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1 May 45.

Liaison Officer.

(10) for your information.

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Cool.

M. Tashy for Cool

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Mr. Villa

Please see name of a Patient

Centre in Piemonte, mentioned in  
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12 June 45

M. Tashy for Cool

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Director:

Patient's Center name has been put on the book

Dr. H. H.

12 June 45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

6/16.B/GA

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22 Aug 45

SUBJECT : Weekly Sireps

TO : All Sub-Commissions

- 1 Attached for your information and guidance is a copy of Executive Commissioner's letter Ref : 150/37/EG of 21 Aug 45.
- 2 Please consider this Section's letter Ref : 6/16.B/GA of 17 March 45 as cancelled.

*W. H. J. HADTHLEY*  
W H J HADTHLEY Col.  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 150/37/MO

Tel : 284

21 Aug 45

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitreps

TO : Civil Affairs Section  
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Air Forces S/C  
Pub Relations Branch

Routine weekly sitreps will not be submitted in future, but matters of special interest or importance will be reported to this office as and when they occur.

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Chief Staff Officer,  
To Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 106/2/PAT

Tel. No. 489084  
Ext. 358

Subject: Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch  
Week Ending 21 August 45

20 August 1945

To : Civil Affairs Section

PATRIOTS - INSIGNIA OF HONOUR

1. Conditions under which the Insignia of Honour is awarded to Patriots have been forwarded to Regions. DFRs have been instructed to prepare nominal rolls now to avoid delay when the decree has been implemented.

ALEXANDER PATRIOT CERTIFICATES

2. 15,000 Alexander Patriot Certificates are now being prepared for issue to Patriots in Rome and Central Italy.

MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF POST WAR AID

3. At a meeting on 15 Aug between Col Cripps and Sig Bernardinone of the Ministry of Post War Aid the institution of ANPI was discussed. In some cases officials were not being appointed in accordance with ANPI statutes and therefore have no power to act. Sig Bernardinone said modifications of the statutes are being discussed.

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

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 106/2/PAT

Tel. Ext. 358

Subject: Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch  
Week Ending 14 August 45

15 August 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

MINISTRY OF POST WAR AID

1. Decree No. 425 of 31 July 45 defining functions and organisation of Ministry of Post War Aid has now been published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale. This organisation now taken over from the Ministry of Occupied Italy which is dissolved.

IMERS

2. Instructions have been issued to Regions that on the handover of territory in North Italy IMERS will become part of the Prefectural Staff and be under the administrative control of Prefects.

*S.H.W.*

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref. No. 620

31 July 1945

Ref : 106/2/PAT

Subject : Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch  
Week ending 31 July 1945

To : Civil Affairs Section

# PATRIOT MEDAL

1 I.M.P.s are being instructed to prepare Rolls of Patriots whom they consider should receive the medal. Their nomination will be approved at a later date.

# GENERAL

2 Ceremonial Parades were held on 24 July in several towns of Venezuela. There were no incidents.

# PAYMENT TO I.M.P.s

3 With effect from 24 July the I.M.P.s will receive increase in pay varying from 200 Liras to 400 Liras.

# REMARKS

4 A meeting was held between Col. Ortiz and the members of the Post War Assistance Ministry, where various points were discussed. Inter alia, the handing over of responsibility for patriots when territory is handed back.

The A.M.P.I. situation in the North is not satisfactory but is being investigated.

R.R. Viera Colman,  
Director



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Ref. No. 620

31 July 1945

Ref : 106/2/PAC

Subject : Weekly Mitras - Patriotic Branch  
Week ending 31 July 1945

To : Civil Airline Section

PATRIOTIC MEDAL

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CEREMONIAL

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R. P. GILES, Colonel,  
Director,  
Local Government Sub Committee

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HEAD - REPORT ALLIED COMMISSION  
AND 324  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 106/2/PAT

Tel. Ext. 321

Subject: Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch  
Week ending 24 July 1945.

24th July, 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

PATRIOT MEDAL

1. The Gazzetta Ufficiale of 7 July contains a decree authorising the issue of a medal ribbon to Patriots. The ribbon is red with the national colours in stripes at the outside vertical edges, and bears the letters "VL" (Volontari della Libertà) in gilt in the centre.

DISBANDEMENT OF MAIOLLA BAND

2. Members of the Maiolla Band (whose stand down parade on 17 July was referred to in Patriots Branch Sitrep dated 13 July) have now been conveyed to their homes in Allied Military transport. The band numbered approximately 800 men, the majority of whom were drawn from the Abruzzi. At the Parade the Government was represented by the Ministers of War, Air, the Interior and Post War Assistance, and 188 decorations were presented.

CENTRES

3. By the 20 July the number of Patriot Centres had been reduced to 15; it is intended that these shall be closed by the end of the month.

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*R.R. Grimes*  
R. R. GRIMES, Colonel.,  
Director,  
Local Government Sub Comm.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Ref : 106/2/PAT

Tel. Ext. 321

Subject: Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch  
Week ending 17 July 1945.

18th July, 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

1. The Branch has established contact with the new Minister of Post War Assistance (Sig. Ferrara), although his Ministry has not yet officially taken over from the Ministry of Occupied Italy responsibility for matters connected with Patriots.

LOMBARDIA

2. It is considered necessary to retain for a little longer 3 "skeleton" centres and a few feeding centres in Lombardina, but all other Patriot establishments in this Region were closed on 10 July 45.

DEBARKING AND DEBARKMENT

3. On 7 July a stand down parade was held at Udine for the Italia Patriot Division, which was composed almost entirely of Italian troops and had operated in Yugoslavia. The Maiella Brigade which had operated for many months with the 8 Army stood down at a similar parade on 17 July 45.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel Ert. 495

10 July 1945

Ref : 106/2/PAT

Subject : Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch  
Week ending 10 July 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

1. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT - RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATRIOTS

No decree has yet been issued giving authority to the Ministry of Post War Assistance. For the time being administrative matters regarding Patriots and I.M.P.R. are still being dealt with by the M.O.O.I.

2. GERMAN NATIONALS WITH ITALIAN PATRIOT TENDENCIES

Instructions have been issued to all Regions for German nationals (including deserters) who were members of armed Patriot Bands to be reported O.I.G. or F.S.S. after being supplied with a report by his Band Leader.

3. PAY OF PATRIOTS DURING THE WAR OF LIBERATION

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On 6 July the stand down of the Garibaldi Division which had fought in Yugoslavia took place. Mario Palumbo, former Under Secretary of State for War attended. It has been decided to make an exception in the case of this Division and to pay military rates for the time served prior to Armistice although such services was NOT in Italy.

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From 25 June 1 Officer and 6 NCOs have been attached to the Patriots Division of the Region by arrangement with 51 PRR and have been sent to Provinces where they are giving their valuable assistance to I.M.P.Rs.

Patriots in Belluno Province are said to be urgently in need of clothing, this matter is in hand.

Most of the Partisans in the Udine area are specialized workmen and the only available employment is for labourers. More and more partisans are therefore asking for admission to the Centres to await suitable employment.

The following report appeared in the Union Jack of 9th July 45.

"A group of partisans invaded Schio jail near Vicenza, sorted out 73 political prisoners from among the inmates, shot 47 of them to death and wounded 26, it is reported in a Milan newspaper". It has now been confirmed that a raid did take place and was carried out by remnants of GARIBOLDI Division (PAT).



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(c) Liguria

On 4 July 4 partisans awaiting trial by the Court for murder of 11 prisoners were illegally released by the Questura at Genoa, this matter is being taken up with Public Safety.

Patriot Police Forces in the region were as follows on 5 July 45.

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Genoa     | 500 |
| Savona    | 200 |
| Imperia   | 211 |
| La Spezia | 110 |

Numbers in Centres in Liguria Region were as follows on 5 July 45.

|           |                   |     |
|-----------|-------------------|-----|
| Chiavari  | (Genoa Province)  | 230 |
| Albisola  | (Savona Province) | 500 |
| Imperia   |                   | 192 |
| La Spezia | (Closing)         | 22  |

Alexander Enlistment Certificates have been issued as follows up to 5 July 45.

|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Genoa     | 4,500                    |
| Savona    | 2,500                    |
| La Spezia | 3,112                    |
| Imperia   | 1,700                    |
| Aquaria   | 1,000                    |
| Lauro     | Report not yet received. |

(d) Emilia

In almost all provinces in Emilia assaults and kidnapping continue. Some criminals are bogus patriots but many are genuine patriots who are of the opinion that they should rule the villages.

The proposed stand down parade of the "Ajella Battista at Forlì" on 28 June was cancelled and a more ceremonious parade is being planned for 15 July 45.

(e) Piemonte

Many associations are being formed for the assistance of partisans but the A.N.P.I. has not yet been constituted.

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



Alamander Battalion Carabinieri have been issued as follows up to 5 July 45.

|           |                   |     |
|-----------|-------------------|-----|
| Chivari   | (Genoa Province)  | 230 |
| Albisola  | (Savona Province) | 500 |
| Imperia   |                   | 192 |
| La Spezia | (Closing)         | 22  |

|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Genoa     | 4,900                    |
| Savona    | 2,500                    |
| La Spezia | 3,112                    |
| Imperia   | 1,700                    |
| Aquaria   | 1,000                    |
| Lauro     | Report not yet received. |

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Local Government Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. Ext. 321

26 June 1945

Ref : 106/2/PAT

Subject : Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch  
Week ending 26 June 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT - RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATRIOTS

With the change of Government, the Ministry of Occupied Italy has been abolished, and it is believed that the responsibilities in connection with Patriots previously held by that Ministry will be assumed by the new Ministry of Assistance.

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Director,  
Local Government Sub Commission

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REPUBLIC OF VENETIA  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. Ext. 321

19 June 1945

Ref : 106/2/PAT

Subject : Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch  
Week ending 19 June 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

DEFINITION OF A PATRIOT.

1. The new decree authorizing the payment of bonuses at increased rates defines a Patriot as "a permanent member of an organized band, who has taken active part in actions of sabotage or one who has performed outstanding acts of gallantry and bravery."

CRUCIAL.

2. Sufficient clothing for 5000 men is being made available for Venetia Region from the consignment of salvage garments allotted to 5 Army (see Weekly Sitrep of 5 June, para 3).

PATRIOTS.

3. Major Henderson and Capt. Beatt who have recently joined Allied Commission from SO(M) have been assigned to Venetia Giulia as Patriot Officers.

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

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TRANSMISSIONS DURING OPERATIONS  
AND 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION  
PATRIOTIC TRAINER

Tel. int. 495

11 June 1945.

Ref : 105/2/1945

Subject : Weekly sitrep - Patriotic Trainer  
Week ending 11 June 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

1. ITALIAN MILITARY PATRIOTIC TRAINING CENTRES.

Specialities having been experienced in training suitable officers for employment as Italian Military Patriotic Representative, a new procedure has been instituted to enable Regional Commissioners to take local Patriotic Officers into immediate employment in this capacity.

2. PATRIOTIC REPRESENTATIVE WITH A.S.

Among other duties for which Patriotic Officers have been employed by A.S., was the movement, last month, of 5000 horses from Austria to Berlin Region, undertaken by Patriotic firms in the.

3. GENERAL SITUATION IN VENICE.

(a) LOMBARDIA. In that part of the region under IV Corps command was commenced later than in the V Army territory, but is now in hand. In Veneto provinces, 4577 out of a total of 4534 Patriotic, have been dispersed and 2018 weapons handled in. In Milan 7 Patriotic Centres are now operating.

(b) VENETO. The position in this province remains unchanged. Movement of these patriots not required operationally is said to be almost completed in the cities of Venice, Padua, Treviso, Vicenza and Verona.

(c) EMILIA. All Patriotic Centres in Emilia, except Modena, are being closed, and the Italian Military Patriotic Representative will now operate from Patriotic offices in each provincial capital. 2553

(d) TRIVENTO. The Patriotic Centre at Pescara has been closed.

(e) LAZIO. In the Sardinia province approximately 2000 Patriotic have been dispersed to date, and a special Patriotic



# ITALIAN MILITARY PATRIOT REORGANIZATION

difficulties having been experienced in finding suitable officers for employment as Italian Military Patriot Regiments, a new measure has been instituted to enable Regional Commanders to take local Patriot Officers into immediate employment in this capacity.

## PATRIOT REORGANIZATION WITH ARI

Among other duties for which Patriots have been employed by ARI, was the transport, last month, of 5000 horses from Austria to Berlin Region, undertaken by Patriots from Berlin.

## GENERAL SITUATION IN BERLIN

(a) BERLIN. In that part of the Region under IV Corps disarming was completed later than in the V Army territory, but is now in hand. In various provinces, 4577 out of a total of 4578 Patriots, have been disarmed and 2313 weapons handed in. In Berlin 7 Patriot Centers are now operating.

(b) WESTERN. The position in these areas unchanged. Disarmament of these Patriots not required operationally in order to be almost completed in the office of Venice, Berlin, Berlin, Vienna and Vienna.

(c) ITALY. All Patriot Centers in Berlin, except Vienna, are being closed, and the Italian Military Patriot Regiments will now operate from Patriot offices in each province. 2573  
cial capital.

(d) VIENNA. The Patriot Centre at Vienna has been closed.

(e) VIENNA. In the Vienna province approximately 2000 Patriots have been disarmed to date, and a special Patriot hospital has been opened, owing to lack of accommodation in existing civilian hospitals.

(f) VIENNA. In the Vienna province IV Corps are endeavoring to absorb Patriots into civilian labor in reconstruction work on roads and bridges. Approximately 1600 weapons have been handed in and a Centre established at Vienna. Information has been handed over 250 Patriots.

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Miso trucks were employed for an entire day in Caneb Province, clearing areas that had been burned in at Camagüey and Verruclo.

S. R. WHITE,  
Lt Colonel,  
Director,  
Local Govt. Sub Com.

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WE PARTIAL ALLIED FRONT SION  
APO 324  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SION COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. Ext. 495

5 June 1945.

Ref : 106/2/PAT

Subject : Weekly Edition - Patriots Branch  
Week ending 2 June 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

1. PATRIOT BONUS.

The Italian Government has increased the bonuses payable to Patriots to the following scale :

|                                                                             |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| (a) Patriots, with less than 3 months' service                              | Lire 1000 |
| (b) " " more than 3 months' service                                         | " 5000    |
| (c) Patriots seriously wounded or disabled, regardless of length of service | " 10000   |
| (d) Relatives of Patriots killed, died or missing                           | " 20000   |

2. PATRIOT VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

Decree No. 214 of 5 Apr. 45 grants the status of "Ente Morale" to the Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia, which has thus become the official Veterans' Association of the Patriot movement.

3. COMMENTS.

M.E.O.J.S.A. has been unable to find the necessary clothing for Patriots in 5 Army Area, and A.C. has therefore agreed to release to 5 Army for Patriots the following items of salvage clothing and equipment originally intended for ordinary civilian purposes.

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| P.D. Trousers  | 25,000 pairs. |
| Jackets ID     | 50,000        |
| Remained Boots | 25,000 pairs. |
| Blankets       | 14,800        |

4. SURVEY OF PATRIOT STATIONERY BY REGIONS.

(a) Lombardia

45,600 weapons and 15,500 hand grenades had been handed in and 47,882 Patriots demobilised, in Lombardia, up to 26 May. A considerable number of armed Patriots still remain, however, and are causing some difficulties, particularly in the City and Province of Milan and in the Province of Varese. A number of centres have been opened in Milan.

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| (b) " " more than 3 months' service                                         | " 5000    |
| (c) Patriots seriously wounded or disabled, regardless of length of service | " 10000   |
| (d) Relatives of Patriots killed, died or missing                           | " 20000   |

## PATRIOT VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Decree No 224 of 5 Apr. 45 grants the status of "Late Males" to the Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia, which has thus become the official Veterans' Association of the Patriot movement.

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|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| R.D. Trousers  | 25,000 prs. |
| Jackets ID     | 50,000      |
| Repaired Boots | 25,000 prs. |
| Blankets       | 14,000      |

## SURVEY OF PATRIOT SITUATION BY PROVINCE

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### (b) Venetia

Centres are now operating at Udine, Verona, Bolzano and Venice. Except for the Provinces of Bolzano and Belluno, where the Patriots have retained their arms in view of the numbers of armed Germans still at large, the Patriots have been ordered to store their arms in central armouries, from which they can be drawn when required operationally.

### (c) Emilia

In Emilia Region a total of 26,400 weapons had been handed in by Patriots up to 26 May.



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(d) Toscana

The Regional Commissioner was presented a ceremony on 15 May in Arezzo Province, when 562 Patriot Certificates were presented. In this and the other northern provinces of Toscana, the Italian Military Patriot Representatives are handling a number of Patriots from the North of Italy in transit to their homes in the South.

(e) Liguria

Four centres are now operating in Liguria, at the following places:

|                               |          |         |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|
| La Spezia                     | capacity | 200     |
| Chiavari (for Genoa Province) | "        | 700     |
| Genova                        | "        | 450/500 |
| Imperia                       | "        | 300     |

The French are reported to have disbanded a number of Patriots in Imperia Province.

(f) Piemonte

In Piemonte, a general disarming of Patriots, except in the frontier districts, has been ordered, and efforts are being made to locate caches of arms which the Patriots may hope to retain.

M.P.

R.R. CRIPPO, Colonel,  
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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

I. I. GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 495

29 May 1945.

Ref : 106/2/PAT

Subject : Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch  
Week ending 29 May 1945

To : Civil Affairs Section.

## 1. DISARMING PATRIOTS - GENERAL

Disarming progresses slowly but considerable headway has been made in the agricultural areas and in previous <sup>no longer</sup> adjacent to large cities. In other areas, particularly in the large cities notably Milan and Turin and in the mountain areas adjacent to the frontier, patriots very disinclined to disarm. Commander IV Corps taking vigorous action to enforce disarmament.

## 2. ENLISTMENT INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY

The immediate enlistment of 4000 Patriot volunteers into the Italian Army has been sanctioned, which should help to ease the situation in Lombardia, Liguria and Piemonte. The three Screening (Recruiting) Agencies under control of AMG are to revert to Italian Army control, for use, if required, in connection with the above intake.

## 3. SUMMARY OF PATRIOT SITUATION BY PROVINCES

### (a) Lombardia

In Milan, apart from the Patriots engaged on police and guard duties, and those already dispersed, there remain a large number of Patriots in their former home, who are acting under the orders of General Cadorna. It is hoped that a number of these will be absorbed into the army (see 2 above) and that the remainder will be dispersed by 7 June.

By 11 May 2724 of the 4500 Patriots in Lombardy Province had laid down their arms, and disarming in Treviso City was reported completed by 18 May.

### (b) Venezia

The only report received was from Rovigo Province where the first Patriot Parade was to take place on 27 May.

### (c) Emilia

In Emilia Region disarming continues on the whole satisfactorily, although some difficulty is being encountered over the dispersal of Patriots at Piacenza. Although most Patriots have now handed in one weapon, it is clear that they still hold a considerable number which have not been made known to the Allies.

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The immediate enlistment of 4000 Patriot volunteers into the Italian Army has been sanctioned, which should help to ease the situation in Lombardia, Liguria and Piemonte. The three Screening (Recruiting) Agencies under control of AMG are to revert to Italian Army control, for use, if required, in connection with the above intake.

## 3. SURVEY OF PATRIOT SITUATION BY PROVINCES

### (a) Lombardia

In Milan, apart from the Patriots engaged on police and guard duties, and those already dispersed, there remain a large number of Patriots in their formations, who are acting under the orders of General Cadorna.

It is hoped that a number of these will be absorbed into the army (see 2 above) and that the remainder will be dispersed by 7 June.

By 14 May 2724 of the 4500 Patriots in Lombardy Province had laid down their arms, and disarming in Trento City was reported completed by 18 May.

### (b) Veneto

The only report received was from Rovigo Province where the first Patriot Parade was to take place on 27 May.

### (c) Emilia

In Emilia Region disarming continues on the whole satisfactorily, although some difficulty is being encountered over the dispersal of Patriots at Visenza. Although most Patriots have now handed in one weapon, it is clear that they still hold a considerable number which have not been made known to the Allies.

### (d) Toscana

On 19 May the numbers in Patriot Centres were as follows:

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Florence | 110 |
| Pescaia  | 260 |

### (e) Liguria

Considerable difficulty has been experienced here in obtaining stores and supplies from Army sources. Large numbers of Patriots who come from the south are being evacuated to their homes at an average rate of 100 per day.



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(S) Elemente

In Turin, as in Milan, there are still considerable numbers of organized Patriots, whom it is hoped will be dispersed by the second week of June.

PERSONNEL

Capt. Elias has assumed the duties of Acting Regional Patriot Officer for Venezia, and 92 new have loaned four officers to Liguria Region for Patriot work.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION  
AUG 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS FRANCE

Tel. Art. 495

22 May 1945

Ref : 106/2/PAT

To : Civil Affairs Section

Subject : Mostly Sitrep - Patriots Branch  
Week ending 22 May 1945

GENERAL

West

1. In North/Italy small numbers of Patriots continue to be used for police duties in the big towns, e.g. Milan, Genova and Turin, but general disarmament is proceeding satisfactorily. In Venezia however there are still many armed Germans and groups of Italian Fascists, and considerably numbers of Patriots have therefore been retained in their formations for mopping up purposes. They are reported to be well disciplined and doing excellent work in close and cordial cooperation with A.M.G.

SURVEY OF PATRIOT SITUATION BY PROVINCES

2. (a) Lombardia.

A few Patriots are still being used operationally in Milan, but is anticipated that they will be disbanded and dispersed shortly.

- (b) Venezia.

In Belluno, Udine, Treviso, Vicenza and Bolzano Patriots are still encountering small numbers of Germans.

A very large Parade was held at Padua on 4 May and the handing in of arms commenced immediately afterwards.

- (c) Emilia.

It is estimated that there were approx 36,000 Patriots in Emilia Region, of which some 15,000 have handed in their arms (amounting to 24,000 weapons) and been dispersed. Disarming parades have now been held at Reggio Emilia, Parma, Piacenza and Ferrara, and another Centre has been opened at Parma. The numbers of Patriots handled by centres in this Region during the week 6 - 12 May were as follows:

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|             | Not received into centres | Not dispersed from centres | Held in centres at 12 May |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) Bologna | 439                       | 233                        | 456                       |
| (11) Modena | 442                       | 73                         | 69                        |
| (111) Parma | 520                       | 20                         | 500                       |

- (d)



(d) Imperia.

Disarming continues satisfactorily, although certain difficulties are being met in Imperia as a result of the presence of the French, and a shortage of civilian food supplies which makes the Patriots somewhat unwilling to be dispersed from centres where they would receive Italian Military rations.

(e) Piemonte.

It was reported from Asti that preparations were in hand for a Parade for the disbandment of Patriots during the week commencing 6 May.

In Turin disbandment appears to be going well, which is no doubt partly due to the fact that there is urgent need for Patriots to be reabsorbed into civilian employment.

PERSONNEL

3. Venetia Region have reported the death of Major V.F.J.C. Snee,  
Regional Patriot Officer.

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F. CRAIG,  
Lt Colonel,  
3/Director,  
Local Govt. Sub Com.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR  
APC 374  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN DOMINION  
PATRIOTIC BOARD

Ref. No. 324

15 May 1945

Re: 104/2/242  
Subject: Weekly Masses - Patriotic March  
Held Sunday 15 May 45.  
To: Civil Affairs Section.

GENERAL

1. Reports from all regions indicate that it is being found necessary to retain certain numbers of patriots for temporary police duties. The dismantling of the rest is in process.

SUMMARY OF PATRIOTIC INFORMATION RE REGION

2. (a) Lombardy

There are reported to be 5 - 10,000 well organized patriots in Milan. Six-hundred patriots paraded at Monza on 5 May, but dismantling was to take place later.

(b) Venezia

Four-hundred patriots at Verona are being temporarily retained for police duties, while a further four-hundred laid down their arms at a parade there on 5 May.

Dismantling of patriots at Padova was to commence on 5 May also. In Bologna the patriots are reported well under control and co-operative, and no disturbances are anticipated. Two-hundred and fifty patriots have been engaged as a temporary police force.

In Milan the Casale and Carlini groups are being retained for the moment in their present form. They are not operational units and are assisting AMB.

At Venice and Padua dismantling has commenced and parades are to be held shortly.

(c) Italia

The Regional Patriot Officer has asked for five additional Italian Military Patriot Representatives to be appointed to run centers at Bologna, Modena, Reggio Emilia, Piacenza and Parma.

(d) Liguria

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Subject : Weekly Review - Patriots March  
Week Ending 15 May 45

To : Civil Affairs Section

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REVIEW OF PATRIOT SITUATION IN REGION

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(b) Venice

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Disarming of Patriots at Treviso was to commence on 5 May also. In Belluno the Patriots are reported well under control and co-operative, and no difficulties are anticipated. Two-hundred and fifty Patriots have been engaged as a temporary police force.

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(c) Rome

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(d) Liguria

On 2 May at Genoa the Allied Commanding General held a most successful parade of American Troops and Patriots. In the city all Patriots, other than the members of the temporary Patriot police force of 500, have been disarmed, but parties of home veterans are reported to be causing some difficulties. In the surrounding districts 1600 Patriots are being retained for 'mopping up' purposes.

From Savona it is reported that all RAP and GAP had been disarmed by 2 May. A police force of 200 Patriots has been formed here to operate under the quantum, and a temporary 'gariboldi' of 300 Patriots is working under control of the Guardia Piana.

The disarming of Patriots in La Spezia is proceeding satisfactorily. /.

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Picasso

A Puritan dissenters' parade was held at Roxino on 5 May, and the handing in of Patriots' arms commenced the next day.

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P. CRAIG,  
Lt Colonel,  
Hq/Director,  
Local Govt. Sub Com.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ref : 106/2/TAT

Tel. Ext. No 620

8th May 1945

Subject : Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch

To : Civil Affairs Section.

GENERAL SITUATION.

1.

Reports from N. Italy during the last week do not give a very comprehensive picture of the Patriot situation, but the following information received by Patriots Branch gives a general indication of the trend of events, which are so far proving far more satisfactory than had been anticipated.

(a) LAMBRUGIA.

Only reports received concern Patriots still being used operationally.

(b) VENEZIA.

On 4 May Patriots at Padua were causing slight anxiety, but the next day it was reported that both there and at Venice they were being gradually disarmed, that all was quiet, and that parades would be held later.

Seven thousand Patriots at Vicenza have landed in their areas.

(c) RAVIA.

At a parade at Modena on 5 May 8,000 to 10,000 Patriots were disarmed, and the Leaders presented with "Almanac" certificates by General Hume (SAC 5 Army). One hundred + fifty wounded Patriots have been admitted to the Emergency Military Hospital.

At Parma the Patriots were still being used operationally on 5 May, while at Reggio Emilia (where the numbers were estimated at 5000 on 26 April) plans are in hand for a disarming parade in the near future.



Ref. Ext. No 620

3th May 1945

Ref : 104/2/PAT

Subject : Weekly Situation - Patriots Branch

To : Civil Affairs Section.

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(c) EMILIA.

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At Parma the Patriots were still being used operationally on 5 May, while at Reggio Emilia (where the numbers were estimated at 5000 on 26 April) plans are in hand for a disarming parade in the near future.

(d) LIIGERIA.

Genova : the Regional Patriot Officer is establishing a Centre here, and the authorities were hoping to effect the disarming of all uniformed Patriots by 30 April. A special Patriot police force (strength 500) has been formed for guarding vulnerable points and for anti-fascist work.

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2.

On 26 April the Patriots at La Spezia were estimated at 2,500, but were reported a well disciplined force controlled by an Allied Officer.

(e) FINANCIAL

It was hoped to hold a disarming parade at Torino on 5 May.

FINANCIAL

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

FINANCIAL

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

FINANCIAL

4. The provisional authority for the issue of a Military ration to Patriots in Centres and hospitals, granted by AFHQ, has not been confirmed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff beyond 13 May. Steps are now being taken to prepare for the issue of civilian rations in lieu.

ENLISTMENT INTO ITALIAN ARMY

5. AFHQ has reconsidered the order under which Patriot Bands were to be enlisted in toto to form Reconnaissance Bands, for employment with the Italian Group, since the collapse of Germany removes the operational necessity for such units.

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R.R. CHITRE,  
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R.R. GILLES,  
Colonel,  
Director,  
Local Govt. Sub Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 334  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 106/2/PAT

1 May 1945

Subject : Weekly Edition - Patriots Branch

To : Civil Affairs Section.

General.

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

Centres and Collecting Points.

2. (a) Established Centres.

- (i) 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.
- (ii) Pesola - will continue for the present, administered by two Italian Military Patriot representatives under Tuscan Region.

- (iii) Ravenna - the numbers are reduced to 9 and the centre is to be closed.

(b) New Centres, and Collecting Points.

- (i) Bologna - a centre has been opened in the Bersagliere Barracks via Maggiore under Command of Lt. Melanelli.

- (ii) Modena - Capt. Diamond has gone forward from Parma and was to open a centre at this place last week end.

- (iii) Ferrara - Lt. Marlow has gone forward from Ravenna to



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Centres and Collecting Points.2. (a) Established Centres.

- (i) Florence - the numbers have been reduced to 80 and it is hoped to close the centre very shortly, or to hand it over to the Ministry of Occupied Italy.
- (ii) Pesdia - will continue for the present, administered by two Italian Military Patriot Representatives under Italian Regies.
- (iii) Ravenna - the numbers are reduced to 3 and the centre is to be closed.

(b) New Centres, and Collecting Points.

- (i) Bologna - A centre has been opened in the Bersaglieri Barracks Via Maggiore under Command of Lt. Molanichlin.
- (ii) Modena - Capt. Nissardi has gone forward from Florence 25/2 and was to open a centre at this place last week end.
- (iii) Ferrara - Lt. Nissardi has gone forward from Ferrara to open a centre here, but the numbers of Patriots encountered during the first few days do not indicate that an office only will be adequate to deal with the Patriots here.
- (iv) Massa and Liguria - Major Marshall (Regional Patriot Officer Liguria) has been dealing with Patriots 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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3. (e)
  - 5 Army report as follows:
  - " At 1530 hrs to-day ceremonial parade of partisans held in square BOLLOMA in presence of Generals ARSOLD, CLARK, TRUSCOTT, KAYS, CHASTNER, and others and before large gathering of populace. Ceremony passed off well and without incident. 4,000 rifles and eight 60 truck loads of ammunition, grenades etc. were collected and certificated presented."
  - (b) Large parades are being organized 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.

Personnel.

5. The D/Director spent 5 days in 5 and 6 Army areas during the week. Major Snee has been attached to Venetia Region as Regional Patriot Officer, and J/Comd. H. Proby becomes Executive Officer of the Branch. Sixtyseven Italian Military Patriot Representatives have now been forward, and a further fifteen will move as soon as transport can be arranged.

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Local Govt. Sub Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APU 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 105/2/PAT.

24 April 1945.

Subject: Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Toscana Region has taken over from V Army the control of Nos 1 and 2 Patriot Centres at FLORENCE and PESCIA. 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 Military Patriot Representatives.
2. Lt. HARKON has returned to 8 Army and taken over command of No. 3 Patriot Centre RAVENNA, thus relieving Major SCARLETT, who has relinquished the appointment of Regional Patriot Officer Emilia Region and been replaced by Major GILBERT.
3. During the period 1-10 Apr 20 1 Mobile Recruiting Agency recruited 46 Patriots in the FLORENCE area for 240 Infantry Division.

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Local Govt. S/C.



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R.R. GAMES,  
Colonel,  
Director,  
Local Govt. a/c.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFG 304  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 106/2/PAT.

17 April 1945.

Subject: Weekly Sitrep - Patriots Branch.

To : Civil Affairs Section

1. Three courses have been organized by Patriots Branch in conjunction with 5 Army G-5 Section to give Provincial Officers some knowledge of Patriot work and problems before they move into the Northern Regions. The courses comprise a visit to HQ, Special Ops (M) and two days at Patriot Centres; the numbers attending are as follows:

|            |   |          |                 |
|------------|---|----------|-----------------|
| 1st Course | - | 11 April | 7               |
| 2nd Course | - | 15 April | 9               |
| 3rd Course | - | 19 April | 18 (estimated). |

2. Twentyfour Italian Military Patriots Representatives for the Northern Italy have now been called forward to Army and Regional HQ.

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. 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 G. of S.

5. The numbers at present in Centres are as follows:

|              |         |      |
|--------------|---------|------|
| No. 1 Centre | PATERNE | 490  |
| No. 2 Centre | PEROLA  | 1145 |
| No. 3 Centre | REVERA  | 31   |

Total 1666 2539

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| No. 1 Centre | FL/ER/NEH | 490  |
| No. 2 Centre | VESSALA   | 1445 |
| No. 3 Centre | PAVERNA   | 34   |

Total

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Colonel,  
Director,  
Local Cent. S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: D.O. 9/3.1/CA.

14 Apr 45.

SUBJECT: Discussions with the Italian Government  
and other matters of interest.

TO: See Distribution below.

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Further to this Section's letters 9/3.1/AS dated 19 Sep 44 and  
6/168/CA dated 17 Mar 45.

- 1 In order to comply with the Executive Commissioner's letter, reference: 150/26/EC, dated 15 Mar 45, will Sub-Commissions please render a short weekly Sitrep to reach this office by 1800 hrs each Tuesday (instead of Wednesday morning). Heads of Sub-Commissions' attention is drawn to the Executive Commissioner's letter, reference above, as it is felt no Sub-Commission should render a nil return.
- 2 To enable the Vice President to send out an interesting, concise report to Regional Commissioners and Armies, on the work of the Civil Affairs Section, Sub-Commissions will render weekly, on a Wednesday morning (instead of Tuesday) a short, interesting, light precis of the result of any discussions they may have had with the Italian Government during the preceeding week, or any other points of interest arising out of their work. These reports are compiled into a D.O. Letter, and are also sent to Public Relations Officer, who uses these reports for information in the AC Weekly Bulletin.

*A.D. Bonham-Carter*

A.D. BONHAM-CARTER, Lt. Col.,  
CSO CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 106/2/PAT.

10 April 1945.

Subject: Weekly Sitrep.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

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

|       |        |          |      |
|-------|--------|----------|------|
| No. 1 | Centre | FIORINCE | 402  |
| No. 2 | Centre | PEROTA   | 1058 |
| No. 3 | Centre | RAVENNA  | 24   |

2. During the last week an assignment of salvage clothing (sufficient to cloth approx 1000 men) has been collected from Naples and is being forwarded to Patriot Centres on 5 Army Front.

3. The Ministry of Occupied Italy has passed to this Branch the final lists of Italian Military Patriot Representatives for N.W. Italy, who are at 48 hrs notice to join their Regions.

*R.R.C.*  
R.R. CRIPPS,  
Colonel,  
Director,  
Local Govt. S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 106/2/PAT.

4 April 1945.

Subject: Weekly Sitings.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

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

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| No. 1 Centre Florence | 500 |
| No. 2 Centre Pescia   | 950 |
| No. 3 Centre Ravenna  | 44  |

2. 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 and 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.

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

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

Ref : 106/2/PAT.

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To : Civil Affairs Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTIONVFP  
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6/16.B/CA

30 March 1945

TO: PATRIOTS BRANCH ✓  
SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps

1. Reference your letters 106/PAT<sup>24</sup> and 106/2/PAT<sup>3</sup>, both dated 27 March 1945.
2. For your future guidance please note that 106/2/PAT was a nil return for week ending 27 March 1945, in spite of which this Section considered paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of 106/PAT to be of sufficient interest to be included in the weekly sitrep.
3. Please include such items of general interest in your weekly sitrep returns.

  
R. R. CRIFFS, Col.  
CSO CA SECTION.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 106/2/PAT.

27 March 1945.

Subject: Weekly Sitings.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

Ref your 6/163/CA dated 17 Mar 45.

This Branch furnishes a nil return for week ending 27 March 1945.

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

Ref : 106/2/PAT.

Subject: Weekly Sitings.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

27 March 1945.

Ref your 6/16B/CA dated 17 Mar 45.

This Branch furnishes a nil return for week ending 27 March 1945.

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

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ATTORNEYS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 106/2/PAT.

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20 March 1945.

Subject: Weekly Sitrep.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

Ref your 6/16B/CA dated 17 Mar 45.

This Branch furnishes a nil return for week  
ending 20 March 1945.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

6/16B/CA

17 March 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps

TO: All Sub-Commissions

1. Attached for your information and guidance is Executive Commissioner's letter Ref: 150/26/EC dated 15 March 1945.
2. In order to comply with the instructions contained therein Sub-Commissions will render to this Section a short weekly sitrep to reach this office by 0900 hours each Wednesday.
3. Nil Returns will be required.

  
R. R. GRIFFITHS, Col.  
OSO CA SectionDistribution:

Public Health Sub-Commission  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
Displaced Persons & Repat. S/C  
Legal Sub-Commission  
Local Government Sub-Commission  
Monuments and Fine Arts S/C  
Patriots Branch —  
Education Sub-Commission

Chief Clerk to bring forward every Tuesday

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 735

Ref: 150/26/EC

15 March 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps.

TO : VP, Economic Section (11)  
VF, Civil Affairs Section (10)  
Dir, Communications Sub-Commission (1)  
Dir, War Material Disposal (1)  
& Italian PW Sub-Commission  
Public Relations Officer. (1)

1. I have received a complaint from AFHQ that the material contained in the Weekly Sitrep is not satisfactory.
2. The purpose of this sitrep is to provide AFHQ with material to give a concise weekly national picture of conditions in ITALY for the Combined Civil Affairs Committee of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in WASHINGTON. I gain the impression that this is not appreciated and the object of this memorandum is to give directions which will ensure that the activities of this Commission are adequately reported.
3. Previously the basis of this sitrep has been reports from Regions, but since Sub-Commissions receive all regional information of importance from their specialist officers in the field I have decided to rely on HQ to provide this basis. Vice Presidents will give special attention to the provision of material for the sitrep. Two or three lines are all that are required from each Sub-Commission, containing only material which is general in character and is likely to be of value to the CCAC in WASHINGTON: commencing 21 March 1945 this information, or a nil return, to be submitted to this office not later than 1200 hours on Wednesday of each week.

*Stallan*  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner

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Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission  
Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMLA)  
Air Forces Sub-Commission



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