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To : Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS DURING

FOR WEEK ENDING 8 May 1945

CENTRES.

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2. Disarming parades have been held at
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(b) Vicenza - 7000 -

FINANCE.

3. The Italian Government has authorized a daily payment of 50 lire per head to Patriots in hospital or in a centre.

PERSONNEL.

4. All Italian Military Patriot Representatives, totalling 77, have now gone forward.

SUPPLIES.

5. The provisional authority for the issue of a Military ration to Patriots in Centres and hospitals, granted by AFM, has not been confirmed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff beyond 18 May. Steps are now being taken to prepare for the issue of civilian rations in lieu.

RECRUITMENT INTO ITALIAN ARMY.

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ENLISTMENT INTO ITALIAN ARMY.

6. AFHQ has rescinded the order under which Patriot bands were to be enlisted in toto to form Recon Corps, for employment with the Italian Army, since the collapse of Germany removes the operational necessity for such units.

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R. S. CURTIS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Govt. Rep. Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 105/PAC

To: Civil Affairs Section.

4 May 1945

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH

FOR WEEK ENDING 1 MAY 1945.

General.

1. With the rapid advance of the Allied Armies during the last week a very large number of Patriots have passed through the lines into All Territory at the same time however the liberation of territory has already enabled many to return on this side of the line to return to their homes, and many more will be able to do so as soon as the any restrictions on movement are lifted.

Centres and Collecting Points.

2. (a) Established Centres.

- (1.) Florence - the numbers have been reduced to 90 and it is hoped to close the centre very shortly, or to hand it over to the Ministry of Occupied Italy.
- (11.) Lucina - will continue for the present, administered by the Italian Military District representative under Tuscan Region.
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- (ii) Modena - Capt. Bernardi has gone forward from Florence and was to open a centre at this place last week end.
- (iii) Ferrara - Lt. Bernardi has gone forward from Livorno to open a centre here, but the numbers of Partisans encountered during the first few days is not sufficient that an office only will be adequate to deal with the Partisans here.
- (iv) Rome and Liguria - Major Marshall (Regional District Officer Liguria) has been dealing with Partisans in the Mediterranean coastal sector, but in view of the rapid liberation of their homes he has not found it necessary to open a proper centre up to date.

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Disarming.

3. (a) 5 Army report as follows:
 " At 1530 hrs to-day ceremonial parade of partisans held in
 " square BOLLOMA in presence of Generals ARNOLD, CLARK, TRUSCOTT,
 " KEYS, GRANTHAM, HUGHES and others and before large gathering
 " of populace. Ceremony passed off well and without incident.
 " 4,000 rifles and eight 6x6 truck loads of ammunition, grenades
 " etc. were collected and certificates presented."
 (b) Large parades are being organised elsewhere, and the Armies are
 optimistic of the results.

Supplies.

4. No reports of shortage of rations or clothing have been received
 by the Branch.

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5. The D/Director spent 5 days in 5 and 8 Army areas during the
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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 106/PAD.
To : Civil Affairs Section
24 April 1945.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 24 APRIL

1. Toscana Region has taken over from V Army the control of Nos. 1 and 2 Patriot Centres at FLORENCE and PISTOIA. The Allied Officers who have been in charge of these Centres are being taken forward by V Army and IV Corps, leaving the Centres to be administered by Italian Patriot Military Representatives.
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3. M.M.I.A. have released a number of green Italian battle dresses for Italian Military Patriot Representatives, as it is considered most undesirable that they should go forward dressed either in Italian service dress or in civilian clothes.
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Ref : 106/FAT.

18 April 1945

To : Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 18 APRIL

1. Twentyfour Italian Military Patriot Representatives for the Northern Italy have now been called forward to Army and Regional HQ.
2. AFHQ has given temporary authority for the issue of Italian Military rations and clothing from military sources to Patriots in N. Italy, pending the receipt of authority from the combined C. of S.
3. The Ministry of War has allotted a 50 Bed Mobile I.R.C. hospital to 5 Army for Patriots. Unfortunately it has no transport permanently attached which reduces its mobility, and consequently its value, considerably.
4. In view of the possibility of Italian Military Hospitals in N. Italy being too full to accommodate all Patriot casualties, the Government has agreed that where necessary a special ward shall be set aside for Patriots in civilian hospitals.
5. The Ministry of Occupied Italy has informed this Branch that legislation is about to be introduced to extend to *families of* Patriots operating against the enemy, the same *family* allowances etc. as are granted to combatants in the armed forces.
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REF : 106/1045.

3 April 1945.

TO : CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 2 APRIL

1. The number of Patriots at present at Centres is as follows:

No. 1 Centre Florence	500
No. 2 Centre Pesola	950
No. 3 Centre Ravenna	44.

2. Planning is still held up awaiting the issue of the 15 Army Group Plan, and authority for food, clothing, etc. from combined Chiefs of Staff.

3. The Italian Government has forwarded a payment order for 3 million lire to the Finance Sub-Commission in reimbursement of funds advanced by the Sub-Commission in connection with Patriot Representatives. Patriot Centres prior to 1 April. It is not known whether this sum will cover the total expenditure incurred as financial statements for the month of March are not yet completed.

4. The Italian Red Cross has offered the hospital at Prato to the M.O.G.I. as a convalescent home for Patriots.

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Ref : 106/PA2.

27 March 1945,

To : Civil Affairs Section,

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 26 MARCH

1. The number of Patriots at present in Centres is as follows :

No. 1 Centre - FLORENCE	376
No. 2 " - PESCIA	975
No. 3 " - RAVENNA	72

2. Lt.Col. A.R. De Garston has been selected as Regional Patriot Officer for Lombardia.
3. Planning is still held up awaiting the issue of the 15 Army Group Plan and authority for food, clothing, etc. from combined C. of S.
4. The Italian Government has agreed to take responsibility for all expenses connected with Patriot Centres as from 1 Apr 45, and has also officially approved the following payments to Patriots and their dependents

- (a) 1,000 lire demobilisation bonus;
- (b) 5,000 lire to wounded patriots;
- (c) 10,000 lire to dependents of patriots killed in action.

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Ref : 106/PAT.

20 March 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 19 March

1. The number of Patriots at present in centres is as follows:

FLORENCE	317
PERCIA	800
RAVENNA	95

2. No. 1 Screening Agency gives the following figures for Patriots enlisted into the Italian Army during the period 21 Jan 45 to 28 Feb 45.

Enlistment by Localities

FLORENCE	1362
PERCIA	50
ST. GIOVANNI VALDARNO	382
IMPOLI	476
PISTOLA	448
MARRADI	246

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3. A report received from Siena states that on 7 March military awards were made to members of the combat Group Legnano and among those decorated were many patriots who have now enlisted into the Army. The ceremony was attended by H.R.H. the Lt. General of the Realm, senior Allied and Italian Officers, and representatives of the C.L.N. and the Veterans Association.

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4. The nomination of the Lombardia and Venesia Regional Patriot Officers is still awaited. Regional Patriot Officers for the other regions in N. Italy are still undergoing training on 5 and 8 Army fronts.
5. During the week 30 sets of clothing have been issued from the stocks held in Rome (para.3 of report for week ending 13 Mar 45 refers). 22
6. (a) Following the decision to form Recce Units for employment with Italian Gruppi the Italian Army Recruiting Agencies have been reorganised, and consequently only three Agencies now come under the operational control of this Branch. A further five Agencies are allotted to form Recce units by enlisting complete Patriot Bands and to deal with any former Italian Army personnel found in the Northern Regions when liberated; these agencies come under the operational control of the Italian Army.
- (b) The Ministry of War has issued instructions that when posting army volunteers to combat units, priority shall be given to Patriots.

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Lt.Colonel,
Director,
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Ref : 106/PAT.

13 March 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 13 MARCH

1. Number of Patriots at present in centres is as follows :

FLORENCE	345
PESCIA	832
RAVENNA	99
2. (a) Major V.J.C. Marshall has been appointed Patriot Officer to Liguria Region and after preliminary training with this Branch, will proceed to 5th Army front to gain further experience with Patriot Centres.
- (b) Lt. I.W. Barkow has been recalled to AC. HQ. by 2675 Rgt., and Major Somerset has replaced him as O i/e Patriot Centre at Ravenna.
3. It has been decided to hold a small stock of clothing in Rome for immediate requirements of Patriots in Italian Government Italy. This clothing is stored in a warehouse under control of the Ministry of Occupied Territories but can be issued only on the written authority of this Branch; the present stocks held are:

Trousers	1230
Hankies	15
Overcoats	379
Field Jackets	310
Undershirts, Wool	110
Drawers, Wool	140
Socks	110
Pairs of Repaired Shoes	407
Gloves	769

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Lt. Colonel,
Director.

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Ref : 106/PAT.

6 March 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 5 MARCH

1. Number of Patriots at present held in centres is as follows :

Florence	362
Pescia	1087 (including Armando Band).
Ravenna	230
2. Major M.B. Somerset has been selected as Regional Patriot Officer for Emilia Region. He is being sent to gain experience at the Patriots Centre at Ravenna.
3. No. 1 Special Force have agreed that all Patriot Officers sent forward for training shall spend a few days at No. 1 Special Force H.Q. gaining information of the patriot position on the other side of the line.
4. It is understood that 15 Army Group Plan for dealing with Patriots in N.W. Italy has been approved by 15 Army Group C of S. Written confirmation is expected about 15 March.

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

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Ref : 106/PAT.

27 February 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 26 FEBRUARY

1. Number of Patriots at present in Centres:
FLORENCE: 230; PERCIA 920; RAVENNA 150.
2. The following Regional Patriot Officers
have been selected for N.W. Italy :

LIGURIA : Major H.E. MARSHALL (B)
PIEMONTE : Major C.A.P. BERTELLI (B)
LOMBARDIA: Lt.Col.J.S. ARNOLD (A)
3. No.2 District has agreed to give priority of
employment to certified Patriots.

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F. CRAIG,
Lt.Colonel,
Director,
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Ref : 106/PAT.

20 February 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 19 FEBRUARY

1. On 14 February 107 patriots were being housed and fed in the Ravenne Centre. 58 had been dispersed.
2. A parade of some Italian Regular Forces and Patriots was held in Rome on 18 February. The object of the parade was to demonstrate the patriot union between what were formerly antagonistic regular soldiers and partisan forces.

Posthumous awards of the Italian Gold Medal were conferred on regular soldiers and patriots who have died fighting the Germans since Marshal Badoglio's Armistice.
3. Authority for the feeding and clothing of Patriots is still under discussion.

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Lt. Colonel,
Director,
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Ext. 374

To : Civil Affairs Section.

12 February 1945.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 12 FEBRUARY.

1. A total of 247 Patriots is now being held in Centres at Florence and Pessia.
2. 60 Patriots were being housed and cared for two days after the Patriot Centre at Ravenna was opened on 5 February 1945.
3. Authority for feeding and clothing of Patriots on a large scale and for their treatment in hospital is under discussion, with AFHQ. Plans for North West Italy are dependent upon these authorities.

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P. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
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To: Civil Affairs Section.

5th February, 45.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOT BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 5th FEBRUARY.

1. The total number of Patriots now held in the Centres of PESCIA and FLORENCE has been further reduced to 540.
2. The Patriot problem in the Eighth Army area remains negligible.
3. During the week, we received news of forty Patriots who were in hospital in ROME without clothing. We have provided forty complete sets of clothing and the Italian Government has issued 1,000 L and cigarettes to each.
4. The responsibilities of the Executive Officer have been taken over by Major V.F.J.C. SMITH as from Monday, 5th February, 1945.

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

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Ref: 106/14/Pat

30th January, 45.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOT BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 30th JANUARY.

1. As a result of AFHQ authority, Patriots in Eighth Army area are now being fed on the Italian Army ration scale. Feeding for Patriots in Fifth Army on this basis will start with effect from 1st February, 1945.
2. A small Labour Camp has been started in LIVORNO with 250 Patriots. They are housed in Nissen Huts. This is just an experiment, and should it prove successful, larger numbers will be sent as time goes on.

At the Labour Camp at MARRADI there are now something over 1,000 Patriots employed.
3. The total of Patriots now held in the Centres of PESCIA and FLORENCE amounts to 472.
4. The Patriot problem in Eighth Army area remains negligible.
5. As a result of increased efforts by the recruiting agencies, larger numbers of Patriots are now joining the Italian Army.

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Lt. Colonel.
Director
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23 January 1945

To: Civil Affairs Section.

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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOT BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 23rd JANUARY.

1. A directive has now been received from A.P.H.Q. which authorises the issue to patriots crossing the line full Italian Army scale of rations for a period not exceeding 30 days. It also gives authority for the hospitalisation of wounded patriots in Italian Military hospitals where operations permit. It states, however, that they will be evacuated as soon as possible to Italian Civil hospitals. This represents a basic change in policy on the part of higher authority.
2. No patriots were sent away to labour camps during the current week.
3. Numbers of patriots in the two Centres in Fifth Army area amount to 539 as compared with 708 of the previous week.
4. The dropping off in numbers of patriots arriving on this side of the line is accounted for by the fact that weather conditions have made the mountains impassable.
5. The Director was satisfied with his tour and has made special mention of the Centre at PESCIA. It has been well organised; it is capable of holding 1,200 patriots, has a modern cookhouse and hot showers are provided for the men.

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Lt. Colonel,
Director,
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To: Civil Affairs Section

15th Jan, 45.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH FOR
WEEK ENDING 16th JANUARY.

1. 1,500 complete sets of clothing have now been delivered to Fifth Army and 500 complete sets of clothing to Eighth Army. In addition, 74,000 sq metres of hemp have been delivered to Fifth Army, who are making mosquito netting covers.
2. 350 Patriots fully clothed during this week have been sent to the South African Division at SABABDI, as an additional labour gang.
3. The number of patriots held in the two Centres in Fifth Army amounts to 706. This shows a substantial reduction in the number (approximately 1,000) held this time last week.
4. No further developments have occurred on the Italian Government side, and the Branch is still awaiting developments.
5. The Director is touring Fifth and Eighth Army areas.


F. CRAIG.
Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch

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Ref: LG/13/Pat.

9 Jan. 45.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 9 JANUARY.

1. The clothing referred to in last week's report has been promised for 8 Jan. and a representative of this Branch is now in Naples arranging for its despatch to Ardea.
2. A further 160 patriots were sent to a labour camp with the South African Division at MARSALA.
3. Numbers of patriots held remain static round the 1,000 mark in Fifth Army area. No report has been received from Eighth Army.
4. Relations with the Italian Government remain obscure. No action is being initiated by them.
5. This week a new director, Lt. Colonel F. Craig, was appointed to the Branch.

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Lt. Col. J. Craig
Director.
Patriots Branch.

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2 January 45.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR PERIOD ENDING 2 JANUARY 1945.

1. This week considerable progress has been made in the patriot problem insofar as authority has now been given by AFHQ to issue rations and clothing through MHA on the scale approved for the Italian Army, whereby each patriot will receive what is required:

- 1 pair boots
- 2 pairs socks
- 1 pair trousers wool
- 1 shirt wool
- 1 jersey pullover or equivalent
- 1 gas cape or raincoat or equivalent
- 1 mess tin or equivalent
- 1 blanket if available

2. Lt. McLAUGHLIN left for LFFORT to set up the first patriot labour camp. It is hoped to get this into operation within the next two weeks. Agreement has been reached with the Base Purchasing Officer, P.B.O., to accept up to 2,000 patriots for employment in the area.

3. "THROUGH JACK" of 2 January, page 4, under the heading "Partisans Take Over" shows how successful a group of 300 patriots are working as a gang at MABADI for the South African Division.

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

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 106/10/PAT.

26 December 1944.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 26 DECEMBER 1944.

1. Although the Patriot problem remains somewhat acute progress has been made from the point of view of supplies.

2,000 overcoats
2,000 sweaters
2,500 pairs socks
2,500 shirts

have been delivered to Florence.

AMG Fifth Army are collecting

2,500 trousers
5,000 shirts

from Livorno. A quantity of camp equipment is being collected by AMG Fifth Army from Ancona.

2. A recruiting Agency formed of 3 Officers, 3 N.C.Os. and three EAs was despatched on 15 Dec. to Florence upon the request of M.M.I.A. It is at present working in Lucca.

3. The latest reported number of Patriots concerned states Fifth Army 1,300

(*) Eighth Army 35.

(*) 800 Ravenna Patriots still operating.

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Ref: 106/10/PAT.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 19 DECEMBER 1944.

1. Some 2,000 patriots are at present congesting the regular Centres and Points. The crux of the problem continues to revolve about the question of:

- (a) Rations
- (b) Clothing
- (c) Transport.

2. One thousand two-man bivouac tents were despatched to FLORENCE in the course of the week in an effort to alleviate the situation in the FIFTH Army area.

Supplies of clothing in small quantities were also made available and despatched.

3. A further Italian Army Recruiting Agency has been despatched to FIFTH Army in the effort to alleviate further the congestion among the patriots.

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Ref: 106/9/FAT.

12 December 1944.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH FOR
WEEK ENDING 12 DECEMBER 1944.

1. A very difficult situation arose on V Army Front owing to the large number of patriots who were encountered. The Reception Centres which at present lack adequate equipment were congested, and it was exceedingly difficult to absorb the patriots, partly because they would not accept work in labour gangs unless they were offered a better ration than that which is at present authorized. Supplies of boots and clothing in adequate quantities were lacking, although it was possible to obtain some small alleviation out of military sources under this head. A serious lack of transport complicated the situation.
2. Formal application was made to A.F.H.Q. for the release of boots, clothing, and blankets from military sources to meet the needs of approximately 100,000 patriots in the near future. Application was also made for the rationing of such patriots on a scale approximating to the Allied military scale while they are employed in labour gangs in the army areas or accommodated in the Reception Centres and Points. Accommodation stores for the Reception Centres and Points were asked for, and it was requested that wounded patriots should be hospitalised in the future in Italian or Allied military hospitals.
3. The Patriot Reception Point originally designated at LUCCA was moved to PESOIA.
4. The Advanced Echelon of the Patriots Branch in FLORENCE was finally closed.

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5 December 44

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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOT BRANCH
FOR WEEK ENDING 4 December 44.

The Director of Patriot Branch has returned from his tour of the Army Areas. The Advance Echelon of Patriot Branch in Florence has been closed down. The policy has been agreed with A.M.G. Armes for establishing Patriot Reception Centres and Patriot Reception Points in the Army Areas. A complete reorganisation of the Patriot Branch as a whole will be instituted at a very early date.

All Patriot Representatives of the C.L.N. at present in the Army Areas are being withdrawn forthwith.

P. D. Dagnus

Sir P. M. Dagnus Bt.,
Major,
for
Col. H. G. B. Spicer,
Director.

To be signed in future by Director
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28 November 44

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOT BRANCH FOR WEEK ENDING
27 NOVEMBER 1944

1. A decision was reached to discontinue the policy of distributing Intelligence Reports from the Advanced Echelon, Patriot Branch in Florence. It was felt that the ground was already sufficiently covered by reports already put out by other organisations.
2. An emergency supply of clothing was obtained in the course of the week and rushed up to Florence. Every effort is being made to place upon a permanent and satisfactory basis the task of securing adequate supplies of boots, clothing and blankets.

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for R.G.B. Spicer,
Colonel,
Patriot Branch.

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15 November 1944.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH FOR WEEK ENDING
14 NOVEMBER 1944.

request

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3. Patriot Representatives with the armies and in the Regions and Provinces are now being paid by the Italian authorities through Allied agencies as a matter of routine. This system is working well.

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Sir P.A. MACHES, Bt.,
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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH FOR WEEK ENDING
7 NOVEMBER 1944.

1. The Italian National Patriot Committee has agreed that their patriot representatives in the field will further probe into and designate into which of the three categories each Patriot will be classified (see para. 3 of 106/PAT of 31 October 44).
2. Monetary allowances will be paid to all fighting Patriots. Indemnities and pensions equal to those of the Italian regular army will also be paid to the families of the wounded and dead.
3. The I.N.P.C. has moved that the welfare committees do not start work until the patriot representatives have completed their task of probing or, at least, until they are well on the way towards doing so.
4. Of the five Branch Patriot Offices which the I.N.P.C. has under consideration, the NAPLES Branch will be the first to open. This Branch will interest itself in all Patriot affairs within that area.
5. The National Partisan Association has been recognized by the Italian Government as being the only organization authorized to receive funds to be used for the assistance of Patriots.

*Sgt RA di Loreto 1st Lt.*FOR SIR P.M. MAGNUS,
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for Sir P.M. MAGNUS,
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APO 394

Ref: 106/PAT

31 October 1944.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH FOR THE WEEK ENDING
31 OCTOBER 1944.

1. Colonel C.D. McJANNET, O.B.E., Director of the Patriots Branch, has left the A.C. to take up the post of Civil Administrator of Andorra. He is promoted to Brigadier. Colonel ROY SPICER, D.S.O., M.C., becomes Director of the Patriots Branch. During Col. SPICER'S absence from Italy, Major Sir PHILIP MAGNUS is appointed Acting Director.

2. A new directive covering the payment of patriot representatives and the hiring of motor cars for patriot representatives has been approved and is being issued at once.

3. At a meeting of the I.N.P.C. a new system of recognition for patriots was propounded. It was suggested that the possession of a Certificate signed by General ALEXANDER should no longer be considered a conclusive proof that its holder was a patriot. It is proposed that offshoots of the Central Committee of National Liberation will be designated. These offshoots, entitled Provincial Committees of National Liberation, will supersede the work which is at present being carried out by the patriot representatives and by the communal patriot committees. They will supplement this work in consultation with the local Italian military commanders, and ultimately a new and final roll of patriots will be drawn up.

Three classes of patriots appear to be envisaged:

- (a) Patriots who have fought.
- (b) Patriots who have aided the war of liberation by means other than fighting.
- (c) Families of fallen patriots.

It is anticipated that this proposal will be further clarified during the course of the week.

4. The I.N.P.C. is considering the delegation of some measure of its powers to local committees at NAPLES, AQUILA, PERUGIA, ANCONA and FLORENCE.

5. The I.N.P.C. has decided against setting up a working committee inside its own membership. It has approved in principle the creation of civil employment agencies who will be attached to Regional Commissioners in the North in order to assist the rehabilitation of patriots into civil life. It has sanctioned the setting up of a welfare organization which can be run by patriots.

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6. A plan for the return of patriots to ROSE after enlistment into the Italian Army from bands operating in V Army area has been arranged on lines similar to that previously made in VIII Army area. The H.Q. of the Screening Agency will be in FISA.

Sir P.M. MAGNUS,
Major,
Patriots Branch.

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Ref : 106/PAT.

17th Oct. 1944

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF PATRIOTS BRANCH FOR THE WEEK ENDING
16 OCTOBER 1944

1. Apart from meetings with General Olona, the secretary of the I.N.P.C., no meetings have taken place this week with Italian Government Officials.

2. Owing to the absence of Mr. Palermo, the I.N.P.C. could not meet during the whole week. It has been strongly represented to the Italian Government that such a reason should not be given again.

3. Arrangements have been cleared with the Finance Sub Commission for the payment of Patriot Representatives and for the hiring of transports for Patriot Representatives by the Italian National Patriot Committee.

It has been agreed by the I.N.P.C. to pay Patriot Representatives 100 Lire a day while waiting and 200 a day after appointment.

4. M.M.I.A. are considering a new system of recruiting of Patriot volunteers into the Italian Army. It is hoped that M.M.I.A. will have recruitement camps inside V and VIII Army areas and that Italian Army transport will be attached to these camps to bring back the Patriot volunteers who have been selected by the Screening Agencies.

5. The Patriot Branch are now awaiting for the I.N.P.C. to make up their mind on the following points :-

- (a) The setting up of a working Committee inside the INPC.
- (b) A letter from the INPC to say that they can and will provide civil employment agencies who would be attached to Regional Commissioners in the North in order to assist them rehabilitate Patriots into civilian jobs.
- (c) Sanction for the setting up of a Welfare Organisation which could be run by men or women and which could be financed by the INPC and by private subscription. The object of this Welfare Organisation is to welcome and look after Patriots when they are first met by providing comforts and lodging.

6. It ought to be recorded that the present system of running Government committees, whereby, it seems necessary that every Committee should have representatives from every political party, must be considered extremely cumbersome and unworkable. In the hands of the Italians this machinery is more in fact than it would be in the hands of the British. The result is that practically nothing is done unless someone from outside gives orders which he is not responsible for.

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APO 594

Ref: 106/Pat.

9 October 1944.

Subject: Report on Activities of Patriots Branch
for week ending 9 October 1944.

To: Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

Ref. DOA/31/CA of 4 Oct. 44.

Three interesting developments have been under discussion during the past week.

1. Many are questioning the advisability of continuing to boost the patriots in newspaper articles and by broadcasts. On the one hand, it would seem that A.A.I. H.Q. will wish to encourage patriots to fight, which means that to some extent they would have to be 'lionised', and second the A.M.C. and other officers who are responsible for the eventual rehabilitation of patriots find that some of them are apt to be bombastic and difficult. Also our Political Section consider that if too much publicity is given to the work of the patriots, then eventually the Italian Government will claim consideration for this work in the Peace Terms. Obviously some compromise must be reached.
2. Much work is being done to start the Italian National Patriot Committee. Three discussions have been held with the Secretary, Major General ODONE, who has been most helpful and many outstanding problems are in the process of being settled. One meeting has been held with the Prime Minister, the object of which was to induce him to start a small Working Committee inside the Italian National Patriot Committee and to appoint M.E. PALERMO, the present Under Secretary for War who is a Communist, as the head of this Committee. It is felt by us very strongly that the Communist Party must have a strong representation on the Committee, since the majority of the best Patriot Bands are Communists and they are mostly very efficient.
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C.D. MCCARTHY,
Colonel,
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4th October, '44.

DO/9/31/CA

SUBJECT:- Discussions with the Italian Government.TO:- Patriots Branch. ✓
Displaced Persons and Repatriation.

Will the above mentioned Civil Affairs Sub Commissions submit so as to reach this Section by 1600 hrs every Tuesday, commencing 10th October '44, a short interesting light precis of the result of any discussions that they may have had with the Italian Government during the preceeding week, or any other points of interest arising in their work during that week.

These items of interest are for inclusion in the D.O. letter to Regional Commissioners and the weekly sitrep.

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