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R. R. Lippert

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To Civil Affairs Section.	Folio 41 For approval and signature by R.P. Please.	175-Sub-Reg.	40
26 Feb 45	(23)	See 40 p. duplicate this substance for your info & HARRIS via Army Gp	R.P. Wright
10 March 45	24	To Civil Affairs Section.	42
Folio 42.	Comments by Patriots Branch:-	1. In order to carry out the scheme outlined in Folio 42 an immediate additional supply of 1000 blankets would be necessary.	2. Personnel for the work could be found from the Regional Patriot Officers, who will be with the Armies, after 14 days initial training.
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Please.

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C.M.

(23)

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R.R. Chappin

10 March 45

To Civil Affairs Section

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Folio 42.

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4. MAJOR SOMERSET (R.P.O. EMILIA) is now
being used to run the Patriot Centre at
Ravenna, and MAJOR BERTELLI (R.P.O.
PIEMONTE) is being used for liaison duties.
Neither of these two officers would be
available for the other work, and no other
Regional Patriot Officers have yet reported for training.

5. Assuming that the blankets
and officers are made
available, it is suggested
that the scheme might be given
a trial. Two officers could then be sent to 5th Army and one
to 8th Army Front.

R.R. Chappin
Patriots Branch

FILE 121/5 PAT	MINUTE SHEET No. 7	
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10/1/45.	Patriots (22) Ref 34. phase discuss. <i>[Signature]</i>	
20 Jan 45.	(23) I spoke to Gen. Santi and pointed out where the letter No. 256/59 (folio 35) of the Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR. was inaccurate. I also gave the General full details of the particular activity of the Patriots Branch during last weeks referring especially to the institution of the Patriot Centres of Pescia, Ravenna and Florence. <i>[Signature]</i> Col. FAVA.	35 1581

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1 Jan. 45.

Director:

(19)

Reference Folio 16.30

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2. Para. 11 - Alexander Certificates: I do not feel that sufficient instruction as to the method of deciding the issue of these Certificates has been given. It will be remembered that you instructed that a committee should be formed, consisting of the Centre Commandant, the Military Representative and at least one of the band leaders. In para. 11 this is not at all clear.

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R. J. Murphy
Executive Officer.

(20)

2nd Jan.

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R. B. Smith
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Col.

(21)

Director, Patriots Branch.

The ultimate destination of patriots referred to in Sub-para (d) of paragraph 13 would be that of any war refugee moved from his or her home. These refugees in the first place are disposed of as near as possible to their homes. If this is not possible they are dispersed in Provinces further away. The patriots will be dealt with in the same manner as any other homeless citizens. A question of policy which needs decision is whether these patriots should be allowed to remain in their groups, or whether they should be dispersed in such a manner as to bring the group organisation to an end.

R. B. Smith
D.P.R.S.C.

2nd Jan.

4 Jan.

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26 Dec.

Director.

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Observations on Folio 25.

- (1) All points are agreed.
 (2) ADL of Armies have already agreed to employ Patriots in self-contained labour camps.

I am at the moment working on the Livorno scheme.

The only other point which of course is in hand which is not raised by you is the question of Demobilisation Money.

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Raised in
 11/12/44 V.A.

Executive Officer.

28 Dec. 44.

Director:

(17)

Would you please advise me as to the form of reply you would like to Folio 28, whether it ought to outline present plans and schemes and indicate what has been done up to date.

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Executive Officer.

Dec. 29.

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 + hand charts
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 (A) Already provided

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[Signature]
Executive Officer.

Dec. 29.

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(A) Already provided

(6) Arranged for a skinway

(c) Applied for, but not yet finalized

dated in wd.

(2) Indicate that the statement that
redding covers (blanks) are entirely
missing is not a correct statement, that
these cultures ^{from the} April are entirely ~~the~~ ^{different} ~~the~~ ^{same}.

These centres
from the
drifts are entirely the same
Lugees canals.

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Dec. 20	V.P. (13) Letter for C. of S. : signature, please (sgd) Director. This was telephoned in precis to Col. Herrn (AFHQ) last night at 7 p.m. (sgd) Director.	26	
Dec. 21	To C.O.S. (14) 26 is submitted for approval and signature of loose copies. See also Minute (13) (sgd) CRIPPS	26	
Dec. 21	C.O.S. Addendum to 14. Col. Spicer has at the request of AFHQ telegraphed the gist of 26 this night. (sgd) CRIPPS	26	
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(sgd) W. LUSH

(This only means the last page).

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14 Dec. 44.	Ex.	Signal.	(9)	17
14 Dec. 44.	Patriots:	My last sentence not understood is in case you over new Centre at RAVENNA in due course, if necessary will you continue to operate present NORLI Patriot Centre, or will you close it down and move equipment and staff to RAVENNA in lieu thereof. In other words will you retain two Centres in VIII area or one only.	(10)	15
15 Dec. 44.	Director:	In view of the fact that we have only recently written to A.F.H. about the subjects in your 121/PAT of 13 Dec. 44, the 1/VP suggests that you bring up again, possibly in a week.	(11)	(10)
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(Sgd.) W.A.S. DOLLARD,
Major,
C.A. Sec.

(Sgd.) P.M. MAGNUS.

(Sgd.) Director.

14 Dec. 44.

Signal.

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(Sgd.) Director.

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Major,
C.A. Sec.

(11)

15 Dec. 44.

Director:

Please see decision of A/VP above.

(Sgd.) P.W. MAGNUS.

(12)

15 Dec. 44.

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(Sgd.) Director.

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V.P.

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Returned Condensed for
signature despatch please

Red Hill
Colonel

Dec. 13.

To. Cor.

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At 11a is submitted for approval and
signature of Com. apia the 6 a.m.
subject administration of Fathia.

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13 Dec. 44.

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DEOS CAS

R.R. Lapp
et

This draft will take us nowhere.
We must in future if a case for 100,000
suits of clothing, for a similar amount of
Refuse make a real case: we must
describe what is being done: by whom

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Dec. 13.

To. Coy.

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Signature Desbates West

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Colonel.

At 11a is submitted for approval and
signature of lower. copies to be kept.
Subject administration of Polish.

CAS.

13 Dec. 1944.

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R. R. Kappes

et

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Ratione make a real case: we must

describe what is being done: by whom

or how: we must justify the action proposed

-backed by the opinions of the combat

forces: we must point the political picture.

All this apparently is to be read into the

first sentence. We shall ~~also~~ combine

to fail in our submission unless we

put up a first class case. This has not been

done - please re-submit. MS 141211.

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8 Dec.	(1) To Director. Subject : Beds. 1. I spoke to Lt.Col. Shipley of M.M.I.A. on the subject of beds for the use of patriots. 2. Col. Shipley has asked the Ministry of War to release from its stores in BARI and NAPLES 1.000 camp beds and 500 beds made up of trestles and boards. 3. MMIA will notify us immediately a release in agreed to buy the Italian War Ministry. 4. I explained to Col. Shipley that 1.200 beds were required for V Army and 300 for VIII Army AMG. <i>P.N. Magnus</i> Sir P.M.Magnus, Bt., Major, Executive Officer. mfg. <i>Ex/ Please refer news frequency</i> <i>2</i> <i>U.D</i> For approval - <i>V.P. (Aug. 1944)</i> <i>3</i> <i>Reqd in a D.O. It al C b.1 should</i>	

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Re. 11

Ex Please refer news fragments

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U.D. For approval - 1.0 (Aug. 1944)
suggested is a D.O. It at C.I.I. should
sign. to be taken consequently

DA/Min
Col.

To: Patriots

Letter 12/1/PAT is returned for typing in accordance with directions of Office Memorandum No. 17 (vide C.O.S. sample) that the letter is too long. It is the opinion of the C.I.I. that the letter would help the cause. It is suggested that some indication would help the cause. V. a J. D. Holland, May 4 11 Dec 44

Ree 12. 14

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489004
Ext. 321

25th May 1945.

Subject : Memorandum for Major-Morgan.

PATRIOT CENTRES

TOSCANA REGION

Florence
Pistoia

EMILIA REGION

Bologna
Modena
Parma

LIGURIA REGION

Genoa

NOTE:

The above centres are to be closed as soon as possible. They may in fact have been closed by the time the Executive Commissioner reaches the places concerned.

It is possible that other centres have recently been opened in the north, of which we have not yet received notification.

There is at least one Italian Military Patriot Representative at each Provincial Headquarters.

M. PROBY,
J/coul,
Executive Officer,
Patriots Branch.

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/cmn

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

21 April 1945

Ref : 121/PAT

Subject : Recruiting forms etc.

To : Major SNEE (Patriots Branch)
S/o 5 Army G 5 Section

1. Confirming conversation with Capt. Lambert, it is requested that you will bring down to Rome with you, for the information of the Branch, specimens of all the forms used for record and accounting purposes at the Patriot Centres.
2. Authorisation Voucher for 50 battledress from M.M.I.A. attached.

F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt. s/o.

/mlc.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

121/PAT.

14 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patriots - treatment of

TO: G-5 Section, A.P.H.Q., APO 512.

Reference your G-5: 370.62-3 dated 7 March 1945.

1. While it can only be stated that it is appreciated that it would be preferable to have officers in the cages where civilians are originally received, limitations of personnel and equipment do not allow of this being done. You are fully aware of the difficulties this Commission is undergoing with regard to personnel and only after serious pressure and searching has it been possible to secure one Patriot officer for each of the proposed Northern Regions. These will be able, in a short time, to assist the officers at present working with 5th and 8th Armies; but even with these few additional temporary officers it is quite impossible for Camp Commandants to spend their time right forward receiving and sorting out Patriots from refugees in the first instance.
2. As far as equipment and particularly blankets are concerned, these are in extremely short supply. There are not sufficient to place troops far forward in order to allow blankets to be loaned to Patriots for the one or two nights they are in the cage and also to maintain the camps further to the rear properly supplied with blankets. The question of disinfection also arises.
3. There are many other really serious practical difficulties at the moment which do not make it possible to maintain the Forward Groups that you suggest.
4. Under the circumstances you may be prepared to request the authorization of an additional ten officers to the strength of this Commission for the purpose of becoming Patriot Officers and carrying out the important work you have suggested. With regard to the blankets, equipment, etc., this will solve itself if and when the Combined Chiefs of Staff give authority for the issue of these items from Army sources, which authority has been requested by your HQ. Cable MAF.86.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

94/6.

G. R. JOHNSON, Brig.
Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section,
HQ. Allied Commission.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 370.64-3

7 March 1945

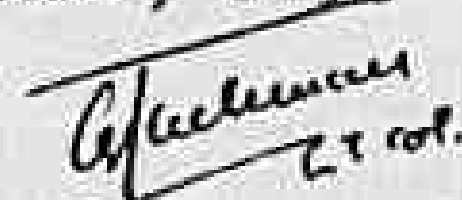
SUBJECT: Patriots - treatment of.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394 ✓
391. Reference is made to G-5: 370.64-3 of 18 February
and to your AC/121/PAT of 25 February.

2. ⁴⁰G-4 this HQ have pointed out that it was not intended by them that additional Patriot centres should be established or that existing ones should be moved forward but that the thought was that personnel interested in Patriots should meet them as far forward as possible with the idea of providing some measure of comfort during the initial contacts with them. In this connection they urge that a limited number of Allied Commission personnel should be at regimental collection cages, through which Patriots are processed, and that such Allied Commission personnel should there have available blankets and rations (the former for temporary loan and the latter for issue) and should demonstrate by their personal interest in the Patriots that are in fact being given special considerations.

3. It would be appreciated if you would reconsider the matter in the light of the above.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:


T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. ColonelCopy to G-4 (your endorsement 2 of 5 March
on IRS under file reference P-19
refers)HEADQUARTERS
9 MAR 1945
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Patriots Br 41
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G-5: 370.64-3

3 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patriots - treatment of.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
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1. Reference G-5: 370.64-3 of 18 Feb. to you, this subject.
2. As we are being pressed by G-4, it would be appreciated if you would expedite your reply.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

See F40.

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES,
Major, F. A.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 396
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: AC/121/44T

Tel. Ext. 478008

SUBJECT: Patriots - Treatment of.

25 Feb 45.

TO: AFM, G-5 Section.

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Reference your G-5 370.61-3 of 18 Feb 45.

- 1 The point of view of the visiting officer of G-5 Section of your Headquarters concerning the arrangements with regard to clothing, feeding and helping patriots and its relationship to morale are well appreciated. The matter has been examined with both ACMS, G-5, 15th Army Group and the Civil Affairs Officer attached to I Corps Headquarters.
- 2 It is considered that it is not practical to set up more numerous Centres further forward than at present in view of the particular difficulties arising out of a lack of personnel and of the consequent necessary breakdown into small quantities of the very limited supplies now available for patriot rehabilitation. The disadvantages outweigh the advantages that may be gained by locating such centres further forward than they are at present situated.
- 3 It is pointed out that the two forward Centres are at present located at SAVIGNO and PEGLIA, which are at approximately 10 and 12 miles respectively from the present fighting line. It is the experience of this Commission that no undue delay takes place between the time that the patriots come through the line and are received at the Centres. This is most usually completed within 48 hours and generally within 24 hours under present circumstances. Only on occasions when it is necessary for the Security Units to make detailed enquiry of any particular individual, does it take longer. As you will appreciate, the security angle is of paramount importance when dealing with partisans or those alleging to be partisans, coming into our lines, and this delay in a small minority of cases is inevitable.
- 4 It is therefore not considered necessary to alter the present arrangements for dealing with reception and rehabilitation but the matter will, of course, be borne in mind as the Armies move forward; it is and has always been the intention to move the Centres forward as close to the fighting line as operations permit. The Centres are in fact so organised as to permit this.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G. P. P. P.
G.A. 457.1312..
VP CA Section.

COPY TO: ACMS, G-5 Section,
15th Army Group.

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G-5 Section
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G-5 370.64-3

18 February 1945

SUBJECT: Patriots - treatment of

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. An officer of G-4, this Headquarters who has been visiting the forward areas recently has represented to this Section that if at all practicable special arrangements for clothing, feeding and help to patriots should be made forward of the present patriot camps. His point is that, of necessity, it takes two or three days for the patriot to get from the front lines to a patriot camp and that during that period, when his morale is the most likely to be affected, he does not at present receive any preferential treatment or help until he reaches the patriot camp. The officer's suggestions are that arrangements should be made for him to be specially looked after even in the really forward areas and that small stocks of clothing and blankets should be kept there for immediate issue.

2. The practical difficulties of making such arrangements and providing personnel are appreciated but the point made is considered a valuable one from the morale point of view.

3. It would be appreciated therefore if you would consider and let this Section know what you can arrange to bridge the gap between the time when a patriot comes through the lines and when he arrives at a proper patriot camp.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. E. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to: G-4

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19 FEB 1945
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FROM: HQ ALCOM

TO: ACTION AFHQ G-5

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: 1387.

09 February 1945

Personal for Lt. Col. F. CRAIG.

1. Following is draft signal being discussed by Chief of Staff AC with General ROBERTSON, Chief Administrative Officer AFHQ, today. Chief of Staff wishes you to know and discuss on same lines.

2. Subject is provision of clothing and food for patriots.

3. In your note GS/68 dated 26 January 45 to Assistant Chief of Staff G3, you stated that plans must include the issue of orders and instructions to Partisans to report to certain centres where they would be properly cared for and provided with food, clothing and money.

4. At meeting convened by Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 on Monday 29 January it was recommended that provision of food and clothing should be undertaken as a military commitment but I am now informed by Assistant Chief of Staff G5 (Reference to letter DSJ/AS5 February) you now only have under consideration the provision of food and clothing to a specified number of patriots for an agreed period.

5. This HQ strongly recommends that the provision of food and clothing to patriots be regarded as a military commitment and it is impossible to make detailed plans for the handling of patriots until I am informed exactly what provisions will be undertaken by you.

MC IN 6575

CONFIDENTIAL

COPY NO.

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THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

REF NO: 1387,

09 February AFSC N693/09 continued

6. Request you urgently to give me authority:

A. To draw on Italian military rations scale for patriots up to 90 days if necessary for each patriot up to a maximum of 100000.

B. To draw from Allied sources clothing up to a maximum of 100000 patriots on the scale laid down in paragraph 3 of your AG400/33GEG-0 dated 13 January.

7. Financial arrangements will be made with the Italian Government.

ACTION : G-5 (PERSONAL FOR LT COL F CRAIG)

INFORMATION : SGS (FOR C/S)

MC IN 6575 9 Feb 45 1311A Ref No: 1387 jjs/H/X

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

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Ref. 124/PAT

Ref 489034

SUBJECT : Handling of Patriots.

25 Jan 45

TO : S.O.A.O.s 5 and 8 Armies.

A revised patriot directive is in the course of preparation, and therefore until such time as it is issued the following is forwarded for your information and necessary action:-

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

CONFIDENTIAL

AG 400/033 GEN-0

13 January 45

SUBJECT : Rations, Clothing, Hospitalization
and Transportation for Patriots.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464
Commander, Eighth Army
President Allied Commission

For: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMIA)

1. Patriots who come from enemy territory will be regarded as an Allied responsibility for the whole of the period during which it is necessary to hold them for screening, determination as to their future status or other purposes. This period will not exceed thirty (30) days.
2. The agency through which the abovementioned Allied responsibility will be carried out is the LMIA, which will make available to the appropriate organization of the Allied Commission the necessary clothing, supplies (paragraphs 3 and 4) and hospitalization facilities (paragraph 7b). (This does not relieve AG/AMG of the normal responsibilities with regard to organization, screening etc., as outlined in paragraph 7b).

3. Authority is granted for the issue by LMIA of up to two thousand (2000) sets of reconditioned clothing on the following scale.

1 pair boots

1 jersey, pullover or equivalent

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A revised patriot directive is in the course of preparation, and therefore until such time as it is issued the following is forwarded for your information and necessary action:-

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

APC 512

CONFIDENTIAL

AG 400/033 GSI-0

13 January 45

SUBJECT : Rations, Clothing, Hospitalization
and Transportation For Patriots.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APC 464
Commander, Eighth Army
President Allied Commission

For: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMIA)

1. Patriots who come from enemy territory will be regarded as an Allied responsibility for the whole of the period during which it is necessary to hold them for screening, determination as to their future status or other purposes. This period will not exceed thirty (30) days.
2. The agency through which the abovementioned Allied responsibility will be carried out is the LMIA, which will make available to the appropriate organization of the Allied Commission the necessary clothing, supplies (paragraphs 3 and 4) and hospitalization facilities (paragraph 7b). (This does not relieve AC/LMIA of the normal responsibilities with regard to organization, screening etc., as outlined in paragraph 7b).

3. Authority is granted for the issue by LMIA of up to two thousand (2000) sets of reconditioned clothing on the following scale.

1 pair boots	1 jersey, pullover or equivalent
2 pair socks	1 gas cape or raincoat or equivalent
1 pair trousers, wool	1 mess tin or equivalent
1 shirt, wool	

The addition of a blanket to this scale is authorized within the limits of availability. No issue in excess of this ceiling will be made without authority of this headquarters. Wool outer garments will be dyed either black or rust brown prior to issue.

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4. Up to one thousand (1,000) sets of British clothing and one thousand (1,000) sets of United States clothing will be made available in due course to replace the reconditioned Italian clothing issued in accordance with para 3 above.

5. The Allied Commission will take all possible steps to ensure that reconditioning of Italian Army and salvage clothing and boots is carried out with the greatest possible speed, in order that it may assume this commitment in full as soon as possible.

6. Authority is granted for issue of Italian military rations. These rations will be drawn through the agency of MIAA. They will count against the totals authorized for US-ITI and BR-ITI ceilings, and will be accounted for on an equal basis.

7. Responsibility.

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b. Allied Commission will maintain suitable reception camps, arrange for Italian Army Hospitalization of sick or wounded to the extent that operations permit, evacuate such casualties as soon as possible to Italian civilian hospitals, issued Italian military rations, provide clothing subject to availability (paragraph 5), disperse patriots as rapidly as possible and ensure that calls on military supplies are kept to the minimum.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 512.

CONFIDENTIAL.

AG 400/083 GEG-O

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(Sgd.) C.W. CHRISTENBERRY

Colonel AGD.
Acting Adjutant General.

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Translated by J.D.R.

COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC. RR.

Uff: Servizio - Situazione e Collegamenti

Ref. n° 258/59 prot.R.P.

4 January 1945

Subject : Florence - Patriots and refugees from the North.

To : H.E. PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL - ROME
 : H.E. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS - ROME
 : H.E. THE MINISTER OF WAR - ROME
 : H.E. THE MINISTER OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY - ROME
 : H.E. THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE INTERIOR - ROME
 : H.E. THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF - ROME
 : H.E. THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ROYAL ARMY - ROME
 Copy to : THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL - ROME

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Via Montebello
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Partial and progressive evacuation of the above centre is being provided for, to make space available for elements coming from the North. The total number of refugees who are at present at the centre is 3961.

In another centre in Florence, the maximum number of patriots was of 1200 who have now been reduced to 500 following enlistments in the Italian Army, dispersal and unauthorized absences.

Allied Authorities feel the necessity that the above maximum figures should not be passed, and order dispersal of such bodies as necessary to compensate the new arrival.

The is a persistent discontent for the general treatment and for insufficiency of food.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
 (sgd) TADDEO ORLANDO.

STATO MAGGIORE R.E.

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STATO MAGGIORE R.I.
Ufficio Operazioni

n.15 of R.P.

P.M. 380 12 January 1945

To A.C. Patriots Branch
for Col. FAVA.

.....for your information and wishing you would see what can be done to improve the conditions of the Patriots.

AL GENERALE ADDETTO
(sgd) Alessandro SANTU.

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COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC.RR.
Uff. Servizio - Situaz. e Collocamenti

n.258/59-944 di prot. R.P. Roma, li 4 gennaio 1945.

Oggetto : Firenze - Patrioti e profughi provenienti dal Nord

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| e, per conoscenza : | |
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Le autorità alleate tengono presente la necessità che questi numeri non debbono aumentare, e dispongono sfollamenti tali da compensare i nuovi arrivi.

Persiste malcontento per scarse alimentazione e per il trattamento in genere.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
Comandante Generale - f.to Taddeo Orlando

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S/cp.
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- Ufficio Operazioni -

n. 16 /cp/ di prot. P.M. 3600, li 12 gennaio 1945.

ALL'A.C. - Patriot Branch per il Col. TAVA

..... per conoscenza, con preghiera di interessarsi per mi-
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- Ufficio Operazioni -

n. 15 / Op. Ri prot.

P.M. 3800, il 22 gennaio 1945.

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... per conoscenza, con preghiera di interessarsi per mi-
gliorare le condizioni di vita dei patrioti.-

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IL GENERALE MAIORATO
-Alessandro Monti-

[Signature]

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ENLISTMENT FROM PATRIOT CENTRES.

I suggest:

To organise the enlistment in barracks with propaganda, and officers whom I believe to be already there.

The partisans move more by themselves than through the barrack centres to enlist in town or to enlist for work in the Army, or to look for employment. There are also those who prefer not to do any work or who have impossible requirements.

In conclusion:

Enlistment in barracks. Propaganda and keeping in constant touch in the barracks with the partisans.

Barracks are "the heart" of the matter.

Sum
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Disseminando Certe Raccontate

Rapporto: per un'azione estremamente in-
conveniente con opere propagande e ufficiali
che credo siano per l'addetto li.

Qualche giorno fa per conto proprio
che almeno a parte di Camera e presentarsi
fuori in città, per addossarsi al lavoro o
dei servizi o cercando un tempo —
Vi è anche chi preferisce fare l'apporto o
presentare cose indispettibili —

Prudendo - sorvegno addizionalmente
in camera - spesso propagande — e
Costa continua in Camera con i

partecipanti —

La Camera è il "curs" della
Question!

Propaganda: propaganda amministrativa in
conferenza con opera propaganda e ufficiale
che credo siano più adatti di —

Charity work vanno bene per conto proprio
che attraverso agenti di Carità e presentarsi
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in lavoro - quel propaganda — e
partita continua in Carità con i
partecipanti —

La Carità e il "cura" della
questione!

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 121/Pat

Subject: Patriot Centres.

To: Presidency of the Council,
Patriots Office, Rome.

Ext. 374

18th Jan, 45.

1. Referring to your letter 769/RT dated 12th January, 1945.
2. We inform you that Ten.Col. Fedeli and Captain Pianegiani have left for the FLORENCE and PESCHIA Centres.
3. As the institution of other Patriot Centres is not believed to be taking place in the near future, we wish you to consider the other officers at the disposal of your office, pending eventual further requests from the Patriots Branch.
4. The treatment of the officers assigned to Patriot Centres must be the same as that of the Military Patriots Representatives.

See F36

F. CRAIG.
Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 121/PAT.

18 gennaio 1945.

Oggetto: Centri Raccolta Patrioti.

Alla : Presidenza del Consiglio,
Ufficio Patrioti.

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1. Riferimento foglio n. 767/R.T. in data 12 Gennaio 1945.
 2. Si comunica che il Cap. Pianegiani ed il Ten.Col. Fedeli sono partiti rispettivamente per i centri raccolta di Pescia e Firenze.
 3. Poichè non si prevede imminente la costituzione degli altri centri raccolta, si prega di considerare gli altri Ufficiali a disposizione di codesto Ufficio, salvo successiva richiesta da parte di questo P.B.
 4. Per ciò che concerne il trattamento che viene usato agli Ufficiali destinati ai centri raccolta, si comunica che è il medesimo dei Rappresentanti dei Patrioti.

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

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PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
PATRIOTS OFFICE

W.986/RT

Rome. 13th Jan, 45.

Subject: Treatment of officers assigned
to Patriots Centres.

To: A.C. Patriots Branch.

Rome.

Could you please inform us if, as it appears, the treatment
of the
/ officers assigned to the Patriots Centres is the same as the
treatment granted to the Military representatives with Allied Armies,
and with the Regional and Provincial Commissioners.

IL CAPO UFFICIO PATRIOTI

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
UFFICIO PATRIOTI

N° 986/R.T. di prot.

Roma 13 Gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Trattamento Ufficiali destinati ai
centri di raccolta.-

ALL'A.C. - PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Si prega comunicare se, come
sembra, il trattamento degli Uffi-
ciali destinati ai centri raccolta
Patrioti è eguale a quello stabi-
lito per gli ufficiali rappresen-
tanti presso i Comandi di G. U.
affiliate o Commissari Regionali e
Provinciali.

IL CAPO UFFICIO PATRIOTI

(Bernabò)



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Translated by J.D.R.

From : Presidency of the Council - Patriots Office.

Ref. 769/R.T.

Date 12 January 1945

Subject : Patriots Centres.

Upon verbal request, this Office has placed the following Officers at the disposal of the A.C. for further assignment to Patriots Centres.

Lt. Col. FEDELI Vincenzo —

Lt. Col. VASCIMINNI Franco

Capt. PIANIGIANI Raffaele —

Capt. COSTANZO Giorgio

Capt. DOMENICHINI Lorenzo WO

Capt. CAMURANI Ambrogio.

At a further date, as Capt. DOMENICHINI has become unavailable he was substituted by Ten. TURIO BALDASSARRI Cable.

Would you, please, let us know something about the future tasks and posts of above Officers.

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(sgd) Siro BERNABO'

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Col. Turra please
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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
UFFICIO PATRIOTI

no 963 / R.T. di prot.

Roma, 12 Gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Centri raccolta Patrioti.

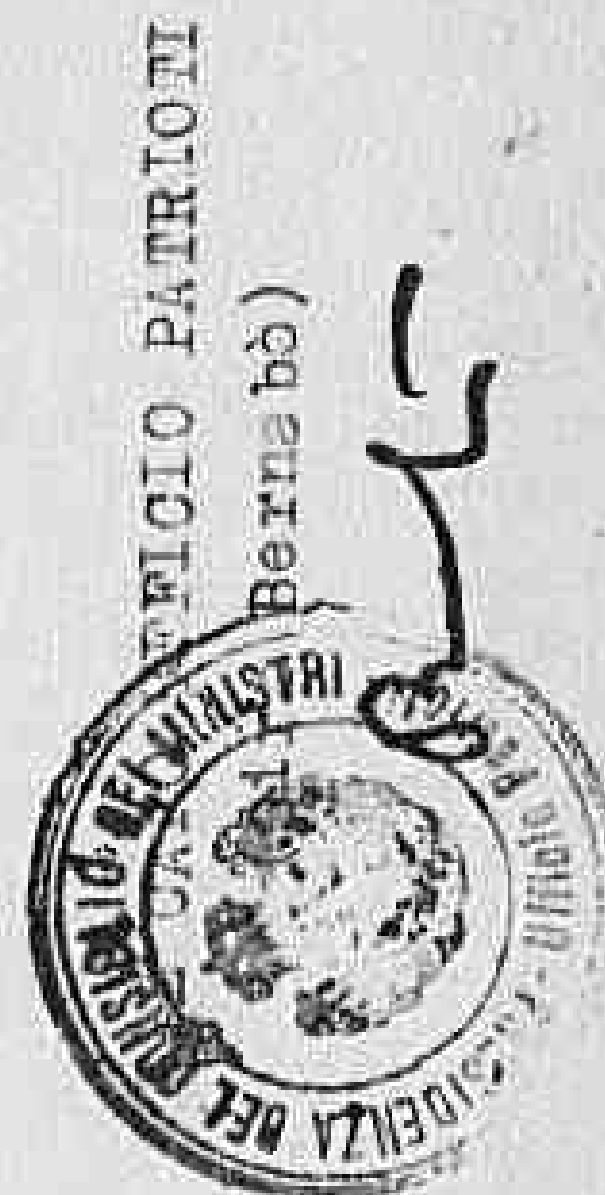
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R O M A

Su richiesta verbale questo Ufficio
mise a suo tempo a disposizione di codesta
A.C. per la destinazione a Centri di Raccol-
ta i seguenti Ufficiali:

T.Col. PEDELL VINCENZO
T.Col. VASCIMINI FRANCO
Cap. PLANIGIANI RAFFAELE
Cap. COSTANZO GIORGIO
Cap. DOMENICHINI LEO ENZO
Cap. CAMURANI AMBROGIO

Successivamente, per indisponibilità
del Cap. Domenichini è stato destinato al
suo posto il Ten. TURRIO BALDASSARRI CARLO.
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8 JAN Recd ^{MAC.}
121HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

RVDJ:DRM:HLE

4th January 1945.

REFERENCE: 109/2

SUBJECT : Handling of Partisans.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission - Patriots Branch.

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1. your unnumbered letter of 2 January containing comments on a recent directive issued by this Headquarters has been read with great interest.

2. Reference your paragraph 2 (i) the word "partisans" must continue to be used by this Headquarters since it is the only term understood in the Fifth Army and is considered a better translation of the Italian word "partigiani" than "patriot". In this connection we would draw your attention to the lack of success which attended the efforts of the Allied Commission to substitute new terms for the fascist "massi", and to the continued survival of the obsolete term "Amgot" among most tactical formations.

3. your paragraph 2 (ii) has been carefully considered but it is not considered practical to lay too much stress on the constitutional details of a Committee as you envisage. It is not always possible for the officers concerned to give up the time to sit together as a Committee, although all certificates are screened at one point or another by all three officers concerned. A further complication is that the laying down of a rigid constitution would make it impossible for an individual to be awarded a certificate if he had become separated from his band leader, as often happens.

In addition it is pointed out that Camp Commandants receive other instructions in addition to the memorandum in question and this Headquarters is confident that certificates are in fact being awarded in a manner which would give you satisfaction.

4. The rebuke in your para 2 (iii) is accepted. However, so much has already been said on this question that it is difficult to ignore it completely.

5. With reference to paragraph 2 (iv) this Headquarters is equally ignorant as to the destination of individuals dispersed by evacuation through Refugee Channels, but naturally is not concerned in the matter once the men are out of the Army Area.

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6. The suggestion in paragraph 2 (v) will be put into effect as soon as the exact scale of rations to be issued is agreed with G-4 Fifth Army.

For the Commanding General:

R.V.D. Janzan

R.V.D. JANZAN,
Lt. Col., Cav.,
Acting Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

Ref: 121/PAT.

Translated by J.D.R.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COL. CRAIG

This memorandum deals only with major matters concerning patriots.

1. Recognition of Patriots as belonging to the Italian Army.

It is known that to this day Allied and Italian authorities consider the patriots as civilians who have taken up arms only temporarily to contribute with the Allies to the fight for liberation. Such a situation creates a number of difficulties which could be solved if the patriots were recognised to all effects as military combatants, which would also correspond to the real state of existing affairs.

2. Assistance to Patriots.

Considering the difficult situation of the patriots dependant on seasonal weather, this Patriots Branch has instituted patriots centres where clothing, bedding accommodation, food etc. will be available. Considerable difficulties had to be overcome, however, if as suggested in para. 1 above patriots were considered as soldiers, the above difficulties would be greatly reduced and possibly entirely eliminated.

3. Hospitalization.

Also the problem of wounded and sick patriots who, until a short time ago could not be accepted in military hospitals, has been partially solved.

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It is known that the collection of arms has not given the desired results in all liberated areas. From various reports and news which have been gathered, it appears that with the exception of communist bands and of bands of extreme political tendencies, the majority of the bands turned in a high percentage of their weapons.

Some band leaders have complained of the system followed in disarming the members of their bands. They resent having to hand their arms to the local Carabinieri (Italian military police) who are often the same who, at the service of the Republic, have persecuted those very same patriots. Such serious drawback could be eliminated if the band chiefs

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Should the bands be disbanded by Allied troops, as soon as the patriots come through the lines, the results, as has already happened, would be entirely negative, and any further control would be compromised.

5. Enlistment of Patriots into the Italian Army.

The results which at first seemed obtainable have not been achieved. The principal causes are twofold: The first is that patriots are not allowed to join the Army maintaining at least in the smaller units their own formations (companies and platoons). On the other hand, too much time has elapsed between the disbandment of the patriots and the time the Screening Agencies began their recruiting tour. Such a long time has furthermore allowed communist propaganda to develop an intensive activity against the Regular Army which has also been felt by those amongst the patriots who might have been inclined to enlist.

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The I.N.P.C. is a consultative and directive body. It is therefore quite clear that the executive body is the Patriots Office of Col. Bernabo located at 19 Via Garandini, Rome.

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I.N.P.C. usually meets once a week and forwards the minutes of the meetings to this office.

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10. General Conclusions.

The patriot problem is a very delicate one and it will become more so as Allied Armies advance to the North.

It concerns a large number of men who fight since over one year, under extremely difficult conditions, who must overcome all kinds of difficulties, and who have a very special sensitivity due to the particular kind of fight they are engaged upon. Furthermore, it is their general belief that once their task is completed by the advance of Allied Armies, they would be generally considered only as a deadweight and a source of worry to all.

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6 January 1945.ASCERTAINMENT AND DISPERSION OF PATRIOTS IN THE ROME AREA.

When the Patriots Branch was created in Rome, it did not handle matters concerning Patriots of the Rome area because Col. Poletti, Regional Commissioner for Region Four, had decided to institute a Committee which should have screened the Patriots and issued Gen. Alexander's certificates during a ceremony meant to be imposing.

No action followed the above plan and Col. McCarthy, Director of Patriots Branch, agreed with Col. Poletti to pass the whole matter to the Italian Office of the Patriots Branch who made arrangements with I.P.C. for the appointment of three Screening Committees composed each of three military and three civil members whose appointment was in due time approved by this Patriots Branch.

The above Screening Committees became part of the Patriot's Office (Via Caroncini) which is the executive body of I.P.C.

The Screening Committees have begun their work, which has not gone very far, though, because the underground centres of the Ministries of War, Navy and Air have not yet sent in their final reports.

It is impossible to say what the directions of the new Patriot's Office will be on the matter, as the Office itself has not yet been constituted in its final shape and organization.

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PRO-MEMORIA PER IL COL. STIGER.

Nel presente breve pro-memoria sono trattate soltanto le questioni di maggiore rilievo.

1. Riconoscimento dei Patrioti come militari combattenti.

14 Come noto fino a tutt'oggi tanto le Autorità Alleate che quelle Italiane considerano i Patrioti come civili che solo temporaneamente hanno impugnato le armi per concorrere a fianco degli Alleati alla lotta di liberazione. Questo stato di fatto provoca una serie di difficoltà che verrebbero automaticamente risolte qualora ai Patrioti stessi venisse invece riconosciuta la qualifica di militare combattente e tutti gli effetti, in che risponderebbe del resto al reale stato di fatto esistente.

2. Assistenza ai Patrioti.

E' assolutamente necessario provvedere ad una assistenza più sostanziale dei patrioti al momento in cui vengono in contatto con gli Alleati.

N'inverno si avvicina e sulle montagne già fa freddo, molti di questi giovani sono mal calzati e ancora con vestiti estivi di fortuna.

140 E' logico ed umano che se non viene loro dato quanto meno l'indispensabile, essi molto probabilmente, saranno indotti dalla disperazione o procurarsi con mezzi illegali il necessario per vivere.

Qualora, come prospettato al N. 1, i Patrioti venissero considerati veri e propri soldati, essi avrebbero la possibilità di immediati rifornimenti dalle autorità militari Alleate e Italiane.

3. Caredelizzazione.

140 Altro problema da affrontare con la massima urgenza è il ricovero e l'assistenza dei patrioti feriti o malati presso gli ospedali da campo almeno nei piccoli centri dove manca qualsiasi organizzazione ospedaliera perchè in genere distrutta o danneggiata dalla guerra o saccheggiata dai tedeschi, e dove per contro si trova la maggioranza dei patrioti.

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Anche questo grave problema verrebbe automaticamente risolto nel riconoscimento della qualifica di militare combattente.

Comunque sono in corso per questo specifico problema della ospedalizzazione proposte per la sua soluzione (lettere del Mago. Magnus e del Brigadier Upson al M.G. A.F.).

4. Consegna delle armi.

E' noto che la consegna delle armi non ha dato i risultati desiderati in tutte le zone liberate. In base ai rapporti veri e alle notizie qui pervenute sembra che ad eccezione specialmente delle bande comuniste e di estrema sinistra, la maggior parte delle altre bande abbiano versato un'alta percentuale di armi.

Alcuni capi banda si sono lamentati per il sistema seguito in occasione del disarmo dei componenti delle loro bande. Essi deplorano di dover consegnare in genere le armi ai locali CC.RR. che spesso sono gli stessi che al servizio della pseudo repubblica hanno perseguitato i patrioti. Questo serio inconveniente potrebbe essere eliminato provvedendo al disarmo dei Patrioti a mezzo dei rispettivi capi banda e sotto la loro diretta responsabilità, controllato in questa operazione dai Rappresentanti inviati presso le M.G. di ogni provincia da questo Patriot Branch. Se il disarmo, come già accaduto, viene effettuato immediatamente dalle truppe alleate appena in contatto con le bande di Patrioti, il risultato sarà probabilmente negativo e pregiudicherà ogni eventuale futuro controllo.

5. Arruolamenti.

Esso non ha dato il risultato che in primo tempo sembrava si potesse ottenere. Ciò è dovuto principalmente a due cause : la prima del fatto che ai patrioti non è consentito finora di entrare nei ranghi dell'Esercito mantenendo le loro formazioni almeno nei piccoli reparti (compagnie e plotoni). D'altra parte troppo tempo si è lasciato passare dal momento nel quale le bande sono state disciolte e disarmate al momento in cui le Screening Agencies hanno iniziato il loro giro di arruolamento. Tale lungo periodo di tempo inoltre ha consentito alla propaganda comunista di svolgere una intensa attività contro l'esercito che ha fatto presa anche fra quegli elementi disposti ad arruolarsi.

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Essendo, come noto, le bande a maggioranza militari e comuniste il concetto di incorporare i patrioti nell'esercito mantenendoli nei loro piccoli reparti può essere consigliabile, qualora venga fatto appena gli alleati vengano in contatto con loro, altrimenti la propaganda comunista fa presa e si verrebbero così ad avere dei nuclei comunisti in seno all'esercito, cosa alquanto pericolosa anche per il fatto che nell'esercito stesso vi sono alcuni ufficiali a tendenza comunista come reazione al Fascismo e alle laceranze dei procedimenti di epurazione.

6. Certificati.

Come è noto il Governo Italiano (Presidenza del Consiglio) ha in animo di rilasciare ai patrioti un secondo certificato oltre a quello del Gen. Alexander. Esiste agli atti una lettera della Presidenza del Consiglio che chiarisce i motivi che hanno ispirato tale necessità.

7. Organizzazione Ente Patrioti Governo Italiano.

Alle dipendenze della Presidenza del Consiglio esiste un Ufficio Patrioti il cui capo è il Col. Bernabò, che è l'organo esecutivo. Al di sopra è stata costituita una commissione (I.N.P.C.) composta di un presidente e sei membri rappresentanti dei 6 partiti al potere (S.E. Bonomi, Presidente - S.E. Ferrasilea, S.E. Palermo, S.E. Spasiano, Avv. Garosci, Avv. Pro-sio, Avv. Di Pietro, Gen. Odore - membri. Il Gen. Odore è anche Segretario della Commissione).

Tale I.N.P.C. è organo consultivo e direttivo. Rimane quindi ben chiaro che l'organo esecutivo è l'Ufficio Patrioti del Col. Bernabò, Via Caroncini 19.

L'I.N.P.C. si riunisce in genere una volta la settimana e invia i verbali delle sedute a questo Ufficio.

Si è riscontrata una certa lentezza nella risoluzione di problemi anche urgenti in special modo lo stanziamento di fondi già dalla I.N.P.C. stessa riconosciuti indispensabili per il funzionamento dell'Ufficio Patrioti e per l'assistenza ai patrioti stessi. Sarebbe utile che questo Patriot Branch usasse la sua influenza esercitando una pressione presso la I.N.P.C. affinché le questioni urgenti e sostanziali avessero la precedenza su qualsiasi altra questione.

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Un problema presentato dall'Ufficio Patrioti del Col.

Molti patrioti vengono a Roma muniti di regolare permesso

Il già stato inoltrato al Magg. Magnus un pro-memoria

CONCLUSIONI GENERALI.

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pi migliori ha prodotto un grande senso di scoraggiamento dovuto ai rigori dell'inverno e alla impossibilità di accamparsi fino alla primavera.

E' giunta notizia che alcune bande operanti nella zona del Monte Cervino sono state costrette a sconfiggere in Svizzera.

E in ogni caso il convincimento dei patrioti che una volta terminato il loro compito con l'avanzata delle Armate alleate essi vengono considerati da tutti un peso e soltanto una fonte di preoccupazioni.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

PATRIOT SECTION

Re: : IOG/4

Interview with

Subject : 2nd Lt. Boria d'Olmo.

To : Col. Spicer,

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Date : 1st Jan. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PATRIOT & BRANCH CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ext: 620

2nd January, 1944

Subject: Handling of Partisans

To: A.M.C., Fifth Army.

1. ³⁰ Thank you for sending me a copy of your Confidential
109/2: Handling of Partisans, of 29th December.

2. I would proffer the following advice for your consideration:

(i) In no case should these individuals be referred to as "partisans" as there is trouble in this connection. They should as an accepted policy always be referred to as "patriots"

(ii) My view is that sufficient instruction as to the method of deciding the issue of these certificates has not been given. It was my view that such a Committee should sit under the Chairmanship of the Centre Commandant with the Italian Military Representative and at least the Band Leader, if not the Band Leader and his deputy, in order to take decisions. If you feel that there is any objection to this I should be very grateful to know of it.

I feel that the presence of an Allied Officer sitting as Chairman of the Committee will have a very definite salutary effect: although of course the certificate itself will have to be signed by the Italian Military Representative

(iii) Demobilisation Awards: Since this is under discussion on extremely high level I feel that there should be no reference to this subject in any directive.

(iv) Paragraph 13(d) Dispersal: I am not clear as to the ultimate destination of this category of patriots, but am referring it to the Refugee Branch for information

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- (v) Paragraph 14: In view of A.F.H.C. authority to feed patriots on the Italian military scale, I am sure you will agree that this should be amended.

R. G. B. Spicer Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMYCONFIDENTIAL

29th December 1944.

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REFERENCE: 109/2

SUBJECT : Handling of Partisans.

TO : See Distribution.

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In this case the most difficult problems occur at a latter stage and are of a mixed political - economic - Social - Administrative - Public safety character.

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It is however necessary for obvious and universally agreed reasons for Partisans to be located separately from Refugees. A Partisan Section has therefore been created with a Partisan Officer at this Headquarters for the organising of Reception Centres to which all homeless Partisans who come through the line can be evacuated. At present centres are located at Pescia and Florence; future locations are dependant on operational requirements and will be notified as necessary.

5. All Partisans who come through the lines will normally be screened for security reasons by CIC or other similar agencies before being handed over to AMG. Disarming of those who are to be demobilised will also normally take place in Divisional Areas. (The evacuation of Partisans to rear areas fully armed should always be avoided if at all possible.) Homeless Partisans who cannot be dispersed into the local community or be employed forthwith by Divisions or Corps as civilian labour should be evacuated at once to the Army Partisan Centres by similar methods to those used for Refugees.

Casual homeless Partisans who have not come through the line in organised bands but who are found individually wandering about the Army Area may also be sent to the Army Reception Centre, unless they are engaged in unlawful activity in which case they will be treated as any other civilian engaged in unlawful activity.

6. ARMY RECEPTION CENTRES

At the Army Reception Centres (see para. 4 above) Partisans will be given a short period of rehabilitation after which they will be dispersed in one of the ways outlined in para. 13 below.

The Centre is organised with:

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- c. an Italian Army Officer representing the Italian National Patriots Committee (I.N.P.C.) established by the Italian Government, who is known as a Military Representative,
- d. such staff (normally recruited from suitable partisans) as the Allied Camp Commandant may consider necessary for the running of the Camp.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Partisan Officer at this Headquarters has duties similar to those of the Senior Refugee Officer. He is responsible for:

- a. the organisation, location and equipment of the necessary number of Partisan Centres,
- b. ensuring that the evacuation from Corps Areas to Army Reception Centres proceeds smoothly,
- c. the collection of information from special force and other agencies as to the probable numbers of Partisans expected to come through the lines,
- d. arranging the dispersal of as many Partisans as possible in the Army Area,
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He is NOT responsible for dealing with ex-Partisans who have already been mobilised and dispersed into the community. This continues to be an administrative problem and will continue to be dealt with by Provincial Commissioners, Corps Senior Civil Affairs Officers, or where necessary by Public Safety Officers in the ordinary routine way of business. It must be stressed that once a mobilised Partisan has been dispersed and given a

chance to be absorbed in his normal home-community he must be treated as any other civilian, subject only to such privileges as may be laid down by the Italian Government and to the preferential consideration shown to the ex-servicemen/war veterans of any civilized country.

8. The Allied Camp Commandant is responsible to the Army Partisan Officer for the running of the camp and the dispersal of as many as possible of the men who pass through his camp.

9. The Recruiting Agency of the Italian Army is responsible for the enlistment of all Partisans who volunteer for the Italian Armed Forces. It is administered by the 210th Italian Division and arranges the evacuation of volunteers through Italian Army channels.

10. The Military Representative is responsible to the Allied Camp Commandant for the treatment of Partisans individually.

a. He will, in conjunction with the Band Leaders, screen all Partisans to determine whether there are any bogus persons in the Reception Centre. Any such who are found will be evacuated forthwith through Refugee channels.

b. He will be a part to the awarding of Alexander Certificates.

c. He will interview all individual Partisans to determine the method by which each individual is to be dispersed, referring to the Allied Officer in charge only such cases as are necessary for the issue of JIC travel permits or other special treatment.

d. It must be overlooked that he is the responsible representative selected to act on behalf of the IMPC of the Italian Government, who will be responsible for the many problems connected with ex-Partisans after Allied occupation is over. Furthermore the Italian Government has a justifiable right to insist that all funds disbursed on their account on behalf of Partisans shall be approved by the Military Representative.

11. ALEXANDER CERTIFICATES.

The awarding of the Alexander Certificates will NOT be done in forward areas except to those Partisans who can be dispersed locally and are not evacuated to Army Centres. In such cases the awarding should be approved if at all possible by a Military Representative; in the Army Reception Centres the Military Representative will always approve their issue (see para. 9 c. above). The importance of this is due to the fact that the holders of an Alexander Certificate may become entitled to a financial award from the Italian Government (see para. 9 d. above and para. 12 below.)

12. DEMOBILISATION CHANNELS.

The Italian Government are considering the payment of a Demobilisation Award to all disbanded Partisans who have been awarded the Alexander Certificate. At the present time final decision as to the amount and the channel for disbursement is still awaited. Details will be announced as soon as available.

10. The Military Representative is responsible to the Allied Camp Commandant for the treatment of partisans individually.

a. He will, in conjunction with the Band Leaders, screen all Partisans to determine whether there are any bogus persons in the Reception Centre. Any such who are found will be evacuated forthwith through Refugee channels.

b. He will be a part to the awarding of Alexander Certificates.

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This award should not be given to individuals until finally dispersed to their homes or enlisted into the Italian Army.

13. DISPERSAL.

Part from those men who can be dispersed locally to their homes in Corps Areas and who therefore do not have to be evacuated to Army Reception Centres the following channels of dispersal will be used from Reception Centres.

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- a. Volunteers for the Italian Army will be interviewed by the Representatives of the Recruiting Agency and disposed of as in para. 9 above.
- b. Those who wish to go South to their homes or relatives will be given Army travel permits and despatched by the best means available.
- c. Every attempt must be made to find temporary homes and work for the remainder until such time as they can return to their homes now North of the line and be finally absorbed in their own communities. This is the responsibility of the Partisan Officer of this Headquarters and the Allied Camp Commandants but it is realised that the limiting factors are those of organising and equipping parties in such a way that they are acceptable to military employing agencies requiring gangs of common labour for work in arduous conditions. If the necessary equipment and organisation can be arranged it is hoped that military employing agencies can take on large numbers of men during the present static period.
- d. Those who cannot be absorbed as in sub-para. a.-c. above must be considered after a period of 14 days from their arrival at the Army Reception Centres as no different from any other homeless civilians and will be evacuated from the Army Area. The Refugee Branch of Allied Commission has stated its intentions of separating Partisans from ordinary Refugees in the evacuation channel.

While it is in many ways desirable not to evacuate ex-Partisans in this way it must nevertheless be clearly understood by all concerned that 14 days is the maximum period for which accommodation will be provided at the Army Reception Centres.

14. RATIONS.

The official ration-scale for partisans under AMG control is the Refugee scale. This may be altered in the near future to the Italian Military Scale. Further information will be issued in due course.

15. HOSPITALISATION.

The channel for wounded Partisans is through Allied Evacuation Hospitals to Italian Military Hospitals. Sick Partisans may be evacuated through the same channel if they come through the line sick. Sick from Reception Centres should be sent to Italian Military Hospitals.

Ex-Partisans who become sick after dispersal among the communities are not entitled to any treatment other than that in Italian Civilian Hospitals.

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for the Commanding General:

R.V.L. Janzan

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FROM: HQ. AC. Patriots Branch
TO : Comando Generale dell'Arma dei
Carabinieri Reali, Ufficio Servizio,
Situazione e Collegamenti, Roma.
DATE: 30 December 1944.
REF : 121/PAT.
SUBJECT : Florence - Patriots and refugees from the
North.

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Your letter n. 258/58/R.T. of 22 December has been passed to this Branch. This Branch is fully aware of the Patriots position in the areas mentioned by you, it is furthermore fully aware that in the near future large bodies of patriots may be expected through the lines.

Whilst it may have been quite true to say that up to a short time ago very little had been done to relieve the patriots situation the picture has now completely changed.

Two Patriot centres have been set up, one at Florence and one at Pescia, each commanded by an Allied Officer, and the procedure of arrival of Patriots to these centres is now as follows:

- They are given hot meals
- They are issued with two blankets
- They are bathed and their clothing disinfested.

As these centres are recruiting Agencies who enlist all those who wish to join the Italian Army.

Those that can to be sent home are rehabilitated as quickly as possible and the rest within a short time are found work.

It can be said with some degree of certainty that in the near future the ration and clothing situation will be considerably improved. In the meantime however 16,000 pieces of clothing and a large quantity of equipment has already been delivered to these centres.

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Finally it is pointed out that these centres are entirely separate from the refugee camps and that therefore the statement in your letter that:

- a) Patriots are put into refugee camps and
 - b) they are without bedding and covers
- are inaccurate.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 121/PAT.

30 Dicembre 1944.

Oggetto: Firenze - Patrioti e profughi
provenienti dal Nord.

Al: Comando Generale dell'Arma
dei Carabinieri Reali,
Ufficio Servizio, Situazione
Collegamenti, Roma.

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In risposta al foglio n. 258/58 del 23 corr. di codesto Comando Generale trasmesso a questo Patriots Branch, si comunica che questo stesso Patriots Branch è perfettamente al corrente della situazione nella zona all'oggetto; questo Ufficio è inoltre al corrente che è prevedibile una maggiore affluenza di patrioti provenienti dal Nord.

Mentre può essere stato assolutamente rispondente a verità che fino a poco tempo addietro pochissimo era stato fatto per migliorare la condizione dei Patrioti, tale situazione è ora interamente mutata.

Due centri raccolta per Patrioti sono stati stabiliti, uno a Firenze ed uno a Pescia, comandati da Ufficiali Alleati, e dove la procedura all'arrivo dei Patrioti è la seguente:

Al Patrioti vengono date refezioni calde, due coperte vengono distribuite ad ognuno, viene loro fatto fare un bagno e gli indumenti sono disinfettati.

Presso detti Centri vi sono delle Commissioni di reclutamento, che procedono all'arruolamento dei Patrioti desiderosi di essere arruolati nell'Esercito Italiano.

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Coloro che desiderano rientrare alle loro case vi sono avviati al più presto possibile, mentre alla rimanenza, in un breve periodo di tempo, viene trovato lavoro.

Si può dire, con sufficiente sicurezza, che in un futuro prossimo la situazione razioni e vestiario verrà notevolmente migliorata. Nel frattempo, peraltro, 16.000 capi di vestiario, ed ampie scorte di equipaggiamento sono già state fatte affluire ai suddetti centri.

In ultimo si fa notare che detti centri nulla hanno in comune con i centri profughi e pertanto quanto dichiarato nel foglio di codesto Comando che

- a) i Patrioti vengono collocati nei centri profughi e
- b) che essi sono del tutto sprovvisti di letti e coperte

non è esatto.

R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali
Ufficio Servizio - Situazione e Collegamenti.

No. 258/58

22 December 1944.

Subject: Florence patriots and refugees from the North.

To: AC. Public Safety Sub-Commission, Rome.
(Passed to Patriots Branch)

We hear from Florence, that due to the military situation and to the winter, numerous parties of patriots and refugees from the North are arriving in that town.

On 16 December 850 partisans and 3,000 refugees had arrived.

Dependable news which have been collected from various sources make ^{us} believe ~~us~~ that within the next weeks larger parties will be arriving due to the static military situation, to the seasonal bad weather, to ~~the~~ Gen. Alexander's order to slow down patriots activities (It appears ^{that} the order was followed by the stopping or at least by a great reduction in airborne supplies), and by the round ups of patriots by reinforced Nazi-Fascists Units.

For the above reasons entire patriots Units are now crossing the lines and weigh on the town and on the province of Florence as well as on the neighbouring regions.

A. The moral and material conditions of the patriots are critic, many of them are afflicted by scabies and other vermin, the clothing is entirely inadequate, they are always under fed, some in ill health, wounded or having been badly cured. Morally they are all depressed and irritated.

Upon crossing the lines, when they are still hungry and tired, they are cross examined and questioned by the special allied bodies, for the necessity of identifying the numerous spies who hide amongst the patriots.

After the first screenage they are sent to refugee centres where they are treated as ordinary refugees and receive the same rations i.e. 300 gr. of flour for bread, 100 gr. of flour for soup and 20 gr. of "vegetables" without any impements. Such a ration is not sufficient for people who have already been weakened through many months of hardship.

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Bedding and covers are entirely missing, and only a small part of the patriots can be accommodated in separate quarters from the ordinary refugees.

Untill now Italian Military Authorities (Delegazione I.) have done as best they could, with the very small means at their disposal to improve morally and materially the very unsatisfactory conditions of the patriots who all show obviously the signs of great discomfort and of desolating disillusion.

Patriots who are in the above state of mind are very easily taken in by the most reactionary and extreme propaganda.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
Comandante Generale

(signed)

Taddeo Orlando.

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P^{map.} *Partigiani Sub C.* 283RISERVATO PERSONALE

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. *275/33* di prot. *1.2.*Roma, li *22 dicembre 1944*

Risposta al

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OGGETTO:

Firenze - Partigiani e profughi provenienti dal Nord.

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza -

R O M A

Giunge notizia da Firenze che, a causa della situazione militare e dell'inverno, stanno affluendo in quella città gruppi di patrioti e di profughi, provenienti dal Nord.

Alla data del 16 corrente, erano arrivati 380 partigiani e circa 1.200 profughi.

Nelle prossime settimane è prevedibile maggiore affluenza, perché, a quel che si apprende da varie fonti, la situazione estiva del fronte, l'inclemente stagionale, l'ordine di sospendere l'attività partigiana (al quale sembra abbia seguito una diminuzione o cessazione di lanci di armi e vettovaglie) impartite per radio dal Generale ALXISSE, i rastrellamenti in forma preponderante dei nazi-fascisti, sono tutte cause concomitanti che costringono interi reparti di patrioti a passare le linee, andando, di conseguenza, a gravitare sulla città e la provincia di Firenze, nonché sulle province confinanti e limitrofe.

Le condizioni morali e materiali di questi patrioti appaiono assai

critiche; molti di essi sono affetti da scabbia, infestati da pidocchi, vestiti in modo inadeguato ai rigori della stagione, denutriti, alcuni feriti e malamente curati, tutti affamati. Moralemente sono depressi e irritati a un tempo.

Sitrepasante la linea del fronte i patrioti, spesso digiuni da più giorni, vengono sottoposti ad esami ed interrogatori dagli speciali organi alleati, per la necessità d'identificare tra loro le massere apie dei nazi-fascisti che approfittano della speciale situazione per infiltrarsi. Dopo la prima selezione, vengono avviati ai centri profughi, ove ricevono trattamento non diverso dagli altri e cioè: 300 gr. di farina per pacificare, 100 gr. di farina per minestra e 50 gr. di "Vegetable" senza condimenti; alimentazione questa insufficiente specialmente per individui già debilitati dai precedenti lunghi digiuni e disagi. Non hanno quasi completamente di cosa di girare e di coperto. Solo una parte di essi trova alloggio, non sotto migliori, in locali separati dal resto dei profughi.

Vincere si è provveduto, nel miglior modo possibile, dagli organi militari italiani locali (Delegazione 3.), che si sono serviti degli americani morti a loro disposizione per alleviare le condizioni di estremo disagio fisico e morale di questi esseri, i quali recano sul viso i segni del più grande sconforto e della più desolante delusione. In siffatto stato, anche se non precedentemente disposti, sono facili preda della più spinta e rassicurante propaganda.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE 3.3. ARMA
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel: 620

Date: 27th December, 1944

Ref. 121/PAT.

Subject: Interview with 2nd Lieutenant Dorcas D'Oloro

To: S.O.A.G. Sixth Army
S.O.A.G. Fifth Army

1. This young officer came into my office this morning and asked for an interview. I gave it to him. I forward précis of his statement for your information and for such action as you may deem necessary.
2. One point he made which I thought was sound was that operational units frequently did not know where to direct patriots to once they had disarmed them and had no further use for them.

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

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121/ *Extract from Col Crilly's Tour Notes - R10F 165/1A*
Discussed with Capt. LINDHART and Capt. HANSEN numerous items of detail over the running of Patriot Centres and the plans for Northern Italy. Among items discussed was the use of captured enemy vehicles, the use of transport from regional resources and the necessity for the early sending forward of Italian Military Patriot Representatives.

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Subject: Note of interview with 2nd Lieutenant Doran D'Oloro

Date: 27th December, 1944

1. 2nd Lieutenant D'Oloro has been attached to and working with the 12th Lancers since approximately the 1st of August and has been acting as Liaison Officer between his Unit and the Partisans of the Adriatic Eighth Army area. He first started in the San Sepolcro area where he made contact with partisan bands in the area. When the crossing of the Foglia River was undertaken the 12th Lancers then moved into Ravenna where he stopped. They then went over to the Forlì area where the C.S.I. Branch under Major Colquhoun and Captain Wilmet did everything they could in holding ceremonies and looking after the patriots. On the other hand other units were inclined to disarm bona fide patriots in an arbitrary manner. These patriots when they are not actually in the line require assistance. When they cease their operational activities and are disarmed they do not know where to go for assistance.

2. 2nd Lieutenant D'Oloro said that about a month ago when he was in the Forlì area it was certainly reported to him that patriots reporting at the Forlì Centre were not getting adequate assistance. It also came to his notice that civil in partisans were going up and making contact with the partisan bands as soon as they were clear of the line, and their propaganda was, in his opinion, having very serious effect.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

Ref. 121/PAT.

20 December, 1944.

SUBJECT : Rationing, Clothing, Hospitalisation,
and Transport of Patriots.

TO : A.F. H.Q.

1. This Commission has had under consideration the question of treatment accorded to Italian patriots. Four aspects of this question are regarded as urgent. They are :

- a. Rations.
- b. Clothing
- c. Hospitalisation
- d. Transport.

2. On the basis of the best information available, and more particularly on the basis of information supplied by the Commander of No. 1 Special Force, it is estimated that up to 100,000 genuine fighting patriots will be encountered in the near future and will require to be handled. Patriots have already begun to cross the line in numbers so large that it is impossible for the A.M.G. Officers to handle them adequately under the arrangements which have hitherto been applied. Latest reports say that patriots on FIFTH Army front are at present crossing the lines at an average rate of more than 60 a night.

3. Patriot activities in enemy occupied territory are conducted under the orders of the Allied Commander in Chief. It is not therefore necessary to recapitulate in detail the value of the services rendered by the patriots to the Allied cause. On the other hand, it is very necessary to keep constantly in mind the political background against which patriot activities are conducted.

4. The patriots have been encouraged constantly by the Allied wireless, Allied leaflets, and Allied agents to wage war against the enemy. They have been armed and instructed by the Allies. They have learnt to rely not on the Government, for the Fascist Government betrayed them; not on law, for the law was perverted to serve Fascist ends, and they have no more respect for it, but on themselves and on their leaders. The task of disarming and dispersing the patriots, of inducing them to abandon the habits and mental attributes of the guerilla, and to settle down into the normal avocations of a civilian life is, at the best, one of extreme difficulty. The problem is rendered virtually insoluble unless ²⁰ means

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are provided whereby the patriots can be assured of fair treatment whenever they are encountered by the Allied Armies of liberation. Unless such treatment can be assured to the patriots, great danger is to be apprehended. Their resentment will, it is to be feared, lead them to conceal their arms and secretly maintain their bands in readiness with a view, when the times are ripe, to seize by force the control of the organs of Italian political and economic life. The seeds of the same unfortunate conflict and misunderstanding which have burst into civil war in Greece are present to-day in the soil of Northern Italy.

5. Experience shows that patriots when they are first encountered are in practically every case in a destitute and exhausted condition. The first problem which has to be faced in connection with their rehabilitation is a problem of supply:

a. Rations.

No scale for the feeding of patriots has hitherto been laid down. It is submitted that, on political as well as military grounds, a case exists for treating the genuine fighting patriot, until such time as it has been possible to rehabilitate him into civilian life, as a soldier on a par with his comrades who are fighting in regular disciplined units.

During the period of transition which must elapse before large numbers of patriots can be dispersed to their homes and ordinary avocations, it is intended to place alternative offers of employment before them.

- i. Patriots will be offered the opportunity to accept service as individuals in regular units of the Italian Army.
- ii. Patriot bands will be offered employment en bloc on heavy essential labour in the Army areas.

Centres and points for the reception of patriots when they cross the line are in process of being established on FIFTH and EIGHTH Army Fronts in such numbers and in such locations as may prove to be necessary. It is anticipated that at any given time during the next four months seven such Centres or Points will be in operation, affording accommodation to some 300 patriots in each. It is submitted that on grounds of military necessity accommodation stores sufficient to provide for the needs of 2,100 patriots should forthwith be made available for use in these Reception Points and Centres. It is submitted further that authority should be given for rationing patriots during such time as they are accommodated in these Reception Centres and Points on the scale of rations laid down for the Italian Army. It would be very desirable that authority should be given further for such comforts as cigarettes, tobacco and sweets to be made available for issue in small quantities to the patriots while

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they are accommodated in the Reception Points and Centres. This last concession, coming in most cases immediately after the patriots are first encountered would, it is considered, have an excellent effect upon morale.

It is submitted that, until patriots have been afforded an opportunity of enlisting as individuals in regular units of the Italian Army, authority should be given for them to be rationed on the Italian Army scale. Furthermore, experience has shown that patriots will not be willing to accept employment in gangs on essential heavy labour in the Army areas if any scale of rations lower than the Italian Army scale is offered to them. It is accordingly submitted that, at the discretion of FIFTH and EIGHTH Army Commanders, rations on the Italian scale may be made available from military sources forthwith for the use of patriots who do accept such employment. Many patriots, it is hoped, will be dispersed peaceably to their homes and normal agricultural pursuits. It is not anticipated that more than 50% of the overall total of 100,000 patriots who are likely to be encountered within the next four months will require to be rationed on the Italian Army scale. These patriots who do not accept employment in labour gangs or who do not volunteer for service in the regular units of the Italian Army will continue to be rationed as at present on the refugee scale.

b. Clothing.

Very small quantities of boots and clothing have from time to time been made available by this H.Q. for the use of patriots from salvage sources as and when they were needed. The quantities of material which it has been possible to obtain from such sources have been inconsiderable and haphazard. For handling numbers in the neighbourhood of 100,000 the methods hitherto followed would be unavailing. It is submitted for your consideration that on grounds of military necessity adequate supplies of:

- i. Boots.
- ii. Battledress.
- iii. Underwear, Greatcoats and Socks
- iv. Blankets

should forthwith be made available from military sources to meet the needs of an overall total up to 100,000 patriots.

This clothing need not necessarily be new. Reconditioned clothing will suffice. It is understood from MMIA that adequate supplies of partworn clothing would be available to meet this need and authority will be given for its release, provided dyeing and tailoring repair can be arranged.

c. Hospitalisation.

A letter on the subject of hospitalisation was despatched

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to H.Q. A.A.I dated 21 November, ref. 3152(PH).

In this letter it was submitted that authority be given for the treatment in Italian military hospitals, when available, of all patriots wounded in operations on the side of the Allies. It was further submitted that in cases where no Italian military hospitals were readily available authority be given for wounded Italian patriots to be received in Allied hospitals, as is the case at present when soldiers of other belligerent nations, e.g. Greeks, Poles, and Brazilians are wounded.

This request was based on grounds not only of justice and gratitude, but on the necessity for maintaining patriot morale.

The existing practice both in FIFTH and EIGHTH Army Areas is not uniform. In FIFTH Army area wounded patriots are sometimes passed through military channels to the Italian military hospital depot attached to FIFTH Army, and in other cases to civilian Hospitals. In EIGHTH Army area most wounded patriots are passed through military channels until they finally arrive in a civilian hospital.

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This procedure, it is submitted, offers little encouragement to patriots for although the technical treatment to be found in Italian civilian hospitals, may be as good as in the military hospitals, there are three disadvantages:

- i. Immediately after an area is liberated the civilian hospital may be exceedingly short of essential supplies at the moment when they are most needed.
- ii. Civilian hospitals only receive civilian hospital rations, which are on a much lower scale than Italian Army rations.
- iii. Cigarettes and other small personal items which may be available in military hospitals are never available in civilian hospitals. Experience has shown that the issue of such small comforts had a tonic effect upon morale.

d. Transport

For operations at the Patriot Reception Points and Centres referred to in paragraph 5 transport is urgently required. These Reception Points and Centres, being established in Fifth and Eighth Army Area, are mobile and will shift as operations require. At these locations there will be Allied Patriot Officers for whose work the vehicles are necessary and for which they will be accountable.

This transport will be used for:

- a) Gas maintenance
- b) Drawing of equipment and supplies
- c) Transfer of Patriots from Reception Points to Reception Centres and from Reception Centres to Italian Army Relicament Depots
- d) Supervision of patriot work in their areas by patriot officers.

Since the Patriot problem is more pressing in Fifth than in Eighth Army Area, more transport should be allocated to Fifth Army.

Accordingly it is requested that 10 trucks and 5 Jeeps or 15 Cwts be furnished and allocated as follows:

- a) Assigned and charged against AMG Fifth Army 7 trucks, if possible American, and 4 Jeeps or 15 Cwts;
- b) Assigned and charged against AMG Eighth Army 3 trucks, if possible British; and 1 Jeep or 15 Cwts.

It is proposed to find drivers for all this transport from the ranks of the patriots themselves.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

sgt m LUSH

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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BASIC POINTS PATRIOTS BRANCH.

1. Are Patriots to receive preferential treatment ? This if approved, in the Director's mind should consist of clothing and boots for the blitz victims, special rations, Italian Schools, Centre accommodation up to a maximum of 21 days, First Aid, Hospitalisation, cigarettes, drink etc only when in centre (bedding and blankets, decent household cooking and eating equipment.)
2. Are patriots to be given prior consideration as self contained labour gang units when they cannot be otherwise disposed of ? If so, could instructions be given to D.A.D.L. and S.C.L.O. to that effect.
3. There are possibly many other basic points of our policy which will require thinking out and please add to them apart from the points that have already been pressed home to A.F.H.O.

Ex. from Jucelon

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30 Dec Recd

Record of telephone conversation with General Hase 9.C.A.C.,
Ninth Army at 6.35 p.m. on December 19th

General Hase came through on the telephone at approximately
6.35 p.m. last evening and stated that he wanted me to realise that the
Patriot situation in his area had reached a position which was
critical and dangerous.

He stated that he had received a direct order from the
Commanding General to evacuate all patriots from the base area since it was
in the opinion of the Commanding General creating a position which would
have repercussions on operations.

He stated: "I think you personally have done everything you
possibly could with the short time you have had at your disposal but in
spite of everything the 'bunk' is always passed back and nothing is done".
He said that the congestion in the Florence Centre was so bad that
230 Patriots had broken camp the other night and had gone over to the
Communist quarters, where although there was no demonstration, there was
every possibility of such a demonstration taking place. He asked
me if there was a Patriot Centre south of Florence. I replied "No
that the patriot centres are established as I thought he was fully
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General Moro asked if I could produce a document which laid it
down as an accepted policy that the Patrioti were to be treated
differently to any other class of civilian citizens. My reply was that
I was always under the impression that this was an accepted policy
though I had not the directive in front of me on the table; and his
reply was that the Commanding General saw no reason why they should
be treated differently to anybody else. He said that absorption and
if agreed in his area was an impossibility and that in accordance
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with the direct order of the Commanding General he proposed to put all Patriots of the Eighth Army Area into transports and / camp them in Siam."

He asked me if I appreciated the fact that the Commanding General did not wish to be worried with this "dangerous element" hanging about in his area. He stated that they were coming over at the rate of fifty to sixty a night and that this cause congestion of his camps could not continue.

He said that the Recruiting Agencies were useless: (That is I may point out are the recruiting agencies supplied by M.I.I.A.) He said that the men merely laughed at them and that the most they ever got was three or four men out of 700.

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General Kane further stated that his action in dumping these patriots in Sierras might have various repercussions on the lines of Geneva but that he had no alternative to do otherwise in view of the order that he had received from the Command at home.

I had very little opportunity to discuss this matter **1520** General Kane, he was talking to me excluding the possibility of my talking to him, but I did have the opportunity of telling him that the directive to my certain knowledge laid it down that should patriots

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have to be evacuated south that it must be through refugee channels.

I do not think it would be proper for me to comment on the above conversation on the telephone which is now laid down to the best of my knowledge and belief, but I would state the following points of direct action that have been taken since I assumed the directorship of the Patriots Branch:

(a) A Patriots Officer has been formally appointed for both Fifth and Eighth Armies. Centre Points have been appointed for the Eighth Army Florence, Enochia, Fifth Army; and one officer for the Reception Point forward in Fifth Army (Zacchia) and Eighth Army. In addition, Quartermasters HQ/CA have been appointed to each centre and point, and Italian military representatives have also been sent up to be assistants to the Patriots Officers directly concerned.

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I fear that I should not commit further.

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AMHQ FOR G FIVE FOR ATTENTION LEUTENANT COLONEL FRANKLIN

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PARA ONE SUBJECT IS VEHICLES

PARA TWO AMHQ FOR G FIVE FOR ATTENTION LEUTENANT COLONEL FRANKLIN FROM
RE ALONG FROM PATRIOTS BRANCH SIGNED STONE PAREN

PARA TWO TO DIRECTOR TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION
DEFINITELY STATES IMPOSSIBLE SUPPLY VEHICLES REFERRED TO MY LETTER
121/PAT AND SIGNAL 9591 OF TWENTY ONE

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

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REAR ANIMAL STONE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS (G.5 FOR ACTION)

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ROUTINE

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PARA ONE PD FOUR ASPECTS PATRIOTS PROBLEM ARE RATIONS CLOTHING HOSPITALISATION
TRANSPORT PD MY FOLLOWING LETTER 121/PAT WILL REFER PD

PATRIOT TO AFHQ G FIVE FOR ACTION FROM HEADQUARTERS ALONG FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SIGHTED STONE PATRIOT.

PARA TWO PD UNES AUTHORITY BE GIVEN SCALE RATIONS LAID DOWN FOR ITALIAN ARMY FOR
NUMBERS UP TO TWO THOUSAND PATRIOTS IN RECEPTION POINTS AND CENTRES FIFTH AND EIGHTH
ARMIES ALSO ORGANISING TORRADO SHELTERS DURING TIME HOUSED IN RECEPTION POINTS AND
CENTRES POSSIBLE MAXIMUM TWENTY ONE DAYS PD

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PARA FOUR TOTAL FUTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR FIFTY THOUSAND PATRIOTS WITHIN NEXT
FOUR MONTHS MUST RECEIVE EQUAL CONSIDERATION PD

PARA FIVE CLOTHING PD BOOTS BATTLE DRESSES UNDERWEAR GREATCOATS SOCKS BLANKETS
ARE NECESSARY AD HOC GRANT FOR TWO THOUSAND PATRIOTS NORTHWITH AND LATER OVER ALL
TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PD HOSPITALISATION PD AUTHORITY REQUIRED TREATMENT
WOUNDED PATRIOTS ITALIAN MILITARY HOSPITALS AND WHEN NO ITALIAN MILITARY HOSPITAL
AVAILABLE SUCH WOUNDED PATRIOTS BE RECEIVED ALLIED HOSPITALS PD TRANSPORT PD

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EFFICIENT ORGANISATION RECEPTION POINTS AND CENTRES IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT ADEQUATE
TRANSPORT PD TEN TRUCKS AND FIVE JEEPS OR FIFTEEN HUNDREDWEIGHTS IMPERATIVE PD
SEVEN TRUCKS FOR FIFTH ARMY THREE TRUCKS TO EIGHTH ARMY FOUR JEEPS TO FIFTH ARMY
ONE JEEP TO EIGHTH ARMY PD DRIVERS CAN BE FOUND FROM RANKS OF PATRIOTS BUT MAIN-
TEINANCE AND SUPERVISION WILL BE UNDER ALLIED MILITARY OFFICERS PD SUGGEST TRUCKS
FIFTH ARMY BE AMERICAN AND TRUCKS EIGHTH ARMY BRITISH

18 DEC Recd

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH.

Colonel Libby, Patriots. (AFHQ)

18 December, 1944.

In a very short note -

1. The position of the Patriots may be summed up as follows :-

We have at present some 10,000 odd patriots whom we are holding in our forward Centres and Points of both 5 and 8 Armies. They have recently crossed the Lines. They are in the large majority without clothing, adequate rations, cooking material, beds or clothing. We have no transport which is essential to their welfare for the rationing question, fetching of equipment, if and when available, and in regard to their dispersal, or Italian Army Recruiting Centres. We have no de-lousing machines; in fact there is hardly an article which is necessary for their decent rehabilitation, available.

2. We are informed by No. 1 Special Force that when occupied "Kesselring" Italy is liberated we may expect up to 100,000 genuine patriots who have taken active part in operations.

3. The Committees which deal with the issue of the "Alexander" Certificates are very distinctly sifting out the genuine from the non-genuine patriot and no benefit is given whatsoever to the non-genuine patriot. I have been to all existing Points and Centres and I find the men literally lying on stone floors, with inadequate clothing, bedding and cooking utensils, and it is my personal opinion that the treatment of such men can only have the most serious effect psychologically on the patriot operational side north of the Line. I am given to understand, although I have not heard it myself, that the German radio/stressing this on the 5 Army front. There is a minor crisis at the moment, and this was reported to me by General Hume this morning who stated that 230 patriots left the Centre and made their way to the Communist Quarters where their treatment was so much better. We are unable to obtain absorption for these patriots first of all because of the rationing difficulty, and consequently because of transport, and their absorption and dispersal is to me of paramount importance.

4. The four main headings by which these patriots should be dealt with by the Allied Commission are as follows :-
(a) Reception; (b) Welfare; (c) Absorption, and (d) Dispersal.

5. I am at a loss, since this is not a Supply and Equipment Division to obtain the necessary equipment, which I think in my personal judgment, these patriots should be given. It is turning them into discontented anarchists, instead of into decent citizens, who are prepared to fight for the liberation of their country. I am at a loss also to understand why there has been this considerable increase of patriots crossing the Line, unless it be the Commander-in-Chief's broadcast which instructed them to disband. They are not prepared to wait over on the other side of the Line and have their throats cut, and they therefore come to us accordingly.

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To Colonel Libby, Patriots (Contd).

6. I have tried to paint the picture very briefly, but I hope it will suffice to put you in the picture. In conclusion may I emphasise that this is my personal opinion only, given to you at your personal request, and I must guard myself by saying that it in no way represents the policy of the Allied Commission.

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AMC MAIN NIGHT ARMY

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IMPORTANT

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PARA ONE TO YOUR SIGNAL CENTER ADVISE ALSO NIGHT OF THIRTYTHREE DECEMBER TO

REFER TO THE MAIN NIGHT ARMY FROM THE ALONG FROM PATRIOTS BRANCH SIGNAL
REPAIR CENTER

PARA TWO TO LAST SENTENCE WAS REQUEST TO KNOW WHETHER IF FOUND NECESSARY
TO OPEN OFFICE AT RAVENNA YOU WOULD MOVE EQUIPMENT AND STAFF FROM PUBLIC
PATRIOT CENTER OR TRY TO OPERATE TWO CENTERS

PATRIOTS BRANCH

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ORIGINAL, APPROX

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: M 708

Date/Time of Origin: DEC 131530A

Message Centre No: C/3980

Date Time Rec'd: DEC 131840A

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: ANG MAIN 8 ARMY

TO: HQ ALCOM FOR PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Ref your 8034 of 11 December. RAVENNA patriots still operational. Shall open new centre at RAVENNA in due course if necessary. Your last sentence not understood.

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Action - Patriots Br (2)

Info - Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
14 DEC 1944
A. C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext. 620

Ref: 121/PAT.

13 December 1944.

Subject: Patriot Reception Centres and Points.

To: V.F.

Reference patriot minor crisis in V Army area, I have received the following telephonic communication from the Patriots Officer, V Army, this morning, December 13.

Patriots held in Patriot Centres today are as follows:

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They are coming over at the rate of 50 or 60 a night.

In spite of the many telegrams, signals and letters that have been despatched, the ration position has not yet been decided. There is no transport, and there is little or no equipment as regards clothing, boots, medical supplies and cooking utensils. The officers there are doing their best to deal with the situation on an ad hoc basis, but it is my duty to report to you that the matter is in a serious state.

Without the equipment which I have asked for and which I consider is a very low estimate in regard to clothes, equipment and particularly transport, the problem cannot be efficiently handled and will have in my considered judgment the most serious repercussions. In my opinion, the matter deserves to be brought by you to the notice of the Chief Commissioner.

An absurd counter-clockwise movement seems to be in progress, and in spite of our signals to A.F.H.Q., AFUSA has now cabled back to V Army direct to ask whether my requests are really necessary. I can only state that, when I appreciated the position after a personal survey on the ground, the problem was crystal clear to me and the manner in which it should be tackled, but I cannot do the job without the tools, and these I ask you to use your utmost influence to obtain for me in the immediate future. One of the most important items at the moment is the 10 trucks, and little can be done on an efficient basis unless I get these. In fact, the position, although nothing is impossible, becomes acute in its difficulty.

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Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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EIGHT ARMY

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PARA ONE PD SIGNAL POSITION AND STEPS BEING TAKEN REGARD PATRIOTS

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PARA TWO EIGHT ARMY FROM HQ ALONG WITH PATRIOTS BRANCH SIGNED **SPICER** ARMYPARA TWO PD DO YOU PROPOSE GETTING NEW OFFICE RAVENNA PD IF SO HOW IF AT ALL
WILL IT AFFECT FORCI

PATRIOTS BRANCH

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COLONEL SPICER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COUNCIL
ALC 354
OFFICE, ADVISING SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref. 429031
Ext. 520

Ref: 121/1143
Copy to: 11/1143.

Subject: Replacement Centre Officers.

To: G.1(A) (2 copies)

1. I am faced with an acute position in V Army area. Going to certain recent circumstances there has been an unexpected inflow into the Patriot Centres of patriots who have crossed the line. These Centres must be used as "residential hotels", but can only be used as transit centres pending rehabilitation.

2. One of the most valuable and effective means of absorption is in forming them as units into labour groups, and it has been reported to me from the most reliable sources of V Army officers that they would welcome such labour units, but consider they should have Allied Officers to oversee them. In this sentiment I concur.

3. V Army A.M.G. report that they cannot possibly supply such officers, and suggest that I should apply to you for the loan of 6 such officers for a maximum of 6 camps for a period of up to 6 weeks. I understand that there is a high level objection to the practice of employing such officers from the Replacement Centre on temporary duty, but, in view of the extremely difficult position and the vital necessity for the absorption of these patriots who cannot possibly be absorbed in any other way, and since this whole question seems now to hang on the provision of such officers as I have indicated, I should be most grateful if you would forward this application to the proper authority for favourable and early sympathetic consideration.

4. If it is possible to obtain a favourable answer to this application, such officers should be instructed to report to V Army A.M.G. Patriotic Officer, Capt. D. LEMMON.

A.C.B. PIER, 
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

Copy to: V Army A.M.G.

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R.G.M. SPLOER,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

Copy to: V Army A.S.G.
for attn. of Capt. KILGEM.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 534
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 439081
Ext. 629

Ref: 121/PAT

11 December 1944.

Subject: Clothing, Rationing and
Hospitalisation of Patriots.

To: A.F.H.C.

1. This Commission has had under consideration the question of the treatment accorded to Italian patriots. Three aspects of the question are felt to be of great urgency. They are:

- A. Clothing
- B. Rations
- C. Hospitalisation

On the basis of the best information available, and more particularly on the basis of information supplied by the Commander of No. 1 Special Force, it is estimated that up to one hundred thousand genuine fighting patriots will be encountered in the near future and will require to be handled. Patriot activities in enemy occupied territory are conducted under the orders of the Allied Commander-in-Chief. It is not necessary, therefore, to recapitulate in detail the value of the services rendered by the patriots to the Allied cause. It is sufficient to affirm that patriots when they are encountered are, in practically every case, in a destitute condition, so that the first problem that has to be faced in connection with their rehabilitation is a problem of supply.

2. Patriots have, in fact, already begun to cross the line in numbers so large that it is impossible for the A.F.H.C. authorities to handle them under the ad hoc arrangements which have hitherto been applied.

A. Clothing.

Very small quantities of boots and clothing have from time to time been made available by this H.C. for the use of patriots from salvage sources as and when they were needed. But the quantities of material which it has been possible to obtain from such sources are inconsiderable and haphazard. For handling numbers in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand, the methods hitherto followed would be unavailing. It is submitted for consideration that, on grounds of military necessity, adequate supplies of:

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- i. Boots
- ii. Battledress
- iii. Underwear, Greatcoats, and Socks
- iv. Blankets

should forthwith be made available from military sources to meet the needs of an overall total of one hundred thousand patriots.

The clothes and underwear to be used by the patriots should be supplied in bulk to the A.M.G. authorities for distribution to the patriots.

B. Rations.

No scale for the feeding of patriots has hitherto been laid down. It is submitted that, on political as well as military grounds, a case exists for treating the genuine fighting patriot, until such time as it has been possible to reabsorb him into civilian life, as a soldier on a par with his comrades who are fighting in regular disciplined units.

During the period of transition which must elapse before large numbers of patriots can be dispersed to their homes and ordinary avocations, it is intended to offer employment to patriot bands en bloc on heavy essential labour in the Army areas. Experience has shown that this work will not normally be accepted if any scale appreciably lower than the military ration scale is offered to the patriots. It is not anticipated that at any one time the full estimated number of one hundred thousand patriots will be employed in this manner. Many patriots, it is hoped, will be dispersed peaceably to their homes and normal agricultural pursuits. Nevertheless, it is submitted for consideration that, at the discretion of V and VIII Army Commanders, rations on the following scales should, if need be, be made available from military sources forthwith up to an overall total of not more than one hundred thousand patriots:

V Army: American military scale less fresh meat component.

VIII Army: P.C.M. Scale 50.

Centres and points for the reception of patriots when they cross the line are in process of being established on V and VIII Army fronts. It is anticipated that at any given time during the next four months sixteen hundred patriots will be accommodated in these centres and points. Accordingly it is submitted that on grounds of military necessity accommodation stores sufficient to provide for the needs of sixteen hundred patriots should forthwith be made available. It is submitted further that patriots, while they are accommodated in the reception centres and points which have been prepared for them, should be rationed on the scale indicated above, and that authority should be given for such comforts as cigarettes, tobacco, and sweets to be made available for issue in small quantities to sixteen hundred patriots a week. It is felt that this last concession, coming in most cases immediately after the patriots are first encountered, would have an excellent effect upon morale.

C. Hospitalization.

A letter on the subject of hospitalization was despatched to H.Q. A.A.I. dated 21 November, ref. 3152(PH).

In this letter it was submitted that authority be given for the treatment in Italian military hospitals, when available, of all patriots wounded in operations on the side of the Allies. It was further submitted that, in cases where no Italian military

During the period of transition which must elapse before large numbers of patriots can be dispersed to their homes and ordinary avocations, it is intended to offer employment to patriot bands en bloc on heavy essential labour in the Army areas. Experience has shown that this work will not normally be accepted if any scale appreciably lower than the military ration scale is offered to the patriots. It is not anticipated that at any one time the full estimated number of one hundred thousand patriots will be employed in this manner. Many patriots, it is hoped, will be dispersed peaceably to their homes and normal agricultural pursuits. Nevertheless, it is submitted for consideration that, at the discretion of V and VIII Army Commanders, rations on the following scales should, if need be, be made available from military sources forthwith up to an overall total of not more than one hundred thousand patriots:

V Army: American military scale less fresh meat component.

VIII Army: P.O.R. Scale 50.

Centres and points for the reception of patriots when they cross the line are in process of being established on V and VIII Army fronts. It is anticipated that at any given time during the next four months sixteen hundred patriots will be accommodated in these centres and points. Accordingly it is submitted that on grounds of military necessity accommodation stores sufficient to provide for the needs of sixteen hundred patriots should forthwith be made available. It is submitted further that patriots, while they are accommodated in the reception centres and points which have been prepared for them, should be rationed on the scale indicated above, and that authority should be given for such comforts as cigarettes, tobacco, and sweets to be made available for issue in small quantities to sixteen hundred patriots a week. It is felt that this last concession, coming in most cases immediately after the patriots are first encountered, would have an excellent effect upon morale.

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This request was based on grounds not only of justice and gratitude, but on the necessity for maintaining patriot morale.

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The existing practice both in V and VIII Army areas is not uniform. In V Army area wounded patriots are sometimes passed through military channels to the Italian military hospital depot attached to V Army, and in other cases passed to civilian hospitals. In VIII Army area most wounded patriots are passed through military channels until they finally arrive in a civilian hospital.

This treatment, it is submitted, offers little encouragement to patriots, for although the technical treatment to be found in Italian military hospitals may be as good as in the military hospitals, there are three disadvantages:

- (a) Immediately after an area is liberated the civilian hospital may be exceedingly short of essential supplies at the moment when they are most needed.
- (b) Civilian hospitals only receive civilian hospital rations, which are on a much lower scale than Italian Army rations.
- (c) Cigarettes and other small personal items which may be available in military hospitals are never available in civilian hospitals. Experience has shown that the issue of such small comforts has a tonic effect upon morale.

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Copy to Section

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121 AF Hq.

To Patriote Submission

7 Dec 44.

Dear Roy,

I have just had a talk with Gen Stowell re the clothing, hospitalisation & rehabilitation of patriots.

He wants us to put in a firm proposal on grounds of military necessity that genuine fighting patriots be clothed, fed & hospitalised from military sources.

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Stavell feels A.F. Hqr. will play if we put
up a strong case + definite case, 150000

talk about Italian army ceilings; it is a question
merely of supplies.

Will you please

Take this up straight away through C.A. Sec.
I suggest C.C. or C.O.S. should sign the letter.

Yours

General Waples

To Col Spicer

Patrick's Submission

A.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext. 620

5 Dec. 44

Ref: (22/Pat.) 121/PAT.

Subject: Patriot Branch.

To: V.P.

1. Subsequent to touring both V and VIII Army areas and having obtained agreement from both S.C.A.Os, I propose to inaugurate the following reorganisation: -

- (a) Reception centre - two at PRACCHIA and LIZZANA in V Army area.
- (b) Patriot centres - two at LUCCA and FLORENCE.
- (c) In VIII Army area one Patriot reception centre only at FOLLI.

2. Each Army will have a patriot officer on HQ Staff which they will assign themselves from their own establishments.

3. The centres and reception points require the following personnel:

- (a) Three reception centres - three officers.

- (b) Reception points in V Army area - one officer.

All these have been found and can be supplied from existing assignments.

4. This HQ, Patriot Branch, however, will require a replacement to take the place of Lt. di Loreto who goes forward as Camp Commandant.

5. One extra enlisted man will be required as Quarter Master for one of the Patriot centres which V Army cannot supply.

6. For information, then, the position will be as follows:

- (a) PRACCHIA and LIZZANA V Army reception point - Lt. PETRUSSI (A) and an EM whose name I have forgotten already on the spot.

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R.G.B. SPICER,
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Director, ⁴⁵⁰⁴
Patriots Branch.

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Tel 489031
Ext 620

Ref: DO/121/Fat.

5 Dec. 44.

To: Brigadier W.H.D. RITCHIE,
D.C.M.G.,
A.A.I.

Thanks so much for your help the other day, which proved of the utmost value.

My proposed organisation is as follows:

V Army: 2 Patriot reception points forward - PRACCHIA and
LIVIGNO.

2 Patriot reception centres - LUCCA and FLORENCE.

VIII Army: Patriot reception centre - FORLI.

My overall requirements for these camps are as follows, my maximum estimate being 300 Patriots per centre and reception point:

Cooking utensils, dishes etc.	60
(12 per camp)	
Spoons, forks and knives	1,500 sets
Eating utensils or mess tins	1,500
Salvaged or even part worn blankets if deloused	1,500
Disinfectants	5

Colonel.

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Patrick

Put into a f6 file

An interesting document

examination which I want

Lt. Loretto to read comment

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See by Mr. J. L. Loretto
24/41Spoke to Director personally - as to my comments.
R.L.

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British Increment (Lab. Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army,
CMF.

Phone No. Lightning Rear 159.

DO/1/LAB.

11th. Nov. 44.

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Florence City
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I feel quite certain I will succeed and if anyone will leave the camp it will not be due to the conditions here, but only to general tiredness and lack of faith and this cannot be blamed on the work.

I have told you that we will succeed and up to Bologna I feel sure of this. We still need some articles of clothing and shoes. I hope that owing to your assistance this need shall also be satisfied soon.

Do please appeal to all new partisans to join this new life before hypochondria discourages them amongst the pleasures of the City.

I greet you,

Ernesto Venzi.

My employee testifies as to what I have said:

Sergio Sergio.

Signatures of Partisans:

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Subject: PARTISAN CAMP.

2900 Civil Labour Unit
Tel: - ORANGE 1171
Ref: PL/9
4 Nov. 44

A. D. I.

Copy A.M.G. (Partisan Sect.)

1. It is proposed to open a Partisan labour camp at LAGARO (L.7419) to supply labour for road work under C.R.E. 6th S.A. (Armed) Div.
2. 300 Partisans will be required and A.M.G. state that this number is available.
3. Owing to the amount of organisation and administration to be done both before the camp is open and once it is in operation, it is agreed that it should be under command of a Pioneer Officer posted or attached to 2900 C.L.U. This Officer will be responsible for pay, discipline, rations, accommodation etc.
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Robertson 1499
Major,
S.I.C.O.

SUGGESTED PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF PARTISANS

In regard to the employment of Partisans I feel that there is a potential source of labour which is not being used as satisfactorily as it might be. I feel that the main reason is psychological. When I discuss Partisans I am referring to what can be described as genuine Partisans who have fought in the hills and not the type which one too often find in the cities, who prior to the entry of the Allies were wearing black shirts and conveniently changed them to red shirts on our arrival. In nine cases on ten the genuine Partisan is a very fine man and I feel that there is no doubt that he will eventually be the saviour of Italy.

It must be remembered that these men are and have undergone tremendous hardships in the hills, without clothes and often in miserable conditions of food they have continued to fight the common enemy. They are bolstered up with all manners of propaganda as to what they will receive on their return, none of which, as far as I know up to the present time has materialised.

They are brought from the lines, disarmed and then generally speaking more or less have to fend for themselves, as they are considered after demobilisation, to be refugees.

In my view, the whole situation is very poor psychology. Naturally these men are not prepared to work under these conditions after the promises which have been made to them. Personally, in my own case, I have endeavoured to hold 300 of them together in a School under their own leaders. It has been one continual fight to get clothes and adequate feeding for them. But I have tried and up to a point succeeded, and the Partisans knowing that it is endeavoured to do one's best have responded in regard to discipline beyond all our expectations. From the psychological point of view it must be remembered, again I must stress it, that these men have been fighting and regard themselves as soldiers and very naturally, especially after all the promises made to them, dislike being thrown into the industrial scrap heap of Italy as mere fifties and jetsam.

I am sure that if Partisans whose services are no longer necessary, were disarmed, returned to a depot where adequate clothing, feeding, bathing was provided and then were allowed to work under their own commander as near to the fighting lines as possible, in any capacity which is deemed fit by the Army, the response would be 100%. I feel that unless these conditions are put into effect so that some adequate and proper provision is made for these men they will be a potential source of discontent and trouble. In regard to the Partisans of the City which I have previously mentioned, I suggest that Partisans Labour Offices should be opened under the leadership of a competent Partisan Leader who would be in the position to establish whether men reputed to be Partisans were indeed genuine

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Out of all that it seems to me that the following conditions must prevail:

- UWM
- (1) Competent Allied Officers who have an interest in their job and can study these men psychologically.
 - (2) Promises must not be made which cannot be substantiated.
 - (3) Adequate clothing be provided either from military salvage stock or from collecting depots set up to collect old clothes from Italians.
 - (4) Adequate feeding at least in the same category as Italian soldiers, not to forget a ration quantity of tobacco.

I feel sure that if these suggestions were acted on and the conditions laid out, genuinely and wholeheartedly given, the Allied Forces would be in the position to control a contented, disciplined and strong body of potential labourers who will be prepared to labour under any fighting conditions.

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1. ORGANIZATION.

There will be 300 working partisans. The number will be divided into gangs of 20, giving 15 gangs. Each gang will be under a ganger and each five gangs under a chief ganger. One partisan will be chosen as Foreman and he will be responsible for all liaison between the Army and the partisans.

Total:

1 Foreman
3 Chief Gangers
15 Gangers
300 Labourers

The following additional camp staff will be provided:

2 Cooks
5 Mess Orderlies
2 Sanitary Men
1 Medical Orderly
1 Barber
1 Storeman
1 Timekeeper

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Total strength therefore is 332.

British personnel will consist of 1 Subaltern and 1 H.O.O.

2. PAY.

(a) Payment will be made through an imprest of the S.A. Div. by the Camp Officer. He will keep his own timebook and despatch muster rolls through the imprest of the unit from whom he draws his money

(b) Rates of pay will be as under.

Foreman	5000 per month
Timekeeper	3000 " "
Cooks	2700 " "
Chief Ganger	105 per day
Ganger	95 " "
Partisan Labourer	85 " "
Medical Orderly	90 " "
Storeman	90 " "

(c) In the event of no work being done, payment will be made at a minimum of an eight hour day.

The following additional camp staff will be provided:

200 Labourers
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3. RATIONING

(a) Partisans will be on the Italian Military Ration Scale and a deduction of 900 Lire made monthly in payment.

(b) British personnel will be attached for rations to a South African unit.

(c) Italian rations will be delivered to the camp every two days as arranged by C.R.M.

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4. ACCOMMODATION

C.R.M. 5 SA (Armed) Div states that covered accommodation will be available.

5. MEDICAL.

- (a) Every man will be medically examined prior to his departure for LAGARO.
- (b) A medical orderly capable of elementary first aid treatment will live in the camp. He will require a small first aid kit.
- (c) Arrangements will be made by C.R.E. for regular F.I.'s to be held. Facilities for men to report sick will be made. C.R.E. to provide transport if necessary.
- (d) These partisans are new to cold and unpleasant conditions. Only the best men will be taken for the camp, so that the rate of sickness should be low.

6. ACCOMMODATION STOVES.

Each partisan will bring with him 1 (One) Blanket. A second must be provided for him. Boots, if he has, will be supplied from NAPLES for those requiring them by 20 Nov. 44.

The following clothes are required:

332 Blankets
332 KD. or battledress trousers
as many jackets are available
332 U/S. gas cape

The following other stoves will be required:

12 Lamps (hurricane)
332 Bowls
332 Plates
332 Knives, forks, spoons
4 Saver stoves

To scale: pans frying, cooking utensils etc.
latrines, washing and cooking facilities will be arranged by C.R.E.

7. DISCIPLINE.

The partisans are used to discipline. An Officer capable of maintaining good discipline will be selected for the camp. He will parade the men each morning for work and set as high a military standard as possible. The men want to be soldiers and a military atmosphere will be created for them. A system of fines or detention (with no pay) can be worked out for all offenses. Curfew for all partisans will be as authorized for local civilians.

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9. TRANSPORT.

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APPENDIX C

Stores etc. required from 5th Army Services.

MED.

1 First Aid Box.

ORD.

332 Blankets

332 Trousers (K.D. or otherwise)

332 U/S Gas Capes

Supply of Jackets (Salvage)

4 Boyer Stoves

332 Bowls, plates, knives, forks, spoons

Pans frying etc. to scale of 350 men

12 Lamps Hurricane

SALVAGE

Any clothes available

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APPENDIX "D"

CAMP STANDING ORDERS (To be posted in Italian
and English.)

- (1) COCKHOUSE.
The cockhouse and ration store will be out of bounds to all partisans except those on duty.
- (2) STORES.
Deduction from pay will be made for all stores issued. These deductions will be returned when men leaves the camp only if the stores are handed in.
- (3) LATRINES.
Will be constructed to the best available scale. Sanitary men will be responsible for cleanliness. Disinfects will be obtained from C.R.B. Men using ground instead of latrines will be punished.
- (4) REFUSES.
Will be collected and burned daily.
- (5) BARBER.
Hair of all partisans will be kept short.
- (6) P.A.D. and FIRE PRECAUTIONS.
These will be arranged in conjunction with the local P.A.D. Officer.
- (7) CAMP STAFF.
The smallest possible camp staff compatible with efficiency will be maintained. Men will be responsible for the cleanliness of their own quarters. The Foreman will be responsible to the Pioneer Officer for the cleanliness of the camp.
- (8) HOURS.
Meal times will be arranged and men late without reason will be punished. Local curfew hours will apply to partisans. Men will parade for all meals, inspections, works etc.
- (9) PAY PARADE.
(To be completed by the Camp Officer).

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(6) P.A.D. and FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

These will be arranged in conjunction with the local P.A.D. Officer.

(7) CAMP STAFF.

The smallest possible camp staff compatible with efficiency will be maintained. Men will be responsible for the cleanliness of their own quarters. The Foreman will be responsible to the Pioneer Officer for the cleanliness of the camp.

(8) HOURS.

Meal times will be arranged and men late without reason will be punished. Local curfew hours will apply to partisans. Men will parade for all meals, inspections, works etc.

(9) PAY PARADE.

(To be completed by the Camp Officer).

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APPENDIX "E".

INSTRUCTIONS for CAMP OFFICERS - N.C.O.

- (1) The Camp Officer and N.C.O. will be responsible for the welfare of civil labour accomodated in his camp.
- (2) He will be responsible for the men being on parade ready to leave for work at the appointed time and that the camp is ready for inspection at 0900 hrs. each morning.
- (3) He will parade the men and be responsible for their discipline on pay day.
- (4) He will ensure that the men receive the correct amount of food; that there is no wastage; and that storage, indenting & is correct. He will check the prices of the canteen and investigate any complaints. A price list in Italian will be displayed prominently inside the canteen.
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2. Accommodation and rationing of 1 British Officer and 1 British N.C.O.
3. Italian Military Rations delivered to the Camp at regular intervals.
4. Construction of latrines, cookhouses and washing facilities.
5. Daily collection and return of Partisans between work site and camp.
6. Arrangements for medical supervision of the camp.

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21 November 1944.

MEMORANDUM

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- C. Transport to that "rearward point" must be furnished by the Army.
- D. At this "point" the Patriots will be picked up by the Camp transport and moved back to Camp.
- E. The Camp should not be located farther beyond the lines than is practicable (15 to 30 miles). *10 miles*
- F. Patriots should be disarmed by noon but the Camp authorities. Should they be disarmed by the Army, then they should be given a receipt for their arms.
- G. All Patriots should be sent to this Camp, regardless.

2. The organisation of the Camp or Centre should be divided into the following sections:

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D. Medical - care of first-aid treatment, delousing, *1490* preparing baths, latrines.

E. House - to be charged with keeping place tidy, maintenance of dormitory.

F. Quartermaster - issue of clothing etc., cigarettes, furnishing newspapers etc.

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- G. Certificate Committee - to issue "Alexander" Certificates and passes on Patriots - authentic and bogus.
- H. Member of Italian Screening Agency - to enlist Patriots into the Army.
- I. Readjustment - to dispose of the Patriots, help find employment etc.

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- B. Each should receive a package of cigarettes (British "V" 10's).
- C. Each should be given a good meal.

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4. Materiel necessary:

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- B. 250 beds, 750 blankets.
- C. Medical supplies for first-aid only.
- D. Two good Italian trucks (3-ton), two automobiles, 1 small truck (1-ton).
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5. Personnel necessary:

Camp Comdt.	- Italian Officer
Asst. Camp Comdt.	- Patriot
Two Clerks	- Patriots
Certificates	- Patriot Representative
Ordinance	- Italian N.C.O.
	- Patriot
Kitchen	- Italian N.C.O.
	- Patriots
Medical	- Italian N.C.O.
	- Patriots
House	- Italian N.C.O.
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Quartermaster	- 2 Italian N.C.O.'s.
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Readjustment	- Patriots
3 Truck Drivers	- Italian O.R.'s.
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