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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

PATRIOTS

Originator's Reference: RII/CAB/123
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 22 1707Z

Message Centre No: 1892
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 22 1840Z
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: ANG ITALIA REGION
TO: ANG 5TH ARMY (PATRIOTS SEC), HQ ALCON CITE ACAT FOR INFO

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Supply of clothing is urgently requested, 1000 PIACENZA 1000
RAVENNA 500 MODENA. Note question of security, 1000 Patriots arrived
RAVENNA 20 May and had to go to their homes wearing British battle
dress.

ACTION

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Info--Action - Patriots Br
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
C. A. Section
File 2
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Note

Above is army responsibility. Spoke Mrs Rasmussen
who will try to get to Patriots any large consignment
of Salvage clothing that becomes available.

M.P. 23 May

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Extract from Col. CRIPPS' tour notes dated 21 May 1945

Appendix C. Para 3.

3) Clothing is required in some areas. V Army will be contacted on this during this tour.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

Originator's Reference: FX 60555
Date/Time of Origin: APR 151831B

Message Centre No: D/7974
Date Time Rec'd: APR 181100B
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SIGNED CITE PHOAE

TO: 15 ARMY GROUP INFO 5 ARMY, 8ARMY, DISTONE, DISTWO, AG, MMIA

SECRET.

Subject is feeding and clothing partisans.

CLOTHING. Scale will not exceed

Battle Dress Suit	1
Shirts	2
Boots with laces	1 pr
Socks	2 pr
Drawers	2 pr
Vests or Undershirts	2
Jersey pullover or undershirts woolen	1
Blanket	1

All items will be reconditioned. Battle Dress will be dyed chocolate under arrangements to be made by AFHQ. Battle Dress will be marked with yellow letter V over left pocket. Letter V will be 2½ inches high 2½ inches wide at top 3/8 inches thick and will be stencilled on prior to issue under arrangements to be made by armies. As an interim measure and pending receipt of chocolate battle dress and reconditioned clothing as above you are authorized to issue 5th Army 500 items and 8th Army 500 items from above scale as you consider essential to clothe partisans. It is emphasized that this issue from Army stocks is an emergency measure only. If quantities in excess of 500 items each 5th and 8th Armies are required you will

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signal this HQ for authority for further release. You will be notified immediately chocolate battle dress and reconditioned clothing is available when issue from army stocks will cease. If available in Army area reconditioned clothing should be used.

FOOD. ITI armed forces scale will be issued from Army and MMIA stocks. Cigarettes will be issued only if available from MMIA stocks. British cigarettes will not be issued. Records of ration issues to partisans will be kept and reported monthly to S.T. AFHQ. Detailed department instructions will be issued.

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INFO-ACTION: Patriots Br.

INFO: A/President

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
CA Sec
Land Forces S/C
Econ Sec
Food S/C 2
File

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 124/3/PAF.

11 April 1945.

Subject: Issue of Clothing to Patriots.

To : Commandant, Patriot Centre,
RAVENNA.

Ref your RAV/13 of 6 Apr 45.

1. Your conjecture regarding the issue of clothing to Patriots as outlined in para. 2 is correct *when clothing is available*
2. In the past it was found that some Patriots needed a pair of boots only, some a pair of trousers and occasionally others required a whole suit but I would remind you that Italians always appear to jump to the conclusion - especially when it favours them - that a precedent establishes a principle.
3. The method now adopted by the Patriots to obtain clothing, described in para 3 is not unexpected in view of their inbred acquisitive propensities.
You have full liberty to use your discretion in this matter.
4. I do not agree with your para. 6. The policy is to assist them where it lies in the Allies power.
5. Please consult Major Corbin on local problems.


F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

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H.Q. A.M.C. 8TH ARMY PATRIOT CENTRE
RAVENNA

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Ref/RAV/13.

6 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Issue of Clothing to Patriots.

TO : Director, Patriots Branch,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

1. The question of issuing clothing to Patriots is one, which on experience of what occurs, I submit should be looked into again and a further ruling given.
2. In the first instance I understand, the order was put out that Patriots in dire need or distress should be issued with certain clothing held at Centres.
3. The method adopted by all Patriots is to arrive at the Centre and more or less demand the full set - when they are queried as to their present kit, the answer is that it is borrowed in order to get here, and that their uniform etc. was taken from them on leaving the Band, or on their promise to return the uniform they were permitted to leave.
4. Thus, all Patriots will on disbandment, ask for full kit and supplies will have to be on a large scale; if it is considered right to continue issuing.
5. My own feeling is that as long as there is anything to be given free, from the highest to the lowest, these will be applied for; and quite possibly resold to black market! There is no means of verifying the truth of a statement and if, in order to get something free, it is necessary for an Italian to arrive naked, he will arrive in that condition.
6. I submit all supplies of clothing should be withdrawn and no further issues made.

L. B. Somerset. 12/15/45

M.B. SOMERSET
Major, G.S.O. II,
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