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CLOTHING FOR PATRIOTS

OCT. - NOV. 1944

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PATRIOTS.

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FROM OCT 44

TO MAY 44

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DATE

12 Dec 44

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For further correspondence on clothing for
patriots coming through the lines see File
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Amstokhale Sgt

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File 95/5/PAT.

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DATE

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Nov. 16.

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V.A. (1) Please see your letter at SA.

(2) No reply has apparently been received, but loudenskind from Patriots Branch that nothing in this regard been reconsidered. Is this correct?

(3) I to. Then I consider some sort of store or regular Q & A section will have to be formed instead of an "ad hoc" system which seems to operate at present. Ital. Govt. might organize without our advice.

(4) Before I do anything, however, I should like your view on (2) above.

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Noted; no comments in view of recent discussions.

grm

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Director

22 Nov

You have not seen IIA.
no great interest, but you should see it.

It is of

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P.D.
22 Nov

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Major

22 Nov. 44

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AFHQ FOR PERSONAL ATTENTION OF COLONEL KING

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PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PATRIOT SITUATION ROUTE FIVE ARMY PD

PARA ONE TO AFHQ FOR PERSONAL ATTENTION OF COLONEL KING FROM
HQ ALCON BRANCH PATRIOTS BRANCH SIGNED ^{STONE} ~~ALCON~~ PARAN

PARA TWO FIFTEEN HUNDRED SHELLS CLOTHING AND BOOKS REQUIRED
IMMEDIATELY PD THESE ARTICLES TO BE RELEASED FORTHWITH FOR
COLLECTION AND ISSUE

PATRIOTS BRANCH

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COMMODORE STONE
~~BRANCH~~

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27 NOV Recd mge.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

25th November 1944.

109/3

Major Sir P.M. Magnus, Bt.
Acting Director,
Patriots Branch.*Dear Magnus*

Thankyou for your letter 95/5/PAT. of 11 November. I am sorry I haven't acknowledged it before but I have been waiting to find out exactly what happened to the socks. I now find they have got as far as Major Drage's office in Florence, but what has happened to them since then I can't discover. However they are looking for them and I hope soon to marry them with some sockless partisans.

Captain Cunningham is now at this Headquarters in charge of partisan matters. He seems to have the situation well in hand.

Thankyou very much for the socks; it is welfare help of that kind that is needed so urgently up here in the mountains.

yours sincerely

*David R. Magnus**Major, Socks Guards.**P.O.*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394.

Ref : 95/5/PAL.
SUBJECT: Clothing.

22 Nov 44.

TO : S.H. WHITE, Lt Col.
CSO CA Section

Reference your 4/37.5/CA of 21 Nov 44.

It is a matter of considerable difficulty for this Branch to estimate numbers of Patriots for whom it will be necessary to provide ~~any~~ up to the week ending 28 Feb. 45.

However on a basis of the best information obtainable at this time it is estimated that material may be required to clothe some 10,000 Patriots.

The articles most badly needed will be boots. Other articles will be socks, underwear trousers, shirts, jackets, belts, ties, bootlaces.

The Armies may be able to provide a number of blankets but a supply of blankets would also be desirable.

W. B. Spicer

W. B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

21 NOV Recd

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/37.5/CA

21 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Clothing

TO : See Distribution

Reference para 3 (c) of minutes of 14 Nov on this office file

4/37.5/CA.

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The return required is a matter of first urgency. Please submit it by hand to reach this office if possible before 1700 hours this afternoon and in any event before 1200 hours tomorrow the 22nd.

Ext : 469

S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
for CAO CA Section

DISTRIBUTION : -

Public Health S/O
Public Safety S/O
D.P. & R. S/C
Commerce S/C
Patriots Branch S/C ✓
Devastated Areas
British Red Cross
File

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20 NOV Recd

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4/37.5/CA

Notes of a Conference
to Discuss Securing Salvage Clothing, etc.

14 Nov 44.

- 1 The following were represented: CA Section and the following Sub-Commissions or branches - Public Health, Public Safety, Displaced Persons and Repatriation, Commerce, Patriots, Devastated Areas and the British Red Cross.
2. Commerce informed the meeting that there was reason to suppose that very considerable quantities of salvage clothing was in fact available.
- 3 The following action was decided upon:
 - a) That a Senior U.S. Officer should proceed to MTOUSA to request the issue of a direction to U.S. depots that AC should have prior claim on all salvage of clothing, boots, blankets, bedding, tentage, etc.
 - b) That Land Forces be asked to agree a basis on which salvage clothing etc, should be allotted to rival necessities.
 - c) That Sub-Commissions should submit estimates for their requirements to the 28 Feb 45 for an area not substantially greater than that at present held.
- 4 A further meeting would be called when action under 3 had been completed.

DISTRIBUTION , Public Health S/C. (2)
Public Safety S/C (2)
D.P. & R. S/C. (2)
Commerce S/C. (2)
Patriots Branch, (2)
Devastated Areas, (2)
British Red Cross, (2)
VP (1)
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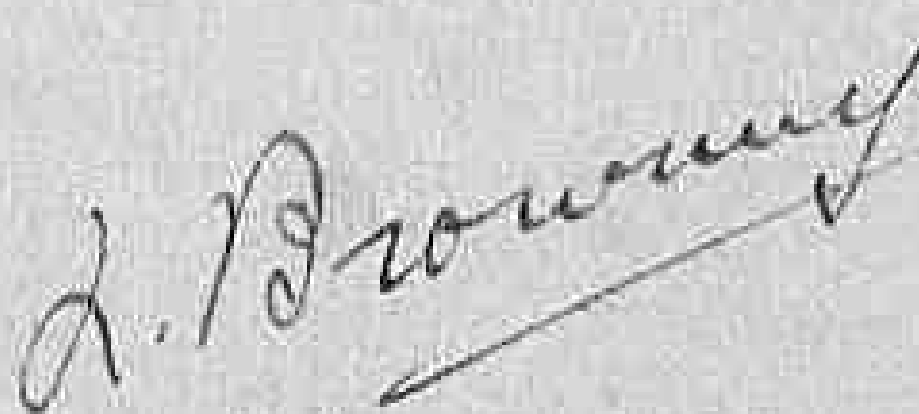
Subject:- Patriot Formations in the PIEMONTE ValleysLand Forces Sub Com., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

23/11/19

17 Nov 44

A.F.H.Q.

1. I attach a letter to me from the Minister of War on the above subject.
2. While sympathising with the Minister of War point of view, I do not see that much can be done about this end.
3. As you know, we are having the utmost difficulty in clothing even the official Italian Army and call-ups. Any diversion of clothing or boots to patriots can only be at the expense of the official Italian Army and thus the war effort in ITALY. Moreover, patriots are regarded as civilians. We cannot issue them with Army clothing, equipment or rations - see para 6 of your M.091.711/169 OCT -0 of 16 Nov.
4. The matter of liaison with and re-organisation under Allied Command in FRANCE is outside my purview.


Major General,
M.M.I.A.Copy to:- Patriots Branch, A.C.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

Ref: 68/MG

TO : Gen. BEOWNING

Date: 19 Nov 1944

SUBJECT: Patriot Formations in the PIEDMONT Valleys

You are well aware of the situation of the Patriots in the PIEDMONT Valleys - It seems to be a case of over 20,000 men engaged in the guerrilla warfare against the overwhelming Nazi-Fascist Forces - Under extremely difficult conditions.

Their situation, which was already bad during the summer period when the mountain roads were open, is rapidly worsening with the approach of winter, because the snow - which has already fallen - is obstructing communications, the local resources are beginning to lack, the localities and the few passes and tracts which are still accessible are easily controlled by the Nazi-Fascists.

If quick relief is not forthcoming, their definite elimination is to be foreseen sooner or later. Particular mention should be made of the Patriot Formations in the AOSTA Valley - about 2500 men - who, under strong pressure from Nazi Fascist actions, have retreated into the upper Valleys where they lack ammunition, clothing and food, and are reduced to tragic conditions.

As I believe it to be indispensable, I implore you to please use your high Authority with AFHQ in order that:

- Regular Liaison be established between the above formations and the Allied Commands in France;
- The Partisan Formations be supplied with ammunition, clothing (Especially shoes) and food, setting up, if necessary, special distribution depots at the best suited points;
- Those Groups which were forced to cross into France be allowed to reorganize themselves under the command of Italian Officers in order to be able to take up the fight again as soon as possible.

I am convinced that you will back these requests of mine with AFHQ, thus enabling these embattled formations, so well acquainted with Mountain Warfare, to continue, morally and materially supported, their efficient operations which will be a notable contribution to the Allied Operations in the impenetrable mountain zones.

(SGD) CASATI

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(Sgd) CASATI

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ANG FIVE ARMY FOR HUME

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PATRIOT BRANCH

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS CLOTHING FOR PATRIOTS PD

PAREN TO ANG FIVE ARMY FOR HUME FROM ALCOM PAREN

PARA TWO PD YOUR SIGNAL FOUR TWO FIVE ONE OF FOURTEEN
NOVEMBER PD EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE
SOURCES OF CLOTHING SUPPLY PD CANNOT OFFER USEFUL
ESTIMATE OF POSSIBILITIES AT PRESENT PD LETTER FOLLOWS

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15 NOV Recd

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ADJCOM FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION FOR ACTION, HQ AAI FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS

SEC FOR INFO.

AMC 5 ARMY FOR HUME

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ROUTINE

CITE OUR 551

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

SECRET.

Your letter 417/CA of 24 Oct and our letter 109/3 of 31 Oct refer. Information received here indicates probability of large numbers of Partisans coming through the lines in the near future. Eventual figure may reach many thousand. To ensure these men receive good treatment please indicate soonest what stocks of clothing and boots can be made available and how soon. It is hoped that sufficient blankets can be procured locally.

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Action - CA Sec (2)
Info - Chief Commissioner
Patriots PW/
File



SEEN.	INITIALS.	D. T. E.
Col. MC. C. H. Y.		
Maj. MAG. C.		
Maj. D. T. C.		
Capt. S. L. V. A. D. I.		
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ROUTINE

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND

No. 785016

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Action - CA Sec (2)
Info - Chief Commissioner
Patriots PW/
File

SEEN.	INITIALS.	D.T.G.
Col. Mc. J. J. HY		
Maj. MAG.		
Maj. DRAG.		
Capt. SELVAD. I		
Col. FAY.		
C. C.		



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Subject:- Shoes and Clothing
for Partisans.CONFIDENTIALCivil Affairs Section
HQ Allied Armies in Italy
TEL: FILPOF 35To:- Civil Affairs Section,
HQ Allied Commission.DCCAO/12/2.1
9 Nov 44

1. It is becoming increasingly evident that in the not too distant future many partisans numbering into the thousands will be either filtering through our lines or will be met up with during normal advance. Those encountered heretofore have been almost without exception practically destitute of articles of clothing such as coats, trousers and particularly shoes.

2. It is recommended that Welfare or some such agency be asked to explore the possibilities of securing stocks of the above items. At the moment it appears that there might be an immediate call for 3,000 pairs of shoes. This is based on a report made by Major Drage to this office.

3. It would be appreciated if you would advise this Section as to steps you may take. If stocks are located within your area, transport could be arranged from here to pick them up.

NAME	INITIALS
Col. J. E. B. M. Y.	
Maj. A. L. D. G. E.	P. D.
Maj. D. R. A. G. E.	
Capt. L. V. A. D. O. C. H.	

R. A. Persell
R. A. PERSSELL,
Lt. Col. Inf.,
for DCCAO.

Copies to:

Colonel Monfort
Public Health Sub Commission (Welfare)
Patriots Branch.HEADQUARTERS
12 NOV 1944

I spoke to Col. PERSSELL in the telephone
& arranged to have a discussion with him at
the Conference at SIENA on Friday, 17 Nov.

P. D. Dugues/Drage
15 Nov 44

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394.

Ref: 95/5/PAT.

11 Novembre 1944

Oggetto : Invio calze per Patrioti.

To : Advanced Detachment (Cap. Rocco)
FIRENZE.

Si inviano n. 175 paia di calze pervenute dall'Ufficio Patrioti della Presidenza del Consiglio, da distribuire ai Patrioti bisognosi di codesta zona a complemento delle 200 serie di vestiario a suo tempo fornite dalle Autorità Alleate.

Si prega pertanto di voler trasmettere il verbale di distribuzione con i nomi dei Patrioti ai quali verranno consegnate le calze in parola.

Col. G. FAVA,
Ufficiale di Collegamento,
Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394.

Ref : 95/5/Pat.

11 Nov. 44.
Tel. 489081.

TO : Major David Mynors
AMG 5th Army.

FROM: Major Sir P.M. Magnus, Bt.
Acting Director,
Patriots Branch.

2. Dear Mynors,

I am sending you today 175 pairs of socks for the use of Patriots who have crossed the line. They are furnished by the Italian Patriot office.

I am sorry that it has not been possible to find the full number of 200 for which you asked.

I am taking up at this end the whole question of clothing for Patriots generally. I hope it will be possible to achieve something concrete.

Yours sincerely
Philip Magnus
Major,
Acting Director.

25 OCT Recd

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Ref:-

4/7A/CA

24 Oct '44

SUBJECT:- Clothing for Patriots.

TO:-

S.C.A.C. & Army.

1. I refer to your signal 2849 dated 19 Oct. making urgent requests for certain items of clothing for 300 Italian partisans. As a matter of urgency your requirements have been supplied with the exception of socks, and these are being despatched to you from Naples as quickly as possible.

2. Your request ^{for} that clothing for Italian patriots or partisans raises a new departure in the policy of this HQ which as you know has not previously supplied clothing for patriots. If you desire this HQ to reconsider this policy and to provide clothing for patriots, will you please put up a case for providing clothing, fully supported with your reasons and with details of the amount and type of clothing which you estimate may be required for future operations, making for the purpose of such an estimate such factual assumption as you deem necessary.

3. Pending a reconsideration of policy by this HQ it will not be possible to supply further clothing items for Italian patriots.

SEEN.	INITIAL	
Col. Mc. CATHY		
Maj. MAGNUS		
Maj. CRAGE		
Capt. SALVADORI		
Col. FAVA		
C. C.		

G. R. Lypkin

G.R. LYPKIN, Brig.
VP HQ Sec.
Dep. C.A.C.Copy to S.C.A.C. VIII Army.

Will you please let this HQ have your views on Para 2.

Copy to Patriots Branch ✓

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Roma, 17 ottobre 1944

Alla Commissione Alleata
Patriots Branch.

Sono stato incaricato dal Comando dell'8 Brigata Garibaldi Romagnola che come e' noto combatte attualmente sull'Appennino Romagnolo in stretta cooperazione con l'8 Armata e a sua richiesta, di sollecitare dalle Autorita' competenti, il rifornimento di oggetti di vestiario indispensabili per continuare a combattere.

La Brigata e' composta di 650 uomini equipaggiati tutti con mezzi di fortuna e privi di ogni vestiario invernale.

Si considera strettamente indispensabile il rifornimento di almeno 300 serie cosi' composte : Scarpe, maglioni, pantaloni, pastrani, calze.

Si fa presente che qualora tali rifornimenti non fossero effettuati, l'efficienza combattiva della Briga sarebbe notevolmente diminuita.

Dato il prestigio che la Brigata ha saputo guadagnarsi presso il Comando Alleato e data la volonta' che anima tutti i componenti la Brigata stessa, tale fatto sarebbe da considerare grandemente spiacevole.

Giusto TOLLOX
Rappresentante la Brigata.

Tolloy
Col. Lucchini
Lucy 8 p. 20
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No further action 25/11

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Giusto TOLLOI
Rappresentante la Brigata.

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TRANSLATION

Rome 17th October 1944. 4B

TO : Allied Commission
Patriots Branch.

I have been charged by the 8th Brigata Garibaldi Romagnola which as known is fighting on the Appennines of Romagna, on request and close in cooperation with the 8th Army, to urge by the competent Authorities, the supply of indispensable clothes to continue to fight.

The Brigade is composed of 650 men all badly dressed and without winter clothes.

It is considered indispensable the supply of at least 300 series of : shoes, underwears, trousers, cloakes, stockings.

I beg you to consider that if such supply wouldn't be furnished, the fight effeciency of the Brigade would be remarkably reduced.

Considering that the Brigade has been able to gain the esteem of the Allied Command and the faith who animates all the members of the Brigade, this fact would be a very unpleasant one.

(signed) Giusto TOLLO
The Brigade's Representative.

C. DI L. N. C. V. d. I.

Comando 8° Brigata Garibaldi
"Romagna"

Al Comando Unico
Regionale Emilia Romagna

La lentezza dell'avanzata Alleata nella nostra regione ; la necessità per i tedeschi di costruire una linea di resistenza proprio nella zona occupata dalla Brigata "Romagna" e la scarsità di mezzi di questa Brigata hanno fatto sì che sia stata costretta a passare con gran parte delle sue forze in zone ormai libere di tedeschi. Ciò non vuol dire che tali forze si siano sottratte alla continuazione della lotta per la liberazione del nostro paese che, anzi, l'hanno rafforzata continuandola in collaborazione colle forze Alleate. In considerazione della efficienza e della organizzazione della 8° Brigata il Comando Alleato ci ha riconosciuto una certa autonomia che si concretizza nel riconoscimento del nostro comando e delle nostre formazioni quali unità che continuano a lottare in cooperazione colle truppe Alleate fornendo il massimo contributo per informazioni, guide, pattuglie e reparti di linea, il tutto tenuto in gran pregio dagli Alleati stessi. È stato creato un apposito ufficio di collegamento tra il nostro Comando e quello della 8° Armata con un ufficiale di S. M. di questa ed uno nostro. Pure vi sono ufficiali di collegamento tra i nostri reparti e tutti i comandi ai quali sono inviati per servizio. L'utilizzazione dei nostri reparti non dovrebbe avvenire se non tramite il nostro comando. È vero che tale autonomia non è ancora ufficiale ma tuttavia è un fatto nuovo; anche quella che ci è stata concessa e che tiene aperta la porta probabilmente per arrivare a quella ufficiale. Siccome tale fatto si ripeterà con maggior necessità per tutte le Brigate che verranno successivamente crediamo opportuno farne edotti gli organi competenti anche per ricevere il loro aiuto a meglio avvalorarne le nostre formazioni che ricevere le direttive sul come dobbiamo contenerci. Oltre a far interessare tali organi presso le autorità nostre della zona liberata e presso gli alleati è evidente che ci renderemo tent più indipendenti quanto meno avremo bisogno di aiuti dagli alleati per la qualcosa preghiamo il comando unico a volerci far conoscere se possibilità vi è di ricevere tali aiuti finanziari e materiali (scarpe, indumenti, ecc...). Non abbiamo ancora avuto nessun contatto colle autorità italiane e non sappiamo quale sarà il loro contegno nei nostri confronti. Desideriamo conoscere quale linea di condotta dobbiamo avere noi sia cogli alleati sia colle suddette autorità. Qui allegato un quadro riassuntivo della forza contribuito alla lotta della Brigata.

Il Commissario Politico

Il Comandante della Brigata

C. di L.N.

C. V. d. L.

Comando 8° Brigata Garibaldi
"Romagna"

Quadro riassuntivo della forza e delle
azioni della Brigata.

650 Uomini divisi in 4 battaglioni e 12 distaccamenti più
servizio informazione
" intendenza
" sanitario
" munizionamento
reparto guastatori

Origine della Brigata , ottobre 1943;

800 tedeschi feriti e la più gran parte morti

200 fascisti feriti e la più gran parte morti

9 rastrellamenti di cui uno dal 3 al 25 aprile contro due divisioni tedesche (una la Goering) e 5000 soldati e militi italiani

Un secondo dal 17 al 20 luglio contro 2000 tedeschi

Un terzo dall'8 al 25 agosto contro 5000 tedeschi

Un quarto dal 27 settembre al 3 ottobre determinato dalla necessità per i tedeschi di costruire una linea di resistenza nella zona controllata dalla Brigata.

Tale linea di resistenza è stata ritardata nella sua costituzione per più di 20 giorni

65 automezzi distrutti.

4 ingenti depositi di esplosivo fatti saltare

9 distruzioni di ponti e opere stradali importanti

40 postazioni di mortai artiglierie e mitraglie delle linee del

Marecchia distrutti

Occupazione di S. Agata Feltria, Premilcuore, Corniolo, S. Sofia, Sarsina.

Obbligato il comando tedesco ad impiegare circa 5000 uomini per il servizio di sicurezza in tutta la zona controllata dai partigiani.

Attualmente stretta collaborazione colle truppe Alleate per tutte le informazioni della zona occupata dai tedeschi , fornitura di guide e pattuglie.

Occupazione di posizioni importantissime in collaborazione cogli Alleati fornendo elementi di punta e gruppi che agiscono alle spalle del nemico

Il comando

48c.
23 OCT 1944

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SUBJECT: Major TOLLOV Giusto

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

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21 Oct 44
-----AAI(2)
-----Copy to: Patriots Branch HQ AOC

1. It is understood that Major Giusto TOLLOV, Italian Army, was ordered to proceed to ROME (vide copy of instructions attached).
2. It is reported that he is endeavouring to obtain boots and clothing for the 8th Brigata Garibaldi Romagnola, operating on Eighth Army front and is meeting with no success. The procedure for the supply and maintenance of the Italian Army is laid down in this HQ Administrative Instruction No 12 S/AQ/5 of 12 Oct 44.
3. As it would seem that this Italian officer is wasting his time and Allied petrol and vehicle depreciation, the above information is passed to you for any action you may care to take.

SEEN.	INITIALS.	DATE.
Cel. Mc. CARHY		
Maj. MAGNUS		
Maj. DRAGE		
Capt. SALVADORI		
Cel. FAVA		
C. C.		

for *F. J. Noam*
Major General
R.M.I.A.

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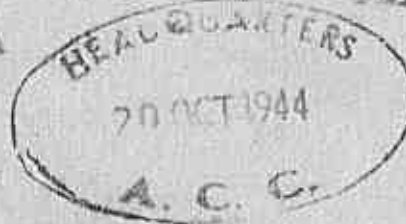
HQ ACC FOR COMMERCE SUB COMMISSION

ARM 5 ARMY FOR HUNG

NR 2849

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PRIORITY

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col. D.

CONFIDENTIAL. Urgent request following items clothes for 300 Italian Partisans. 100 pairs shoes, 200 mens trousers, 200 mens shirts, 200 mens coats, 200 pairs socks. Send average sizes. Urgent necessity, send fastest means available to Refugee Section ARM City FLORENCE. Site our 456.

ACC DIST

Action : Commerce S/O (2)

Info : A/CC

 Econ Sec 1-9
 Patriots Br. 9
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1. Tel (T) goes before 10.00
2. Delivery.

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