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Ref 29.

Thank you

MMIA.

19 Apr 45.

W. I. G. S.
W. I.

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19 March 1945.

Col. FAVA.

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Have you any comments to make on 36 and 37?

36 & 37

M. PROBY, J/Coord.
for Director.

22 March 1945

Director.

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to removed for Major Snee 31 March

M.P. 24/3

MMR (29)

Note

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M.P.

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MMIP (29)

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Note Spoke Capt Linbert 17 Apr 45, & informed him that 5 Army in their letter 219/G (SD) of 7 Apr 45 state that they have no Band to nominate for enlistment as a Recce Bn. Asked Capt Linbert to try to get Armando Band nominated. M.M.I.A. state that the nomination must be confirmed by AFHQ, but this is normally a matter that goes through without any hitch, & since the Band is nominated No. 8. Spoke M.P. 18/4.

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To. V. P.

See: 34. (His.)

This indicates that NIA.
do not want any more
recruits, and will affect
our planning for the North.
NAC.

15/11/44.

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13 FEB 45

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Memo Re: without MIA discussed
recruiting agencies in LEE of Q216
& LEE, LEE has asked to have
ready for additional agencies
to move forward with LEE &
Lombardia. Lombardia has
one agency already working with
Lombardia, leaving one with 55 agency
and one with 75 agency.

we want have 5 agencies

MIA at present have 5 agencies to
have 5 agencies to recruit LEE
Bureau for work in the Q216 in
first priority, and only LEE is
in second priority. We cannot rely
on the rate of time for new agencies
they would add them to the
present 3 agencies working with
Lombardia.

W. H. H. H.

13 FEB 45

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ready for additional operations
to move forward with lifelines?
Conducting similar tests have
one already already working with
agents, leaving one with 50 agents
and one with 80 agents.

we would have 5 agencies

More at present have means to
move to agencies to receive Patents
Bancroft for work in the GEPPI on
first priority, and only Patents individually
can be used properly. We cannot rely
on the use of these for U.S. Agents.
They cannot add them to the
present 3 agencies working with
Admiral.

W. H. H. H. H.

13 Mar 2479

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3. Recruiting Agents are selected by Ministry of War under MIA orders.

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10/9 Feb/45

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

W.L.H.

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I assume that M.M.A are making the necessary application to G.3 Org. Is this so?

13 Feb.

File being brought forward for War Office security agency attention by noted

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A.M.I.A.

Please see (35) for information; with reference to your letter SD/45/1 dated 20 Feb 45 addressed Executive Committee this HQ.

35.

7 Mar 45

*M. Proby for Col
for Director
Patriots Branch.*

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Thank you - [Signature] - 2478

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9 Mar 45		

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B.L. Major
B.L. Major
Executive Officer.

Patriots

19.

9 Feb 45.

Yes with Lt who is responsible

for making & implementing a decision under

V(d) of 26 c? And who "hand

picks" them etc.

Coordinate with Lead Forces Sub-

please.

J.P.M.

20.

10 Feb. 45.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

Reference Minute. 19. Discussion Col. Craig/Capt Selby.

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Executive Officer.

Patriots

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2. It would then be MIA's responsibility to implement it.

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Patriot

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13 Feb 44

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P.N. Nagus

Major

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11 Jan.

To: V.P. Civil Affairs Section.
Subject: Recruiting of Patriots into the Italian Army.

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12 Dec.	(13) Land Force S/L (Capt. Maj. Penney) (Pl. see (12). Ref. our telephone conversation 6-day will you please procure us an officer. P.O. Magnus Major	2474

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Land Forces S/L (Ask Maj. P. Overly)

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P.O. Dagnus

Major

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M/W instructed to post Eng. speaking Cuban off. to Unit No. 1.

Reg. F. P. Overly
Major

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The directive should be along these lines :

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Nov. 25	7 Ref. 1. 85 above in minute 6, please attach the recent reports of agencies 1 & 3. who instructed them to make reports to Patriotic Branch? P.O. Naguib 2471 25 Nov. 44	8

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P.O. Naguib
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25 Nov. 44 (8)

- Nov. 25 -
- 1 - All reports can be found in 49/1
 - 2 - I did upon consent of Col. McCarthy.

RDS.

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in 5th army area and 8th army area respectively.
 5. They are ^{each} composed of 3 officers and
 seven other ranks.

S. R. D. Roberts

(4)

Nov. 23.

Director

Please see minute (3) for the position
 in regard to the forward screening agencies. ✓
 No activity is going on in the East & I
 do not consider that any is necessary.

P. N. Dargatzis

Major

23 Nov. 44

Nov. 24.

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(1) Agreed. A very helpful note by Lt. Roberts.
 (2). Tomorrow do these "screening" or recruiting
 agencies report. What is laid down in this report?
 If not why is not come then & laid down.
 What I want is a weekly concise report of
 their activities to S or S with copies to me.
 if not done before. Please to draw up intellectual directive L

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Where are the remaining screening agencies?
 What are they doing?
 What do they consist of?

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(2)

Nov. 22

Lieut. Di LORETTO.

There are three agencies forward & none in the rear. Will you please consult Land Forces S/C & note the information requested in minute (1) above.

P. D. Magnus

Major

22 Nov 44

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Nov. 22 Major Magnus.

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1. There is no need consulting Land Forces S/C.
2. There are 2 agencies and not 3 forward. ✓
3. There are 3 remaining screening agencies.
 #1 is in Succa - #3 is in Jesi, but is moving on to Pesaro by the 25th - #5 is inactive and held in reserve in Rome.
4. #1 and #3 are recruiting patriot volunteers

25 C maio 1945

LIST OF MEMBERS OF RECRUITING AGENCIES
ON THE 25 JANUARY 1945Distaccamento n.1. - FIRENZE.

Ten. Col. ZAPPELLI Gino 210 Division
Magg. RABINO DOLINI Ugo
Cap. FABIANO Fabio (Pescia)
Serg. Magg. AMESTI Giuseppe
Capor. BONETTI Michele
Sold. DE ANGELIS Giuseppe
" SILVESTRI Giulio
" POGNANT Rino
" CONRO' Romeo
" SCARAMELLO Agapito

Distaccamento n.3 - FORLI'

Magg. CASALE Corrado - See Capt Corrado
Cap. RIZZA CULTRERA Salvatore
Sten. DANESI Alberto
Serg. GALBIOTTO Emanuele
Capr. Magg. GALLI Massimo
" " NUGETTI Spartaco
" " CAMPANELLI Giovan Battista
Sold. BENCINI Enrico
" MORANTI Sergio
" MORDACCHINI Francesco

Distaccamento n.5. - FIRENZE (under Ten. Col. Zappelli)

Ten. Col. MANDARA
Cap. CASSANO Michele
Sten. PEVERINI Ignazio
Maresc. CARLOTTI Antonio
Serg. Magg. FIGURELLI Alfredo
Serg. RUGGERO Cesare
Sold. ZERIGO Felice
" CIGALINI Leone
" ROSSINI Aldo

lt. Col. Feolele
(Fratini Centre)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 94
CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 105/PAT.

7 March 1943.

Copia : 52/PAT.

Oggetto: Armi patrioti.

Alla : Commissione Reclutamento No. 1
: Commissione Reclutamento No. 2
: Commissione Reclutamento No. 3.

Copia : V Armata (Cap. Lambert)
: VIII Armata (Magg. Corbin).

1. È stato osservato che alcuni patrioti giungono al Centro di addestramento dell'Esercito Italiano in Oceano, in possesso di armi (pistole, granate, e c.).
2. Ciò non è permesso.
3. Gli ufficiali addetti alle Commissioni di reclutamento dovranno dare istruzioni ai loro ufficiali e dipendenti che i patrioti devono essere disarmati prima di essere ammessi al Centro di Oceano.

F. G. S.,
Lt-Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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TO: AMG TOSOLMA REGION

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PRIORITY

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PARA ONE TO YOUR ONE ONE SLANT TWO THREE OF ONE NINE DECEMBER EMBROIDERED

AGENCY ARRIVING SIERRA SIX JANUARY TO

FARM TO ARE ANCONA REGION FROM H. ALDZ (THE PATRIOTS BRANCH COUNCIL CRASH)

PARA

PARA TWO TO PATRIOTS COUNCIL IN SIERRA FOR INTERVIEW SHOULD BE PAD ON

ITALIAN ARMY SCALE OF BATTLES VIZ AREA SIGNAL PX GIVEN FIVE SIX SEVEN ZERO

OF DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHT FOR ADVISORY KING

Patriots Branch

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Lt. Col. Graig.

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

Tel. No. 439081, Ext. 321

Ref: 105/PAT

12 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Recruiting Agencies.

TO: See distribution below.

RSS of 94/PAT

- 1 Appendix "C" to 94/PAT of 7 Apr 45 is cancelled.
- 2 All Italian Army Recruiting Agencies are now controlled by the Italian Territorial Headquarters, who should be contacted direct by Regional Patriot Officers.

M. R. GRIFFS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub-Comm.

DISTRIBUTION:

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FOR ACTION EIGHTHLY REAR FOR ANG BPTD 15 ARMY GROUP

EIGHTHLY REAR FOR MIA

7124

7 May 45

ROUTINE

IN CLEAR PD

PARA ONE PD REF FOX XRAY SEVEN ONE THREE TWO NINE ADDRESSED EIGHTHLY MAIN PD
PARA TWO FOR ACTION EIGHTHLY REAR FOR ANG BPTD 15 ARMY GROUP EIGHTHLY REAR FOR
MIA FROM HQ ALCON GIVE ACRAE PAREN

PARA TWO PD AS NUMBER THREE SOMETHING DETACHMENT TYPE ABLE IS UNDER YOUR COMMAND
PRESUME YOU WILL TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY PD APPENDIX ABLE TO MIA LATER
SUGAR DOG SLANT TWO FIVE DATED ONE SEVEN MARCH 1945

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M.P.

Lt Col F. CRAIG

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FOR ACTION ANG EMILIA REGION

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4 May 1945

ROUTINE

IN CLEAR PD

PARA ONE PD REF YOUR THREE SLANT THREE FIVE ONE OF TWENTYNINE APRIL PD
SEE OUR SIX FOUR ZERO ONE OF TWENTYEIGHT REF ITALIAN MILITARY PATRIOT
REPRESENTATIVE FOR REGGIO PD

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PAREN TO FOR ACTION ANG EMILIA REGION FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACPAT PAREN

PARA TWO PD MINISTRY OF WAR STATE NUMBER THREE RECRUITING AGENCY NOW
AT FORLI UNDER COMMAND 8th EIGHT ARMY

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M.P.

Lt Col F. CRAIG

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Extract from Col. GRIFFS tour notes folio 1 of 165/PAT.

124-566 April, 1945

Pescia

The Centre is at present overcrowded, mainly due to the fact that the ARMAIDO Band has some 500 Patriots resting there. As part of this Band is being used operationally and the remainder may also be used, it appears that Rest Centres for this purpose should be organised by the operating unit and not AMG. The question of getting these men recruited to the Italian Army is urgent as their disposal in this manner will greatly relieve the congestion in the Centre.

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18 APR Recd 105

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SUBJECT: Class "B" Screening Dets.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/25/1

16 Apr 45

TO : PATRIOTS BRANCH, A.C.

1. Please note that 5, 7, and 8 Screening Dets left ROME for FLORENCE 13 April, on authority this H.2.
2. Dets 5 and 7 will be employed screening the first two Patriot Bands designated for Recce Bns whilst Det 8 will be at the temporary disposal of Patriot Branch.
3. O.C. No. 8 Det has been instructed to report to Patriot Branch representative on the spot. V ARMY

Copy to: SMRE

Internal: "A"

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Rec Note at Mun 29

Major General
MMIA

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30 MAR Recd

SUBJECT: Screening and Recovery Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/25
29 March 45

TO : PATRIOT BRANCH, A.C. ←

In reply to your 105/PAT dated 27 March 1945. 43

1. It is regretted that the coiling of the Italian Army cannot be raised to permit two more Screening Agencies Type "A" to be waiting at call Patriot Branch.
2. It is considered however that in nine cases out of ten, one or more of the Screening Agencies Type "B" could be made available and you can rest assured of the whole hearted cooperation of M.M.I.A.

S.M. England
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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beam to have
known the whole point
from letter
but para 2
is amazing!*

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29 MAR 1945
44Subject: Italian Officers - Postings - S.Ten. PEANO Carlo
-----Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
A/11

28 Mar 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your 664/SP4 (SEZ INTERPRETI) dated 9 Mar 45.

This HQ has no objection to the posting of the a/m officer
to 209 Div.*D. S. L. GREGSON*
D. S. L. GREGSON, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

DSL/G/wk

Copy to HQ AC., Civil Affairs Section Patriots Branch ✓ 42
your 106/PAT of 23 Mar 45, refers.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 105/PAT.

27 March 1945.

Subject: Screening and Recovery Units.

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

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1. Reference your SD/25 dated 17 March 45 on the above subject.
2. Should the ceiling of the Italian Army be raised, five Screening Detachments Type "A" (1 for each of the Northern Regions) and not three, as shown in appendix "A" to SD/25, will be required to move forward with Armies.
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W.C.
P. GULIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

/mfg.

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Ref : 105/PAT.

27 March 1945.

Subject: Screening and Recovery Units.

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

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

/mfE.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

PATRIOTS BRANCH

23 March 1945

Ref : 105/PAT

Subject : Posting Officers - STAN. VIANO - Cards.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission (MILA)

This Branch has no objection to the posting suggested in your A/11 of 18 March 1945.

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M.P.

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

MP/nlc.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AWO 39,
CIVIL AIRWAYS SECTION
PASADENA BRANCH

SECRET

Ref : 105/AM.

19 March 1945.

Subject: Screening Detachments.

To : HQ. 8th Army A.M.G.
(attention: Major Corbin).

: HQ. 5th Army - G-3 Section
(attention: Capt. Lambert).

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A copy of H.M.I.A. Letter 82/25 dated 17
March 1945, is forwarded herewith for your information.

N.P.

S. CHASE,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Pasadena Branch.

AM/AM.

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SECRET

Ref : 102/PAT.

19 March 1945.

Subject: Screening DetachmentsTo : HQ. 8th Army A.M.G.
(attention Major Vordin).: HQ. 5th Army - G-5 Section
(attention Capt. Lambert).

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A copy of M.L.I.A. letter 33/25 dated 17
March 1945, is forwarded herewith for your information.

R.P.

F. CRAIG,
Lieutenant Colonel,
Director,
Patriotic Branch.

/sr/mcg.

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~~SECRET~~

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(U.M.I.A.)

File SD/25

17 March 45

Reference your 11437/Ord dated 8 March 45.

RECONSTITUTION OF GCSA & CESETI UNITS

1. Your proposals for the reconstitution of the units belonging to CERSA & CERSSETI are agreed. Following summaries are attached :-

Appendix "A"

Order of Battle showing WE strengths of Screening and Recovery Units.

Appendix "B"

Summarized WEs of Screening and Recovery Units.

ROLES

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Screening, documentation and enrolment of suitable patriots
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the Italian Army

- (b) Screening Detachment Type B

- (i) First Priority. Screening, documentation and enrolment in Italian Army of complete patriot bands as directed.

- (ii) Second Priority Screening and regularising position of officers and NCOs of the former Italian Army in NORTHERN regions, as they are liberated.

- (c) Recovery Detachments:
Recognition, claiming
material (Correspondi

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Recognition, claiming and recovery of Italian War Ministry material (Corresponding to British Salvage Det)

COMMAND AND CONTROL

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Ser ial (a)	Unit (b)	Administrative (c)	Operational (d)	Remarks (e)
1.	Screening Det Type A	Appropriate Territorial HQ	Patriot Branch AC	
2.	" " Type B	" "	STATE	
3.	Recovery Det	" "	Appropriate Territorial HQ	

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FORMATION

4. (a) The units will be reconstituted and renamed (vide Appx "A") by 25 March.
- (b) It is agreed that five all ranks may be retained in addition to the above units, for the purpose of winding up the present office of CERSA and CERSETI, until 15 April 45.

CATEGORY

5. These ten Screening and Recovery units and the five men referred to in para 4(b) will be held in Category 6(C) (Army Classification Part III (e)).

SURPLUS PERSONNEL

6. Surplus personnel will be sent to the Training Centre FROSINONE, or absorbed into an ITI-ITI unit as directed by Ministry of War.

L. M. Ingledew
St. Col.
 Major General
 M.M.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION

AFHQ G-3 Org (For) {6}
 HQ 15 Army Group {6}
 G-4 BR AC
 Patriot Branch AC (3)
 2 District
 MCIA 10 Rear Tenth Army
 " " Fifth Army
 " " Fifth Army (Br Inor)
 " " 1 District

INTERNAL

M. to GOC
 2nd i/c
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Major General
M. I.A.

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INTERNAL

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Q(AE)	Welfare

Appendix "A" to MIA
letter SD/25 dated
17 March 45.

CATEGORY 6(c) Section (iv)

SCREENING AND RECOVERY UNITS

Ser ial	Designation of Unit		Location or intended location (d)	W.D. No (e)	W.D. Strength		Total	Remarks
	(b)	No (c)			Oftrs	ORs		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1.	Screening Det Type A	1	FLORENCE		4	6	10	
2.	"	2	LUCCA		4	6	10	
3.	"	3	TEST		4	6	10	
4.	" Type B	4			5	10	15	Initially for five Patriot Recon Bns
5.	"	5			5	10	15	
6.	"	6			5	10	15	
7.	"	7			5	10	15	
8.	"	8			5	10	15	
9.	Recovery Unit	21	FLORENCE		6	16	22	
10.	"	22	PESARO		6	16	22	
11.	TOTAL				49	100	149	

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2.	"	2	IUCCA	4	6	10	Initially for five Patriot Recco Bns
3.	"	3	LESI	4	6	10	
4.	" Type B	4		5	10	15	
5.	"	5		5	10	15	
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Effective date 1 Mar 45.

	SCREENING DETACHMENT	TYPE A
	SCREENING DETACHMENT	TYPE B
	RECOVERY DETACHMENT	
590	/SAFE/1	
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Serial	Description	Screening Detachment Type A				Screening Detachment Type B				Recovery Detachment			
		No (c)	Remarks (a)	No (e)	Remarks (f)	No (g)	Remarks (h)	Offrs ORs	Offrs ORs	M/Cs Vehs	M/Cs Vehs	Andt No	Andt No
1.	(i) Personnel OC (Lt Col or Major)	1											
2.	2 i/c (Major or Capt)	1											
3.	Cpts or Subalterns	2											
4.	NCOs	3											
5.	Privates	3	(Incl one driver and one motorcyclist)	7	(Incl two drivers & one motorcyclist)	12	(Incl 5 drivers, one motorcyclist & 3 mechanics)						
6.	Total all ranks	10		15		22							
7.	(ii) Transport Motor Cycles	1		1		1							
8.	Cars	-		-		-							
9.	Trucks light	1		2		-							
10.	Trucks Hvy	-		-		3							
11.	Lorries, Wagon	-		-		1							
12.	Total transport (excl M/Cs)	1		2		5							

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		No (a)	Remarks (d)	No (c)	Remarks (f)	No (g)	Remarks (h)
	(i) Personnel						
1.	OC(Lt Col or Major)	1		1		1	
2.	2 i/c(Major or Capt)	1		1		1	
3.	Cpts or Subalterns	2		2	(incl one medical officer)	4	(incl one interpreter)
4.	NGOs	3		3		4	(incl one mechanic)
5.	Privates	3	(Incl one driver and one motor-cyclist)	7	(Incl two drivers & one motor cyclist)	12	(Incl 5 drivers, one motorcycleist & 3 mechanics)
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11.	Lorries, Wkip	-		-		1	
12.	Total transport (excl M/Gs)	1		2		5	

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 105/PAT.

20 March 1945.

Subject: Recruiting Agencies for Italian
Army.

To : HQ. Toscana Region.

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Ref your WIII/209/32 dated 16 March 45.

1. As a result of a recent decision regarding the policy of enlistment into the Italian Army, the Recruiting agencies are being reorganised and it is regretted that it will not now be possible to establish one at LIVORNO.
2. It is appreciated that there are considerable numbers of men at LIVORNO who wish to enlist, but with the present culling of the Italian Army it is impossible to absorb into the armed forces all the men in the country who wish to volunteer.


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

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

19 MAR head PATRIOTS Branch

RVIII/209/32.

16 Mar 45.

SUBJECT : Recruiting Agency for Italian Army.

TO : HQ, AC.

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1. Reference 105/PAT dated 14 Feb 45.
2. May this HQ please be informed whether the date on which the Italian Army Recruiting Agency will be established at LIVORNO has now been decided.

For the Regional Commissioner:

D.M. Findlay.
J. Conch A.S.

D.M. FINDLAY,
Junior Comdr, A.T.S.,
Acting Adjutant.

Gt/cb.

Copy to:- IC, LIVORNO - This HQ letter RVIII/209/31 dated 18 Feb 45, has reference.

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19 Mar 45

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (MMLA)FILE NO: A/II
SUBJECT: Posting Officers.

DATE: 18 March 45.

TO : Patriots Branch, HQ. Allied Commission.

I. The Ministry of War desire to transfer
S.Ten.PEANO Carlo, from Screening Agency N° I to
HQ 209 Div.

2. Will you please say whether you have any
objection to this posting.

*S.P. Archer Capt.*S.P.ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.W.

SPA/fc

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19 March 1945

CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Italian Recruiting Agencies.Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/25

13 Mar 45.

TO : A.C. for Patriots S.C.

copy to: HQ A.M.G. Eighth Army (less Appx A)

M.M.I.A. LO Rear Eighth Army.

M.M.I.A. LO 5 Army.

" " " " Br Incr.

" " " " One District.

" " " " Three District.

" " " " 54 Area.

" " " " 52 Area.

" " " " NAPLES.

" " " " PLU. RTC ICF.

Ref letter OA/31 dated 8 Mar from H.Q. A.M.G. Eighth Army
copy att at Appx "A".

1. The present situation is that each Italian Combat Group is up to strength. Reinforcements now available in reinforcement camps considerably exceed authorised holdings.
2. As a result of this the status and obligations of volunteers have been altered by the Italian War Ministry - see copy of new regulations attached at Appx "B" - which have been given wide publicity. That is to say volunteers will be accepted into the Italian Army and will later be directed to any branch, not necessarily combat, requiring reinforcements.

tvs.

INTERNAL:

M.A. to G.O.C.

DA & QMG

Spec Sec.

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less Appx "B".

L.M. I. England
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. DO 5 Army.
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less Appx "B".

L.M. Ingelund
 Major General.
 M.M.I.A.

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1. I enclose herewith copies of instructions received by Major Casale from R.M.E., instructing him to stop sending recruits to base centres and to confine his activities to the compilation of lists.
2. It has always been most difficult to organise the Recruiting Agency and get them to perform some useful work. After considerable efforts to overcome difficulties in transport, rationing, political tendencies etc., some results are beginning to show, and it has been possible to place some 1,700 patriots as follows:

CERSETTI	572
Gruppo ORUJAKA	856
Gruppo FRIULI	265
Cepua	65
3. Furthermore, after the Italian Government recruiting campaign amongst Patriots, prospective recruits for the Italian Army amount to thousands.
4. It is felt that some directive should be issued detailing the duties of the Recruiting Agency and the disposal of recruits. May we please have your orders.

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s/A 2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.
G.S.C. II.
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.C. EIGHTH ARMY.

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Appx "B" to MMIA letter
SD/25 dated 18 Mar 45.

TRANSLATION.

FROM : Ministry of War.
TO : Territorial HQs.
Regional HQs.
Delegation "T" SARE.
"CEPSA" HQ
"CERSETI" HQ
Patriot Office, Rome.
Clandestine Front of Resistance.
SARE.

for information to: MMIA.

SUBJECT: Instructions in respect of enlistment and employment of volunteers.

1. The present temporary instructions which come into force immediately amend the present rule concerning "volunteers."

2. The new legal denomination laid down for "volunteers" is that of "Volunteer for the army" and is defined as follows :-

"whoever applies (not being, however, liable to military service and having the necessary physical and moral qualities) to be enlisted in the army for employment according to military requirements and in accordance with orders issued by the branches concerned"

Therefore, absolute equality of rights and duties in respect of the employment of volunteers and conscripts is thus sanctioned.

3. The Mil Districts, the CERSA and CERSETI (as well as with their respective detachments) are responsible for the enlistment of "volunteers for the army."

Applications will be made out ascertaining the following: -

- (a) Legal right of applicant to enlist.
- (b) Right of applicant to apply owing to his non-obligation to enter in the army.
- (c) Physical fitness and moral qualities.

Those suitable will be immediately enlisted and placed on "Special leave without pay pending employment."

Districts CERSA and CERSETI will always keep an up to date nominal roll of "Volunteers for the army" enlisted, together with all particulars which will enable their quick recall from leave for onward posting to units.

for information to: MMLA

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Territorial and Regional HQs will consolidate the various returns and forward same to SAIR each Saturday.

4. Decisions in respect of the employment of "Volunteers for the army" who have been enlisted under this procedure, are to be taken in accordance with contingencies which are from time to time authorised by MMLA and from information as at para 3 above.

In assigning "Volunteers for the army" to combat units, priority should be given to "Patriots".

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5. Soldiers in the services, or those being called up, who wish to be transferred to Combat units, can apply to the units to which they are on strength.

These applications, which will be completed as regards the qualities of the applicants, will be forwarded to the Territorial or Regional HQs concerned. These HQs will forward same each Saturday to SMRE which will decide on these applications.

6. Personnel Branches of General Directorates will, in agreement with other Branches concerned, issue shortly instructions regarding registration and admin procedure for the application of this directive.

7. For further dealing with applications on the subject of the present circular, units addressed above should deal direct with SMRE.

s/2 The Minister.

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s/a The Minister.

tvs.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
BAGNARD BRANCH

Ref : 103/PAT.

7 March 1946.

Copy to: 52/PAT.

Subject: Patriot weapons.

To : Officer i/c No. 1 Recruiting Agency
: Officer i/c No. 3 Recruiting Agency
: Officer i/c No. 5 Recruiting Agency.

Copy to: APO 5th Army (for attention Capt. (import)
: APO 8th Army (for attention Major Gordin).

1. It has been reported that some Patriots are sending to Italian Army Training Centre at Caserta with weapons (revolvers, grenades, etc.) in their possession.
2. This is not permitted.
3. Officers in charge of Recruiting Agencies will instruct all their Officers and men that Patriots must be disarmed before being sent back.

W. C. H.
P. CHAIR,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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24 FEB Rec'd / 105

CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Recruiting Agencies for N.W. ITALYLAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

File No. SD/25

23 Feb 45TO : PATRIOTS BRANCH, A.C. ←

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In reply to your 105/FAT of 20 Feb.

1. There are at the present time 5 Screening Agencies authorized each of 15 all ranks. These units are at your disposal for recruiting personnel into the Italian Army. The Italian Army is nearly full and can NOT recruit many more additional personnel. It would seem therefore that the present Screening Agencies can NOT be very busy. As no increase in ceiling of Army is envisaged it can NOT be seen how, in N.W. ITALY, the work of the Screening Agencies can be much greater.

2. In view of the above will you please reconsider your requests and make an adjustment with your existing resources.

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MP 25/2

L.M. Ingledew
Major General
M. M. I. A.
IF-CL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 105/PAT. 22 February 1945.
Subject: Recruiting Agencies for E.W. Italy.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission (WMIA)
(for attention Lt.Col.Ingledew).

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1. Ref. our 105/PAT of 20 Feb.
 2. At the Region Commissioners Conference held on 21 Feb., on planning for E.W. Italy, it was decided that the number of Recruiting Agencies required would be 5 and not 3 as stated in our para 1. of the above letter.
 3. May a reply please be given as soon as possible.

PTES
P. CRAIG,
Lt.Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

/wfe.

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20 FEB Recd
HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Patriots Bf.

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RVIII/209/29.

12 Feb 45.

SUBJECT : Recruiting Agency for LIVORNO.

TO : HQ, AC.

1. May your reply to this HQ letter RVIII/209/26 dated 28 Jan 45, now be forwarded please.

For the Regional Commissioner:

D.M. Findlay
Junior Comdr, A.T.S.,
Acting Adjutant.

GM.

15 FEB 1945

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or LANDFORDS
No Trace P. Safety

Reply at F 30

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A.L.S. 2444

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Recruiting Agencies for
E.W. Italy.
TO : Land Forces Sub Commission
(for attention of Lt.Col.
Ingledew)

FILE No. 105/PAT.20 Feb, 1945

1. For E.W. Italy 3 Recruiting Agencies, each if possible consisting of 4 officers and 6 ORs, are required in addition to the Recruiting Agencies already in the Field.
2. Are such Agencies available, please, and how soon can they be ready to start work?

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH.

REF. 105/PAT.

14 February 1945.

SUBJECT : Recruiting Agency for Livorno.

TO : H.Q. Toscana Region.

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1. Reference RVIII/209/26 dated 28 Jan, 45.
 2. The number of recruits joining the Italian Army has been so large in recent weeks that the establishment of a Recruiting Agency at Livorno must be temporarily postponed.
 3. It is expected that it will be established at the beginning of March.
 4. The exact date will be sent to Toscana Region H.Q. when this is known.

[Signature]
F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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Ref: 105/PAT

9 Feb. 45.

SUBJECT : Report on Patriot activities
in Siena and FlorenceTO : SOAO AMG Fifth Army
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Copy to : Chief of Staff

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1 Enclosure

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2 Enclosures

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To: Civil Affairs Section.

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Para. 4. sub-paras 3 and 4. As is known, considerable progress has been made in connection with feeding and clothing of Patriots, and there should be no grounds for such complaints in the future, although it is admitted that up to the end of 1944, such complaints were quite usual, and, what is more, were justified.

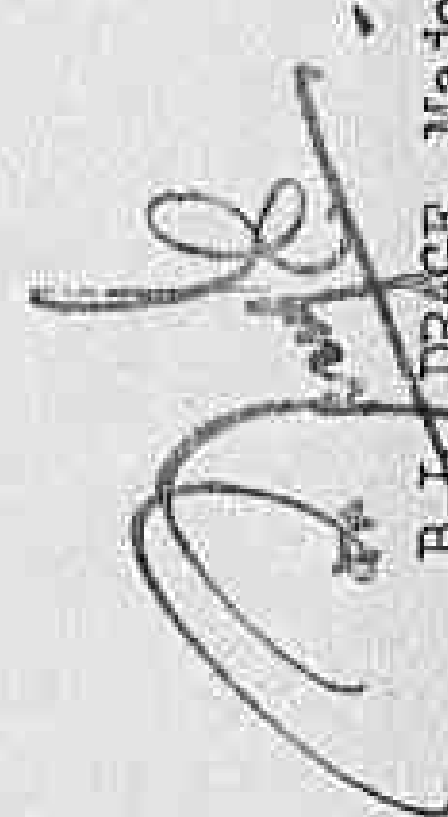
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Para. 4., sub-para 5. It is quite reasonable to suppose that the Patriot Leader in question was in the pay of some political body. This is not unusual, and certainly does prove a stumbling-block to allied and Italian efforts to get the Patriots to enlist. It is felt that this is a problem which must be handled by Patriot Officers and Italian Recruiting Officers with considerable tact, as it remains quite obvious that a man such as this will not be moved from his course by such things as food, clothing, monetary payments, etc.

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Patriot Recruiting.

FILE No. 2/128/CA

TO : Patriots Branch.

31 Jan 1945

copy attached

Reference report by Land Forces Sub-Commission S/1/102/2
dated 25 Jan 45 on Patriots.

- 1 It is stated in para v (d) that the screening and recruiting agencies are controlled by Patriots Branch. Surely this is not so; are not MMIA responsible for the recruiting agencies?

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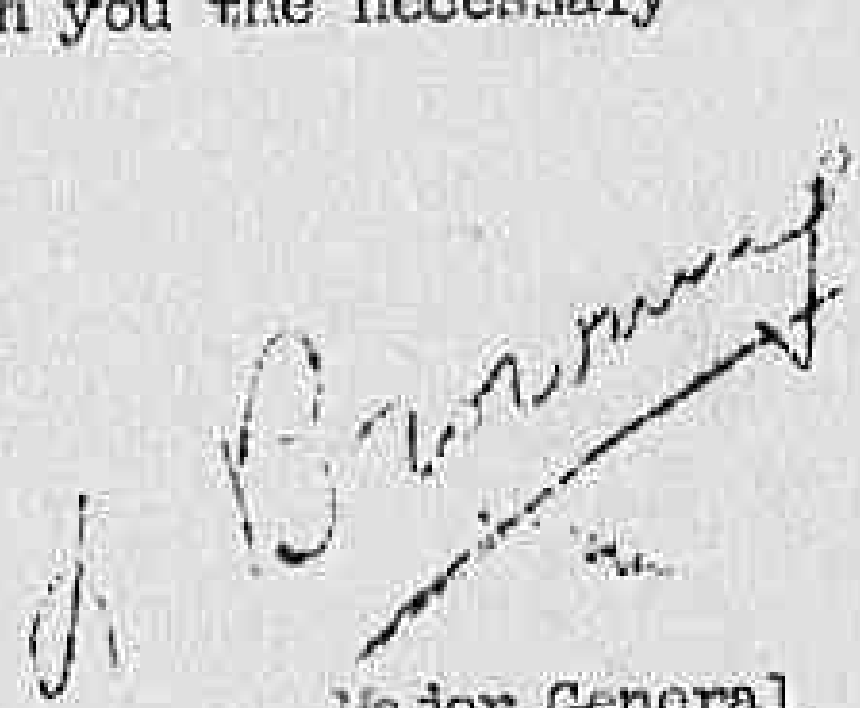
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SECRETSUBJECT: Patriots
-----LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)S/I/102/2
25 January 45
-----TO: Patriot Branch A.C. (6)

1. Herewith an illuminating and constructive report on an important angle of the Patriot problem.
2. My staff have already discussed with you the necessary action in connection with para V(d).


Major General
M.M.I.A.Copy to: Chief of Staff
Political Section, A.C.
MMIA LO Eighth Army
MMIA LO Fifth Army
MMIA LO 1 District

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REPORT ON A VISIT TO SIENA AND FLORENCE FROM 8 TO 13
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I. INTENTION

The object of my visit was to contact patriots, hear their views and complaints, and obtain a first hand impression of patriot psychology, in order to discover why hitherto so few patriots have joined the regular Italian army despite the facilities available.

II. METHOD

The methods adopted in every case were unofficial, friendly contacts where and whenever possible. NO Allied or Italian authority was advised of these visits and official contacts were strictly avoided. No question as to my identity was put by the patriots and needless to say, I expressed no opinions.

III. CONTACTS. SIENA

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I was taken to the HQ of the 1st Raggruppamento "Garibaldi" Patriot Div. Here several men gathered round me while many others were singing and shouting outside, all apparently very happy at the thought of joining the Army.

I was shown four photos of the tortured bodies of Patriots who had been mutilated by German or Fascist soldiers. I saw a metal plaque on which were engraved the 200 names of all the members of the band who had been killed in fighting or shot in reprisals carried out by the Germans. I spoke with a young man of 20, a Battalion Commander, who had distinguished himself in combat and leadership, and who seemed to be the idol of many present, including a farmer of 50 who had been wounded three times in combat under the leadership of this youth. Both the Battalion Commander and the farmer had been accepted into the Army that morning. The young man, though holding a senior, if unofficial rank, was joining

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I eventually got in contact with the Band Leader. I was greatly impressed by this man, not so much because he had done much fighting and suffered under the Fascist rule, but because he had very sane, broad-minded views on all questions affecting the present situation.

He is a man of about 50. Nine years ago a Fascist Federal officer of SIENA denounced him to the authorities for Communist tendencies. He was imprisoned and only escaped from jail during an Allied bombing raid on NAPLES in 1942. Ever since that day he has been actively fighting "the Nazi-Fascist", as he put it.

III. (Contd)

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He told me there were 800 men in his band. The officers were all men chosen for their leadership and rest of them had never hold any commissioned rank in the Italian Army. He was quite frank about his Communist ideas and appreciated the reasons which governed the Policy of not allowing Patriot bands to be recruited into the Italian Army as a whole. He remarked quite spontaneously, "There must be one Italian Army representing the only power in Italy. I realize the difficulties and dangers of recruiting Patriot Bands, with all their different political "red hues", as whole units under their own officers. For this reason I have spoken to my men, told them to overcome this very strong clannish spirit and let their ardent desire to fight over-rule all. This they have done, Captain, and you can see for yourself how they are reacting."

(b) It was very evident from our conversation that the Patriots despise the Regular Army officers and are reluctant to serve under them. The reasons stated by the Leader were:-

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The Patriots, on the other hand, chose the hard way and openly resisted, fought and died for their ideals. Many saw father, mothers or friends shot or carried off by the Germans.

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Berardi did not make any promises to the "Ariata" band which, according to the speaker, had not found one single volunteer for the Army. They wanted to join as a band and keep their own officers.

(c) Summary

From contacts made the following facts are of great importance :-

- (1) Bands differ in their political line - some are more "red" than others, and once in liberated territory, work separately.

III. (c) (Cont'd)

- (2) There is strict discipline in bands and leaders are chosen for their initiative and courage.
- (3) Real Patriots are determined to fight the Germans and Fascists, even beyond the Frontiers of Italy.
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Patriots will join the Italian Army 100% :-

- (1) When their Band Leader gives them the word "go" (e.g. 1 Garibaldi, Siena)
- (2) When they see operation really hitting the Army.
- (3) When they know that sooner or later they will meet their enemies in combat.

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It was evident that this leader, with his personal views and complaints, was a stumbling block to any volunteer spirit amongst his men. It is also quite probable that his superiors in the Political world have issued certain instructions to him which control the whole movement and action of his band. One felt that, had there been a less "bolshie" leader many of the Patriots would have volunteered for the Army a long time ago.

On 12 Jan a visit was paid to the H.Q. of the POTENTE Partisan Div. The "General" was away but a long and interesting talk was held with 2 i/c a man of perhaps 33, and his lady secretary who was a cultured woman with a broad-minded view on the whole Patriot problem.

IV. (Cont'd)

The 2 i/c had been an exile from Italy for 10 years and had returned via France during 1942. Ever since that time he had actively opposed the Germans and Republican Fascists and later became a Regtl Comd in the Potente Div.

There had been several volunteers from his Div but the response had been poor. This was due, to a large extent, to the fact that the Italian Army Screening Agencies had not been able to answer many of the queries put to them by the Patriots, nor could they define clearly the Allied Policy governing their employment. Many patriots were "put off" at the sight of "gold braid and jack boots".

The following views were stated by the Div 2 i/c during our talk :-

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- (2) Italian Regular officers "the same old crowd" with no personal interest in the soldier.
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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

105 Patriots 25

RVIII/209/26.

28 Jan 45.

SUBJECT : Recruiting Agency for LIVORNO.

TO : HQ, AC. ✓

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1. Reference 105/20/PAT dated 27 Dec 44.

2. Information has now been received from the PG, SIENA to the effect that the Recruiting Agency was due to close in SIENA on 24 Jan 45, and was proceeding to ROME the same day.

3. May this HQ now be advised the date on which the Agency will be established in LIVORNO.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Conver. Saffron with
H. to H. J.

BAUDHANN's office

GM/ac.

MMA

(Liaison Officer
with 15AL. Army)

No. one going yet.
No immediate
response

D. M. Findlay
J. Conch.

D. M. FINDLAY,
Junior Comdr, A.T.S.,
Acting Adjutant.

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26th Jan 45.

IMPORTANT

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD ITALIAN RECRUITING AGENCY HEADED BY MAJOR GIANNELLA
ARRIVES TERNI TWENTY SEVENTH

PARA TWO PD PURPOSE IS TO RECRUIT TWO HUNDRED PATRIOTS

DISTRIBUTION (BY RLS)

PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER AND TERNI

Patriots Branch

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Lt.Col. F. CRAIG.

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PATRIOTS

Record of action on 23 Jan 45.

1. Patriots Branch A.C. will see that Screening Agencies are briefed better in future. A screening agency should be a recruiting agency whose offrs circulate within the area and encourage patriots to join the army.
2. War Ministry will either appoint more suitable officers to carry out the duties mentioned above or see that the present officers change their ideas to conform.
3. WMA will issue green battle-dress on demand by War Ministry. War Ministry agree that personnel of recruiting agencies should wear this.

Lt. Col.
GS

Distribution:
Patriot Branch, A.C. —
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GII(L) for WMA
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translated by J.D.R.

CENTRO RACCOLTA E RIORDINAMENTO SETTORE TIRRENICO
Distaccamento N° 1

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N° 402/VO di prot.

Florence 20/12/ 1944

To : Patriot Branch
(Col. FAVA) A.C. ROME

Subject : Enlistment of Patriots.

According to orders received on 8 inst. a recruiting officer for patriots who ask to be enlisted in the Italian Army, has been set up at the Patriots Camp in Via Montebello.

A similar recruiting office has been set up on 11 December at Pescia.

To this day enlistments total 160, of which 66 in Florence and 94 in Pescia.

Of the 160 enlisted men 75 have been directed to the 210th Infantry Div. and 85 at "G.E.R.S.E.TI." H.Qs at Rome for further assignation to fighting units.

The only functioning difficulty depends upon lack of transportation because out of the three lorries at our disposal, only one is serviceable and has been placed at the disposal of the Pescia branch to transport the volunteers to Florence.

IL COMANDANTE DEL DISTACCAMENTO
(Ten. Col. Enrico Sansone)

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CENTRO RACCOLTA E RIORDINAMENTO SETTORE TIRRENICO
Distaccamento N°1

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N°402/V0 di prot.

Firenze li 20/12/1944

=AL PATRIOT BRANCH
(Col.Fava)

A.C.
ex Ministero delle Corporazioni

R O M A

OGGETTO: Arruolamento patrioti.=

Giusta gli ordini ricevuti, il giorno 8 corrente é stato impiantato a Firenze, presso il Campo dei Patrioti in Via Montebello, un ufficio per il reclutamento dei patrioti che chiedono di essere arruolati nell'Esercito Italiano.=

Analogo ufficio é stato costituito il giorno 11 presso il campo di Pescia.=

Alla data d'oggi sono stati arruolati complessivamente N°160 patrioti coi ripartiti: N°66 a Firenze e N°94 a Pescia.=

Dei 160 arruolati 75 sono stati avviati alla 210° Divisione di Panteria e 85 al Comando "C.R.S.E.TI" di Roma per la successiva assegnazione ai Gruppi di Combattimento.=

Unica difficoltà di funzionamento é rappresentata dalla deficienza dei mezzi di trasporto in quanto dei tre autocarri di cui dispone il distaccamento, per il momento uno solo é efficiente ed é stato messo a disposizione del nucleo di Pescia per l'avviamento dei volontari a Firenze.=

Il distaccamento ha necessità inoltre di un'autovettura per potersi mantenere in contatto col nucleo staccato di Pescia.=

IL COMANDANTE DEL DISTACCAMENTO
(Ten.Col.Enrico Sansone)

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Trans. 3/1/1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 194
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 489081
Ext. 503

Ref: 10/20/PAT.

27 December 1944.

Subject: Recruiting Agency for SIENA and LIVORNO.

To: A.M.C., Toscana Region.

Reference our signal 3359 dated 18 December, we wish to inform you that the Recruiting Agency will leave on 7 January 45 for SIENA from where, on completion of its work, it will proceed to LIVORNO.

Reference your signal 11/23 dated 24 December in regard to the present whereabouts of Italian Gen. Col. BARBONE, we believe the latter to be in FLORENCE where he has established his H.Q.

R.O.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONOriginator's Reference: 11/23
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 191230Message Centre No: C/5348
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 241600
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AMG TOSCANA REGION

TO: HQ ALCOM

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Ref your cable 8359 of 18 December. Most certainly agree to Recruiting Agency
visiting SIENA. Similar visit needed LIVORNO. Request inform Re present whereabouts LT
COL SANSONE

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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24 DEC 1944
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 105/PAT.

22 December 1944.

Subject: Recruiting Agencies.

To : HQ. AMG. Fifth Army,
Att. Major D. Mynors.

With regard to the question of the two Screening Agencies which are in Florence if you really consider that they should be reduced by all means do so but in view of the urgency of absorption it is suggested that since they are there they should be retained to help.

I entirely appreciate your point; they should be one team and that one Senior Officer should be responsible to your HQ. In this regard will you so instruct both Col. Seneone and Maj. Alfaro.

There will be a lot of running round to do to make absorption from this point of view effective, in this matter you may agree with me that all hands in deck are necessary.

/s/
R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 121/2/PAT. *Copy to 105/PAT*

19 December 1944.

Subject: Recruiting Agencies.

To : C.O.S. HQ. AMG Fifth Army.

1. It has been deemed advisable in order to facilitate the working of the Recruiting Agencies in Fifth Army area, that Maj. Alfaro's team come under command of Col. Sansone, thus unifying the Command.
2. M.N.I.A. and Patriots Branch are in agreement on the matter.

/
R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

Copies to: Patriot Officer HQ AMG Fifth Army
for : Col. Sansone
: Major Alfaro.

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To Patriots Branch DC.

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Ref AC/48/LG of 18 Dec:

No objection as far as MINIA
is concerned.

W. Selby
Capt

19 Dec 44.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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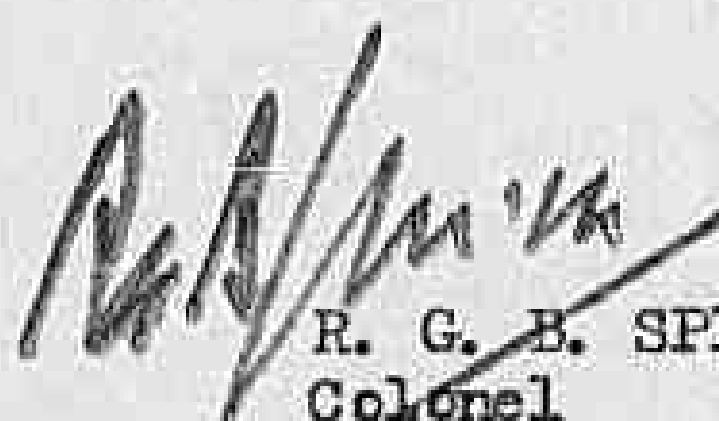
Tel: 620

SUBJECT: Patriot activities - recruiting agencies.

18 December 1944

TO : Executive Officer, Patriots' Branch.

1. Major Mynors rang me up this morning and stated that in his opinion Major Alfaro's team would work much better when joined up under the unified command of Col. Sansone, so that he could direct in 5 Army area the whole activities of these recruiting agencies. He said this would mean that one officer reported to them and they could deal with one officer instead of having to deal with two. I appreciate his point.
2. It is of interest to note that the recruiting agency obtained 100 recruits at Pesoa last week. Would you please take the matter of the unifying of the recruiting agency teams in 5 Army area up with MIA and draft reply in this regard to 5 Army Chief of Staff, with copy to Col. Sansone and Major Alfaro if approved of, or let me know the objections.

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director

Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 43/PAT.

19 December 1944.

Subject: Italian Recruiting Agencies.

To : S.C.A.O. 5th Army
S.C.A.O. 6th Army

1. The following is a list of the names of the Italian Army Recruiting Agency Personnel operating in the Army areas.

FLORENCE.

Lt. Col. SANSONE Enrico
Maj. RABINO BOLLETTI Ugo
Capt. PARIANO Fabio
Sgt. Maj. AMESTI Giuseppe
Sgt. FOLEGGIOLI Giovanni
Pte DE ANGELIS Giuseppe
" SILVESTRI Giulio
" PAGNANT Rino
" CONRO' Romeo
" SCAMARIELLO Agapito.

Fifth Army

FLORENCE.

Maj. DE ALFARO Alberto
Capt. CASSANO Michele
Lt. Ten. PYSMINI Ignazio
Staff Sgt. CARIDDU Antonio
Sgt. Maj. FIGURELLI Alfredo
Sgt. RUGGERO Cesare
Pte ZERRICO Felice
" CIGALINI Leone
" ROSSINI Aldo

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Maj. CASALE Corrado
Capt. RIZZA CULTRERA Salvatore
Lt. Ten. DANESI Alberto
Sgt. GALLIOTTO Emanuele
Cpl. Maj. GALLI Massimo
" " NUGETTI Spartaco
" " CAMPANELLI Giovan Battista
Pte. BEVOCINI Enrico
" MORANTI Sergio
" MORDACCHINI Francesco

Eighth Army

2. They will operate directly under the control of the S.O.A.Cs., A.M.G. 5th Army and A.M.G. 8th Army, acting through the A.M.G. Patriot Officers.

3. Their sole object is to find recruits for the Italian Army, thereby relieving congestion at the Patriot Reception Points and Centres.

R.G.B. SPICER,
Director,
Colonel,
Patriots Branch.

CAPB/mfg.

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PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY SAY FIVE HUNDRED PATRIOTS IN
SIENA AREA PD

PAREN TO SCAO TOSCANA REGION FROM HQ ALONG FROM PATRIOTS BRANCH

PAREN

PARA TWO PD DO YOU AGREE TO ITALIN RECRUITING AGENCY VISITING SIENA
TO INTERVIEW THESE MEN

PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Col. R.G.B. SPICER.

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15 DEC 1944

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SUBJECT: Italian Officer for Screening Agency

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

G/7/1

15 Dec 44

TO : Ministry of War

1. Screening Agency No 1, working under direction of Patriots Branch, A.C., has need of an English speaking Italian officer.
2. You will please post an English-speaking Italian officer to Screening Agency No 1 and inform this Hq of the name of the officer posted.
3. This officer will be carried in Category 1 (Adm. ITI-ITI).

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 489081
Ext. 620

Ref: 105/PAT.

14 December 1944.

Subject: Major A. De ALFARO.

To: Capt. D. LEMBERT,
Patriots Officer,
V Army.

This is to introduce Major Alberto De ALFARO.

This is a separate Recruiting Agency from that which is headed by Col. BARRONE. This officer is to work under your direct instructions, visiting all patriot reception centres and points in V Army area which have not been covered by Col. BARRONE.

In each Centre or Point not covered by Col. BARRONE, he should interview with his other officers all patriots suitable for enlistment in the Italian Army, and suitable arrangements should be made by him through you to convey such patriots as are enlisted direct to the Italian Assembling Centre, which I am given to understand is situated in FERRICE, but ~~more~~ accurate details should be obtained from Col. BARRONE by you and notified to Major De ALFARO. The whole point is to help you in the dispersal of the patriots in your Centres and Points.

It is felt that the present number of patriots now available for recruitment are too many for Colonel BARRONE to be able to handle with one recruiting team. In order to handle this efficiently, I think you should interview Col. BARRONE in front of Maj. De ALFARO, and ascertain to their mutual advantage which Centres or Points Col. BARRONE has not covered and direct Major De ALFARO accordingly.

Major De ALFARO should submit to me through you a written report of the results of his activities at least once a week. You must at all times know where he is working, and he must on no account leave your V Army area without special permission from you. The reports to be submitted by him need not be long, but should indicate the places visited, the numbers recruited, and the date of their despatch.

You will give this officer all possible assistance and cooperation in his work.

Copy handed personally to Maj. De ALFARO.

RWB/ejl.

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R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch. (19)

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To, Patriots Branch

W.G. S. Holland, M.D.
7 Dec. 44 C.A.S.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

G/7/1

Dec 14

TO : Civil Affairs Section,
Patriots Branch, A.C.

- 9 DEC. 1944

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Your ref.: 105/PAT of 6 Dec.

1. It is necessary that Lt. Victor GRIMENCO remain in his present assignment because the Ministry of War has no replacement for him.
2. The same is also true of Domenico AMODEO.

for Major General M.M.I.A.

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ColFara (4-16B.) Ra. 24

I have directed Lt. Genesco to report
to you, obtain instructions.

As R/h/m

Col.

Ten Genesco Tel. 39011

I give you instructions of the Plan of art. Teano -
Letter 1351/S.D.4. del 19-12-1944 indirizzata a M. M. T. u. -
La pratica è stata trattata dal ten Col Grandi
Hanc
8 Genesco 1965

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19 Dec. 44

-7- Recruiting Agency #6

To the DIRECTOR ^{Col Sansone}
Patriots Branch

Dear Col. Spicer:

This note will introduce Lt. Grinenco who is to report to Lt. Col. Sansone (Screening Agency #1) in Lucca.

He has been released by 8th Army, who have obtained a satisfactory replacement.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 105/PAT.

6 December 1944

Subject: Re-assignment of Lt.
Victor Grinenco.

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission
(for attn. of Capt. Selby).

1. It is requested that Lt. Victor Grinenco (Italian), who is now on duty with the 1st ARA 5th Corps, Eighth Army, be reassigned to Screening Agency No. 1 which is commanded by Lt. Col. Sansone (Italian) with HQ in Lucce.
2. Lt. Grinenco would be of invaluable service to this unit insofar as he speaks English fluently and could liaise with the Allied Military Authorities.
3. It is also requested that Domenico Meodeo (Italian soldier) be reassigned in the same manner.

P.D. Dagnan

Sir P.M. HAGUE, Bt.,
Major,
Executive Officer,
Patricots Branch.

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SUBJECT: Authority for Lieut Col GACHE to travel to ELBA
for screening 2000 Italians for volunteers for
Italian Army

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
I/101
23 Oct 44

TO : War Ministry

Copy to: Patriotic Branch A.C.C.
A.M.C. ELBA

1. Lieut. Col GACHE is authorized to proceed to ELBA for the purpose of screening 2000 Italians on the island for suitable personnel for enlistment into the present Italian Army.
2. On arrival in ELBA, Lieut Col GACHE will report to AMG representative in ELBA, Capt SMITH at PORTOFERRATO.
3. For A.M.C. ELBA. It is requested that Lieut Col GACHE be permitted to use Allied sign code to report to AMIA:-
 - (a) nos of personnel found suitable for enrolment into the Italian Army.
 - (b) their locations.
 - (c) their ages.
4. For Allied Shipping Authys PLOMBINO. Request passage to ELBA for bearer.

SECT.	INIT
Col. Mc. HY	
Maj. MAG	
Maj. DRAGE	
Capt. SALVADORI	
Col. LAV	

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Screening Agencies

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
 R O M E
 TS/G/19
 19 Oct 44

Ministry of War

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Copy to: Patriots Branch A.C.C. (Your 105/PAT of 14 Oct refers)

1. It is considered that there is no further useful work which can be performed by CERSETI 2.
2. Will you therefore please withdraw this screening agency to CERSETI - ROME.

SEEN.	INITIALS	REMARKS
Col. Mc.	MSH	
Col. W.	PA	
Col. D.		
Col. C.		
Col. A.		
Col. E.		
Col. G.		
Col. H.		
Col. I.		
Col. J.		
Col. K.		
Col. L.		
Col. M.		
Col. N.		
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Col. P.		
Col. Q.		
Col. R.		
Col. S.		
Col. T.		
Col. U.		
Col. V.		
Col. W.		
Col. X.		
Col. Y.		
Col. Z.		

PM Ingledew
St. Cl
 Major General
 M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Ref. 105 / AT.

14 October 1964.

Subject : Screening Agencies.

To : Lt. Col. Ingledew
M.H.I.A.

1. It is suggested that screening agency No. 2 be withdrawn in view that there is no further useful work which it can perform.

P. D. Magnus
Sir P.M. MAGNUS
Major,
for C. D. Mc CARTHY.
Colonel,
Patriots Branch.
Civil Affairs Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

17 Ottobre 1944

OGGETTO : Rappresentanti militari.

ALLA Presidenza del Consiglio
Ufficio Patrioti.

Per opportuna conoscenza s'informa che la Missione Militare presso l'Esercito Italiano (MMA) con lettera in data 13 Ottobre us. ha comunicato quanto segue :

"Si fa riferimento alla lettera della Presidenza del Consiglio che si restituisce.

- "1. E' stato deciso che gli ufficiali elencati nella suddetta lettera non possono essere impiegati come Ufficiali in S.P.E. dell'Esercito Italiano, presso i Patrioti.
- "2. I suddetti Ufficiali devono essere sostituiti entro un mese dalla data della presente lettera.
- "3. Il Ministero della Guerra e' stato informato al riguardo.
- "4. L'unico personale militare italiano autorizzato a lavorare in unione con i patrioti e' quello delle Commissioni di Vaglio come confermato dalla lettera di questo Q.G. TS/G/19 del 29 settembre e modificato dal TS/G/19 del 12 ottobre 1944. "

Codesto Ufficio e' pregato di decidere in merito.

Col. G. PAVA.

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SUBJECT: Screening Agents

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

R O M E

TS/G/19

12 Oct 44

Patriots Branch HQ ACC

Ref your 105/PAT of 10 Oct.

1. It is agreed that "Cerseti" 4 and 6 are no longer required.
2. Instructions have been issued to SMRE to withdraw these two agencies to their parent formation.

RECEIVED	INITIALS	DATE
Col. AM	CB	
Major AM		

[Signature]
Major General
M M I A

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Ref: 105/PAT.

10th October 1944.

Subject: Screening Agents.

To: Lt. Col. ENGLADEW,
M.M.I.A.

It is understood that you consider that there is no further useful work which can be performed by two of the three teams of Italian screening agents in the backward areas.

If this is in fact the case, I suggest that Teams 4 and 6 might be disbanded.

Will you kindly say if you are in agreement with this?

P. M. Magnus
Sir P. M. MAGNUS, Major,
for Col. C. D. McARTHUR,
Patriots Branch.

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M ETS/O/19
29 Sep 44Patriots Branch,
RC and MG Section, A.C.C.

At a short conference held 28 Sep at MMIA offices, attended by Col C.D. MCARTHY, it was re-affirmed

1. That volunteer patriots would be accepted into the Italian Army in reasonable numbers provided they are not in formed bands. In this connection it is the responsibility of

(a) Patriot Branch A.C.C. to advise number of volunteers and location.

(b) MMIA to arrange transportation from location^{to} nearest Depot within 12 hrs of receiving notification vide 1(a) above.

2. That the six Army screening agencies strength of each 4 offers 6 O.R's should remain three forward and three back until 15 Oct if required. If they are found to be NOT pulling their weight, they will be temp withdrawn but available to be sent forward again at short notice if necessary.

3. That the non-military teams org by the Italian Patriot Committee should remain in existence and that no assistance in the way of rations, tentage, tpt etc should be provided from Italian Army resources or sources under MMIA control.

4. That no member of the Patriots Branch A.C.C. should communicate direct with the Italian Ministry of War. Such communications should be conducted by MMIA.

- The Italian War Ministry has been informed of this policy.

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Major General
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