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MINUTE SHEET No. 1

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18 Dec. 44.

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Ex.

Maj. MYNORS telephoned to me this morning and made the following points:

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Director.

(Note: Remaining points transferred to relevant files).

Action taken
Folio 2.

22 Dec. 44.

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Executive Officer.

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Note

Ref (14A). Major Farnas G-1(B) states on 16 June that Darris was being posted to Toscana Region (11) Col Gripps reports that he has gone north with 5 Army & is being used for handling of salvage clothing. She cannot be spared (11) Speke G-1(B) 18 June will go into matter & try to arrange for him to remain there. He is

But 24/12/44.
(11) - Darris is on posted strength of 5 Army & is not being moved: therefore no action necessary 18/

Extract from LIGURIA Patriot Report
Folio 8A, File 54/24.

Para 3. Centres Su. Client accommodation stores for all Centres in the
Region were received on the closing of the Centre & PESCHIA, and
rations are now received from SERIAL.

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FOR ACTION 57 AREA REAR FOR AMG LIGURIA REGION

RPTD AMG TOSCANA REGION

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14 June 1945

PRIORITY

IN CLEAR PD

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PARA ONE PD PESCIA CENTRE HAVING CLOSED DOWN FOLLOWING STORES AND EQUIPMENT
CAN BE ALLOTTED YOUR REGION IF REQUIRED PD BLANKETS TWO ZERO ZERO CANVAS
COTS FIVE ZERO ZERO MESSKITS THREE ZERO ZERO MATTRESS COVERS THREE FIVE
ZERO CAULDRONS EIGHT AND SMALL QUANTITY KITCHEN UTENSILS AND MEDICAL
SUPPLIES PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION 57 AREA REAR FOR AMG LIGURIA REGION RPTD AMG TOSCANA
REGION FROM HQ ALCON CITE A C P A T PAREN

PARA TWO PD CONTACT PUBLIC SAFETY TOSCANA REGION DIRECT AND ARRANGE FOR
COLLECTION PD REQUEST YOU KEEP PATRIOTS BRANCH INFORMED OF ACTION TAKEN

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R.P.

R.R. CRIPPS, Col. Local Govt. S/C

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14 JUN 1945 121/2
INCOMING MESSAGE
 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Origimator's Reference:
 Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 120900B

Message Centre No: E/4955
 Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 141110
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ TOSCANIA REGION
 TO: HQ ALCON

IN CLEAR.

Reference your telegram 9413.

Following stores and equipment are held at PESOIA. Blankets 200, canvas cots 500, mess kits 300, mattress covers 350, bandages 8. Also small items kitchen utensils and small quantity medical supplies. Main patriot centre has been closed. Hospital kept open as still about 50 patients being treated.

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← Hospital is most concern
 Agreed with Toscania Region by plane 13/6.

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14 JUN 1945

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FOR ACTION AMG TOSCANA REGION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

9413

9 June 1945

PRIORITY

INGLEAR PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS PESOLA PATRIOT CENTRE PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION AMG TOSCANA REGION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FROM HQ ALCON CITE
ACPA T PALEN

PARA TWO PD REQUEST SIGNAL IMMEDIATELY DETAILS OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT AT
PESOLA CENTRE WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO TRANSFER TO LIGURIA

Signal or its way from Toscana
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R.R. CREPPS, Col. Director, Local Govt. S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 489081
Int. 321

Ref : 121/2/PAT

6 June 1945

Subject : Patriot Centre - Pescia.

To : Ministry of Occupied Italy.

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1. Ref. your 1384/D.1 of 2 June 1945.
2. ^{the} The future of Patriot Centres at Pescia and Florence has been under consideration at this H.Q. It is thought that it will probably be necessary to have one centre of some sort in that area, for Patriots in transit from the Northern Regions to the South of Italy, but that the second centre might be closed, and the equipment used for another centre further North.
3. Col. Cripps will be visiting H.Q. 5 Army this week and will discuss the whole matter with them. On his return we will communicate with you further giving a definite answer to your letter referred to above.

Note. Spoke Major Green - Public Safety Toscana Region. He states Pescia is definitely being closed. He will send us a list of equipment held (which is fairly considerable) & recommends that it be transferred to another centre in the North.

M.P.

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

M.P. 6 Jun 45

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(f) EQUIPMENT at PESGLA.*Extract from FIOA of 165/PAT, Col CRIPS
Tour notes of 6 June*

Neither Lambert nor McLaughlin know exactly what stores are still left at Pesla but believe there are at least sufficient beds for 700 persons. These should be shifted to LIGURIA Region.

Therefore telephone to Toscana asking for a detailed list ~~over~~ the telephone) and then cable LIGURIA the details and ask them if they require the equipment and if so to collect. The Sgt. Major (Sic.) should join Mc Laughlin.

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APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489081
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Ref : 121/2/PAT

Roma, 6 Giugno 1945

Oggetto : Centro Patrioti - Pescia.

Al : Ministero dell'Italia Occupata.

1. Si fa riferimento al foglio No 1384/D.1 in data 2 Giugno 1945.
2. Si comunica che la sistemazione futura dei Centri di Raccolta per Patrioti di Pescia o Firenze e' allo studio da parte di questo Quartier Generale. Si ritiene che sara' probabilmente necessario mantenere un centro del genere in quella zona, per i Patrioti in transito dall'Italia del Nord a quella del Sud, ma che l'altro devra' essere chiuso ed il materiale usato per altro Centro da impiantare piu' a Nord.
3. Il Col. Crippa si rechera' in questa settimana, al Quartier Generale della 5^a Armata e trattera' la questione. Al di lui ritorno verra' data a codesto Ministero una risposta definitiva al foglio cui si fa riferimento.

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

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TRANSLATION

From : Ministry of Occupied Italy, Cabinet.

Rome, 2 June 1945.

To : Allied Commission, Patriots Branch, Rome.

No. : 1384/D.1

Subject : Patriot Centre of Pescia.

The "Patriots Transit Barracks No. 2" of Pescia has addressed to us the letter which we quote below:-

"The British Captain Fielding, of the Pistoia AMG has to-day given the verbal orders to clear the Patriot Centre of Pistoia.

"Only the patriot hospital "A.M. Enriquez", where there are 44 patriots hospitalized will remain open.

"The 177 patriots at the camp will be repatriated with transportation supplied by A.M.G.

"The newspaper "Arobaleno" will be transferred to Modena. If your Ministry should not give contrary instructions, and as AMG is in agreement, the equipment of the Centre should be placed at the disposal of the centres that have been recently instituted in Northern Italy. When such equipment is not required it would be handed over for custody to the "T" Military Delegation of Florence".

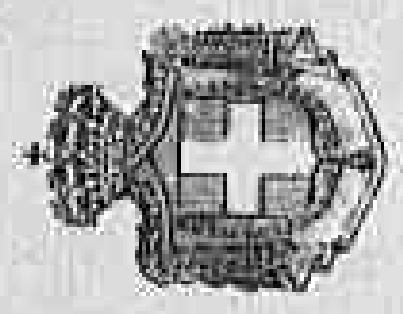
The W.O. Pelosi, who is staying at the "Enriquez" hospital is responsible for the above equipment, we find it opportune that such equipment should be held available in order to face any possible request for patriots who should be coming from the North.

matter, Could your Office kindly give the necessary instructions on the matter, Meantime this Ministry will await to hear some news on the above.

The Minister

Scoccimarro.

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Roma, 2 Giugno 1945
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Ministero dell'Interno

ALL PATRIOT BRANCH

A.C.

Ufficio Gabinetto

Prot. N. 1384/D. 1

Allegato N. 2

Richiesta al N. 2

del

ROMA
Via Veneto

MP

Oggetto Centro raccolta patrioti di Pescia

Il "Patriot Transit Barracks N.2" di Pescia ha qui diretto la lettera che si trascrive:

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- " Rimarrà in funzione soltanto l'ospedale Patrioti "A.M. Enriquez" ove si trovano attualmente 44 ricoverati.
- " I patrioti presenti al campo in numero di 117, saranno avviati nelle zone di normale residenza con mezzi che saranno messi a disposizione dall'A.M.G.
- " Il giornale "Arcobaleno" sarà trasferito al centro di Modena.
- " Se codesto Ministero non ritiene di disporre diversamente, e poiché l'A.M.G. concorda, i materiali del centro saranno messi a disposizione dei centri recentemente costituiti nell'Italia Settentrionale, e quelli non richiesti saranno dati in consegna alla delegazione militare "T" di Firenze".

Poichè i materiali di cui è cenno sono in consegna al maresciallo Pelosi, che risiede all'ospedale "Enriquez", sembra opportuno che essi vengano tenuti a disposizione, per far fronte ad eventuali necessità a favore dei patrioti che potranno affluire dal nord.

Si prega di compiacersi impartire le opportune disposizioni al riguardo e si resta in attesa di cortesie notizie sull'argomento.

IL MINISTRO

M. Mancini

Prot. N. 1384/D. 1

Allegato N. 2

Risposta al N. 2

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IL MINISTRO



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PATRIOTS.

Extract from Col Cripps Tour Notes F10 165/147

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(Action
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Branch)
8. Visited the Patriot Centre at PESOIA at which the courses for P.Os and C.A.Os was visiting this day. All students were interested and made a thorough inspection of the whole organization and the documentary system. The latter is highly satisfactory and well organized in this Centre. Pro Forms of the Registration system should be procured and supplied to all Regions. An Allied successor to the present Centre Commandant will be required by Captain LUGNET.
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Discuss
with EMIA)
9. The Centre is at present overcrowded, mainly due to the fact that the ARNDP Band has some 500 Patriots resting there. As part of this Band is being used operationally and the remainder may also be so used, it appears that Rest Centres for this purpose should be organized by the operating unit and not AMI. The question of getting these men recruited to the Italian Army is urgent as their disposal in this manner will greatly relieve the congestion in the Centre.
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10. The Convalescent Hospital attached to this Centre was visited. This was satisfactorily run. There are two Italian Army Doctors working there together with an Italian Red Cross contingent who are mixed with a number of Patriot women. Medical supplies are just sufficient but some requirements are difficult or impossible to get.
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11. There is some shortage of clothing but this can be remedied as stocks have become available and have just arrived in FLORENCE. Action is required here to see that the flow of reconditioned salvaged clothing is kept up by the Priorities Board and Industry Sub-Commandant.
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12. The Leader of another Band in the Camp (PESCHIO) who had just / arrived

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EXTRACT FROM MEMORANDUM FROM COL. FAVA OF 2 MARCH 45.

Folio 10 of 162/PAT.

FESCIA - Italian Officer in charge is Capt. PIANEGIANI. The organisation of the Centre is most efficient and entirely satisfactory, it has now about 950 guest, but this figure will shortly be greatly reduced because the "Armando" formation will soon go back to the lines.

A hospital has been instituted on the staff of which there are three M. Ds. and ten Red Cross nurses all of the Florence Health Military Hqs.

Fifth Army has supplied large quantities of medicines.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

1 February 1945

Ref. 121/2/PAT

Subject : Italian Military Representatives.

To : A.M.G. Headquarters - Patriot Section
to the attn. of Capt. LIMBERT.

1. Ref. your 109/6⁵ of 22 Jan. 1945.
2. This matter, has been taken up with the Ministry of War who has agreed that no changes in personnel will be made without prior reference to this Branch.


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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 121/2/PAT.

31 January 1945.

Subject: S.Ten. PIROTTI Agostino.

To : Capt. Limbert, Patriot Officer,
A.M.G. V Army, Florence.

1. The bearer of this letter, S.Ten. PIROTTI Agostino of the Italian Army, has been appointed to the Patriots Centre in Pescia to cooperate with Capt. Pianigiani.
2. Transport cannot be provided direct from this HQ. to Pescia and he has been therefore sent to Florence. It would be appreciated if you could arrange for further transportation to Pescia and for accommodation necessary whilst he is in Florence.


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

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

27 January 1945

Ref. 121/2/PAT

Subject : Appreciation.

To : Camp Comdt. Patriots Centre, *PESCIA*
c/o A.M.G. V Army.

1. Capt Pianigiani's report on the activities of Pescia Patriot Centre has been received. From this and from other reports it appears that this officer carried out his duties diligently.

2. Would you therefore, please, convey our appreciation to Capt. Pianigiani for the work which he has done and which we know he will continue to do in future.


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

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ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Rome, 27 Gennaio 1945

Ref.121/2/PAT

Oggetto : Ringraziamenti.

To : Patriot Centre - PESCIA
(attn. of Italian Officer
Capt. PIANIGIANI Raffaele)

E' pervenuta a questo ufficio la Sua relazione relativa al funzionamento del Centro di raccolta Patrioti di Pescia.

Dalla lettura della medesima e da informazioni giunte da altre parti, è stato rilevato come la Sua opera sia stata attiva, pronta ed intelligente.

Lo esprimo il mio compiacimento più vivo per quanto Ella ha fino ad ora fatto e per quanto farà in avvenire.


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

GDR/mlc

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24 JAN Recd 121/2

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

PATRIOT SECTION

RCL/mm

DATE : 22.I.1945.

REF. : IO9/6

SUBJECT : Patriot Representative's Report.TO : Lt.Col. F. Craig,
Director Patriots Branch,
H.Q. Allied Commission.*Copy in Italian sent
to Col Bernabè
28/1/45*

Attached hereto is a copy of a report which I have received from Capt. R. PIANIGIANI, who is at present stationed at N°2 Patriots Centre, Pescia, as Patriot Representative, together with a rough translation into English.

R.C. Limbert
R.C. LIMBERT,
Captain,
Patriots Officer,
AMG. Fifth Army.

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PESCIA the 9th January 1945.

To : Director Patriot Branch,
Civil Affairs Section

Headquarters Allied Commission.

Subject : Report on Activity between 23.12.44 and 7.1.45
at the Patriot Centre N°2 at Pescia.

MOVEMENT OF PATRIOTS; from 4.12.44 (date of opening of Centre) up to 7.1.45 N° I 497 patriots entered the Centre from the collecting points of : Viareggio, Lucca, Pracchia, San Marcello Pistoiese and Lizzano Belvedere. Very few bands arrived more or less intact; mostly patriots come in small groups or isolated, all of them belonging to combat groups operating immediately behind the lines, which have been forcibly dispersed owing to German and Black Brigades' action, in the region of Apuania and High Garfagnana. It is fair to add that many of these patriots (especially those operating in valleys) have received the order to cross the lines and they are the men who belong to the groups combat groups who have voluntarily enlisted in the army.

IMPRESSIONS. : most of the patriots show discontent at having had to deposit their arms, and also at not being able to continue, if they wish to do so, to fight on "their" front and in the same partisan bands. The difficulty of arguing against such prejudices is not slight, and I do my best to support the action of persuasion which is being performed in this Camp by the Officer attached by Cersetti; in the last lapse of time an improvement has been noticed, in regard to work units also, as the attached scheme N° I shows.

POLITICAL TENDENCIES. : non - political groups are very rare; very many men come from G.A.P. and S.A.P. (especially in Modena region) of the plains.; however here in the Camp where the number of patriots present approximates 400, no cases of incompatibility between patriots have occurred; they are all proud of what they have achieved, and there are no arguments on political tendencies, as in this respect they show a spirit of comprehension far above very most favourable expectation.

LIFE IN THE CAMP. : The patriots may remain in the Camp not over 10 days. During this time they have the possibility of deciding where they want to go (see attached sheet N° I). Accommodation is found for all; the buildings at our disposal are the following: Scuola Agraria (Command, kitchen, store-room, infirmary, barber shop, etc.) - 200 places available approximately.

Ex Barracks Palagio - 400 places on the floor.

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The patriots sleep on the floor on straw (mattress covers are being now distributed).

The Infirmary in the school has 20 beds and the doctors visits the patients twice per day.

FEEDING. Warm milk in the morning with approx. 400 grams of bread five Italian cigarettes, 2 plentiful and good spoons. I have appointed a food commissar of patriots for the checking of the food.

CLOTHING. Upon arriving at the camp every patriot receives a mess tin, a spoon and two blankets.

Up to now the following articles of clothing have been distributed:

Nº 200 GI salvaged dyed uniforms (black)	)	From Allied Command
Nº 260 " " boots	)	
Nº 200 civilian uniforms	)	
Nº 300 pairs of socks	)	
Nº 150 vests	)	
Nº 100 civilian overcoats	)	From American Red Cross
Nº 210 civilian undershirts shirts	)	
Nº 210 pants	)	

Other articles of clothing are being distributed.

The distribution of this clothing has greatly improved the morale of the boys, as the need of clothing is obvious and represents one of the greatest difficulties.

CAMP PERSONNEL.

The camp personnel is distributed in the four buildings according to necessity, with a permanent nucleus in the building of the Scuola Agraria; they all have the same uniform and are paid 20 Lire per day. After a first period of adjustment, it is now endeavoured to reduce their number (augmenting their pay) choosing those men who have shown the best spirit of comprehension so as to have a number of proper collaborators and be sure that the patriots who will arrive at the Centre in future will find favourable surroundings, created by their own comrades.

PATRIOTS IN HOSPITAL: At present 25 patriots are in the local hospital belonging to groups which are now fighting with Allied troops (bands of Pippo and "Armando"). The hospital has asked for some medical supplies for these men and the matter is being attended to. After having been discharged from hospital, the men will enter the camp and then distributed like the others; many of them have already expressed the wish to return to the combat zone.

ASSISTANCE : there is no money provided to enable us to assist however modestly, the patriots with subsidies in money. This is no ~~combat~~ ^{combat} zone of the major problems, and a cause of frequent complaints from the boys, as they allege that while at the front, they always were told they would

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In this connection I would like to point out that the Patriots Representative in IUCCA has recently obtained an assistance fund; the patriots in the Camp know it, because some partisans of the zone have obtained this "designation". I wish to respectfully point out that if the necessity of assisting the patriots who have operated in liberated zones which are their normal residence, has been acknowledged, so much more is it necessary to help the patriots who have crossed the lines now, who have left their families and their work in the north, and expect from us only advice, and assistance. I must also point out that no initiative has been taken by the city of Pescia, to help the partisans in No 2 Camp. On the 24th of December I spoke to the Sindaco about this, and informed the Secretaries of the various political parties; these have acknowledged the necessity of their assisting morally the patriots as many visit daily the parties' offices (the left ones). I am informed that lately the parties have shown much comprehension. On the other hand the results of an appeal made by the Sindaco on our request at the end of December for "Assistance to Patriots" have been very unsatisfactory. The causes in my opinion are two: scarce capacity and initiative of the Communal authorities and a sort of insensibility of the population.

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The dances arranged for the benefit of partisans have been largely attended and no incident has ever occurred.

At present a modest foot-ball team is being organized amongst the men present in the camp and I hope with time to obtain something good. I considered this a good opportunity of promoting cordial relations between the patriots and the population. Next Sunday the first match will take place with the local team and the money receipt will be divided in two.

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In these last days I have noted that certain isolated civilians try to infiltrate amongst the patriots, coming from localities in proximity of the front, and who are refugees owing to German actions. Naturally all these people are sent on to Refugee camps. In any event, every time I feel there are some doubts as to the veracity of a patriot's claims or as to his activity, I ~~must~~ inform the Allied Officer in charge and the certificate is not issued. Attached is the list of certificates issued: Patriots entered from 4.XII to 23. XII No 1107 (all issued with certificates). Patriots entered between 24.XII and 7.I.45 No 390 (268 issued with certificates). Attached lists N) 2 and 3.

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72	150	24	49	141	309

GRAND TOTAL OF PATRIOTS N° 1497

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

PATRIOT SECTION

RCL/mm

DATE : 22.I.I945

REF. : IO9/6
SUBJECT : Major De Alfaro.
TO : Lt. Col. F. Craig,
Director Patriots Branch,
Allied Commission E.Q.

I. With reference to your communication dated the 19th Dec., reference No 121/24 concerning the a/n officer, I have to inform you that to-day Major De Alfaro reported to me that he had on the 18th of January received instructions from the Ministry of War in Rome to report forthwith to a Parachutist Division.

2. He was accompanied by Lt. Col. MANDARA who was, I understand, stationed in Florence awaiting an appointment, who informed me that he had been instructed by the Ministry of War in Rome to report to me to replace Major De Alfaro.

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5. Will it be possible for you to take this matter up with the Ministry of War, and ask them to at least notify your office before they make these sudden changes, so that we at least know in Fifth Army whom we are employing.

For the Commanding General,

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 Paying Officer,
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

PATRIOT SECTION

Ref. PAT/AC/HCL

Subject: Patriot Centre Pescia & Viareggio

To: HQ. AC. APO 394
Civil Affairs Section
Patriot Branch

1. With reference to your communication 20th Dec. N. 121/2/PAT I have to inform you that Capt. Raffaello Pianegiani has already reported to me and is at present on duty as Patriots Officer at the Pescia Centre. Capt. Domenichini Leo has not reported up to today's date. When he does arrive I have the intention to place him as Patriots Officer under Capt. Hammond at the Florence Patriot Centre.

2. I am attaching hereto a list showing the staffs at the 2 Centres after a meeting which I had with Col. Sansoni on Friday 22nd December.

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Allied Officer	Capt. Hammond
Recruiting Officer	Major Holley
Patriot Officer	Capt. Leo Domenichini

PESCIA

Allied Officer	Lt. Woolford
Recruiting Officer	Capt. Fabiano
Patriot Officer	Raffaello Pianegiani

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMBAT
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 121/2/PAT.

20 December 1944.

Subject: Patriots Centres Pesco and Viareggio.

To : Patriots Officer - HQ. AMB. Fifth Army

1. Capt. PIANEGIANI Raffaele and Capt. Domenichini Leo have been instructed to report to you on arrival.

2. In accordance with telephone conversation, Col. Spicer/Maj. Wynors of 18 Dec., they have been sent to assist in the running of the Patriot Centres at PESCOIA and VIAREGGIO.

H.C.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

Copy to :

Capt. PIANEGIANI Raffaele
Capt. DOMENICHINI Leo.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 121/8/PAT.

19 December 1944.

Subject: Recruiting Agencies.

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

1. It has been deemed advisable in order to facilitate the working of the Recruiting Agencies in Fifth Army area, that Maj. Alfaro's team come under command of Col. Sansone, thus unifying the Command.

2. M.R.I.A. and Patriots Branch are in agreement on the matter.

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

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

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