/s/ GASPAROTTO

Brigadier M. CARR
Civil Affairs Section
Allied Commission
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Ministero dell'Assistenza Post-bellica

IL MINISTRO

Roma, 15 gennaio 1946

Prot. n. 644-7-69

Caro Sig. Generale,

prendo atto di quanto Ella mi ha comunicato nella Sua lettera dell'11 gennaio e La ringrazio della fiducia che dimostra nei funzionari italiani.

Ricambio le Sue cortesissime espressioni.

Suo dev.mo

Garfagnini

Brigadier Generale I.N. PARR.
Comando della Commissione Alleata
APO 394 - Sezione degli Affari
Civili

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

69/PAT

11 Jan 46

My Dear Mr. Minister,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter 304/5
dated 9 Jan 46.

Decision had already been taken sometime ago
as to the number of liaison officers to remain after hand-
over to your Government and it was decided that there
should be no liaison officer for Patriots in Italy and that
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I feel sure however, that your officers in North Italy,
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the work commenced by this Commission.

Yours very truly



Mr. Luigi Gasparotto
Minister of Post War Aid
R O M E

Translation

(9B)

Ministry of Post War Aid

Rome 9 Jan 46

N.304/5

TO: Allied Commission
(attn.: Col Cripps)

SUBJECT: Colonel De Garston

The Patriot Representative Lombardia informed me that probably Col De Garston will have to leave the Patriot Office North Italy and asked me to help him in obtaining that Col De Garston carry on liaising the Allied Commission and the Office in North Italy of this Ministry.

Would you therefore please re-examine the position of Col De Garston in order to make it possible ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to carry on the work with the help of the vast knowledge he has of all the patriot problems.

The Minister
/s/ Gasparotto

My dear Mr Minister

~~Your letter 304/5 of 9 Jan 46 is~~
~~acknowledged.~~

I acknowledge receipt of your letter 304/5 dated 9 Jan. 46.

I regret that ~~Col De Garston cannot~~
~~be retained as Patriot Liaison Officer in North Italy.~~
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~~No higher authority has been now approved~~

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Ministero dell'Assistenza Post-Bellica

IL MINISTRO

10 GEN 1946

Roma, 29 GEN 1946

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ALLA COMMISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
(all'attenzione del Colonnello Crips)

R O M A

OGGETTO: Colonnello De Garston.

Il Rappresentante dei Patrioti per la Lombardia, avendo avuto notizia della possibilità che il Colonnello De Garston cessa dall'attuale incarico di Capo dell'Ufficio Patrioti del Nord Italia, ha interessato questo Ministero per ottenere che il pre-detto Ufficiale conservi la funzione di collegamento fra codesta Commissione e l'Ufficio Distaccato dell'Assistenza post-bellica di Milano.

Poichè viene segnalato che il Colonnello De Garston conosce a fondo i problemi relativi ai Partigiani - e potrebbe, pertanto, continuare molto proficuamente ad esplicare la sua attività - si prega di voler esaminare con la massima benevolenza l'opportunità di aderire alla richiesta avanzata dal Rappresentante dei Patrioti per la Lombardia.

Si ringrazia e si rimane in attesa di cortese riscontro.

IL MINISTRO

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IL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

69/PAT

8th January 46

SUBJECT: Patriots

TO : CLO Milan
(attention Lt.Col.A.R.A.De Garston)

1. All Patriot Activities by the Allied Commission in Italy ceased as from 31 December 45. From that date all questions concerning Patriot matters must be handled by the Italian Authorities.

2. The handover to the appropriate Italian Authorities will be completed by 21 January or earlier if possible.

W.CARR Brigadier
VP CA Section

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8 Jan 46

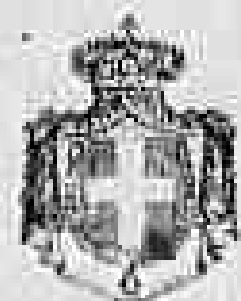
SUBJECT: Patriots

TO : CLO Milan
(attention Lt.Col.De Garston)

Attached please find letters received by this
Section from the Ministry of Post War Aid for onward trans-
mission.

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M. CARR Brigadier
VP CA Section

2 Enclosures



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Roma 3 gennaio 1946

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OGGETTO: Trasmissione di documenti
per l'inoltro.

Si trasmettono i sottosegnati fogli, con preghie-
ra d'inoltro all'H.Q. - A.M.G. - Patriots Office
North Italy in Milano che si compiacerà curarne
la successiva trasmissione agli I.M.P.R. a fianco
di ciascuno di essi segnato:

- n.2286 di prot. - Al S.Ten.TOCI - IMPR di Torino,
- n.1181 " " - Al Ten.Col.DEL DIN - IMPR di Udine.

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Ten.Col.Cano Luigi)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED PATRIOT GOVERNMENT
PATRIOTS OFFICE
NORTH ITALY

24 DEC 1945

PAT. 139 / IOMB.

MILAN; 14th December 1945

SUBJECT : Report of the weekly meeting

TO : A.C. PATRIOTS BRANCH
ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

MINISTERO ASSISTENZA POST-BELLICA
Ufficio Collegamento M.O.
MINISTERO ASSISTENZA POST-BELLICA
Sezione Staccato Alta Italia
UFFICIO STALCIO COMANDO GENERALE
DEL C.V.L.
ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE PARTIGIANI
Comitato Regionale- Via Ruffini, 3

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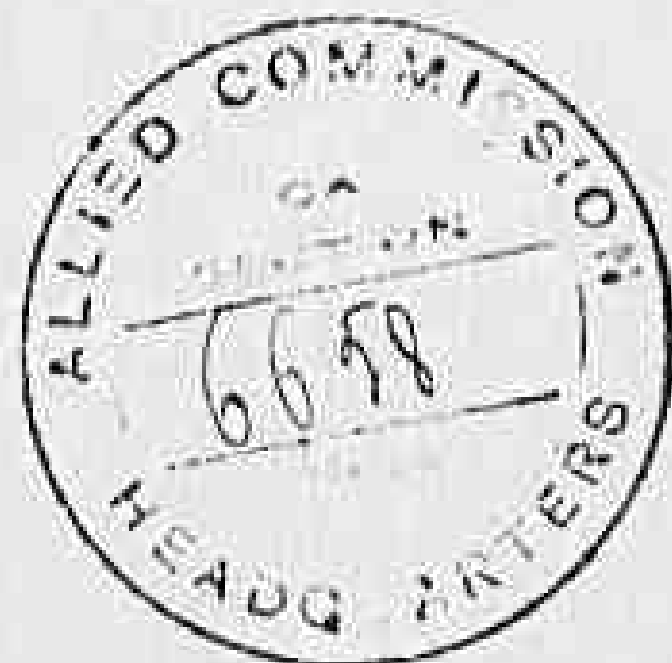
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Herewith attached please find a report of the
weekly meeting held on the 10th December 1945 in the
Patriots Office for North Italy.

Hubert B. Garton
H.B. GARTON
PATRIOTS OFFICER
NORTH ITALY



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REPORT OF THE 5th MEETING HELD AT THE PATRIOTS OFFICE
FOR NORTH ITALY ON THE 10th DECEMBER 1945

Present are : The Col. DE GARSTON, Maj. BARBIERI
and Capt. DI COCCO for the Patriots Office for North
Italy, ARGENTON, DE ANGELIS for the Generale HQ.
C.V.L., MOSNA, BASTARINI and VUOLI for A.N.P.I.
ARCA and RESNATI for the Ministry for Post War
Assistance VIGORELLI for the Fondazione Solidarietà
Nazionale.

President is Lt.Col. DE GARSTON

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fourth meeting held on the 3rd December and by reading
the circular letters issued according to the decision
taken in the above said meeting.

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to the relatives of deceased partisans. Applications
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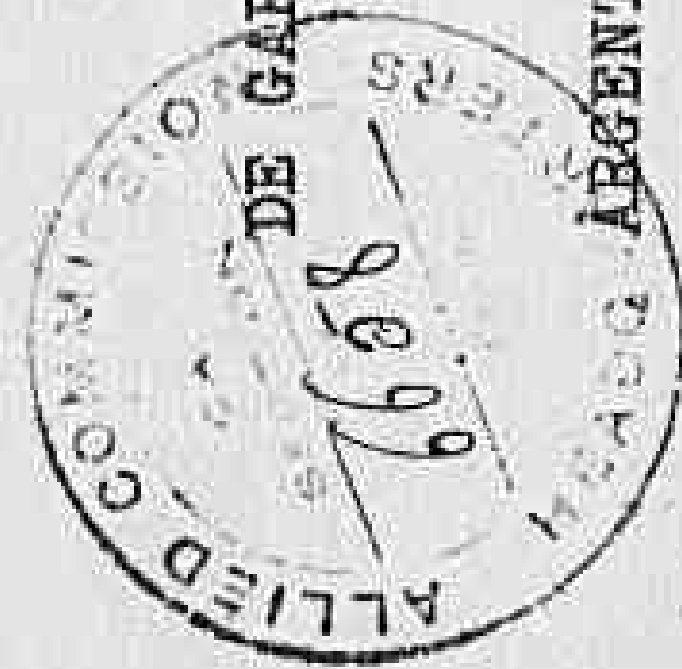
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ARCA : Confirms that instructions have already been issued to the Bologna section of the Ministry for Post War Assistance to pay hospitalization for partisans at the "Putti" centre.

DE GARSTON : Asks Argenton to investigate in this matter.

Now the discussion reverts on the "B" organization.

: Considering the scopes of the "B" organization, ./.



whose profits shall be devolved to the assistance of Patriots, suggests that such organization be fostered and helped as much as possible.

DE GARSTON : As the Italian Government does not allow such an organization any discussion in this matter is useless as long as the Italian law has not been modified.

ARGENTON : States that said law is in course of amendment, but in the meantime the activity of the "B" organizations should not be stopped, in order to avoid a further deterioration of the partisans unemployment problem.

BARBIERI : Reverts to the problem of partisans cooperatives and reads a motion addressed to the Ministry for obtaining the allotment of trucks for partisans.

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RESNATI / Reports on the results of the investigation already made by the Ministry for Post War Assistance. In the Milan Province there are 210 partisan cooperatives, both from the partisan and technical point of view. He asks that the actual state of the vehicles be checked and the important question of their ransom be settled.

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DE GARSTON / In this matter an ultimate decision will be taken by the competent allied authorities.

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ALL APPROVE

DI COCCO : Refers about the constituting of the A.R.A.R., an interministerial body, which will provide for the sale of the vehicles assigned to the Italian Government by the Allies, Such sale will be effected on behalf of the Treasury. It could be asked that special conditions and prices be granted to A.N.P.I. or any other body eventually appointed to this end.

ARGENTON : Reads a letter addressed by the General HQ. C.V.L. to the Ministry regarding payment of debts made by C.V.L. in the clandestine period.

VIGORELLI : Starts a lively discussion with all present about E.C.A. being the sole body officially appointed for the distribution of clothing to needy partisans who can produce a poverty card. E.C.A. is really in a position to assist partisans also in small centres, because it is the only widely spread organization, having representatives in every commune.

ARCA : Objects that E.C.A. is not in a position to recognize really needy partisans and therefore is more inclined to entrust ANPI with the assistance to partisans.

ARGENTON : Observes that while E.C.A. operates perfectly in big centres his efficiency is very doubtful in small ones. It is necessary to grant A.N.P.I. - Milan Section - an adequate quantity of clothing. Besides it is advisable to nominate a representative of A.N.P.I. at every E.C.A. Office.

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- BARBIERI : Recommends that this Office avail itself of the present opportunity to obtain a special allotment of clothing, granted by the V Army.
- DE GARSTON : Authorizes this Patriots Office for North Italy to apply for such apportionment of clothing for partisans.
- DE GARSTON : In our warehouse there is still a rest of clothing He decides that it be distributed to the four regions:

Piemonte, Liguria, Emilia, Veneto. Lombardia is left out because it has already been plentifully provided for.

DE COCCO : Proposes that a "Guide of the partisan" including all the directives issued for the protection of the Partisan's rights and welfare be published in the "Riscatto" a largely diffused A.N.P.I. publication.

ALL APPROVE

ARGENTON : Proposes the distribution of a present of 1000 lire for each orphan of partisan. The corresponding amount will be taken from salvage funds of C.V.I.

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A.R.A. DE GARSTON
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PATRIOTS OFFICE
NORTH ITALY

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PAT. 128 /LOND.

Milano, 13th December 1945

SUBJECT : Report of the weekly meeting

TO : A.C. PATRIOTS BRANCH
ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

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MINISTERO ASSISTENZA POST-BELLICA

Ufficio Collogamento M.G.

= ROMA =

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Sezione Staccata Alta Italia

= MILANO =

UFFICIO STALCIO COMANDO GENERALE

DEL C.V.L.

= MILANO =

ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE PARTIGIANI

Comitato Nazionale - Via Buffini, 3

= MILANO =

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A.R.A. DE GARSTON
Lt. Col.
PATRIOTS OFFICER
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FINCOPIRE

OF THE FOURTH MEETING HELD AT THE PATRIOTS OFFICE - NORTH ITALY
ON THE 3RD DECEMBER 1945.

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PRESENT are : Maj. BARBIERI for the Patriots Office North Italy.
ARGENTON for the General HQ. C.V.I.
ARCA for the Ministry for Post War Assistance
MOSNA and PESTARINI for ANPI
VUOLI and DE ANGELIS for the General HQ. C.V.I.

President is Mosna, who after reading the reports of the Second and third meeting, opens the discussion.

ARGENTON : Referring to Dr. BENNIS's request of suitable rooms in the Montecatini Building to be assigned to the Regional Commission for the recognition of Patriots, he points out that in the office of C.V.I. Via Albania, there is sufficient room for such Commission, with the additional advantage that the patriots cards are ready at hand, for the works of said body.

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ALL APPROVE

VOLI : States that the Genova ANPI has arranged with the Treasury for an advance payment on pensions. 6281

MOSNA : Wants a copy of such dispositions.

VOLI : Wants to know who is going to pay an allowance to patriots for the time between convalescence leave and granting of pension.



ALL : Agree that precise directives are urgently needed in this respect.

MOSNA : States that there are still patriots who need hospitalization, but hospitals deny any further assistance until they receive payment of the outstanding amounts.

BARBIERI : Mentions the particular position of Lt.Col.TAIANA who under the Republic was on duty at the HQ.for the defence of Milan and now is I.M.P.R at Novara. This case has already been referred to Rome.

ARGENTON : Points out that TAIANA had been appointed to the Novara Patriots Office by Moscatelli. It was only on a later date that his nomination as I.M.P.R. was known.

BARBIERI : Proposes to discharge him.

ARGENTON : Gives assurance that he will inform the competent authority in Rome thereof.

Now the discussion reverts to the allotment of vehicles to Cooperatives.

BARBIERI : Is favourable to the assignation of vehicles to partisan bodies who actually need them.

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ARGENTON : Replying to a question as to a possible anticipation of funds to newly set up cooperatives, specifies that small amounts could be given by the C.V.L.

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ARGENTON : Mentions the problem of the so called "B" organisation whose aim is to provide transport and insurance to civilians, thus contributing to a reduction of the owner's burden, and at the same time helping to control and normalise the so called clandestine transportation of civilians.

BARBIERI : Is already acquainted with this organization, which, however, has not yet been authorized by the Allied Government, because it is forbidden by the Italian law. In any case it appears that this organization proved, since the beginning, to have a speculative scope.

ARGENTON : the promoters of this "B" organisation are willing to employ partisans in every capacity, according to assurances given personally to him.

MOSNA : Asks Argenton to submit in the next meeting ample documentation on this matter.

VOLI : Suggests that big cooperatives, financed by the State, should be set up. Such cooperatives should be provided with important work, for the duration of many years, in order to employ all the patriots out of work.

PESTARINI : Does not agree : many technicians would be required, which would not be easy to find.

MOSNA : Believes that this difficulty could be easily surmounted, should the proposed bodies be set up.

ARGENTON : States that the creation of small groups is preferable to big concerns.

BARBIERI and ARGENTON : Are convinced that big cooperatives want large funds. Big concerns, if not strictly controlled are liable to deteriorate very soon. It is better to foster small initiatives with adequate funds and with the support of Prefectures, ANPI, etc.

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employ partisans in every capacity, according to assurances given personally to him.

- MOSNA : Asks ARGENTON to submit in the next meeting ample documentation on this matter.
- VOLI : Suggests that big cooperatives, financed by the State, should be set up. Such cooperatives should be provided with important work, for the duration of many years, in order to employ all the patriots out of work.
- PESTARINI: Does not agree: many technicians would be required, which would not be easy to find.
- MOSNA : Believes that this difficulty could be easily surmounted, should the proposed bodies be set up.
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- ARCA : Considers unfair the treatment reserved to partisans who fought outside of Italy. They are treated as military and as such receive back pay from the Ministry of war. They should receive also the demobilisation bonuses.

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ARGENTON : Assures that there is a Committee in Rome for this scope.

ARCA : Points out that it is not only a question of military personnel, but also of political ex internees, who were subsequently active in partisan bands.

BARBIERI : Proposes to apply to the V Army for an adequate quantity of clothing for the assistance to partisans and their families.

PESTARINI : Suggests that C.V.L. anticipate the funds for the purchase of such material.

BARBIERI : Suggests that a portion of such clothing should be distributed free of charge, as already done by the Allied Authorities.

He adds that industries and big commercial firms have large quantities of clothing blocked by the Allies. The Allied Authorities often grant such material to bodies who realise big profits from the sale. It is necessary to favour cooperatives and social initiatives, that however must be strictly controlled as to the final destination of the goods sold.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PATRIOTS OFFICE
NORTH ITALY

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13 DEC 1945

PAT/ 109/ LOMB.

Milano, 7th December 1945

SUBJECT : Montly Report ending 30/11/45.

TO : HQs. A.C. PATRIOTS BRANCH - APO 394

Enclosed please find No.4 copies (one in English and three copies in Italian) of the monthly report for November 1945, to be distributed to all concerned.

Anthony B. Ganson

A.R.A. DE GANSTON
Lt. Col.
PATRIOTS OFFICER
NORTH ITALY



HEADQUARTER
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PATRIOTS OFFICE
NORTH ITALY

PAT 409/COMB.

Milano, 28th December 1945

MONTHLY REPORT DURING 30 NOVEMBER 1945

1. According to directives issued by the A.C. Patriots Branch with circular letter 36/PAT dated 31/10 we have set up the Patriots Office for North Italy.

2. Therefore at the A.M.G. Lombardia region we have

now:

- one Patriots Office for North Italy (Lt.Col. DE SANCTIS)
- one Patriots Office for Lombardia Region (Col. QUARONI)

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- a) Coordinate the work of the I.M.P.S., Ministry for Post War Assistance, A.R.P.I. and skeleton Offices C.V.L. and reduce to uniformity the various directives.
- b) control and watch the A.N.P.I.'s activity in order to keep their action within the limits prescribed by their statute.
- c) Watch and promote the activity of the Committee for the recognition of partisans, set up by Decree n. 516.
- d) Facilitate the solution of problems for which the intervention of Allied authorities is required.
- e) Promote the reemployment of partisans out-of-work and facilitate their return to civilian life.
- f) Bring to an end the payment of demobilisation bonuses, granting of pensions etc.

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- to hold weekly meetings at the office which will be attended by representatives of the Ministry for Post War Assistance C.V.I., and A.M.P.I., to the end of giving uniformity of directives to all concerned.
- to arrange similar meetings in every region and province of North Italy, so as to promote an actual cooperation of the various bodies.

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5. Four weekly meetings have been already held at this office, and the reports with concrete proposals have been forwarded to the competent central authorities.

6. This program has been fully approved by the central Allied and Italian Authorities with whom we have had interviews in the course of last week in Rome.

7. In future the monthly report will be submitted by the Regional Patriots Office.



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Lt Col.
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PATRIOTS OFFICE
NORTH ITALY

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7 DIC. 1945

PAT. 91 / LOMB.

Milan, 5 December 1945

SUBJECT: Report of the weekly meeting

TO : A.C. PATRIOTS BRANCH - ROME

Herewith attached please find a report of
the weekly meeting held on the 26th November 1945
in the patriots Liaison Office for North Italy.

Anthony Garston
A. A. DE GARSTON
Lt. Col.
PATRIOTS OFFICER
NORTH ITALY



HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PATRIOTS OFFICE
NORTH ITALY
REPORT OF THE WEEKLY CONFERENCE

HELD ON THE 26th NOVEMBER 1945

IN THE PATRIOTS LIAISON OFFICE FOR NORTH ITALY

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The present are:

Col. QUARONI for Patriots Office Lombardia Region, Maj.
LOCATELLI for General HQ.s C.V.D., MOSNA and PESTARINI
for ANPI, Lt.Col. ~~ACQUARO for Patriots Office Lombardia~~
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The meeting is opened at 10 a.m. It was stressed by all the
necessity to give very clear and definite directives to the
Committees for the recognition of partisans. All agree about
the necessity to apply to the Comandanti Brigata and Commissario
di Guerra for the informations regarding partisans who may have
joined formations for a limited period only. Many of such
partisans subsequently went to Switzerland, or were incorporated
in the Republican Army, or in any case abandoned the movement.

MOSNA and PESTARINI	:	suggest that such investigation should be made in every Brigade, starting with the Commandant of the formation.
ALL	:	Approve
ALL	:	Agree about the necessity that these meeting should be attended by Dett. CHIABOV in charge for the Ministry of Post War Assistance, North Italy, as the problems here discussed are connected with all the North Italy regions.



- LOCATELLI : Produces a letter by the Comando Militare Territoriale of Bologna requiring the C.O.M.E.R. (Comando Militare Emilia Romagna) to give back the amount of L. 1.408.942,95 received at the time of liberation from an officer of the dissolved Republican Army. This amount has been spent and the C.O.M.E.R. has the vouchers thereof.
- QUARONI : Advises the C.O.M.E.R. to send such vouchers to the Comando Territoriale.
- LOCATELLI : Points out that A.N.P.I., Rome issues a kind of rose coloured ticket for free travels and has seats reserved on the State Railways for Partisans on duty. Proposes that such arrangement should be made also for Milan. ? Italy
- ALL : Approve
- LOCATELLI : States that in North Emilia and Liguria many animals requisitioned by the Republican Army have not yet been reinstated. Civilians have urgent necessity of them.
- QUARONI : Suggests that applications to this end should be made in Rome, while the same action is carried out in Milan.
- MORRA and PESTARINI : Require clothing, or at least blankets and pants to be distributed to partisans.
- QUARONI : Point out the scarce availability just at the present moment. The Ministry for Post War Assistance, Milan Section, will grant to the I.M.P.A.S., material to be sold to partisans at very low price.

The next meeting will be held on December 3.

TUTTI I COMMISSARI REGIONALI A.M.G.

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Sezione Alta Italia & M I L A N O =

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Comitato Nazionale - Via Ruffini, 3 & M I L A N O =

FONDAZIONE NAZIONALE SOLIDARIETA'

Corso Matteotti, 4

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LT. Col.

PATRIOTS OFFICER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 69/PAT ✓

6 Dec 45

SUBJECT : Patriots

TO : Patriots Office - MILAN.

Receipt is acknowledged of your Pat 88/Lomb of 4 Dec which has been read with interest. No objection is raised to a consultative body to discuss Patriot problems. It is not understood however how such a body could fix the maximum number of Patriots to be officially recognised; that is a matter for the Commissions to decide.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

S. H. WHITE Lt Col,
A/VP CA Section.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PATRIOTS OFFICE
NORTH ITALY

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PAT. 88/LOMB.

Milan, 4 December 1945

SUBJECT : Report of the weekly meeting ' 6 DIC. 1945

TO : A.I.C. PATRIOTS BRANCH - ROMA

Herewith attached please find a report of
the weekly meeting held on the 19th November 1945
in the patriots Liaison Office for North Italy.

A.R.A. DE GARSTON
Lt. Col.

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NORTH ITALY

REPORT OF THE WEEKLY CONFERENCE
HELD ON THE 19th NOVEMBER 1945
IN THE PATRIOTS LIAISON OFFICE FOR NORTH ITALY

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The present are:

Lt. Col. DE GASTON, Col. QUARONI for Patriots Office Lombardie Region, GIORGIO for ANPI, BOLDRINI for ANPI, ARCA for Post War Assistance, ARGENTON and DE ANGELIS for General HQs C.V.L.; HARBINNI and DI COCCO for the AMG Liaison Office.

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The meeting is opened by reading the circular letters covering the problems examined and solved in the course of the preceding meeting and in particular the problem of transportation of deceased partisans and the extension of the jurisdiction of this office to Emilia.

QUARONI : In Rome it is supposed that the special Committees for the recognition of partisans are working regularly.

BOLDRINI : States that unfortunately this news is wrong. The official decree for the setting up of such Committees has not yet been issued by the Presidency of the Council.

ARGENTON : After some debate regarding alleged difficulties in the operation of Committees for the Emilia Region he points out the importance and urgency for a central body, whose duty should be to direct and control the work of North Italy provinces. Such ~~and~~ would set the example also for the Committees of the other Regions. Task of this



central body should be the determination of the maximum number of Patriots to be officially recognized. Such determination is to be made with the necessary prudence on the basis of schedules already available at the General HQ. C.V.L.

ALL : Approve the constitution of such central body to be formed by members present at this meeting namely Col. De Garston, for North Italy, a representative of the C.V.L. HQ., a representative of ANPI and one of the Post War Assistance.

FARINA : Points out the conditions under which the ANPI has been organized in the Venezia Region.

DE GARSTON : Proposes that the meetings to be held in North Italy provinces by the I.M.P.R.s, the Representatives of ANPI, C.V.L. and Post War Assistance, be also attended by an officer of the Prefettura charged with the administrative supervision.

IT IS APPROVED

BOLDRINI : The assistance to partisans should be in first place a moral one. Unfortunately when the leaders of the formations return to civilian life, they completely forget their men, and do not care to assist them in their material and moral needs. It is of vital importance to keep in touch with the leaders of the formations and persuade them that in this delicate movement they should cooperate with this office in the assistance to partisans.

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of the present mention the great problem of reemployment of partisans out of work.

Unemployment is very much aggravated by the winter season. An effective contribution towards the solution of the problem could be given by the transport cooperatives among partisans and, according to others, by any other form of cooperatives, provided they are helped and encouraged by the authorities. The great difference in the distribution of vehicles of war booty. Unfortunately such efforts were useless because of the resistance opposed by powerful groups which, since the first days of liberation, were granted many vehicles.

In view of these facts it is decided to apply to the Italian Government in order to obtain for the Partisans cooperatives of the Centre and South Italy an appropriate number of those vehicles which are now being allotted to Italy by the Allied Government. Such vehicles would be administered by a special body, able to guarantee equanimity in the distribution of vehicles to partisans.

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The meeting is closed with the decision to apply every possible effort in order to relieve the ever increasing unemployment. A list of out-of-work partisans will be compiled and distributed to all concerned. The next meeting will be held on next Monday November 26.

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29 NOV. 1945

MMB., 24rd November 1945

PAT. 5/VEN.

SUBJECT : REPORT OF THE MEETING

TO : A.C. PATRIOTS BRANCH - R.O.M.A.
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER - PADOVA

Herewith attached please find a report of
the meeting held on the 16th November 1945 at
Padova.

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Lt. Col.
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PATRIOTS OFFICE
VENETALE NORTH ITALY

DELLA RIUNIONE TENUTASI IN PADOVA IL GIORNO 15 NOVEMBRE 1945
L'UFFICIO REGIONALE PATRIOTI - A.M.C. DELLA XII REGIONE -

La seduta ha inizio alle ore 10.

Sono presenti :

Il Ten. Col.	DE GARSTON	Capo del "Patriots Office North Italy"
Il Magg.	QUADRELLI	Rapp. Sil. Reg. del M.A.P.
Il Capit.	DI COCCO	Del "Patriots Office North Italy"
L'avv.	MORNA (Farina)	Segretario Regionale dell'A.M.P.I.
Il Sig.	DEI PIERO	Rapp. Reg. Veneto del M.A.P.
Il Ten. Col.	REVETTI	Rapp. Reg. Veneto del C.V.L.
Il Capit.	BRENNAN	Rapp. Reg. Veneto dell'A.M.P.I.

Apres la seduta il Ten. Col. DE GARSTON per annunciare ch'egli è stato nominato capo del "Patriots Office" per il Nord Italia.

Dichiara d'aver riscontrato una nascente confusione fra le diverse organizzazioni assistenziali; d'esser perciò venuto nella determinazione d'istituire un comitato centrale che si riunirà settimanalmente a Milano per emanare direttive di lavoro sincronizzate; che tale comitato sarà presieduto da lui stesso e composto del Rappresentante dell'Ufficio Patrioti della Sezione Staccata Alta Italia del M.A.P., del rappresentante dell'Ufficio Stralcio del Comando Generale del C.V.L. e del rappresentante del Comitato Centrale dell'A.M.P.I.-

Sapra la propria certezza che con la creazione di questo organismo sarà possibile realizzare la indispensabile unità d'indirizzo.

Ciò premesso, il Ten. Col. DE GARSTON prescrive che comitati analoghi vengano senz'altro costituiti nelle regioni e nelle provincie. In quelli provinciali, al posto del rappresentante dei dislocati Uffici Stralcio del C.V.L., dovrà essere chiamato un funzionario di Prefettura o di Municipio.

Aggiunge che il comitato regionale dovrebbe riunirsi al più presto possibile e come inizio di lavoro studiare proposte da sottoporre al comitato centrale di Milano.

Il Magg. QUADRELLI prende atto delle istruzioni impartite e si dichiara convinto ch'esse, non appena applicate, eviteranno il sorgere di molti malintesi e tutto procederà di conseguenza nel migliore dei modi.

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L'avv. MOSNA (Farina) chiede a quale ente spetta occuparsi dell'inoltro delle pratiche per le pensioni alle famiglie dei morti ed ai feriti.

Il Magg. QUADRELLI risponde che tale compito è dell'Ufficio Patrioti, ma che trattasi di pratiche lunghissime e che occorreranno mesi prima che il Ministero delle Finanze cominci ad effettuare agli interessati i primi pagamenti.

L'avv. MOSNA (Farina) si dichiara soddisfatto di constatare che all'A.N.P.I. non tocchi così gravoso impegno.

Il Ten.Col. DE GARSTON passa quindi a parlare dell'inconveniente di cui trattasi la relazione di ottobre del Magg. Quadrelli e cioè dei troppi enti, pubblici e privati, che vogliono occuparsi dei partigiani, con relativa nascente, e crescente, confusione.

Dopo larga discussione, alla quale partecipano tutti i presenti, viene deciso che il problema sarà uno dei primi ad essere esaminato dal Comitato regionale.

Il Ten.Col. RIVETTI discute quindi con il Sig. DEL PIERO ed il Cap. BRESSAN sul miglior sistema da adottare per evitare che un partigiano riceva sussidi da parecchi enti, ma il Ten.Col. DE GARSTON fa osservare che il problema è di dettaglio e di competenza dei costituendi comitati provinciali.

Il Ten. Col. DE GARSTON continuando nella sua esposizione, dichiara che dalla lettura della lettera di alcuni Governatori della XII^a Regione gli è risultato che in parecchie province (e non solo in quella di Treviso) l'A.N.P.I. s'è arrogato prerogative non di sua spettanza.

Il Capit. BRESSAN chiarisce che l'A.N.P.I. regionale è stata costituita solo qualche settimana fa e quindi le diverse sezioni non sentendosi sorrette da un'autorità centrale sufficientemente vigilante, hanno agito alquanto autonomamente. Assicura però che in avvenire, con il lavoro sincronizzato di tutte le diverse organizzazioni assistenziali, il segnalato inconveniente non si verificherà più.

Il Ten.Col. DE GARSTON prende atto di queste dichiarazioni e raccomanda agli esponenti dell'A.N.P.I. che tutti gli organi periferici si attengano scrupolosamente alle norme dell'atto costitutivo dell'Associazione (quello, bene inteso, approvato dagli Alleati).

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L'avv. MOSNA (Farina) assicura ch'egli farà emanare precise istruzioni in merito.

Il magg. QUADRILLI propone allora di stabilire subito la data della prima riunione del comitato regionale.

Il Sig. DEL PIERO chiede ch'essa non abbia luogo prima di giovedì venturo. Dopo che tutti gli interessati hanno accettato tale data il magg. QUADRILLI propone che le riunioni abbiano luogo nell'Ufficio Regionale Patrioti e la proposta viene senz'altro accolta.

Il Ten. Col. DE GARSTON dichiara allora esaurito l'ordine del giorno e così alle ore 11,35 la riunione, dopo qualche parola di ringraziamento agli intervenuti da parte del Capit. DI COCCO, si scioglie.

A.R.A. DE GARSTON
Lt. Col.
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NORTH ITALY

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Capit. Di Cocco Antonio



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