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Sept. 1944 - June 1945

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Liaison Offr

(71) for your information. Although the Government will of course know of this, it is suggested that a copy should be sent officially to the NOIC "for information".

4 May 45.

A. Parker Lieut Cmdr.

4 May 45

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MINUTE SHEET No. 3

DATE		PAGE
	(6)	
17 Feb,45.	To No.1 Special Force Folios 35A & B. For information. Can we discuss please? V.F.J.C. SNEE, Major.	35 A & B.
	(7)	
27 Feb,45	Patriots. V.P. informs me that he has spoken with you regarding 39. See his note "Hold pro tem ". Will you B.F. when decision of C.O.S. is made. R. CRIPPS, Colonel. C.A.S. x 608.	39
	(8)	
28 Feb, 45.	Civil Affairs Section. Ref your minute at 41. I am in agreement with the principles and proposals set out in 41 C. V.F.J.C. SNEE, Major.	41
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2 March 45	To Patriots, (letter sent by C.A.S.) 1129 See 42. R. CRIPPS,	42.

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2 March 45 — To Patriots, (letter sent by C.A.S.) 1129

See 42. — 42.

R. CRIPPS,
Colonel.

C.A.S.
x 608.

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30th Jan 45. To: C.A. Section.
For the Attention of the Vice President. 24

As requested by the Chief of Staff, herewith please find a Draft Memo on the subject of handling of Patriots in HQ ITAFF, for onward transmission.

B.L. DRAGE, Major,
Executive Officer.

(5)

2nd Feb 45. Subject: Planning North West Italy.
To: C.A. Section.

Reference 4/403/CA. Folio 24 24

In view of the fact that this French has presented for acceptance a plan for North West Italy which clearly lays down requirements in personnel, it is felt that no further action is required. (Folio 20).
As Patriots Branch at this HQ consists of two Allied officers only, the Director and an Executive Officer, no reduction in staff is possible.

B.L. DRAGE, Major,
Executive Officer.

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Noted.

R.P. Quinns

FILE	MINUTE SHEET No. 1	
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DATE		PAGE
4 Jan 45	V.P. At Folio 15 is the suggested plan of this branch for the handling of patriots in North West Italy for your perusal. Director Executive Officer for Director.	15
19. JAN. 45.	To Pats. Sth returned as requested. In view of the section letter & enclosure under ref: T.S/15/11/CA. you may have amendments to make. Will you please make them by Wednesday. 24th JAN. 45. CAS. 19 JAN. 45 K. 608.	16A
19th Jan 45.	3. To: Civil Affairs Section. Reference folio 15.	

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Director
Executive Officer for Director.

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K. 608.

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19th Jan 45.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

Reference folio 15.

Planning for NW ITALY has again been studied in conjunction with "Appreciation of Civil Affairs Commitment NW ITALY."

The Branch has nothing further to add to its original plan, except to request that the Director may be permitted to make contact with No.2. District and to hold preliminary discussion with that body in order to make tentative arrangements for the re-employment of Patriots.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 439001, Ext. 32

12 Jun 45

Ref: 105/PAT

SUBJECT: Recruiting Agencies.

TO: See Distribution below.

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1 Appendix "C" to 94/PAT of 7 Apl 45 is cancelled.

2 All Italian Army Recruiting Agencies are now controlled by the Italian Territorial Headquarters, who should be contacted direct by Regional Patriot Officers.

F.R. CRIPPS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub-Comsn.

DISTRIBUTION:

PIEMONTE Region	(12)	15 Army Group	(2)
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VENEZIE Region	(19)	AMG, 8 Army	(10)
LIGURIA Region	(7)	4 Corps	(20)
EMILIA Region	(17)	1 District	(1)
TOSCANA Region	(5)	2 District	(1)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 321

30 May 1945

Ref : 94/PAT

Subject : Patriot Directive

To : H.Q. ETRURIA Province

Copy to : Toscana Region.

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1. Ref your AU/PSO/5/41 of 28 May 1945 55

2. Herewith copy of our 94/PAT of 7 Apr. 45 with all amendments issued previous to 94/PAT of 22 May 1945. 75

3. Copies of this directive are held by your Regional HQ.

R.P

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

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/mlo.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

HEADQUARTERS
PROVINCE OF APUANIA

File Ref. AU/G30/5/41

28 May 1945

SUBJECT :- Rations for Italian Patriots

TO

Hdq. Allied Commission
Local Government S/c
Patriots Branch

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1. Ref. your ltr. 94/PAT, 22 May 1945, we should like to be current with exact dispositions Re "Rations for Italian Patriots.

2. May we have your ltr 94/PAT of 7 April with complete appendices?

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For the Provincial Commissioner

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ABNON F. CUDDITTE
Major Infantry
PGO Apuania

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SUBJECT: Notes on the Conference between H.E. Medici and Col. Cripps held in the latter's office on 29 May 45.

1. Col Cripps informed Mr. Medici that about a week ago while he was in Padova, at AMG Regional HQ, discussing matters concerning payments of bonuses and compensation to Patriots with the Regional Patriots officer and with local leaders of various formations - Mr. Curcio, (for whom Col Cripps himself had obtained a permit to go North on a request signed by the Minister Scoccimarro,) walked in person into the office. Mr. Curcio stated that the bonus to Patriots had been raised to 5000 lire and suggested issuing instructions to that effect to Italian Military Patriot Representatives from Milan.

Col Cripps answered that no instructions could be issued unless proper assurance had been received in writing by A.C. Local Government Sub Commission from the Italian Government, and that in any case such instructions could only be issued by the Local Governments' offices in Rome, in both Italian and English.

Assuming, though, that Mr. Curcio was a responsible official of the Ministry of Occupied Italy Col Cripps instructed Regional and Provincial Patriot officers to withhold payment of the 1000 lire bonus temporarily pending the issue of instructions concerning payments of 5000 lire.

Col Cripps also remarked on the general attitude of Sig. Crucio where Allied officers were concerned, and pointed out the unfortunate results that would inevitably arise should Italian officials assume the same attitude as Sig. Curcio, and go around making unauthorised statements. H.E. Medici replied that Sig. Curcio had never been authorised to give any kind of statement, much less issue instructions, concerning compensations, at least not by Medici himself (who at Ministry of Occupied Italy is responsible for patriot assistance) and that he would certainly call him sharply to book, both with regard to his duties as an Ministry of Occupied Italy official and on his personal behaviour in connection with Allied officers.

H.E. Medici furthermore stated that with regard to the increase in payments to patriots, during the Cabinet meeting attended by Gen. Cadorna and the other members of the C.L.N. of Northern Italy, it had been agreed to increase payments to patriots as follows:

a) Demobilisation bonus from 1000 to 5000 lire.
b) Compensation to wounded from 5000 to 10,000 lire. 1124
c) Compensation to families of fallen patriots from 10,000 to 20,000 lire.

While the previous increase in demobilisation bonus had applied to all patriots, the new increase, referred to above, would apply only to patriots who had been active up to the time of the final liberation of Northern Italy, in view of the greater hardships they had endured. H.E. Medici also stated that such provisions would require a certain time to become effective, because although approved in principle, they had still to be discussed in detail by the competent bodies of the Italian Cabinet, i.e. Treasury, Finance Minister, etc., and with the Finance Sub Commission Allied Commission.

Col Cripps then asked if Medici thought it would be wise to instruct Regional Commissioners to continue with the 1000 lire payments pending the

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Col Cripps then asked if Medici thought it would be wise to instruct Regional Commissioners to continue with the 1000 lire payments pending the last increase - to which Mr. Medici agreed.

Col Cripps then gave a full account of his impressions of his tour in the North and explained some provisions that had been adopted locally by Regional and Provinical Commissioners and by Patriot officers, more particularly where disarmament was concerned.

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FOR ACTION FIVEARMY FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION RPTD FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION FOUR CORPS FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION

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PARA ONE FD SUBJECT IS VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENT OF PATRIOTS INTO ITALIAN ARMY FD REF PARA TWO OF OUR EIGHT FOUR FIVE SIX OF TWO SIX MAY FD MUCH WISH ITEM ABLE STATE THAT NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN THE ITALIAN ARMY DEPENDS ON FUTURE POLICY AND STRENGTH ALLOWED CMA BUT THAT IMMEDIATE INTAKE OF FOUR THOUSAND VOLUNTEERS ONLY APPEARS POSSIBLE FD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION FIVEARMY FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION RPTD FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION FOUR CORPS FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACPAT PAREN

PARA TWO FD MINISTRY OF WAR IS TELLING TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS AT MILAN TURIN AND GENOA HOW THEY SHOULD EFFECT ENLISTMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF UP TO THIS FOUR THOUSAND IMMEDIATELY

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Ex. Commissioner
Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

Patriots Branch

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R.R. CRIPPS, Col.,
Director, Local Govt. Sub Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 321

Ref : 94/PAT

22 May 1945

Subject : Rations for Italian Patriots.

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Para 1 of Appendix G to 94/PAT of 7 April 1945 is amended as under, w.e.f. 18 May 1945.

(a) the rations of cheese and sugar are deleted.

(b) the ration of meat is increased to 4 ozs.

W. Bobbs
for
F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt. Sub Com.

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VENEZIE Region	(19)	A.M.G. 8 Army	(10)
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EMILIA Region	(17)	1 Dist.	(1)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No 489081
Ext. 321

Ref : 94/PAT

5 May 1945

Subject : Patriots - Daily Payments.

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1. Ref 94/PAT dated 7 April 1945.

2. Authority has been given for a payment of 50 lire per head per day to Patriots while in centres or in hospitals.

3. The necessary funds will be obtained as laid down in Para 10 of Appendix "A" to the directive referred to above.

F. CRAIG.
Lt.Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt.s/c.

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Regions	LIGURIA	10	
	LOMBARDIA	10	
	PIEMONTE	10	
	EMILIA	10	
	VENEZIE	5	
	TOSCANA	10	
AFHQ.	(G-5)	1	
15 Army Group		10	
5th Army		20	
8th Army		20	
AFHQ. G4	(A)	1	
AFHQ. G4	(B)	1	
IV CORPS		160	
S.O.(H) LIAISON STAFF		3	
Ex. Commissioner		2	
Economic Section		10	
Civil Affairs Sec.		1	
Finance Sub-Com.		2	
Public Health S/C		1	
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3 May 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The appointment of General Raffaele Cadorna as Chief of Army General Staff, as proposed in your letter of 2 May 1945, is approved.

It is, however, desired that General Cadorna remain in Northern Italy until he can conveniently be released from the duties of his present office.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
(per J.A.Q.)
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

CC DISTRIBUTION:
Executive Comm'r
Civil Affairs Section
Land Forces S/C
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
Chief Comm'r Files

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F-69530
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 021915

MESSAGE CENTER NO.: 126/02
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 022033
Precedence: OP-PRIORITY

FROM: APPR SIGNED NAGHED CITE FREEG

TO : ALCOM ROME

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APPROVAL GIVEN TO APPOINTMENT GENERAL CADORNA TO POSITION NAMED BY YOU. REUR 6756 CITE ACSCC. DESIRED THAT CADORNA STAY IN NORTH UNTIL HE CAN CONVENIENTLY BE RELEASED FROM PRESENT DUTIES

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ACTION - Chief Commissioner

INFO - Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Pol Adv (A)
Pol Adv (B)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No 489081
Ext. 321

Ref : 94/PAT

5 May 1945

Subject : Message from Field Marshal Alexander to Gen. Cadorna.

To : Ministry of Occupied Italy.
RCAM.

We transmit, for your information, the enclosed message that Field Marshal Alexander has sent to H.Q. 15 Army Group.

H.P.

P. CRAIG,
Lt.Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt.Sub Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No 485081
Ext. 321

Ref : 94/PAT

Roma, 5 Maggio 1945

Oggetto : Messaggio del Maresciallo Alexander Al Generale Cadorna.

Al : Ministero dell'Italia Occupata
ROMA.

Si trasmette, per conoscenza, a codesto Ministero, l'accluso messaggio che il Maresciallo Alexander ha inviato al H.Q. 15 Army Group.

F. CRAIG,
Lt.Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt.Sub Com.

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RISERVATA

Si richiede che trasmettiate seguente messaggio personale del Maresciallo Alexander al Presidente del C.L.N.A.I.

"Adesso che la Campagna in Italia Settentrionale si e' conclusa vittoriosamente, sarei grato se volente trasmettere al Generale Cadorna ed ai dipendenti reparti e comandanti Patrioti, la mia ammirazione e gratitudine per la parte da loro avuta, sia nella distruzione del nemico, che nella conservazione di installazioni ed impianti vitali per la vita futura dell'Italia.

Ho anche potuto notare, con particolare soddisfazione, l'efficienza e la rapidita' con cui il C.L.N.A.I. ha potuto passare da detti compiti militari, ai compiti ugualmente importanti di ripristinare, unitamente coi miei ufficiali dell'A.M.G., l'amministrazione civile nell'Italia Libera!

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

PATRIOTS

Originator's Reference: FX 70207
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 032125B

Message Centre No: D/0575
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 0408308
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE THGCT
TO: CG 15 ARMY GROUP INFO AFCOM, SCATO

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Request you pass following message personal from Field Marshal ALEXANDER to Chairman CINAI.

"Now that the campaign in Northern ITALY has ended victoriously, I would be pleased if you would convey to General CADORNA and all subordinate Patriot commanders and units my admiration and gratitude for the successful part which they have played both in the destruction of the enemy and the preservation of installations and plants vital to the future life of ITALY.

I have noted also with particular pleasure the efficiency and speed with which the CINAI has been able to turn from these military achievements to the equally important task of restoring, in conjuction with my AMG officers, civil administration in liberated ITALY."

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Info-Action - Patriots Div
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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To: AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

6756 2 MAY 1945 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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TO CEMENT RELATIONS WITH PATRIOT MOVEMENT IN NORTH CMA BONOMI AND MINISTER OF WAR ADVIOUS TO APPOINT MAJOR GENERAL CADORNA AS CHIEF OF ARMY GENERAL STAFF AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING THURSDAY MAY THIRD PD

PARN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACSOC FROM ADMIRAL STONE PARN

PRESENT CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL RONCO IS WILLING REMAIN AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF PD IF ALLIED AUTHORITIES DESIRE CMA GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING LEAVE CADORNA TEMPORARILY IN NORTH TO ASSIST IN WORKING OUT PATRIOT SITUATION PD GENERAL BROWNING JOINS ME IN STRONGLY RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF CADORNA AS CHIEF OF STAFF AND RONCO AS DEPUTY PD GRATEFUL FOR REPLY THIS AFTERNOON

EC Dist

Copies: Exec. Commr.
C.A. Sec.
Land Forces S/C

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Chief Commissioner

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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ROME, 2 May 1945.

Dear Admiral,

I have agreed with the Minister of War on a nomination that would certainly be very welcome to the patriots of Northern Italy and would help to join them even more intimately to the regular Army.

Their present chief - by designation of the Government, is, as you well know, Divisional General Raffaele Cadorna. Now it is proposed to nominate Cadorna - a name illustrious for family traditions - Chief of Army Staff.

The present Chief of Army Staff, General RONCO, is willing, with great nobility of feeling, to remain as Deputy Chief of Staff under General Cadorna.

I should like to be able to make this appointment during the Council of Ministers of tomorrow, Thursday, and I would therefore require the consent of the Allied Commission tomorrow morning.

I earnestly beg you to stress to Marshal Alexander the political and military importance of this solution.

Truly yours,

(Sgd.) I. BONOMI.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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EC Dist. - 2 May 45.

Action: Chief Commr.
Info: Ex. Commr
C.A. Sec
Land Forces S/C.

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SITREP : Received 1030 3rd May 1945

ROVIGO : Practically undamaged. Normal population (?).
CLN co-operating. 11,000 refugees from South.

PADUA CITY : (02/2004) undamaged except outskirts.
Power and water functioning.
Medical condition good including hospitals and supplies. Food plentiful. Telephone working.
Patriots troublesome officer dealing with them.

02/2130 : PADUA and VENICE. Patriots being gradually disarmed.
All quiet. Parades will be held later.

Local Government Sub-Commission (Patriots Branch)
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission
Civil Affairs Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 94/PAT

2 May 1945

Subject : Plan for Patriots N.W.Italy
Ration scale.

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Para 1 of appendix G to 94/PAT of 7 Apr. 45 is amended as under (authority AFHQ, G-5 Section P - 19 of 28 Apr. 45).

(a) rice : delete " rice - 1 oz "

(b) macaroni : delete "3 ozs" and substitute "4 ozs"

F. CRAIG,
Lt.Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt.sub Com.

DISTRIBUTION

Regions	PIEMONTE	(3)
	LOMBARDIA	(3)
	VENEZIE	(3)
	EMILIA	(3)
	LIGURIA	(3)
	TOSCANA	(3)
AFHQ.	(G-5)	(1)
15 Army Group		(1)
5th Army		(2)
8th Army		(2)
IV Corps		(4)
S.O. (M) Liaison Staff Rome		(1)
Ex. Commissioner		(1)
Economic Section		(1)
C.A. Section		(1)
Finance Sub-Com.		(1)
Public Health S/C.		(1)
Land Forces Sub Com.		(2)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

28 April 1945

Ref. P-19

SUBJECT: Plan for Patriots in N.W. ITALY

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference Appendix "C", subject "Plan for Patriots in N.W. ITALY" dated 7 April 1944, ref 94/Pat from HQ AC.

2. We have been requested by the CM and G-4 MTOUSA to advise the AC to delete rice 1 oz. and increase macaroni to 4 oz.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R.V. CRADY
Major, T.C.
Economics & Supply Division

HEADQUARTERS
29 APR
A. C.

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ACTION ALCOM ROME

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Reference your 573/9/EC.

Please send soonest fuller answer to part 2 question 4, with details of arrangements for absorbing patriots into civil employment.

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ACTION: Executive Commissioner 2
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
File 2
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You ought know to do something about this. Ex. Comm is taking first action

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

28 April 1945

Ref : 94/PAT

Subject : Plan for Patriots in W. Italy.

To H.Q. Tuscany Region.

1. Ref. your R-VIII/PG/124 dated 24 April 45. 63

2. Herewith 6 further copies of 94/PAT of 7 April 1945.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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T.31.60.CS mp. 26th April, 1945

SUBJECT: Communications to N.W. Italy

TO: Distribution as below:

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115, Via Barnaba Oriani (Tel: 873119)

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M.S.LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copies To: All Sub-Commissions
Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia Regions
No.1 Special Force
S.C.A.C's 5th and 8th Armies
IV U.S.Corps

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : R-VIII/PS/12.4 24 April 1945.

SUBJECT : Plan for Patriots.

TO : Local Government Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A. C. - C.M.F.
(Attention of Patriots Branch)

1. May I be supplied please with half a dozen more copies of the directive "Plan for Patriots in N. W. Italy" 94/PAT of 7th April 1945.——

2. These are required for issue to Provincial Public Safety Officers in this Region who may have to supervise Patriots Centres and activities.

F. G. GREEN
Major - G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

FGG/dr

Sgt Stockdale for
APA 29/4

Rec'd 2nd
F65 28/4/45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

25th April, 1945

Reference: 94/PAT

To : Civil Affairs Section

Subject : Future Policy, North Italy.

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Reference your 4/8B/CA dated 24th April 1945.

1. In answering the questions in Part 3 of JGN/wm/PLANS dated 21st April, which was attached to your above quoted reference, it is pointed out that Part 3 MILITARY has been passed to G3 Plans for the answers. This Sub Commission can only answer these questions in part as many of them refer to Operational Plans which are unknown to this section at present. The answers as far as they can be made, are as follows:

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Q.3. " " " "
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Patriot Directive reference 94/PAT dated 7th April.

Q.8. This question is mainly answered by G.3.; it is one of policy as to ceiling and as to whether or not any call up will be made in North Italy. It is the policy at present to enlist Patriots only as individuals for [illegible].

Q.9. This Commission does not propose to give any special recognition to the Patriot Movement by appointment of officers and NCOs etc. to the Italian Army, except in individual cases of regular officers now organising Patriot Bands; but no doubt the Italian Ministry of War will continue their services. The commissioning of officers is entirely a matter for the Italian Ministry of War. To this end a Special Commission has been instituted by the Ministry of War with representatives of the Ministry of Occupied Italy, who will examine the applications of those now serving in Patriot Bands and decide upon their merit for the grant of army ranks. These are limited: (i) by the ceiling and (ii) in grade, up to the rank of Lt. Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

14/8/CA

24th April, 1945.

SUBJECT: Future Policy in North Italy.

TO: Legal Sub-Commission
Public Health Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Local Government Sub-Commission
Patriots Branch

1. Attached is copy of C-3 20/5 of 21 April under the above heading.

2. The following answers to questions have been drafted by this Section :

PART I - POLITICAL

Q.1 The Italian Government, which includes the Minister for Occupied Territory, will be allowed no official position in Northern Italy until such time as the territory is handed over to its control. This does not preclude the Government from expressing its views through the Allied Commission, nor from making contacts with the North under the control of the Commission.

Q.2 No political recognition will be given to the Patriot Movement. CLN, when co-operative, will be accepted in an advisory capacity.

Q.3 AMG Officers are being instructed to accept the advice of CLN whenever possible.

Q.4 The Italian Government will not be consulted. Wherever possible agreement between AMG and CLN will be obtained.

Q.5 It is not intended to disband CMAI or CLN. Should they fail to co-operate or insist on being executive, they will be ignored. Attempts to disband are considered as unlikely to be successful, and also most undesirable.

Q.6 Such police will be regarded as any other Patriots. They may, if necessary, be employed as AMG police.

Q.7 In all cases Carabinieri will be screened and, subject to ceiling restrictions, re-engaged if found acceptable. If not acceptable, no further action against them will be taken on the mere score of service.

Q.8 Yes.

Q.9 Epuration will be carried out by AMG Officers (AC EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM 77) and the posting of General Orders 35 and 35a. Ultimately, DMI.159 will be implemented.

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Q.10 Persons found under arrest will, if charged with collaboration, be brought before Special Courts to be established for that purpose. These Courts are set up by a Decree which will be implemented at once, and will consist of a judge with four laymen chosen from a list submitted by CLN.

Q.11 Yes, under strict control of Allied Commission, advised by AFHQ.

PART II - ADMINISTRATIVE.

Q.3 Initially AMG will carry in medical supplies. When practicable the Italian distributing Agency, [illegible], will take over this task. Medical services will be established in the normal way, working through the Medico Provinciale.

Q.4 Patriots will be given the chance of enlisting in the Italian Army. The Allied Armies have undertaken to give Patriots priority in the matter of work. These matters will be arranged at Patriot Centres.

3. Sub-Commissions are requested to submit to this Section, by 1000 hrs. Wednesday 25 April, 1945, their comments and suggestions on the above proposed answers.

4. Will Patriots Branch please draft replies to questions under PART III - MILITARY.

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for A.D.Donham-Carter, Lt.Col.
CMO Civil Affairs Section.
Absent on duty

Encl:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 DIVISION

21 Spril 1945

SUBJECT: Future Policy in North ITALY.

NEED TO: G-1, G-2, G-3 Ops, G-3 Sp Ops, G-3 Org (A), G-3 Org (B), G-4 (A), G-4 Plans, G-4 (B), Log Plans, G-5, SGS, C-in-C Med, MAAF, US Poland, Res Min

For info to: SAC

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On Part II - ADMINISTRATIVE - to Log Plans, copy to G-4 Plans

On Part III - MILITARY - to G-3 Plans

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for DANIEL MOOR
Major General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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APPENDIX

PART I - POLITICAL

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2. What political recognition, if any, do we propose to give to the patriot movement?

3. What precise instructions are being given as to the selection of Italian minor officials, from Prefect downwards, who are to operate under AMG officers and to what extent are the nominees of CLNAI to be acceptable for civic appointments?

4. Are these appointments to be agreed mutually between the Italian Government, CLNAI and AMG?

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6. To what extent, if any, will AMG recognise partisan police found manning guard over important points or engaged in preserving order?

7. What is to be our attitude to Carabinieri who have :

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8. Do we intend to import Carabinieri or other police forces from the South for duty in towns in the North?

9. What are plans for epuration, having regard to the very bitter feelings in the north due to the concentration of Fascists and their ill behaviour? Will a system of protective arrest be necessary?

10. What will be AMG's attitude to arrests already made by CLNs.?

11. Should leaders of political parties in liberated ITALY be allowed to make announcements which might assist in the preservation or order in the North?

PART II - ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Is the amount of food and transport available for import to North ITALY sufficient, and what are the plans for distribution? What is estimated ration scale to begin with?

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CMNAI and AMG?

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6. What is the plan for the economic barrier between the north and south?

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APPENDIX

PART III - MILITARY.

In eventuality a, i.e. the continuance of military operations:

1. What precise rôle is foreseen for the patriot bands?

2. Under whose orders are they to operate in territory still held by the Germans?

3. What formations are to be available within any territory occupied by us to operate in conjunction with our troops?

4. What arrangements are made as territory is occupied for the demobilisation of patriots or their enlistment into the Italian Army either as individuals or as groups?

5. Are we satisfied with the present arrangements for the future care of demobilised patriots and for their enlistment into the Italian Army?

6. How far are we limited by the ceiling for the Italian Army laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff?

In eventuality b, i.e. the total surrender of the German forces in Northern ITALY

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12. What is our attitude to negotiations, between patriots and Germans, aimed at preventing the destruction of installations in North ITALY?

13. What are the precise plans for the re-enlistment of demobilised patriots into the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force?

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APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 94/PAT. 20 April 1945.

Subject: Plan for Patriots in N.W. Italy.

To : M.M.I.A.

Ref para. 2 of your G/66/1 of 16 Apr. 45.

1. Para. 3 G. (ii) of Patriots Plan for N.W. Italy.
Your remarks are noted.

2. Para. 3 G. (vi).
Your remarks are noted, but it is still maintained that certain responsibilities in connection with the hospitalisation of Patriots rest with the Italian Army, under the following AFHQ instructions

(a) Letter AG-400/033 GSC-O of 13 Jan 45, para. 7 (b);

(b) Signal F-27859 of 16 Feb 45 para.5 (Top Secret).

3. Appendix "A", para. 8
Your remarks are noted.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Ref : 121/15/PAT.

16 April 1945.

PATRIOTS - N.W. ITALY - FINANCE

1. With reference to the "Plan for Patriots in N.W. Italy" ref 94/PAT dated 7 April 1945, the following should be taken as an amplification of para. 10 to Appendix "A" dealing with Finance.

(a) Funds for Patriot Centres will be provided by the Prefect in accordance with the instructions as laid down in Appendix "E". Para. 10 of Appendix "A" shall NOT be taken to mean that AMG funds will be advanced by Regional or Provincial Finance Officers except in the case of expenditure in any area where the Provincial Administration is still in enemy occupied territory.

(b) In such cases it may be necessary for Provincial Finance Officers to advance AMG funds to Patriot Centres until such time as the Provincial Administration becomes operative. Where this is necessary the funds advanced will be considered as an advance on behalf of the Italian Government and recovery, or receipt on Form F/12, will be obtained at this Headquarters.

(c) AMG funds advanced to the Italian Military Patriot Representative will be advanced against a receipt on Form F/3. The Italian Military Patriot Representative will account to his own Government for the expenditure of these funds and NOT to AMG. The Allied Patriot Officer will, however, be responsible for authorising the manner in which these funds are disbursed.

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2. With regard to para. 9 of Appendix "A" all Allied Patriot Officers will ensure that when rations or other supplies from Army sources are requisitioned, it is clearly shown on the requisition that the rations or supplies are required for Italian Patriots. They should also ensure that the signature of the Italian Military Patriot Representative is obtained on the Army issue voucher or shipping ticket.

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

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Regions	LIGURIA	2
	LOMBARDIA	2
	PIEMONTE	2
	EMILIA	2
	TOSCANA	2
	VENEZIE	3
5th Army		2
8th Army		2
IV Corps		4
C., Section		1
Finance Sub-Com.		2

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Subject: Plan for Patriots in N.W. ITALY.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
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11 April 1945

To: HQ A.C. for Local Government Sub Commission.

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Reference 94/Pat of 7 Apr.

1. The following points are raised now in order that such clarification as is necessary may be issued by you.

2. Para 3 G (ii). Italian Army units in all areas fwd of 3 District are fed from Allied depots. NO Italian Army depots will be established in the fwd areas.

Para 3 G (vi). Orders have NOT been received from AFHQ that the Italian Army is responsible for hospitalisation. The number and locality of Italian Army hospitals will be in relation to the Italian tps moved fwd by the Allied Comds and may not be in localities where large numbers are situated.

Appx "A" Para 8. There is no intention of opening large Italian Army stores depots in North Italy during the early stages of occupation and no arrangements are being made to move beds up from Southern Italy.

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref 9/10.B/CA

12 April, 1945

SUBJECT : Cooperation with Italian Government: Liberation of Northern Italy.

TO : Vice President, Economic Section
Political Advisers
All Sub-Commissions

The following is the text of a letter addressed by the Prime Minister to the Chief Commissioner and is passed to you for information:

"The developments of the military operations, and the great victories of the valiant armies of the United Nations make us believe that the liberation of Northern Italy is now imminent.

"This event, which fulfills the wishes of all the Italians, renders urgent the questions which concern the various political and administrative problems which interest these territories.

"My Government follows therefore with great interest the work and the plan drafted for this end by the Allied Commission and its Regional Commissioners, to give us the greatest possible support and the most diligent and useful collaboration.

"While informing you, my dear Admiral, about our comprehension and good will, I must also tell you that I gave strict orders to all the Ministries for them to answer without delay the requests of the Allied Commission and collaborate, each of them within the limits of its competence, to the solution of the problems that the liberation of North Italy will bring.

"For what concerns the organisation of the Prefetture and of the Questure, the Interior Department has already made plans for the assignment of the personnel, in agreement with the competent Allied Sub-Commissions.

"The other Ministries have also drafted plans for what concerns their respective services.

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"I trust that this Commission will see its requests answered without delay; among these requests, as it was done before, those of a general character can be sent to the Presidency of the Council, those concerning the Prefects and the personnel of the Public Safety to the Interior Department;

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NORMAN E. FISKE, Col
Acting Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 94/PAT

11 April 1945

Subject : Patriot Directive.

To : A.M.G. 8th Army (attn Major CORBIN)

Copy : HQ. 15 Army Group

: Major V.F.J.O. SNEE
c/o 5 Army - G-5 Section.

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1. Twenty copies of this Branch Directive for the handling of Patriots in N.W. Italy (94/PAT of 9 April 45) have been forwarded to you to-day.

2. The principles and instructions contained in this Directive apply to the whole of N. Italy and in order therefore to adapt the Directive for use in N.E.Italy it is only necessary to delete all reference to 5 Army, IV Corps, and No. 2 District and substitute the names of the appropriate formations on the 8 Army front.

3. Ref para. 3 G (IX). It should be noted that the second sentence of this paragraph applies only to No. 2 District.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION SECRET

Ref: 94/Pat

7 April, 1945.

PLAN FOR PATRIOTS IN N.W. ITALY.

INFORMATION

1. In the event of a sudden withdrawal by the enemy from the Regions LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and N.W. EMILIA it is known that we shall have to deal with large numbers of armed and organised Patriot Bands.

INTENTION

2. The intention is to contact the Patriots, disarm and disband them, enlist, within the limits allowed, into the Italian Armed Forces, find employment for as many as require it as require it and return the remainder to their homes as quickly as possible.

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3. A). Administration of Patriots used operationally will be, as at present, the responsibility of the Allied Unit which uses them or retains them for future operations.

B). For the remainder there will be two Phases:
Phase I. The treatment of these remaining Patriots will be the responsibility of HQ. IV Corps or 5 Army.
Phase II. As soon as control of any part of N.W. Italy is assumed by No. 2 District the responsibility for administration and rehabilitation of the Patriots in that part no longer under IV Corps control will pass to Regional Commissioners in conjunction with No. 2 District or P.B.S.

C). For the purposes of Phase I, the Staffs of the Regional Commissioners attached to HQ IV Corps will include one Regional Patriot Officer and one Italian Military Patriot Representative for each Region, and as many Italian Army Officers as may be considered necessary to deal with the immediate Patriot problem in each Province.

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Such Personnel will move forward with IV Corps or 5 Army and undertake Patriot work as instructed by IV Corps or 5 Army in their future Regions and Provinces; they will remain behind in those Regions and Provinces continuing their work under Regional and Provincial Commissioners when IV Corps or 5 Army moves on.

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D). The Regional Patriot Officer will be responsible, through Intelligence channels at 15 Army Group and Patriots Branch for ascertaining as far as possible the location and strength of Patriot Bands in the Regions about to be occupied.

This information will be used (a) for assessing the number of Patriot Officers required and (b) for gaining a general background of their future work.

E). As Army moves forward No. 1 Special Force will drop Allied Officers behind the enemy lines to contact Allied Liaison Officers already working there, and also Patriot Leaders. These Officers will prepare the way for the first meeting between Patriot Officers and Patriots, arranging rendezvous, instructing Patriots when and where to assemble and, if necessary, reconnoitring quarters suitable for Patriot Centres.

The Regional Patriot Officer and Patriot personnel will move forward with Corps as soon as possible to make these contacts.

F). Patriot Centres will be established near concentrations of Patriots.

The Provincial Commissioner will, for this purpose take on a permanent staff of patriots to prepare the Centre for occupation and to maintain it efficiently. His Italian Military Representative should be made responsible for the proper running and interior economy of the centre. The pay of the patriots taken on his permanent staff will be met by funds drawn from the local Prefettura. (Authority PDAC Finance Sub-Commission letter 13196/F dated 6 April 1945. See Appendix E).

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Working under IV Corps or 5 Army he will:

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(iii) Make immediate arrangements, working through Patriot Leaders, for the disarming of Patriots if they have not already been disarmed by the Army (See Appendix F.)

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(iv) With the help of Allied and Patriot Leaders, decide which of the claimants are bona fide patriots.

(v) Report to the nearest Military HQ details of POW brought in by Patriots and ask for disposal instructions. (See Appendix "D").

(vi) Arrange, if possible, to engage the services of an Italian doctor at the Centre to deal with minor cases, and, if necessary, give preliminary

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treatment to serious ones. Send wounded patriots to Italian Military or civilian hospitals according to the availability of accommodation. Allied Forces will assist the Italian Army who will be responsible for hospitalisation. Evacuation will be a IV Corps or 5 Army responsibility.

(vii) Issue any clothing that is available. Distribution from rear stockpiles will be a IV Corps or 5 Army responsibility.

(viii) With the help of Allied and Patriot Leaders, arrange to issue to bona fide Patriots a certificate signed by the Commander-in-Chief. In suitable cases this could be arranged as part of the disarming ceremony.

(ix) Make arrangements for the absorption of patriots into employment through Labour Organisations of the Army and any civilian Labour Organisation that may be available. No. 2 District will give priority of employment to all genuine Patriots.

(x) Wherever possible evacuate Patriots to their homes using refugee channels (if no other means are available) when their homes are a long distance away.

(xi) The assistance outlined above may be given to a maximum of 90 days from the time of reception and disarmament by the Patriot Officers. All Patriots should have been found employment or dispersed to their homes within a much shorter period, normally within 14 to 21 days.

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(a) Regional Patriot Officers will come under direct control of their Regional Commissioners and will continue the work begun in Phase I.

(b) Equipment already at Centres will be left by IV Corps or 5 Army.

(c) Transport will be provided by Regions or local arrangements made.

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(a) ~~Period not to be~~ Patriots with Legs Main 3 months service 1000 lire
(b) ~~To be divided~~ Patriots with more - do - 5000 "
(c) ~~Next of kin of Patriots killed in action~~ 10000 "
(d) Patriots seriously wounded ~~or disabled~~ & Relatives of Patriots killed & 20000.

These payments will be the responsibility of the Italian Military Representative with each team who will obtain funds as laid down in Appendix A para. 10 (d). The distribution of funds will be the responsibility of the Italian Patriots Representative

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and will be supervised by the Allied Patriot Officer. Receipts will be obtained for payment and nominal roll will be forwarded to the Italian organisation making the payment.

B. Collection of arms. Lists will be made of all arms and ammunition collected from Patriots; receipts will be given to each individual. The Commander of the nearest Allied Military Unit will be responsible for the collection and safe custody of arms when surrendered. Copy of lists of arms will be forwarded to Patriots Branch.

C. Returns. Patriot Officers will forward to their HQs, copies to IV Corps or 5 Army and Patriots Branch HQ., a weekly report of their activities compiled under the following headings:

1. Arms surrendered (quantity and type)
2. Number of Patriots received at Centre or Office.
3. Number of Patriots sent to hospital
4. Number of Patriots enlisted into the Italian Army
5. Number of Patriots re-employed.
6. Number of Patriots returned to their homes.
7. Number of Patriots not yet dispersed.
8. Commander-in-Chief's Certificates
   (a) Number issued with nominal roll.
   (b) Number of certificates in stock.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

5. RPO may correspond direct only on routine and technical matters with Patriots Branch HQ., AFHQ.

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

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Regions	LIGURIA	10
	LOMBARDIA	10
	PIEMONTE	10
	EMILIA	10
	TOSCANA	10
	VENEZIE	5
AFHQ. (G-5)		7
15 Army Group		10
5th Army		20
8th Army		20

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AFHQ. (G-5)		1
15 Army Group		10
5th Army		20
8th Army		20
IV Corps		160
S.C. (M) Liaison Staff Rome		3
Ex. Commissioner		2
Economic Section		10
C. A[illegible] Section		10
Finance Sub-Com.		2
Public Health S/C.		1
Armed Forces Sub-Com.		2
File		10

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Appendix "A" to 94/PAT
dated 7 April 1945.

ADMINISTRATION OF PATRIOT CENTRES.

1. LOCATION. Centres will be established by the PPO, when necessary near concentrations of patriots. It will be a IV Corps or 5 Army responsibility to establish equip and maintain these centres. This responsibility will be discharged through Provincial Patriot Officers.

2. COMMAND. The Patriot Officer, assisted by the Italian Military Patriot Representative, will control and supervise the administration of the Centre.

3. STAFF. Staff for the Centre will be enlisted from Patriots. A Camp Commandant (Band Commander), a Doctor, a hairdresser, cooks, cleaners and guards will be required. Payment on scale approved by the MOOI (Minister of Occupied Italy) will be made by the Military Patriot Representative.

4. POLICY. Patriots may remain in Centres for a maximum period of 90 days. Within that time it is the duty of the Patriot Officer to ensure that they are either enlisted into the Italian Army, found civil work or returned to their homes. Three weeks should normally be adequate, and Patriots should be kept for longer periods only in exceptional circumstances.

5. SCREENING. The Patriot Officer with the Allies (if available) and leader of each Patriot Band that arrives, will form a screening committee and ensure that so far as possible only genuine patriots are admitted.

6. HYGIENE. Particular attention will be paid to hygiene. Disinfestors will be obtained and all clothing will be disinfested. Latrine and washing arrangements must be adequate for maximum number expected.

7. CLOTHING. Essential clothing will be issued, as necessary, and if available.

8. ACCOMMODATION STORES. Accommodation stores will be obtained as far as possible from local sources. Beds should be obtainable from the Italian Army.

9. RATIONS. Rations will be drawn on the Italian Army scale from DIDs and QM Stores. The money element of the Italian Army Ration Scale for local purchase of vegetables, fruits and wine, will be drawn from the local Prefect by the Italian Patriot Representative, who will be responsible for buying this part of the ration and accounting for the funds.

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10. FINANCE. The following funds will be made available by AMG Finance Officers to each Patriot Centre through theP.M.O. Such funds will be drawn and accounted for by the IMPR. Cash can only be drawn on the authority and with the approval of the Allied Patriot Officer:

(a) for the payment of IMPRs wages;
(b) for Patriot Centre staff wages. (These will be arranged by the IMPR when staff is engaged and confirmed by MOOI)

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(c) A float of 100,000 lire, to be adjusted monthly, for incidental expenses at Centres, and payment for the purchased part of the Italian military ration.

(d) A fund for the payment of 1000, 5000 and 10,000 lire grants to Patriots and their dependants.

11. COLLECTION OF PATRIOTS. It will be the responsibility of HQ IV Corps to furnish transportation as required to transport to Centres Patriots from localities where sizable bands or groups exist.

12. DISPERSAL. The MPO will arrange transport to take Army recruits to Enlistment Centres and volunteers for Labour Gangs to the scene of their new work. Patriots whose homes are at a distance will be evacuated through Refugee Channels if no other means are available.

13. DOCUMENTATION. A Register will be kept of all Patriots entering the Centre, containing the following information: (a) Date of arrival at Centre (b) Surname. (c) Christian name. (d) Sex (e) Nationality (f) Date and Place of Birth. (g) Home address (h) Occupation (i) Date of Departure. (j) Immediate destination. This information will be sent in duplicate with patriots evacuated through Refugee Channels.

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APPENDIX "B"
To 94/ECT dated 7 April, 1945.

ITALIAN ARMY RECRUITING AGENCIES.

1. ESTABLISHMENT.

As occasion demands a Recruiting Agency, consisting of 4 Italian Officers and 6 ORs, will be attached to Regional HQ. Land Forces Sub-Commission, at the request of Patricts Branch will send these Recruiting Agencies into the Field.

2. CONTROL.

The RPO has full control over the Recruiting Agency while it remains attached to him. He can divide it, at his discretion into four or less detachments which may be sent to work independently in any part of his Region.

3. RATIONS.

In Army areas or Military Government Territory Recruiting Agencies are entitled to POL and stores from Italian Military Sources.

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APPENDIX "D"
To 94/P.T dated 7 April 1945.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Instructions to Allied Patriot Officers.

1. It is possible that Patriot Bands may arrive either:

I (a) Escorting enemy Prisoners of War, or
(b) With enemy troops in their ranks who have joined the patriots to fight the main German forces for political or other reasons.

2. Instructions will be issued by 15 Army Group as to the treatment of such enemy troops and, in the meantime, the following principles will be observed:

(a) Allied Patriot Officers' action will be governed by the knowledge that no negotiations can take place with the enemy except on the basis of unconditional surrender.

(b) It must be clearly understood that Allied Patriot Officers are not in a position to guarantee treatment as Prisoners of War to those who have surrendered to Patriots, before the prisoners are received into Allied custody.

(c) Allied Patriot Officers should at once transmit to the nearest Military Centre, offers by enemy detachments of unconditional surrender to the Allies. The Military Authorities should be informed of the full circumstances and they will decide whether such surrender can be accepted.

(d) Until surrender is accepted by Allied Command, prisoners in patriots' hands are a Patriot and not an Allied responsibility.

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APPENDIX "E"
To 94/PAT dated 7 April

From: Finance Sub-Commission
To: All Regional Finance Officers and Senior Finance Officers.

No. 13196/F
Date 6 April, 1945.

Subject: FINANCING OF PATRIOT CENTRES IN AMG TERRITORY.

1. In Allied Military Government territory the expenditures of Patriot Centres and payments to partisans will be controlled through the Prefettura budget.

2. For the first three monthly budget there will be no reliable guide as to the amount of expenditure that is likely to be incurred; but in order to avoid supplementary requests for funds the initial credit should be a sum amply sufficient for the estimated requirements. Any unexpended balances can be taken into account on the succeeding quarterly budget, according to the established procedure.

3. The Prefect of each Province should be instructed to submit (S.B.) budget estimates and a request for funds forthwith, specifying the capitoli of expenditure in accordance with AMG 1 March 1945 n. 68. It will be the responsibility of the Prefettura to keep each Patriot Centre supplied with funds for all administration and other expenditures, and for the payment of indemnities and compensation to patriots and partisans. Patriot centres will maintain accounts of all disbursements and apply to the Prefettura monthly in advance for funds to meet the estimated disbursements for the succeeding month.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE.

Signed

Joint Director,
Finance Sub Commission

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APPENDIX "F"
To 94/PAT of 7 April 1945.

LOMBARDIA REGION - PATRIOT REPRESENTATIVES.

HQ	Col.	MARCHI, Giuseppe
HQ	Magg.	PERSICHETTI, Mario
MILANO	Col.	BASCARI, Spartaco
MILANO City	Magg.	DALMAZZO, Luigi
VARESE	T.Col.	BOSCHI, Marco
PAVIA	Magg.	VIVANTI, Augusto
MANTOVA	S.Ten.	RICCI, Aldo
BRESCIA	Cap.	COLLACHIUCCI-COLPACCHONI, Bruno
CREMONA	Cap.	LENTINI, Rocco
COMO	Magg.	ORLANDO, Giovanni
SONDRIO	Magg.	D'ANGELO, Giulio
BERGAMO	T.Col.	ROSIGLIO, Pasquale

PIEMONTE REGION

HQ.	T.Col.	PERELLI, Vincenzo
TORINO	Cap.	RAGNELLI, Remo
TORINO, City	T.Col.	MAIA, Camillo
ALESSANDRIA	Cap.	CINNOCHI, Giuseppe
AOSTA	S.Ten.	MONTELLA, Alfredo
CUNEO	S.Ten	TOCI, Amedeo
ASTI	Cap.	FABERI, Mario
NOVARA	Ten.	CAMPLICIO, Manfredo
VERCELLI	Cap.	BERTOCCI, Bruno

LIGURIA REGION.

HQ.	Cap.Vasc.	CAPPA, Silvio
GENOVA	T.Col.	LESCAI, Luigi
LA SPEZIA	Cap.	SARTINI, Gino
SAVONA	Cap.	MELLUSELLI, Luigi
IMPERIA	Cap.	SALVI, Pio.

IV CORPS.

Cap. JANNARONE, Filippo

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APPENDIX "G"
to 9A/PAT. dated
9 April 1945.

RATIONS FOR ITALIAN PATRIOT CENTRES.

1. Items of the Italian Military ration furnished from Allied Sources.

Flour	15 oz.
Dried vegetables	2 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish, preserved	3 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.
Macaroni	3 oz.
Rice	1 oz.
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz.
Catsup, or tomato paste	½ oz.
Coffee	½ oz.
Pepper	1/200 oz.

2. Items of the Italian Military Ration furnished by the Italian Government.

Fruit, fresh	4 oz.
Vegetables, fresh	8 oz.
Olive oil	1½ oz.
Nuts, shelled, or	1 oz.
Nuts, unshelled	2 oz.
Salt	½ oz.
Wine,	½ litre
Matches, per 7 rations	1 box or 2 books

3. Soap and Cigarettes.

When military rations are correctly issued to Patriot Camps etc. on Forms ST/8 and are correctly accountable through A.M.L.A., the following ration of soap and cigarettes may also be drawn (authority - Land Forces Sub Commission letter 3/68 dated 9 April 1945).

(a) Soap.

(i) 300 grammes per man per month for all troops forward of 5th and 8th Army Rear Boundaries.

(ii) 250 grammes per man per month for all troops behind 5th and 8th Army Rear Boundaries.

(b) Cigarettes.

(i) Free issue: 5 cigarettes per man per day.

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Ext. 620

To: Executive: Patriots Branch.

Attached is a copy of the final draft of Patriots Directive for filing. One copy of it has been forwarded to the U.S. Civil Affairs Section for approval

R. R. Haight Jr.
Director.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH.

Ext. 620.

Subject: North West Italy - Handling of Patriots.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

Attached for your approval is plan for the handling of Patriots in North West Italy (Reference 94/PAT dated 7th April 1945.

2. If you approve, it is proposed to distribute this to IV Corps and all Regions concerned with copies to Executive Commissioner, 15 Army Group, MMIA, Finance Sub-Commission, Economic and Establishment Section, with sufficient copies provided to you for attachment as an appendix to the Civil Affairs Plan for North West Italy.

R.R. CRIEPS
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH SECRET

Ref: 94/PAT 7 April, 1945

PLAN FOR PATRIOTS IN N.W. ITALY.

INFORMATION

1. In the event of a sudden withdrawal by the enemy from the Regions LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and N.W. EMILIA it is known that we shall have to deal with large numbers of armed and organised patriot Bands.

INTENTION

2. The intention is to contact the patriots, disarm and disband them, enlist within the limits allowed, into the Italian Armed Forces find employment for as many as require it and return the remainder to their homes as quickly as possible.

METHOD

3. A) Administration of Patriots used operationally will be, as at present, the responsibility of the Allied Unit which uses them or retains them for future operations.

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Phase 2. As soon as control of any part of N.W. Italy is assumed by No. 2 District the responsibility for administration and rehabilitation of the Patriots in that part no longer under IV Corps control will pass to Regional Commissioners in conjunction with No. 2 District.

C). For the purposes of Phase I. the Staffs of the Regional Commissioners attached to HQ IV Corps will include one Regional Patriot Officer and one Italian Military

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Military Patriot Representative for each Region, and as many Patriot teams each consisting of one Allied Officer and one Italian Army Officer, as may be considered necessary to deal with the immediate Patriot problem in each Province.

Regional Commissioners are responsible for sending to IV Corps HQ. the number of Allied Officers demanded by the Regional Patriots Officer working in conjunction with IV Corps. This demand will be based on the latest information of Patriot numbers and locations. It will not exceed one Allied Officer per Province.

Italian Army Officers will be nominated by the Ministry of Occupied Italy and approved by Patriots Branch. (See Appendix F for list of officers allocated to each Region and Province).

These teams will move forward with IV Corps and undertake Patriot work as instructed by IV Corps in the ir future Regions and Provinces: they will remain behind in those Regions and Provinces continuing their work under Regional and Provincial Commissioners when IV Corps moves on.

D. The Regional Patriot Officer will be responsible, through Int elligence channels at 15 Army Group and Patriots Branch for ascertaining as f ar as possible the location and strengt of Patriot Bands in the Regions about to be occupied.

This information will be used (a) for assessing the number of Patriot Officers required and (b) for gaining a general background of their future work.

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E. As Army moves forward, No. 1 Special Force will drop Allied Officers behind the enemy lines to contact Allied Liaison Officers already working there, and also Patriot Leaders. These Officers will prepare the way for the first meeting between Patriot Officers and Patriots, arranging rendezvous instructing Patriots when and where to assemble and if necessary, reconnoitring quarters suitable for Patriot Centres.

The Regional Patriot Officer and Patriot teams will move forward with Corps as soon as possible to make these contacts

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F. Patriot Centres will be established near concentrations of Patriots.

The Provincial Patriot Officer will, for this purpose, take on a permanent staff of patriots to prepare the Centre for occupation and to maintain it efficiently. His Italian Military Representative should be made responsible for the proper running and interior economy of the Centre. The pay of the patriots taken on his permanent staff will be met by funds drawn from the local Prefettura. (Authority PWAC Finance Sub-Commission letter 13196/F dated 6 April 1945. See Appendix E.)

G. Function of the Patriot Officer (Phase I).

Working under IV Corps he will:

(a) take such steps as are necessary to induce Patriot bands to come to Centres. The provision of transport for the collection of sizable groups or bands of Patriots will be a IV Corps responsibility.

(b) Indent for rations (Italian Military scale) from DID or CM Stores. Arrange for certain elements (i.e. fruit fresh vegetables and wine) to be drawn from local Italian Army stores or purchased locally by the PWPO with funds drawn from the Prefect.

(c) Make immediate arrangements, working through Patriot Leaders, for the disarming of patriots if they have not already been disarmed by the Army (See Appendix F.)

(d) With the help of BLOs and Patriot Leaders, decide which of the claimants are bona fide patriots.

(e) Report to the nearest Military HQ details of POW brought in by Patriots and ask for disposal instructions.

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(d) With the help of HCs and Patriot Leaders, decide which of the claimants are bona fide patriots.

(e) Report to the nearest Military HQ details of POW brought in by Patriots and ask for disposal instructions.

(f) Arrange, if possible, to engage the services of an Italian doctor at the Centre to deal with minor cases and, if necessary, give preliminary treatment to serious ones. Send wounded patriots to Italian Military or Civilian hospitals according to the availability of accommodation. Allied Forces will assist the Italian Army who will be responsible for hospitalisation.

Evacuation will be a IV Corps responsibility.

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(g) Issue any clothing that is available. Distribution from rear stockpiles will be a IV Corps responsibility.

(h) With the help of EIOs and Patriot Leaders, arrange to issue to bona fide Patriots a certificate signed by the Commander-in-Chief. In suitable cases this could be arranged as part of the disarming ceremony.

(i) Make arrangements for the absorption of patriots into employment through labour organisations of the Army and any civilian Labour Organisation that may be available. No. 2 District will give priority of employment to all genuine Patriots.

(j) Wherever possible, evacuate Patriots to their homes using refugee channels if their homes are a long distance away.

(k) The assistance outlined above may be given to a maximum of 90 days from the time of reception and disarmament by the Patriot Officers. All patriots should have been found employment or dispersed to their homes within a much shorter period.

H. Phase 2.

(a) Regional Patriot Officers will come under direct control of their Regional Commissioners and will continue the work begun in Phase I.

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(b) Equipment already at Centres will be left by IV Corps.

(c) Transport will be provided by Nations or local arrangements made.

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Pocket money to Patriots	1000 lire
For disabled Patriots	5000 "
For family of patriot killed in action	10000 "

These payments will be the responsibility of the Italian Military Representative with each team who will obtain funds as laid down in Appendix A para 10 (d) The distribution of funds will be the responsibility of the Italian Patriots Representative

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and will be supervised by the Allied Patriot Officer.
Receipts will be obtained for payment and nominal roll will be forwarded to the Italian organisation making the payment.

B. Collection of arms. Lists will be made of all arms and ammunition collected from patriots; receipts will be given to each individual. The Commander of the nearest Allied Military Unit will be responsible for the collection and safe custody of arms when surrendered. Copy of lists of arms will be forwarded to Patriots Branch.

C. Returns. Patriot Officers will forward to their HQs, copies to IV Corps and Patriots Branch HQ., a weekly report of their activities compiled under the following headings:

1. Arms surrendered (quantity and type)
2. Number of Patriots received at Centre or Office.
3. Number of Patriots sent to hospital
4. Number of Patriots enlisted into the Italian Army
5. Number of Patriots re-employed
6. Number of Patriots returned to their homes
7. Number of Patriots not yet dispersed
8. Commander-in-Chief's Certificates.
   (a) Number issued with nominal roll.
   (b) Number of certificates in stock

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INTERCOMMUNICATION

5. NPO may correspond direct only on routine and technical matters with Patriots Branch HQ.AC.

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Appendix "A"
To 94/PAT dated
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ADMINISTRATION OF PATRIOT CENTRES.

1. LOCATION. Centres will b e established by the PPO, when necessary near concentrations of patriots. It will be a IV Corps responsibility to establish equip and maintain these centres This responsibility will be discharged through Provincial Patriot Officers.

2. COMMAND. The Patriot Officer, assisted by the Italian Military Patriot Representative, will control and supervise the administration of the Centre.

3. STAFF. Staff for the Centre will be enlisted from Patriots. A Camp Commandant (Band Commander), a Doctor, a hairdresser, cooks, cleaners and guards will be required. Payment on scale approved by the MCO will be made by the Military Patriot Representative.

4. POLICY. Patriots may remain in Centres for a maximum period of 90 days. Within that time it is the duty of the Patriot Officer to ensure that they are either enlisted into the Italian Army, found Civil work or returned to their homes. Three weeks should normally be adequate, and Patriots should be kept for longer periods only in exceptional circumstances.

5. SCREENING. The Patriot Officer with the BLO (if available and leader of each Patriot Band that arrives, will form a screening committee and ensure that only genuine patriots are admitted.

6. HYGIENE. Particular attention will be paid to hygiene. Disinfestors will be obtained and all clothing will be disinfested. Latrine and washing arrangements must be adequate for maximum

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7. CLOTHING. Essential clothing will be issued, as necessary, and if available.

8. ACCOMMODATION STORES. Accommodation stores will be obtained as far as possible from local sources. Beds should be obtainable from the Italian Army.

9. RATIONS. Rations will be drawn on the Italian Army scale from NAAFI and CO Stores. The money element of the Italian Army

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Ration Scale for local purchase of vegetables fruits, and wine will be drawn from the local Prefect b y the Ita lian Patriot Representative. who will be responsible for buying this part of the ration and accounting for the funds.

10. FINANCE. T he following funds will be made available by AM G Finance Officers to each Patriot Centre through the local Prefect or the Syndaco if no Prefect exists. Such funds will be drawn and accoun ted for by the IMFR. Cash can only be drawn on the authority and with the approval of the Allied Patriot Officer:

(a) for the payment of IMFR wages;

(b) for Patriot Centre staff wages.(These will be arranged by the IMFR when staff is engaged and confirmed by MMG).

(c) A float of 100,000 lire, to be adjusted monthly. for incidental expenses at Centres and payment for the purchased part of the Italian military ration.

(d) A fund for the payment o f 1000, 5000 and 10,000 lire grants to Patriots and their dependants.

11. COLLECTION OF PATRIOTS. It will be the responsibility of FF IV Corps to furnish transportation as required to transport to Centres Patriots from localities where sizable bands or groups e ist.

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ANNEXURE "B"
To 91/PAT dated 7 April, 1945

ITALIAN ARMY RECRUITING AGENCIES

1. ESTABLISHMENT

As occasion demands a Recruiting Agency, consisting of 4 Italian Officers and 6 ORs, will be attached to Regional HQ. Land Forces Sub-Commission, at the request of Patriots Branch send these Recruiting Agencies into the field.

2. CONTROL.

The RPO has full control over the Recruiting Agency while it remains attached to him. He can divide it, at his discretion, into four or less detachments which may be sent to work independently in any part of his Region.

3. RATIONS.

In Army areas or Military Government Territory Recruiting Agencies are entitled to POL and stores from Military Sources.

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APPENDIX X "C"
To 94/PAT dated 7 April 1945

ITALIAN MILITARY PATRIOT REPRESENTATIVES

1. ENLISTMENT.

Nominations of all Italian Military Patriot Representatives must be confirmed by the Italian Government.

2. DISCIPLINE.

(a) Any IMPR found to be in possession of mail, or party to, or acting as an agent for, the carrying of mail will be subject to immediate dismissal and severe disciplinary measures.

(b) Any IMPR engaging in political activities will be dismissed immediately.

2. RATION S, BILLETS and P.O.L.

IMPRs will receive free petrol, free billets and a free issue of rations in Army areas. (AAI 1975/5/01 of 26 Oct. 44). They will not be allowed NAAFI/CRs for messes of their own, nor will they draw supplies from NAAFI or Post Exchange Services. "Free Billets" will not be construed to include furniture or bedding. IMPRs, if admitted to allied officers' messes, will be required to pay the local messing fee.

4. PAY

(a) The Italian Government provides funds through the local Prefect for payment of each IMPR at the rate of one hundred (100) lire a day from the time he is called up, and two hundred (200) lire a day from the time when he receives his appointment. Payments are for a seven day week.

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(b) Lists of IMPRs will be sent fortnightly by HPCs to Regional Commissioners who are responsible for seeing that they are

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(c) Regional Commissioners will notify the Regional Finance Officer of the names and locations of all IMFRs in the Region. Any change in the personnel of the IMFRs or in their location will at once be reported to the Reg onal Finance Officer by the R.C.

(d) The Regional Finan c e Officer will make arrangement s to pay IMFRs thr ugh his Provincial Finance Officers or other sub-accountants.

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(c) The pay of IMFRs will eventually be recovered by A.C. from the Italian Government. It will, therefore, b e necessary for all IMFRs to be paid on a seperate payroll, two original copies of which, signed by each IMFR drawing pay, will be forwarded with the monthly Report of Receipts and D isbursements to the Chief Accountant, A.C. He will take the necessary steps to obtain reimbursements from the Ita ian Government each Month.

5. TRANSPORT.

P.Os are reminded that IMFRs require transportation which may be provided as for other Italian Officials.

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APPENDIX "D"
To 94/PAT dated 7 April 1945

PRISONERS OF WAR

Instructions to Allied Patriot Officers.

1. It is possible that Patriot Bands may arrive either:

(a) Escorting enemy Prisoners of War, or

(b) With enemy troops in their ranks who have joined the patriots to fight the main German forces for political or other reasons.

2. Instructions will be issued by 15 Army Group as to the treatment of such enemy troops and, in the meantime, the following principles will be observed:

(a) Allied Patriot Officers' action will be governed by the knowledge that no negotiations can take place with the enemy except on the basis of unconditional surrender.

(b) It must be clearly understood that Allied Patriot Officers are not in a position to guarantee treatment as Prisoners of War to those who have surrendered to Patriots, before the prisoners are received into Allied custody.

(c) Allied Patriot Officers should at once transmit to the nearest Military Centre offers by enemy detachments of unconditional surrender to the Allies. The Military authorities should be informed of the full circumstances and they will decide whether such surrender can be accepted.

(d) Until surrender is accepted, by Allied Command, prisoners in patriots' hands are a Patriot and not an Allied

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APPENDIX "E"
To 94/INT dated 7 April

From: Finance Sub-Commission

To: All Regional Finance Officers and Senior Finance Officers

No.: 15196/F

Date: 6 April 1945

Subject: FINANCING OF PATRIOT CENTRES IN ANC TERRITORY.

1. In Allied Military Government territory the expenditures of Patriot Centres and payments to partisans will be controlled through the Prefettura budget.

2. For the first three monthly budget there will be no reliable guide as to the amount of expenditure that is likely to be incurred; but in order to avoid supplementary requests for funds the initial credit should be a sum amply sufficient for the estimated requirements. Any unexpended balances can be taken into account on the succeeding quarterly budget, according to the established procedure.

3. The Prefect of each Province should be instructed to submit (S.B.) budget estimates and a request for funds forthwith, specifying the capitoli of expenditure in accordance with MIL 1 March 1945 n.68. It will be the responsibility of the Prefettura to keep each Patriot Centre supplied with funds for all administration and other expenditures, and for the payment of indemnities and compensation to patriots and partisans. Patriot centres will maintain accounts of all disbursements and apply to the Prefettura monthly in advance for funds to meet the

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By Command of Rear Admiral CCMF

Joint Director,
Finance Sub Commission

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APPENDIX "B"
To 94/PAT of 7 April 1945

LOMBARDIA REGION - PATRIOT REPRESENTATIVES.

HQ.	Col.	CARONI, Cino eppe
HQ	Magg.	BORSELLINI, Mario
MILANO	Col.	BASCARI Spartaco
MILANO City	Magg.	DAMIANO, Luigi
VARESE	T.Col.	BOSCHI Marco
PAVIA	Magg.	VIVANTI, Augusto
MANTOVA	S.Ten.	RICCI, Aldo
BRESCIA	T.Col.	SANTIROCCO, Carlo
CREMONA	Cap.	LENTINI, Rocco
COMO	Magg.	ORLANDO, Giovanni
SONDRIO	Magg.	D'AMICO, Giulio
BERGAMO	T.Col.	MORICHIO, Pasquale

PIEDMONT REGION.

HQ.	T Col.	PAJETTA Vincenzo
TORINO	Cap.	BARBIERI Duccio
TORINO, City	T Col.	MATA Camillo
ALESSANDRIA	Cap.	CINOCCHI, Giuseppe
ACQUI	S Ten	TORRENTA, Alfredo
CUNEO	S Ten	TOGI, Amedeo

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MILANO	Col.	BACCARI. Spartaco
MILANO City	Magg.	DALMAZZO. Luigi
VARESE	T.Col.	BOSCHI Marco
PAVIA	Magg.	VIVANTI. Augusto
MANTOVA	S.Ten	RICCI . Aldo
BRESCIA	T.Col.	SANTIROCCO, Carlo
CREMONA	Cap.	LENZINI, Rocco
COMO	Magg.	ORLANDO, Giovanni
SONDRIO	Magg.	D'AMELIO, Giulio
BERGAMO	T.Col.	ROBIGLIO, Pasquale

PIEMONTE REGION

NO.	T Col.	PERLI Vincenzo
TORINO	Cap	BANDINELLI Remo
TORINO, City	T Col.	MARA Camillo
ALESSANDRIA	Cap	CIMICCHI. Giuseppe
ACQUI	S Ten	TORRETTA. Alfredo
CUNEO	S Ten	TOSI. Amedeo
ASTI	Cap.	FABBRI. Mario
NOVARA	Ten.	CAMPEGGIO. Manfredo
VERCELLI	Cap	BENUCCI. Bruno

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LIGURIA REGION
~~Liguria region~~

GE.	Cap. Vasc.	CANINO, Silvio
GENOVA	T. Col.	LESCAI, Luigi
LA SPEZIA	Cap.	SANTINI, Gino

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LIGURIA REGION (Continued)

SAVONA	Cdp	MELLESINI. Luigi
IMPERIA	Cmp	SALVI Pio.

IV CORPS.

Cmp. JANNARELLI Filippo.

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12 March 1945

NOTE ON DISARMING OF PATRIOTS.

1. The weakness of the scheme proposed for the disarming of Patriots lies in the comparative lack of inducement to them to come into Centres.

2. This inducement consists, in effect, of an offer of a period of rest, an offer of recruitment or employment, some clothes, a certificate and some pocket money: to these there may be added the glamour of a ceremonial Parade.

3. The sanction against those who do not accept this inducement consists in a threat of imprisonment at a later stage; a risk many will be likely to be willing to run if they feel lack of assurance about the future.

4. A possible way to strengthen this technique seems to be to find a method of appealing to the highest aspect of the political and patriotic feeling of at any rate some of the leaders (1). It appears, therefore, to be worth while investigating this possibility on the basis of available intelligence as to the personalities, politics, sense of responsibility, power of command and leadership of individual Patriot commanders. The object would be to consider how far it would be worth-while approaching these personalities on a high, dignified (and flattering) level e.g. through a Lt. Colonel of IV Corps, qualified to state the case in political and patriotic terms which would make an effect. Tact and understanding are the essentials.

5. The obvious danger of this technique is that it might open the way for an attempt at bargaining but bearing this risk in mind, the proposal might be worth thinking over and discussing.

6. Another method which might also be considered is the one that has been adopted in Greece as an outcome of the peace negotiations. (Writing without reference to the record) the distinguishing features of this technique are :

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(1) - 15 A.G. paper of 21 Jan. para.2, p.3 states "As early as possible after their arrival. HQ. IV Corps should contact the local Partisan leaders and ask them to arrange for the members of their bands & groups to parade.....".

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(a) that ELAS leaders have been themselves made responsible for the collection and listing of arms, later collected from dumps by the British, and

(b) were informed in advance of a minimum number which would be considered satisfactory. The prestige value of this proposal is evident. Its application would be quite consonant with the former suggestion; it is also, of course, consonant with the policy of Patriot Centres.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

SECRET.

Ref : 94/PAT.

30 March 1945.

Subject: Future of Partizan Units after Liberation.

To : S.O. (M) Liaison Staff, Rome.

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1. Ref the suggestions from the senior B.L.O. Liguria contained in your LS/13/522 dated 26 March 1945.

2. (a) Suggestion 1. This point is noted and is under consideration.

(b) Suggestion 2. The question of memorial days and medals is entirely a matter for the Italian Government, but their attention has already been drawn to the possibility of a medal.

(c) Suggestion 3. The qualifications of Patriots to hold ranks in the Italian Army will be sympathetically reviewed by the Ministry of War and every case will be judged on its merits. No Special Courses are envisaged.

3. With regard to the general question of giving Patriots north of the line some indication of what is likely to happen to them; as you are aware the policy and plan for the treatment of Partisans in N. Italy has not yet been finally agreed. When this has been done all information which can be passed to Patriots will be sent to S.O. (M) Liaison Staff.

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F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
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APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1959

27 March 1945.

SECRET

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Flag Officer Northern Area Mediterranean.

Subject: Planning for Occupation of North Italy.

Enclosure: (A) Civil Affairs Section, Patriots Branch, AC ltr 94/PAT of 5 February 1945(Copy).
(B) Civil Affairs Section, Patriots Branch, AC ltr 94/PAT of 24 March 1945 (Copy).

Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith for information and appropriate action.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Patriots Branch, AC,
less enclosures.

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94/PAT File

26 March 1945.

MEMO TO CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

URGENT PATRIOT PROBLEMS - MARCH 25th 1945.

1. The following statement of the present patriot position is made after a visit by Major V.F.J.C. SNEE, Executive Officer, Patriots Branch A.C. to 15 Army Group, IV Corps, 5th and 8th Armies, and the Patriot Centres on the 5th and 8th Army Front from 15th - 23rd March 1945.

URGENCY OF PROBLEM.

2. The urgency of the problem cannot be overstressed. It must be realised by all concerned that the Patriot organisation in Armies, A.M.G. and A.C. is NOT ready to deal with Patriots in N. Italy in the event of an immediate withdrawal of the enemy.

Urgent and immediate steps must be taken to remedy the situation if a debacle is to avoided in the North.

PRESENT POSITION.

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3. (a) Policy. The final 15 Army Group plan for N.W. Italy, which was promised on 15 March 45 (Ref.A.G.091.711 dated 2 march 45) has not yet been received.

It is understood that similar plans for 5th and 8th Armies have been drafted by 15 Army Group and will be issued in due course. In the meantime, Patriots Branch A.C. IV Corps, 5th and 8th Armies are all making tentative plans, based on the

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proposal contained in the original 15 Army Group draft (ref. A.G. 091.711 dated 2 March 45). The receipt of the final 15 Army Group plan for all N. Italy is essential if a final plan, now long overdue, is to be made by Patriots Branch.

(b) Materials.

(i) No authority has been yet received from A.F.H.Q. for the provision and stockpiling forward of the materials required to implement the plans outlined above.

(ii) It is vitally important that this stockpiling forward should begin immediately, as, without it, any plan is doomed to failure.

(iii) Suggested stockpiling points at which warehouse accomodation is available are IV Corps - Florence, 5th and 8th Armies - Forli.

(iv) AFHQ must supply transport for this. No other transport is available, and it is entirely an army responsibility.

(v)	Materials Required.	Present Position	Remarks
a.	Clothing for 100000	Authority awaited from combined C.of S. for AFHQ to stockpile forward.	This is the most urgent problem of all. Even if immediate authority is received from combined C.od S.plothing will probably have to be dyed, and this will cause delay. At present there are 1500 battle dresses available at Pescia and Florence and about 200 at Ravenna, but boots and many other items of clothing are in short supply.

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b.	Food for 100000	Ditto	
c.	Mess tins	None in hand, 1500 have been asked for from Salvage	
d.	Cigarettes and soap	AFHQ asked to authorise supply from Allied sources (ref 121/9/ PAT dated 16 March 1945)	Normally supplied to Italian army by Italian Government as supplement to the military ration. In addition Capt. Limbert AMG 5 Army has suggested that authority be obtained for spearhead officers to draw cigarettes from Army supplies to give to Patriots at first meeting.

(c) (1) Spearhead Patriot Officers. Capt Limbert 5 Army AMG suggests that in 5 Army area the A.M.G. officers at present engaged in Patriot work (Capt. Limbert, Capt. Hammond and Lt. Woolford) go forward during the advance as spearhead officers to make the first contact with Patriots, taking with them a supply of cigarettes and other comforts. In other areas this work could be done by Regional Patriot Officers.

(2) Regional Patriot Officers. No Regional Patriot Officer has yet been selected by Venezia Region. He is required for training forthwith: R.P.Os. for Liguria, Piemonte, and Lombardia Regions are already received training R.P.O. Lombardia is expected to report to Patriots Branch for training this week.

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(3) Provincial Patriot Officers. Although it has been agreed in principle that Patriot Officers additional to normal establishment shall not be assigned to Provinces, it is essential for the smooth working of the Plan for N. Italy that one Officer per Province receive immediate training in Patriot work, and be ready to move forward in the Corps and armies.

Patriots Branch wish the following Provincial Officers to report to Patriots Branch for 10 days (7 days training at Patriot Centres. and 3 days with No. 1 Special Force). After completion of training they would return to their Regions and be at 48 hours call by Armies.

	Provincial
Piemonte Region	8 officers
Liguria "	4 "
Lombardia "	10 "
Emilia "	6 "
Venezia "	14 "

(4) Italian Patriot Representatives. Position satisfactory - all at 48 hours notice.

(5) Recruiting Agencies (1 per Region). Negotiations are still taking place with M.M.I.A.

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(d) Transport.

Each Regional and Provincial Patriot Officer will need a car (preferably a Jeep and trailer). In addition Superhead and / / or Regional Patriot Officers will need one three ton truck each

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to carry forward comforts for their initial contact with Patriots.

The source of this transport has yet to be decided.

(e) Finance (Italian Government).

The Italian Government has agreed in principle to pay all expenses connected with Patriot Centres.

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LS/13/522

S.O.(M) Liaison Staff
(Rome)

26th March, 1945

To: Patriots Branch,
Allied Commission.

Subject: Future of Pzan Units after Liberation

The following message has been received from the senior B.L.O. in LIGURIA:

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"From our experience here would say there will be no general attempt resist demobilisation but process would be greatly eased by tactful and sympathetic handling. Would suggest

1. All mention be avoided of word "Disarming" which implies hostility.

2. Arrangements be made for generous public recognition of Partisan effort with memorial days and striking of long service medals.

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Spark Msge Gibson

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R.T. Gibson
Major,
S.O.(M) Liaison Staff

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

SECRET.

Ref : 94/PAT. 24 March 1945.

Subject: Planning for occupation of N.Italy.

To : Naval Sub Commission.

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1. Ref this Branch letter 94/PAT dated 5 Feb 45 copy attached.

2. No. 1 Special Force state that the matter has been passed to the S.L.O. Genoa, who is taking action. His reply will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

3. He is enthusiastic about this type of request and would like more on the same lines.

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

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

21 March 1945

Ref : 94/PAT

Subject : Employment of Patriots.

To : H.Q. No 2 District.
(attn. Col. GORDON SMITH)

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Herewith a copy of this H.Q. letter LSC/116 of 20 March 1945 requested by Col. Gordon Smith, and also record of his discussion with the Director of this Branch on 18 March 1945.

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

MP/mlo.

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Record of Discussion on Appennini
Labour Camp - Livorno.

between : Col. GORDON SMITH (2 Dist.) & Lt.Col. CRAIG.
18 March 1945.

(1) The Army handed over Livorno area to 2 District on 7 Feb.45

(2) 2 District have NO authority to ration this Labour Camp on Italian Military Rations.

(3) At the same time this Labour is no longer required.

(4) Capt. Limbert has been asked to contact Major Gausmann D.A.D.L. (Civil) 5 Army to find out if this labour unit can be absorbed in U.D.F. Labour Camp in Marradi.

(5) Alternative action would be to find or offer priority employment through D.A.D.L. (Civil) Sub Area HQ Livorno for each individual holding the Alexander Certificate.

(6) Col. Gordon Smith would contact Major Segura D.A.D.L. Livorno to explore all possibilities for their rehabilitation.

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

19 March 1945.

See 96 on 49/PAI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel. 478904

REF. : LSC/116 20 March 1945

SUBJECT : Northwest Italy Planning-
Employment of Patriots.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Lombardia, Liguria, Piemonte, Venezia and Emilia.

1. This memorandum deals with the civil employment of Patriots, following liberation of Northern territory, in pursuance of the primary object of Patriot policy to return these men to normal civil life as early as possible.

2. Patriots should be placed in employment at the earliest possible moment. The employment should be of a long-term character and regard should be paid to the industrial background and skill of individual Patriots so that the employment should be suited to their qualifications. It will be recognized that if Patriots are placed in casual employment lasting a few days only, the problem of reestablishing them in civil employment will be continually recurrent. Equally, employing units should not discharge known partisans without sufficient reason and without informing at an early date, and if possible before discharge, a responsible representative of the Regional Commissioner, e.g., the Provincial Patriots Officer.

3. The following directions give effect to the policy and principles stated above:

(a) Registration of Partisans for Civilian Employment. Patriots will be registered at Patriot Centers or Camps where these have been established; or at AMG Labor Offices; or at offices opened by D.A.D.L. or military employing units for the engagement of Italian civilian personnel.

At each Patriot Center a Labor Officer should attend for the specific purpose of registering patriots for civil employment. At the other offices arrangements should be

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made for the separate registration of patriots. At the registration stage patriot leaders should identify the men as recognized patriots and the registration personnel should proceed to ascertain and record the qualifications and industrial background of individual patriots in order that they may be placed on the highest graded job for which they are qualified. Patriots whose services are terminated for good cause after employment will be entitled to re-register. The Patriots Register should be made available for the selection of men for employment by the Allied Armed Forces and also for employment in civilian industrial establishments from which demands for labor are received or are known to be developing. It will be realised that the closest cooperation between all interested parties will be essential to insure the effective operation of established policy in this connection.

(b) Immediate steps should be taken on receipt of these directions to ascertain the estimated requirements of the Armed Forces in various localities. Naval, Military, Air Force and Civil Affairs Officers who are able to estimate by localities and by trades their labor requirements should supply such estimates to Regional Commissioners so that, through the Regional and other Labor Offices, and through the Provincial Patriot Offices, a number of posts may be reserved for patriots to the extent that suitable men can be made available from the registered patriots. As and when further possibilities of employment can be estimated or reported, similar steps should be taken through Regional Commissioners and the Offices indicated, to relate the labor requirements to the register of patriots. Prompt communications between offices involved will be essential, but employing units should be prepared to accept a slight delay in filling positions reserved for patriots, before filling them from other sources.

(c) Employing units should identify patriots employed by them with the object of insuring that when reductions of personnel, or discharges, take place, the patriots are the last to be discharged. Equally, if disciplinary or suitability issues arise which may lead to the discharge of patriots, special endeavor should be made to retain their services by rearrangement of work; failing which, early notification should be given to Patriot Offices and Labor Offices to which the discharged patriots should be instructed to report for the purpose of obtaining other employment.

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(d) Similar action should be urged by Labor Officers upon other employers, e.g., public utilities, relief schemes, and private employers.

(e) Although arrangements are being made for the accommodation, feeding and payment of patriots in the interim period while they are being considered for recruitment or for placing in civil employment, it should be understood that patriots who refuse suitable employment will forfeit their rights to benefits and preferential treatment. This principle should not however be harshly applied, and due regard should be paid to personal circumstances and industrial background when deciding whether a patriot has just cause for refusing offered employment.

4. From time to time reports will be required regarding the application and operation of this policy, and units should keep suitable records to be in a position to render necessary reports, the form of which will be indicated in separate instructions.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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Subject: Employment of Patriots.

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No.1 Special Force,
C.M.F.

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9th March, 1945.

To: H.Q. Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394
Civil Affairs Section,
Patriots Branch.

Your 94/PAT refers.

1. The gist of your letter has been passed to our Senior B.L.O. for LIGURIA.

2. We shall let you know as soon as his answer arrives.

H Boulogne

Capt.
for Lt. Colonel., G.S.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 370.64-3

4 March 1945

SUBJECT: Resistance Movement, North Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

There is attached for your information a copy of a letter dated 13 February addressed by M.O.I. (S.P.) War Office to the Foreign Office. Since receipt of the copy at AFHQ it has been ascertained that the author of the letter referred to therein is not Longhi but a member of the Franchi Organization which is predominately liberal in color.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

5 MAR 1945

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES,
Major, F. A.

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M.O.I. (S.P.)
WAR OFFICE,
S.W.1.

13 Feb 45.

Dear

A letter has reached our representative in Switzerland from LONGHI, President of the CLNAI of which the following points have been telegraphed to us.

1. The political importance of the resistance movement must not be over rated. Only a minority from a limited class is concerned. As a whole the population is politically uneducated, apathetic and mistrustful.

2. The danger of a political dictatorship either of the left or of the right arises chiefly from the lack of political education and this applies as much to the resistance groups as to the population in general.

3. It is essential that the Allies follow events in North ITALY with understanding.

4. The Liberal Party is growing in strength and is attracting the more balanced elements among the younger generation.

5. There are constantly recurring crises in the Action party owing to the internal opposition of the right and left elements, and the extremists are making the party unpopular. Its right elements would like to link up with moderate liberals to form a "Democratic-Liberal-Socialist Party." Such a move would enable the liberals to shake off some of their ultra-conservative elements. The left elements of the Action Party are worried by the apparent lack of unity in their own party in the South as instanced by the variance between the 16 points of the Rome Action Party and the programme of the Florence branch (the latter is regarded as having semi-Fascist ideals). The leaders in the North reject both programmes, being inclined to favour a state which is purely "tecnico". The younger members of the party are for the most part liberal in outlook.

6. The Liberal Party have recently stated the formation of "study centres for democratic unification."

7. The leaders of the Action Party in the North were surprised by the attitude taken by their party in the South during the recent Government crisis, and they condemn this attitude as likely to widen party divergence. The Northern leaders were not in favour of supporting Sforsa blindly.

8. Neither the CLNAI nor the North as a whole is satisfied with the political situation in the South. This is a situation which required watching.

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The letter in original will reach us shortly, and we shall let you know if it contains any important amplifications of the above summarised points.

LONGHI, as you know, is labelled as"non-political", which apparently must be interpreted not as being without interest in politics, but as not being of any party. He is very definitely pro-British and, even if his report indicates a preference for liberalism, he can be credited with an endeavour to give us an unbiased picture in order to help us.

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7. The leaders of the Action Party in the North were surprised by the attitude taken by their party in the South during the recent Government crisis, and they condemn this attitude as likely to widen party divergence. The Northern leaders were not in favour of supporting Sforsa blindly.

8. Neither the CLNAI nor the North as a whole is satisfied with the political situation in the South. This is a situation which required watching.

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The letter in original will reach us shortly, and we shall let you know if it contains any important amplifications of the above summarised points.

LONGHI, as you know, is labelled as"non-political", which apparently must be interpreted not as being without interest in politics, but as not being of any party. He is very definitely pro-British and, even if his report indicates a preference for liberalism, he can be credited with an endeavour to give us an unbiased picture in order to help us.

Yours sincerely,

A. ROSS Esq.,
Southern Division, Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

C.L. ROSEBERRY, Lt. Colonel.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

94/Pat.

2nd March, 1945.

SUBJECT: Northwest Italy Planning :Employment of Patriots.

TO: Labour Sub-Commission.
(Attention Mr. W. H. Braine)

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I am in complete agreement with your memorandum on the civil employment of Patriots and preparation in its final form for signature by the Chief of Staff is approved.

R. R. CRIPPS, Col.
CSO CA Section.

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T.I. ! Patriots

1) Please attach these papers to the relevant file; and
2) inform this section of the history of this proposal; and
3) give your views about the specific provisions.

W.A.S. Dolland, Major
C.A. Sec.

27 Feb. '45

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	Chief of Staff			Executive Officer (A)	
	Message Center			Executive Officer (B)	
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	DP & Rep			G-1 (A) Civilian Emp.	
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	Patriots Branch			G-4 (A)	
	Public Safety			G-4 (B)	
	Security Division			2675th Regt	
	Public Health			Headquarters Commandant	
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	Monuments & Fine Arts			Land Forces (MMA)	
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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

REF : LSC/116 26 February 1945

SUBJECT : Northwest Italy Planning
Employments of Patriots

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Enclosed is draft of instructions (for signature by the Chief of Staff) prepared in accordance with memo ES/1.00 15 February of Economic Section.

W.H. Braine

W.H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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Office of the Chief of Staff

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February 1945

REF :

SUBJECT: Northwest Italy Planning-
Employment of Patriots

TO : Regional Commissioners in Northern Areas.

1. This memorandum deals with the civil employment of Patriots, following liberation of Northern territory, in pursuance of the primary object of Patriot policy to return these men to normal civil life as early as possible.

2. Patriots should be placed in employment at the earliest possible moment. The employment should be of a long-term character so far as possible, and regard should be paid to the industrial background and skill of individual Patriots so far as possible so that the employment should be suited to their qualifications. It will be recognised that if Patriots are placed in casual employment lasting a few days only, the problem of reestablishing them in civil employment will be continually recurrent. Equally, employing units should not discharge known partisans without sufficient reason and without informing at an early date, and if possible before discharge, a responsible representative of the Regional Commissioner, e.g., the Provincial Patriots Officer.)

3. The following directions give effect to the policy and principles stated above:

(a) Registration of Partisans for Civilian Employment. Patriots will be registered at Patriot Centers or Camps where these have been established; or at AMG Labor Offices; or at offices opened by D.I.L.O. or military employing units for the engagement of Italian civilian personnel.

At each Patriot Center a Labor Officer should attend for the specific purpose of registering patriots for civil employment. At the other offices arrangements should be made for the separate registration of patriots. At the registration stage patriot leaders should identify the men as recognized patriots and the registration personnel should proceed to ascertain and record the qualifications and industrial background of

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individual patriots in order that they may be placed on the highest graded job for which they are qualified. Patriots whose services are terminated for good cause after employment will be entitled to re-register. The Patriots Register should be made available for the selection of men for employment by the Allied Armed Forces and also for employment in civilian industrial establishments from which demands for labor are received or are known to be developing. It will be realised that the closest cooperation between all interested parties will be essential to insure the effective operation of established policy in this connection.

(b) Immediate steps should be taken on receipt of these directions to ascertain the estimated requirements of the Armed Forces in various localities. Naval, Military, Air Force and Civil Affairs Officers who are able to estimate by localities and by trades their labor requirements should supply such estimates to Regional Commissioners so that, through the Regional and other Labor Offices, and through the Provincial Patriot Offices, a number of posts may be reserved for patriots to the extent that suitable men can be made available from the registered patriots. As and when further possibilities of employment can be estimated or reported, similar steps should be taken through Regional Commissioners and the Offices indicated, to relate the labor requirements to the register of patriots. Prompt communications between offices involved will be essential, but employing units should be prepared to accept a slight delay in filling positions reserved for patriots, before filling them from other sources.

(c) Employing units should identify patriots employed by them with the object of insuring that when reductions of personnel, or discharges, take place, the patriots are the last to be discharged. Equally, if disciplinary or suitability issues arise which may lead to the discharge of patriots, special endeavor should be made to retain their services by rearrangement of work; failing which, early notification should be given to Patriot Offices and Labor Offices to which the discharged patriots should be instructed to report for the purpose of obtaining other employment.

(d) Similar action should be urged by Labor Officers upon other employers, e.g., public utilities, relief schemes, and private employers.

(e) Although arrangements are being made for the accommodation, feeding and payment of patriots in the interim period while they are being considered for recruitment or for placing in civil employment, it should be understood that patriots who refuse suitable employment will forfeit their rights to benefits

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and preferential treatment. This principle should not however be harshly applied, and due regard should be paid to personal circumstances and industrial background when deciding whether a patriot has just cause for refusing offered employment.

4. From time to time reports will be required regarding the application and operation of this policy, and units should keep suitable records to be in a position to render necessary reports, the form of which will be indicated in separate instructions.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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SUMMARY OF COL. MONTPORT'S SUGGESTIONS.

HQ. IV CORPS.

1. Will take over the responsibility for the following :

(1) Contacting Band Leaders.
(2) Arranging for advanced publicity Flags, Bands and Speakers.
(3) Arranging for Ceremonial Stand-Down Parades.
(4) Collecting, Handing in of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives.
(5) Arranging the initial treatment of Patriots such as clothing, housing, hospitalisation and rehabilitation.
(6) Establishing, equipping and maintaining Centres in such place as Genova, La Spezia, Imperia, Turin, Cuneo, Alessandria, Varese, Milan and Piacenza.
(7) Transporting and distributing food and clothing to Patriot Centres.
(8) Distributing funds supplied by Italian Government.
(9) Encouraging Patriots to enlist in Italian Army.
(10) Providing work through AFM Labour organisation.
(11) Supervising general care of Partisans at Centres.
(12) Dispersing Patriots to their homes.

2. A.F. HQ. RESPONSIBILITIES.

(1) Will make available and stockpile rations and clothing in forward areas.

(2) Assume responsibility through 2 District and A.C. for administration and rehabilitation of that part of N.W. Italy no longer under IV Corps.

3. A.C.G/AC.

(1) Responsibility for Patriots passes to A.C.G/AC when 2 District takes over from IV Corps.

(2) Will contact CLNAI and CML for their assistance to ensure success or parades.

(3) Responsible for provision of funds for gratuities from Italian Government.

4. P.W.B.

Responsible for propaganda and publicity.

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Hd pro tem.

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Ref : 94/PAT.

PLAN FOR PATRIOTS IN N.W. ITALY

1. INFORMATION

In the event of a sudden withdrawal by the enemy from the Regions LIGURIA, PIEMONTE and LOMBARDIA, EMILIA it is known that we shall have to deal with large numbers of armed and organised Patriot bands.

2. INTENTION

The intention is to contact the patriots, disarm and disband them enlist as many as possible into the Italian Armed Forces, find employment for the remainder and return them to norma civilian life as quickly as possible.

3. METHOD

Rule 1.

A. In each Region a Regional Patriot Officer (RPO) will be appointed, who will be on the staff of the R.C., and representative in the Region of the Patriots Branch, HQ, AC.

R.C. s will appoint such additional officers to work under the RPO as they may consider necessary for the number of Patriots encountered.

B. Patriot Teams will be formed as required to handle patriots. Each Team will consist of one Allied Officer and one Officer of the Italian Army nominated by the Ministry of Occupied Italy and approved by Patriots Branch.

Rule 2

C. The RPO will be responsible, through Intelligence channels at 15 Army Group and Patriots Branch for ascertaining as far as possible thelocation of Patriot Bands in the Region, and will maintain contact with 2 District and/or the area concerned.

D. Having received from the BLO information as to the location of concentrations of patriots within the Province, the PC will arrange to open a Patriot Office as near as possible to the concentration

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D. Having received from the BLO information as to the location of concentrations of patriots within the Province, the PC will arrange to open a Patriot Office as near as possible to the concentration area. If it is not possible to disperse patriots to their homes immediately, it will be necessary for him to establish a Patriot Centre where they can be housed until dispersed. For this purpose he will take on a permanent staff of patriots to prepare the Centre for occupation and to maintain it efficiently. His Military Representatives should be made responsible for the proper running and interior economy of the Centre. The pay of the patriots taken onto his permanent staff should be met by AMG funds. (See letter dated from Finance Sub Commission.)

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E. The Patriot Officer will:-

(a) Take such steps as are necessary to induce Patriot bands to come to Centres

(b) Indent for rations (Italian Military scale as modified later in detail) from DID or QM Stores. (Authority AFHQs cable F27859 dated 16 Feb. 45.) Transport for these rations will ~~need special arrangements~~ be a IV Corps responsibility

(c) Make immediate arrangements, working through Patriot Leaders, for the disarming of patriots if they have not already been disarmed by the Army. (See Appendix F.)

(d) With the help of BLOs and Patriot Leaders, decide which of the claimants are bona fide patriots.

(e) Report to the nearest Military HQ details of POW brought in by patriots and ask for disposal instructions.

(f) Arrange for wounded patriots to be treated in Italian Military Hospitals. Allied Forces will assist the Italian Army who will be responsible for hospitalisation. (Authority AFHQs cable F27859 dated 16 Feb. 45.) Evacuation will be a IV Corps responsibility.

(g) Issue necessary clothing of which the minimum essential scale will be issued from Allied Military sources (Authority AFHQs cable F27859 dated 16 Feb. 45.) Distribution from AFHQ stockpiles will be a IV Corps responsibility.

(h) With the help of BLOs and Patriot Leaders, arrange to issue to bona fide patriots a certificate by the Commander-in-Chief.

(i) Ensure that patriots are interviewed by the Italian Army Recruiting Agencies which will be attached to each RPO.

(j) Make arrangements for the absorption of patriots into employment through Labour Organisations of the Army and of A.C. and the Italian Provincial Labour representative.

(k) Wherever possible, evacuate patriots to their homes using refugee channels if their homes are a long distance away.

(l) The assistance outlined above may be given to a maximum of 90 days from the time of reception and disarmament by the Patriots Officer. All patriots should have been found employment or dispersed to their homes within a much shorter period if possible.

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4. ADMINISTRATION

A. Regional Patriot Officers RPOs for Regions in North West Italy are as follows:-

LIGURIA : MAJOR MARSHALL
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B. Payment to Patriots The Italian Government proposes to reward patriots for their services with grants of money, on the following scale:-

~~Normal demobilisation money~~ Pocket money to patriots	500 lire
For disabled patriot	5,000 "
For family of patriot killed in action	10,000 "

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C. Collection of Arms. Lists will be made of all arms and ammunition collected from patriots, receipts will be given to each individual and the arms will be placed in safe custody, either in local Caribinieri Barracks or with Ordnance. Copy of lists of arms will be forwarded to Patriots Branch.

D. Returns. Patriot Officers will forward to their RCs, copy to Patriot Branch HQ, a weekly report of their activities compiled under the following headings:-

1. Arms surrendered. (Quantity and type)
2. Number of patriots received at Centre or Office.
3. Number of patriots sent to hospital.
4. Number of patriots enlisted into the Italian Army.
5. Number of patriots reemployed.
6. Number of patriots returned to their homes.
7. Number of patriots not yet dispersed.
8. Commander-in Chiefs Certificate.
   a. Number issued with nominal roll.
   b. Number of certificates in stock.

5. INTERCOMMUNICATION

RPO may correspond direct only on routine and technical matters with Patriot Branch HQ, AC.

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Names of Regional Patriot Officers, ~~(subject to availability and Regional Commissioners approval) are:-~~ who must be of Field Rank, will be submitted by Regional Commissioners to Patriots Branch not later than 22nd Feb 45

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LOMBARDIA REGION	–	Major GILLETT
PIEMONTE REGION	–	Major BERTELLI
VENEZIA REGION	–	Captain LIDDERDALE
EMILIA REGION	–	Lieut. Palmer.

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Attached to each Regional Provincial Officer will be one Italian Army Officer, one local civilian representative of the CLN and one local representative of the Prefettura. The Allied Patriot Officer will take with him into his Region or Province:

(a) Authority to draw rations on the full Italian Army scale (as modified later in detail) from local DIDs or QM Depots.

(b) Authority to send wounded and sick patriots to Italian Military Hospitals.

(c) Details and location of clothing held which may be drawn on demand.

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(d) Patriot Certificates.

(e) Copies of the Commander-in-Chief's Proclamation to Patriots.

There is no G. 1098 scale for Patriot Centres. The Patriot Officer must use his own initiative in obtaining equipment.

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With each Return It is the responsibility of the Italian Military Representative to apply for the required funds through the Official Italian Patriot Committee. The distribution of funds will be supervised by the Allied Patriot Officer. Receipts will be obtained for payment, and nominal rolls will be forwarded to the Italian Organisation making the payment.

Collection of Arms

Lists will be made of all arms and ammunition collected from Patriots, receipts will be given to each individual and the arms will be placed in safe custody, either in local Carabinieri Barracks or with Ordnance. Copy of lists of arms will be forwarded to Patriots Branch at HQ.

Returns

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+ 3. Number of patriots received at Centre. ~~Sundries~~ n/a
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5. Number of patriots reemployed.
6. Number of patriots returned to their homes.
7. Number of patriots ~~in~~ sent to hospital.
+8. Number of patriots ~~remaining in Centre.~~ n/a disbanded
9. Alexander Certificates:
   (a) Number issued (with nominal roll)
   (b) Number of certificates in stock.

~~10. Ceremonies and Parades.~~
~~11. Remarks.~~
~~12. Propositions.~~

~~+ apply only when Centres are established.~~

If the Patriot Officer encounters difficulty in disarming patriots, he should consult Public Safety officers

Transport

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Inter-Communication. ~~Patriot Officer through Provincial/Regional Commissioners to Patriots Branch, HQ. AC.~~ R.P.O. may forward direct only routine and Technical matters with Patriots Branch HQ AC.

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APPENDIX B

EMPLOYMENT FOR PATRIOTS

PRIORITY OF EMPLOYMENT

No 2 District will give priority of employment to all genuine patriots who hold the Commander-in-Chief's Certificate. The RPO should try to obtain similar priority treatment from other possible employers of labour, for example, Army Labour Officers and Town Majors.

APPENDIX C

ITALIAN ARMY RECRUITING AGENCIES

1. **Establishment**

A Recruiting Agency, consisting of 4 Italian Officers and 6 ORs, will be attached to each RPO. Land Forces Sub Commission, at the request of Patriots Branch, will send these Recruiting Agencies into the field.

2. **Control**

The RPO has full control over the Recruiting Agency while it remains attached to him. He can divide it, at his discretion, into four or less detachments which may be sent to work independently in any part of his Region.

3. **Rations**

In Army Areas or Military Government Territory Recruiting Agencies are entitled to POL and stores from Military Sources.

4. Army Recruiting Officer must ensure that all Patriots ~~Levy~~ are inform ~~Landwehr~~ Army ~~before~~ they report to ~~Italian~~ Army Training Centres ~~for the Army~~.

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The RPO should try to obtain similar priority treatment from other possible employers of labour, for example, Army Labour Officers and Town Majors.

APPENDIX C

ITALIAN ARMY RECRUITING AGENCIES

1. Establishment

A Recruiting Agency, consisting of 4 Italian Officers and 6 ORs, will be attached to each RPC. Land Forces Sub Commission, at the request of Patriots Branch, will send these Recruiting Agencies into the field.

2. Control

The RPO has full control over the Recruiting Agency while it remains attached to him. He can divide it, at his discretion, into four or less detachments which may be sent to work independently in any part of his Region.

3. Rations

In Army Areas or Military Government Territory Recruiting Agencies are entitled to POL and stores from Military Sources.

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APPENDIX "D"

ITALIAN MILITARY PATRIOT REPRESENTATIVES

1. ENLISTMENT.

Nominations of all Italian Military Patriot Representatives must be confirmed by the Italian Government.

2. DISCIPLINE.

(a) Any IMPR found to be in possession of mail, or party to, or acting as an agent for, the carrying of mail will be subject to immediate dismissal and severe disciplinary measures.

(b) Any IMPR engaging in political activities will be dismissed immediately.

3. RATIONS, BILLETS and P.O.L.

IMPRs will receive free petrol, free billets and a free issue of rations in Army areas. (AAI 1075/5/Q1 of 25 Oct. 44). They will not be allowed RM/ORs for messes of their own, nor will they draw supplies from NAAFI or Post Exchange Services. "Free Billets" will not be construed to include furniture or bedding. IMPRs, if admitted to allied officers' messes, will be required to pay the local messing fee.

4. PAY

(a) The Italian Government provides funds through A.C. for payment of each IMPR at the rate of one hundred (100) lire a day from the time he is called up, and two hundred (200) lire a day from the time when he receives his appointment. Payments are for a seven day week.

(b) Lists of IMPRs will be sent fortnightly by RPOs to Regional Commissioners who are responsible for seeing that they are paid from A.C. on 15th and last day of each month.

(c) Regional Commissioners will notify the Regional Finance Officer of the names and locations of all IMPRs in the Region. Any change in the personnel of the IMPRs or in their location will at once be reported to the Regional

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(d) The Regional Finance Officer will make arrangements to pay IMPRs through his Provincial Finance Officers or other sub-accountants.

(e) The pay of IMPRs will eventually be recovered by A.C. from the Italian Government. It will, therefore, be necessary for all IMPRs to be paid on a separate payroll, two original copies of which, signed by each IMPR drawing pay, will be forwarded with the monthly Report of Receipts and Disbursements to the Chief Accountant, A.C. He will take the necessary steps to obtain reimbursements from the Italian Government each month.

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5. TRANSPORT.

I.C.s are reminded that I.P.Rs require transportation which may be provided as for other Italian Officials.

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Appendix "E"

PRISONERS OF WAR

Instructions to Allied Patriot Officers.

1. It is possible that Patriot Bands may arrive either:

(a) Escorting enemy Prisoners of War, or
(b) With enemy troops in their ranks who have joined the patriots to fight the main German forces for political or other Regions.

2. Instructions will be issued by 15 Army Group as to the treatment of such enemy troops and, in the mean time, the following principles will be observed:

(a) Allied Patriot Officers' action will be governed by the knowledge that no negotiations can take place with the enemy except on the basis of unconditional surrender.

(b) It must be clearly understood that Allied Patriot Officers are not in a position to guarantee treatment as Prisoners of War to those who have surrendered to Patriots, before the prisoners are received into Allied custody.

(c) Allied Patriot Officers should at once transmit to the nearest Military Centre offers by enemy detachments of unconditional surrender to the Allies. The Military authorities should be informed of the full circumstances and they will decide whether such surrender can be accepted.

(d) Until surrender is accepted, by Allied Command, prisoners in patriots' hands are a Patriot and not an Allied responsibility.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/1/ADM 6 February, 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation (ITALY)

TO: C. A. Section, A.C. (2)

1. This problem concerns several Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission, together with their opposite numbers in the Italian Government; Viz:-

a) D.P.R.S.C. - Italian High Commissioner for Refugees.
b) W.M.D. & P.W.S.C. - Italian High Commissioner for P.W.
c) Land Forces S.C. - Italian Ministry of War.

It is necessary to define the responsibility of each party in its particular sphere.

2. It is assumed that:-

a) In present Liberated Italy, the Italian Government will be able to function as regards their own nationals with very little assistance.

b) In present non-Liberated Italy, owing to probable destruction of railways, etc., more direct assistance will have to be given by the Allies to the Italian Government.

3. As regards para 2 (a). Main requirements will be for:-

a) Italian P.O.W. in Allied hands - dealt with by High Commissioner for P.W. assisted by W.M.D. & P.W. S.C.

b) Italian Civilian Refugees transported by sea or rail from the North, etc., by the High Commissioner for Refugees assisted by D.P.R.S.C.

c) Allied Nationals - comparatively small numbers by existing camps of D.P.R.S.C. Viz:- [illegible], AMPS. and CITTA.

4. As regards para 2 (b) the problem is much more complicated and it is proposed to study this in some detail. The numbers to be repatriated in all will be something over a million, from FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, GERMANY, BALKANS, etc. They may consist of:-

a) Former Italian Soldiers
b) Ex-Italian P.W.
c) Italian workmen, including some women. 1036

It is not considered that they will be distinguishable until they have either been sent or come across the frontier and have been processed.

5. It is therefore proposed that an advanced H.Q. Repatriation

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b) " " W.M.D. & P.W. S.C.
c) " " Land Forces S.C.

with representatives of their opposite numbers in the Italian Government, should be set up at MILANO.

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6. In view of the difficulties of distinguishing repatriates in Para 4 above, it is proposed that D.P.W.S.C. in conjunction with the High Commissioner for Refugees establish an organisation to deal with repatriates in North Italy. This would be in accordance with the policy that there should be one body for organising the initial reception of repatriates. "Centres" to be initially run on the same lines as the present refugee camps in the forward areas, but eventually to become the responsibility of the High Commissioner.

7. PROPOSED ORGANISATION.

a) Repatriation Group H.Q. set up at VENEZIA, VERONA, MILANO, TORINO and GENOA.

b) Each Group H.Q. would control several "Sections" each consisting of one "Collecting Centre"for Repatriates" (Centro Raccolta per Rimpatrio). In addition certain "Transit Centres for Repatriates" (Centro Transito per Rimpatrio)

c) Each "Collecting Centre" also controlling certain "Frontier Repatriation Posts" (Posto di Frontiera per Rimpatrio).

8. The duties of these Centres and Posts would be:-

a) Frontier Repatriation Post. Gather in refugees at the Frontier and send them to:-

b) Collecting Centres for Repatriates. Repatriates would be screened, medically examined and sorted. Former Italian Soldiers and ex-P.W. would be handed over to adjoining camps, set up and administered by W.D. & P.W.S.C. and Land Forces S.C.

c) Transit Centres for Repatriates. Despatch to the Provinces to which repatriates belong.

9. TRANSPORT.

Each group would require a G.T. Coy. of at least 100 vehicles, 10 ambulances and 10 water carts.

NOTES

Collecting and Transit Centres would each be capable of dealing with 5000 persons at a time. For Establishment see appendix "A".

Frontier Repatriation Posts would be able to deal with 1000 persons at a time. For Establishment see appendix "B".

Repatriation Group H.Q. For Establishment see appendix "C".

For General Layout see appendix "D" (Map).

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C.P. FITZLAY,
Colonel,
Director.

Copies to:- Land Forces S.C.
A.M.G. & P.O.W. S.C. (att. Lt.Colonel Campbell)
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APPENDIX "A"

Establishment Camp for 5,000 persons (22 Collection or Transit Centres) *)

	Officers	Doctors	Red Cross	Chaplain	CCR	OR
Allied	3 **	-	2	-	-	-
Italian	12	4	20	1	20	90

** 10 camps at 2
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*) Two Allied National Camps without Italian Personnel.

APPENDIX "B"

Establishment Camp for 1,000 persons (20 Frontier Repatriation Posts)

Allied	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italian	4	1	4	1	6	35

APPENDIX "C"

Establishment for H.Q. GROUP. (5 H.Q.)

Allied	3	1	1	-	-	4
Italian	3	-	-	-	-	12

SUMMARY OF ABOVE.

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Italian Personnel

Appendix "A"	20 Camps of 5,000 at 147	2940
Appendix "B"	20 Camps of 1,000 at 51	1020
Appendix "C"	5 Group H.Q. at 15	75

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Appendix "C" 5 Group H.Q. at 15	75
TOTAL	4035
Italian Personnel at present available approx.	1000
Italian Personnel - additional required	3035

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref. 1.00/E3

February 1945

SUBJECT: Northwest Italy Planning
Employment of Partisans

TO : Lt. Col. P. Morley-Fletcher
Secretary, Northwest Italy
Planning Coordinating Committee

1. Reference is to letter addressed by the Director, Labor Sub-Commission to Economic Section, ref. LSC/116 dated 1 Feb 45, copy of which was sent to you.

2. The instructions referred to in the last paragraph of Mr. Braine's letter will be put up for issuance by the Chief of Staff to Regional Commissioners.

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Economic Section

cc: Chief of Staff
Civil Affairs Section

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref. EC/1.00

15 February 1945

SUBJECT: Northwest Italy Planning
Employment of Partisans

TO : Director, Labor Sub-Commission

1. Reference is your memorandum LSC/116 dated 1 Feb 45.

2. This Section agrees with your views in this memorandum. It would probably make sense for the officer responsible for keeping track of employment and dismissals of patriots to be the Provincial Patriots Officer referred to by the Chief of Staff at the meeting on 31 Jan 45.

3. With regard to the question you raise in para 6 of your memorandum, instructions should be prepared by you for signature by the Chief of Staff and should be cleared by you with Civil Affairs Section.

HAYDAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Economic Section

cc: Chief of Staff
Civil Affairs Section ✓
(Copy of LSC/116 dated 1 Feb 45 attached.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 204

1 February 1945

REF : LSC/116

15 FEB 1945

SUBJECT: Northwest Italy Planning - Employment of Partisans.

TO : Colonel L. D. Densmore
Economic Section

1. At the meeting of 31 January, the Chief of Staff requested that special consideration should be given to the employment of partisans, giving if necessary special preference to insure that they are engaged at the earliest possible moment.

2. For this purpose it is essential that:

(a) the opportunities for suitable and long-term employment should be known;

(b) the qualifications and experience of the individual partisans should be ascertained.

3. As regards (a), it is important that employment should be long-term, i.e., that partisans should not be put into casual employment lasting a few days only so that the problem of replacing them is continually recurrent. For the same reasons, once they are placed in suitable employment instructions should be given that they are not to be dismissed without prior knowledge of a responsible representative of the Regional Commissioner so that adequate arrangements can be made either for their retention or for immediate placing in alternative employment.

Steps can be taken immediately by the Regional Commissioners to ascertain the employment which can now be foreseen in the various localities, i.e., the Navy might be able to say that they will want a certain number of welders, a certain number of electricians, a certain number of drivers, and a certain amount of unskilled labor. If this information can be collected by Regional Commissioners they can allot, in respective localities, an appropriate number of positions for which partisans are to be given preference.

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4. As regards the second point, it might be possible for Intelligence Officers to discover the background and experience of the more prominent partisan leaders and sub-section leaders and tentative arrangements could be made for placing them into appropriate employment. Except as regards the more prominent men the ascertainment of qualifications and background for industrial employment will have to await the liberation of the

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territory. Accordingly, it is advisable to make advance arrangements for special registration in special sections of the Labor Offices of all partisans; or if it is not thought advisable to use Labor Offices for this purpose someother premises could be earmarked for the purpose. There is a certain danger in having partisan registration premises because these might develop into rival establishments for the placing of workers and might diminish the value of the official Labor Offices.

5. To give effect to the above proposals it seems appropriate that Regional Commissioners now planning should ascertain labor requirements of the various services with a view to earmarking a proportion of the positions for partisans. Perhaps advice to them on this point could be issued to them separately by the appropriate authority.

6. The action with regard to registration and placing of partisans would be performed by or under the direction of the respective Labor Officers. These are already earmarked and the instructions can be given either from this Labor Sub-Commission or through Regional Commissioners. I should be glad to have advice on this point.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Brig. Lush
Chief of Staff

Mr. Harlan Cleveland
Economic Section

Lt. Col. D. Morley-Fletcher
Secretary to Committee on
Northwest Planning

Col. Robert P. Marshall
R.C., Piemonte

Col. J. C. Feasey
R.C., Liguria

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 94/PAT. 16 February 1945.

Subject: Patriots in North Italy.

To : 15 Army Group
(For Attention of Col. Purcell).

1. Reference telephone conversation Col. Purcell and Director Patriots Branch 16 Feb. 45.

2. Attached are

(a) Plan for Patriots in North West Italy;
(b) Plan for Patriot Centres North Italy.

3. The Plan for Patriots N.E. Italy will be exactly similar to that given in 2 (a).

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

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PATRIOT CENTRES NORTH ITALY.

1. LOCATION.

a) Patriot Centres will be established in North Italy, whenever it is impossible for the Regional or Provincial Patriot Officer to disperse Patriots quickly.

b) Exact location of Patriot Centres will depend upon the following factors:

1) location of major concentrations of patriots within each Region/Province.

2) the size of such concentrations.

c) It may be assumed that not more than 1 Patriot Centre per Province will be required for North Italy.

d) Following towns in N.W. Italy have provisionally been selected as possible sites for Patriot Centres (Subject to the decision of the Patriot Officer on the spot in the light of para b.).

LIGURIA : LA SPEZIA, GENOVA, IMPERIA.
PIEMONTE : CUNEO, TORINO.
LOMBARDIA : MILANO, VARESE, BERGAMO.

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2. ESTABLISHMENT.

a) Patriot Centre. The Staff of a patriot Centre will be

1 Patriot Officer (Allied)
1 Patriot Representative (Italian Officer)

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1 Camp Commandant 1 Vice Commandant 1 Capo Guardia 12 Guardie 4 Cuochi 3 Storomen 2 Doctors 1 Barber 2 Interpreters 1 Clerk 4 Sanitary ordelies (cleaners)	Patriot Staff engaged by Patriot Officer.

b) Recruiting Agency.

A recruiting Agency of 3 officers and 4 ORs. (Italians) will be sent to each Region and will work at the centres established within the Regions.

3. TRANSPORT.

Two 3 ton. lorries will be required for each Patriot Centre.

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For : Signature _____

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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5 February 1945

SUBJECT: N.W. Italy Planning Committee meeting.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference is made to para 2c.

It is not accurate to record that military responsibility has been accepted for clothing and feeding patriots. As a result of the "explanatory meeting" referred to, this Headquarters is considering to what extent assistance can be given with food and clothing to a specified number of patriots for an agreed period.

It would not be prudent to regard the matter upon a firmer basis at this stage.

It was agreed at the "explanatory meeting" that provision of finances would be a responsibility of the Italian Government.

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

D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Colonel

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SUBJECT: PATRIOTS - Re-arrangements for Northern Italy.

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(N.W.I.A.)
S/C/lo
13 Feb 45.

To: Minister for War.

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Reference your letter 10401l/1 of 9 Feb 1945.

1. (a) As you know, I entirely agree with you as regards the importance of the Patriot question. You may rest assured that AFHQ, who decide the policy in this difficult and complicated matter, have it under continuous consideration. Screening agencies exist, of course, for absorbing Patriots into the Army; we are already taking in thousands of volunteers; and ALCOM are dealing with the question of returning Patriots to civil occupations.

(b) I will inform you immediately of any further developments or decisions that may be made.

NOT REC'D

2. (a) Apart from the above, as you know vide my TS/C/12 of 26 Dec, we have already catered for an extension of the Territorial layout to Northern ITALY.

(b) This, in conjunction with the Patriot Camps, feeding and clothing organised by A.C. (whose responsibility the Patriots are through Patriot Branch A.C.) and the Army screening agencies should be able to take care of the Patriot problem to a major degree.

3. (a) In connection with all this business, I think the most important and urgent thing at the moment is to get the plan for the extension mentioned in para 2 (a) above completed in detail, with all the personnel, transport etc allotted in full and collected waiting to move forward without any delay as North ITALY is progressively liberated.

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(b) I mentioned this in my S/C/12 of 3 Feb and hope that the matter is in hand URGENTLY.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

copy to: HQ A.C. for PATRIOT Branch A.C.(with copy of W of W letter, 104011/1 of 9 Feb).

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TRANSLATION.

FROM : Ministry of War. Ref No: 10/011/1

TO : M.M.I.A. Date : 9 Feb 45.

Prearrangements for Northern ITALY.

1. For the foreseen liberation of Northern ITALY we deem advisable to consider some questions of vital importance to the Patriots and troops residing in Northern ITALY.

2. Firstly the problem of reception and accomodation of the Patriots, men who have and still sustain enormous disadvantages, fighting a strong and well-reasoned enemy, helped only by strong ideals; frequent has been the recognition by the Allied authorities and great are the means already placed at their disposal for the help of numerous Patriots who have crossed the Apperines in TUSCANA.

3. So as to avoid that, at the moment of the liberation of an area, the Patriots are left even temporarily, abandoned to themselves, we beg MMIA to examine the possibility to extend to all the Patriots of Northern ITALY the arrangements made recently by A.F.H.Q. in favour of the Patriots arriving from enemy-occupied territories (forming of collecting centres, medical assistance, distribution of food for a 30 day period and also clothing issues.)

We deem advisable to point out the necessity to organise such arrangements so that they may come into force at the moment of the liberation to avoid that the Patriots who have given their whole , suffer no disillusions and consequent inconveniences.

4. Beside arrangements taken for the Patriots we deem necessary to provide an organisation for the screening and recovery of troops and material, we think that it would be convenient to start a system as now used in TOSCANA by Col. PIACENTINI that is send an officer for each area who with the small elements that he will find on the spot he will be able to undertake :

- The screening of military personnel (distribution and withdrawal of personal papers.)
- Payment of a sum to civilians and troops employed by military units according to rules.
- The bringing up to date of the pensions allowance to families of fallen soldiers, missing and prisoners.
- Salvage of military material and establishments.
- The re-opening of the Hospitals.

5. This Ministry will provide for the needs required for such duties: We beg MMIA to issue authorisation and the necessary pass for the 5 officers required (one for each District, LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, EMILIA, THE VENEZIA.

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s/s IL MINISTER
A.CASATI.

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Ref: G-3 Plans/134 of 7th Feb, 1945.

Covering letter signed by Lt.Col. Jackling.

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Ref: 94/Plans. CONFIDENTIAL.

10th February, 1945.

REVISED PLAN for

~~PLAN FOR~~ PATRIOTS IN NORTH WEST ITALY.

1. INFORMATION.

In the event of a sudden withdrawal by the enemy from the Regions LIGURIA, PIEDMONTE and LOMBARDIA, it is known that we shall have to deal with large numbers of armed and organised Patriot Bands.

2. INTENTION.

The intention is to contact the Patriots, disarm and disband them, ~~and~~ enlist as many as possible into the Italian Armed Forces, for employment ~~to assume the remainder~~ and return to normal civilian life as quickly as possible.

3. METHOD.

A Liaison Team (a Regional Patriot Officer) will be allotted to each Regional Command ~~Regional and Provincial Patriot Teams~~, each consisting of one Allied Patriot officer, and one Italian Military Officer, will go with Armies as Armies occupy their respective provinces. This will enable them to begin their duties immediately the province is occupied, and they will remain behind as the Army goes forward. A local CLN representative and a local representative of the Prefettura will join the Patriot Officer's team in every Region and Province.

(will select one case for each Province & post as Provincial Patriot Officer)

On entering his Province, the Patriot Officer will immediately contact the British Liaison Officer of No.1. Special Force at a pre-arranged rendezvous. The BLO will have the Patriots organised and will be ready to hand them over to the Patriot Officer.

Having received from the BLO information as to the location of concentrations of Patriots within the province, the Allied Patriot Officer will open a Patriot Office as near as possible to the concentration area. If it is not possible to disperse Patriots to their homes immediately, it will be necessary for him to establish a Patriot Centre where they can be housed until dispersed. For this purpose he will take on a permanent staff of Patriots to prepare the Centre for occupation and to maintain it efficiently. His military and civilian Patriot representatives should be made responsible for the proper running and interior economy of the Centre. The pay of the Patriots taken on to this permanent staff should be met from AMG Funds.

The Patriot Officer will:

(a) Arrange to draw rations from AMG or CA Stores. (Mobile military rations scale a subject to be [illegible] (as laid down in Cable FX 7859 dated 16 Feb 45)

(b) Make immediate arrangements working through the Patriot Leaders for the disarming of Patriots if they have not already been disarmed by Army.

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The Patriot Officer will:

(a) Arrange to draw rations from DID or QM Stores.

(b) Make immediate arrangements working through the Patriot Leaders for the disarming of Patriots if they have not already been disarmed by Army.

(c) With the help of Patriot Leaders decide which of the claimants are bona fide patriots.

(d) Arrange for wounded patriots to be treated in Italian Army Hospitals as far as operations permit. As soon as possible, patients will be evacuated to Civilian Hospitals (ref: AG.400/033 GEN-O of 15th January.)

(e) Issue necessary clothing.

(f) Arrange to issue to bona fide patriots the Certificate signed by the Commander-in-Chief.

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(g) Arrange for patriots to be interviewed by the Italian Army Recruiting agencies.

(h) Arrange for absorption of patriots into employment through Labour Organisations of the Army and A.C.

(i) Wherever possible evacuate patriots to their homes, using refugee channels if their homes are some distance away.

4. ADMINISTRATION.

The Patriot organisation within the Regions of LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, will be: one Allied Regional Patriot Officer for each Region and an Allied Provincial Patriot Officer for each province. Attached to each Regional and Provincial Officer will be one Italian Army Officer, one local civilian representative of the CLN, and one local representative of Prefetture.

The Allied Patriot Officer will take with him into his Region or Province:

(a) Authority to draw rations on the full Italian Army scale from local DIDs or QM Depots.

(b) Authority to send wounded and sick Patriots to Italian Military Hospitals.

(c) Details of clothing held at Regional Hq which may be drawn on demand.

(d) Patriot Certificates.

(e) Copies of the Commander-in-Chief's Proclamation to Patriots.

There is no 1098 scale for Patriot Centres. The Patriot Officer must use his own initiative in obtaining equipment.

It is anticipated that the Italian Government will reward Patriots for their services with grants of money. It is the responsibility of the Italian Military Representative to apply for the required funds through the official Italian Patriot Committee. The distribution of the funds, however, will be supervised by the Allied Patriot Officer, receipts will be obtained for payment, and nominal rolls forwarded to the Italian organisation making the payment.

Lists will be made of all arms and ammunition collected from Patriots, receipts will be given to each individual and the arms will be placed in safe custody, either in local Carbinieri Barracks or with Ordnance. Copy of lists of Arms will be forwarded to Patriot Branch at HQ.

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+ 3. Number of Patriots received at Centre.
4. Number of Patriots enlisted into the Italian Army.
5. Number of Patriots re-employed.
6. Number of Patriots returned to their homes.
7. Number of Patriots in hospital.
+ 8. Number of Patriots remaining in Centre.
9. Alexander Certificates:
   (a) Number issued (with nominal roll)
   (b) Number of certificates in stock.

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10. Ceremonies and Parades.
11. Remarks.
12. Propositions.

+ Apply only where Centres are established.

If the Patriot Officer encounters difficulty in disarming Patriots, he should consult Public Safety.

By agreement with the Italian Government, motor cars may be hired for the use of Patriot Representatives working in the Provinces. Notification of the hiring of motor cars should be sent to the Patriots Branch, HQ. AC. as quickly as possible. For the method of hiring see Directive of the 30th October, 1944 (ref. 36/Pat,) subject "Employment and Payment of Patriot Representatives and Hiring of Motor Vehicles."

Inter-Communication. Patriot Officer through Provincial/ Regional Commissioners to Patriot Branch, HQ. AC.

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Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch.

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APO 394.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 94/Pat.

Subject: Employment of Patriots. Ext. 374

To: No.1. Special Force. 5th Feb, 45.

The Navy have asked whether you can find for immediate employment and use in GENOVA, when it is liberated:

Pilots	24
Tugs, complete with crews	As many as possible.
Survey and Harbour engineers, complete staff.	
Shipwrights	As many as possible.
Diesel Engineers	" "
Dock Labourers	" "
Stevedores	4,000

At present this information is required only for the port of GENOVA, but similar statistics for the other ports and harbours, however small, of LIGURIA, will be valuable.

The Navy has also asked whether it is possible for Patriots to be organised for the purpose of cutting wires to demolition charges, mines, etc., in these localities.

We shall be grateful if you can obtain this information as quickly as possible.

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Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch.

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
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Ref: 94/Pat

Subject: Liaison in Northern Italy. Ext. 374

To: Sqn.Ldr. BROCK, No.1. Special Force. 5th Feb, 45.

In order that liaison between No.1. Special Force and Patriots Branch may be as complete as possible when Northern Italy is liberated, I give below a brief outline of the Patriots Branch Scheme and suggestions of ways in which you can help us.

1. Proposed Method of dealing with Patriots.

One Patriot Officer (Allied) will be attached to the Staff and set up Patriot Centres in each Region and Province. He will be assisted by an Italian Military Patriot Representative, one local Italian CLN representative, and possibly a number of the local Prefettura.

These officers will be responsible for screening Patriots, for disarming, bathing, clothing and feeding them on Italian Army Ration Scale for a maximum of thirty days, and sending the unfit to Italian Military Hospitals. Alexander Certificates will be handed out, and a money payment will be made to every genuine Patriot.

Patriots will be sent home wherever possible, and through Recruiting Agencies and other organisations our Patriot Officers will try to find employment for the remainder. Should any hard core of unemployed or unemployables remain, these will be dispersed through refugee channels.

2. Suggested Liaison.

It is appreciated that your BLOs are already making preparations to deal with the Patriot problem that will exist when Northern Italy is liberated. We agree with you that close liaison between BLOs and our Patriot Centres will be essential. Can you, therefore, please let us have the following information:

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(a) The names of your BLOs and the probable areas that they will be covering.

(b) Suggested rendezvous where they can contact our Patriot Officers.

(c) Places or zones from which, in your opinion, Patriot concentrations will be met . Each of our Patriot Officers will set up a Patriot Office in his Region or Province, and your information will help us considerably to plan the location of Patriot Centres.

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(d) A list of the names of Italian officers and civilians at present working for you, who might be of use to us in our work in the North of Italy, would be appreciated.

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Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch.

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APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 304

1 February 1945

REF : LSC/116

SUBJECT: Northwest Italy Planning - Employment of Partisans.

TO : Colonel L. D. Delsmore
Economic Section

1. At the meeting of 31 January, the Chief of Staff requested that special consideration should be given to the employment of partisans, giving if necessary special preference to insure that they are engaged at the earliest possible moment.

2. For this purpose it is essential that:

(a) the opportunities for suitable and long-term employment should be known;

(b) the qualifications and experience of the individual partisans should be ascertained.

3. As regards (a), it is important that employment should be long-term, i.e., that partisans should not be put into casual employment lasting a few days only so that the problem of replacing them is continually recurrent. For the same reasons, once they are placed in suitable employment instructions should be given that they are not to be dismissed without prior knowledge of a responsible representative of the Regional Commissioner so that adequate arrangements can be made either for their retention or for immediate placing in alternative employment.

Steps can be taken immediately by the Regional Commissioners to ascertain the employment which can now be foreseen in the various localities, i.e., the Navy might be able to say that they will want a certain number of welders, a certain number of electricians, a certain number of drivers, and a certain amount of unskilled labor. If this information can be collected by Regional Commissioners they can allot, in respective localities, an appropriate number of positions for which partisans are to be given preference.

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4. As regards the second point, it might be possible for Intelligence Officers to discover the background and experience of the more prominent partisan leaders and sub-section leaders and tentative arrangements could be made for placing them into appropriate employment. Except as regards the more prominent men, the ascertainment of qualifications and background for industrial employment will have to await the liberation of the territory. Accordingly, it is advisable to make advance arrangements for special registration in special sections of the Labor Offices of all partisans; or if it is not thought advisable to use Labor offices for this purpose somewhere premises could be earmarked for the purpose. There is a certain danger in having partisan registration premises because these might develop into rival establishments for the placing of workers and might diminish the value of the official Labor offices.

5. To give effect to the above proposals it seems appropriate that Regional Commissioners now planning should ascertain labor requirements of the various Services with a view to earmarking a proportion of the positions for partisans. Perhaps advice to them on this point could be issued to them separately by the appropriate authority.

6. The action with regard to registration and placing of partisans would be performed by or under the direction of the respective Labor Officers. These are already earmarked and the instructions can be given either from this Labor Sub-Commission or through Regional Commissioners. I should be glad to have advice on this point.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Brig. Lush
Chief of Staff

Mr. Harlan Cleveland
Economic Section

Lt. Col. D. Morley-Fletcher
Secretary to Committee on
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R.C., Piemonte

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Ref : A/G05/Ca

1 Feb 45.

Subject : Planning North West Italy

TO : Local Government A/C
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Displaced Persons & Repatriation A/C

Following for information is an extract from the minutes of a Conference held on 31 Jan 45 of the No Italy Coordinating Planning Committee :

Personnel.

a. Chief of Staff require Regional Staff proposals on Nov or Dec 1 or 2 Feb.
b. Plans must be realistic in approach and were to aim at enough officers for the job with mobility.
c. Sections and sub-Commissions were to plan and assign staffs in accordance with above and be ruthless in pulling necessary personnel first from HQ's and then from Italy, Caserta or Bo Region.
d. Technical officers to be selected from names on AG cards. Calling of Cards however might be supplemented from Army.
e. Austria selection. In answer to Brig Upjohn, C of S determined that :
i. In general officers assigned to Northern Regions were not to be earmarked for Austria.
ii. If already earmarked, adjustments must now be made.
iii. For future assignments Austria names to be excluded.
iv. Any Austria list arrived this morning needed examination in this light."

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Tel. Ext.: 525

Ref: [illegible]

1 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: Planning for N.Italy (Personnel).

TO: See Distribution.

1 In connection with the provision of Allied personnel for N.Italy, the C.O.S. has laid down:

(a) Directors of Sub-Commissions will treat the provision of personnel for the Northern Regions as a first priority.
Personnel should in the first place be withdrawn from this Hq., leaving the bare minimum at Hq necessary for efficient working.
Secondly, Directors must, if necessary, be ruthless in withdrawing personnel from Southern Region, Sicily and Sardinia.

(b) Personnel assigned to the Northern Regions in accordance with the foregoing should not be earmarked for Austria.

2 It is appreciated that this may give rise to some difficulty, but if necessary the earmarking of officers for Austria must be revised.

3 Directors will contact the Regional Commissioners of Liguria, Piemonte and Lombardia Regions at the earliest opportunity and agree with them the personnel to be posted to these Regions.

J.G.R. BROOKE, Brig.,
VP CA Section,
[illegible] AC.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 DIVISION

26 January 1945

OCCUPATION OF NORTHWEST ITALY

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2. Addressees are requested to be represented at a meeting to be held at 1430 hours on Monday, 29 January 1945 in the G-3 Plans Conference Room, to discuss this subject. The chair will be taken by Brigadier General EBERLE.

3. British Resident Minister has agreed to provide an appreciation of the political situation in enemy occupied ITALY, which will be available at this meeting as a basis for discussion.

4. It is the intention to consult 15th Army Group after this meeting.

/s/ G Sweetser Hayes
for G. L. EBERLE
Brig. General, U.S.A.
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APPENDIX 'A'

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26th January 1945

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Occupation of Northern ITALY
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1. S.A.C. considers that as a result of Russian successes the time may come sooner than we previously expected when we shall find ourselves in occupation of northern ITALY. We shall then be faced with the problems of getting the Italian partisans in hand and disarmed. It is essential to avoid a repetition of what happened in GREECE, or anything of that kind.

2. Instructions have already been issued to 15 Army Group regarding the occupation of north-western ITALY, the setting up of A.M.G. there, and the eventual installation of a British District with sufficient troops under command to maintain law and order. S.A.C. considers that the time has now arrived to carry these arrangements a stage further and to call upon 15 Army Group for their outline plan to give effect to the instructions issued by this H.Q.

3. In S.A.C's opinion it is essential that the forces earmarked by 15 Army Group to clear and occupy north-west ITALY prepare clear cut plans now which should include the occupation of all key places by Allied troops at top speed. These plans must also include the preparation now of orders and instructions to the Italian partisans and the Allied liaison officers with them instructing them to report to certain centres where they will be properly cared for and provided with food, clothing and money. This will be the surest way of getting them under control, and if we have not the necessary authority to provide what will be required we must take immediate steps to get it. Plans must be completed for the distribution of these instructions to L.O's and Partisans by all available channels of communication.

4. Please take these questions up as a matter of urgency in consultation with 15 Army Group, C.A.O., British Resident Minister, U.S. Political Adviser, Allied Commission, P.W.B. and other agencies concerned, and then issue the necessary instructions to ensure that all preparations are completed without delay.

5. When action at this H.Q. has been completed please let me have a short note for S.A.C. giving an outline of the arrangements made.

/Initial/ J.H.

Chief of Staff. 1011

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2. Instructions have already been issued to 15 Army Group regarding the occupation of north-western ITALY, the setting up of A.M.G. there, and the eventual installation of a British District with sufficient troops under command to maintain law and order. S.A.C. considers that the time has now arrived to carry these arrangements a stage further and to call upon 15 Army Group for their outline plan to give effect to the instructions issued by this H.Q.

3. In S.A.C's opinion it is essential that the forces earmarked by 15 Army Group to clear and occupy north-west ITALY prepare clear cut plans now which should include the occupation of all key places by Allied troops at top speed. These plans must also include the preparation now of orders and instructions to the Italian partisans and the Allied liaison officers with them instructing them to report to certain centres where they will be properly cared for and provided with food, clothing and money. This will be the surest way of getting them under control, and if we have not the necessary authority to provide what will be required we must take immediate steps to get it. Plans must be completed for the distribution of these instructions to L.O's and Partisans by all available channels of communication.

4. Please take these questions up as a matter of urgency in consultation with 15 Army Group, C.A.O., British Resident Minister, U.S. Political Adviser, Allied Commission, P.W.B. and other agencies concerned, and then issue the necessary instructions to ensure that all preparations are completed without delay.

5. When action at this H.Q. has been completed please let me have a short note for S.A.C. giving an outline of the arrangements made.

/Initial/ J.H.

Chief of Staff. 1011

Copies to: D/C of S
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Br Resident Minister) Who are requested to
U.S. Political Adviser) provide G-3 with an appreciation of the political situation in enemy occupied ITALY, and the way in which it is likely to develop.

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Minute from the Offices of the United States Political Adviser and British Resident Minister.

In connection with the occupation of Northern Italy, it would seem desirable to give consideration to the division of that part of the country into two areas: North-western Italy and North-eastern Italy. This is necessary because, in the case of the latter, other interests, particularly Yugoslav, are involved, whereas in the case of the former we need only take Italian interests into consideration.

Our first thoughts should be the conditions which will probably exist when the Germans leave the territory in which C.L.N.A.I. is operating now as delegate of the Italian Government in accordance with the Agreement recently concluded. It is our policy to establish Allied Military Government in these areas, and for the period that Allied Military Government is in operation, Italian sovereignty will be in suspense.

The Supreme Allied Commander has directed that the policy of the Allied Command shall be to support the policies of the Bonomi Government, which has pledged itself to maintain national unity until the liberation of Italy is completed. Therefore no action must be taken in these areas which might tend to weaken the authority of the central Government. Speed in getting ourselves firmly established is the essential factor; without this there is a real danger of extreme Communist elements taking control regardless of Allied Military Government or the Italian Government.

It should be made clear to the various political elements (there are at least six different political parties represented with C.L.N.A.I.) which we may find in North-western Italy that it is their duty to co-operate to the fullest extent with Allied Military Government officers who will seek to restore public administration and public services, and that they will be expected to refrain from any political actions which might hinder military operations or undermine the position of the Italian Government.1019

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HANDLING OF PATRIOTS IN NORTH WEST ITALY.

1. INFORMATION.

In the event of a sudden withdrawal by the enemy from the Regions LIGURIA, PIEMONTE and LOMBARDIA , it is known that we shall have to deal with large numbers of armed, organised Patriot Bands.

2. INTENTION.

The intention is to contact the Patriots, disarm them and enlist as many as possible into the Italian Armed Forces and return the remainder to ~~ordinary~~ normal civilian life as quickly as possible.

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3. METHOD.

Provincial Patriot Teams consisting of one Allied Officer, one Italian Military officer and one civilian representative of the CLN will be with Armies as Armies occupy their respective provinces. This will enable them to commence their duties immediately the province is occupied and they will remain behind as the Army goes forward. ~~Armed~~ Having already received ~~with~~ all available information as to the location of concentrations of Patriots within the province, the Allied Patriot Officer will ~~use his discretion and~~ open a Patriot Office as near as possible to the concentration area. ~~As to whether it will be necessary to open a Patriot Centre for the housing of Patriots, again this~~ The necessity for opening a Patriot Centre to house patriots will be a matter for his discretion, ~~that he decides whether it will be possible to return the Patriots quickly to their homes, or whether it will be necessary~~ to retain them for a limited period. ~~Should it become necessary to open~~

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The Allied Patriot Officer will immediately ~~make~~ contact ~~with~~ the Patriots through the medium of the Patriot Leaders, and, in conjunction with the Patriot Leaders will arrange for their immediate disarming, if not already disarmed by the Army ~~always provided, of course, that they have not already been disarmed by the Army~~. To carry out this delicate task it will be necessary for him to use considerable tact.

~~Along~~ With the help of Patriot Leaders he will decide which of the claimants are bona fides Patriots. He will arrange to issue to such Patriots the Patriot Certificate signed by the Commander-in-Chief: he will arrange for all Patriots to be interviewed by the Italian Army Recruiting Agencies: he will clothe the patriots where necessary: he will arrange to draw rations from the nearest DID or QM Depots: he will see that all wounded Patriots are treated in Italian Army Hospitals.

In Liaison with Labour organisations of Army and of A.C., he will arrange for the absorption of Patriots into employment; and, finally, he will arrange for the evacuation of all Patriots to their homes, through refugee channels if their homes are far away.

4. ADMINISTRATION.

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(b) Stocks of clothing which will be held at Regional HQ and drawn on demand.

(c) An adequate stock of Patriot Certificates, ~~and~~ (d) an adequate stock of the Commander-in-Chief's Proclamation to Patriots.

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As there is no likelihood of obtaining a G.1098 for Centres which may be established, the Patriot Officer will be forced to fall back on his own initiative and try to meet his difficulties with the help of the local inhabitants. Experience has shown in the setting up of previous Centres that the local inhabitants, especially in areas in the vicinity of the larger towns, have been extremely helpful.

If the Italian Government have decided to recognise the Patriots in the form of monetary grants, it will be the responsibility of the Italian Military representative to indent for the required funds through the Italian Official Patriot Committee. The distribution of the funds, however, will be scrupulously supervised by the Allied Patriot Officer, receipts will be obtained for payment and nominal rolls forwarded to the INPC.

All arms and ammunition collected from Patriots will be carefully listed, receipts will be given to each individual and the arms will be placed in safe custody, either in local Caribinieri Barracks or with Ordnance. Copy of Lists of Arms will be forwarded to Patriot Branch at HQ.

Patriot Officers will forward through their Provincial Commissioners to Patriot Branch at HQ, a Weekly Report of their activities, ~~and the report will be~~ compiled under the following headings:

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7. Return of Patriots to their homes (numbers)
8. Issue of Certificates of Gen.Alexander
   (a) nominal list and number of certs.
   (b) number of certs not distributed.
9. Ceremonies and Parades
10. Number of Patriots in Hospital
11. Remarks
12. Propositions

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If the Patriot Officer encounters ~~such~~ grave difficulties such as his inability to disarm the Patriots, he must have immediate recourse to Public Safety who will advise on the matter.

Hospitalisation.

(See Patriot Directive for authority.)

He should give special attention to all Patriots who are in hospital with wounds, and, where possible, try to arrange for families to be notified of their whereabouts.

To help Regional and Provincial Patriot Officers, it has been tentatively suggested that it may be necessary to set up Patriot Centres in the following towns:

LIGURIA: LA SPEZIA, GENOVA, IMPERIA.

PIEMONTE: CUNEO, TORINO.

LOMBARDIA: MILANO, VARESE, BERGAMO.

Nominated teams of recruiting officers will be operating in each Province and Region. It is the responsibility of the Patriot Officer to see that these teams, whilst using every endeavour to get the Patriots to enlist into the Italian Armed Forces, treat the Patriots with tact and discretion; at no time must they be allowed to take an arbitrary attitude towards them. Patriot Officers before going into their Provinces will note the name of the Leader of each such team.

The responsibility of the Regional Patriot Officer will be to tour his Region and to satisfy himself that everything possible is being done to meet the situation and to deal with crises promptly and efficiently.

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By agreement with the Italian Government, motor cars may be hired for the use of Patriot Representatives working in the Provinces. Notification of the hiring of motor cars should be sent to the Patriots Branch, HQ. AC, as quickly as possible. For the method of hiring see Directive of the 30th October, 1944, (Ref 36/Pat) subject, "Employment and Payment of Patriot Representatives and Hiring of Motor Vehicles."

Inter-Communication. Weekly Reports ~~sent~~ to Patriot Branch at ~~AC HQ will be sent~~ through Provincial Commissioners. P.C.

Part/o through P/R R.C. P.C. Commissioner L.P.B.

Lt. Col. for Lt. Col. D.D.S.O. Pat: Branch HQ.

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SUGGESTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE PUT INTO OPERATION IN ORDER TO PREPARE PATRIOT OFFICERS FOR THEIR DUTIES.

1. As soon as the Allied officers become available to Patriot Branch HQ, it is suggested that a short series of lectures be given on the Patriot question.

2. Arrangements be made for Patriot Officers to meet and to know their Italian Representatives who will be working with them in the field.

3. Send Patriot Officers for a tour of Armies, so that they can see the organisation as it exists at the moment in the field.

4. A bid for clothing on a basis of 20% of the numbers of Patriots likely to be encountered has been made through the proper channels. It is suggested that this be immediately issued to Regions on the same basis, so that they may hold this, along with the rest of their equipment, until such time as they become activated.

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5. Preliminary conversations and agreement if possible with the Labour Sub Commission of AC and with No.2. District on the question of absorption of Patriots into employment.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 94/Pat's

Subject: Planning for N.W.ITALY Ext. 374

To: Lt.Col. D. MORLEY FLETCHER. 30th Jan, 45.

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Herewith copy of further notes on handling of Patriots in N.W. ITALY.

Please acknowledge on attached receipt.

F. CRAIG.
Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch

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HANDLING OF PATRIOTS IN

NORTH-WEST ITALY.

It is felt that the Patriot problem must remain an A.C. responsibility.

Taking the view that the enemy will evacuate the regions Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia, Venezia Trid, Veneto, Venezia Guilia, there will be the forty six provinces within which Patriot problems will have to be handled. It is, therefore, felt that the provincial set up will have to be augmented by an additional allied officer whose duty it will be to handle the patriot problem within his province.

(a) It will be necessary for him to have an Italian Military representative, an Italian civilian representative (CLN) to assist him.

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(f) In order that the Provincial Patriot Officers may be at their posts as soon as possible after the occupation, it is suggested that so soon as evacuation appears imminent they will be attached to AMG Armies so that they can be left behind in their provinces as soon as the province is occupied.

(g) The Director, Patriots Branch, suggests that he be allowed to make immediate contact with No.2. District in order to obtain priority for employment of Patriots in the Form of a Directive to be issued by No.2. District to the Labour organisations of the army.

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(h) Of course it will be necessary to appoint a Regional Patriot Officer for the six regions under discussion.

It is furthermore requested that each Provincial Patriot Officer have attached to him one NCO.

It is felt that a Provincial Patriot Officer should hold rank of not less than Field rank. Reasons - from the Italian point of view he will have to deal with many instances of ex-high ranking officers and officers who have been leading Patriot Bands, e.g. certain well-known Generals who are commanding large formations in the North at present.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 94/Pat

Subject: Planning for N.W. ITALY.

To: Col. D. MORLEY FLETCHER, Ext. 374
Coordinating Planning Committee,
AMG. N.W. ITALY. 27th Jan, 45.

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1. Reference your NWI/COMF/1 of 24th January, 45.

2. Herewith copy of this Branch's proposals for the handling of patriots in N.W. ITALY.

F. CRAIG.
Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch

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3rd January, 1945.

PLANNING FOR NORTH WEST ITALY.

Operational Proposals for the Handling and Rehabilitation of Patriots.

1. In considering the handling of patriots in PIEDMONTE and LOMBARDIA, it is felt that we must be ready to approach the situations which may arise under two different sets of conditions:

(a) Under present conditions with a static or slow moving line;
(b) Under circumstances which may arise if a collapse occurs in PIEDMONTE and LOMBARDIA and, as a result, necessitate swift occupation.

2. The suggested plan of this Branch for the handling of the situation under (a) is as follows: if the line goes forward slowly, the present Patriot Centres will be moved forward to within reasonable distance of the line at the discretion of AMG, bearing in mind always that these Patriot Centres must essentially remain on the L of C.

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a. Disarming
b. Recognition and issue of Alexander Certificates
c. Issue of clothing where necessary
d. Hospitalisation
e. Recruiting for the Italian Army

In our opinion this cannot be effectively handled unless it is centralised at a centre which can be the pivot for the area which the patriots will know and will come to for advice and help, and which as at present in FORLI and RAVENNA are known as the "Case dei Patriotti."

4. In order to carry out this work, it is felt that Patriot Teams should be drawn from within the Regional set-ups, and with the latest authorities from AFHQ to hand, which cover the most important problems of rations and clothing, the task of each Team should be considerably simplified. It is suggested that the composition of the Regional Teams should be made up of Regional and Provincial Patriot Officers to be assisted by the Italian patriot military representatives. As will be seen in Appendix A, we know where the concentrations of patriots are to be found and, therefore, it is felt that, if we plan to send a Team to each concentration area with the sole responsibility of dealing with the patriot problem in that particular area, the efforts of the team provided they know their job should be successful.

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5. It is pointed out most forcibly that, in the event of a collapse, the responsibility of disarming these men will be that of Public Safety and of operational troops, and insofar as their resources allow of Army and Regional patriot officers themselves.

6. In connection with the whole question of patriots in N.W. ITALY, it is thought that contact should be made with No.2. District at an early date in order to obtain their views on the subject, and to see whether some scheme could not be devised whereby patriots could be found immediate employment even operationally if necessary, for instance, the guarding of vital installations.

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Appendix "A".

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Strength and Locations of the Most Important Patriot Bands in LOMBARDIA and PIEDMONTE.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.C.O 304
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 608.

Ref. CS/17/11/04

17th January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Planning For North West Italy.

TO : All Sub-Commissions of Civil Affairs Section.

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Ref. TS/18/11/CA. 17th January, 1945.

APPRECIATION CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITMENT
NORTH WEST ITALY

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INFORMATION:

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GENOA	1,000,000
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All Compartimenti have frontier provinces with Switzerland or Southern France.

(c) This area includes the upper valley of the River PO which is rich agriculturally and will, with the re-establishment of communications, go far in feeding the population.

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Much will depend on the quick re-establishment of communications. That until such time as this is completed, distribution of food in the large centres of population may be difficult and if not up to minimum requirements may lead to the spread of unrest and disease, especially after a period of hard winter, if not a complete season. In view of the bigger populations a larger number of displaced persons may be expected to be encountered.

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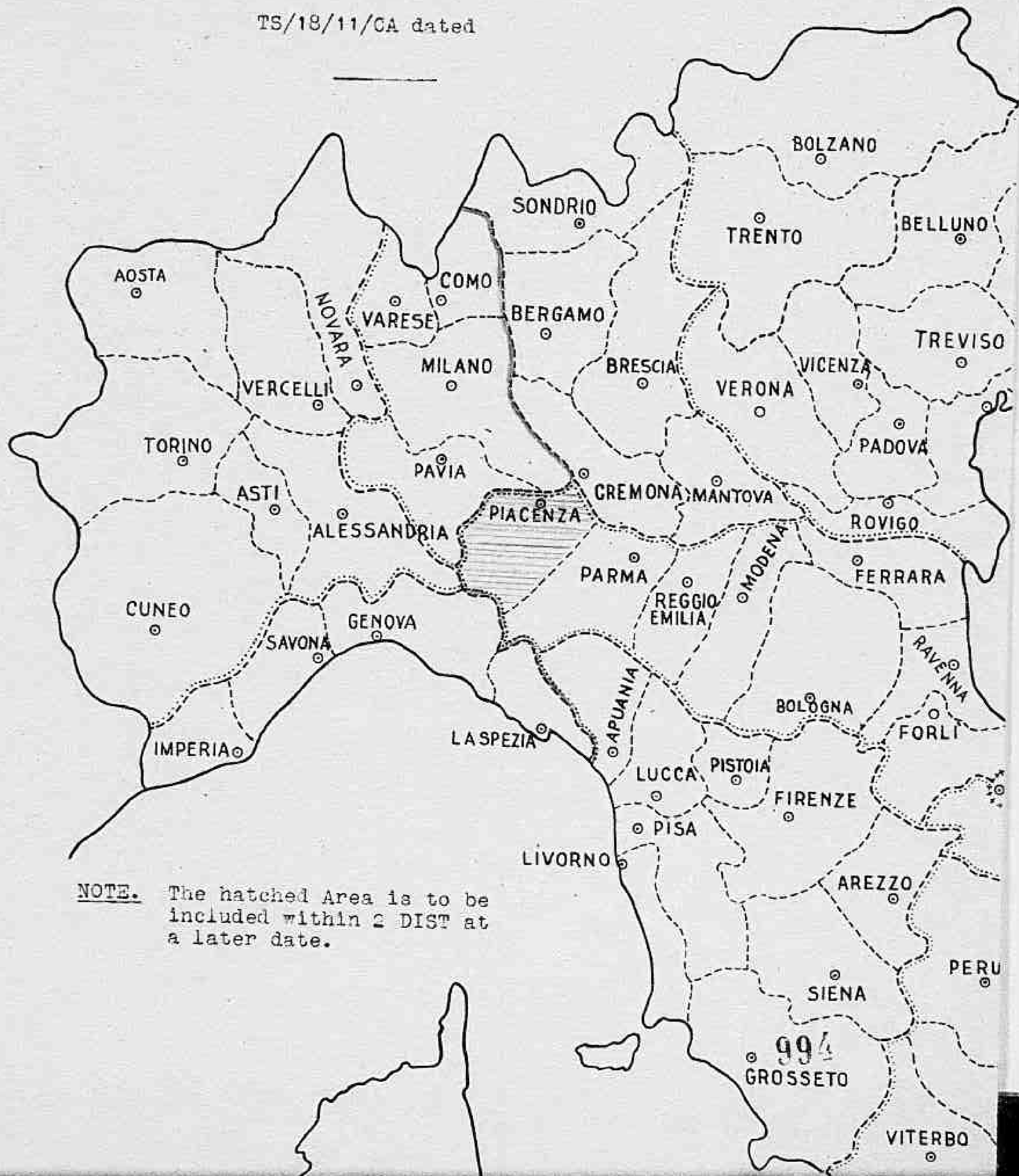
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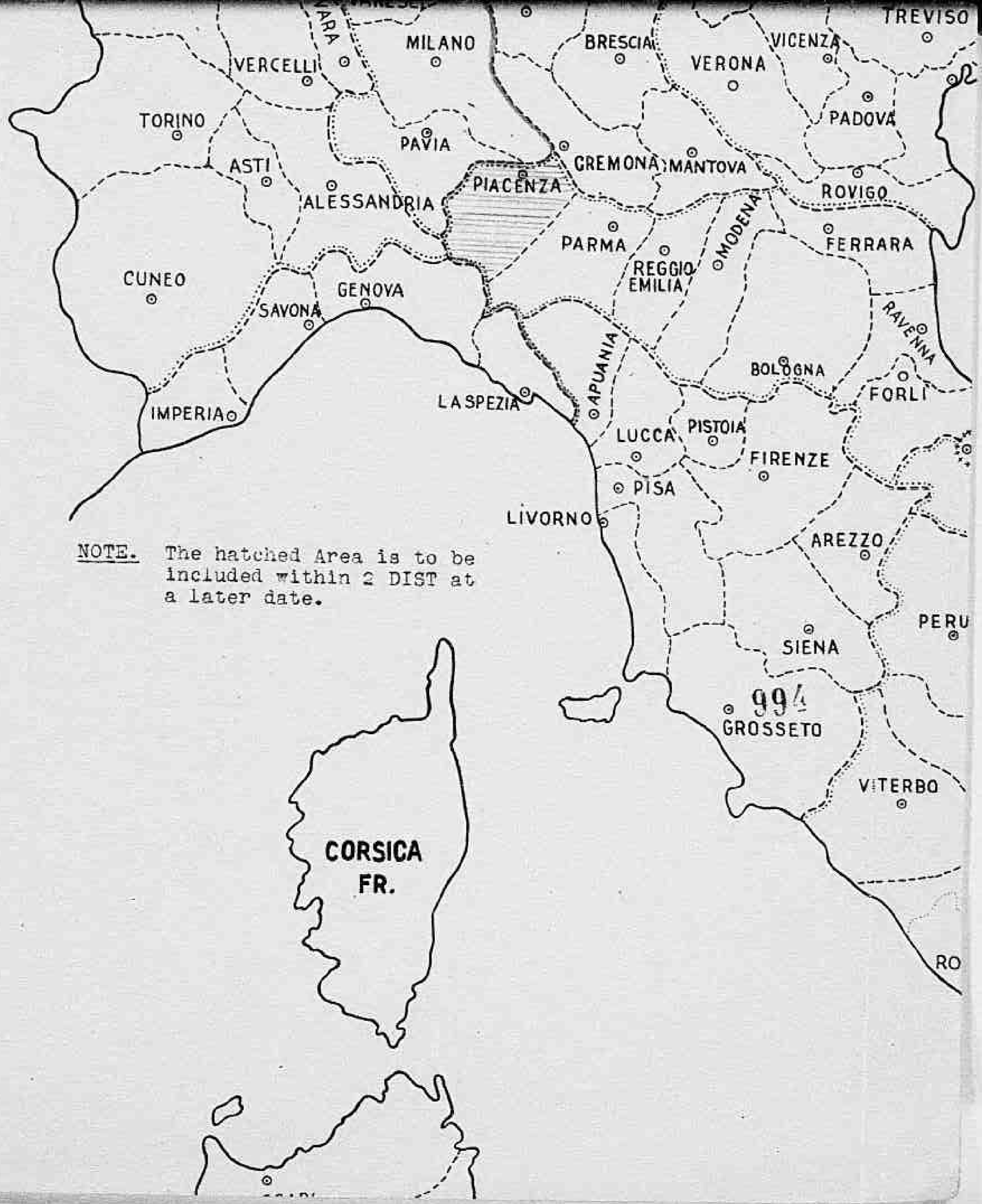
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3 January 1945.

PLANNING FOR NORTH WEST ITALY

Operational Proposals for the Handing and Rehabilitation of Patriots

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Appendix A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PATRIOTS BRANCH, CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ext: 620

3rd January, 1944.

Subject: Planning for North West Italy.

To: Executive Officer. Patriots.

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2. In paragraph 5 I think you have made too much of the patriot team in Florence. I happen to know that the Florence handling of patriots has been severely criticised, and although I quite agree that army and regional patriot officers should concern themselves personally with this work, you are ill advised to make so much of the Florence handling which,

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whether you agree or not, was not regarded with favour by H.Q. We must essentially keep it as a sine qua non that the patriots come to the Centre and that the Centre or Patriot Officers do not go chasing all round the country looking for patriots. I agree that the absorbtion and dispersal will be a comparatively simple problem.

3. In regard to your paragraph 6 I have discussed this with Colonel Wilcox in Public Safety, and he says that they of course will do all they can. Now instead of using "could not possibly be handled by a small and inadequate staff of A.M.G. Officers" I should add "and by army and regional patriot officers in so far as their [redacted] allow."

4. Your paragraph 7. Never end up a paragraph with the words etc.: it just means you are in the blue and really are not quite definite in your own mind as to what you are recommending. Here again I consider that early contact with No. 2 district is vital and the discussion of the surrender of arms must be very openly and elastically discussed with them. I think it will affect No. 2 district possibly more than anybody else, and therefore their views must receive priority of execution.

R.G.B. SPICER.
Colonel.

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Director:

2 January 1945.

The attached report may be necessary at the V.P's meeting this afternoon.

E. Jacob May.
Executive Officer.

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To PA dj (O:S Top Sec

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This is PWB direction on Patriot Propaganda which you asked Pol Sec to take up with PWB.

I think it is as far as we can get them to go except for us. If they keep on playing them up on Cmb bette programmes what happens when they come back over the lines?

Send to RCs + Sections.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS

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4. The position is that the patriots have done and are doing damage behind the enemy lines. By their action they have harrassed the enemy lines of communication and so have increased the enemy's security problem and have thereby contained a proportion of troops which might otherwise have been employed in the front line. To help them in their task the patriots have been supplied with arms, ammunition and supplies by the Allies. Without this aid the patriots would not have been able to take any effective action.

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APPENDIX "A"

G E N O A

NO.	OBJECTIVE AND ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
1.	REGIA PREFETTURA. (Amministrazione della Provincia). Palazzo del Governo. Largo Roma 14.	Known as Palazzo Spinola and is a National Monument. Main entrance is Pz. Corvetto at the beginning of the Galleria Regina Elena.
3.	REGIA QUESTURA.	A modern palace of 5 - 6 floors. Main entrance on corner of building. Another entrance through a yard in Corso Aurelio Saffi, another in Via Diaz.
5.	AMMINSTRAZIONE DELLE POSTE E DIE TELEGRAFI. (GPO). Via Dante 4 and Via G. Boccardo.	A large building of 2 floors, 2 entrances. Main entrance is in Via Dante, the other in Via Cerolamo, Boccardo.
6.	UFFICIO POSTALE E TELEGRAFICO PRINCIPALE DEL PORTO. (Chief Post and Telegraph Office). Also OFFICES OF GERMAN NAVY, NAVAL ENGINEERS AND HARBOUR MASTER. Ponte dei Mille St. Marittime.	
7.	AZIENDA DI STATO PER I SERVIZI TELEFONICA. (State Tel Service). SOC TELEFONICA TIRRENA. (TETI Tel Coy.) Corner of Via Fiasekka and Via A.M. Maragliano.	A palace of 5 - 6 floors.
10.	GERMAN CONSULATE. Via G. Bruno 7.	4-story villa with white facade and iron gate. 3rd house on right from Corso Italia.
11.	JAPANESE CONSULATE. Via Canali, Corso Italia 26.	A squat heavy building in Florentine style, situated in middle of garden of

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A squat heavy building in Florentine style, situated in middle of garden of pines.

12. MANCHUKO CONSULATE. NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA. 2 shipping coys. in the same building as the Con. Via Fieschi Internal 6.

Facing the Skyscraper (gratta-cielo). The building on the right when looking towards the entrance to Galleria Christoforo Colombo.

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29.	CGOM.) Oil SIO.) Storage. UIL/) Molo Nuovo. Calata Cannio. Porto Nuovo.	
30.	OIL STORAGE AND RLY OIL STORAGE. near La Lanterna.	
31.	AIRPORT PETROL STORAGE. Sampierdarena.	
32.	FOLTZER OIL STORAGE. Rivarolo Ligure.	
33.	FOLTZER OIL PACKING STORE. Rivarolo Ligure.	
38.	GENOA RADIO STATION Granarolo.	Comprises 2 metal aerial Pylons 60m. high and building for equipment.
45.	IL LAVORO (Newspaper). Salita Dinegro 7.	2 - 3 floors. 1 entrance in Pz. Corvetto another in Salita Dinegro.
46.	IL SECOLO XIX (Newspaper) Pz. De Ferrari 36.	Offices on 1 floor. Main entrance on Pz. De Ferrari. Vehs. in Salita S. Matteo.
50.	CASA DELLO STUDENTE. HQ GERMAN SS. Corso Giulio Cesare 25. S. Martino District.	Luxurious building, large modern white marble. One main entrance.
58.	COMANDO TEDESCO. (German HQ - probably Todt Organisation). Corner of V. Pisa and V. Camilla.	

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1.	REGIA PREFETTURA AND REGIA QUESTURA. Piazza Verdi, Palazzo del Governo.	Large building standing by itself. 3 or 4 floors. 3 main entrances. 1 at front in Pz. Verdi, 1 at rear and 1 in side st. (S. side).
9.	R. MUSEO TECNICO NAVALE (Royal Naval Technical Museum). Regio Arsenale.	Main entrance to the Arsenal is opposite Via Chiode, and the Museum is the second building on the left. The building has been partly damaged by bombing but as the museum is in the ground floor, it is probably intact
10.	ADMINISTRAZIONE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI (G.P.O.). Piazzi Verdi.	Large, modern style 2-story building with many windows, standing by itself.
11.	SOC. TELEFONICA TIRRENA. (Teti Telephone Coy) Via Pazio 7.	Telephone exchange in modern style building in one block of 3 or 4 floors.
12.	GERMAN CONSULATE. Via Chiedo.	Offices inside a building of 2 - 3 floors. No special distinguishing features.
20.	SUBMARINEBASE. German and Italian. Reale Arsenale.	A number of large 2-story buildings in a row.
22.	GERMAN NAVAL HQ. Viale Savoia.	Plan.
24.	SOC. PER L'INDUSTRIA ITALIANA DEL PETROLIO "INPET" (Oil Refinery). Migliarina a Monte.	IN Same area as objectives 29 and 30.
27.	NAVAL HQ X FLOTAILLA MAS. (Per CSDIC CMF/SIM/AB11 28 Jun 44). S. Bartolomeo Point.	
29.	"NAFTA" OIL STORAGE.	

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30.	"AGIP" OIL STORAGE PLANT. Migliariana a Monte.	In same area as objectives 29 and 24.
31.	OIL STORAGE. V. le San Bartolomeo.	Via S. Bartolomeo near Mole degli Abruzzi.
37.	IL TELEGRAFO (Newspaper) Via Chiodo 5	

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38.	LA NAZIONE (Newspaper) Corso Cavour 1.	
40.	NAVAL W/T STATION. S. Vito Quay.	
41.	W/T STATION.	On Fort in N. Edge of town where railway goes under ridge.
42.	W/T STATION. Local Comms. Station. Fort Muzzone.	At Northern edge of Fort.
43.	W/T STATION. Punta Della Castagna.	Recognisable by 4 Pylons.
44.	NAVAL W/T STATION. Maggiano.	At Seaplane Base. 1 Pylon. Also a long building about 118 x 26 ft. which may contain equipment.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 805/28/CA. 23rd September 1944.

SUBJECT: Administration of PIEDMONT and LOMBARDY (Vacuum Period).

TO : Regional Commissioner,
LIGURIA REGION.
PIEDMONT REGION.
Region XI.

1. It has been decided to drop the proposal of sending an AAI officer with each SOE team into German occupied Italy. For your information four officers were selected and sent to NAPOLI but they will be withdrawn in the next few days and repeated to the Regions concerned for normal duty. The reason for this change of policy is that it was considered most important that AAI should not be in any way concerned with whatever local government might be set up during the period before the arrival of Allied troops and the establishment of Allied Military Government.

2. There are attached for your information:

(a) Copy of instructions to SOE officers in the field.

(b) Copy of instructions to FSB representatives.

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M. S. Lush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: HQ. AAI Adv (C(Ops)).
G-5 Sec, AFHQ.
Acting Chief Commissioner.
R.C., Region IX.
R.C., Region XII.
Patriots Branch.

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From #1 Spec Force

To SOE Officers in Fld

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TO : PWB Reps (LIGURIA, PIEDMONTE & LOMBARDY).

1. You will work under the instructions of the Commanding Officer, No.1 Special Force mission.

2. You will assist No.1 Special Force mission, particularly in that aspect of their work which is related to Psychological Warfare activities.

3. The Psychological Warfare activities which it will be your duty to organise to as great an extent as you are able, include:-

(a) The monitoring and dissemination of news in English where required, for example for B.L.Os.

(b) The monitoring and dissemination of news in Italian so that the local patriots and Committee of Liberation have accurate and up to date information, thus discrediting rumours.

(c) The collection of intelligence for transmission to base which will be of assistance in providing our material for propaganda output and also for providing guidance for the lines which our output should take.

(d) The surveying of radio installations and newspaper activities with a view to their control as soon as practicable.

4. You will make any preliminary preparations which seem necessary to you for the setting up of a P.W.B. outpost when P.W.B. officers reach your area.

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IL MINISTRO PER LE CORPORAZIONI

Patrick Brauch

Thank you.

2. I agree.

3 I do not agree to sending duplicate teams forward. It has been agreed that 1 AIG man shall go to each of 3 places. We will maintain that decision. Then the E.O

Please tell Col Fiske.

The AIG man is going to deal with Patrick.

Col Fiske

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SUBJECT: Handling of Patriots.

3 September 44.
Ref: 94/Pat

To. Brigadier Lush.
(no copies)

The activities of Patriots, and so of the Patriot Branch, in the immediate future appear to fall into three divisions :-

1. The handling of Patriots South of the Gothic Line and approximately 20 miles North of it.

The handling of Patriots in this area can continue as at present and it should present no particular problem. The only new feature will be the formation of the new Italian Patriot Committee under the chairmanship of BONOMI, which is starting immediately.

2. The handling of Patriots NE of the Gothic Line in the direction of Austria.

Assuming that the Allied Armies will fight in this direction, the Patriot bands will continue to be over run and Region XII will, presumably, cope with them in the same way as heretofore except that it must be remembered the problem will be a very much greater one since the bands will be stronger and have more powerful leaders. I fancy that the important problem of disarming Patriots by AMGs of Armies (also by Region XII if the advance is very fast) will have to be undertaken on each occasion by means of a special meeting between SCAO with the band leader and, possibly, under the aegis of the Senior Allied Military Comdr. ~~Political~~. I would like to discuss this point with you.

3. The handling of Patriots in the areas GENOA TURIN and MILAN.

I understand there will be three regions now instead of two to cover this area and I presume they will all be controlled from ROME and that there will be no official N. Italy HQ at MILAN. It seems essential that the officers who are going to deal eventually with the Patriot bands from Regional HQ should get in as soon as possible and, after discussion with Col. Fiske who agrees, I think it might be as well to drop the Regional Patriot officer into the Region at the same time as the Regional ACC officer is dropped. Of course, it may be possible to send these people in by plane which could actually touch down.

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If this is decided upon, then I suggest we tell Regions to choose representatives quickly so that they can be trained by Special Forces.

The officer who is going to handle Patriots in each Region would presumably act as an observer only for a few days until such time as AMG/ACC assume control. At that moment AMG/ACC will presumably become responsible for the handling of all Patriot bands except any such portions of their area where a state of emergency exists and where an allied Military formation has taken charge to restore law and [illegible]

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Assuming that the Allied Armies will fight in this direction, the Patriot bands will continue to be over run and Region XII will, presumably, cope with them in the same way as heretofore except that it must be remembered the problem will be a very much greater one since the bands will be stronger and have more powerful leaders. I fancy that the important problem of disarming Patriots by AMGs of Armies (also by Region XII if the advance is very fast) will have to be undertaken on each occasion by means of a special meeting between SCAO with the band leader and, possibly, under the aegis of the Senior Allied Military Comdr. ~~Political~~. I would like to discuss this point with you.

3. The handling of Patriots in the areas GENOA TURIN and MILAN.

I understand there will be three regions now instead of two to cover this area and I presume they will all be controlled from ROME and that there will be no official N. Italy HQ at MILAN. It seems essential that the officers who are going to deal eventually with the Patriot bands from Regional HQ should get in as soon as possible and, after discussion with Col. Fiske who agrees, I think it might be as well to drop the Regional Patriot officer into the Region at the same time as the Regional ACC officer is dropped. Of course, it may be possible to send these people in by plane which could actually touch down.

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If this is decided upon, then I suggest we tell Regions to choose representatives quickly so that they can be trained by Special Forces.

The officer who is going to handle Patriots in each Region would presumably act as an observer only for a few daysuntil such time as AMG/ACC assume control. At that moment AMG/ACC will presumably become responsible for the handling of all Patriot bands except any such portions of their area where a state of emergency exists and where an allied Military formation has taken charge to restore law and order. The principle which we have enunciated for FLORENCE will presumably still hold good when dealing with NW Italy and AMG/ACC will only handle Patriots in such areas where the situation is reasonably peaceful. I feel strongly that it would be a great mistake for any AMG officer to attempt to control any battle in which Patriot bands indulge. The handling of any such battle should, I feel, be turned over to the Military Comdr. of the area who will only hand such Patriots back again to AMG/ACC when law and order has been restored.

Do you agree please, because if so I feel this must be made perfectly clear to all concerned.?

C.D. McCarthy, Col.
Patriots Branch.

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Comdr. Holdsworth,
No.1. Special Force.

1. I have been asked by our Adm. Section want to have the training party for instruction. Brigadier LUSH, Col. Fiske or myself know?.

2. The Finance Sub Commission is extremely worr. presses which are for printing currency needs for the These presses are in BERGAMO and NOVARA.

What the Finance Sub Commission would like to know urgen.. if it is possible is:-

(i) If these presses have been damaged. They hear they have both been damaged, the one at BERGAMO by a bomb.

(ii) Are these presses working

(iii) Can we find out what their throughput of currency is? (This will probably be difficult so dont worry unduly)

C.D. McCarthy 972
Colonel.

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Acting Chief Commissioner.

The directions contained in the attached draft will, with your approval, be communicated to Allied Officers operating with the Patriots in Region X and XI. These officers and officers who may be sent subsequently will also carry an authority signed by General Alexander to carry out his directions in maintenance of civil law and order until the arrival of A.M.G. The latter category of officers will also be briefed verbally by Colonel Hancock (A.M.G. Region XI.).

M.G., A.G.C., is now considering the nomination of officers to be dropped by parachute, together with P.W.B. officers, at three main centres in the area.

The Director, P.W.B., with the Director, Patriot Branch, are drafting a message to Patriots on the same lines as the original message sent by General Alexander, suitably amended.

Copy to:
V.Pm. Political Section.
Director, P.W.B.
Director, Patriots Branch.
Commander Haldsworth.

M.S. Lees

3rd September, 1944.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control & Military Government Section.

1st September, 1944.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT ACC HQ ON 31st AUGUST 1944.

Present:

Brigadier M.E. Lush	-	Executive Commissioner HQ ACC
Brigadier H.E.H. Maitwairing	-	DCS(Ops) HQ. AAI.
Mr. Harold Caccia	-	Political Section, HQ. ACC
Colonel C.T. McCarthy	-	Patriots Branch, HQ. ACC
Colonel A.M. Hancock	-	R.C. Designate, Region XI.
Cmdr. Holdsworth	-	
Lt.Colonel G.G. Feasey	-	R.C. Designate, Region X.
Mr. Rayner	-	P.W.B.

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(a) the measures to be taken with regard to civil affairs in PIEDMONT and LOMBARDY in the event of a German withdrawal from these areas without simultaneous entry of Allied troops;

(b) the form of administration to be set up (AMG or Italian Government under ACC):-

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(ii) in the final stages.

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(b) the German forces would be withdrawn leaving behind the Italian divisions.

3. In the case of (b) the Fascist Republic Government would presumably remain in nominal authority and although it appeared probable that the Italian divisions would be gradually destroyed by the patriots, the situation would be one in which the Allies might not be able to intervene in certain areas until Allied forces entered and occupied.

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(a) the Central National Committee of Liberation in Northern Italy, which is already in touch with the Italian Government and the Allied authorities, should be regarded as the central authority and should be used for the purpose of government;

(b) the meeting recommended that a small team headed by an experienced (preferably AMG) officer, should be dropped by air to get in touch with this Committee as soon as possible, that is to say, before the German withdrawal. This officer's duty would be to advise the Central Committee and to guide them as far as possible in the management of affairs.

6. The meeting decided to recommend that for the guidance of local committees, particularly in the larger towns, Special Service Officers already destined for that

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area, should be briefed by ACC and should be used for that purpose preferable to sending other AMG officers.

7. It was decided to prepare a direction to cover the political, administrative and economic issues which will arise during the period of vacuum. This direction would be given to such officers as were sent in and sent to those already in the area.

8. On the political side this direction would stress the importance of the Central Committee assuming temporary control as the representative of the Commander-in-Chief and of the Italian Government. The administrative part would give general directions with regard to the establishment of law and order through the Patriots and the Carabinieri, of courts and local government, and control of the press. It was noted that PWB would wish to send a team at the same time or later and it was suggested that they might ~~xink~~ arrange to take control of the more important papers. It was realised that on the economic side the direction would be confined to a survey of the position.

9. It was arranged for Commanders of Special Forces (SOE and OSS) and Colonels Hancock and Peasey to discuss arrangements for briefing the officers and for dropping the ACC team: Political Section and Colonel Hancock to prepare draft directive for submission: for Brigadier Mainwaring to inform the Commander-in-Chief of the recommendations.

10. The meeting then proceeded to discuss the desirability of setting up Allied Military Government in the area after the period of vacuum, i.e., when Allied troops can enter, or of turning the two Regions over immediately to the Italian Government.

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13. The advantages of Allied Military Government were that it ensured a better and more orderly return to normality and reduced the risk of disorder, provided that Allied troops were available to back it, and that adequate food supplies could be transported to the area. The disadvantages were that it entailed the detachment of two divisions of Allied troops.

14. It was decided that BGS and Executive Commissioner should represent the views of the meeting to the Commander-in-Chief and the Acting Chief Commissioner respectively.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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S.O.E., & O.S.S., Officers in the Field.

These instructions are being sent to you for action in the event of German forces withdrawing from the area in which you are operating before the arrival of Allied troops. You should communicate any such withdrawal to your Headquarters before putting them into operation. Your objective should be to do everything in your power through the local Committees of Liberation or Patriot Bands to ensure that a total breakdown of local administration is avoided until the arrival of Allied troops, when Allied Military Government will be established. You should make this latter fact clear to the Committee and Patriot Bands and you may add that the length of time which Military Government will last will depend largely on local conditions and the state of order and discipline which has been maintained up to the arrival of the Allied Forces. A message signed by General Alexander to the Committees and Patriots is being sent with these instructions.

2. Allied Military Government implies that the proclamations of General Alexander, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, have the force of law. The execution of these proclamations and General Alexander's orders on civil matters is carried out by Allied Military Officers who work through the local Italian Government machinery, stripped of Fascists. It has been the policy to invoke the advice of National Committees of Liberation in the execution of these orders.

3. In carrying out the general policy defined above you should follow such further orders as may be given by General Alexander. In civil matters everything will be done in Rome to see that the Italian Government are associated with these orders. You, on your part, should do your utmost to assure the local Committees and Patriot Bands that the Central Italian Government in Rome has the support of General Alexander and the Allied Nations. Consequently, you should warn local Committees against challenging the authority of this Government.

4. The first duty of Patriot Bands is to carry out the operational orders of General Alexander. Their second duty is to preserve law and order. As they may be the only friendly armed units in the area, Patriot Bands should be used at your discretion for such police purposes as may be possible and consonant with their first duty. Police arm bands will be provided to you for such police purposes.

5. It will be found necessary, in order to set up local Government for the preservation of law and order, to appoint Prefects, Sindacos and other local Government officials in the place of Fascists. You should warn the National Committees that any appointments made by them must be regarded as provisional (Regenti) only and that they will be subject to confirmation by the Allied Military Government in consultation with the Italian Government in Rome.

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REPORT ON VISIT TO FLORENCE BY COL. Mc CARTHY.

Arrived 27th August 1300 hrs. Departed 28th August 1000 hrs.

1. While in FLORENCE I met Brig. Gen. HUME and Col. Mayne. Also I had a two hour discussion with the Military Comdr. Brig. FIRTH. I saw also Mr. RAYNER of PWB and Comdr. HOLDSWORTH.

2. HANDLING OF PATRIOTS IN FLORENCE

I was able to start a special team for which Col. Mayne had asked. The team consists of Lt.Col. BYE from 9th Region and two Captains from No. 12 Region.

At a meeting held in the afternoon of 27, we asked Lt.Col. BYE to report especially on two points :-

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(b) To make recommendations of how both genuine and bogus Patriots are controlled during various stages of street fighting in a large city.

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It is interesting to note that quite a number of people, including Patriots, have used the opportunity of attacking personal and political enemies and I do not think it will ever be possible to stop this kind of thing during the troublesome period of street fighting in a large city.

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3. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ABOUT PATRIOTS.

At a meeting held by BGS Ops. at which Mr. Raynor, Comdr. Holdsworth, Col. Riepe and myself were present, it was agreed that, in order to tackle the Patriot question properly in the field, it was essential that the forward elements of Special Forces, PWB and the Patriots Branch should be working closely together somewhere near advance AAI HQ, and probably, therefore, in close touch with 5th and 8th Army.

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I was able to pass to BGS Ops. some information which happened to be badly needed which had been passed to me from the Economic Branch of ACC and from the Italian Government, concerning power stations and pump stations in areas which might be flooded in Northern Italy.

It was laid down by Ops. that all kind of information, which is badly needed and can be drawn from Italian Government and ACC channels, should be passed to Ops. who will decide to what extent it is possible for Patriots on the Northern side of the line to protect them. BGS Ops. AAI will alone decide what measures are taken including what broadcasts are sent out.

So far as the Patriot Branch is concerned, Regional Comdrs. of forward Regions are each allocating one of their staff officers at their HQ to look after Patriot problems and to pass instructions to their provinces. Regional Commissioners are each sending an Intelligent Officer to collect information from us on Patriot Bands' activities etc.

4. PAMPHLET ON PATRIOTS

It occurred to me in Florence that there are a large number of military organisations in any town who should know how to handle Patriots and how imperative it is to give them priority for purposes of reemployment and I am producing a brief pamphlet which can be distributed, not only to COs, but also Sub Area Comdrs., Military Comdrs. Special Force officers, PWB, ICU and Labour officers. This should be ready in about 10 days time.

5. A VISIT TO BRIGADIER DUNLOP AT CHIANCIANO

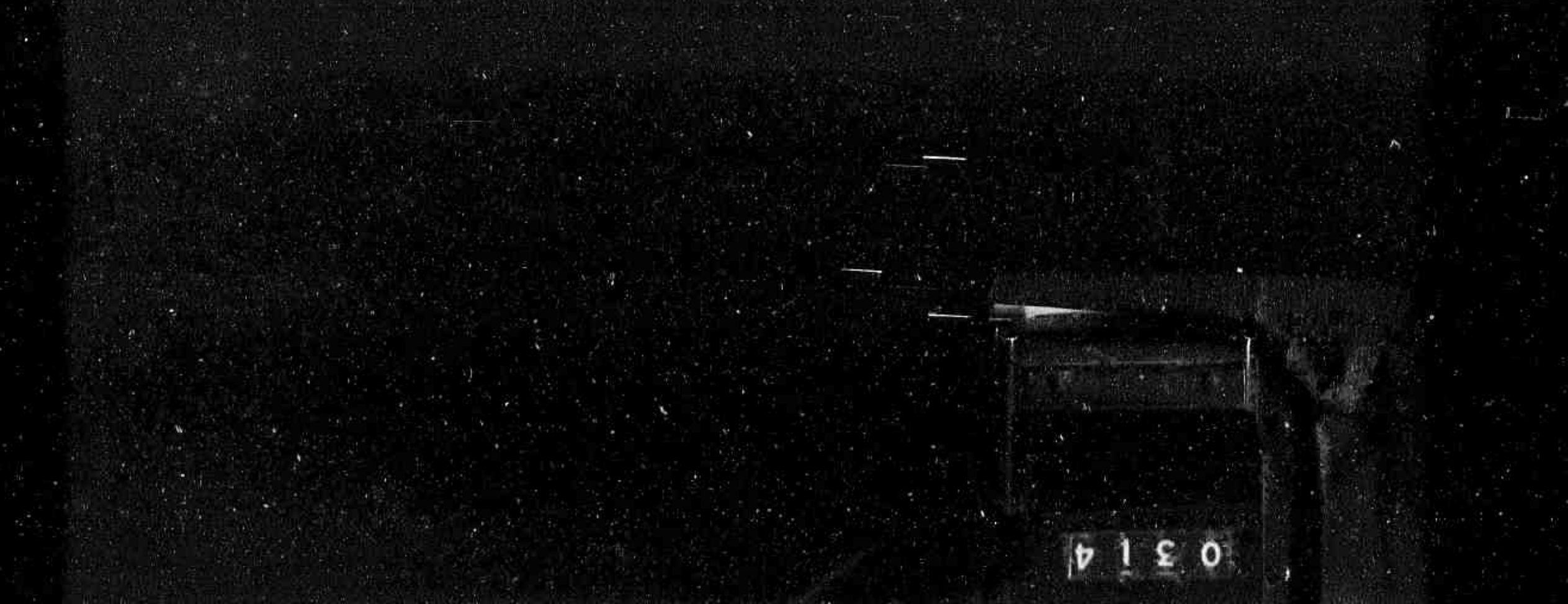
On my way back from AAI HQ, I discussed the above Patriot question with Brig. Dunlop who is completely in agreement with the recommendations I have made. Also we are seriously concerned about the time factor in producing officers in forward regions and in training them in how to handle Patriots before they are sent out on their own into the field.

Thanks

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