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EMPLOYMENT OF PATRIOTS

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specimen

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P.D. Dagnan

Major

24 Nov. 44

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Fuller
major

3/0
28/Nov

P.D. / 24 Nov.

(3)

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between one they have caused the lines. In
certain specific cases they are employed by our
No. 15 Detachment up forward but this is individual
rather than 'en bloc'.

Fuller
major

20/11/44

Gen.
P.D. / 4 Dec.

24 Nov.

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C. & S. Section.

(4)

Draft letter in reply to
6 A attached for signature of
Chief Commissioner. Transportation
S/C agrees.

P. A. Dagnas

Major

4 Dec. 44

V.P.

(5)

Draft for your approval
forwarding for signature

R. A. Sherry

(6)

To: C.O.S.

6 A.

6th.

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Major

4 Dec. 44

V.I.

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R.A. / W.A.

6th.

(6)

To: C.O.S.

Letter Ref: 96/9 / P.A.T. Submitted
 for approval and signature.

8 Dec 44

W.G.S. D. Ward, Myn

(7)

C.A. Sec

Ref Minute 6. Letter signed
 and returned to dispatch. Two
 copies retained

D. Gordon

" True 44.

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Office, Dept of Sec.

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To: Patriots.

Letter 96/9/PAT of 8 December returned signed by
C.O.S. for dispatch by your Branch.

(Sgd.) W.G.S. DOLLARD,
Major,
G.4 Sec.

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(9)

14 Dec. 44.

Ex.

Policy for Employment of PatriotsSECRET

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Tel 4013.

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Please use my views at your discretion and draft full reply.

Director.

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PARA. 6.:- Revision sent a letter O.K.
it not visible hands all. Para. 8.:- When
with above comment, & also sub. Para. 8.
12 Dec 44
W.G.S. Dollard

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P. D. Dugan
Paid Ex.

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TO: CA Sec (Attn: Col. R. R. Cripps). (15)

~~Our comments are~~

~~B. Cripps~~ With reference to para. 15, it is considered to be an essential element of compliance with the Geneva Convention that patriots must wear some distinctive emblem if they are to be officially recognized as members of the Armed Forces. It is not known whether members of the Volksturm are in fact equipped with such an emblem, nor whether the declaration of policy by the Foreign Secretary was in such terms as to amount to a relaxation of the principle in this respect. If it is clear that this concession has been made for Germany, where it can only operate to the disadvantage of the Allies, it should clearly be claimed for patriots in this country and should be claimed for them in whatever part of the country they are fighting.

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Undelivered

W. E. BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

To: Patriots

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Letters at 15-a signed & ready

to be sent.

W.G.S. Dillard, Major

C.H. Sec

20 Dec '44

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W. E. BARNES,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

To: Patriots

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*Letters at 13-6
to be sent.*

Signed & Ready

*W.G.S. Dillard, Major
C.H. Sec.*

20 Dec '94

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To Civil Affairs Section.

In view of the efforts which have been and still are being made to deal with (i) Welfare

(ii) Rehabilitation

it is felt that it is now time to bring to your attention certain facts which indicate that this may not mean the end of our troubles.

2. Whether it is for political reasons or simply because of general apathy, there is a decided tendency

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19.

How. you any comments on 30A. please
prior to issue.

L. Galt (Pat)

27 Jan. 1940

H. W. White, Jr.

No comments, 27/6

David C. Lusk,

V. Galt, Jr.

John R.

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Director
D/Director

(81st) for your information; this memorandum outlines a scheme for absorbing Patents in Lombard into the Guardia Financiera, & was handed to a representative of the PRO who was recently ~~presented~~ at HQ Lombardia Region. If, then we get confirmation of the facts given in the memorandum or any further details about the scheme, the PRO wants to mention it in one of his reports.

N. Pasby for Lnd. ✓

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BV 12/7

21.

Labour Sub Com.

1. Ref Telephone conversation D/Director. from Comd Pasby - 14 July 45; please see (87th) - (88th).
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27 June 45

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H. Pasby for Cmd. ✓

BV 12/7th

N. M. R. R. C.

29 June 45

21.

Lobau Sub Com.

1. Ref Telephone conversation D/Director -
for Cmd Pasby - 14 July 45; please see (37^A) & (38^A)
2. This Branch would be glad to know when this scheme will come into operation, & whether it will be possible to give priority to Patriots, particularly in such places as Belluno, where difficulty is being experienced in dispersing them. ~~Patriots~~ owing to the shortage of civilian employment.
3. The statement in the second para of the cutting at (37^A), is causing

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much dissatisfaction in the north, as it is thought that recruiting for this work must have started in the south, although it is not yet open in the north. If the statement is incorrect, could it be possible to make some official postment in the press contradicting it, a giving the true state of affairs?

14 Jul 45.

R. P. Kirby for Col

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But we are prepared to arrange that a Patriot, who is between the age limits presented, who is of the desired skill and who passes the medical and security tests, shall have preference over non-Patriots.

W. H. R. M. R. M.
Director Labour Dept.

15th July 1945

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Col. L. P. P.

SUMMARY OF AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN
LT. COL. WHITE AND FIVE PATRIOT LEADERS
AT MILAN - 27 JUL 45.

They were asked if they had any complaints as to the administration of Patriot centres. They replied that matters moved too slowly, there was still no work for a very large number of patriots, that persons who did not volunteer to oppose the Germans remained in safe jobs while those who gave up jobs in order to fight were now out of work and their employees did not re-instate them, this caused bitterness and ill feeling.

They went on to say that the Patriot Officers were the only persons who helped them and the only persons Allied or Italian who were actively battling for them. They felt more could be done and asked that it would. The promises made to patriots by the forces (not AMG) had not been carried out.

Many fascists were still in office, e.g. the Head of EACI and the head of the Questore, these were well known fascists it was iniquitous that they should still be retained. Many other instances could be given. The patriots did not struggle so that these might remain.

There was a Housing Committee. It was considered that the Patriots should be represented on it. Patriots were certainly not getting preferential treatment in the allocation of houses. This was a matter in which appreciation of their services might as easily and properly be shown as in preferential re-employment. Patriots could not even get back their old houses which they had left to go and fight.

When patriots had denounced persons for thefts or other illegalities their denunciations had been ignored. Their co-operation in maintaining order was evidently not desired.

Patriots were treated unreasonably when they tried to earn their own living. Persons who wanted to obtain driving licenses were kept waiting in queues quite unreasonable periods.

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D.L.G.

1. Can we ask the Italian Government to pass legislation
 - a) That employees shall re-instate patriots who left their jobs to fight against the Germans.
 - b) That patriots shall be entitled to be re-instated in houses which they gave up to fight the Germans.
 - c) That labour centres shall give priority to patriots in selecting persons for employment.
 - d) That patriots having special clerical, technical or scientific qualifications will receive special consideration when certain appointments, including State employment and that persons having such special qualifications who desire to be considered for such appointments will register their particulars with the Prefect.
2. Copies of the interview should be sent to P.C. Milan City for further investigation and action. Copy to R.C. Lombardia. Copy to C.A.S. on expiration questions.

1 AUG 1945

Handwritten signature

SUMMARY OF AN INTERVIEW WITH
 LT. COL. WHITE AND PATRICK LEADERS
 AT MILAN ON 27 JUL 45.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 96/PAT

Tel No 489031
Ext 321

Subject : Civilian Labour for Ceylon

16 July 45

To : HQ VENEZIA Region
(attention Patriot Officer)

Copy to : Provincial Commissioner, Belluno

1. With reference to the article which appeared in the Corriere Veneto of 6 July 45 concerning the British Admiralty contract for civilian labour in Ceylon.

2. It has been ascertained that recruitment for this scheme is not yet open. The statement that the first 1,500 men are already enrolled and about to leave is incorrect, and will be contradicted in the press.

3. For your information the British Admiralty will require trade tests before accepting men, but the Labour Sub Commission are arranging that a Patriot within the age limits prescribed, who has the necessary technical qualifications and passes the medical and security tests, shall be given preference over non Patriots.

A.P

S.M. WHITE - Lt. Col.
S/Director,
Local Govt. Sub Com.

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Extract from Lt Col White's Tour Notes 10 to 12 July - F18A of 165/PAT

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9. If there were employment available all centres could be closed down but unemployment is the chief reason for the continuation of centres - The importance of coal and the reopening of the ports would make an enormous difference to the whole outlook - If Patriot problem reduced unemployed ex Patriots could be fed at communal feeding centres (a special one if considered desirable) and the centre need not be kept open merely for feeding them. The only two functions requiring special attention were collecting of arms and the obtaining of employment.

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EXTRACT FROM NOTES ON J/COMD PROBY'S VISIT
TO VENEZIA 5 - 12 JULY 45.

4. BELLUNO - 10 JULY 45 (~~Locally appointed IMR~~)

96/PAT (b) The big problem here is unemployment - Belluno has no industry into which to absorb its population, and in normal times almost all the young men went to other parts of Italy or abroad to find work. 1,500 men have already volunteered for British Admiralty labour in Ceylon. The Regional and Provincial Labour officers have heard nothing about the scheme, although an article in the Corriere Veneto of the 6 July states that the first 1,500 men are already assembled and waiting to go. (To be taken up with Labour Sub/Com and the method of allotting vacancies discovered).

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Extract from CORRIERE VENETO 6 July 45

15 mila lavoratori italiani si rechneranno a Ceylon

Roma, 5 luglio

(N.N.U.) — Quindici mila lavoratori italiani saranno inviati in Estremo Oriente, e precisamente nell'isola di Ceylon, per compiere lavori per conto dell'Ammiraglio britannico.

Il primo scaglione, di 1500 operai, è già pronto ed è prossimo alla partenza. Gli altri scaglioni, sempre di 1500 lavoratori ciascuno, saranno costituiti a brevi scadenze. Gli scaglioni sono formati a gruppi tecnicamente omogenei, composti cioè da persone dello stesso mestiere. Gli assegni ed i salari vanno da una sterlina e mezzo giornaliera per ingegneri e medici scendendo man mano fino a 12 scellini al giorno. L'ingaggio è per un massimo di tre anni con un premio d'ingaggio in partenza ed un premio di smobilitazione. L'alloggio ed il vitto sono oltre gli assegni.

I lavoratori potranno spedire in Italia o depositare in banca i quattro quinti dei salari, e sul posto potranno spendere soltanto un quinto.

Per quelli che rimettono in Italia il danaro, sarà dallo Stato italiano corrisposto un premio per ogni sterlina spedita.

Le domande d'ingaggio debbono essere inviate al Ministero del Lavoro in Roma, tramite gli uffici provinciali del Lavoro.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. no. 489084
Ext. 321

Ref : 96/PAT

7th July 1945

Subject : Labour Scheme for Italian Civilian.

To : Major GILLETTE, Regional Patriot Officer,
EMILIA Region.

- 33A
- 1 With reference to your telephone conversation with this Branch 6 July 45, a copy of our signal 883 of 29 Jun 45 to AMG 8th Army is forwarded herewith.
 - 2 In regard to Para Two of this signal, a copy of the full details will be forwarded to you when available.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel No 489081
Ext 321

4 July 1945

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SUBJECT : Employment of Patriots.

TO : Presidency of the Council.

For inf.: Under-Secretary SPATARO - Ministry of Interior.

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I refer to your 25560/3244/19.13 of 14 Jun with regard
the freeing of Stocks of Cement.

- 1 Inquiry has been made into the position. The cement was never frozen for export but it had been blocked and the position was then under discussion. The position now is that control of cement has been passed by A.C. to the Italian Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- 2 Allocations have been made for the repair of roads railways Public Works and Housing.
- 3 There is no reason why Patriots should not receive priority of employment on such work.
- 4 The Ministry of Commerce and Industry will no doubt be prepared to give you full information on the position.

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

SHW/mlo.

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MONTHLY SUPPLEMENT TO AC MANUAL ON MATERIALS

NO. 5

JUNE 1945

FOREWORD

This pamphlet is the third of a series to be issued by the Materials Division of Commerce Subcommittee, HQ Allied Commission, and is for inclusion, as information, in the space provided at the end of the AC Manual on Materials. This information consists of notes of general interest and guidance on the current situation as regards controlled non-subsistence materials, together with any relevant facts concerning non-controlled materials.

Comments and suggestions from the Regions, for inclusion in future issues of the Monthly Supplement will be welcomed, and should be addressed to Materials Division, Commerce Subcommittee, HQ Allied Commission.

Comment: See Appendix A attached.

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GENERAL

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2. Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture and Provincial Offices of Industry and Commerce.

Your attention is again drawn to the increasing importance of the information contained in Section X of the Manual on Materials. It will be appreciated that, with the anticipated rapid turnover of Northern territory in Italy to the Italian Government, it is imperative that adequate arrangements be made for the disposal of the surplus.

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Appendix A

JULY ALLOCATION - CEMENT

Availability in tons

JULY ALLOCATION EX:

Breakdown:

AMG 8th Army
 Transportation S/C
 P.W. & U. S/C
 Land Forces S/C
 Industry S/C
 Emilia Region
 Ancona Province
 Port Construct Off.
 C.E. P.B.S.
 M.I.C.
 M. LL. PP.
 Tn. S/C extra alloc.

At disposal of
 Commerce S/C

Civitavecchia	Guidonia	Colleferre	Bagnoli	Salerno	Medugno	Barletta	Monopoli
4500	3000	3500	2000	2300	4000	600	3000
		400		225	500		
1500	1800	1650		500			
1500				30			
	130						1000
					1000		
80							450
							810
420	670	300	1000	600	1800	200	400
200	400	195	1000	445	340	200	
800		655		500		200	
		300			360		340
4500	3000	3500	2000	2300	4000	600	3000

(°)-500 qual.

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Appendix AJULY ALLOCATION - CEMENTAvailability in tons

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									2000	(+)
									23200	
		400							400	
	1800	1650		225	500				5675	
				500					2000	
				30					30	
	130								130	
							1000		1000	
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									80	
							450		450	
	670	300	1000	600	1800	200	810	200	6000	
	400	195	1000	445	340	200	400	100	3280	
		655		500		200			2155	
		300			360		340		1000	
	3000	3500	2000	2300	4000	600	3000	300	23200	

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SECTION IIILIST OF CONTROLLED NON-SUBSISTENCE MATERIALS - 23 JUNE 1945A. 1st CATEGORY - LIST OF MATERIALS CONTROLLED BY AFIR(I)B

a. Controlled by Engineering Materials Committee.

I. Metals - Non-Ferrous

1. Solder
2. Tin
3. White metal for bearings

II. Timber

4. Standing timber in the two areas reserved for British and American services in Calabria
5. Plywood

b. Controlled by Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.

6. Hemp: raw, tow and manufactured (excluding binder twine and 3rd, 4th and 5th quality rope)
7. Leather and all leather articles

B. 2nd CATEGORY - RESTRICTED MATERIALS (MATERIALS CONTROLLED WITH PRIORITY FOR CIVILIAN NEEDS)

8. Matches
9. Phosphate Rock
10. Tanning materials
11. Cellulose for paper-making
12. Carbon Bisulphide
13. Soap
14. Poplar wood

C. 3rd CATEGORY - MATERIALS CONTROLLED BY THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCEI. Metals

1. Structural steel of all dimensions
2. Foundry pig
3. Copper, unfabricated and scrap
4. Lead in all forms
5. Nails, newly manufactured (not from existing stocks)
6. Iron bars, iron plates, tin plates

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7. Steel - in blooms, ingots, billets and slabs - other than special machine and tool steel
8. Aluminium in pig, ingots, plates or semi-finished materials (rolled, drawing, powders, grains, etc.)
9. Scrap metals other than copper and lead already mentioned in 3 & 4 above
10. Aluminium scraps

II. Building Materials

11. Cement
12. Glass (sheet)

III. Greases and Solvents

13. Greases for industrial purposes, excluding petroleum products (I)
14. Solvents; (carbon tetrachloride, trichlorine, excluding petroleum products) (I)

IV. Textile Fibres

15. Artificial textile fibres
16. Cotton, cloth and other textile products
17. Binder twine and 3rd, 4th and 5th quality rope

V. Miscellaneous

18. Linseed and Linseed oil
19. Raw and processed sulphur for all uses (not including sulphur rock)
20. Mineral and bone superphosphate, ammonium sulphate, ammonium nitrate, calcium nitrate, calcium cyanamide, etc.
21. Fungicides and insecticides used in agriculture

D. 4th CATEGORY - MATERIALS UNDER SPECIAL CONTROL

1. Solid Fuel
2. P.O.L. (Petroleum products, oils and lubricants), Methane Gas
3. Newsprint (for the Provinces given back to the Administration of the Italian Government and for Naples).

(I) Petroleum greases for industrial purposes, petroleum lubricants and solvents must be considered as POL products.

FOR ACTION AME EIGHTARMY

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29 June 1945

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PARA TWO PD AGREEMENT EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID HYPHEN JULY AND FULL DETAILS WILL THEN BE ISSUED TO PROVINCIAL LABOUR OFFICES WHO WILL RECRUIT LABOUR PD WILL FORWARD YOU FURTHER DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE

Patriots Branch

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J/Comd,

for R.R. GRIFFS, Col, Director, Local Govt S/O

Cleared with Labour Admin

M.P. 8/10

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58 JUN Recd / 4496

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: M1133
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 28 1430B

Message Centre No: E/7189
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 28 1840B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: MAIN ANG 8 ARMY

TO : HQ AICON FOR ACPAT INFO COPY TO MAIN 8 ARMY FOR GSI(C)

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Considerable numbers of ex Partisans in UDINE are volunteering for service in the far east in Italian forces. Formation of which has been announced in the process. No official details are available here. Please send full details of why such scheme in existence as soon as possible.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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? does this refer to the scheme outlined in PDB report No 69 page 8 (file 153/PAT)

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I propose to
submit a paper on the
subject of the
P.A. Commission for the
purpose of the
protection of the
Patriots

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PRB - Tel. 478505. 478503
27 JUN Recd 96
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Plans are under way to train a first batch of partisans for admission to the National Forestry Corps (Guardia Forestale) at a State School of Forestry to be set up for this purpose, AMG officials announced today.

Some 300-400 partisan volunteers will be selected for the course, only those who have completed the fifth elementary class at school and who have a suitable physique and background being accepted. Students who complete the course successfully will emerge as fully-trained forestry experts and have before them a permanent career in the famed Italian Forestry Corps.

The course is scheduled to last four months and will include practical instruction in reforestation, botany, identification and commercial use of timber, logging methods, mountain transport law and general discipline and background of the Corps. It is hoped to be able to hold the school in the former summer holiday camp at Piazzatorre, province of Bergamo, ideally situated amid woods and near several saw-mills.

The cost of the course is borne by the State. Students, however, will be required to pay a sum of 5000 lire to cover their living expenses and extras during the four months. The camp will be run and policed by the students themselves. A certain amount of equipment will be available from the old Fascist training school at S. Pellegrino and Allied Military authorities of Bergamo Province have promised to co-operate by releasing all transport hitherto requisitioned.

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This School of Forestry, declare AMG officials, has the double purpose of absorbing ex-partisans in useful technical work and of filling up the diminished ranks of the Corps. After separation

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has been carried out, it is estimated that not more than 35% of the Corps formerly existing in Lombardia will be left to execute the vast scheme of reforestation planned to counterbalance the drastic cutting of woods during the last few years. AMG ~~xxx~~ is planning the complete reorganisation of the Corps on a technical basis, thus eliminating its military character of former days. It is intended to bring the Corps up to a pre-war total of 4000 by introducing new trained personnel.

The National Forest Corps has a detachment in each province of the realm whose duty it is to assign the quantity of wood to be cut from both private and State-owned woods, as well as reforestation work and general preservation and upkeep of woods, including fire prevention.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 482384
Ext. 321

Ref : 96/PAT
Subject : Employment of Patriots.
To : Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

22 June 1945.

I refer to the letter of the Ministry of Occupied Italy
No. 1493/D.1 of 13 June. — 287

1.

The main point of the criticism is that the present schemes for the reabsorption of patriots into civil life do not go far enough. That it is not sufficient to offer opportunities for employment in the army and the police or on works of reconstruction. That there are others who have exceptional technical, political or educational qualifications and that some scheme should be evolved for finding suitable occupations for these.

2.

This involves questions of policy which must be settled before a scheme to carry the policy into effect can be worked out. For instance is a patriot with suitable qualifications going to be given any preferential treatment as to admission into the clerical grades of the various government departments, or into the technical grades of the railway or postal services or into the teaching or other professions. Will the ordinary age limits or other tests for admission be modified.

3.

Not until these and other questions have been decided can patriots be informed what positions are open to them nor the terms of their employment and until that is done they do not know what is open to them and cannot make their choice.

4.

There is at the present time a questionnaire in use at Patriot Centres but it does not go further on the point of reemployment than asking the patriot to state his normal occupation. A special form dealing with civil qualifications and work desired would be useful as the forms could be distributed among the various employing agencies.

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6. It would I think be a mistake to issue a questionnaire before these points are decided - to do so would be to cause disappointment by the long time which would elapse before patriots could see any results from their application.
7. A conference with the various government departments who may be interested may be desirable. If desired the Allied Commission would be prepared to send representatives to any such conference.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
Foreign Trade Division

21 JUL 1945

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Tels: 439081 Ext. 611
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Ref: AG/5127/52/30000000

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Export of Cement to Austria

TO : AFARS - RAAC - CMF

1. Reference conversation Major Loudon/Major Gent, we attach copy of letter received from Civil Affairs Section, this Headquarters, and will be grateful for your comments on paragraphs 2 and 3.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Major H. W. GENT
for Colonel
Director,
Commerce Subcommittee

Enclosure

cc: Economic Section
Civil Affairs Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Tel. Ext. 525

13 June 1945

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Ref : 96/PAT
Subject : Employment of disbanded Patriots.
To : Economic Section (2)
Copy to : Exec. Commissioner.

1. The finding of work for disbanded patriots is a matter of prime urgency for the preservation of good order in the North. The Italian Government had in preparation a programme of works for the restoration and rehabilitation of Italy including the repairs of road and railway bridges, tunnels and the like on which it was proposed to employ ex-patriots.
2. At a conference at Presidency of the Council of Ministers this morning it was alleged that the Italian Government had been informed that the cement required was all "frozen" as it was required for export to Austria in connection with the restoration of that country.
3. Will you please say whether there is any truth in the above allegation and if not confirm that cement can be made available for suitable works on which ex-patriots can be absorbed.

G. R. URJOHN,
Brigadier,
V.P. Civil Affairs Section

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TRANSLATION

From : Ministry of Occupied Italy - The Minister.

To : A.C. Patriots Branch - ROME.

Ref : 1493/D.1

sf. 13 Jan

Subject : Partisans.

This Ministry wishes to draw Allied Commission's attention to the enclosed note from a partisan of the Valle Camonica, where the inadequacy of the provisions established for the demobilisation of partisans is pointed out, as well as the problem of their return to civilian life (with the latest provisions this problem must be considered as being satisfactorily closed). It is suggested that a questionnaire should be issued to partisans on which would be shown what their wishes and qualifications are, in order to allow an intervention on their behalf, also to obtain the best economic employment.

Courteously awaiting news on how to bring into action the useful initiative which could be made part of IMPRs tasks, we thank you.

THE MINISTER

SCOCCELLARO

1945

CORPO DEI VOLONTARI DELLA LIBERTA'

Subject: Report of the war Commissioner for Sector No. one - Vallecarnonica and part of the Sebino shores.

To Ministry of Liberated Territories

To Mr. SCOCOTMARRO
ROMA

The matter I wish to deal with would call for a detailed and complete report which my office engagement prevent me from doing. This report will be short and concise.

It deals with the state of mind which has developed amongst the partisans formations, following the Government's provisions for the settlement of patriots when they are demobilized.

a) The members of the formations, who remained in the mountains for so many months, enduring great hardships and exposing their relatives to the worst reprisals, in the great majority of cases, even in that total destruction, declare that the provisions that the Government would take seem obviously inadequate and from certain point of view humiliating.

b) The issue of demobilisation bonus of one thousand lire, a partisan certificate and the promise to employ the men in the Police, in the Army or at reconstruction work, seems quite inadequate.

c) The fact is that while the members of the partisan formations were still engaged operationally against the nazi-fascists, each place of responsibility each control, was taken up by elements who had not endured the burning trials to which for nearly eighteen months the units of "Corpo Volontari della Liberta'" have been submitted.

The above, naturally in a purely general way.

d) It cannot be denied that the partisan formations have amongst their members, men gifted with a technical, political and general education such as to make them quite suitable for officers which should not be limited to the Police, the Army and to reconstruction work (public?). The absorption of partisans should therefore not be limited but each case should be examined separately according to his capability.

May I now express my own point of view:

I suggest that questionnaires showing all datos concerning each individual partisan be issued with the following questions:
"Which would be the occupation the interested party would prefer? and for what reasons?"

Briefly I have formed it my duty to mention the state of mind which has developed in our ranks.

There is no doubt that timely provisions on the matter will be taken, and may I be allowed to humbly express my opinion that the anti-fascist state in embryo should, above all, be based on the men who took part in the epic partisan fight, who have given so much, and are still sacrificing themselves on behalf of the return to normal conditions, which are indispensable for recovery.

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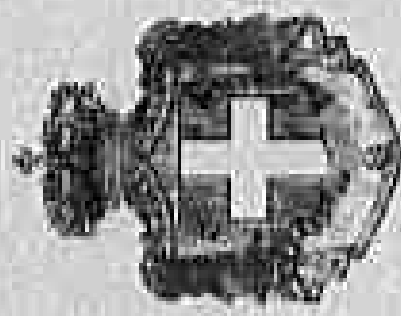
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17 May 1945

The Commissioner for Sector No. one

1944

14 JUN Recd



Ministero dell'Interno

IL MINISTRO

1493/D.1

Roma 13 Giugno 1945

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Patriots Branch

R O M A

OGGETTO: Partigiani

Questo Ministero desidera richiamare l'attenzione di codesta Commissione sull'unito appunto redatto da un partigiano della Valle Camonica, in cui-mentre si pone in rilievo la scarsa entità delle provvidenze fissate per la smobilitazione dei partigiani e il problema del loro riassorbimento nella vita civile(il che, con i provvedimenti in corso, deve ritenersi superato)-viene altresì proposto di diramare ai partigiani un questionario da cui possano risultare eventuali aspirazioni e capacità specifiche; ciò che potrebbe consentire qualche intervento a loro favore, anche secondo gli stessi criteri della pura utilizzazione economica.

In attesa di cortesie notizie sul modo come concretare l'utile iniziativa la cui attuazione potrebbe essere demandata ai rappresentanti Regionali e provinciali, si ringrazia.

I L M I N I S T R O

*Gde R per trans 28A
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CORPO VOLONTARI DELLA LIBERTA'

Oggetto: Breve relazione del Commissario di guerra del settore n. UNO
Vallecamonica e parte della riviera del Sebino.

Al Ministero delle terre Liberate

ALL'ONOREVOLE SCOCCIMARRO

R O M A

per l'argomento che mi propongo trattare dovrei stendere una relazione dettagliata e completa, ma essendo totalmente assorbito dalle occupazioni relative al mio ufficio, debbo limitarmi ad un cenno del tutto sintetico.

Si tratta dello stato d'animo diffusosi in seno alle formazioni patriottico-partigiane, in conseguenza dei provvedimenti che il Governo adotterebbe per la sistemazione degli stessi, all'atto della smobilitazione.

- a) gli uomini delle formazioni, che tennero la montagna per tanti mesi, a prezzo di sacrifici durissimi ed esponendo i propri cari alle più feroci rappresaglie, dichiarano - nella stragrande maggioranza dei casi - si può anzi dire, nella totalità, che i provvedimenti che verrebbero presi dal GOVERNO, appaiono manifestamente insufficienti, per non dire, - sotto certi punti di vista - addirittura umilianti.
- b) dare un premio di smobilitazione di lire mille, un certificato di partigiano, e la promessa di sistemare gli uomini, o presso la POLIZIA, o nell'Esercito, o al lavoro per la riedificazione del distrutto, appare assai poco.
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- Ciò detto naturalmente nel completo ed in linea puramente generale.
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- La sfera di assorbimento dell'elemento partigiano non dovrebbe quindi essere ristretta, ma ritenuto caso per caso il coefficiente di competenza specifica, dovrebbe essere - dal punto di vista statale - pressoché illimitata.

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Mi permetto ora esprimere un mio punto di vista:

Non sarebbe il caso di emettere dei questionari in cui si rilevassero tutti i dati di ogni singolo partigiano, e si potesse pure la seguente domanda:

" A quale occupazione preferirebbe l'interessato essere adibito ?
Per quale ragione ? "

In modo come vedesi - del tutto scheletrico - ho ritenuto mio dovere far cenno di uno stato d'animo che va diffondendosi nelle nostre file. -

Non dubitasi di tempestivi provvedimenti al riguardo, ed umilmente esprimo il parere, se mi è permesso - che lo stato antifascista in abbozzo dovrebbe soprattutto basarsi sugli uomini dell'epica lotta partigiana, che tanto hanno dato e che tanto danno tuttora per il ritorno a quelle condizioni di normalità che si impongono, per la ripresa.

Ossequi

li 17 maggio 1945

(IL COMMISSARIO DEL SETTORE N. UNO)

Tel. Ext. 321

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A/C 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

36/PAT

20 June 45

SUBJECT : Employment of Patriots

TO : H.E. SPARANO
Under Secretary of State
Presidency of the Council of Ministers
ROME

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Your letter 35560/3240/19.13 of 14 Jun has been received. The matter is being investigated and it is hoped to let you have a reply shortly.

D.F. CRIPPS, Col,
Director,
Local Government S/G

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MP

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. Ext. 321

20 June 1945

Ref : 96/PAT

Subject : Employment of disbanded Patriots.

To : Economic Section.

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1. Can a reply to 96/PAT of 13 Jun be expedited please.
2. The matter is of great importance. Patriots are being disbanded daily and the inability to offer employment is a cause of dissatisfaction and failure to provide employment may quite probably lead to disturbances. This is not a matter in which we can afford delay.

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

cc.

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TRANSLATION

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16 JUN Recd / 96

From : Presidency of the Council of Ministers.
No. : 35560/32440/19.13
To : A.C. Liaison Office with Patriots Branch, Rome.
Subject : Employment of Patriots.

Rome, 14 June 1945.

The demobilisation of patriots, and especially where the more numerous and complex formations who operated for the liberation of the northern provinces are concerned, puts to the Government the problem of offering working possibilities to all those who will not enter the regular armed forces, or will return to their agricultural work.

To such ~~men~~^{ends} the immediate execution of a notable lot of constructions, roads etc. has been ordered, which would allow the absorption of notable labour.

The actuation of the plan, however, according to what is reported, would be at present hindered by the fact that the important stocks of cement existing in Northern Italy, have been impounded by Allied Authorities who keep them at their disposal for works to be carried out beyond the North-Eastern border.

In fact, because of the known deficiency of coal it is impossible to speculate on newly produced cement, with the consequence that the foreseen absorption of labour will not be possible, at least for a period the length of which cannot be estimated.

In view of the above we wish to bring the matter up to the Allied bodies of the Patriots Branch in case they found it possible to refer the matter to the Allied Commission in order to eliminate the serious hindrance to the reemployment of patriots in civil life.

The Under-Secretary of State,
Spataro.

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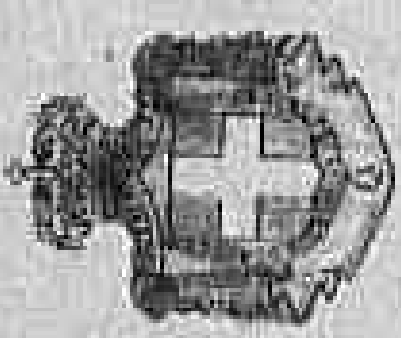
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Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIATI
Ufficio di Collegamento col Patriots
Branch

N. 35560/32440/19.12

R O M A

OGGETTO : Avviamento al lavoro dei Patriots

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A questo scopo è stata preordinata l'esecuzione immediata di un notevole complesso di lavori edili, stradali, ecc. che permetterebbe di assorbire un notevole contingente di mano d'opera.

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In vista di ciò, si prega di prospettare la questione

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N.º 35560/32440/19.13

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 374
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Ext. 525

13 June 1945.

Ref : 96/PAT
Subject : Employment of Disbanded Patriots.
To : Economic Section. (2)
Copy to : Assoc. Commissioner.

1. The finding of work for disbanded patriots is a matter of prime urgency for the preservation of good order in the North. The Italian Government had in preparation a program of works for the restoration and rehabilitation of Italy including the repairs of road and railway bridges, tunnels and the like on which it was proposed to employ ex-patriots.
2. At a conference at Presidoro of the Council of Ministers this morning it was alleged that the Italian Government had been informed that the cement required was all "frozen" as it was required for export to Austria in connection with the restoration of that country.
3. Will you please say whether there is any truth in the above allegation and if not confirm that cement can be made available for suitable works on which ex-patriots can be absorbed.

RB
G.R. URYON,
Brigadier,
V.P. Civil Affairs Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Civil Affairs Section

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2 June 1945

SUBJECT : Employment of Partisans as
Agents of Public Security.

TO : See Distribution Below.

1. Authority is hereby given for bona fide Partisans to be accepted for recruitment as Agents of Public Security and other police agencies (except GCHQ) on the usual terms required by Italian law, namely that applicants -

- a) Are physically and mentally suitable
- b) Conform to the standard of education required by the Ministry of Interior
- c) Have no criminal record
- d) Undergo the prescribed course of training required of all Police Agents
- e) Accept the existing wage scale for Police Agents
- f) Eschew any political association.

2. Such partisans availing themselves of this employment will report to and be under the control of the Questore of the district in which they enrol and be subject to him in all matters pertaining to the Public Security Service.

3. Appendix "A" gives the strength of the force as at 31st Dec 1943 and will act as a guide to the numbers that may be recruited having in mind the strength of the existing force.

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G. R. UPJOHN, Brig.
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Ministry of Interior, Italian Gov't.

See R 105, 106, 49/147

APPENDIX "A"

N. ITALY P.S. AGENTS STRENGTH (INCLUDED MOBILE SQUADS)
TO 31 DECEMBER 1943

<u>R E G I O N S</u>	<u>S T R E N G T H</u>
LIGURIA	1242
LOMBARDIA	2265
PIEMONTE	1388
VENEZIA	2680
EMILIA	118
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>7743</u>
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L I G U R I A

Genova	504
Imperia	181
La Spezia	65
Savona	51
Btg. Mob. Genova	440

TOTAL

1242

L O M B A R D I A

Bergamo	38
Brescia	76
Como	145
Cremona	40
Mantova	37
Milano	1178
Novara	90
Pavia	37
Sondrio	37
Varese	67

EMILIA	138
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Brescia	76
Como	143
Cremona	40
Mantova	37
Milano	<u>1178</u>
Novara	50
Pavia	37
Sondrio	37
Varese	57
Btg. Milano	<u>517</u>
TOTAL	1925

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P I E M O N T E

Alessandria	51
Aosta	31
Asti	25
Cuneo	72
Torino	692
Vercelli	29
Etg. Torino	488

TOTAL

1388

V E N E Z I A

Belluno	24
Bolzano	253
Fiume	228
Corizia	110
Padova	85
Pola	57
Rovigo	24
Trento	88
Treviso	31
Trieste	434
Udine	124
Venezia	301
Verona	82
Vicenza	35
Zara	235
Comp. Mob. Trieste	211
Comp. Mob. Venezia	137
Comp. Mob. Zara	211

TOTAL

2680

E M I L I A

Modena	43
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TOTAL

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E M I L I A

Modena	43
Parma	48
Piacenza	42
Reggio Emilia	35

TOTAL

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

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26 May 1945

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EMPLOYMENT FOR PATRIOTS AND EX MILITARY PERSONNEL PD MORE DETAILED INFORMATION
NOT YET AVAILABLE PD

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EX REGULAR AIR FORCE PERSONNEL PD

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for Col. R.R. CRIPS Director, Local Govt. S/G

CONFIDENTIALMINUTES OF A CONFERENCE BETWEEN:

Col. LOMBARDI - Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of War and
 Capt. di ROSSIGNANT of Patriots Branch A.C. on 25 May 45
 concerning M.M.I.A.'s letter ref. A 015 dated May 45.

The problem of the dismissal of 50,000 men of the Italian Army and their substitution, must be broken up in two distinct phases, where the Italian Ministry of War is concerned.

I PHASE. Regularisation of the position of the volunteers at present on active service. Volunteers who should be dismissed at the end of hostilities against Germany. Volunteers who should be dismissed three months after the end of hostilities. Volunteers who wish to remain in the service.

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2/3 by conscription. 1/3 by volunteers.

The plan is at present in the hands of the undersecretary Chatrion, and within the week beginning on 28 May a definite answer is expected.

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TRANSLATION

The Chief of Cabinet at the Ministry of Public Works when asked if any provisions had been made for employment of patriots, replied that a far reaching plan for extraordinary works had been made to supply employment to all war veterans, amongst whom the patriots are included.

The Chief of Cabinet has furthermore stated that an employment committee, which will include a representative of the patriots is to be instituted shortly.

H.E. Ghiri: deputy Commissioner for the Veterans is well aware of the whole plan, which might be discussed ~~with Col. Cripps~~ by him and Col. Cripps on the latter's return.

G.F. di Robilant, Capt.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION96
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TO: HQ ALCOM

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Please inform of any contemplated reconstruction projects planned by Italian Government on which demobilized patriots could be employed. Also inform as to possibility of enlistments on Italian Army or other services in view of ceilings. This information urgently required. Cite our F182. — no trace

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Ref : 96/PAT.

16 April 1945.

note by Cap Di PokilantPERSONNEL FOR THE HARVEST WORKS.

1. Personnel could be found from amongst Patriots of Central Italy, Army veterans and former Italian Ps.O.W.
2. They should be supplied with transportation, accommodations, rations and pay.
3. High Commissariat for the Veterans will investigate the matter forthwith.
4. A letter should be written to them addressing it to High Commissariat for Veterans (attention of Gen. De Rosa).

Note

V.P. C.A. Section informed.
It may be a possible outlet for unemployed Patriots in Italian Govt. Territory. Last year the Italian Army was used on harvest but Patriots are not considered a very suitable type of labour in view of their undisciplined and unruly nature.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

27 Marzo 1945

Ref : 96/PAT

Oggetto : Patriota BABBONI Nicola.

All' : Alto Commissariato per i Reduci.
Via Quattro Fontane - Palazzo del Drago
ROMA

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Lt. Colonel,
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Patriots Branch.

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24 February 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR COL. CRAIG.

Following a telephone conversation between Capt. di Robilant of this Patriots Branch and Major USAAF Lord of the Ciampino Airfield Staff concerning employment of three patriots, Major Lord referred the whole matter to It. Col. De Bosis of the employment Office of Ciampino and to U.S. Capt. Cimaglia of the same Office.

Employment was found for the three patriots and in order to study future employment possibilities a Conference was requested by Col. Fava and Capt. di Robilant with Col. De Bosis and Capt. Cimaglia.

This Conference took place on 23 February at the employment Office at Ciampino airfield. The results can be summed up as follows:

1) - Ciampino requires and will require a certain amount of labour, which for the time being would be mainly of the following types:

- a) brick layers
- b) electricians
- c) carpenters
- d) plumbers
- e) unskilled labour.

2) - Rates are those established by AFHQ for native help.

3) - One meal a day is supplied which is satisfactory in quantity as well as quality. Improvements are expected by the establishment of a mess hall, cloak room with shower baths, etc.

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4) - Transportation to and from Rome is given to employees, and it will shortly be improved.

5) - It has been pointed out that it must be made quite clear to applicants that if they are employed they must remain in employment.

The labour Office cannot afford to employ people who should soon be discharged or who after a short time, choose to leave their work.

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SECRETHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 478008

Ref. 96/FAT

26th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Policy for Employment of Patriots.

TO : Advance H.Q. 13 Army Group.

Reference A.A.L. letter of the 9th December, No. 16/G(Ops), the following comments on the enclosure thereto are made.

1. It is presumed that the letter addressed to Fifth and Eighth Armies under the same reference as above applies only to the employment of patriots for operational purposes, as set out in para 5. It is desired to make comments on the Memorandum under three main headings: (a) Disarming, (b) Feeding and Accommodation, and (c) Distinctive Marks or Uniform.

2. (a) Disarming: (Your para 6 refers).

It is considered from a political point of view and security in general that all patriots should be disarmed as soon as possible, but if patriots are to be used in operational roles a certain number must be exceptions to this rule. Your suggestion that a patriot battle zone should be recognised will inevitably result in difficulties in the disarming of patriots, especially those not required by the Armies for operational roles. It is, therefore, suggested that the present policy of disarming all patriots should be continued and that this should take place at the initial reception points and centres to which patriots are first directed. It is considered that when it has been decided that certain of these men will be further employed by the Armies they can either have their arms returned to them or be armed from a pool such as is set out in your para 10. It is further recommended that patriots who are to be armed should carry a permit to that effect.

3. (b) Feeding and Accommodation: (Your para 8 refers).

Attached at Appendix "O" is the lay-out of the present patriot reception centres and camps. It is intended that points and reception centres be mobile and moved up behind the armies as the advance continues. The purpose of these centres is to register and screen patriots, arrange for their recruitment into the Italian army when they so desire and to accommodate them temporarily prior to dispersal. At these centres it is intended to accommodate and feed them temporarily and application has been made to AFHQ for the authorisation of a special ration and for the issue of clothing. It would be of great assistance if you would support this application to AFHQ on operational grounds.

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4. (c) Distinctive Marks or Uniform: (Your para 15 refers).

It is considered to be an essential element of compliance with the Geneva Convention that patriots must wear some "distinctive emblem" if they are to be officially recognised as members of the Armed Forces. It is not known whether members of the Volksturm are in fact equipped with such an emblem, nor whether the declaration of policy by the Foreign Secretary was in such terms as to amount to a relaxation of the principle in this respect. If it is clear that this concession has been made for Germany, where it can only operate to the disadvantage of the Allies, it should clearly be claimed for patriots in this country and should be claimed for them in whatever part of the country they are fighting.

It should be observed that the exact nature of the "distinctive emblem" necessary for compliance with the terms of the convention has never been decided; the Allied Commission has officially advised all the AG-AMO legal officers to accept as a "distinctive emblem" for this purpose "any identifiable peculiarity of clothing or mark, generally worn and recognisable in normal light, and by the naked eye at convenient small arms range."

For the Chief Commissioner:

G.R. HEJCHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.
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APPENDIX "C" to A.C. letter
No. 96/PAT of 26th Dec. 1944.

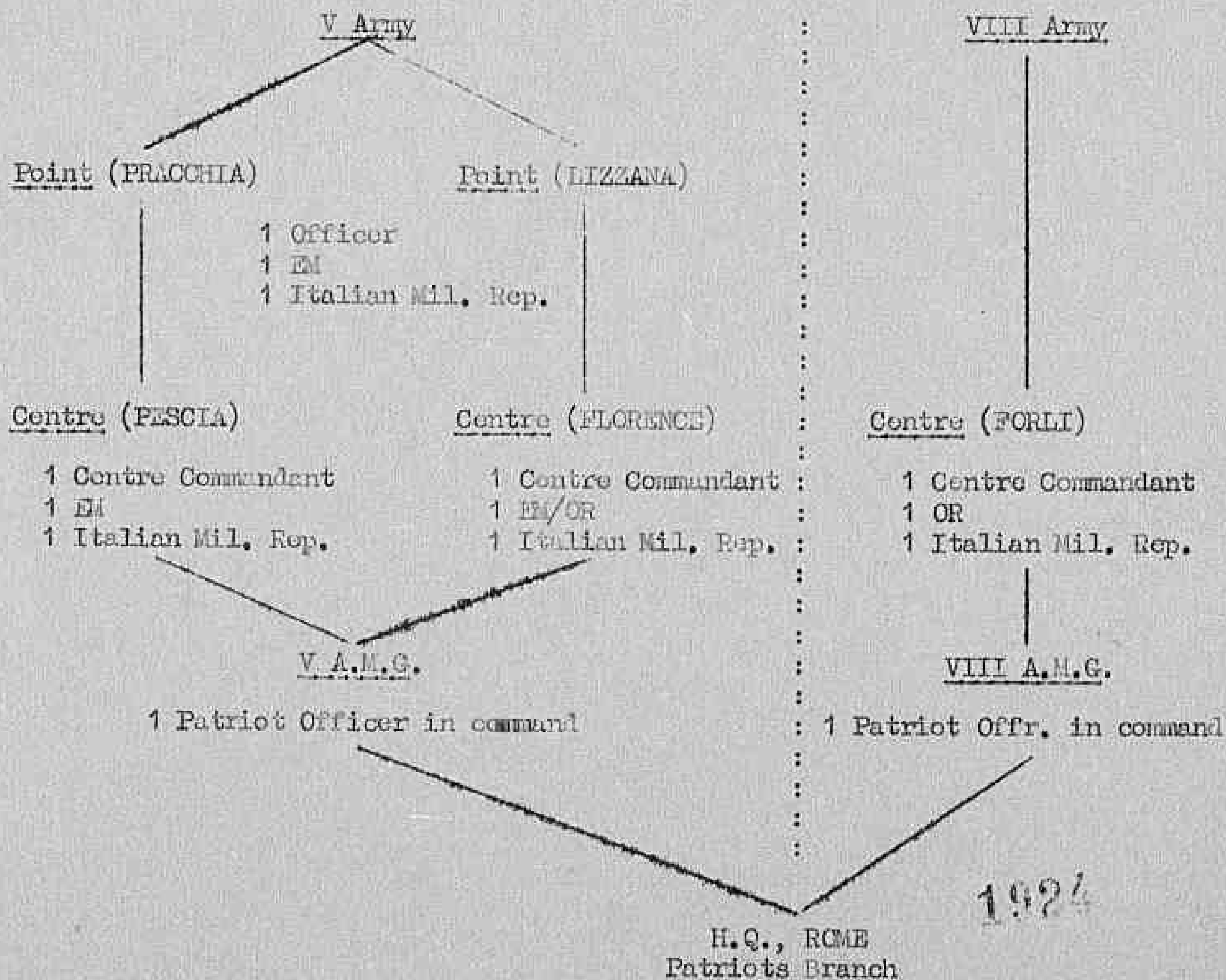
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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 121/PAT

8 December 1944.

Subject: Patriot Centres and Points



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Translation

The Minister of the Royal Household

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Rome, 12 December 1944

Dear Brigadier,

I have received your letter of December 8th, 96/9/1st, and I want to thank you for what you so kindly said about the request made by the 'Cooperativa Italiana Partigiani Assistenza Ricostruzione Trasporti di Roma'

I remain, my dear Brigadier,

Truly yours,

s/ Lucifero

F. Lucifero
(Minister of the Royal Household)

Brigadier Maurice Lush
Chief of Staff
Allied Commission

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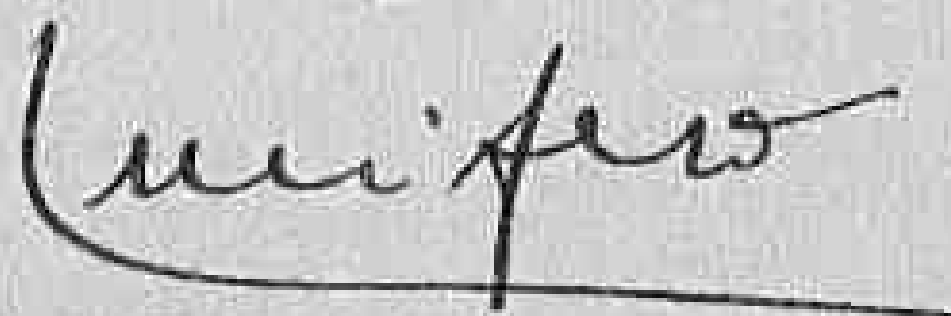
Roma, 11 12 dicembre 1944

Illustre Brigadiere Generale,

ho ricevuto la Sua lettera in data
8 dicembre Ref. 96/9/Pat e tengo subito a ringra-
ziarla di quanto Ella ha avuto la cortesia di pro-
spettare nei riguardi della richiesta avanzata dalla
Cooperativa Italiana Partigiani Assistenza Ricostru-
zioni Trasporti di Roma.

Voglia gradire, La prego, illustre Pri-
gadiere Generale, i miei più cordiali saluti.

Dev. mo



F. Lucifero
(Ministro della Real Casa)

Illustre Brigadiere Generale
Maurice LUSH
Chief of Staff
Commissione Alleata

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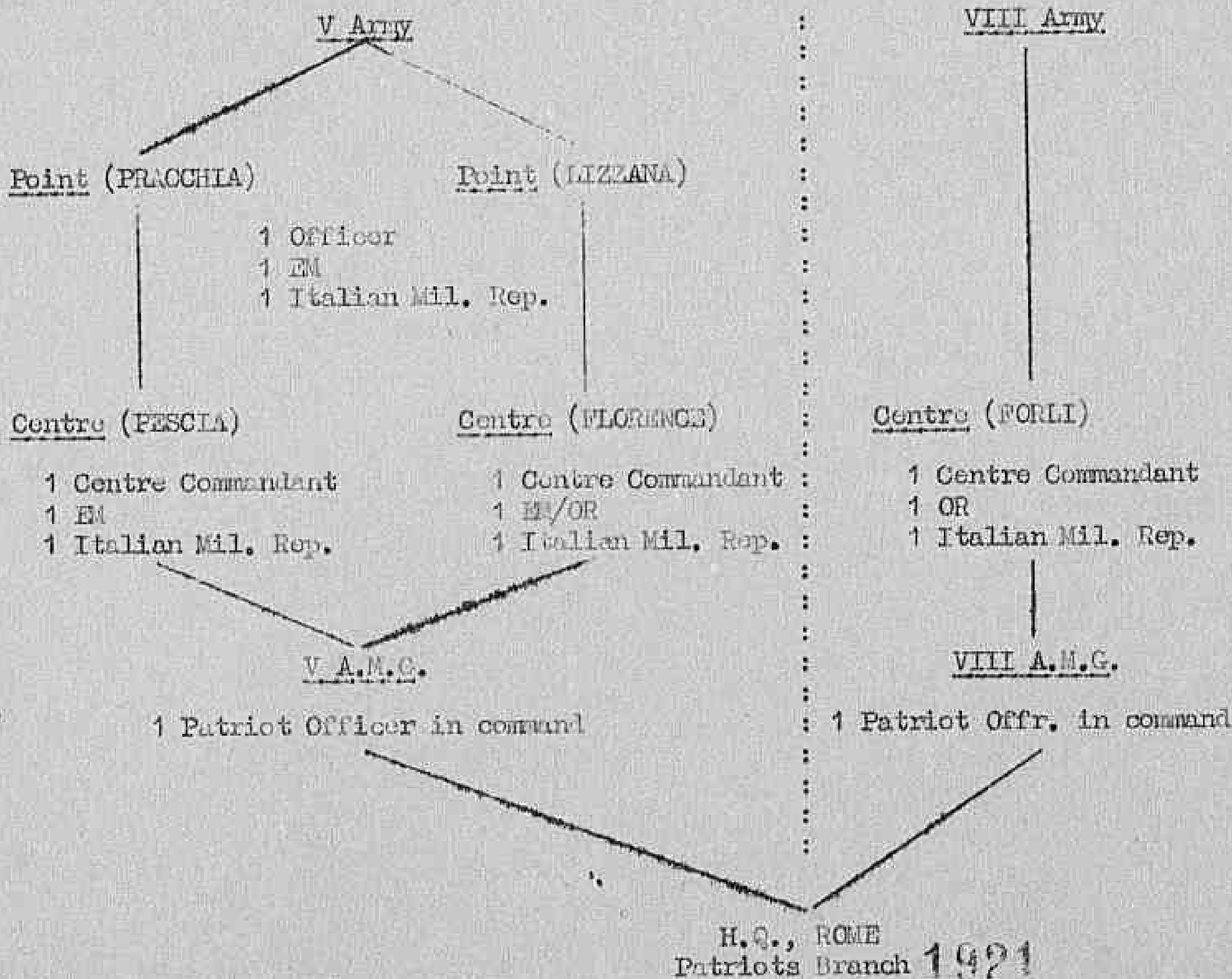
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SUBJECT: Policy for Employment of PatriotsAdv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.16/G(Ops)

9 Dec 44.

Allied Commission ✓

Attached is a copy of this H.Q. letter 16/G(Ops) dated 9 Dec 44, addressed to Fifth and Eighth Armies. It is most desirable that the position should be clarified as soon as possible. For this reason will you please send any comments you may have without delay.

HSKM/wjh

*H. M. L. R.*Lieut General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to: A.F.H.Q. (plus attachment).



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SECRETSUBJECT: Policy for Employment of PartisansAdv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.16/G(Ops)

9 Dec '44.

Fifth Army.
Eighth Army.

1. In view of the fact that increasing numbers of Patriots are now being met with, the question regarding their treatment in the battle zone has been raised by Commander Eighth Army, and the whole matter needs review.

2. Hitherto the policy of the Commander-in-Chief has been to render all possible assistance to Patriots fighting in territory occupied by the enemy. As soon as Patriots come within our zone they are however deemed to become citizens of liberated territory, and are required by immediate proclamation posted by AMG in newly liberated territory to surrender their arms.

3. It is recognised that the enforcement of the surrender of arms and the rehabilitation of patriots presents a big problem for AMG, and that for physical reasons alone the handing in of arms takes time.

4. In the battle zone experience has shown that Patriots can be of use to armies and moreover in most cases patriots in the battle zone ignore the proclamation to hand in their arms.

5. It is therefore desired to clarify the position and to regularise the employment of a limited number of patriots by Allied formations at the discretion of Army Commanders in useful work such as the gaining of information, leading patrols and operating in areas inaccessible to regular troops.

6. It is suggested that a Patriot battle zone should be recognised, limited either by rear divisional boundaries or rear Corps boundaries behind which the handing in of arms should take effect. Forward of this line no action would be taken to disarm patriots, but behind this line disarmament would be strictly enforced. In this connection it must be clearly understood that it is the duty of all military commanders to assist AMG as required in the important task of disarming the civil population in liberated territory, as the retention of arms is a potential cause of civil disturbance which might entail the diversion of Allied troops from the battle.

7. Within the battle zone it is proposed that British formations should be empowered to employ up to 1,200 patriots who volunteer their services with a monthly turnover of up to 600, at present in the proportion 1,000 on EIGHTH Army front and 200 on the front of 13 Corps.

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2. Hitherto the policy of the Commander-in-Chief has been to render all possible assistance to Patriots fighting in territory occupied by the enemy. As soon as Patriots come within our zone they are however deemed to become citizens of liberated territory, and are required by immediate proclamation posted by AIG in newly liberated territory to surrender their arms.
3. It is recognised that the enforcement of the surrender of arms and the rehabilitation of patriots presents a big problem for AIG, and that for physical reasons alone the handing in of arms takes time.
4. In the battle zone experience has shown that Patriots can be of use to armies and moreover in most cases patriots in the battle zone ignore the proclamation to hand in their arms.
5. It is therefore desired to clarify the position and to regularise the employment of a limited number of patriots by Allied formations at the discretion of Army Commanders in useful work such as the gaining of information, leading patrols and operating in areas inaccessible to regular troops.
6. It is suggested that a Patriot battle zone should be recognised, limited either by rear divisional boundaries or rear Corps boundaries behind which the handing in of arms should take effect. Forward of this line no action would be taken to disarm patriots, but behind this line disarmament would be strictly enforced. In this connection it must be clearly understood that it is the duty of all military commanders to assist AIG as required in the important task of disarming the civil population in liberated territory, as the retention of arms is a potential cause of civil disturbance which might entail the diversion of Allied troops from the battle.
7. Within the battle zone it is proposed that British formations should be empowered to employ up to 1,200 patriots who volunteer their services with a monthly turnover of up to 600, at present in the proportion 1,000 on EIGHTH Army front and 200 on the front of 13 Corps.
8. As patriots are found to be badly clothed and unable to support themselves in the battle zone, it is proposed that the issue of rations up to 1,000 patriots per day and 50 cigarettes per week should now be sanctioned from EIGHTH Army British stocks.

The following items should also be issued at the discretion of the Army Commander :

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1 Pr boots
 2 Pns socks
 1 Jersey pullover
 1 Gascapo
 1 Mess tin

for each patriot drawing rations, with a monthly turnover of 500.

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 20 LMGs
 and 20 PIATs

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13. It is considered that all patriots to whom rations are issued should be given an identity card in the form suggested at Appx 'I'. For psychological reasons this pass should bear the holder's thumb print.

14. It is recommended that if patriots bearing such a pass become sick or casualties they should be evacuated through normal channels and be treated in Italian Military hospitals, and not in civil hospitals.

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It is understood that genuine patriots becoming casualties in action against the enemy in occupied territory and who pass into liberated territory have been evacuated through Army channels to Italian civilian hospitals where the treatment is inferior to that provided in Italian military hospitals. It is therefore suggested that unit commanders be empowered to issue a similar pass to that referred to in para 13 to such people, if it can be established that they were injured in action against the enemy and that in case of doubt this added benefit should be extended to a wounded Italian. The Medical Service, when evacuating wounded Italians through military channels, should clearly indicate that they are holders of the patriot pass entitling them to be treated in Italian Military hospitals.

15. If the suggestions outlined above meet with general agreement and are put into effect, the question of the position of the patriots employed by us in the battle zone, in relation to the Geneva Convention, in the event of their capture, must be considered. The question whether we should press for German recognition of the Italian patriots under the Geneva Convention has been frequently considered. Quite apart from the real difficulty of providing and distributing some uniform insignia which would meet the requirements of the Convention, the matter, up till now, has not been pressed because it was thought that if we did so it would give the enemy a lever to press for our recognition of similar German activity on the entry of the Allies into Germany.

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17. As it is desirable to have a uniform policy throughout the front, please say if you agree to the above proposals in general, and if so how do you suggest that the Patriot Battle Zone referred to in para 6 should be defined.

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Lieut-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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APPENDIX III

to 16/G(Ops)

dated 9 Dec '44

PATRIOT PASS

The undermentioned is a member of the Patriot Forces cooperating with the Allied Armies in Italy. If the bearer becomes sick or is wounded during the period for which this pass is valid he will be entitled to treatment in an Army Hospital.

<u>VALID from</u>	until	)
renewed until	" "	) Each period
" "	" "	) NOT more than
" "	" "	) 7 days.

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 Christian Names _____
 Father's Name _____
 Thumbprint _____

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Signed British L.O.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR SIR P.M. MAGNUS.PATRIOTS LABOUR IN DISTRICTED AREAS.

Bands of Patriots can not be employed wholesale because, apart from their opposition which would be felt immediately, considering themselves employed on compulsory labour conditions, they would create impossible working conditions for the contractors who would no longer be masters in their own house.

If sufficient work could be found to employ all Patriots it would probably be advisable to break up the bands, even within the same contracting firm, i.e. shifting the personnel from one works to another one just to break up the bands into several labour gangs.

Labour enlistement should therefore be individual and not wholesale.

Wages payed actually on Public Works contracts are so low (100 to 150 lire per day) that no tradesman will accept them preferring to claim on the Country's recognition for his deeds or to profit by blackmarketing or other such enterprises.

Contractors who accept such contracts either make a profit by passing them on to other firms or try and make the best of it giving a production standard which must be defective.

Transport, ~~xxx~~ on Public Works contracts is based on 0,65 lire per km. quint. and it can not be obtained under at least 2.00 lire per km. quint.

Contracts can be accepted in military Areas where the limitations on labour wages are generally made up by Allied Forces passing a ration to labourers, and where transport facilities are mostly supplied by Allied Sources.

Rations. The heavy workers ration corresponds nearly to 300 lire.

Labour Offices could be organised in the Areas where Patriots must still be disposed of, which should give n° 1 priority to Patriots wanting to work. The great importance of being enabled to work now at above conditions should be stressed by the C.L.Ns. with the Patriots, making clear to them not only their immediate privilege, but also the advantages they will draw in the future by having become part of efficient and well equipped organisations, which in the majority, will have merited the esteem and the credit of Allied Authorities (Foreign concerns which will have to have a hand controlling Italian Business after the war). 1914

Rations. Should one be able to start construction works on the above basis, food stuff to be administered by a kind of cooperative organisation, with all due permits could eventually be purchased in areas where it should be available, and transported on sight of works with the firm's vehicles.

G. de Soliman

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel : 478733

Ref : 98/2/PAT

8 December 1944

Your Excellency ,

Thank you for your letter and enclosure of 26 November 1944 . I am sympathetic in principle to the proposal which has been made by the Cooperativa Italiana Partigiani Assistenza Ricostruzione Trasporti. If that body could be asked to communicate with the Transportation Subcommittee of this Headquarters, my officers would be able to ascertain what facilities would be available for rebuilding vehicles.

I must add that, while applications has been made already to the Military Authorities for a number of unserviceable vehicles to be allocated to this Commission for rebuilding, no vehicles have as yet been made available.

Yours very truly ,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

H.E. Marchese Lucifero
Minister of the Royal Household
Via XX Settembre
R.O.M.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 364

Ref: 96/PAT.

3rd December 1944
Tel. 489081, Ext. 374

Subject : Reemployment of Patriots
in Enemy Occupied Territory.

To : Lt. Col. Bernabò,
Presidency of the Italian Cabinet,
Patriots Office.

In reply to your letter of 13 November, the Organisation concerned has been consulted in regard to the question of Patriots wishing to be reemployed in territory occupied by enemy. In general, the position is that it is NOT possible to undertake to find employment for Patriots in enemy occupied territory once they have crossed the line.

It is occasionally possible to re-employ certain of those men whose special knowledge, either technical or regional is such that they be infiltrated for special tasks. Such cases, which will be infrequent, can be dealt with by this Branch.

P.M. Magnus

Sir P.M. MAGNUS Bt.
Major,
for Col. R.G.B. Spicer,
Patriots Branch.

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2nd December 1944.

To: Major Sir P. Magnus,
Patriots Branch, A.C.

Reference your letter 96/PAT to Lt. Col. Bernabo, I think it would be fairer to say that "in general, the position is that this Organisation (No. 1 Special Force) cannot undertake to find employment in enemy occupied territory for patriots in bulk once they have crossed into liberated Italy.

It is occasionally possible to re-employ certain of these men, whose special knowledge, either technical or regional, is such that they can be re-infiltrated for special tasks."

E. L. Tulloch
E.L. TULLOCH,
Major.

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Ref. 5804/ — /COS

SUBJECT: Transport.

TO : Economic Section.

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1. Attached letter, 2307 dated 28 Nov 44, from the Minister of the Royal Household is passed to you, with translation thereof, for appropriate action.

2. It is directed that a reply be submitted for signature of COS and an interim acknowledgement sent if a considered reply is likely to be delayed.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section ✓
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Translation

The Minister of the Royal Household

2307

Rome, 28 November 1944

Dear Commodore,

The 'Cooperativa Italiana Partigiani Assistenza Ricostruzioni Trasporti' which has its seat in Rome, sent H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom the enclosed request, asking to be allotted two hundred unserviceable vehicles which might be found in the car pools of the Allies. The Cooperative pledges itself to repair these cars which would be at the disposal of the Allies for whatever use they would deem appropriate.

As this Society has been founded to help the Patriots, and considering that the initiative which proposes to use materials which would otherwise be unserviceable, might benefit the difficult problem of transports, I communicate this request to you in accordance with the wishes of His Royal Highness, for such action as you might find appropriate.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Lucifero

(E. Lucifero)

Minister of the Royal Household

Commodore Henry W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Commission
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Translation

C.I.P.A.R.T.

Cooperativa Italiana Partigiani Assistenza Ricostruzioni Trasporti

Via Tritone, 112
Rome

Rome, 6 November 1944

To H.R.H. Prince Umberto of Savoy
Lieutenant of H.M. the King of Italy

The undersigned, Dr. Avvento Montesano, Commander of the Partisan band 'Savoy', which was the first band to attack the Germans in the Abruzzo, in October 1943, regularly acknowledged by the War Department, (n. 3745/2, October 11th 1944), has formed the Cooperativa Italiana Partigiani Assistenza Ricostruzione Trasporti (C.I.P.A.R.T.) - seat in Rome, Via del Tritone 112, tel n. 485.746 - to give work to the numerous unemployed partisans.

The Cooperative means to exercise an activity concerning reconstructions and transport. It requests the intervention of Your Highness, so that the Allied Command should assign 200 unserviceable cars which are in the car pools of the Allies, this on conditions to be agreed on.

The cars repaired by the Cooperative would be put at the disposal of the Allied Command for whatever use they might deem appropriate.

The undersigned feels certain that Your Highness will support the request of the Cooperative.

With the expression of our gratitude,

/s/ Avvento Montesano

trans. E.C.

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AMC GROUP
ADV. H.Q. 2 DISTRICT
O.M.F.

SECRET

2D/AMG/1

15th November 1944.

SUBJECT : Preliminary notes on 2 District planning
questionnaire of 10 November 1944.

1. Information of Enemy Demolition Schemes.

It is hoped to obtain further information on possible enemy plan through the Patriot Branch and other contacts with enemy occupied Italy.

2. Transport.

(a) Col. ADAMS, Head of Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, will be at the SIENA Conference Friday 17th November and will hope to discuss general points with D.A. & Q.M.G.

(b) In principle it is agreed that the transportation representative should call on 2 District H.Q. at an early date and further that a representation will be permanently necessary eventually with Movement Control in ALESSANDRIA.

3. Genoa.

Economic Section has taken note of 2 District questions and will endeavour to produce the necessary tonnage figures at an early date in order to enable planning to progress.

4. Proclamations.

8 copies of Proclamations 1 to 4 which will be issued on the entry of AMG into enemy occupied territory have been handed to D.A. & Q.M.G.

5. Medical.

Director of Public Health Sub-Commission, Brigadier PARNISON, has noted the information required by 2 District and the military hospital accommodation desired. This Commission will answer direct to H.Q. 2 District.

6. Patriots.

The policy with regard to future treatment of patriots in N.W. ITALY is now under detailed discussion at H.Q. Allied Commission. The matter is also being studied by the Italian Government. A Plan under consideration is that patriots might be collected into organised centres under control of the Commanders of Italian Gruppi, and therefore naturally at the disposal of Area Commanders. By this means a certain number of arms would be collected, the patriots themselves would be given recognised preference and their future activities would, to some extent, be limited and organised. The difficulty in adoption of such a plan is that an auxiliary force of patriots would have to be specially agreed to numerically by M.M.I.A. under the appropriate Armistice Term. Feeding and identification i.e. by uniform or brassard, are administrative

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For employment of these patriots if so collected, it is suggested they might be considered for road blocks, road control, action against the Black Market, food and vehicle collection and protection of bridges, power stations, railway stations and other vulnerable points. It is not known whether such bodies would be considered suitable for work on the Frontier - certainly NOT on the FRENCH but possibly for SWISS Frontiers.

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7. Boundary with Rear 5 Army.

Gen. MONMAGNI agrees that a political boundary of a Provincial nature as described by H.Q. 2 District is most desirable from the administrative point of view and would facilitate collaboration with the Army, of AMG, Carabinieri and local authorities. It is felt therefore that this question can be more appropriately raised by H.Q. 2 District directly with H.Q. 5 Army.

8. Frontier Policy.

The Frontier problem is being fully considered by the Political and Economic Sections of Allied Commission and the Chief of Staff is about to forward proposals for the consideration of A.E.H.Q. Such proposals may include the following suggestions:

- (a) The immediate restriction of all civilian movement following Allied occupation to be followed by early re-opening of traffic for essential priorities under a system of Military permits.
- (b) That trade across the Frontier should be encouraged with SWITZERLAND and FRANCE to enable the maximum import of goods and power into ITALY and the minimum export of goods from ITALY.
- (c) It is understood that the Frontier with FRANCE will be from the moment of occupation that Frontier as existed before the entry of ITALY into the War, viz: VENTIMIGLIA and NICE.

For information the following figures of Frontier personnel under peace time conditions are given:

- (a) There were 4 Commissioners of Public Security on the Italian Frontier at the following points: TURIN - COMO - BOLZANO and TRIESTE.

Under these were included strength as follows:

CC.RR.	478
Agenti di P.S.	354
Guardie di Finanza	5003

There was in addition a Frontier Fascist Militia.

9. Food Supply - N.W. ITALY.

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For further occupation the import of grain, presumably through GENOA, has been agreed with WASHINGTON for a minimum further 350,000 tons before the next harvest. This amount is still under discussion as Allied Commission fear that the Germans may withdraw a considerable greater quantity of grain than is believed to be the case by WASHINGTON and the Allied Commission bid is therefore for a larger quantity. For the whole of the food supply of N.W. ITALY it has been estimated in round figures that approximately the use of 5 thousand lorries would be necessary.

10. Communications.

Classified telephone directories are to be sent by Director of Communications Sub-Commission to C.S.O. 2 District.

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TOP SECRET

SUBJECT: Disposal of ITALIAN Patriots
liberated by the Allied Armies.

1. The present arrangements for the reception and disposal of ITALIAN Patriots liberated by the Allied Armies are inadequate.

There are indications that the resistance movement in Northern ITALY is being adversely affected by the apparent lack of consideration shown to Patriots when liberated.

It is suggested therefore in view of the very much larger numbers of Patriots who will have to be dealt with in the near future, the present machinery should be strengthened.

2. The Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission is the official body dealing with this problem.

It is understood that this Branch has not the executive authority or facilities to deal adequately with Patriots when liberated.

3. It is suggested therefore that arrangements on the following lines are required:

(a) In the zone of the Armies patriots should be received, rationed, accommodated and, when necessary, clothed until their possible future, military or civil, can be ascertained. Arms and equipment, if any, should be collected and handed over to the Air Packing Station to be established at MALLORCA in the vicinity of SLAMA, from whence it will be redelivered to patriots in occupied territory. It would appear that A.M.C. is the more appropriate parent body for the Patriots Branch.

(b) Arrangements should be made to reserve a proportion of the ceiling allotted to the Italian Army for these Patriots suitable and willing to enlist in the Italian Armed

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(b) Arrangements should be made to reserve a proportion of the ceiling allotted to the ITALIAN Army for these Patriots suitable and willing to enlist in the ITALIAN Armed Forces. Alternatively, should the ceiling be complete, arrangements should be made to make room for these Patriots of high medical category by eliminating personnel of lower medical category or of skilled personnel.

(c) These Patriots not wishing to undertake military duty should be provided, when necessary, with suitable clothing and the means to proceed to their homes or to places where work can be found for them.

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PRESIDENCY OF THE ITALIAN CABINET

PATRIOTS OFFICE

Rome, 18 November 1944

SUBJECT Re - employ of Patriots in occupied territory .

To A.C. Patriots Branch

R O M E

Patriots wishing to be re - employed in territory occupied by the enemy visit often this Office.

Some times they are addressed to F.S.S., but without a positive result.

Please kindly tell us if and how those persons can be re - employed and where must they address themselves to that purpose.



f.to Siro Bernabò

Col. Chief of Patriots Office

ROME

Please kindly tell us if and how those persons can be re - employed and where must they address themselves to that purpose.



Col. Chief of Patriots Office

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

- Ufficio Patrioti -

N° 199/PE di prot.

Roma, 18 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Reimpiego Patrioti in territorio occupato

ALL'A.C. - PATRIOTS BRANCH

ROMA

Sovente si presentano a questo Ufficio, Patrioti desiderosi di essere impiegati in territorio ancora occupato. Qualche volta essi sono stati indirizzati alla P.S.S. con esito negativo. -

Si prega voler indicare se e come detti elementi potrebbero essere impiegati e l'ente al quale essi debbono fare capo. -



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1. Ma, 20 novembre 1944

di prot.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 324
Rome 470600

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12 September 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Patriots as auxiliary police.

CHM

TO: A.C.C., Regions IV, V, VII and IX.

1. It has been agreed for some time with the F.S.S. that special police employed on traffic control in certain forward areas should be paid by A.C.C.
2. It now appears that this principle is being extended beyond the original agreement and the patriots employed by the F.S.S. as auxiliary civil police, not necessarily on traffic control, are also being paid by A.C.C.
3. It is considered by this Headquarters that such payments should not be made out of A.C.C. funds and that, with the exception of the traffic control police referred to above, all auxiliary police should be paid by local Italian authorities out of Italian funds. Will you please make the necessary arrangements in your Region to see that this principle is adhered to.
4. Only in cases of emergency, such as the absence during early days of occupation of any competent Italian authorities, such payments may be made out of A.C.C. funds and then only if the F.S.S. have no means of making such payments themselves.

For Captain Ellery W. STONE (U.S.N.R.)

Signed H. G. CRAWSHAW

Copy to Patriots Branch
H.Q. A.C.C.

for Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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SEEN.	INITIALS.	
Col. Mc. GILHY	CHM	
Maj. MAGNUS	P.D.	
Maj. DRAGE		
Capt. SALVADORI		
Col. FAVA		
C. C.		

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COMANDO SUPERIORE PARTIGIANO
ROME

September 4 1944.

Memorandum.

SUBJECT : Immediate employment of the Partisans for civil works
in the districts behind the lines.

The "Comando Superiore Partigiano", who is endeavouring to give work to the demobilized partisans, has formed the "Cooperativa per il recupero e la valorizzazione dei residuati di guerra". (Co-operative association for the recovery and restoration of the war Remnants.)

It is undeniable that the partisans have a priority, as they have actually and disinterestedly fought for years, and they would obviously become dangerous, should they not be helped to find jobs.

From a technical point of view, the partisans, working in the areas where they have fought, would be able to recover a great part of equipment which had been stolen by the peasants or others. Therefore their work would surely be very useful.

We shall ask to be enabled to give immediate work to the Partisans behind the lines as soon as the battle front advances. In doing so, a double result would be achieved:-

- a. Prevention of the loss of the abandoned equipment, which is mostly stolen by the peasants and others.
- b. Prevention of the danger of leaving unemployed and penniless these partisans who have struggled and fought for our country and for the Allies.

Attached:- One copy of the Articles of the Association.

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Capt. SALV			
Col. FAV			
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COMANDO SUPERIORE PARTIGIANO

VIA SISTINA 48

ROMA

Roma li 4 Settembre 1944

TEL. 60352

Pro-memoria

per l'immediata utilizzazione dei partigiani nelle retrovie per i lavori civili.-

Il Comando Superiore Partigiano che si preoccupa di dare lavoro ai partigiani che vengono smobilitati ha costituito la "Cooperativa per il recupero e la valorizzazione dei residuati di guerra".

E' innegabile che i partigiani hanno un diritto preferenziale in quanto hanno veramente combattuto disinteressatamente per anni e oggi rappresenterebbero logicamente un pericolo se non fossero aiutati nel lavoro.

Dal punto di vista tecnico i partigiani, operando nelle zone dove hanno combattuto, sarebbero in grado di recuperare non soltanto quanto è abbandonato sui campi di battaglia ma una gran parte di quel materiale che è stato sottratto dai contadini o da altri, perciò la loro opera sarebbe indubbiamente preziosa.

Noi domanderemo, di potere dare immediato lavoro ai partigiani nelle retrovie mano mano che il fronte avanza.- In questo modo si raggiungerebbe anche il duplice scopo di evitare :

- a) la dispersione del materiale abbandonato, che viene in gran parte sottratto dai contadini e da altri;
- b) il pericolo di lasciare inoperosi e senza mezzi questi partigiani che tanto hanno lottato e combattuto nell'interesse del nostro Paese e degli Alleati.

*Allegato: Una copia Statuto della Cooperativa.

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