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PLANNING FOR NORTHERN ITALY

FEB. - JUNE 1945

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R. R. Wright

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11/4	To D.D. Pats See 29 for information R.R. Higgins
18/4	To D.D. Pats Chpman Lincoast & company of ant. G. 441 & 442. R.R. Higgins
14 MAY 45	To CAS for alt. V.P. Alt Sta is deep cut on ground with you. 24 up to 6 plus 19. 45 R.R. Higgins
14 May 45	ECG Will you approve please the rather strong signal at Sta in reply 13/5

See 29 for information
R. R. Kipp
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18/4. To. d. d. Pats

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14 MAY 45. To. CAS & other V.P.

At 51a is deep cut as agreed with
 you. It refers to photo 19. US
R. R. Kipp
 W.

14 May 45

EOC

Will you approve please the

rather strong signal at 51a in reply 1300
 to 19. 45
W. R. Kipp

V.P. CAS.

Issue As amended. *W. R. Kipp* 14/6

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6. Food and Clothing.

Early action in AFHQ in stockpiling food and clothing in forward areas will be essential. Sufficient warehouse accommodation for clothing has been found in Florence by Patriots Branch.

7. Gratuities.

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PP. Col. F. CRAIG,
Director, Patriots Br.

W. J. Lee
Patriots

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9 MAR. 44.

CAP.

R. R. Cripps
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TO: PATS

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12 MAR. 45.

Print I want to be completed in 10 days
on CAPS PL 6/12/44. dated 12 Feb. 45

a copy will be furnished to you

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R.R. Snee
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9 MAR. 45.
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10. Pats (3)

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C.A.S.
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R.R. Snee
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12 MAR. 45.

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31 March 45. A.P.

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7 March 45.

(1)

To : C.A. Section.

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14.

1. Patriots Branch submits the following comments on 15 Army Group proposals for dealing with Partisan Problems in N.W. Italy (AG-091.711 dated 2 Mar 45).

2. Disarming of Patriots.

(a) - The suggestion of a ceremonial Parade may be accepted as one, and possibly the best, method of ensuring that the maximum number of arms is handed in by Patriots.

(b) - It is suggested, however, that a Parade may not always be either possible or appropriate. It will be advisable to review local circumstances, and particularly to take the advice of British Liaison Officers, or Officers of other Allied Missions on the spot.

3. Inducement to Patriots to report to Centres.

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4. Patriot Centres.

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(b) - Personnel - It is assumed that Officers in charge of Patriot Centres will be drawn from Provincial teams. So, Regional Commissioners should send forthwith to Patriots Branch for training, in addition to the Regional Patriots Officers, sufficient officers from their Provincial teams to supervise these Centres (i.e. Liguria 3 officers, Piemonte 3, Lombardia 2, Emilia 1). These officers, after 14 days training,

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5. Screening.

No mention is made. It is suggested that a screening committee of the BHO (or equivalent Officer of another mission), the Allied Patriot Officer, and the Patriot Band Leader should screen all Patriots ~~upon~~ ^{before} any benefits are given.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COORDINATION
 PATRIOTIC SPARK

Ref No. 45904 Sub. 399

Date: 9/6/43

30 June 1943

Subject: Patricio Spark

To: 1. Mr. LAMARCA Region
 2. Mr. VILLARDO Region
 3. Mr. VILLARDO Region
 4. Mr. VILLARDO Region
 5. Mr. VILLARDO Region
 6. Mr. VILLARDO Region

Very Rev. 3 Army 1st
 5 Army 1st Section
 6 Corps - 6th Section

1. In order that Patricio Spark may be kept better informed of the current situation in your Region, it is requested that a copy of any reports (including the Monthly Report) on this subject prepared by your HQ, may be sent to the Patricio Spark.
2. Regional Secretaries LAMARCA & VILLARDO are requested to forward copies of the Patricio Reports for their Regions for the month of May, which have not been received.

M.P.

A. L. GARCIA, Colonel
 Director,
 Local Government and Coordination

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C. A. Sec

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PRIORITYCase 519
MAY 13/1800

14 MAY 1945

15 ARMY GROUP

ACTION: FIVE ARMY FOR AND

INFO: ALCON.

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AFHQ signal PX 70793 and 15 ARMY GROUP signal C4-85 refer. Request this Hq be furnished without delay a copy of the report forwarded to AFHQ by you with reference PX 70793

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INFO : A/PR-IDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
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14 MAY Recd ~~15/5~~ 96/6
INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 39
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 120930B

Message Centre No: E/651

Date Time Recd: MAY 140830

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AMB LIGURIA REGION FOR PATRIOTS DIV

TO: 15 ARMY GROUP INFO: AMB 5 ARMY, HQ ALCON FOR PATRIOTS BRANCH

CLASSIFICATION NOT GIVEN.

Ref 15 ARMY GROUP CP inst No 5 appendix I dated 12 April 45 particularly Para 5 and 6. IV CORPS state they have no authority to issue ration accommodation stores for patriots centres. Request urgently authority be sent IV CORPS info 92 DIV implement appendix I referred above.

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INFO - A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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TO: AFHQ - G-5 Section

INFO 15 Army Group - G-5 AF 8 Army, 5 Army G-5

C.G. DIST ONE, C.G. DIST TWO

Reference your RX 70793 cite NAMDS. Owing to difficult communications in answer yet received from 5 or 8 Army in reply to paragraphs 4 and 3 of your signal. ^{For} In answer to Paragraph C

~~None reported.~~

We are already committed to feeding patriots on the military scale and it is now impossible to change over to any other scale without gravely prejudicing peaceful settlement of patriot problems.

Difficulty in disarming patriots has already been experienced in Milan and if the ration is reduced the resulting discontent will almost certainly lead to ~~life~~ breaches of law and order.

Every effort is being made to reduce the ration commitment by early disarmament and dispersion and it is thought that the commitment will not in the aggregate be very large.

Propose to instruct 5 Army and 8 Army ~~to continue on your~~ ^{to continue on your} ~~delivered a number of 8 m.~~ ^{delivered a number of 8 m.} ~~FX 60055 until further ordering unless you signal contrary instructions.~~

Trust I may hear from you.

(51a)

INFO 15 Army Group - G.5 AND 8 Army, 5 Army G.5

C.G. DISC QES, C.G. DE SU. TWO

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1 mil 9 may have permits.

EX COM
MIL
CAS
DISC SEC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATROUS BRANCH

Tel. Ext. 321

11 May 1945

Ref : 94/6/102

Subject : Rations for Partisans

To : A/President
: Chief Commissioner
: Ex. Commissioner
: Economic Section
: Food Sub Com. (Attn. Lt. Col. DAVIS)
: Land Forces Sub Com. (2)
: File (2)

The text of Signal EX 70 93 of 5 May has been checked with AFHQ, who state that para C should read as follows :

" C " What success can be expected if rations are furnished without the portlan now being received from U.S./British Military Sources. Upon receipt of this information the matter will be further examined "

MP
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

Rel. Ext. 321

11 May 1945

Ref : 94/6/PAT

Subject : Rations for Partisans.

To : Food Sub Commission
(attn. Lt. Col. DRIFF)

1. Ref AFHQ signal ^{FX} 70793.

2. May this Branch be informed urgently please, how much of that portion of the Patriot ration at present secured from EC/SM military sources, could be provided from civilian sources?

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

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FOR ACTION AMG TOSCANA REGION

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8 May 45

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS FEEDING OF PATRIOTS PD AFHQ ADVISE
HAVING RECEIVED DISAPPROVAL FROM CHARLIE CHARLIE SLANT SUGAR
ON REPLACING MILITARY STOCKS USED FOR FEEDING OF PATRIOTS OWING
TO WORLD SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND PLANNED ALLOCATIONS PD

PARAH TO FOR ACTION AMG TOSCANA REGION FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACPAT
PARAH

PARA TWO PD PRESENT AUTHORITY TO FEED PART OF PATRIOT NATION
FROM UNCLE SUGAR SLANT BRITISH ^{MILITARY} SOURCES EXCEPT ON REPAYMENT FROM
ALLIED COMMISSION STOCKS WILL BE CONTINUED IN EFFECT UNTIL
ONE EIGHT MAY PD IN VIEW OF THIS YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT ON
THE FOLLOWING PD ABLE POSSIBILITIES OF DRAWING RATIONS FROM
LOCAL CIVILIAN SOURCES PD BAKER NUMBER OF PATRIOTS BEING RATIONED PD
CHARLIE TOTAL NUMBERXX ANTICIPATED TO BE PROCESSED AND RATE
OF INFLUX AND DISCHARGE FROM PATRIOT CENTRES AND HOSPITALS

Patriots Branch

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FOR ACTION FIVEARMY FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION EIGHTHARMY REAR FOR AMG
RPTD 15 ARMY GROUP CIVIL AFFAIRS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION DISTONE DISTWO
7119 7 May 1945 ROUTINE

EN CLEAR PD

PARA ONE PD REF YOUR FOX XRAY SEVEN ZERO SEVEN NINE THREE FROM AFHQ PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION FIVEARMY FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION EIGHTHARMY REAR FOR AMG
R P T D 15 ARMY GROUP CIVIL AFFAIRS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION DISTONE DISTWO
FROM HQ ALCOM CITE A C P A T PAREN

PARA TWO PD THIS HQ NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE INFORMATION ASKED FOR PD
REQUEST YOU SEND US COPY OF YOUR REPLY

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M.M.I.A.

Patriots Branch.

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R.H. CRIPPS Colonel.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 70793

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 050914Z

- 6 MAY 1945

Message Centre No: D/9743

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 051850Z

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACKETT SITE MAGDS

TO: ACTION CG 5 ARMY CG 8 ARMY ALCON INFO CG 15 ARMY GROUP CG PBS

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Disapproval received from CC/S on replacing military stocks used for the feeding of Partisans. FX 60055 ¹¹⁴⁴¹ refers. Disapproval based on world shortage of food and planned allocations. Present authority to feed part of Partisans ration from US/British military sources except on repayment from Allied Commission stocks will be continued in effect until 18 May. Report is desired by 18 May on the following.

- A. Number now being fed and the success being met under present method.
- B. Total number anticipated to be processed and rate of influx and discharge.
- C. What success can be expected if rations are ^{not} furnished ^{from} ~~without~~ ^{secured} ~~from~~ US/British military sources. Upon receipt of this information the matter will be further examined.

Dist

Action - ~~CG 5~~ PATRIOTS

Info - A/President

Chief Commissioner

Exec Comm

Econ Sec

Land Forces 2

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Tel: 289

Ref: 3201/303/EC.

27 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Treatment of Partisans.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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1. Attached copies of AFHQ signals F26918 dated 14 Feb 45 and F57979 dated 10 Apr 45, subject Treatment of Partisans, both addressed to HQ 15 Army Group have been forwarded to this HQ for information and guidance.
 2. Being the only copies received at this HQ and copying being strictly forbidden, they are passed to you for filing on the appropriate Patriots Branch file.
 3. Attention is particularly drawn to the instructions at the top left hand corner of each signal.

E. Shorden
12. Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

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NOTE: This signal is transmitted to
AG by officer messenger with express
permission of Signal Security on the
press conditions that: **TOP SECRET**
a. it be carefully safeguarded
b. be not reproduced
c. circulation severely restricted.

They should be
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AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER
OUTGOING MESSAGE



APR 24 REC'D

TO FOR ACTION: 15TH ARMY GROUP

REF NO : F 26918

SIGNED : SAGMED CITE: PROCT

Further to AFHQ operation instruction dated 21 December 44 and administrative instruction dated 25 January 45 dealing with Occupation of Northwest ITALY.

1. In view of Russian successes it is considered that occupation of Northwest ITALY may occur sooner than previously considered probable.

2. In dealing with Partisans DAWED proposes, subject to the agreement of Combined Chiefs of Staff, to adopt following policy: Our treatment will be based on recognizing assistance they have rendered Allied cause and on necessity for ensuring that they are disarmed disarmed and found employment as early as possible. They will not be treated as coming under any of the existing categories of Italians unless and until they are absorbed in any such categories. They will be assembled in specified areas (which must be selected with regard to suitability from Partisan point of view as well as other factors) as soon as arrangements for reception can be made. On entering reception areas Partisans will be disarmed. After disarmament they will be given assistance as in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 below until such time as their final disposal is effected. Such final disposal is responsibility of Allied Commission which will aim to complete it in 3 months.

3. Under this policy the feeding and clothing of Partisans during phase I would be the responsibility of Army Headquarters (in conjunction with Allied Military Government of the Army Headquarters) in the area concerned; the necessary supplies of food and clothing being made available to the Partisans for this purpose as follows:

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(A) A ration on the scale equivalent to that on issue to the Italian Military Forces. Details will be notified later.

(B) Clothing on a minimum essential scale to be issued from Military sources.

4. Pay will be the responsibility of Italian Government. Allied Commission will make necessary arrangements with Italian Government and notify you the arrangements including scale of payments.

5. Hospitalization will be an Italian Military responsibility assisted by the UNITED STATES and British.

6. Detailed instructions amplifying policy in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 will be given later in an administrative memorandum. Issue of rations and clothing as in para 3A and B depends on the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff which is being sought.

ORIGINATOR : G-3

AUTH: DANIEL NOCE, MAY GET

INFORMATION: SCS

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MC ODT 5264

14 Feb 45

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15TH ARMY GROUP
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: CG, 15th AG :
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: Date: *24 Apr 1945* :
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24 April 1945

43/1/G-3 Ops

SUBJECT: Treatment of Partisans in Northern ITALY

TO : See Distribution

1. Attached are copies of Appendix 1 to Operations Instruction No. 5, this Headquarters, dated 12 April 1945.

2. Although this Appendix is, for convenience, issued with the Operation Instruction dealing with the occupation of Northeast ITALY, it applies to Partisan problems in the whole of Northern ITALY and the necessary extra addressees have been added to the original Distribution List of Operations Instruction No. 5 to give it general application.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL CLARK:

OFFICIAL:

A. M. GRUENTHER
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

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Brig. Gen., GSC
A.C. of S., G-3

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Appendix 1, "Treatment of Partisans in Northern ITALY"

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Appendix 1 to
15 Army Group Operations
Instruction No. 5 dated
12 April 1945.

TREATMENT OF PARTISANS IN NORTHERN ITALY

1. Introductory.

a. On their entry into Northern ITALY ALLIED Troops will make contact with Partisans in numbers considerably larger than any hitherto encountered. These Partisans have in large measure loyally obeyed the orders of the Allies and have caused very concrete losses and embarrassment to the enemy; they have thus earned as good treatment as can reasonably be afforded them. In addition, in the absence of fair yet firm treatment and, in the absence of positive and constructive employment, they might form a disillusioned and dangerous element under the disorganized conditions likely to exist during the period immediately following the withdrawal of the Germans and the arrival of the Allies.

It is therefore necessary to direct in what manner the various problems connected with Partisans in Northern ITALY shall be solved.

2. Disarmament of Partisans.

a. It will be the responsibility of Headquarters FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies and/or IV Corps to carry out the disarmament of Partisans as soon as this can tactfully and appropriately be accomplished.

b. The local responsibility for making the necessary arrangements for disarmament will normally rest with AFG, with whom local military commanders will be required to co-operate, their respective functions being defined by Headquarters FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies and/or IV Corps in the light of circumstances prevailing in their areas.

c. It is not considered that the standard AIG proclamation governing possession of arms by the civilian population should apply to the Partisans in the initial stages. Every effort will be made to secure the confidence of the Partisans' commanders and conduct disarmament through them. Action will be taken by 15 Army Group prior to Allied occupation of a given area to notify the Partisans' leaders in that area of Allied intentions as to their treatment, and by means of Allied Missions, PVB etc to gain the co-operation of the CLMFI and CGVL and their subordinate Headquarters.

d. There exists in Northern ITALY a considerable number of Allied Missions, British, U.S., and Italian, working in close liaison with the larger Partisan bands. Upon the withdrawal of the enemy forces and the arrival of the Allies these missions should be able to provide valuable assistance to local AIG officers and Military Commanders. The leaders of these Missions will be able to provide considerable information about local conditions, numbers of Partisans, numbers of arms etc. In individual instances, it may be necessary to seek the cooperation of local authorities in the search for Partisans.

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e. In those areas in which it is considered desirable, Allied Liaison Officers and/or Partisan commanders will be required to submit muster rolls of their detachments and schedules of arms and warlike stores in their possession. These will thereafter serve as a general check on the progress of disarmament.

f. Every encouragement will be given to the holding of ceremonial stand-down parades by Partisans. It is preferable that these should not appear as held by Allied order but rather as the expression of the Partisans' own wishes. If the principle of a parade is acceptable to the Partisans it will afford the best opportunity for disarmament.

g. The parade should be conducted with as much ceremony as possible - advance publicity, flags, band and speakers will all add to its effect. The occasion will be the more efficacious if the place and date are co-ordinated over as wide an area as circumstances allow.

h. The Commanding Officer of the nearest Allied unit or formation should be present at the parade to take the salute and to supervise the collection of arms. The Partisans should participate in making the arrangements and at the conclusion of the parade should march, preferably by sub-units, to an appointed dumping place where their arms will be handed over. At the same time arrangements should be made for the collection at convenient points of all ammunition, explosives and heavy weapons.

i. The handing in of arms may prove a convenient occasion for the simultaneous distribution of Patriot Certificates on the basis of exchange; one certificate to each Patriot surrendering his personal weapon. Exceptions should be made of all those who are certified by a recognised Partisan Commander as having served as genuine Partisans in an unarmed capacity, as a member of the crew of a heavy weapon or for other reasonable cause. If for any reason it is not possible for Patriot Certificates to be issued at the time of the parade, receipts should be given for weapons handed in, certificates subsequently being issued on the evidence of the receipt.

j. The Commander of the Allied unit referred to in sub para h above will be responsible, immediately after the parade, for the collection of the arms and of the dumps of ammunition etc. also referred to in sub para h, disposing of them under Army and/or Corps arrangements. C.C. R.R. will not take part in any such collection.

k. If in any area the attendance at parades should be poor or a substantial number of those attending fail to bring their weapons, the Allied Officer concerned will judge whether there is an innocent explanation or whether there is a deliberate attempt at evasion of the order. If the latter, the parade will be allowed to continue but before it is dispersed the Allied Officer will inform the Partisan Leader and through him those who failed to attend that all those who fail to hand in their arms at an appointed time before the end of the following day will be subject to severe penalties.

l. It is likely that a certain number of armed Partisans will be admitted to the Partisan Reception Centers which are to be established in appropriate localities. In the case of individuals the Camp Commandant will have authority to accept surrender of arms in exchange for a Patriot Certificate. If large numbers are involved arrangements will be made for all arms to be placed in the (nominal) custody of the Senior Partisan in the camp pending their formal handing

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m. If for any reason the system of disarmament following a stand-down parade is not adopted in a particular area, and if no satisfactory alternative

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method is put forward by Partisan Commanders, an AMG proclamation will be issued thanking the Partisans for their services and pointing out that the normal rules governing the possession of arms by civilians now apply also to Partisans. A specimen of such a proclamation, used in FLORENCE, is attached as Annexure 'A'. Thereafter any Partisan found in possession of arms, ammunition or explosives without an AMG permit will be brought to trial before an Allied Military Court. A similar Proclamation will also be posted after the conclusion of a successful stand-down parade, or of such other method of disarmament as is adopted to suit local circumstances, in order to leave no room for doubt in the minds of those Partisans not present at the parade.

n. Finally it is stressed that disarmament of Partisans is an urgent matter. Experience has shown that the initial enthusiasm on liberation gradually gives way to a disillusionment born of the non-realisation of expectations which the Allies cannot hope to satisfy. As such disillusionment grows, disarmament becomes proportionately more difficult. While, therefore, it is undesirable to announce rigid time limits as long as Partisan leaders offer co-operation and assistance, it should be possible to effect disarmament in approximately one week from arrival in a given area.

4. Independent Action by Partisans.

It is certain that the Allies will find, on first arriving in an area, that some Partisans have already taken action against individuals, action which may take the form of killing, beating-up, imprisonment or dismissal from office. The Allied attitude will be as follows:-

a. No action will be taken by the Allies in respect of cases involving death, beating-up or dismissal from office carried out by Partisans before their arrival.

b. Persons previously imprisoned by the Partisans as Axis collaborators will NOT, save in exceptional circumstances, be released or removed by the Allied Authorities on arrival, but will remain at the disposal of the Italian Authorities for such action as they may desire to take in pursuance of their operation programme. If there is undue delay on the part of the Italian authorities in dealing with such cases these will be reviewed and the prisoners disposed of by AMG in consultation with C/SIN and the Allied Security authorities.

c. After the arrival of the Allies no further independent action by Partisans will be permitted, except as ordered by proper authority. This will not, of course, apply to epuration activities on the part of bodies properly constituted under the auspices of AMG.

4. Care of Partisans.

a. Administration of Partisans used operationally will be, as at present, the responsibility of the Allied unit which retains that operational or for future operations.

b. Initially the treatment of Partisans (other than those mentioned in (a) above), as regards their feeding, housing, clothing, payment, hospitalization and rehabilitation in general, will be the responsibility of Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY and/or IV Corps within their respective areas (as above).

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Allied Officer and one Italian Officer for each Province within the Regional areas and in addition each Region will have a Regional Partisan Officer (Allied), and a Regional/Military representative.

5. Establishment of Partisan Centers.

It is the responsibility of Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY and/or IV Corps to establish, equip and maintain Centers within their respective areas (zones). Where Partisans will be housed (if necessary), fed, and generally administered. These Centers, subject to the development of the tactical situation, or the need for same, will be located at or near Provincial capitals. Partisans normally will be allowed to remain at Centers for periods up to three weeks. In exceptional cases only will their stay reach a maximum period of ninety (90) days. On admission to Centers all Partisans will be screened by Partisan Representatives (officers), Partisan Leaders and Allied screening personnel.

6. Food.

a. Scale

Food will be issued at the normal scale applicable to the Italian Armed Forces and will be supplied from Army and MEIA stocks. Cigarettes will be issued only if available from MEIA stocks and on no account from Allied Military Resources.

b. Provisioning

AFHQ have accepted the responsibility for making stocks available in forward areas. Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY and/or IV Corps will be responsible for transportation and distribution to Partisan centers.

c. Accounting.

Records of ration issues to Partisans will be kept and reported monthly by FIFTH ARMY and IV Corps, and EIGHTH ARMY to PBS and ST AFHQ respectively. Detailed departmental instructions to this effect are being issued separately.

7. Clothing.

a. Scale for each Partisan.

(1) If provided from US sources.

Jackets, field, old style	-	1
Trousers, any type	-	1 pr
Shirts, cotton or woollen	-	2
Shoes, complete with laces	-	1 pr
Socks, cotton or woollen	-	2 prs
Drawers, cotton or woollen	-	2
Undershirts, "	-	2
Blankets	-	1

(2) If provided from British sources.

Battle dress suits	-	1
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Undershirts, "	-	2
Blankets	-	1

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Battle dress suits	-	1
Shirts	-	2
Boots, complete with laces	-	1 pr
Socks	-	2 prs
Drawers	-	2 prs

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Vests or undershirts, cotton	-	2
Jerseys, pullover, or undershirt,	-	1
woollen	-	1
Blankets	-	1

The above scales will not be issued automatically, but only so far as the requirements of the individual Partisans' demand, and only to the extent of deficient or unserviceable items.

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AFHQ has accepted the responsibility for making stocks available in the forward areas. Such stocks will be dyed chocolate colour under arrangements to be made by AFHQ. Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY and/or IV Corps will be responsible for transportation and distribution to Partisan centers.

c. Distinguishing Marks.

Items issued under the above scales will bear the following distinguishing marks which will be stencilled preferably in yellow prior to issue, under arrangements to be made by Armies:

US jackets, field, old style or British battledress blouse and blankets - letter 'V' 2½ inches high, 2½ inches wide at top with ½-inch strips.

This distinguishing mark will be stencilled on left breast of US jacket or British battledress blouse, and in center of blanket.

d. Interim and Emergency Provisioning in respect of items supplied from British sources.

- (1) Pending delivery of chocolate coloured clothing in forward areas, FIFTH ARMY (Br Iner), and EIGHTH ARMY may each issue up to 500 items of the above scale from Army stocks. This will be considered as an emergency measure only, and if it is considered necessary to issue clothing in excess of such 500 items from FIFTH or EIGHTH ARMY stocks, authority will be obtained by Armies direct from AFHQ for such further issue. If available in Army areas, reconditioned clothing will be issued.

- (2) Items issued under 7. d (1) will bear the same distinguishing marks as defined in para 7. c.

e. Disposal of Scrap Items.

Scrap items of shoes and clothes turned in will be evacuated to Allied Commission.

f. Special Instructions in respect of items supplied from US Sources.

In accordance with MTOUSM signal FM 60235 dated 15 Apr 45, each individual issued with items of clothing from US sources will be given written authorization upon which his name appears.

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8. Pay

The Italian Government has accepted the responsibility of payment to Partisans. AFHQ has delegated to the Allied Commission the responsibility for co-ordinating gratuities contemplated by the Italian Government and insuring that funds are made available for this purpose. Distribution of such funds will be the responsibility of Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY, and/or IV Corps within their respective areas (zones).

9. Hospitalization.

AFHQ has authorized the medical treatment of Partisans in Italian Military hospitals. It will be the responsibility of Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY, and/or IV Corps within their respective areas (zones) to evacuate sick or wounded Partisans to Italian Military hospitals where available, or to civilian hospitals where military facilities do not exist, and to insure that these sick or wounded Partisans are accorded the same or equivalent treatment as that given the Italian Military.

10. Rehabilitation.

It will be the responsibility of Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY, and/or IV Corps within their respective areas (zones) to insure that the necessary organization is provided to:

- a. Return as many Partisans as possible to their homes and to civilian status.
- b. Provide work through Allied Military or civilian labour organizations.
- c. Encourage Partisans, either as individuals or as bands, to organize to carry out work of reconstruction where they so desire.
- d. Encourage Partisans to enlist in the Italian Army (until ceiling of that body is reached).
- e. Supervise general care of Partisans at Centers.

11. Collection of Partisans.

Within the limits of their capability it will be the responsibility of Headquarters, FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY and/or IV Corps to furnish transportation within their respective areas (zones) as required to gather up and transport Partisans to centers from localities where sizable bands or groups exist.

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annexure 'A' to
Appendix 1 to
15 Army Group Operations
Instruction No. 5 dated
12 April 1945.

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

Ai Patriotti e Partigiani di Firenze

Con i vostri propri sforzi avete affrettato la liberazione del vostro Paese. Le Forze Alleate vi hanno visto aiutare nella dura battaglia e apprezzano il coraggio e l'combattere così duramente che avete dimostrato.

Adesso dovete lavorare per la rinascita dell'Italia, il Paese vostro per il quale avete dovuto combattere così duramente per liberarlo.

Dietro le Armate/Combattenti viene il Governo Militare Alleato, per aiutare il Paese attraverso il primo stato di ricostruzione. Il maggior compito del Governo Militare Alleato e' restituire la vita alle sue condizioni normali; alliovere la sofferenza, causata non dalla guerra soltanto, ma dalla selvaggia brutalita' dei nazi o fascisti; e, soprattutto, mantenere l'ordine e la legge. Comprendete che la legge e l'ordine sono la responsabilita' della forza della polizia regolare e che e' impossibile di permettere, ad altre persone che loro, d'essere in possesso di armi, senza speciale regolare permesso.

Il Governo Militare Alleato ha quindi diramato un ordine a coloro di voi non stanno piu combattendo in prima linea di consegnare le armi. Questo armi potranno a loro volta essere mandate ai Patriotti nel Nord. Il Governo Militare Alleato quindi ha piena fiducia che i Patriotti di Firenze, che hanno dato un così brillante esempio di se stessi in duri e accaniti combattimenti contro il comune nemico, capiranno la necessita', per radunare queste armi, e con cio' collaboreranno in questo primo compito di ricostruzione pianamente come hanno fatto i loro confratelli nel Sud.

Firenze, 2 Settembre 1944.

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THOMAS J. MICHEL,
Ten. Col. A.C.
Ufficiale Superiore del Governo,
Militare Alleato per la Citta'
Di Firenze.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

PATRIOTS

Originator's Reference: EX 60881

Message Centre No: D/7975

Date/Time of Origin: APR 161602B

Date Time Rec'd: APR 170830B

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE HQAE

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP INFO BRITISH INCREMENT 5TH ARMY 8TH ARMY, DISTONE, DISTWO,
ALCOM, IMIA

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Further to this HQ's EX 60555 of 15th April.

Khaki battle dress supplied from Army stocks as an interim measure in accordance with above quoted signal will be marked with yellow letter V over left pocket prior to issue.

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INFO-ACTION: Patriots Br

INFO: A/President

Chief Commissioner

Executive Commissioner

CA Sec

Econ Sec

L. Forces S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

PATRIOTS

Originator's Reference: FX 60555
 Date/Time of Origin: APR 15 1831B

Message Centre No: D/7974
 Date Time Rec'd: APR 18 1100B
 Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACRED CITY HQAR

TO: 15 ARMY GROUP INTO 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY, DISTONE, DISTWD, AG, MHIA

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Subject is feeding and clothing partisans.

CLOTHING. Scale will not exceed

Battle Dress Suit	1
Shirts	2
Boots with laces	1 pr
Socks	2 pr
Drawers	2 pr
Vests or Undershirts	2
Jersey pullover or undershirt woolen	1
Blanket	1

All items will be reconditioned. Battle Dress will be dyed chocolate under arrangements to be made by AFHQ. Battle Dress will be marked with yellow letter V over left pocket. Letter V will be 2½ inches high 2½ inches wide at top 3/8 inches thick and will be stencilled on prior to issue under arrangements to be made by armies. As an interim measure and pending receipt of chocolate battle dress and reconditioned clothing as above you are authorized to issue 5th Army 500 items and 8th Army 500 items from above scale as you consider essential to clothe partisans. It is emphasized that this issue from Army stocks is an emergency measure only. If further quantities in excess of 500 items each 5th and 8th Armies are required

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signal this HQ for authority for further release. You will be notified immediately chocolate bottle dress and reconditioned clothing is available when issue from army stocks will cease. If available in Army area reconditioned clothing should be used.

FOOD. ITI armed forces scale will be issued from Army and MIA stocks. Cigarettes will be issued only if available from MIA stocks. British cigarettes will not be issued. Records of ration issues to partisans will be kept and reported monthly to S.T. AFHQ. Detailed departmental instructions will be issued.

DIST

INFO-ACTION: Patriots Br

INFO: A/President

Chief Commissioner

Executive Commissioner

CA Sec

Land Forces S/C

Econ Sec

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CA Section 40

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APR 151948B
ROUTINE

FROM: MTOUSA SIGNED CG MTOUSA

TO : CG 5 ARMY INFO CG 15 ARMY GROUP, MMIA, ALCOM CG PBS

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. As interim emergency policy you are authorized to issue to partisans who came through your lines minimum essential clothing class X as follows:
jackets field OD old style with each one trousers of any kind each one shirts cotton or woollen each 2 shoes with laces or improvised laces pairs
1 socks cotton or woollen^{pairs}/2 drawers cotton or woollen pairs 2 undershirts cotton or woollen each 2 blankets each 1.

This is NOT Complete initial issue authorization but an allowance authorized replacement of similar items that are NOT in possession of the individual or if in possession is NOT wearable. Scrap items of shoe and cloth turned in will be evacuated to ALLIED COMMISSION. Each individual issuing cloth will be given written authorization upon which his name appears. In addition there will be stencilled on left breast of field jacket and in centre of blanket the letter V (for Victory) preferably in yellow dimensions $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches with $\frac{3}{8}$ inch stripe. Stocks for US ITI now in hand 5th Army may be utilised preferably of undyed clothing. Replacement to extent required will be requisitioned on PBS. 5th Army to report issues monthly to this HQ for charge against Italian Government. Full Italian armed forces ration scale will be issued and will be shown separately in daily telegram to PBS. Italian portion of the ration

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will be furnished by MMIA as demanded by PES. PES to demand on AG for items of civilian ration scale details of which will be furnished by this HQ. PES to make monthly report to this HQ of total rations issued in order charge may be made Italian Government.

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INFO-ACTION: Land Forces S/C

INFO: A/President

Chief Commissioner

Executive Commissioner

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Note

following exceptions. Clothing is as filed 6 para 6 with
 The signal filed 6

a) Socks 2 pns

b) jersey pull over X/L

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INCOMING MESSAGE
 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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 Originator's Reference: **FX 60055**
 Date/Time of Origin: **APR 14/1841**

Message Centre No: **D/7729**
 Date Time Rec'd: **APR 15/216**
 Precedence: **PRIORITY**

FROM: **AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHQDS**
 TO : **15 ARMY GROUP, ALCOM INFO 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY**

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 Your O-320B of 12th April.

15 Army Gp only.
 AFHQ state it does not affect
 this HQ & a given any info we have
 not received (H.C. 1/Stoplton Freedom 3.45)
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 You are authorized to proceed in accordance with policy outlined in our F 26918
 of 14th February and our F 57979 of 10th April to extent to which you consider it
 operationally necessary. Emphasize that CCS approval has not yet been given and that
 when CCS reply is received some modification to policy outlined in above quoted signal may
 be necessary. AC will take all (steps) to ensure final disposal Partisans takes place as
 quickly as possible to reduce the military commitment to a minimum. Detailed issue of
 instructions to 5 and 8 Armies with copy to you follows departmentally

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 INFO A/PRESIDENT
 CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 EK COMMISSIONER
 ECON SEC
 LAND FORCES SC
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Ref : 94/6/PAT.

14 April 1945.

Subject: Patriots - Rations and Clothing.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission (M.H.I.A.)

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1. Ref your 9/68 of 12 April and further to our 94/6/PAT. of 13 Apr. 45.
2. AFHQ. has confirmed to the V.P. Civil Affairs Section that para 4. of their signal P. 57980 of 11 Apr refers only to such issues as will be additional to those at present authorized.

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

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AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER
OUTGOING MESSAGE

TOP SECRET - ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION: 15 ARMY GROUP

REF NO: F 57979

SIGNED: SACMED

CITE: FHGDS

Further to paras 3 (A) and (B) of our F 26918 dated 14 February 1945.

1. Following are food and clothing scales submitted to CCS for approval.

(A) Food. Full Italian Armed Forces ration scale will be issued from Army and MMIA stocks. Allied Commission will repay to the Military the portion of the ration equivalent to the share which the individual Partisans would have received had they been confined to the civilian basic ration. Italian Government will furnish to the Military the items or equivalent items to those normally provided by the Italian Government towards the existing Italian Armed Forces ration. The balance of the ration will be provided as a British and United States Military commitment on a fifty fifty basis for the purpose of accounting.

(B) Clothing will be provided from Military stocks as a fifty fifty United States and British responsibility up to the following maximum scale to meet the minimum essential requirements of Partisans. BD suit or US outer clothing 1, shirts 2, boots or shoes with laces pairs 1, socks pairs 2, drawers pairs 2, vests or undershirts cotton 2, jersey pull-over or undershirt wool 1, blankets 1.

2. The commitment in para 1 above has been calculated in respect of 90,000 Partisans over a maximum period of 3 months.

3. Details in paras 1 and 2 above are passed to you for information in order to assist you and your armies in your planning. They will not be implemented until further instructions are issued by this Headquarters. Allied Commission have been informed separately of the above.

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Further to paras 3 (A) and (B) of
dated 14 February 1945.

1. Following are food and clothing scales
submitted to CCS for approval.

(A) Food. Full Italian Armed Forces ration
scale will be issued from Army and MMIA stocks. Allied Com-
mission will repay to the Military the portion of the ration
equivalent to the share which the individual Partisans would
have received had they been confined to the civilian basic
ration. Italian Government will furnish to the Military the
items or equivalent items to those normally provided by the
Italian Government towards the existing Italian Armed Forces
ration. The balance of the ration will be provided as a
British and United States Military commitment on a fifty fifty
basis for the purpose of accounting.

(B) Clothing will be provided from Military
stocks as a fifty fifty United States and British responsibility
up to the following maximum scale to meet the minimum essential
requirements of Partisans. BD suit or US outer clothing 1,
shirts 2, boots or shoes with laces pairs 1, socks pairs 2,
drawers pairs 2, vests or undershirts cotton 2, jersey pull-
over or undershirt wool 1, blankets 1.

2. The commitment in para 1 above has been
calculated in respect of 90,000 Partisans over a maximum period
of 3 months.

3. Details in paras 1 and 2 above are passed to
you for information in order to assist you and your armies in
your planning. They will not be implemented until further
instructions are issued by this Headquarters. Allied Commission
have been informed separately of the above.

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Date: 11th April, 1945

To: Chief Staff Officer, Civil Affairs Section.

In reply to your telephone conversation this afternoon it is considered that it might be profitable if the V.P. Civil Affairs Section, during his visit to Caserta, could direct the attention of C5 Section to Top Secret Cable No. F.57980, paragraph 4 of which reads as follows:

"Instructions will be issued regarding policy handling of Italian Partisans as soon as CCS approval has been received. In the meantime NAF 864 and NAF 912 should form the basis of your planning preparation. No issues however will be made to Partisans pending further instructions".

It is considered that the last sentence of this paragraph is liable to be construed into meaning that the present issues to partisans, both in camps and employed by the army, will be stopped. It is therefore requested that AFHQ issue an amending cable stating that the reference is only to such issues as will be additional to those at present authorised.

The Commission has for some time been endeavouring to get additional personnel to run Patriot Centres. The request for approximately 40 additional officers for this purpose has been rejected by AFHQ. As it is known that a large number of Warrant Officers are at present in Reinforcement Depots it is considered that the Vice President might wish to enquire of AFHQ whether Warrant Officers might be made available on temporary duty for say a period of 90 days, for the purpose of staffing and running Patriot Centres and Camps. On the basis of one per Province and one at each Regional Headquarters, a total of 47 are required.

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R. S. [Signature]
Director.

Local Government Sub Commission.

VP, fresh from AFHQ, states that this signal affects the future only

R. S. [Signature]
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 TO : AFHQ INFO ALCON 5 ARMY 8 ARMY

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This answers your FX 58661 CITE FHGDQ of 11 April.

Our plan for future treatment of patriots brings on establishment of patriot centres for their care and maintenance prior disarmament. Establishment of centres completely conditional on adequate supply of food and clothing. Anticipate need for some of these centres will occur in near future as our Armies advance. Initial increment of Partisans already overrun by 5th Army and need care. Accordingly request very urgently authorization to proceed under provision para 3 of your FHGCT F26918 of 14 February.

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Disseminated at a meeting of 15 April 45

Chairman Col RICE

Present: Representatives of

AMG 15th Army, AMG 518 Army, No 1 & No 2 District

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Note. The Draft, amended as noted, will be
 submitted to the Commanding General
 for approval, which is expected about
 14-15 April.

Signature 11 April 45
 W.F.T. SWEET

Addendum No. 1 to
 15 Army Group Operation
 Instruction No. 3 dated
 12 February 1945

AND

Appendix 1 to
 15 Army Group Operation
 Instruction No. 5 dated
 April 1945

DISSEMINATION OF PARTISANS IN NORTHERN ITALY

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 as can reasonably be afforded them. In addition, in the absence of fair yet firm
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c. It is not considered that the standard AMG proclamation governing possession of arms by the civilian population should apply to the Partisans in the initial stages. Every effort will be made to secure the confidence of the Partisans commanders and

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examined and must through them.

1. There exists in Northern Italy a considerable number of Allied Missions, British, U.S., and Italian, working in close liaison with the larger Partisan bands. Upon the withdrawal of the enemy forces and the arrival of the Allies these missions should be able to provide valuable assistance to local AIG officers and Military Commanders. The leaders of these missions will be able to provide considerable information about local conditions, numbers of Partisans, numbers of arms etc. Their assistance in establishing relations with Partisans should be sought by local commanders and AIG officers. In the near future they will be instructed to reconnoiter for suitable accommodations for the establishment of the local Partisan centers. At the proper time they will be instructed, ^{by 15 Army Group} to present themselves to AIG and Military Commanders upon the arrival of these latter in their zones of activity. NO FIFTH and EIGHTH ARMIES and/or IV Corps will be

informed of the locations of these missions and names of leaders.

(2) *In areas where it is considered desirable, Allied liaison officers and/or* Partisan commanders will be required to submit muster rolls of

their formations and schedules of arms and warlike stores in their possession. These will thereafter serve as a general check on the progress of disarmament.

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i. The handing in of arms may prove a convenient occasion for the simultaneous distribution of Patriot Certificates on the basis of exchange; one certificate to each Patriot surrendering his personal weapon. Exceptions should be made of all those who are certified by a recognised Partisan Commander as having served as genuine Partisans in an unarmed capacity, as a member of the crew of a heavy weapon or for other reasonable cause. If for any reason it is not possible for Patriot Certificates to be issued at the time of the parade, receipts should be given for weapons handed in, certificates subsequently being issued upon the evidence of the receipt.

j. The Commander of the Allied unit referred to in sub para *h* above will be responsible, immediately after the parade, for the collection of the arms and of the dumps of ammunition etc. Also referred to in sub para *h*, disposing of them under Army and/or Corps arrangements. C.O. R.R. will not take part in any such collection.

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3. To clarify meaning - i.e. that
 Para K. to be re-written to clarify meaning - i.e. that
 every body that can help
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 will be approached everywhere, by every conceivable
 means.

1. If in any area the attendance at parades should be poor or a substantial number of those attending fail to bring their weapons, the Allied Officer concerned will judge whether there is an innocent explanation or whether there is a deliberate attempt at evasion of the order. If the latter, the parade will be allowed to continue but before it is dispersed the Allied Officer will ^{the Partisan Leader} inform ~~these persons~~ ^{him} through ~~their~~ ^{him} absent colleagues, that all those who fail to hand in their arms at an appointed time before the end of the following day will be subject to severe penalties.

2. It is likely that a certain number of armed Partisans will be admitted to the Partisan Reception Centres which are to be established in appropriate localities. In the case of individuals the Camp Commandant will have authority to accept surrender of arms in exchange for a Patriot Certificate. If large numbers are involved arrangements will be made for all arms to be placed in the (no-incl) custody of the Senior Partisan in the camp pending their formal handing over at the time of the parade. Similarly if any Partisans hand in their arms to an Allied unit they will be given a receipt justifying the subsequent issue of a Patriot Certificate.

3. If for any reason the system of disarmament following a stand-down parade is not adopted in a particular area, and if no satisfactory alternative method is put forward by Partisan Commanders, an AIG proclamation will be issued threatening the Partisans for their services and pointing out that the normal rules governing the possession of arms by civilians now apply also to Partisans. A specimen of such a proclamation, used in FLORENCE, is attached as Annexure 'II'. Thereafter any Partisan found in possession of arms, ammunition or explosives without a valid permit will be brought to trial before an Allied Military Court. A similar Proclamation will also be posted after the conclusion of a successful stand-down parade, or of such other method of disarmament as is adopted to suit

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Local circumstances, in order to leave no room for doubt in the minds of those Partisans not present at the parade.

c. Finally it is stressed that disarmament of Partisans is an urgent matter. Experience has shown that the initial enthusiasm on liberation gradually gives way to a disillusionment born of the non-realisation of expectations which the Allies cannot hope to satisfy. As such disillusionment grows, disarmament becomes proportionately more difficult. While, therefore, it is undesirable to announce rigid time limits as long as Partisan leaders offer co-operation and assistance, it should be possible to effect disarmament in approximately one week from arrival in a given area.

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It is certain that the Allies will find, on first arriving in an area, that the Partisans have already taken action against individuals, action which may take the form of killing, beating-up, imprisonment or dismissal from office. The Allied attitude will be as follows:-

a. No action will be taken by the Allies in respect of cases involving death, beating-up or dismissal from office carried out by Partisans before their arrival.

b. ~~Essential collaborators etc~~ ^{Persons} previously imprisoned by the Partisans ~~etc~~ will NOT, save in exceptional circumstances, be released or removed by the Allied Authorities, but will remain at the disposal of the Italian Authorities for such action as they may desire to take in pursuance of their epuration programme.

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NB. I pointed out the inconsistency of the statement that the responsibility for control of any part of North Italy is assumed by AFHQ the responsibility for administration and rehabilitation of Partisans in that area no longer under control of Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY and/or IV Corps will pass to No. 1 District, No. 2 District, and PRS (as the case may be) in conjunction with Headquarters Allied Commission. The staffs of Regional Commissioners attached to Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY and/or IV Corps will include Partisan teams consisting of one Allied Officer and one Italian Officer for each Province within the Regional areas and in addition each Region will have a Regional Partisan Officer (Allied). *And a Regional Italian Military Partisan Representative.*

(1) Establishment of Partisan Centers

It is the responsibility of Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY and/or IV Corps to establish, equip and maintain Centers within their respective areas (zones), where Partisans will be housed (if necessary), fed, and generally administered. These Centers, subject to the development of the tactical situation, or the need for same, will be located at or near Provincial capitals. Partisans normally will be allowed to remain at Centers for periods up to three weeks. In exceptional cases only will their stay reach a maximum period of ninety (90) days. On admission to Centers all Partisans will be screened by Partisan Representatives (Officers), Partisan Leaders and Allied screening personnel.

(2) Food

AFHQ is responsible for making available and stockpiling in forward areas rations for Partisans on a scale equivalent to that issued to the Italian Military Forces. Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY and/or IV Corps are responsible for transportation and distribution of these rations to Partisan Centers. *This is Conditional on approval by C.C. 45*

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- (4) Pay *The Italian Govt. has accepted responsibility for Payment to Partisans is the responsibility of the Italian Government. AFHQ has delegated It is the responsibility to Headquarters Allied Commission for co-ordination of gratuities contemplated by the Italian Government and insured that funds are made available for this purpose. Distribution of such funds will be the responsibility of Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY, and/or IV Corps within their respective areas (zones).*

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- (e) ~~(a)~~ Supervise General care of Partisans at Centers.

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(c) To organize and encourage Partisans, either as individuals or in Bands, to carry out work of reconstruction where they so desire

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(7) Collection of Partisans

It will be the responsibility of Headquarters FIFTH ARMY, EIGHTH ARMY and/or IV Corps to furnish transportation within their respective areas (zones) as required to gather up and transport Partisans to Centers from localities where sizable bands or groups exist.

5. Jugoslav Forces

Nothing in this Instruction will be read as applying to any

JUGOSLAV forces who may be encountered in NE Italy.

Annexure 'A'

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

Ai Patriotti e Partigiani di Firenze

Con i vostri propre sforzi avete affrettato la liberazione del vostro Paese. Le Forze Alleate vi hanno visto aiutare nella dura battaglia e apprezzano il coraggio e l'combattere così duramente che avete dimostrato.

Adesso dovete lavorare per la rinascita dell'Italia, il paese vostro per il quale avete dovuto combattere così duramente per liberarlo.

Dietro le Armate Alleate combattenti viene il Governo Militare Alleato, per aiutare il paese attraverso il primo stato di ricostruzione. Il maggior compito del Governo Militare Alleato e' restituire la vita alle sue condizioni normali; allievare la sofferenza, causata non dalla guerra soltanto, ma dalla selvaggia brutalita' dei nazisti e fascisti; e, soprattutto, mantenere l'ordine e la legge. Comprendete che la legge e l'ordine sono la responsabilita' della forza della polizia regolare e che e' impossibile di permettere, ad altre persone che loro, d'essere in possesso di armi, senza speciale regolare permesso.

Il Governo Militare Alleato ha quindi firmato un ordine a coloro di voi non stanno più combattendo in prima linea di consegnare le armi. Queste armi potranno a loro volta essere mandate ai Patriotti nel Nord. Il Governo Militare Alleato quindi ha piena fiducia che i Patriotti di Firenze, che hanno dato un così brillante esempio di se stessi in duri e congniti combattimenti contro il comune nemico, aspirano la necessita', per radunare queste armi, e con ciò collaboreranno in questo primo compito di ricostruzione pienamente come hanno fatto i loro confratelli nel Sud.

Firenze, 2 Settembre 1944.

THOMAS H. MCHIE
Ten. Col. A.C.
Ufficiale Superiore del Governo
Militare Alleato per la Città
di Firenze.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 94/6/PAT.

13 April 1945.

Subject: Issues to Partisans.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.)

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1. Ref your letter 9/68 dated 12 April 45, addressed Civil Affairs Section, copy to this Branch.
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Note

Spoke Major Dollard
who concurs with the letter in reply
to (31) addressed CA MP 13/4

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

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FOR ACTION AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION RPTD FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP
FIVE ARMY EIGHT ARMY

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13 April 45

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PARA ONE PD REF YOUR FOX KRAY FIVE EIGHT SIX SIX ONE DATED ELEVEN APRIL
PD IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED ON PARA SIX OF NAN ABLE FOX EIGHT SIX FOUR PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION RPTD FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP
FIVE ARMY EIGHT ARMY FROM HQ ALOOM CITE ACPT PAREN

PARA TWO PD CLOTHING AND BLANKETS REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY FOR PATRIOTS NOW
COMING THROUGH THE LINE

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Patriots Branch

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Lt.Col. F. CRAIG.

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12 APR 1945

SECRETSubject: Issues to Partisans.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
9/6812 April 1945To: Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

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Reference AFHQ Signal F57980 of 11 Apr. Para 4 would seem to disapprove the existing plan by which certain issues are made to Partisans at present. No action is being taken by MMIA to alter present arrangements but it is suggested you may wish to clarify with AFHQ.

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F. J. Noakes.
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Patriots Branch, A.C.

See 88

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TOP SECRET**ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO :

Col. Craig
Patriots Branch.

12 April 1945.

Herewith FX. 58661 (for
your file 94/6. PAT.)
Seen by Lt. Col. Graham - Carter.

Rasmussen.
Secretary to CSB
Civil Affairs Sec.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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CA SECTION

Originator's Reference: FX 58661

Message Centre No: D/7437

Date/Time of Origin: APR 111950B

Date Time Rec'd: APR 121025B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGDM

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP INFO ALLIED COMMISSION, 5th ARMY, 8th ARMY

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Ref 15 A Group's 0316B dated 10 April.

See our F 57979 of 10 April to 15 A.G. only and our F 57980 of 10 April to Allied commission only. Awaiting CCS approval before ordering implementation. If this is preventing you from taking any action which you consider should be taken now, you should report separately those matters requiring immediate action

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.

9L/6/PAT

Ext 620

Date: 11th April, 1945

To: Chief Staff Officer, Civil Affairs Section.

In reply to your telephone conversation this afternoon it is considered that it might be profitable if the V.P. Civil Affairs Section, during his visit to Caserta, could direct the attention of G5 Section to Top Secret Cable No. F. 57980, paragraph 4 of which reads as follows:

"Instructions will be issued regarding policy handling of Italian Partisans as soon as GCS approval has been received. In the meantime NAF 864 and NAF 912 should form the basis of your planning preparation. No issues however will be made to Partisans pending further instructions".

It is considered that the last sentence of this paragraph is liable to be construed into meaning that the present issues to partisans, both in camps and employed by the army, will be stopped. It is therefore requested that AFHC issue an amending cable stating that the reference is only to such issues as will be additional to those at present authorised.

The Commission has for some time been endeavouring to get additional personnel to run Patriot Centres. The request for approximately 40 additional officers for this purpose has been rejected by AFHC. As it is known that a large number of Warrant Officers are at present in Reinforcement Depots it is considered that the Vice President might wish to enquire of AFHC whether Warrant Officers might be made available on temporary duty for say a period of 90 days, for the purpose of staffing and running Patriot Centres and Camps. On the basis of one per Province and one at each Regional Headquarters, a total of 47 are required.



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Director.
Local Government Sub Commission

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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CA SECTION 28

Originator's Reference: 0316B

Message Centre No: D/7354

Date/Time of Origin: APR 10 1800B

Date Time Rec'd: APR 11 0153

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP

TO : ACTION AMHQ INFO 5 ARMY 8 ARMY ALCON 2 ALCON

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Firm plans for issuance to Armies dealing with Patriot problems in North ITALY which require immediate action being delayed by lack of final authority to proceed under provisions of FX 26918 of 14 February. Request final authority soonest.

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(M/C Note. No record of FX 26918)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: F 57980
 Date/Time of Origin: APR 101659B

Message Centre No: D/7337
 Date Time Rec'd: APR 110840B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGDS
 TO: ALCOM

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Your 4769 of 4 April 45.

1. Food and clothing scales for Italian partisans in N ITALY is subject.
2. Proposed food and clothing scales for partisans in northern ITALY submitted to CCS in NAF 912 which was paraphrased to you in our F 56424 of 7 April.
3. Our intention is to issue full Italian armed forces ration scale from Army and MMIA stocks, repayment of civil element of ration scale being made in bulk to the Army by AC.
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New subject.

5. Cigarettes for patriots is subject.
6. Regret cannot authorise issue of Allied cigarettes to patriots. If Italian Government will make available supplies of Italian cigarettes for issue by Allied forces to patriots we will arrange for issued proposed by you to be made. Suggest cigarettes be furnished through MMIA channels.

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There follows a paraphrase of NAF 912.

1. From Allied military stocks will be provided following contribution to Italian partisans rations.

Flour 7 oxs, canned meat or preserved fish or suitable substitutes 3 oxs, cheese 1 ox, macaroni 3 oxs, dried vegetables 2 oxs, tomato catsup 1/2 ox, coffee 1/2 ox, sugar 3/4 ox. This is balance towards full Italian armed forces scale after deducting Italian Government and AG contributions as indicated NAF 864 para 5(a) and (b).

2. Scale of clothing para 6 NAF 864 stands.

3. Urgent approval requested of above end of NAF 864 proposals.

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ADHQ G - 5 CITE FHGDS

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PARA ONE PD FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR PARTISANS IN NORTHERN ITALY IS SUBJECT PD

PAKEN TO AFHQ GEORGE FIVE CITE FHGDS FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACCAS PAREN

PARA TWO PD IN THE ABSENCE OF A REPLY TO YOUR NAM ABL FOX EIGHT SIX FOUR CMA ON THE
GROUND OF OPERATIONAL NECESSITY CAN A DECISION PLEASE BE MADE IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS IN
THESE MATTERS PD UNLESS THIS IS DONE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS
FOR EFFECTIVELY DEALING WITH AND DISARMING PATRIOTS MAY FAIL THROUGH LACK OF SUPPLIES
AND PATRIOTS WILL GET OUT OF HAND PD YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT TIME FACTOR IS ALL
IMPORTANT PD

NEW SUBJECT PD

PARA ONE PD EXPERIENCE OF PATRIOT OFFICERS IS THAT AN ISSUE OF ALLIED CIGARETTES TO ALL
PATRIOTS IS ESSENTIAL ON FIRST CONTACT PD IN VIEW OF THE LOW COST INVOLVED MAY
RECONSIDERATION PLEASE BE GIVEN THIS MATTER PD

PARA TWO PD YOUR LETTER PETER ONE NINE OF TWO NINE MARCH REFERS PD

PARA THREE PD IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ONE HUNDRED CIGARETTES PER HEAD BE ISSUED

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A/ Ex Commissioner
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R. R. CRIPPS, COL.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO, CWO AUS
ASST ADJUTANT

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512 JB/task

G-5: 370.64-3

16 March 1945.

18 MAR 1945

SUBJECT: Provision for Partisans in
North Italy

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394

94/6/PATS F15

1. Reference your cable to
G-5 (ALCOM 3442) of 13 March. *6*

2. No reply has yet been re-
ceived to NAF 864 of 15 February.

3. Hastener dispatched 14
March.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES,
Major, F.A.

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SECRET.

Tel : 755

14 March 1945

Ref : 3201/228/LG.

SUBJECT: Partisan Problems in N.W. Italy.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. With reference to your 6/12/B/CA of 12 Mar 45 addressed to HQ 15 Army Group, attached hereto is copy of letter from Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) reference G/100 dated 12 Mar 45.
2. Will you please send to Land Forces Sub-Commission a copy of 15 Army Group letter AG-091.711 dated 2 Mar 45 and also a copy of your letter referred to above.

(signed) Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

action on 95/B/PAT

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SECRETSUBJECT: Partisan Problems in NW Italy.

Land Forces Sub-Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
G-100
12 Mar 45.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

Ref 15 Army Gp letter, AG-091.711 of 2 Mar no copy to this HQ,

1. The proposed plan for dealing with Partisans in North ITALY is agreed except that it is considered para 4 b (5) of the Appx. should read as under :

" (5) Hospitalisation.

It will be the responsibility of HQ IV Corps to evacuate sick or wounded partisans to Italian Military Hospitals if available space therein is surplus to the needs of the Italian Army, otherwise to civilian hospitals established by the Allied Commission. Allied Commission is responsible for evacuation from Italian Army Hospitals to civilian hospitals as soon as possible, in order that the facilities of Italian Army Hospitals will be available to the Italian Army. In Italian Army Hospitals they will be accorded the same treatment as that given to Italian military."

2. It is considered that the whole plan of hospitalisation must depend on the buildings and equipment being made available vide MMIA letter Q/12 of 10 Mar to AFHQ copy att.

(signed) L. BROWNING,
Major General,
MMIA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

SECRET.

Ref : 94/6/PAT.

19 March 1945.

Subject: Partisan Problems in H.W. Italy.To : Land Forces Sub Commission
(M.M.I.A.)

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1. Ref para. 2 of the Executive Commissioner's letter No. 3201/228/EC dated 14 March 45.
 2. The following letters are forwarded herewith
 - (a) AG-091.711 dated 2 March 45 (Copy No. 12) from 15 Army Group. 14
 - (b) 6/12B/OA dated 12 March 45 (Copy) from Civil Affairs Section. 18

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

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Note (22) transferred to
file 94/71PAT

7 Apr 45 MP

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

94/6/PAT

14 March 1945

SUBJECT: Tasks for "Agents" in connection with
Patriot Activities in Northern Italy.

TO: DODAO, HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP,
G-5 Section, APO 777.

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Reference your G-5/S/24, dated 6 March 1945.

1. This Commission is in agreement with your proposals with regard to the Directive which will be issued to the officers to be dropped by Special Operations with the forward troops.

2. There is, however, one additional paragraph which it is considered should be added, which is as follows:

(6) "Obtain all possible information which will help Corps to find the best method of disarming different Patriot Groups.

"Direct discussion of the subject with Patriot leaders is probably to be avoided but an appreciation of the character and likely reactions of the different leaders will be invaluable."

3. There is one other comment which it is wished to make and that concerns paragraph 3 (g). The paragraph as it stands at present is dangerous in that if it is known that such a list has been made it will only invite comment if the Allies do not dismiss everybody on the list. It is therefore suggested that, in the same manner as above, the lists be compiled from the BLO's information rather than from that of the Patriot bands themselves.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

G. R. Upjohn

G. R. UPJOHN, Brig.
Vice President
Civil Affairs Section
HQ. Allied Commission

RRG/pr.

FILE WITH CIVIL AFFAIRS
SECTIONALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION 2/5
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TOP SECRET

SUBJECT: Tasks for "Agents" in connection
with Patriot Activities in N. Italy.

FILE No. 94/6/PAT

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

10 March 1945

1. Reference HQ 15th Army Group letter G-5/S/24 dated 6 Mar 45, which is returned herewith, and your memorandum TS/18/16/CA dated 10 Mar 45.
2. Patriots Branch is in entire agreement with the very comprehensive scheme outlined.
3. The following addition to Paragraph 3 is suggested:-
 - a) Obtain all possible information which will help Corps to find the best method of disarming different Patriot Groups.

Direct discussion of the subject with Patriot leaders is probably to be avoided but an appreciation of the character and likely reactions of the different leaders will be invaluable.

Handwritten: R. Craig
P.P. F. CRAIG
Lt Col.
Director, 1312
Patriots Branch.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Tasks for "Agents" in connection with FILE No. TS/18/16/CA
Patriot Activities in Northern Italy.

TO : Patriot Branch

10 March 1945

Reference Enclosure G-5/S/24 dated 6 March 1945.

- 1) This paper is submitted for your study and comment.
- 2) Please return to CSO CA Section by midday Sunday 11 Mar 45.

R. R. Gripps
/s/ R. R. GRIPPS, Col.
CSO CA Section.

/pr.

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO

Ed Grippa.

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I think (g) is dangerous. This will only invite comment if the allies do not sack anyone on the list.

~~Indeed~~ I thoroughly approve of Patricia Br suggested addition but make it plain that we that as we are not advocating direct discussion.

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grippa

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 SECTION
APO 777

Ref: G-5/S/24

RAP/tm
6 March 1945

SUBJECT: Tasks for "Agents" in connection with Patriot Activities
in Northern Italy.

TO : V. P. Civil Affairs Section
HQ., Allied Commission

1. Recently it was intimated that when the breakthrough in the North takes place that Special OPS will drop additional Allied officers forward of our troops. Both O.S.S. and No. 1 Special Force think that these officers, together with those already there, can be useful as regards Patriots. They would like to publish a directive telling them what to do.
2. Inasmuch as the Allied Commission will eventually inherit most of the administrative problems in connection with Patriots, it is thought that you should be advised of this plan, and that you be asked to contribute your suggestions which will be incorporated in a directive to be issued to the agencies mentioned.
3. What is contemplated include the following:
 - a. Contact Patriot leaders and advise them as to where, when and to whom to report when the Allies arrive in a particular area.
 - b. Instruct Patriot leaders to prepare or have ready documents listing their followers (to facilitate awards).
 - c. Ascertain location of Patriot "arsenals".
 - d. Ascertain numbers and locations of wounded Patriots who will require military hospitalization.
 - e. Ascertain location of medical supply centers.
 - f. Pre-determine in connection with Patriot leaders, buildings that would make adequate "Centers," bearing in mind the military needs of the Allies.
 - g. Ascertain names and addresses of local officials known to be Fascist and/or Pro-German.

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Ref: G-5/S/24, 6 March 45, continued

h. Ascertain names and addresses of officials known to be Pro-Allied.

i. Indicate to Patriot leaders key installations (power plants, telephone exchanges, etc.) which the Patriots are to prevent from being destroyed by the enemy.

j. Ascertain from Patriot leaders where likely sources of equipment may be found (mess tins, cooking utensils, etc.) for use in Patriot "Centers".

k. Make arrangements with Patriot leaders to take over control of the items indicated above.



NELSON W. MONFORT
Colonel, G. S. C.
DCCAO

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15 ARMY GROUP
AFHQ DEPTO AFHQ

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This is in reply to your FMGT PX 41006.

No further effort will be made to infiltrate funds direct to Partisans direct during March. Prior to receipt of your signal 1500000 lire despatched by parachute courier to FERRARA MODENA area. Disagree your conclusion that need does not exist for using channels of infiltration other than CLMAL. Accordingly will submit on 15 March details for proposed infiltration during April of 60 millions for PISIMONT and 50 millions to other compartments. Meanwhile we consider that military value of resistance movement suffers because of delayed receipt of funds. Regret you saw fit not to follow our recommendation in this matter.

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P.P. 14/3.

15 ARMY GROUP
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TOP SECRET

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

6/12B/CA

12 March 1945

SUBJECT: Partisan Problems in NW ITALY.

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- b) It is suggested that it will always be advisable to review local circumstances, and particularly to take the advice of British Liaison Officers, or officers of other Allied Nations, who will have contacted Patriot bands before the arrival of the army and will have given special attention to this problem.
- c) In any case, it is felt that an interval of seven days between meeting the Allies and handing in weapons may be too long and will give time for the secreting of weapons. Arms should be handed in as quickly as possible.

4. Inducement to Report to Centres or Parades.

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The maximum inducement in the form of offers of clothing, food, hospitalisation, gratuities and the presentation of the Alexander Certificate, must be made to Patriots through Liaison Officers and Band Leaders to encourage them to report to Patriot Centres and to attend Parades (if held).

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- c) All other Italian persons imprisoned by Patriots should be held pending investigation by the Italian authorities who are entirely responsible for execution, sanctions against Fascism and punishment of Fascist crimes.
- d) For information, it is pointed out that the Italian authorities have under consideration the setting up of courts which will deal more speedily than hitherto with Fascists.

/(e) Execution.....

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- e) Reputation - i.e. dismissal from office - will rapidly be set in motion by Regional Commissioners under General Order 35.
6. Patriot Centres. (see para 4.b.(1) of AG-OSI. 711).
- a) Equipment. It is presumed that the equipment provided by IV Corps for Patriot Centres will be left for future use at the Centres when IV Corps hands over control to No.2 District.
- b) Location. The exact location of centres is difficult to determine beforehand, as this must depend mainly upon the location of large concentrations of patriots. While the centres enumerated by you appear satisfactory on present information, their final location must be decided according to the circumstances prevailing at the time.
- c) Duration of Stay. The time spent by Patriots in Centres should be as short as possible. Three weeks should normally be the maximum time necessary and 90 days (the maximum) only used in exceptional circumstances.
- d) Pay. The Italian Government proposes to pay gratuities on the following scale:
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| :: To a Patriot on Demobilisation | 500 Lire |
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- :: This is an interim payment of pocket money and the Italian Government have under consideration the payment of a supplementary gratuity later.
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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

J.R. Hyde

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C. R. URSON, Esq.
Vice President
Civil Affairs Section
Allied Commission

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Patriots File Ref: 24/6.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

6/12B/CA

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- a) Although a parade may be accepted as one method (and possibly the Best) of ensuring that the maximum number of arms is handed in by Patriots, such a ceremony may not always be either possible or appropriate : it should therefore be considered as only one of the methods, and machinery should be set up in patriot centres to collect those arms not previously handed in.
- b) It is suggested that it will always be advisable to review local circumstances, and particularly to take the advice of British Liaison Officers, or officers of other Allied missions, who will have contacted Patriot bands before the arrival of the Army and will have given special attention to this problem.
- c) In any case, it is felt that an interval of seven days between meeting the Allies and handing in weapons may be too long and will give time for the secreting of weapons. Arms should be handed in as quickly as possible.

4. Inducement to Report to Centres or Parades.

The maximum inducement in the form of offers of clothing, food, hospitalisation, gratuities and the presentation of the Alexander Certificates, must be made to patriots through Liaison officers and band leaders to encourage them to report to Patriot Centres and to attend parades (if held).

5. Action Taken by Patriots before Allied Arrival. (see para (3) AG-091.711).

- a) Care must be taken to ensure that lack of action by Allied Authorities on their arrival in respect of cases which involve death, "beating up", or dismissal, cannot be constructed as approval of the acts in question.
- b) The interment is a matter to be decided by the C.I.C./F.S.S. on Security grounds.
- c) All other Italian persons imprisoned by Patriots should be held pending investigation by the Italian authorities who are entirely responsible for the epuration, sanctions against Fascism and punishment of Fascist crimes.
- d) For information, it is pointed out that the Italian authorities have under consideration the setting up of courts which will deal more speedily than hitherto with Fascists.
- e) Epuration - i.e. dismissal from office will rapidly be set into motion by Regional Commissioners under General Order 35.

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6. Patriot Centres. (See para 4.b.(1) of AG-094.711).

- a) Equipment. It is presumed that the equipment provided by IV Corps for Patriot Centres will be left for future use at the Centres when IV Corps hands over control to No 2 District.
- b) Location. The exact location of Centres is difficult to determine beforehand as this must depend mainly upon the location of large concentrations of Patriots. While the Centres enumerated by you appear satisfactory, on present information, their final location must be decided according to the circumstances prevailing at the time.
- c) Duration of Stay. The time spent by Patriots in Centres should be as short as possible. Three weeks should normally be the maximum time necessary and ninety days (the maximum) only used in exceptional circumstances.
- d) Pay. The Italian Government proposes to pay gratuities on the following scale :
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| :: To a Patriot on Demobilisation | 500 Lire |
| To a Disabled Patriot | 5,000 Lire |
| To the family of a Patriot killed in action | 10,000 Lire |
- :: This is an interim payment of pocket money and the Italian Government have under consideration the payment of a supplementary gratuity later.

The responsibility for the distribution of gratuities lies not with IV Corps but with the Italian Government, and will be discharged through the Italian Patriot Representatives working under the general supervision of IV Corps.

- e) Screening. No mention is made of screening. It is suggested that a screening committee, consisting of a British Liaison Officer or equivalent officer of another mission, the Allied Patriot Officer, and the Patriot Band Leader, should screen all Patriots before any benefits are given.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Reference FX 39303 dated 7th.

Information received here from various agencies does not warrant any infiltration during March of funds to CLNAI in compartments other than PIREMONT already arranged with FIDRIS. In accordance with LONGHI wishes full credit of 100 million Lire will be made to BERNE for March and any subsequent proposals for infiltration in April will be submitted on 15th in accordance with this HQ AF 973 dated 15th February para 1 (b). It is our policy to limit unilateral action to minimum and only when there is absolute certainty as was case in PIREMONT that money is not getting to the destinations as required by LONGHI will implementation of para 3 of AF 973 dated 15th February be permissible. Am confirming to LONGHI that full credit of 100 million Lire for March will be made.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PILOT
TO : ACTION: 15 ARMY GROUP INFO AC ROME

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Ref OBS signal from FLORENCE.

"1. We have received the following message from BALEVIN "

" From CLMAI to Brigadier General BRICKMANN in CASERTA. Please pay in at once amount due February 1st for LOMBARDIA LIGURIA VENETO EMILIA totalling 100 million lire. Such amounts have already been cashed and distributed by me. Confirm by radio. On March 1st please pay in same amounts and confirm. Signed LONGHI."

2. This should be done according to AFHQ procedure which to us is unknown"

Assume you will take necessary action regarding confirmation asked for, giving LONGHI details of distribution of 15 million lire infiltrated last month from 100 million lire allotment for compartments in above quoted signal. Assume you will leave LONGHI with full 100 million for March as he requests.

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R.R. CRIPPS Col,

NICHOLAS PICCINO
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Asst Adjutant

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JHR/HLO/rch
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SUBJECT: Partisan Problems in NW ITALY.

TO: See Distribution.

1. Attached is a memorandum covering the problems connected with the Partisan movement in North West ITALY, together with the methods suggested for their solution when the area is occupied by the Allies.

2. Fifth Army, Eighth Army, Allied Commission and 2 District are requested to forward their views on the proposals. It is intended that this memorandum, as modified in accordance with the recommendations of the addressees hereof, will form the basis of an Operation Instruction establishing the policy of this Headquarters in the matter. This Operation Instruction will be prepared in final form on 15 March and comments to be considered must be received at this Headquarters prior to that date.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CLARK:


 H. L. OSTLER,
 Colonel, A. G. D.,
 Adjutant General.

1 Incl - Ltr Hq 15th Army Gp,
 "Partisan Problems in NW ITALY.",
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AG-091.711

25 February 1945

PARTISAN PROBLEMS IN NW ITALY

1. Introduction - On 9 February 1945 a meeting was held at Headquarters 15th Army Group to discuss Partisan problems in NW ITALY and to make recommendations as to the best methods of dealing with them. G-2, G-3, and G-5 were represented at the meeting. The following paragraphs set out the conclusions which were reached.

2. Partisan Arms.a. The Problem.

The first and chief problem is to determine whether, when, and how the Partisans should be required to hand in their arms, ammunition and explosives after the arrival of the Allies in N. ITALY.

b. Whether Partisans should be Disarmed.

It is considered that the continued possession of arms by large numbers of Partisans (perhaps as many as 100,000), most of whom have strong political allegiances and who have grown accustomed to violence and outlawry, would present a potential danger to Allied security, in that it might lead to or aggravate one or more of the following:

- (1) Armed clashes and disturbances between Italian elements politically opposed to one another.
- (2) Isolated sniping and ambushes against Allied individuals, vehicles etc.
- (3) Organized armed resistance against the Allied forces and Military Government.
- (4) Sabotage.

It is therefore recommended that the Partisans be required to hand in their arms, ammunition and explosives

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after the arrival of the Allied Forces.

c. When should Partisans be Disarmed?

It is thought that it would be tactless to include the immediate disarming of the Partisans among the very first acts of the Allied forces or AMG officials on their arrival in any given area, and that such action would probably cause resentment and provoke unfavorable reactions. On the other hand, it is equally undesirable to allow a long interval to elapse before they are disarmed, since experience has shown that the attitude of the Italians towards the Allies tends to deteriorate after the early days of liberation; their high and usually unreasonable hopes can never be satisfied by the Allies, and thus their initial welcome is liable to develop, through disillusionment, into apathy and then bitterness.

It is therefore recommended that the Partisans be required to hand in their arms approximately one week after the arrival of the Allies, or as soon after that as it can properly and appropriately be organized.

d. How should Partisans be Disarmed?

(1) According to normal AMG procedure, two orders or proclamations concerning arms etc. are posted up in every Commune immediately on the arrival of the first Civil Affairs Officer. One states that all arms etc. must be surrendered immediately to a certain official at a certain place; the other states that any person having in his possession any arms etc. without a permit after the date fixed by public notice will be liable to punishment by death or imprisonment.

It is considered that it would be inappropriate to regard the provisions of these particular proclamations as applicable to Partisan bands who have been largely armed by the Allies, and moreover it is thought that very little response would be forthcoming if reliance were placed on this method of disarming the Partisans.

It is therefore recommended that in Northwestern Italy Partisan Leaders be informed that on a date to be announced all weapons will be turned in, and that the occasion will be one of ceremony and with full honors.

(2) In considering the question of method,

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our main purpose must be to determine what procedure is best calculated to persuade the highest possible proportion of Partisans to hand in their arms etc. when instructed to do so. It is thought that this object can best be achieved by adopting a procedure which is based as far as circumstances permit on organized military lines, and by "sugaring the pill" with some compensating counter-attractions.

It is therefore recommended that the disarming of Partisans should be carried out in conjunction with ceremonial stand-down parades. Such parades will be organized by HQ IV Corps in all areas or centers where Partisan bands or units formerly operated. 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 or group to parade at a suitable place (e.g. the Provincial Capital or nearest convenient large town), and on a suitable date (e.g. in approximately one week's time). It is preferable that the place and date should be coordinated as far as possible throughout a Province, or even a Region, should the speed of occupation permit, as this would assist the publicity angle and increase the ceremonious nature of the occasion. The Partisans should be instructed to parade with all their arms, and should be informed that arms are to be handed in at the end of the parade. They should also be instructed to collect and dump all their ammunition and explosives at convenient points for subsequent collection. The commander of the nearest Allied Military unit or formation will attend the parade and will be responsible for the collection of arms. The parade should be accompanied by as much ceremony as possible; there should be advanced publicity, flags, a band, speakers etc. At the end of the parade, the formation will be marched to a dump where arms will be deposited before it is dispersed. At that time certificates will be issued on the handing in of fire arms on the basis of exchange; one certificate to each Patriot turning in his individual firearm. The only exceptions to this restriction will be those certified by recognized leaders as wounded Patriots who have already turned in their weapons, those who served in an unarmed capacity, (staff, cooks, etc.) those who served unarmed as part of a heavy weapons crew, and those who were used exclusively in demolition activities. The commander of the nearest Allied Military unit will be responsible for the collection of arms immediately afterwards, as well as for collection of the ammunition and explosives above referred to. CC.RR will NOT take any part in such collection.

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Who? (3) It is further recommended that the local action described above should be accompanied by parallel action at the top; a representative of the Allied Commission or of an Allied Military higher headquarters should contact the CLNAI and the CVL and obtain their support and cooperation in the scheme. This Central Committee and Military Command should be asked to inform all local CslN and Commanders that they desire the latter's fullest assistance in insuring the success of the parades, both as regards numerical attendance and arms collection. PWB should assist with radio propaganda and publicity.

(4) It is possible that the parades might be very poorly attended in certain areas, or that a large proportion of those attending might fail to bring their arms. In such cases it should be possible for the Allied Military Commander concerned to judge whether there is some innocent explanation or whether a deliberate attempt is being made by a high proportion (say over 20 per cent) of Partisans to evade the order to hand in their arms.

In the latter event, it is recommended that the parade should be held as arranged; but, before its dispersal, the Allied Military Commander should make it clear to those present that he is not satisfied with the response to the Allied order concerning the surrender of arms; he should inform them, and through them their absent comrades, that those who have failed to hand in their arms must do so at a given place before the end of the next day, and that thereafter any person found still to be in possession of arms etc. will be subject to serious penalties.

(5) It is anticipated that, during the first days of the Allied occupation, a number of armed Partisans will be admitted to the various Partisan Reception Camps which are to be established by AMG in appropriate localities.

It is recommended that the Allied officers in charge of these camps should arrange for any such arms to be turned in to the (nominal) custody of the Senior Partisan in the camp, pending their surrender to the Allied authorities at the time of the parade.

e. Enforcement.

It is recommended that, after such parades have been held, Partisans be regarded as ordinary civilians, who are subject to the provisions of AMG Procla-

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mations, and that any who are later found in possession of arms, ammunition or explosives without an AMG permit should be brought to trial before an Allied Military Court.

f. Conclusion.

It is believed that the procedure recommended above offers the best chance of collecting the maximum quantity of arms etc. from the Partisans.

We should not, however, be justified in anticipating that it will prove altogether successful, as it is felt that a certain proportion will insist on retaining and concealing the arms in their possession, whatever measures are taken by the Allied authorities.

It is felt that the only real and fundamental method of countering the potential dangers inherent in the Partisan situation would be to insure that, when the Allies occupy Northern ITALY, their treatment of the Partisans and of the Facists, their handling of the food, housing and labor problems, and their efforts towards the general reconstruction of ITALY, were all such as to satisfy the hopes, expectations and impatience of the Partisans.

This, however, is an ideal which we cannot hope to attain, and it would therefore be useless to rely on this solution to the problem. Nevertheless, it is evident that the degree of speed and thoroughness with which the Allied authorities tackle the problem of relief, reconstruction and epuration, will directly influence, for better or for worse, the likelihood of trouble arising out of this Partisan problem.

3. Independent Action by Partisans.

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a. The Problem.

The second problem is to determine what attitude is to be adopted by the Allied authorities towards independent action by Partisans in the sphere of epuration and reprisals etc. after the German withdrawal from N. ITALY.

b. Action taken by Partisans before Allied arrival.

(1) It is anticipated that, during the

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transition period between the German and Allied occupation, the Partisans will take violent and widespread action against Fascists and other such elements; these are likely to suffer death; "beating up", imprisonment, or dismissal from public appointments.

It is recommended that no action be taken by the Allied authorities on their arrival in respect of those cases which involved death, "beating up" or dismissal; with regard to those persons who were imprisoned by the Partisans, it should be the responsibility of AMG Public Safety Officers, assisted by the CIC/FSS, to examine all such cases as quickly as possible, and to decide on their disposal. Such persons would normally be disposed of in one of the following ways:

- (a) Interned.
- (b) Released.
- (c) Detained pending trial as War Criminals, or
- (d) Handed over to the Italian judicial authorities for trial on either criminal or epuration charges.

The examining officers should bear in mind that the release of such prisoners would tend to antagonize the Partisans, and, as a general rule, borderline cases should be disposed of by internment rather than by release.

c. After Allied Arrival.

Since it has been decided that Allied Military Government is to be established as soon as possible in Northern ITALY, it would be illogical, improper and undesirable for the Partisans (or any other such elements) to be authorized to continue taking independent action affecting the liberty of their fellow-countrymen, once the territory has been occupied by Allied forces and Military Government officials.

It is therefore recommended that, after the arrival of the Allies, no further such independent action by Partisans should be tolerated. This should be made clear to all Partisan leaders and CsIN as soon as possible, and thereafter any offenders should be punished.

d. Conclusion.

The foregoing recommendation, although it

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4. CARE OF PARTISANS.

a. The Problem.

The first problem is in connection with those Partisans who may continue to be used operationally.

Recommendations.

Administration of Partisans used operationally will be, as at present, the responsibility of the Allied unit which retains them operationally or for future operations.

b. The Problem.

The second and most important problem is to determine the treatment and responsibility for treatment of Partisans who cease to be used operationally.

Recommendations.

That, initially, the treatment of Partisans as regards their feeding, clothing, housing, hospitalization and rehabilitation in general be the responsibility of HQ IV Corps. As soon as control of any part of NW Italy is assumed by AFHQ the responsibility for administration and rehabilitation of Partisans in that part no longer under IV Corps control, will pass to No. 2 District in conjunction with HQ Allied Commission. The staffs of the Regional Commissioners attached to HQ IV Corps will include Patriot teams consisting of one Allied officer and one Italian Army officer for each Province.

(1) Establishment of Partisan Centers.

It is the responsibility of HQ IV Corps

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to establish, equip and maintain "Centers" where Partisans will be housed, fed and generally administered. These Centers, subject to the development of the tactical situation, will be established at GENOA, LA SPEZIA, IMPERIA, TURIN, CUNEO, ALESSANDRIA, VARESE, MILAN AND PIACENZA.

Piemonte (2) Food. *Lombardia* *Emilia*

AFHQ is responsible for making available and stockpiling in forward areas rations for Partisans on a scale equivalent to that issued to the Italian Military forces. HQ IV Corps is responsible for transportation and distribution of this food to Partisan "Centers".

(3) Clothing.

AFHQ is responsible for making available and stockpiling in forward areas clothing on a minimum essential scale. HQ IV Corps is responsible for transportation and distribution of this clothing to Partisan "Centers".

(4) Pay.

Payment to Partisans is the responsibility of the Italian Government. It is the responsibility of HQ Allied Commission to co-ordinate gratuities contemplated by the Italian Government and insure that funds are made available for this purpose. Distribution of such funds will be the responsibility of HQ IV Corps.

(5) Hospitalization.

It will be the responsibility of HQ IV Corps to evacuate sick or wounded Partisans to Italian Military Hospitals where they will be accorded the same treatment as that given to Italian Military.

(6) Rehabilitation.

It will be the responsibility of HQ IV Corps to insure that the necessary organization is provided to:

- (a) Encourage Patriots to enlist in the Italian Army.
- (b) Provide work through Allied Military Labor Organizations.
- (c) Return as many as possible to their homes.

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(d) Supervise general care of Partisans
at Centers.

(7) Collection of Partisans.

It will be the responsibility of HQ IV
Corps to furnish transportation as required to gather up
and transport to "Centers" Partisans from localities where
sizable bands or groups exist.

(8) Assistance to be rendered by outside
Agencies.

At the time of writing there exist in
this area some fifteen (15) Allied Missions, British, U.S.
and Italian working in close liaison with the larger
Partisan bands. Upon the withdrawal of the enemy forces
and the arrival of the Allies these missions should be able
to provide considerable assistance to local AMG officers
and Military Commanders. The leaders of these missions
will be able to provide considerable information about local
conditions, numbers of Partisans, numbers of arms etc.
Their assistance in establishing relations with Partisans
should be sought by local commanders and AMG officers. In
the near future they will be instructed to reconnoiter for
suitable accommodations for the establishment of the local
Partisan centers. At the proper time they will be in-
structed to present themselves to Military Commanders upon
the arrival of the latter in their areas of activity. HQ
IV Corps will be informed of the locations of these
missions and names of leaders.

5. Action.

It is recommended that the substance of this
memorandum be included in the Operation Instruction which
is to be issued by this HQ concerning the occupation of NW
Italy, and that CG (IV) Corps be directed to include its
essence in instructions to his command. It is further
recommended that HQ Allied Commission, and HQ 2 District,
be requested to issue similar instructions to their person-
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NOTES ON CONFERENCE 3 March 1945.

1. Col. Poletti tries to torpedo idea of big Patriot parade for disarming. He describes it as "slick".
2. Brigadier Henn, patriots will be a military responsibility for first three months.
3. AMG will be responsible for Camp Centres ? What stage ?
4. Military found out the difficulties of bringing forward 100,000 rations.
5. Disarming must be shared by Army and AMG.
6. Brigadier Dunlop, declare a date when Patriots must not be in possession of arms.
7. Fifteen Army Group to be informed of Regional Commissioner opinion on arms.
8. Reconsideration of Parade. What alternative ?
9. Two ways to approach
 - (a) open way. They must disarm.
 - (b) Normal way which will cover three months. A Poletti's suggestion i.e. find out where arms are stored especially in big towns and collect them.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

1 March 1945

Ref : 94/6/PAT

Subject : Partisan Problems in N.W. Italy

To : Civil Affairs Section.

Draft memorandum from G-5 H.Q. 15
Army Group forwarded to this Branch by you
on 28 February, is returned herewith as
instructed.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Partisan Treatment in NW Italy.

TO: Patriots Branch.

1. Attached hereto is a draft copy of a Memorandum treating of Partisan supervision and control, which has been received from G-5 Headquarters 15th Army Group.
2. This draft Memorandum has not yet been approved and is sent you for information only. You will be advised of the rulings of the final directive when it is received.
3. Please return this draft Memorandum to CSO CA Section.

R. R. Cripps
R. R. CRIPPS, Col. *u.*
CSO CA Section.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

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TO Patriots

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Phone message (Lt. Col. Brand, Jambos to Lt. Col. White) 5 Mar.

The Dwyer directive re Patriots has been approved by the

COS 15 A. Gp. It was, two days ago, circulated to Armies

and Allied Commission for ~~off~~ comments. When received

back it is proposed to issue as a directive on or about 15 Mar.

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SUBJECT: Partisan Problems in NW ITALYTOP SECRETHeadquarters,
15 Army Group.

20 Feb 45.

MEMO for Chief of Staff.1. Introduction.

(a) Reference is made to the attached papers, and in particular to the basic memo, in which certain problems are set out concerning the policy to be adopted towards Partisans in Northern ITALY when the latter is occupied by the Allies.

(b) On 9 Feb 45 a meeting was held at this Hq to discuss these problems and to make recommendations as to the best methods of dealing with them. G-2, G-3 and G-5 were represented at the meeting. The following paragraphs set out the conclusions which were reached.

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- (iii) Organized armed resistance against the Allied Forces and Military Government.
- (iv) Sabotage.

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It is therefore recommended that the Partisans be required to hand in their arms, amm., and explosives after the arrival of the Allied Forces.

(c) When.

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- (ii) Isolated sniping and ambushes against Allied individuals, vehicles, etc.,
- (iii) Organized armed resistance against the Allied Forces and Military Government.
- (iv) Sabotage.

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It is therefore recommended that the Partisans be required to hand in their arms, amm., and explosives after the arrival of the Allied Forces.

(c) When.

It is thought that it would be tactless to include the immediate disarming of the Partisans among the very first acts of the Allied Forces or AMG officials on their arrival in any given area, and that such action would probably cause resentment and provoke unfavourable reactions. On the other hand, it is equally undesirable to allow a long interval to elapse before they are disarmed, since experience has shown that the attitude of the Italians towards the Allies tends to deteriorate after the early days of liberation; their high and usually unreasonable hopes can never be satisfied by the Allies and thus their initial welcome is liable to develop, through disillusionment, into apathy and then bitterness.

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(d) How.

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It is considered that it would be inappropriate to regard the provisions of these particular proclamations as applicable to Partisan bands who have been largely armed by the Allies, and moreover it is thought that very little response would be forthcoming if reliance were placed on this method of disarming the Partisans.

It is therefore recommended that, in Northern ITALY, a note or amendment be added to the first proclamation mentioned above, to the following effect: "This order does not apply to bona fide members of organised Partisan bands or units to whom special instructions on this subject will be issued in due course".

(ii) In considering the question of method, our main purpose must be to determine what procedure is best calculated to persuade the highest possible proportion of Partisans to hand in their arms etc. when instructed to do so. It is thought that this object can best be achieved by adopting a procedure which is based as far as circumstances permit on organised military lines, and by "sugaring the pill" with some compensating counter-attraction.

It is therefore recommended that the disarming of Partisans should be carried out in conjunction with ceremonial stand-down parades. Such parades will be organised by HQ IV Corps in all areas or centres where Partisan bands or units formally operated, 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 or group to parade at a suitable place (e.g. the Provincial Capital or nearest convenient large town), and on a suitable date (e.g. in approximately one week's time). It is preferable that the place and date should be coordinated as far as possible throughout a Province, or even a Region, should the speed of occupation permit, as this would assist the publicity angle and increase the ceremonious nature of the occasion. The Partisans should be instructed to parade with all their arms, and should be informed that arms are to be handed in at the end of the parade. They should also be instructed to collect and dump all their ammunition and explosives at convenient points for subsequent collection. The commander of the nearest Allied Military unit or formation will attend the parade and will be responsible for the collection of arms. The parade should be accompanied by as much ceremony as possible; there should be advance publicity, flags, a band, speakers etc., and certificates should be issued. At the end of the parade, the formation will be marched to a dump where arms will be

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(iii) It is further recommended that the local action described above should be accompanied by parallel action at the top: a representative of the Allied Commission or of an Allied Military higher HQ should contact the CENAI and the CVL and obtain their support and cooperation in the scheme. This Central Committee and Military Command should be asked to inform all local CSIN and Commanders that they desire the latter's fullest assistance in ensuring the success of the parades, both as regards numerical attendance and arms collection. PWB should assist with radio propaganda and publicity.

(iv) It is possible that the parades might be very poorly attended in certain areas, or that a large proportion of those attending might fail to bring their arms. In such cases it should be possible for the Allied Military Commander concerned to judge whether there is some innocent explanation or whether a deliberate attempt is being made by a high proportion (say over 20 per cent) of Partisans to evade the order to hand in their arms.

In the latter event, it is recommended that the parade should be held as arranged; but, before its dispersal, the Allied Military Commander should make it clear to those present that he is not satisfied with the response to the Allied Order concerning the surrender of arms; he should inform them, and through them their absent comrades, that those who have failed to hand in their arms must do so at a given place before the end of the next day, and that thereafter any person found still to be in possession of arms etc. will be subject to serious penalties.

(v) It is anticipated that, during the first days of the Allied occupation, a number of armed Partisans will be admitted to the various Partisan Reception Camps which are to be established by AMG in appropriate localities.

It is recommended that the Allied Officers in charge of these camps should arrange for any such arms to be turned in to the (nominal) custody of the senior Partisan in the camp, pending their surrender to the Allied authorities at the time of the Parade.

(e) Enforcement

It is recommended that, after such parades have been held, Partisans be regarded as ordinary civilians, who are subject to the provisions of AMG Proclamations, and that any who are later found in possession of arms, amn or explosives without an AMG permit should be brought to trial before an Allied Military Court.

(f) Conclusion

It is believed that the procedure recommended above offers the best chance of collecting the maximum quantity of arms etc. from the Partisans.

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This, however, is an ideal which we cannot hope to attain, and it would therefore be useless to rely on this solution to the problem. Nevertheless, it is evident that the degree of speed and thoroughness with which the Allied authorities tackle the problems of relief, reconstruction and epuration, will directly influence, for better or for worse, the likelihood of trouble arising out of this partisan problem.

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3. Independent Action by Partisans.(a) The Problem.

The second problem is to determine what attitude is to be adopted by the Allied authorities towards independent action by Partisans in the sphere of epuration and reprisals etc. after the German withdrawal from N. ITALY.

(b) Action taken by Partisans before Allied arrival.

(i) It is anticipated that, during the transition period between the German and Allied occupation, the Partisans will take violent and widespread action against Fascists and other such elements: these are likely to suffer death; "beating up", imprisonment, or dismissal from public appointments.

It is recommended that no action be taken by the Allied authorities on their arrival in respect of those cases which involved death, "beating up" or dismissal: with regard to those persons who were imprisoned by the Partisans, it should be the responsibility of AMG Public Safety Officers, assisted by the CIC/FSS, to examine all such cases as quickly as possible, and to decide on their disposal. Such persons would normally be disposed of in one of the following ways:

- (i) Interned
- (ii) Released
- (iii) Detained pending trial as War Criminals, or
- (iv) Handed over to the Italian judicial authorities for trial on either criminal or epuration charges.

The examining officers should bear in mind that the release of such prisoners would tend to antagonise the Partisans, and, as a general rule, borderline cases should be disposed of by internment rather than by release.

(c) After Allied Arrival

Since it has been decided that Allied Military Government is to be established as soon as possible in Northern ITALY, it would be illogical, improper and undesirable for the Partisans (or any other such elements) to be authorised to continue taking independent action affecting the liberty of their fellow-countrymen, once the territory has been occupied by Allied forces and Military Government officials.

It is therefore recommended that, after the arrival of the Allies, no further such independent action by Partisans should be tolerated. This should be made clear to all Partisan leaders and CGLN as soon as possible, and thereafter any offenders should be punished.

(d) Conclusion

The foregoing recommendation, although it appears the only possible one, may well lead to discontent, demonstrations and anarchy, unless the Allied Military Government and Security authorities carry out the work of "defascistisation", including dismissals and internments, with the utmost speed and thoroughness. It is considered that, if the impatience of the

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4. CARE OF PARTISANS

(a) The Problem.

The first problem is in connection with those Partisans who may continue to be used operationally.

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Recommendation.

Administration of Partisans used operationally will be, as at present, the responsibility of the Allied unit which retains them operationally or for future operations.

(b) The Problem.

The second and most important problem is to determine the treatment and responsibility for treatment of Partisans who cease to be used operationally.

Recommendations

That, initially, the treatment of Partisans as regards their feeding, clothing, housing, hospitalization and rehabilitation in general be the responsibility of HQ IV Corps. As soon as control of any part of NW Italy is assumed by AFHQ the responsibility for administration and rehabilitation of Partisans in that part no longer under IV Corps control, will pass to No 2 District in conjunction with HQ Allied Commission. The staffs of the Regional Commissioners attached to HQ IV Corps will include Patriot teams consisting of one Allied officer and one Italian Army officer for each Province.

(1) Establishment of Partisan Centres.

It is the responsibility of HQ IV Corps to establish, equip and maintain 'Centres' where Partisans will be housed, fed and generally administered. These Centres, subject to the development of the tactical situation, will be established at GENOA, LA SPEZIA, IMPERIA, TURIN, CUNEO, ALESSANDRIA, VARESE, MILAN and PLACENZA.

(2) Food.

AFHQ is responsible for making available and stockpiling in forward areas rations for Partisans on a scale equivalent to that issued to the Italian Military forces. HQ IV Corps is responsible for transportation and distribution of this food to Partisan 'Centres'.

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(5) Hospitalization.

It will be the responsibility of HQ IV Corps to evacuate sick or wounded Partisans to Italian Military Hospitals where they will be accorded the same treatment as that given to Italian Military.

(6) It will be the responsibility of HQ IV Corps to ensure that the necessary organization is provided to:

- (a) Encourage Patriots to enlist in the Italian Army.
- (b) Provide work through Allied Military Labor organizations.
- (c) Return as many as possible to their homes.
- (d) Supervise general care of Partisans at Centres.

(7) Collection of Partisans.

It will be the responsibility of HQ IV Corps to furnish transportation as required to gather up and transport to 'Centres' Partisans from localities where sizeable bands or groups exist.

5. Action

It is recommended that the substance of this memorandum be included in the Operation Instruction which is to be issued by this HQ concerning the occupation of NW ITALY, and that detailed instructions on this subject be issued by the Allied Commission to all AMG officers concerned.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

SECRET.

Ref 9446/PAT.

28 February 1945,

Subject: N.W. Italy - Policy - Planning.

To : No. 1 Special Forces.

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1. Ref signal 78 from M12 dated 20 Feb, 45.
2. The following observations have been made by the departments concerned :

PUBLIC ORDER.

- (a) It is considered that the present policy of policing newly won territory should obtain. The appointment of Questore cannot be delegated to C.L.N. If there is no suitable person in the area then a new Questore will be provided from Rome.
- (b) The general policing of the area will be carried out in conformity with the policy already adopted throughout occupied Italy.

SUPPLIES (Proposals by C.L.N., page 3 of signal). 1284

- (c) para. 1 - Plans are already made for wheat Flour, Soup and Misc. Foodstuffs to be shipped once occupied territories are liberated.
- (d) para. 2 - Not immediately.
- (e) para. 3 - Coastal shipping will be provided on an overall basis of requirements of all territories.

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

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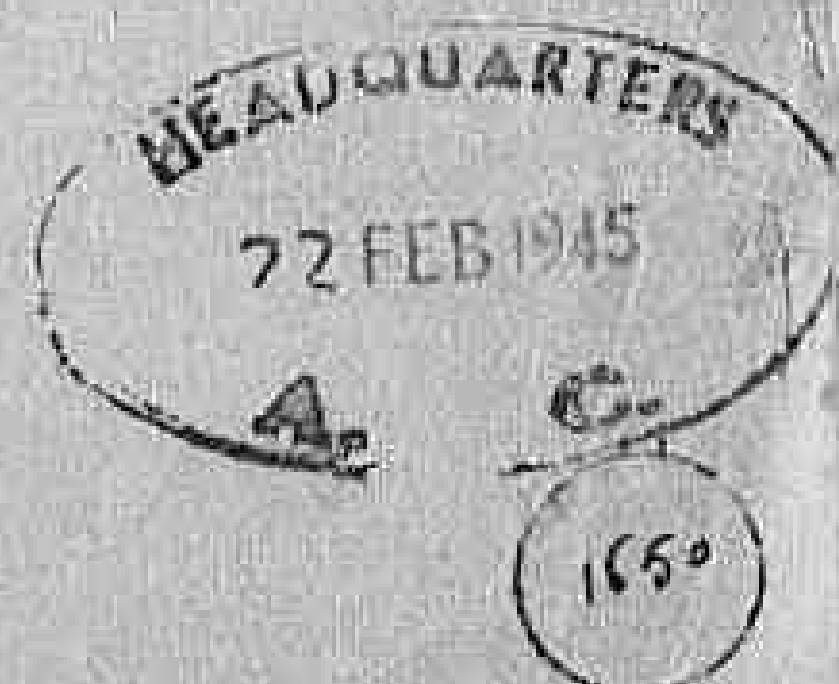
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REF NO : FX 27676

SIGNED : ALEXANDER CITE: FHGDS

This is NAF 864.

1. Subject is food and clothing for Partisans in North ITALY.
2. Detailed plans now being made in respect to the occupation of North ITALY include provision for the collection and disarming of Partisan Forces. These Forces have been operating under command 15 Army Group and have given assistance of great value to operations in this Theatre. It is essential that these Forces be properly catered for when they are no longer operationally required and that they are clothed and receive an adequate ration pending return to civil employment.
3. It is further essential that some inducement is made to the Partisans to surrender their arms and to return to their peacetime ways of life as otherwise they may become a considerable embarrassment to the Allied Occupational Forces in North ITALY.
4. Numbers are estimated at 100,000 of which approximately 10,000 may be absorbed into the Italian Army within the authorised ceiling for which authority for clothing and feeding already exists. It is estimated that the balance will take some 3 months to absorb into civil life, though the average time that any one Partisan may be held in the collecting centres may not exceed 2 months.
5. It is proposed to feed the Partisans by providing through military channels a ration equivalent to the Italian military ration from the following sources:

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(A) Allied Commission will provide a proportion of the imported items of the civilian basic ration equivalent to the share which the individual Partisans would have received had they been confined to the civilian basic ration.

(B) Italian Government will provide items equivalent to those now provided by the Italian Government towards the existing Italian military ration.

(C) The necessary balance to be provided as a British and US military commitment on a 50/50 basis for the purpose of accounting. The requirement should be calculated in respect of 90,000 over a period of 3 months.

6. It is similarly proposed to furnish the minimum essential clothing from military resources on a scale not to exceed BD suit or US outer clothing 1 shirts 2 boots or shoes with laces pairs 1 socks pairs 2 drawers pairs 2 vests or undershirts cotton 2 jersey pullover or undershirt wool 1 blanket 1. It is proposed that this commitment be met as a 50/50 US/BR responsibility.

7. Your approval in principle is requested as a matter of urgency so that plans to meet this commitment can be completed. Actual scales of food and clothing to be provided from military sources will be submitted later. Clothing insofar as possible will be from used clothing available within the Theatre.

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PARTISAN GROUPS IN THE APENNINES.

FORMATIONS	SUB-UNITS	LEADERS	MEN	ARMS	AREA
GROUP COMMAND. (COMMUNIST)		MILO			
	MINCO DIV. BURRONERO Bde 79th GARIBOLDI Bde MOBILE GROUPS	CARIBALDI	500		West of SERRAVALLE SCRIVIA OVADA 07575 - VIGARI 08251 MONTE ZUCCARA Operating in area South of
Independent	AMERIKANO Div VAL STAFFORA Bde CAPITANI Bde ORSEPTI Bde CASOLI Bde MATTIOLI Bde	"AMERIKANO" ? ?	500 ? ?		Both sides VAL STAFFORA - W South of VAL STAFFORA ?
	CHICHERO Div CODURI Bde BERTO Bde YCHI Bde ORSETE Bde ARZANO Bde		2000		RUINO MONTALTO PAVESE VAL DANONTE area South of AMERIKANO Div area SESTRI LEVAZZE area CARASCO area MONTE ANICIA area BONDOLA area VAL CIRONA
COMANDO UNICO REGGIO EMILIA	non political communist communist	FRANCESCO VIERDI Bde 26th GARIBOLDI Bde 32nd GARIBOLDI Bde			area SERRANO GOVA VILLA MINOZZO SCURANO ALPE SUCCHISO CORNIGLIO CORNIGLIO
AUTONOMOUS	Independent (C.U., PARMA)	(4th APUANIAN Bde 3rd JULIA Bde VALPIRELLA Bde)			
		MONTE CARLO LUIGI ZORRO Capt PHILLIPS Danish Officer MEZZAVESPA	200 200		

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PARTISAN GROUPS IN THE APENNINES.

FORMATION	SUB-UNIT	LEADERS	EST	ARMS	AREA
ROMANA Div (Communist)	27th DCLO Bde	LEO	250		ROMANORO
	1st Battalion	PINO	83		ROMANORO
	2nd Battalion	PINO	57		BARNETTA
	3rd Battalion	MARCHESIO	58		OMIDOLA
	4th Battalion	ALFIMO	69		LAVINIA
		ALFREDO			
	DRAGONI Bde	BARBARINIA	156		PASTROFO
	1st Battalion	IPRANTIERA	74		PIANORO
	2nd Battalion	SEVERESTINE	82		LA VERNA
1st PIAGNETTA Div Communist	SAN JULIA Bde	LEO	91		MEFCHIO
	1st Battalion	LEO			MEFCHIO
	2nd Battalion	WILLIAM			CONTRICIANO
1st PIAGNETTA Div Communist	142nd CARIBALDI Bde	FRATE	300		GIOPPARIELLO
	3rd CARIBALDI Bde	?	?		GIOPPARIELLO
					BOITE CASTELLONE
(Anti-Communist) " "	GRUPPO DI DIV LITURIA Bde	RICCHIETTO (Captured) 1000 Maj. COHEN 200			VANNE LIGURE BOITE PISTINO
1st LIGURIANI Div Communist Communist (Mixed)	COASTAL Bde	VITTORIO Capt. Tanco.			MONTE MONTIARA
	BOCCINI LIGURE Bde	FEDERICO			MONTE MONTIARA
	BIELLA Bde.		500		SAN GIACOMO DI PACE
					ZIGLIARO

PARLITAN GROUPS IN THE APENNINES.

LEADERS	MTN	ARMES	AREA	REF
LEO			ROMA	12230
PIRO	250		ROMA	12230
PIRO	83		ROMA	1263A
PAOLINO	57		CAMPIDANO	12910
ALFRED	58		LAVINIA	12933
ALFREDO	65			
BARBARA	156		PARMA	12628
BARBARA	72		PARMA	13633
STAVROPOULOS	82		LA VERNA	12933
LEO	91		ROMA	13330
LEO			ROMA	13338
WILLIAM			COSTANZANO	13136
IRAZI			GRATIANO	P6391
	300		GRATIANO	P6391
?	?		MONTE CASTELLONE	P6837
RICHARD (Captured)	1000		VARESE LIGURE	P1941
Major GENTRI	200		MONTE PISTINO	P9613
VITTORIO			MONTE PISTINO	P6234
Capt. Zanco.			MONTE MAFRITINO	P5716
FRANCESCO			SAN SEVERINO DI MARTE	P7515
	500		ROMA	P6231

PARTISAN GROUPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY.
GARIBOLDI GROUPS - PARTITO COMUNISTA.

Formations	Sub-Units	Leaders	Men	Arms	Area
15th Garibaldi Div		QUINTO	1200		Heavenango
	75th Bde				GRATELA
	2nd Bde				CAMPITELLA
	50th Bde				MORRO
(2nd Garibaldi Div (Going to recent rastrellamento (no details of this Div are (yet available.					DIEMME area.
1st Garibaldi Div		PRIMOVI	1200		LARGO SCINTORE. Between Valleys LOCATA & CRANA.
	77th Bde	ANTINA	200		GRATELA
	10th Bde	PIRELLINO	375		PIRELLINO
	49th Bde	NIRO IL MORTO	200		"
	47th Bde	ELABOVI	130		PORTOCALANSE
	80th Bde	FRUTARO	120		RIVERA
Div Mansouvez Bde		NIRO	140		CORIO
1st Div Group Gar.		MARTINI	consisting of 3rd & 13th Bdes.		
	3rd Div	MARTO	consisting of 42nd - 114th - 113th - 111th Bdes.		
	42nd Bde	PAICHI			DUSSELONO
	114th Bde	NIRO			SUPRANA BORGONE
	113th Bde	ALLSIO			CEIXVI
	111th Bde	DEO			HUMTANA
	13th Div	TULLIO	consisting of 115th - 106th - 41st Bdes.		
	115th Bde	APUSIO			?
	106th Bde	GUIDO			FOCCHILANO
	41st Bde	ERRE	1000 Poorly armed		BRAND

PARTIZAN GROUPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY.GARIBOLDI GROUPS - PARTIZAN COMRADES.TOP SECRET⁴

Location	Men	Arms	Area	Ref
QUINTO	1200		Verbanago	24296
			GRANZIA	22980
			CAPIGLIA	25892
			INCO	2498
			INDIAN area.	
FRANCY	1200		LAKE SCHIBER. Between Valleys	
			LOCATA & GRANA.	
ANFUA	200		CHIESA	27172
FRANCY	375		PLANT'ARDI	29359
MINO IL BICCO	200		"	"
ELAFCHI	130		DOVOCARAVINE	
FRANCY	120		RIVIERA	29057
MERO	140		CORTO	29456
FRANCY	consisting of 3rd & 15th Divs.			
MARIO	consisting of 42nd - 114th - 115th - 116th Bdes.			
FRANCY			BUSCINO	26339
MERO			SCIVIA INGLESE	26937
ALFRED			CORNO	27236
FRANCY			MURIANA	27938
FRANCY	consisting of 115th - 106th - 1st Bdes.			
FRANCY			FRANCY	
FRANCY	1000 Poorly armed		FRANCY	28428

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PARTISAN GROUPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY.GARIBOLDI GROUPS - PARTITO COMUNISTA.

Formations	Sub-Units	Leaders	Men	Arms	Area
1st Garibaldi Div		HARBARO	1200		SEGO DI BUS
6th Garibaldi Div		MANE	1500		(BOSSOLASCO PIESOLIO C SERRAVALLE
	16th Bde	SERGIO	800		
	18th Bde	?	?		
	45th Bde	BEVIO	500		ROBBIGHELLI
	48th Bde	?	?		ROMPIANO
	75th Bde	?	?		CIANI
2nd Ligurian Div Gar:		GIUNO	1800		RESELYA OC
	1st Bde	ALDO	600		"
	4th Bde	MILAN	550		TAVOLE
	5th Bde	VITTORIO	700		RESCALLA
MOSCATELLI GROUP		MOSCATELLI	1000		VAL SESIA

PARTISAN GROUPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY.
GUERRILLA GROUPS - PARTITO COMUNISTA.

Units	Leaders	Men	Arms	Area	Ref
	BARBARO	1200		MONTE DI PASCO	117970
	HARPEL	1500		(BOSSOLASCO	02767
				(PIRELLA 03267. GRAVARELLA 03471	
	SERGIO	800		(SERRAVALLE DELLE LANGHE	02969
Bto		?			04373
Bto	BRVIO	500		BERGAMINI	04997
Bto	?			ROMPIANO	03381
Bto	?	?		GIANE	05774
	CURTO	1800		BERGAMO 00417 - UFFICIA 119924	
Bto	ALDO	600		" " " "	
Bto	MILAN	550		TRAVEL	01401
Bto	VITTORIO	700		BERGAMO	119809
	MOSCATELLI	1000		VAL SESIA	D3510

PARTISAN GROUPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY.CRISTIANA E LIBERTA GROUPS. - PARTITO D'AZIONE.

FORMATION	Sub-Units.	Leaders	Men	Arms	Area
CATELINO G.I. Bde.		MINI	130		TORBAZZO
4th ALPINE G.I. Div.		LACCHI	(2 Bdes)		VAL SUSA area
5th ALPINE G.I. Div.		ROBERTO	1000		Between Valleys VALLAISE & GR
	VAL GERMANICA Bde	COMBATTINO	280		PIEROSA ARDENNINI H6419 - MARE
	VAL PELLICE Bde	Paul UCCI	400		BOHIO PELLICE area
	INTRA Bde	VLADAN	350		TOHIO PELLICE
1st ALPINE G.I. Div.		Capt MORA	1000	Good	VAL VASSERIANA - LEMME H6735
2nd ALPINE G.I. Div.		DEL MASTRO	1500	Good	
	VAL NAXA Group	VIGENTE			From AGNELLO H6567 - DROMERO
	VAL VARIATA Group	BOCCA			From CASSEL del PIU H5079 -
3rd ALPINE G.I. Div.		COSA	1600	Poor	
	VAL PERIO Bde	ALDO			Probable present location in
	VAL NIZERO Bde	CIGI			CASAZZOLA 00830 - FRANCA SC
	VAL CORBAGLIA Bde	RYONE			IRIA 00241 - CORTOSA DI INVER
4th G.I. Div		ROBERTO	700		VILLANOVA DI ASTE

CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRAT GROUPS.

ALFREDIO DIDIO GRP.			3000		
VAL TOCE DIV.	ALBERTO				MOTTEONE D7014 - OMEGNA D6741
NOVARA DIV.					NOVARA area (Distributed in sm
CIVIL POPULATION DIV.					BUSTO ARSIZIO 9862

PARITISH GROUPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY.CRISTIANA E LIBERA GROUPS. - PARTITO D'AZIONE.

Leaders	Men	Arms	Area	Ref
MAXI	150		TERREZZO	J2872
LACI	(2 Bdees)		VAL SERA area	
REMIATO	1000		Between Vallega PHILLIPS & CORNAPANELLA	
CONFRATINO	260		PEROSA ARGENTIN H6419 - MASSIMO H5419	
PAUL UOMO	100		BOZZO PHILLIPS area	H5603
VIALAN	350		TORRE PHILLIPS	H6604
Capt BOCA	1000	Good	VAL VITTORELLA - LIGONE H3735 - ROMA VIOLE H0046	
DEL IL SING	1500	Good		
VINTES			From AGORGIO H367 - DIOMERO H7263	
BOCCA			From CANTEL del FIRO H5079 - COSTUZIONI H8373	
GOSA	1600	Poor		
ALDO			Probable present location in area:-	
CICI			CARMELITA 00830 - FRANCA SOPRAIA 00621 -	
ETTOR			PIZZA 00241 - CARROSA DI PISTO H9536	
ROBERTO	700		VILLANOVA DI ASTI	J2313

CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRAT GROUPS.

ALBERTO	3000		NOTTEONE D7014 - OMEGNA D6741 - LAKE ORTA
W DIV.			NOVARA area (Distributed in small groups along Ticino river)
			BUSTO ARSIZIO J9882

PARTISAN GROUPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY.Autonomous Groups.

Formation	Sub-Units	Leaders	Men	Arms	Area
GRUPPO NAUZI	1st LANGHE Div	NAUZI			IN. MARSALEA
	2nd LANGHE Div	ECCEGLIO	1600	Fair	IN. CANTINO
	3rd ALPINE Div	ECCEGLIO	1500	Fair	NEBBIOLENE are
	4th ALPINE Div	NAUZI			VAL TAPARO
	1st Bde	1st Col (?)	1000	Poor	"
	2nd Bde	ACETO			"
	VAL ROVERA Bde	MARTINELLI			VAL ROVERA
ASPI Bde		PITTO			
		CALTA	600		ASPI
MARTINI DI ALBERGARA Bde		?			ALBERGARA
NAUZI GRUPPO		FRANCA SERA	600		TRIVASSO
NAUZI GRUPPO		NAUZI	200		CANTILE
ACQUI Bde		LAZZARO	300		ACQUI

GROUPS WITH NO KNOWN POLITICAL AFFILIATION.

10th PARTISAN Div	FLAVANO	2000 (?)	OMIGLIO
9th PARTISAN Div	Major ALBERTI	?	SICILE

PARTISAN GROUPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY.AUTONOMOUS GROUPS.

	Leaders	Men	Arms	Area	Ref
III Div	MAIRI				
IV Div	BOCCIO	1600	Fair	BA. MANTOVANA	02257
V Div	POETI	1500	Fair	BA. CASINO	03976
VI Div	MAIRI			WITTOGALDI area - BORMONE 00852 - ALBA 02885	
VII Div	Lt Col (?)	1000	Poor	VAL TANARO	
	ACHIO			"	
	MARTINELLI			"	
MOGLIA Bdo	ITTO			VAL MOGLIA	
	CADURA	600		ASCI	3.306
	?			ALESSANDRIA	
	FRANCA SERRA	600		TRIVARSO	J1504
	PAIRO	200		CANALE	02596
	LUIGIADO	300		ACQUA	

GROUPS WITH NO KNOWN POLITICAL AFFILIATION.

PEAVANO	2000 (?)	OTTOLIO	J5524
Major ALBERTI	?	SICOLI	J1720

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Your 0221B February 8th (not to last 2 addressees).

1. Governing principle is that no negotiations with enemy take place except on basis of their unconditional surrender.
2. Enemy proposals for desertion to Italian Partisans as PW or to join them subsequently in fighting against the Germans must be dealt with according to their judgement by the Partisan formations themselves. Our missions are not in a position to guarantee either treatment PW who surrender to Partisans or to enter into any commitment therewith and beyond making this fact clear should not attempt influence decision one way or the other. This does not of course preclude missions from general subversive activity with a view to inducing enemy without opposition or mutiny.
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3. Offers by enemy detachments or formations to surrender unconditionally to Allied (not Partisan) forces should be at once transmitted by missions to you. It is then for you to decide each case on its merit (having regard to location enemy request and other circumstances) whether such surrender can be accepted and pass instructions to the field as to the action to be taken by the enemy formation to enable you to do so. Function of mission is to transmit enemy offer and your instructions. Missions capacity for accepting surrender themselves obviously limited by their ability to guard and otherwise look after the PW.

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Setting up of PW cages in enemy occupied territory not considered practicable.

4. General future policy towards Carabinieri is to encourage revival.

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3. During phase 1 Army Headquarters (together with Allied Military Government of the Army Headquarters) will feed and clothe partisans in areas concerned; Armies will supply necessary food and clothing for this purpose as follows:

a. Italian Military Forces ration scale as modified later in detail will apply.

b. Minimum essential scale of clothing will be issued from military sources.

4. Italian Government will be responsible for pay. Necessary arrangements with the Italian Government will be made by the Allied Commission who will notify 15 Army Group of arrangements including rate of pay.

5. United States and British will assist Italian Military who will be responsible for hospitalization.

6. Amplification of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 will be furnished later in a detailed Administrative Memorandum. Approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff is being requested for issue of rations and clothing outlined in paragraphs 3 a. and b.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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7 February 1945

SUBJECT: Draft Directive to 15 Army Group on
Occupation of N.W. ItalyTO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attn: Brigadier Upjohn)
APO 394.

Attached is redraft of directive to 15 Army Group, the result of a conference attended yesterday by Colonel Jackling. Your comments are requested by telephone tomorrow, Thursday, 8 February, in view of the need to get this paper published as soon as possible. Colonel Jackling has reserved comments for the time being until he hears from you.

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

P. M. H. Jackling
for D. S. JACKLING, (absent on duty)
Lt. Colonel.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

7 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Occupation of NW ITALY.

TO : CG, 15 Army Group.

1. Reference is made to AFHQ operation instruction, Occupation of NW ITALY, and administrative instruction on the same subject. In view of Russian successes it is considered that the occupation of Northern ITALY may occur sooner than was previously considered probable. You will therefore complete your plans in accordance with the above instructions and inform this headquarters of your intentions without delay.

2. In completing your plans you will bear in mind the danger of extreme elements attempting to take control regardless of Allied military or Italian government orders. In order to prevent this taking place with the consequent complications which might have a detrimental effect on operations the following measures will be necessary.

- a. Speed in occupation of key places.
- b. The employment of adequate forces during Phase I as defined in the operation instruction under reference.
- c. Measures to provide food, clothing, pay and medical care for partisan forces and to effect their disarmament and subsequent re-employment.

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4. You will be the judge of forces required during Phase I in accordance with the situation at the time but it is considered that, apart from forces required to deal with the Germans, two Allied divisions will be the irreducible minimum required to impose military government. In planning the allotment of your forces you should not rely on 2 Para Brigade being available for any task in NW ITALY.

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PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH PARTISANS.

5. In dealing with partisans met with in the occupation of ~~any~~ Italy you will bear in mind the assistance which they have rendered the Allied cause. In recognition of such services they will be accorded the special assistance set out in subpara c below. Your attention is directed to the agreement by which the OLMAI have placed themselves under the orders of the Supreme Allied Commander and have undertaken to obey any order (including the order to disarm and disband) issued by you in his name or by Allied military government on your behalf. You will therefore adopt the following policy:

a. Partisans will be ordered to assemble in specified areas as soon as arrangements for their reception can be made. In issuing the necessary instructions to partisans through liaison officers and PWE channels you will act in consultation with HQ Allied Commission, in view of their responsibilities as stated below.

b. On entering reception areas the partisans will be disarmed.

c. After disarmament partisans will be given the following assistance

until such time as they can be dispersed *but not for a longer period than 3 months*:
 (1) Feeding. Basic civil ration will be issued. Any addition to this ration, which will be permissible from military sources, will be notified later by this Hq. *1288*

(2) Clothing. Clothing will be issued on a scale to be advised by this Hq.

(3) Pay. Provision of the currency will be the responsibility of the

Italian Government. HQ Allied Commission will make the necessary

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for ensuring that partisan battle casualties receive preference over other civilians in obtaining medical care.

The provision of food and clothing from military stocks, referred to in (1) and (2)

above, is dependent on agreement by the Combined Chiefs of Staff whose authority

is being sought. It is estimated that the number of partisans eligible for the

foregoing assistance will amount to some 75,000.

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6. To effect the early dispersal of partisans assembled in reception areas, HQ Allied Commission ^{at MMIA} are responsible that every step is taken to absorb them ^{rapidly} either into the Italian army or into the labor units or into civilian employment. ^{partially} DADL 2 Dist will give priority of employment to NE ITALY.

7. The occupation of NE ITALY will be the subject of a subsequent directive.

This is a partly appreciation of the situation, Land Forces Submission in the capacity of MMIA are the only people who can present in the day & DADL, Labor are the persons who use the labor NE AC.

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