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Liaison Officer

Could you take up the point raised in para (c) of (69^A) please.

M. Pasby for

21 June 45

49.

Director:

The above point will be held up by MOOI

MP.

21 June 45

Smith

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Liaison Officer.

Ref (74) (a) Could MOOI be informed please that the letter to IMPR Emilia Region was not enclosed, but that if they will send it to us we will forward it. (b) Is it the reply to a point raised in a report, or have the IMPRs been corresponding direct with the MOOI?

M. Pasby for

26 June 45

51.

Director:

Please find letter for MOOI for signature.

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21 June 45

M. Pasley Fe

49.

Director:

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26 June 45

M. Pasley Fe

51.

Director:

Please find letter for MOOI for signature. (74) is a reply to three letters addressed by IMPR directly to MOOI. Lt. Villa has seen them a few days ago.

26 June 45.

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Local Govt S/C 45

Noted & with thanks

BHSimmons Maj

Finance S/C

16 June, 1945

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Finance S/C

How you any comments on 71A 71A

please, before it is issued.

H.H.Wild Lt Col

L. Gov't Pol
20 JUN 1945

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Local Govt S/C

Draft instruction approved, 71A
insofar as it concerns Finance
S/C.

BHSimmons Majr

for Colonel
Joint Director

BHMorrison
Major
Finance S/C

16 June, 1945

Date

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Finance S/C

Have you any comments on 71A please, before it is issued.

H.Hildreth Col.

L. Gen-Pol
2 JUN. 1945

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Local Govt S/C

Draft instruction approved, insofar as it concerns Finance S/C.

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BHMorrison Major
for Colonel
Joint Director
Finance S/C

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TO:

11 Jun 45 : L. Govt. S/C.

Re Minute ~~25~~ 40: The Finance Sub-Commission concurs in the points raised in paras 1,2 and 3. It is assumed you will discuss with the Ministry for Occupied Italy. Re: para 4 - In view of the language of para 1 e, Part III, Executive Memorandum No. 73 "or other assistance" should it be stressed that monies received under the bonus provisions will not be considered as relief or assistance but as a reward for services rendered? 56B

Finance S/C.

B(41) ~~A(42)~~

(Signed) B. E. L. TUMMONS
Major for

Finance S/C.

Please see 60A.

It is agreed that it may be desirable to issue an instruction dealing with the words "or other assistance" to which you refer; but it is not appropriate to refer to an EM in a decree. It is for Finance S/C to issue an instruction if those concerned

L Govt (Pol)
18 July 1945

B(43)

Finance S/C

Refer ~~for A~~ 59A

The Ministry states that the Patriots right to a bonus will be discharged by payment from whatever source and that the Lt. Govt will pay only when payment has not been received from any other source. C.L.N.s paying are said to be instructed to enter the fact of payment on the Patriots papers to prevent

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reward for services rendered?

Finance S/c.

(Signed) B. E. L. TAMMONS
Major for

A(42)

Finance S/c.

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H. Waid Lt Col
Dir. Legal

L Govt (Pal)
10 JUL 1945

B(43)

Finance S/c

Refer ~~7(A)~~ 59A

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Payment by CLN's is discouraged.

Please also see min A

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L Govt (Pal.)
12 JUL 1945

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15 Jun45

All correspondence on Patriot medal transferred to 161/3/PAT.

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TO: Oasec. Patriot Bond (39)
L/Cmdr S/C.

1. It would seem logical that Arts. 1 and 3 should be treated in the alternative, but the paras should be clarified as the question will undoubtedly come up many times.

2. We feel the broader view should be taken of para. 2 of Art. 3 and perhaps a new para. drawn to avoid confusion of its meaning.

3. Your views on classes 1, 2, 4 and 5, Art. 3 are both equitable and sound and attention should be directed thereto.

5B

4. You refer to Art. 2, but evidently mean Art. 3, para 2. As stated above, it is felt that a new and clearer para should be substituted.
corrected.

5. The translation into English of the last words Art. 5 is quite proper.

6. Art. 8 should be in the form used by this Hq.

Anthony Nugent
ANTHONY P. NUGENT,
Major, Spec-Res,
Chief Counsel.

LEGAL S/C
APN/rlp.

To. 40

Finance S/C

38 & 39

Please see min ~~on~~ ~~16~~.

5B

~~As~~ It should be made clear whether a wounded patriot is entitled to 5.000 plus 10.000 on the wording this would seem to be the case

The definition of those entitled to the 20.000 Lire is inadequate please see further description at ~~p.~~ 51A

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Major, Spec-Res,
Chief Counsel.

LEGAL S/C
APN/rlp.

To. 40

Finance S/C

38 & 39

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The definition of those entitled to the 20.000 etc is inadequate please see further description at ~~4~~ 51A

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Art 4 are there any Provincial or other debts which it might be desirable to mention. The paying officers will not be an agent for the Province and cannot therefore deduct on his own initiative as a State officer could in case of a State debt

1 Encl (Pat)
9 JUN 1945

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Legal

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Refer ~~Sec~~.

1. Have you any comments please.
It is assumed from the wording of Art 3. that the sum mentioned in para 1 is in addition to the sum mentioned in Art. 1 but that the persons mentioned in para 2 would not be ~~cumulative~~ entitled to any benefit under Art 1. It is doubted whether the intention is additive payments being made at present treat Arts 1 & 3 as alternatives. Will you please say what your view is.

56A

2. The letter from the Minister for Occupied Italy (at 51A) describes the classes entitled to £20.000 like as

"missing or killed in action, or those
"who died as a result of reprisals or as a
"result of wounds or illness ~~what~~ contracted
"whilst on ~~service~~ active service."

51A

We are already paying bonuses under this letter - para 2 of Art 3 is very much narrower

3 As to the table it would appear more equitable if classes (1) & (2) and (4) & (5) respectively were amalgamated into one class each otherwise a single male practically of age and earning a living would exclude incapacitated brothers or sisters. This is really a domestic matter which I think we might however point out. Please comment

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4 The present wording of ~~Para~~ para 2 lends itself to actions to presume deaths and the limitation "to deaths IN action" would appear to be unduly restrictive and inequitable Please comment.

Please check translation of last words Para 5.

H Gen (Pol) 5
6 JUN 1945

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Liaison Officers. 53A

Ref (illegible)

* The following points have been raised by Regional Patriot Officers. Could the M.O.O.I. be asked please to give a ruling?

(a) What exactly is meant by the term "seriously injured or disabled"? How is an IMPR to decide whether or not a Patriot qualifies for £100 under this heading? 53A

(b) A number of individuals who were employed by the CLN in a clerical capacity claim to be Patriots? Are they to be considered as such & granted a bonus etc? If we abide by the definition of a Patriot in para 5 of 36/PAT of 15 May (Supplementary Notes for IMPR) they are NOT eligible for Patriot status.

2517

R. Probyn for Pair

6 June 45

#37

Director.

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asked please to give a ruling?

(a) What exactly is meant by the term "seriously injured or disabled"? How is an IMPR to decide whether or not a Patriot qualifies for Lire 10,000 under this heading?

53A

(b) A number of individuals who were employed by the CLN in a clerical capacity claim to be Patriots? Are they to be considered as such & granted a bonus etc? If we abide by the definition of a Patriot in para 5c of 36/PAT of 18 May (Supplementary Notes for IMPR) they are NOT eligible for Patriot status.

2517

A. Prosby for Pond

6 June 45

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Director.

Ref. 53A

(a) According to HE Scoccimarro's statement to Col. Cripps. Only wounds which are even slight should be considered sufficient for compensation because of their moral value - The matter should anyhow be left to the IMPRs discretion - 53A

b) Circular 36/PAT of 18 may should be followed in granting patriot's recognition to any applicant

6 June 45

Army Cdl

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30 Mar.	Noted. Please frame a reminder for signature by the C.C. returning file J.K. Keatinge, Maj.	
	34. C.A Section Ref min 33. Letter at (36) submitted for signature if approved please.	36
31 March 45	W.P.C. Shaw Major. for Director Political Branch.	
	~~F.C.~~ ~~Ref is made to folios 13, 17 and 29 being letters signed by the Chief Commissioner & the Prime Ministr. All points have~~	

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the Italian Government on the financial points raised in Folio 13, but there has been no confirmation that action has been taken on para 6 Folio 13.

J.R.C. Shea Major
for DIRECTOR
Patriotic Branch

noted. Please frame a reminder for signature by the C.C. return file
30 Mar. J.K. Baker, Maj.

84.

C.A Section

Ref min 83. Letter at (36) submitted for signature if approved please. 36

31 March 45

J.R.C. Shea Major.
for Director Patriotic Branch.

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~~Ref is made to folios 13, 17 and 29~~ being letter signed by the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister. All points have been answered except para 6 of folio 13. It is considered essential that this point be cleared and a reminder has been prepared for signature by the Chief Commissioner

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~~2 Copies~~ 35. ~~Col. Patrick~~

Patriotic Branch.

This matter was discussed by Col Cripps and Lt. Col Craig when it was decided that no reminder should be sent. Para 6 is an instruction to the Italian Govt. and it is understood they are carrying it out. 36

3 Apr 45

J.K. Baker Maj
ca. Section

2 April

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3 March,45

C.A. Section.

No reply has yet been received from the Prime Minister, folios 13 and 17 refer.

13 and 17

W.F.J.C. SNEE,
Major.

(30)

TO: Office of Ex. Commissioner:

Follow-up letter at folio 29 submitted for signature by C.C.

W.A.S. Dolland, Major
C.A. Sec.

6 March 1945

(31)

C.A. Sec:

Ref 30 above. Letter is returned for dispatch, duly signed by Ex Comm on behalf of Chief Comm.

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V.F.J.C. SNEE,
Major.

(30)

To: Office of Ex. Commissioner:

Follow-up letter at folio 29 submitted for signature by C.C.

W.A.S. Dollard, Major
CA Sec.

6 March 1945

(31)

C A Sec:

Ref 30 above. Letter is returned for dispatch, duly signed by Ex Comm on behalf of Chief Comm.

7 MAR 45.
OFFICER, EC.

CAPTAIN.

(32)

To Patriots

Please despatch letter at folio 29 which has been signed by Ex. Comm.

W.A.S. Dollard, Major
C.A. Sec.

8 March 45

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(27)

TO : CSO for VP.

1. Folio 26 is the answer prepared by Patriots to the letter at folio 25 from Col. MONFORT.

2. I assume that the situation described in para 1 of this letter is correct.

3. It does seem, however, that the point made by Col. Monfort is still valid; i.e. that unfavourable publicity is likely to result from such a small reward. 25 27

4. I agree with Col. Monfort that it would be better to give nothing rather than such a small sum. While it may be true that the Italian Government promises to increase the reward later, between that time and now damage may be done if unfavourable publicity results, and I don't see how we can create favourable publicity on the basis of a promise to increase this temporary grant.

24 Feb.45.

W.A.S. Dollard
WILLIAM A.S. DOLLARD
Major

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(26)

25 FEB 45 Col Jawa

What do you know about the "Partisan Medal"?

25-

[signature] Major.

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Civil Affairs Section

(27) submitted for V. P.'s signature ~~pleasing~~ 2513

mic 27 refers

26 Feb 45

H Col

Director Patriots Branch

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(22)

S.O. to C.C.

FEB 12 REC'D CC 395

CA Section are anxious to get a reply to the letter at 13 to P.M. re payments to Patriots. The "reminder" letter is recommended by Secretariat & C.C.

13 & 17

[illegible] 11/2

CA See (23)

Letter 121/6/PAT dated 12 Feb 45 to the Prime Minister has now been signed by the Chief Commissioner and is returned to you for despatch.

12 Feb 45.

Despatched by 1 Cpls. 13/2

E. Worden Capt

13 & 17

(24)

Director, Patriots Branch

21 Feb 45 Folio 25. I agree with the sentiments expressed in this letter. Can you discuss this informally when you next see MEDICI?

[illegible] Davis Major

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In Sy'chelles 4 Cl.

Ef 11/2.

CA Sec (23)

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12 Feb 45.

Despatched by E.P.S. Capt. 13/2

E. Marsden Capt

PAS.

(24)

Director, Patriots Branch

21 Feb 45 Folio 25. I agree with the sentiments expressed in this letter. Can you discuss this informally when you next see MEDICI? 25

V.P. Duff Major

(25)

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23 Feb 45 Folio 26

To civil affairs Section 26.

For approval and Signature by V.P. please.

V.P. Duff Major

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25 Jan 45

Patrick is minute 18.

Good.

I think you should send to Adm. G. Armies & AFHQ Regions a letter stating containing the substance of para 6 of 13 so that officers may know exactly where they stand with regard to these peripatetic gentlemen.

You could include this in the same letter as the brief paraphrase of the AFHQ directive concerning hypothermia Droga this morning.

This letter should be expressed to be an interim one pending issue of a formal directive

CJPhillips

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(20)

7 Feb 45

Civil Affairs Section

No reply has yet been received from the Prime Minister to Folio 13

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DAS for 2511

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You could include this in the same letter as the brief paraphrase of the AF Hq. directive concerning hygiene - Drage this morning.

This letter should be expressed to be an interim one pending issue of a formal directive

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No reply has yet been received from the Prime Minister to Folio 13

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Major VFJC SNEE

(21)

O.C.O.S.

Letter at folio (17), a follow-up to that at (13), is submitted for signature by C.C.

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W.A.S. Dollard, Major
C.A. Sec -

10 Feb-'45

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(12)(15)

To. Col.

At 13 ~~10~~ is the letter prepared for the signature of C.C. with loose copies in file. The corrections to draft ~~dispatch~~ have been carried out

R. R. Chipps
Lt.

C.A.S
22 JAN. 45
K. Cos.

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CC 186
JAN 22 RECD

So h cc

Payments to Patriots letter is now ready for signature as approved by C.C. yesterday. 13

Lt 22/1

~~Mk~~ 17

CA See

Reference Minute ~~12~~ 15 above. Letter 121/6/PAT dated 23 Jan 45 to P.M. Bari is returned, signed, for dispatch. 13

23 JAN 45

C of S.
EXT 735.

Graden Capt

(18)

To: Civil Affairs Section.

25 Jan 45

The Director of Patriots' Branch had a meeting with the Permanent Under Secretary of the Ministry for Occupied Italy, Senior MEDICI. At this interview Senior MEDICI was told quite definitely that the method which had been adopted whereby individual efforts were made by members of the Italian Government to to aid patriots by giving them monetory 13

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CC 186

JAN 22 RECD

So h cc

Paqueuts to Patriots letter which I have ready for Signature as approved by C.C. yesterday.

13

Lt 22/1

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CA Sec

Reference Minute 15 above. Letter 121/6/PAT dated 23 Jan 45 to P.M. Bomi is returned, signed, for dispatch. 13

23 JAN 45

Capt S.
EXT 755.

Gl Hadden Gpt

(18)

To: Civil Affairs Section.

The Director of Patriots' Branch had a meeting with the Permanent Under Secretary of the Ministry for Occupied Italy, Senior MEDICI. At this interview Senior MEDICI was told quite definitely that the method which had been adopted whereby individual efforts were made by members of the Italian Government to to aid patriots by giving them monetory rewards, would not be allowed to continue. 13

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2. The text of the letter from the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister was read and explained to him.

3. Senior MEDICI struck the Director as being extremely able and he was told that whilst all patriot activities must be co-ordinated under the I.N.P.C., he could use his personal endeavour with the Italian Government to obtain the formation of a plan and if possible try and get the Italian Government to budget for a sum of money to be set aside for distribution to the patriots. He appreciated the situation and the Director feels that he may now expect action.

Craig Lt-Col

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	13. AMG	
15th Jan 45.	To: Civil Affairs Section. For the Attention of the V.P. Reference is made to Folio 8. Enquiries have been made to Col. ROLPH, Provincial Commissioner, FLORENCE, who informs that he knew nothing about the insertion in the newspaper, "Corriere del Mattino" of the 12th January, and says that this insertion was made by Major TERROSI, Italian Patriot Officer on his own initiative. He is obtaining a statement from Major TERROSI which he will forward to this office as quickly as possible. With regard to the Italian Government end of the affair, i.e. the source of the money which is being made available, see attached draft report from the Office of the INPC, obtained this morning. Whilst it is felt that the obtaining of the four million lire for this purpose is quite a good effort, it is pointed out that: (a) this office has never been informed, and (b) Major TERROSI has made a grave error in publicising the fact in the local paper. Under the circumstances it is felt that the letter from the Operations Officer, AMG 5 Army is perfectly justified, and calls for an immediate clarification. Guidance is sought.	8

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15th Jan 45.

To: Civil Affairs Section.
For the Attention of the V.P.

Reference is made to Folio 3.

Enquiries have been made to Col. ROLPH, Provincial Commissioner, FLORENCE, who informs that he knew nothing about the insertion in the newspaper, "Corriere del Mattino" of the 12th January, and says that this insertion was made by Major TERROSI, Italian Patriot Officer on his own initiative. He is obtaining a statement from Major TERROSI which he will forward to this office as quickly as possible.

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Under the circumstances it is felt that the letter from the Operations Officer, AMG 5 Army is perfectly justified, and calls for an immediate clarification.

Guidance is sought.

Patriots. (14)

File returned. We have spoken.
Please confirm action taken in your reply to 8.

17 Jan.

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14 JAN. 45. To COS.

At folio 8a is submitted a draft letter to P.7 for the approval of CC. This has been agreed with Liaison & Gen. Staff. (See minute 7 & 8.)

The previous draft to which these minutes refer is at folio 6 which was the rough draft, and has been replaced at 8a.

CAS
X.606.

A. A. Chiefs of S.

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To C.O.S.

Since submitting 8a for approval of the C.C. events have occurred which make a somewhat stiffer approach desirable. These events are set out in the draft at 9a which is submitted for approval of CC.

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Finance, Gen. Staff. (See minute 7 & 8.)

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C.A.S.
X.608.

T. R. Phipps Col.

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17 Jan

T. R. Phipps
By

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E. Hoyer
Civil Affairs Section.

CC 168
JAN 19 RECD

Draft approved as amended 25/28

Finance Dept. 21/1

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To D.C.O.S. C.A.S.

10 Jan. 1945

Assuming that the Italian Govt agrees in principle to the suggestion in enclosure 6 the following steps are necessary:-

1. The Italian Govt should publish a decree stating the scale of payments, to whom payable and the State Ministry and capitolo of the budget to which the expenditure would be charged. As the bulk of payments will be made in Allied Military Government territory they will not be charged against any appropriation set up in the Italian State budget: consequently the decree need only specify a purely nominal or pro-memoria amount.

2. This decree should be implemented in Allied Military Government territory simultaneously with publication in the Gazzetta Ufficiale.

3. It is desirable that a responsible Italian State official should be charged with the duty of making payments, and controlling the regularity of claims. Regulations based on the decree should therefore be issued defining precisely the procedure to be followed. These regulations should be issued to all Prefects, R. Tesorerie Provinciali and Intendenti di Finanza, and complementary instructions should be issued by Allied Commission to all Regions and 5th and 8th Armies.

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A.P. Grabowski
Col.

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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V.P. (5)

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R. H/Wilson
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To Patriotic Branch (1)
Finance Submission (2)
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27 Dec. 44. Director: (4)

Further to conference held in your office on 26 Dec. - Col. FAVA, Mr. A. Di RUBILANT, Maj. DRAGE - an interview took place in Maj. DRAGE's office this morning with the representative of the I.N.P.C., when the following questions and answers were obtained.

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1. Who signed for the money?	Col. BERNABO.
2. What promises of repayment have been made by INPC to different people from whom the money was obtained?	All these monies have been given as grants by the different departments who intend to charge the money to their own individual budgets. There is no question of responsibility of repayment resting on INPC.
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Conversation concerned first and foremost from where the money has been obtained up to now for distribution to patriots, and suggested ways and means whereby a Government grant can be arranged to allow for the payment of 5,000 lire to each patriot.

Reference (2), a further item of 5,000,000 lire obtained from the Ministry of War for distribution to patriots at LUCCA.

Executive Officer.

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4. The following sums have been paid:

9,100,000 by S.I.M. (special confidential expenses entrusted to Col. BERNABO).

17,000,000 by Ministry of War (Chapter 66 War Office Budget).

2,000,000 by President of the Council (Chapter 49 Administrative Expenses, not available for demobilisation bonuses).

5. Finance was never consulted in regard to 3 and 4.

6. 500 lire was to be paid to each genuine patriot. The I.N.P.C. has not received all the returns, and the Patriots Branch is never advised under this head.

7. This matter is handled directly between the I.N.P.C. and its forward representatives.

8. We have no knowledge as to the actual sum total paid, and Col. BERNABO is unable to supply such information. Such monies as he has had available were used to give bonuses to the families of dead patriots and other bonuses, and also to pay patriot representatives and to defray the cost of hiring their motorcars.

P.D. Magnus
Executive Officer.

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Chief Clerk.

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Director:

Reference (1) of 17 Dec.

1. Policy in regard to demobilisation money was, and at present is, entirely a matter for the I.N.P.C. The position was that it was hoped to enact legislation.

2. The I.N.P.C. alone was responsible for laying down policy in regard to demobilisation money, but Col. McCarthy was to be kept informed.

3. No specific sum was actually allotted.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

121/6/PAT 28 Dec 45

SUBJECT: Bonus to deceased Partisan

TO : The Ministry of Post War Aid
ROME

Attached please find documents of Signor Mariano Statella (Motta Camastra, Messina) father of the deceased partisan Statella Giuseppe who is entitled to receive the bonus of 20,000 Lire.

M. CARR Brigadier
VF CA Section

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CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION
INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

AGO No 4B/CAD
Ref 336

Ref : 124/6/INT

5 October 1948

Subject : Loans to Publishers

To : Regional Commissioners BERLIN, BREMEN, HESSEN, WURTTEMBERG, WURTTEMBERG-BADEN, BAVARIA (MUNICH Region).
(attn: Regional Public Safety Officers).
: Landes Commissioner BERLIN
(attn: Pol. Section)

1. There are forwarded for distribution to their copies of a letter received from the Secretary of State for War A&I (1240/3) dated 27 Sep 48. Copies of translation are also forwarded for your use.

2. This letter deals with publishers who have not been paid because and should continue to be followed in dealing with publications who sought credits from. In this connection ref. is made to this HQ letter 166/3/INT of 22 September para 3(a).

[signature]

Lt. Col., Inf.
Dy CA Section.

Copy to : Ministry of State for A&I
(your letter No.23) of 27 Sep 48)
: MGA 165/1/INT

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IL MINISTRO PER L'ASSISTENZA POST-BELLICA

Prot.N. 1240/5 Roma, 27 Settembre 45.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Magg. REARDS
R O M A

Oggetto : Premi di smobilitazione.

Questo Ministero ha, a suo tempo, sospesa l'erogazione dei premi di smobilitazione di L.5.000 ai partigiani, in attesa che il funzionamento delle Commissioni Regionali possa accertare a chi effettivamente competa.

Tuttavia gli IPI potranno pagare tale premio nei casi particolarmente bisognosi guardando :

a) - che l'avente diritto rientri nei requisiti richiesti dall'art.7 del D.L.L. 21 agosto 1945 n.518 per il riconoscimento della qualifica di partigiano.

b) - che la necessita' sia comprovata da un certificato di poverta' che verra' a tale fine rilasciato dai competenti Enti Comunali.

Invece di L.5.000 potranno eventualmente essere pagate somme inferiori, le quali verranno successivamente conteggiate sul totale delle competenze spettanti al partigiano.

L'interessato rilascera' una dichiarazione nella quale confermera' di avere preso visione delle sanzioni penali comminate dal citato decreto per le eventuali falsificazioni.

IL MINISTRO
(f.to) E. LUSSU.

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MINISTER FOR POST WAR ASSISTANCE

Translation.

Ref. N. 1240/5

Rome, 27 September 45.

To : ALLIED COMMISSION
Maj. MEAKES
ROME

Subject : Demobilization Bonuses.

This Ministry has suspended the granting of demobilization bonuses of 5.000 lire to the partisans while waiting for the Regional Committees to ascertain which persons have the right to them.

However, the PFRs will pay said bonuses in particularly needy cases providing that :

a) - the person desiring the bonus has the qualifications required by art. 7 of D.L.L. N. 518 of 21 August 1945 to be termed a partisan.

b) - the person can prove his need with a certificate of poverty, which will be issued for the purpose by the competent Communal Bodies.

In particular cases, smaller sums than 5.000 lire may be paid to the person concerned, and these sums will then be deducted from the total bonus due to the partisan.

The person concerned will make a statement confirming that he is aware of the penalties prescribed by the said decree against falsification.

THE MINISTER

(sgd) E. LUSSU

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TRANSLATION NO. 933

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THE MINISTER

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IL MINISTRO PER L'ASSISTENZA POST-BELLICA

Prot.N. 1240/5

Roma, 27 Settembre 1945

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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Prot.N. 12407/3

Roma, 27 Settembre I945

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Tel. Ext. 358

Ref : 121/6/PAT

10 August 1945

Subject : Demobilisation Bonuses to the Majella Brigade

To : Minister of Post War Assistance

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I am in receipt of your letter No. 85/P of 4 August 1945 and wish to say that I am entirely in agreement with your proposal.

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

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TRANSLATION

From : Ministry of Post War Assistance

Ref : No. 85/P 4 Aug.

Subject : Demobilisation bonuses to the Majella Brigade.

To : Col. Cripps, Director Local Govt. S/C. ROME.

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I have been ~~dayed~~ delayed in answering your letter of 25 July 1945 121/6/PAT because until today it has been impossible to contact Col. Troilo, C.O. of the Majella Brigade.

I wish to thank you for putting at my disposal an I.M.P.R. to carry out remaining payments to the Majella Brigade. However I find it more useful to entrust the moneys directly to Col. Troilo, who will use his officers for making the payments.

This will be a rightful recognition for the work of Col. Troilo, and of his formation. Furthermore as Abruzzi are at present almost totally devoid of means of communication, it would only be through great difficulties and with a considerable loss of time that the I.M.P.R. could complete the payments in distant localities and difficult land, whilst Col. Troilo can use the many officers at his disposal, who are already in the towns and villages of that region.

Therefore the appointment of an I.M.P.R. which your office requested to Lt.Col. Cano will be redundant.

Regarding the actual payment I am ~~pleasured~~ pleased to inform you, that it will be possible to start it in the near future, as I am now in a position to have the necessary money handed over to Col. Troilo.

THE MINISTER

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To L.O.C.

I agree and ask Col. Cripps for my signature.

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Prot. N.85/P

Roma 4 agosto 1945

Oggetto: Premi di smobibilitazione alla brigata Majella.

AL COL. CRIPPS
Direttore della Sottocommissione
del Governo Locale

ROMA

Rispondo con ritardo alla Sua lettera del 25 luglio 1945 n. 121/6/Pat, perchè fino ad oggi non avevo avuto la possibilità di conferire con il Col. Troilo, comandante della Brigata Majella.

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Oggetto: Premi di smobilitazione alla brigata Majella.

JAUR - 9/8/45

AL COL. CRIPPS
Direttore della Sottocommissione
del Governo Locale

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS STATION

Tel. No. 439081
Ext. 321

Ref : 121/6/PAT

Subject: Payment of Bonuses — 25th July, 1945.

To : The Minister of Post War Assistance.

Copy to: File 52/1/PAT

I confirm the discussion this morning between Lt. Col. White and Sig. Rosomi that an HQN will be placed at your disposal for the payment of those members of the Majella band who were dispersed before receiving their bonuses and for payments to the families of deceased patriots. The amount estimated as to be paid is 4 million lire.

I also confirm that the head quarters of the bandleader Troilo is now at Torricella Peligna Chieti Province where he may be contacted.

It is suggested that one of the HQNs about to be released by 5 Army should be instructed to report to you for this duty.

The Band leader is likely to be in Rome at the end of this week, perhaps you would like to meet him then.

/dmw.

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

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TURIN

5. The CMRP who at another stage (see para 3 above) were described as the only efficient organisation dealing with patriots, have paid to patriots 330 million lire which they have borrowed from the banks. The whole process of paying bonuses by IMFRs was temporarily stopped to give them time to produce their records to prevent double payments - then offered to make payments through them subject to proper control - they now admit that their records are hopeless and have asked IMFRs to carry on independently. - Will there be 330 million of double payments now - presumably we are now only paying undispersed patriots - Query did the people paid by the CMRP disperse. Are the people paid by them content to be without Alexander Certificates. If all Patriots get a certificate and a bonus from us where is the 330 million.

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Rome, 4th July, 1945.

M.C.O.I.
Assistence.

To: A.C. Patriots French
Rome.

Subject:- Assistance to Patriots 45

Referring to your letter ref 121/G/PAT dated 27 June 45.

We forward herewith a copy of the letter ref 1244 dated 22.6.45 addressed to the I.M.P.R. for Emilia Region for onward transmission.

By order of the Minister
for the Chief of the Ass Office.

No te: The letter containes explanations for the previous directives concerning payment of bonuses and compensation, and the qualifications necessary for a war pension.

Forwarded

S.H. White, Lt-Col.,
D/Director,
Local Govt Sub Com.

7 July 45.

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Prot N° 1444

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Risposta al N°

Del Uff

Alla Commissione Alleata
Patriots Branch

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Jolk 6/7/45

OGGETTO : Assistenza ai patrioti.-

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Riferimento al foglio 121/6 PAT del 27 giugno u.s.

Allegato alla presente si rimette il duplicato della lettera 1244 in data 22-6-1945 diretta al Rappresentante Militare dei Patriotti della Regione Emilia, con preghiera d'inoltro al destinatario.

d'ordine del Ministro
IL CAPO UFFICIO ASSISTENZA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 321

Ref : 124/6/PAT

27 June 1945.

Subject : Assistance to Patriots.

To : Ministry of Occupied Italy.

1. The letter addressed to the Italian Military Patriot Representative for Emilia Region does not appear to have been attached to your letter No. 1341 dated 22 June. — 749

2. As soon as it is received it will be forwarded to Emilia Region.

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

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TRANSLATION

From : Ministry of Occupied Italy - Assistance Office

To : A.C. Patriots Branch

22 June 1945

Ref : 1341

Subject : Assistance to Patriots.

We transmit a letter addressed to the Italia Military Patriot Rep. of Emilia Region, clarifying the requests made in letters ref.62/9 dated 7 June 45 and 67/9 dated 15 June 45.

Concerning para 5 of appendix D) of the Supplementary directives issued to Italian Military Patriot Representatives on 18 May ref.36/PAT we point out that the directives must be interpreted as follows:

" Parents of patriots who are left as widows with children, entitled to pensions are also entitled to a special pension equal to ½ of widow's pensions".

We point out that the competent body to make provisions on the matter of war pensions is at present the Ministry of the Treasury. - General Directorate of War Pensions - Via della Stamperia 8 - ROMA-. Applications for pensions, complete with the necessary documents, should be forwarded to this Assistance Office, Via Caroncini 19 - ROMA.

FOR THE MINISTER.

BORRELLI.

NOTE

The attached letter referred to a paragraph 1 appears to be missing.

J.de Robilant,
Capt.
Liaison Officer,
Patriots Branch.

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121/6 J.d.P. for trans. please 23/6/45

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Roma, 22 Giugno 1945

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Al Ministero dell'Italia Occupata

Le Commissione Alleata
Patriots Branch

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Ufficio ASSISTENZA
Prot N.° 1341
Allegati N.°
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del Uff

OGGETTO : Assistenza ai patrioti.-

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"hanno anche diritto ad una pensione speciale pari ad 1/3 di quella vedovile i genitori dei patrioti che abbiano lasciato vedova o prole con diritto alla pensione".

Si fa notare inoltre che l'Ente competente a provvedere in materia di pensioni di guerra è attualmente il Ministero del Tesoro - Direzione Generale delle Pensioni di Guerra - Via della Stamperia 8 - Roma. Le domande di pensione corredate dei necessari documenti devono essere inoltrate a questo Ufficio Assistenza - Via Cernaia 19 - Roma.

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Prot. N. 1341
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OGGETTO : Assistenza ai reduci.-

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Rome, 21 June 1945.

From : Ministry of Occupied Italy.
The Chief of Cabinet.

To : A.C. Patriots Branch, Rome.

Subject : Urgent Signal.

1562/A2. In order to answer continuous requests for patriots of Northern Italy, we wish you would kindly send the final approval to the draft of the decree concerning the bonuses to patriots.

With thanks,

Scoccimarro.

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NOTE: The Chief of Cabinet at M.O.O.I. has been informed by telephone that the final approval was sent with a letter ref. 121/6/PAT dated 15/6 on the subject - "No objection to decree on Bonuses."

The Chief of Cabinet has asked if copy of above letter could be sent to him for information.

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By hand of
Col Fiore

J. di R.,
21/6/45.

Copy of (64) pieces to Chief of Cabinet.
N.P.

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Ministero dell'Italia Occupata
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

Z [illegible] Rome

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Roma 21 giugno 1945

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FONOGRAMMA URGENTE
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA PATRIOTS BRANCH ROMA

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MINISTRO ITALIA OCCUPATA
SCOCCIMARRO

Answered ours a Letter:
ref. 121/6/PAT dated 15/6
Subject - No objection to decree on Ransoms

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ref. 121/6/PAT dated 15/6

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

121/6/PAT

20 June 1945

SUBJECT: Payment of Bonuses to Patriots.

TO: Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA
(Attn. Patriots Officer).

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There is attached for your guidance a number of copies of a directive which has been issued as a result of my visit to the North recently. It deals with matters connected with the payment of the additional bonuses which have been authorised and will be confirmed in due course by the publication of a Decree. Payments, however, can be made immediately on the basis of the conditions set out in the attached letter.

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It is considered that your difficulty with regard to men who were in the CVL organisation on active service as opposed to those who were in the GAP or SAP in the large cities is overcome by the fact that in the description of those qualifying for the 5000 lire the individual patriot must be a recognised combatant patriot.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 121/5/PAT

Tel. No. 489081
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20 Jun 45

SUBJECT : Payment of Bonuses to Patriots

TO : See Distribution Below

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b) ALL other patriots who have taken ACTIVE part in actions or sabotage or have performed outstanding acts of gallantry or bravery. . 1,000 lire.

c) COMBATANT patriots who have received serious wounds, disability or mutilation; in lieu of above . . . . . 10,000 lire

d) The families of patriots killed in action or by way of reprisals, or are missing or have died as a result of wounds or illness contracted on service . . . . . 20,000 lire

2 The whole 20,000 lire under (d) is payable to the dependants of a deceased patriot and is divisible in equal shares between members of one of the following groups:

a) Husband - wife - children under age (if recognised even if illegitimate)
b) Children of age but incapable of work.
c) Parent.
d) Brothers and sisters under age.
e) Brothers and sisters of age but incapable of work.

The groups are arranged in order of priority; a single representative in any group excludes relatives in any lower group.

3 Under Arts. 3 and 4 of DL 158 Commissions to determine who are Patriots and what awards shall be made to them are to be set up in Rome. In all cases free from doubt DMRs may pay awards without waiting for instructions from these Commissions; which would in any case not be available without considerable delay.

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4 The qualifying period over which combatant service under para 1 (a) above may be reckoned, providing it falls within that definition (namely COMBATANT service in an ARMED band), may extend beyond the cessation of hostilities; but, in no case will any service after 31 May 45 be reckoned.

5 When payment of a demobilisation bonus has been made from other than Italian Government funds, such payment will be recognised and taken into account. Patriots will not be entitled to any additional payment because the sum to which they are entitled under the decree has been paid to them by any organisation, body or persons not legally responsible for such payment.

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a) When any such body has paid bonuses from funds under its control, obtained from subscriptions, gifts, or levies for the maintenance or benefit of patriots; money so paid will NOT be refunded by the Italian Government.

b) When any such body has, with the object of facilitating the dispersal and disarming of patriots, borrowed money from a bank and created a bonafide debt which it is not in a position to discharge, the Italian Government will re-inburse sums properly expended for the payment of bonuses together with such reasonable interest as may be a condition of the debt.

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

DISTRIBUTION :

RCs Piemonte, Liguria, Venezia, Emilia, Lombardia,
SCACs, 5 Army, 8 Army, IV Corps, ~~XIII~~ Corps,
DCCAO, 15 Army Group, Finance Sub Commission. . . . .
Scals - Regional HQs - 4. Provincial HQs - 2, SCAOs - 4

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

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TRANSLATION

HQ A.M.G. EMILIA REGION

21 JUN 1945

N. 66/9

13 June 1945

SUBJECT: Explanations

TO: M.O.O.I.

Copies to: HQ A.C. Patriots Branch

I.M.P.R.

ROMA

Would you please let us know:

a) If the compensation for wounds should be paid to all wounded, or if those patriots who suffered minor wounds should be excluded; in this case how should the wounds be classified.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Office of the Regional Patriots Officer.
APO 394

N. 66/3 di prot.
13 Giugno 1945

OGGETTO : Schiarimenti.

Al : Ministero Italia Occupata
Ufficio Militare ROMA

e p. c. Al HQ. AC. Patriot Branch
ROMA

" I.M.P.R. di
PARMA

Pregasi far conoscere :

a) - Se il premio di ferita deve essere liquidato per tutti i feriti in genere o se debbono essere esclusi i Patrioti che hanno riportato ferite di lieve entità; in questo caso secondo quali elementi si può classificare la ferita.

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Il Rappresentante Militare
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Capt D. Roblan

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 312
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 18/1135B

Message Centre No: E/5637
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 19/0830B
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AMG LIGURIA REGION SIGNED MARSHALL

TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACPAT

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Reference your 9153 dated 5 June 1945 para 3. Please issue instructions regarding this.

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HEADQUARTERS 19 JUN 1945 A.

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SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN
H.E. MEDICI and COL. CRIPPS held
AT THE LATTER's OFFICE ON 16 JUNE 45.

Col; CRIPPS told HE that returning from an extensive tour in the North he needed a few explanations on financial matters, which had been noticed especially in PIEMONTE. The payments upon recognised scales made by the CLN or by HQs of the CVL were being recognised as legal by the Italian Government, ~~also~~ when made with money which had been borrowed from Banks at a rate of interest of 4%.

H.E. MEDICI said that such payments would be recognised and therefore reimbursed by the Italian Government who would also repay the interest at which it had been borrowed, provided the loans were done in legal form and could be legally proved.

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Col. CRIPPS then pointed out, that from April 30 to May 31st only those patriots who had been employed for special armed services, and as police, patriot or guard duties would be entitled to have the period after April 30st accounted towards the bonus, if they did not serve the necessary time previously. And they would only be a small minority with whom he felt, it could be afforded to be slightly generous.

HE MEDICI agreed.

Col. CRIPPS then mentioned that in Northern Italy AMG Public Safety Officers had come up against real cases of black mail where local CLNs were sending out orders to pay in

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considerable sums of money for the assistance to patriots upon the strength of dec ees issued by the CLN at the time of the insurrection. AMG had issued a proclamation by which all decreed issued by CLN were no longer valid? He then said that those who issued the requests for funds would be singularly and nominally warned by AMG to re: :frain immediately from those particular requests and in case of disobeyance would be considered as breaking the AMG regulations and would be treated accordingly.

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APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
Patriots Branch

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121/C/PAT

Tel: 620

SUBJECT: Payment to Partisans.

16 June 1945

TO : HQ Piemonte Region
(Attention: Patriots Officer)

1. Following my recent visit to your HQ and discussions with Lt. Col. Viring, instructions are being issued in regard to the various details that have been raised. There is, however, one point in Piemonte Region which I consider will require adjustment immediately.

2. It has been ascertained and agreed with the Italian Government that in cases where, for purposes of demobilization, Gen. PARRI has already made payments of 5,000 lire for demobilization, this will be considered as an official payment. No further payment of 5,000 lire will, therefore, be made.

3. The Ministry of Occupied Italy will be prepared to reimburse those banks which advanced money to provide the funds for these payments. The Ministry of Occupied Italy is also prepared to cover any genuine indebtedness which may have been incurred in carrying out demobilization, i.e. 4% interest charges. They are not, however, prepared to reimburse any funds used for this purpose by the CLN which were originally procured by way of subscription.

R. E. GRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Copy to Finance. Your 13196/F of 11 Jun refers

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 15 JUNE 45
BETWEEN LT COL B.M. WHITE AND Dr. CURCI.

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Dr. CURCI referred to Allied Commission letter 121/15/PAT of 12 Jun 45, and handed the reply showing how the criticisms and comments had been met. He asked whether the decree could now be issued, and was informed that his letter would be studied and a reply sent.

Dr. CURCI said that the decree authorising the issue of a medal to patriots had been passed, and was in course of issue. No contract for the manufacture of the ribbon had been granted; it was open to any manufacturer to make the ribbon, and any person could buy it in the shops. Lt Col WHITE enquired what means of distribution was in contemplation and was informed that there were none. He pointed out that Associazione Nazionale Partigiani Italiani (Patriots' Welfare Committee) might be a satisfactory channel of distribution. J/Comd enquired whether the poster informing patriots of the steps that they should take to obtain a ribbon, had yet been printed and was informed that as no decision had been reached yet with regard to the distribution of the medal it had not been possible to prepare the poster.

Dr. CURCI referred to alleged shortage of notes in Spanish. In reply to enquiry he said that the principal denominations short were the smaller ones, in particular those for 100 lire and 500 lire. Lt Col WHITE said that he had already spoken to the Finance Sub Commission on the matter and they would take steps to ensure that there were no deficiencies.

Dr. CURCI said that the Under-Secretary of State proposed to go to Milan on a Monday. A point to which was causing him particular concern was the insufficiency of existing accommodation. He asked whether Allied Commission could place accommodation at the disposal of patriots. Lt Col WHITE said that administrative details such as that were a matter for the Regional Commissioner on the spot. Perhaps the Under-Secretary of State would find time to discuss the matter with the Regional Commissioner when he was in Milan.

Dr. CURCI then referred again to the decree authorising payment of bonuses to patriots and asked whether the same might now be published, and was informed that he would have a reply as soon as the Ministry's letter had been studied.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 321

Ref : 121/6/PAT

15 June 1945

Subject : Bonuses to Patriots.

To : Ministry of Occupied Italy

The Allied Commission has no objection to the publication of the decree authorizing the payment of bonuses to patriots amended as mentioned in your letter 1507/A.2 of 14 June 45.

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

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Rome 14 June 45

TO:AC Patriots Branch

Ref. to letter 121/15/PAT of 12/6/45

SUBJECT: Bonus of National Solidarity to Patriots.

In reply to the queries raised in the above mentioned letter we forward to you herewith documents made to the DEL concerning the bonus of national solidarity for Patriots:

Art. 3 para one: "For those combatant patriots who during the liberation fight have suffered serious wounds, disability or mutilation, the bonus of national solidarity mentioned in the previous Art. 1 is raised to 10,000 (ten thousand) lire, independently from the length of service."

Art. 3 para two: "To the families of patriots missing or who died in action, or following reprisals, or as a result of illness contracted while on service, a bonus of national solidarity of twenty thousand lire will be paid." It is pointed out that, the groups of relatives ~~mekant~~ laid down in this article are identical with those in the text of the legislature concerning war pensions. It must be, however, borne in mind that the existence of the first group, will exclude the following one, and that within the same group the bonus will be devided in equal parts amongst those who compoise the group.

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Roma 12/6 giugno 1945 19

Ministero dell'Italia Occupata

All'A.C.
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ufficio GABINETTO
Prot. N.° 1507/A.2
Allegati N.°
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del 12-VI-45 Uff

R O M A

pour 13/6/45

OGGETTO Premio di solidarietà nazionale ai patrioti.

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TRADUZIONE

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA = S/C/ GOVERNO LOCALE

REPARTO PATRIOTI

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I2 giugno I945

Oggetto: Premi ai patrioti

AL MINISTERO DELL'ITALIA OCCUPATA = R O M A

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NOTES OF A MEETING
between
Lt.Col. S.M. WHITE and M.M. SPATARO.

11 June 1945.

Lt.Col. WHITE referred to HE letter of 6 June 45 and said that he desired to discuss the questions raised but in order to do so he first wanted a little further information. The letter referred to pay for "civilian" patriots but the period and scale was not mentioned. HE said that the pay would be the military rate of the rank equivalent to the duty performed for the full period over which those duties were performed.

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Lt. O'CONNOR enquired whether payments could not be made through the existing channel of the Intendanti. Lt.Col. White said that it might have an important psychological effect in assisting the patriot to settle down in civil life if payments were made

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7. Reviewed gratuities to patriots raises several important quest. the main point raised by this region is that if the qualifying period of 3 months service for 5000 Lire is to extend to June 1 it will include a large number of members of GAP and SAP who have done very little, seen no action and continued to work in functions drawing their pay; while their C.V.L. brethren were "sweating it out" in the mountains. This the latter will resent.

Lombardia //

The Regional Patriot Officer had intended that the 5000 lire should be paid to those who receive an Alexander certificate with General Cadorna's idea of conditions set out in Appendix "D" attached, this requires in the main a six months qualifying period.

ACTION

Pending my return to Rome to study and clarify the situation I have arranged that in the R.C.'s order which he is issuing on 9 June the words "active service" will be used in refering to the 5000 lire payments. I have in addition confirmed in writing that the qualifying period is up to and including 31 May 45 (a copy of letter is attached at Appendix "E") This I did to satisfy Region H who wished to be able to include as on "active service" those now carrying specified duties laid down by the Region i.e. police duty, ammunition collecting etc.

12. A payment of 5000 lire to patriots in this Region has also been made by CLN with funds mainly borrowed from the banks at 4% interest. This raises the questions

Piemonte //

(a) are the payments to be officially recognised as the new rates?
(b) If so are the AMGOT prepared to re-imburse the banks and pay the interest?
(c) Are the payments made from CLN funds exclusive of the bank loans to be recognised and if so does AMGOT intend to re-imburse the CLN.

Lt. Col. Vining is of the view that the answer to (a) is YES if it is borrowed money, and to (c) NO. I am of the opinion that all payments should be officially recognised otherwise some duplication of payment will occur, that the loans and interest must be re-imbursed but not the CLN funds as this will tend to perpetuate the CLN at least financially.

Appx "D"

TRANSLATION

Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale Alta Italia
Corpo Volontario della Liberta
Comando Generale

Circular — Milan 19 May 45.

TO: All Regional Commands
Commando Piazza - Milano

Rules governing the qualification for Patriot-Partisan status for meritorious action

these will be granted as under.

1. To the dead of the CVL
2. To all those decorated for partisan gallantry.
3. To all those who were wounded in action or in connection with partisan activity.
4. To all those who for at least three months have served in and around formation recognised by and under the jurisdiction of the CVL and the GAP.
5. To the members of the SAP who have belonged to a formation for not less than six months and can bring prove of having taken part in two or more armed or sabotage actions, or who having served for at least one month, have participated in 4 or more armed or sabotage actions.
6. To all those who for at least six months have belonged to a Command or to a Command branch (information, airborn supplies, quartermaster's office etc) irregimented in the CVL activity.
7. To all those who have been imprisoned or in concentration camps for over three months, following capture by fascists as a result of activities connected to the military movement.
8. To all those who, according to the judgment of the General Command, upon recommendation of the Regional Commands, have carried out activities or actions of outstanding importance. In the case of an individual who has not enough consecutive service to qualify for 4,5,6,7 above, a number of separate periods of service may be counted accumulatively.

PATRIOT STATUS

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CERTIFICATE FOR MERITORIOUS ACTION — 2467
for meritorious action

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1. To the dead of the CVL
2. To all those decorated for partisan gallantry.
3. To all those who were wounded in action or in connection with partisan activity.
4. To all those who for at least three months have served in and around formation recognised by and under the jurisdiction of the CVL and the GAP.
5. To the members of the SAP who have belonged to a formation for not less than six months and can bring prove of having taken part in two or more armed or sabotage actions, or who having served for at least one month, have participated in 4 or more armed or sabotage actions.
6. To all those who for at least six months have belonged to a Command or to a Command branch (information, airborn supplies, quartermaster's office etc) irregimented in the CVL activity.
7. To all those who have been imprisoned or in concentration camps for over three months, following capture by fascists as a result of activities connected to the military movement.
8. To all those who, according to the judgment of the General Command, upon recommendation of the Regional Commands, have carried out activities or actions of outstanding importance. In the case of an individual who has not enough consecutive service to qualify for 4,5,6,7 above, a number of separate periods of service may be counted accumulatively.

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RULES GOVERNING THE GRANT OF PARTISAN AND PATRIOT STATUS AND CERTIFICATES

The recognition of the qualification of partisan status will be sanctioned by special individual certificates, issued one by the Allied Command, and the other one by the General Command of CVL.

At each demobilization centre a commission composed as

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follows, will be instituted:

Chairman - The C.O. of the demobilisation Centre

Members - 5 representatives of CVL chosen from amongst the partisans of the formations who are being demobilized at the centre, or who should have had a distinguished activity. In cases of divided opinion the Chairman will hold a casting vote.

The recommendations for recognition of partisan status will be forwarded to the Commission through the prescribed channels.

Each intermediate Command will express its opinion concerning the concession of the qualification.

The Commission, having scrutinised the recommendations will make the lists and forward them to the Regional Command for final approval after which the issue certificates will be proceeded with the certificate issued by Allied Hqs will ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ have on the back the following endorsement:

"The bearer has the necessary qualifications to be recognised a patriot".

Signed by the Chairman of the Commission and stamped with the special stamp. For the recognition of the title of patriot the above rules are valid and ~~xxxx~~ this case only a special certificate will be issued by the General Command of CVL.

As it appears that in some areas the certificates have already been issued without observing the above rules and principles, in such areas it will be necessary to institute a Commission who will either withdraw certificates from those who have not the necessary qualifications or will endorse as above those issued to qualified individuals and will forward a nominal Roll of all those who are qualified Partisans or Patriots to the Regional Commands.

The certificates of meritorious action will be issued by the General Command, by the Regional Commands, by the Zone Commands or equivalent.

5. It is absolutely necessary that each responsible Commander, whilst granting certificates should bear in mind the necessity for the greatest impartiality and should avoid any indulgence which would be harmful and unjust to those who have really "well deserved".

Regional Commands are requested to signal as soon as possible their requirements of certificates for partisans and patriots which will be despatched by this Command.

The General Commander

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ALLIED COMMISSION H.Q.
Local Government Sub-Commission
(Patriots Branch)
APO 394

7 June 1945

SUBJECT : Payment of Patriots.

TO : R.C. Lombardia Region.

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Ref. this Commission cable 9153 dated 5 June 45.

1. It is confirmed that, with regard para 2 (a) of above quoted signal, Patriots who have completed three months service up to and including 31 May 1945 are entitled to the payment as set out in this Sub para. i.e. the payment of a 5000 lire bonus .

R.R. CRIPPS Col.
Dir. Local Gov. Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 459061 Ext. 321.

Ref: 12.15/PAT

12 June 1945

SUBJECT: Bonuses to Patriots

TO: Ministry of Occupied Italy.

COPY TO: Finance Sub Commission.

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The Allied Commission has the following comments on the draft decree authorising the payment of bonuses to Patriots, which was enclosed in your letter 1417/D.1 of 6 June 45.

1 The following comments on matters of details are tendered in the hope that they may be of assistance. The Allied Commission is making no request in connection therewith.

(a) Under the wording of Art. 1 and the first para of Art. 3, a wounded patriot would be entitled to receive 5,000 lire under Art. 1 and in addition, 10,000 lire under Art. 3, a total of 15,000 lire. Is this the intention; if so, it compares very liberally with the 20,000 lire granted to dependants of persons who have been killed.

(b) It is thought that the wording in the second para of Art. 3 is not nearly as satisfactory as the wording of sub-para (d) of the Ministry's letter 1388/D.1 of 3 June and it is suggested that the latter wording should be adopted in the decree.

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2 The following comments concern matters of principle and relate to amendments which the Allied Commission considers it necessary to be made:

(a) The whole of Art. 5 should be deleted from the decree. So long 2464 as Italian Military Patriot Representatives are servants of AMG it is inappropriate for their functions to be laid down by a decree. AMG only, can say what they shall do. The whole of the Art is administrative in nature and the subject matter can more conveniently and properly be dealt with by means of an administrative

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COPY TO: Finance Sub Commission.

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(b) Art. 8 should be in the agreed standard form, providing for its extension to AMG territory.

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

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APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

13196/F. 11 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Disbandment Payment.

TO : Patriots Branch,
Civil Affairs Section.

1. It is reported in Genoa that the CLN are paying disbanded Patriots at rates similar to those recently decided by the Italian Government.

2. I write to inquire whether official payment will be adjusted accordingly or whether you consider that a payment from what will be claimed as being private funds, can be considered as having any connection with the official payments recently authorised.

A.P. Grafftey-Smith

Brigadier,
Joint Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

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C.A. Section
Finance Sub Commission

Patriots Branch

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for Lt Col. [illegible] WHITE

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

NOTES ON VISIT OF Dr. CURCIO TO PATRIOTS BRANCH.

1. Dr. Curcio visited Patriots' Branch on 9 June and informed Lt Col White that reports had been received at the Ministry of Occupied Italy, through General Parri, (who had just come from Milan,) anticipating disquiet and trouble among Patriots, the cause of which was said to be a failure to make payments to them.

2. Dr. Curcio said that he had been in Milan on 7th June and had spoken with Lt Col de Garston who told him that increased bonuses had been authorised, but that it was not known how the funds should be obtained. Dr. Curcio had not spoken with Col. Cripps in Milan.

3. Dr. Curcio stated that the Ministry was proposing to give Gen. Parri 60,000,000 lire in the form of drafts, which he would take by air to Milan to-day, and that if he were not permitted to do so, the Ministry of Occupied Italy could not be responsible for any trouble that might occur in connection with patriots.

4. Lt. Col. White, after consultation with Brig. Upjohn, informed Dr. Curcio that it was quite unnecessary to take funds to the North; that there was plenty of currency available, the AMG Authorities and Italian Military Patriot Representatives were aware of how it should be drawn; all that was required was to draw the money and pay out to the Patriots. Lt. Col. White further showed Dr. Curcio signal No. 1089 received on 5 June from Lombardia, stating that they were proposing to start paying bonuses at the increased rate on 4 June, and A.C. signal No. 9153 of 3 June authorising them to do so.

5. Dr. Curcio agreed that on arrival in Milan Gen. Parri would contact the Regional Commissioner and the Partisan leaders and ensure that the procedure for payment as laid down by A.C. was fully understood. He would also probably go to Turin and Venezia for a similar purpose. In no case would he draw on the draft funds he carried without the agreement of the Allied authorities concerned.

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(b) PAYMENT. Extract from Col Cribbs Tour Notes of 6 May, F10 A of 165/PAT

Limbert agrees that further clarification of the terms of payment is required as set out in para 4 (a) and (b).

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4. Col. Hancock has a copy of the signal 9153 dated June 5 and is taking the necessary steps to instruct the Finance Officers, a further more detailed order in this matter is required and must be determined in conjunction with Ministry of Occupied Italy in particular to lay down exactly:

(a) To what extent the new payments will be retrospective
(b) The conditions of the payment of 10,000 lire to disabled patriots.

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From : Ministry of Occupied Italy

Rome 6 June 1945

~~MINISTER~~ MINISTER

Ref. : 1417/D.1

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Further to our note dated 3 inst. No 1388/D.1 we forward the draft of the legislative decree concerning the increase of the bonus of national solidarity to combatant patriots and to their families in order that, the Allied Commission would kindly give, with all urgency, its approval according to the present rules.

It is however believed that for obvious political reasons, the above provisions, could immediately become effective as from the 1st inst., and ~~in~~ under instructions that could be issued by the Allied Commission to Regional and Provincial Commissioners.

Concerning the query made yesterday over the telephone, by the Allied Commission, we draw your special attention to art. 4 of the above draft.

THE MINISTER

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To : A.C. Patriots Branch
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DRAFT OF LEGISLATIVE DECREE OF THE LIEUTENANT OF THE REALM CONCERNING THE CONCESSION OF THE BONUS OF NATIONAL SOLIDARITY TO COMBATANT PATRIOTS MAD TO THEIR FAMILIES.

UMBERTO DI SAVOIA
Principe di Piemonte
Luogotenente Generale del Regno

In virtue of the authority bestowed upon us;

In view of my law-decree of 25 June 1944 No 151;

In view of my decree of 12 December 1944 No 395 instituting the Ministry of Occupied Italy;

In view of my decree of 28 February 1945 No 73 concerning the tasks and the organisation of the Ministry of Occupied Italy.

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Upon the recommendation of the Minister of Occupied Italy, in agreement with the Ministers of the Treasury and of War;

We sanction and we promulgate the following:

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To combatant patriots who for at least three months, not necessarily consecutive have taken part, as members of armed formations, in the war for liberation against Germans and fascists, a bonus of of national solidarity will be granted; such bonus prize of five thousand lire ~~must~~ will be paid at the moment of demobilisation. 2459

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To all other patriots who have taken part in the war of liberation under the conditions of para(a) of art.9 of the legislative decree of the Lieutenant of the Realm dated 5 April 1945 No 158, a bonus of one thousand lire will be granted.

In calculating the above three months, of combatant patriot services all time spent as a prisoner, in internment, in hospital, or on sick leave arising from wounds or illness suffered in action, will be encounted.

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ART. 2.

All those who have been sentenced to detention for a period of more than three months, for ordinary offences committed during the period 8 Sept. 1943 to 9 May 1945, will not be entitled to the benefits ~~in~~tentioned in the preceeding article.

ART. 3.

To all Combatant patriots who during the war of liberation have suffered serious injuries, disablement or mutilation a bonus of national solidarity of ten thousand lire will be granted, regardless of the length of service.

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4) Brothers and sisters under age;
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Compensation will be ~~decided~~ distributed in equal parts to all those with possible entitlement under any one paragraph.

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The bonuses of national solidarity cannot be impounded or confiscated, and will be free from any deduction for repayment of debts with the States' Administration.

ART. 5

Bonuses of national solidarity will be paid by the Military Representatives

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of the Ministry of Occupied Italy detached in each provinces of the territories under A.M.G. administration.

To pay the bonuses the military representatives of the Ministry of Occupied Italy, in those cases referred to in Art. 1, will act upon the evidence of the rolls made out by the Partisan Brigades, approved by the Regional Command of the Corps of Volunteers of Liberty; and in the cases referred to in art. 3, on the lists made out by the same Regional Command of the Corps of Volunteers of Liberty, which must be supported by all legal documents, or if such are missing, ~~by acts of notoriety legally collected~~ legal or administrative evidence of well known facts.

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In those territories which have been returned to the Administration of the Italian Government, and where the representative of the Ministry of Occupied Italy still holds his office, payments of bonuses of national solidarity will be made by the same representative under the control of the Ministry of Occupied Italy.

In all other territories payment of bonuses will be done through the Prefetture.

ART. 7.

The Minister for the Treasury is authorized to issue his own decrees amending the budget as necessary.

ART. 8.

This decree will become effective on the day following the publication in the Gazzetta Ufficiale of the Kingdom.

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Ministero dell'Italia Occupata

IL MINISTRO

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Roma 6 Giugno 1945

pour 7/6/45

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Si ritiene, tuttavia, che, per evidenti ragioni politiche, le provvidenze previste potrebbero, intanto, essere senz'altro attuate a decorrere dal I° corr., in base alle disposizioni che codesta Commissione potrebbe impartire ai Commissarî Regionali e Provinciali.

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Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Patriots Branch

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Via Veneto

IL MINISTRO

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SCHEMA DI D RETO LEGISLATIVO LUOGOTEN ZIALE CONCERNENTE LA CON_
CESSIONE DI PREMI DI SOLIDARIETA' NAZIONALE AI PATRIOTI COMBATTENTI
E ALLE LORO FAMIGLIE.

UMBERTO DI SAVOIA
Principe di Piemonte
Luogotenente Generale del Regno

In virtù dell'autorità a Noi delegata;
Visto il decreto-legge Luogotenenziale 25 giugno I944, n.I5I;
Visto il decreto Luogotenenziale I2 dicembre I944, n.395, col quale venne istituito il Ministero dell'Italia Occupata;
Visto il decreto Luogotenenziale 28 febbraio I945, n.73, relativo alle attribuzioni e all'ordinamento del Ministero dell'Italia Occupata;
Visto il decreto legislativo Luogotenenziale I° febbraio I945, n.58;
Visto il decreto legislativo Luogotenenziale 5 aprile I945, n.I58, sulla assistenza ai Patrioti dell'Italia liberata;
Vista la deliberazione del Consiglio dei Ministri;
Sulla proposta del Ministro dell'Italia Occupata di concerto con i Ministri del Tesoro e della Guerra;
Abbiamo sanzionato e promulghiamo quanto segue:

ART. I

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E ALLE LORO FAMIGLIE.

UMBERTO DI SAVOIA

Principe di Piemonte

Luogotenente Generale del Regno

In virtù dell'autorità a Noi delegata;

Visto il decreto-legge Luogotenenziale 25 giugno I944, n.I5I;

Visto il decreto Luogotenenziale I2 dicembre I944, n.395, col quale venne istituito il Ministero dell'Italia Occupata;

Visto il decreto Luogotenenziale 28 febbraio I945, n.73, relativo alle attribuzioni e all'ordinamento del Ministero dell'Italia Occupata;

Visto il decreto legislativo Luogotenenziale I° febbraio I945, n.58;

Visto il decreto legislativo Luogotenenziale 5 aprile I945, n.I58, sulla assistenza ai Patrioti dell'Italia liberata;

Vista la deliberazione del Consiglio dei Ministri;

Sulla proposta del Ministro dell'Italia Occupata di concerto con i Ministri del Tesoro e della Guerra;

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del decreto legislativo Luogotenenziale 5 aprile I945, n.I58, il premio è concesso nella misura di lire mille.

Nel computo dei tre mesi si comprendono anche i periodi trascorsi, successivamente all'inizio dell'attività di patriota combattente, in prigionia, o internamento, o in degenza in luoghi di cura, o in licenza di convalescenza, per causa di servizio di guerra.

ART. 2

Sono esclusi dal beneficio, di cui al precedente articolo, coloro che abbiano riportato condanna a pena detentiva di durata superiore a tre mesi, per delitti comuni non colposi commessi durante il periodo 8 settembre I943 - 9 maggio I945.

ART. 3

A tutti i Patrioti combattenti, che abbiano riportato nella lotta di liberazione ferite gravi, invalidità o mutilazioni, è concesso un premio di solidarietà nazionale di lire diecimila, indipendentemente dalla durata del loro servizio.

In caso di morte del Patriota, avvenuta in combattimento o durante lo stato di prigionia, viene corrisposto alla famiglia un premio di solidarietà nazionale di lire ventimila. Nella famiglia sono compresi ed hanno diritto al premio, in parti eguali, nel seguente ordine di preferenza: I) il coniuge ed i figli minorenni, legittimi e naturali riconosciuti; 2) i figli maggiorenni inabili al lavoro; 3) i genitori; 4) i fratelli e le sorelle minorenni; 5) i fratelli e le sorelle maggiorenni inabili al lavoro.

ART. 4

I Patrioti combattenti e le loro famiglie possono, nel termine di sei mesi dal giorno dell'entrata in vigore del presente decreto, chiedere la differenza fra i premi stabiliti nel presente

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decreto ed i minori premi eventualmente riscossi in precedenza a carico dello Stato. Resta impregiudicato il loro diritto a pensione.

I premi di solidarietà nazionale non sono pignorabili nè sequestrabili e sono altresì esenti da qualsiasi ritenuta per debiti verso l'Amministrazione dello Stato.

ART. 5

I premi di solidarietà nazionale verranno pagati per tutta la zona sottoposta all'Amministrazione della A.M.G. dai rappresentanti militari del Ministero dell'Italia Occupata distaccati in ogni provincia.

Per l'erogazione dei premi i rappresentanti militari del Ministero dell'Italia Occupata, nei casi di cui all'art. I, si baseranno sui ruolini dei patrioti compilati a cura delle Brigate Partigiane, vistati dal Comando Regionale del Corpo Volontari della Libertà, e, nei casi di cui all'art.3, sulle liste presentate dallo stesso comando Regionale Corpo Volontari della Libertà, che dovranno essere corredate da documentazione legale, o, in mancanza, da atti notorî legalmente raccolti.

ART. 6

Nelle zone passate all'Amministrazione del Governo Italiano nelle quali sia ancora in funzione il rappresentante del Ministero dell'Italia Occupata, i pagamenti dei premi di solidarietà nazionale verranno effettuati dallo stesso rappresentante, sotto il controllo del Ministero dell'Italia Occupata.

In tutte le altre zone, il pagamento dei premi verrà eseguito a mezzo delle Prefetture.

ART. 7

Il Ministro per il tesoro è autorizzato ad apportare con propri decreti le necessarie variazioni di bilancio.

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ART. 8

Il presente decreto entra in vigore il giorno successivo a quel_
la della sua pubblicazione nella Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno.

Ordiniamo che il presente decreto, munito del sigillo dello Stato, sia inserto nella Raccolta ufficiale delle leggi e dei decreti del Re_
gno d'Italia, mandando a chiunque spetti di osservarlo e di farlo os_
servare come legge dello Stato.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 321

Ref : 121/15/PAT

7June 1945

Subject : Payments to Patriots.

To : Emilia Region.
(attn. Regional Patriot Officer).

1. During Col. Cripps' recent visit to your HQ. the Regional Patriot Officer asked him whether clerical employees of the C.L.N. should be regarded as Patriots and were eligible for the Patriot bonus.

2. The definition of a Patriot as laid down in para 3 of 36/PAT 18 May (Supplementary Notes for the Guidance of Italian Military Patriot Representatives) should be adhered to, and only individuals who can be regarded as Patriots under this paragraph, are eligible for Patriot bonus.

R.P.

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

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APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref. No. 489081
Int. 321

Roma, 6 Giugno 1945

Ref : 121/15/PAT

Oggetto : Premi smobilitazione Patrioti.

Al : Ministero dell'Italia Occupata
Gabinetto
ROMA

Si trasmette, per conoscenza, traduzione di un telegramma circolare inviato alle Armate ed alle Regioni, relativo ai premi di smobilitazione da corrispondere ai patrioti e loro famiglie.

R.P.

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

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TRADUZIONE

T E L E G R A M M A

PAGAMENTO PREMIO SMOBILITAZIONE PATRIOTI E' MODIFICATO COME SEGUE ED AVRA' EFFETTO IMMEDIATAMENTE : PATRIOTI RICONOSCIUTI CON MENO TRE MESI SERVIZIO LIRE MILLE - PATRIOTI RICONOSCIUTI CON TRE O PIU' MESI SERVIZIO LIRE CINQUEMILA - PATRIOTI FERITI GRAVEMENTE PER CAUSE DI SERVIZIO LIRE DIECIMILA - FAMIGLIE DI DISPERSI O UCCISI IN AZIONE O IN CONSEGUENZA AD AZIONI DI RAPPRESAGLIA O PER MALATTIA CONTRATTA IN SERVIZIO LIRE VENTIMILA

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REF No: 9153 DATE: 5 June 45 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

(See notes on reverse)

IN CLEAR PD 429

PARA ONE PD REF OUR EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT FOUR PD

PARA TWO PD PAYMENT TO PATRIOTS ON DEMOBILISATION IS AMENDED TO FOLLOWING SCALE WHICH WILL COME INTO FORCE IMMEDIATELY PD ~~AND BE SENT TO EITHER ACTIVE PD~~ PAREN ABLE PAREN TO RECOGNISED PATRIOTS OF LESS THAN THREE MONTHS SERVICE ONE THOUSAND LIRE PAREN BAKER PAREN TO RECOGNISED PATRIOTS OF THREE MONTHS SERVICE OR OVER PAREN IN PLACE OF ABLE PAREN FIVE THOUSAND LIRE PAREN CHARLIE PAREN TO RECOGNISED PATRIOTS SERIOUSLY INJURED IRRESPECTIVE OF SERVICE PAREN IN PLACE OF ABLE OR BAKER PAREN TEN THOUSAND LIRE PAREN DOG PAREN TO FAMILIES OF THOSE MISSING OR KILLED IN ACTION OR WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF REPRISALS CMA OR OF WOUNDS OR ILLNESS CONTRACTED ON SERVICE TWENTY THOUSAND LIRE PAREN TO FOR ACTION FIVEARMY FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION EIGHTARMY FOR AMG IV CORPS AMG TOSCANA REGION AMG EMILIA REGION 57 AREA REAR FOR AMG LIGURIA REGION AMG PIEMONTE REGION AMG LOMBARDIA REGION AMG VENEZIE REGION RPTD 15 ARMY GROUP FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACPAT PAREN

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PARA THREE PD YOU WILL BE ADVISED IN DUE COURSE OF ANY RETROACTIVE EFFECT OF THIS AMENDMENT

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Executive Commissioner,
Civil Affairs Section,
Finance Sub Commission,
Col. Cripps,
Liaison Officer - Patriots Branch.

Patriots Branch

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R.R. CRIPPS, Colonel, Director, Local Courts. S/C.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1089 Message Centre No: E/3661

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 021730 Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 050830

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION FROM LUSH AND GRAFFTEY SMITH

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION ROME ACCAS

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Para 1. Reference your 8784 of 31 May.

Para 2. Signor PARRI has represented to the Regional Commissioner LOMBARDIA that he was present at the Council Of Ministers when authorisation was given to issue the 5000 scale. And that this authorisation appeared in the press.

Para 3. After discussion here we agree with Regional Commissioner that as proposed liberation bonus is up to 5000 lire the 5000 scale for Partisans is reasonable. Regional Commissioner is starting payment on Monday andwould be grateful for an immediate reply.

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5 JUN 1945
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Translation

Rome 3 June 45

Ministry of Occupied Italy
Cabinet

To A.C. Patriots Branch, Rome.

Ref . 1388/D.1

Subject : Assistance to Patriots.

Following previous agreements, we inform you that this Ministry, in agreement with Allied Commission, has decided to make the following payments to Patriots.

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a) 1,000 lire to each patriot being demobilised.
b) 5,000 lire to each patriot wounded or disabled while on service.
c) 10,000 lire to families of missing or killed in action and of those who died as a result of reprisals or wounds or illness while on active service.

Following the liberation of Northern Italy, and accepting the suggestions made to the Government by the General Headquarters of the Volunteers of Liberty Corps, the above concessions have been modified as follows.

a) 1,000 lire to each patriot on demobilisation, regardless of length of service, even if service less than three months.

b) 5,000 lire to each demobilised patriot who has served with the partisan formations for not less than three months.

c) 10,000 lire to each patriot who sustained serious injury or who was disabled while on service.

d) 20,000 lire to the families of the missing or killed in action, or those who died as a result of reprisals, or as a result of wounds or illness whilst on active service.

Upon the above evidence, we wish you would kindly give the necessary instructions in order that the new provisions may become effective as soon as possible.

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The Minister

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Ministero dell'Italia Occupata

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Al ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Patriots Branch
Via Veneto

ROMA

Odr 3/6/45

OGGETTO Assistenza ai patrioti.

Con riferimento a precedenti intese si comunica che questo Ministero, d'accordo con codesta Commissione Alleata, aveva stabilito di corrispondere ai patrioti:

a) L. 1000 ad ogni smobilitato;
b) L. 5000 " " ferito o reso inabile per cause di servizio;
c) L. 10000 alle famiglie dei dispersi e dei caduti in combattimento, dei caduti per rappresaglia o dei deceduti in seguito a ferite o malattie contratte in servizio.

Successivamente alla liberazione dell'Italia Settentrionale, in accoglimento delle proposte avanzate al Governo dal Comando Generale del Corpo dei Volontari della Libertà, le predette concessioni sono state così modificate:

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b) L. 5000 ad ogni patriota smobilitato che abbia appartenuto alle formazioni partigiane per un periodo non inferiore ai tre mesi;
c) L. 10000 ad ogni patriota ferito gravemente o reso inabile per cause di servizio;
d) L. 20000 alle famiglie dei dispersi e dei caduti in combatti_

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Ciò premesso, si prega di compiacersi impartire le opportune disposizioni perchè dette nuove provvidenze possano subito essere applicate.

IL MINISTRO Casati

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Patriots

Originator's Reference: 1080
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 011700B
Message Centre No: F/3450
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 031300B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION FINANCE DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED TUBB

TO : ACTION ALLIED COMMISSION ROME ACPAT

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1. Your 8784 reference payment to Patriots.

2. Authority to pay increased rates was given by Italian Commando but order cancelled.

3. No increased rates have been paid and will not be paid.

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3 JUN 1945
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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Patriots

Originator's Reference: PB/PA/3

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 021100B

Message Centre No: B/3389

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 021945B

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: PATRIOTS OFFICER PIEMONTE

TO : ACTION HQ AIBOM CITY ACPAT

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1. Ref your signal 8784.

2. Scale laid down of 1:1000 1:5000 1:10000 is being adhered to in PIEMONTE Region.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Patriots

Originator's Reference: PR/FI/040
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 01NFT

Message Centre No: E/3340
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 021445B
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: RFO PIEMONTE REGION

TO : HQ ALCOM ACPAT

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1. Subject is patriots payment your 8784.

2. Payments have been made in excess of authorised scale and including gifts of clothing. These payments made by partisans out of their existing funds, and not from funds authorised under Italian Government scheme. Endevours being made to gain control over these existing funds and regularise payments under the control of AMG Patriots Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 321

Ref : 121/15/PAT

2 June ~~May~~ 1945

Subject : Message for Gen. CADORNA

To : Ministry of War
Cabinet - Patriots Section -
Via XX Settembre
ROME

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We transmit a copy of a message which arrived to this Office, asking you to pass it as soon as possible to General CADORNA.

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

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RECEIPT FORM In lieu of Army Form A16

To be signed below and returned immediately in a single unregistered envelope to

PATRIOTS BRANCH
Allied ~~Control~~ Commission

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned:-

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Signed Maj. Cpo. Fin Leiv

Address H.Q.15 Gp 11.45

Date.....19.....

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LETTER

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489031
Ext. 321

Ref : 121/15/PAT

Roma, 2 Giugno 1945

Oggetto : Messaggio per il Gen. CADORNA.

Al : Ministero della Guerra
Gabinetto - Sezione Patriotti -
Via XX Settembre
ROMA

Si trasmette copia di un messaggio pervenuto a questa Commissione, con preghiera di sollecito corteso inoltro all'uff. Generale all'oggetto.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1636
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 011245B

Message Centre No: E/3227
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 011650
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: G-5 IV CORPS - WALKER

TO : G-5 5TH ARMY SUTHERLAND PLEASE PASS TO HQ 3627 15TH ARMY GROUP AND ALCOM.

IN CLEAR.

General CADORNA now in ROME on Italian Army business his headquarters request that the following message having to do with patriot payments be given to him. "Beg you to intervene urgently to obtain authority from the Italian Government to pay the award of 5000 lire to the Partisans". Signed Lieutenant Colonel BECCHINI.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1622

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 311517B

Message Centre No: I/3115

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 311845B

Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: SCAO AMG IV CORPS

TO : G 5 5TH ARMY FOR ACTION. INFO: AFHQ (PATRIOT BR)

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Reference is made to message 5764 no authority granted by AMG in IV CORPS AREA for payment of 5,000 lire to Patriots. It is reported that payments of this amount have been made throughout LIGURIA and PIEDMONTE by CVL and CLNAI but not through AMG.

It is claimed by General CADORNAS Hq that General CADORNA received authority while in ROME to increase payment to 5,000 lire but no documentary proof offered except copy of minutes of conference held between CADORNA and Govt which would seem to indicate that payment in this amount was contemplated.

Apparently the CVL/CLNAI have borrowed the sums paid out from private sources on the promise it would be made good by the Italian Govt.

First knowledge this Hq of such pay out, 30 May 1945 when KNIGHT and representative of CADORNA came to HQ IV CORPS requesting that some 500 million lire be secured from a Colonel KING AFHQ to pay off Patriots. Knowing that funds had been advanced by AFHQ in past to KNIGHT questioned to determine basis of this request which developed that it has to pay the estimated 100,000 Patriots in NORTH ITALY at the rate of 5,000 lire each. Further investigation before receipt of dispatch on 31 May developed information regarding LIGURIA and PIEDMONTE.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

Patriots

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RIX/CAB/175
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 311035

Message Centre No: E/3075
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 311321
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AMG EMILIA REGION
TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACPAT

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Reference your 8784 dated 30 May authority has not repeat not been given for the payment of patriots based on a scale of 5000 lire and no payments have been made on this scale.

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Info: Chief Commissioner
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FXII/PAT/C2
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 281020
Message Centre No: E/3063
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 311000
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ VENEZIE REGION

TO : ACPAT AICOM

IN CLEAR.

Confirmation requested urgently of increased payments to Patriots.

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FOR ACTION PRIORITY HQS GEORGE FIVE SECTION REPEATED FOR ADV IV CORPS FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION INFO 15 ARMY GROUP FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION AMG BELLA REGION AMG LAURENTIA REGION AMG FLORENTE REGION 57 AREA REAR FOR AMG LIGURIA REGION 210 SUB AREA FOR VENETIA REGION

8724 30 Sep 45 PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD IT IS REPORTED THAT AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE PAYMENT TO PATRIOTS OF INCREASED ALLOWANCES BASED ON A SCALE OF FIVE THOUSAND LIRE PD IF THIS IS SO WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT WHETHER ANY PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THIS SCALE AND IF SO ON WHOSE AUTHORITY PD

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Patriots Branch

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J/Capt [illegible] for

R.H. CRIPPS, Col. Director, Local Govt. S/G

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SUBJECT: Notes on the Conference between H.E. Medici and Col. Cripps held in the latter's office on 29 May 45.

1. Col Cripps informed Mr. Medici that about a week ago while he was in Padova, at AMG Regional HQ, discussing matters concerning payments of bonuses and compensation to Patriots with the Regional Patriots officer and with local leaders of various formations - Mr. Curcio, (for whom Col Cripps himself had obtained a permit to go North on a request signed by the Minister Scoccimarro,) walked in person into the office. Mr. Curcio stated that the bonus to Patriots had been raised to 5000 lire and suggested issuing instructions to that effect to Italian Military Patriot Representatives from Milan.

Col Cripps answered that no instructions could be issued unless proper assurance had been received in writing by A.C. Local Government Sub Commission from the Italian Government, and that in any case such instructions could only be issued by the Local Governments' offices in Rome, in both Italian and English.

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c) Compensation to families of fallen patriots from 10,000 to 20,000 lire.

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Col Cripps then asked if Medici thought it would be wise to instruct Regional Commissioners to continue with the 1000 lire payments pending the last increase - to which Mr. Medici agreed.

Col Cripps then gave a full account of his impressions of his tour in the North and explained some provisions that had been adopted locally by Regional and Provinical Commissioners and by Patriot officers, more particularly where disarmament was concerned.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 321

Ref : 121/15/PAT

28 May 1945

Subject : Compensation to dependents of missing Patriots.

To : Ministry of Occupied Italy
Assistance Office.
ROME.

A.M.G. HQ. for Emilia Region have asked this Office for directions regarding claims by families of Patriots reported missing.

Would you please state whether ~~FF~~ such families are entitled to the same compensation as is paid to dependents of fallen Patriots, and if so, what are the necessary formalities.

A.P.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. No. 489031
Int. 321

Ref : 121 /15/PAT

Roma, 28 Maggio 1945

Oggetto : Compensi alle famiglie dei Patrioti dispersi.

Al : Ministero dell'Italia Occupata
Ufficio Assistenza
ROMA

1. Dal Quartier Generale A.M.G. della Regione Emilia perviene a questo Ufficio una richiesta di istruzioni concernenti il pagamento di compensi alle faiglie dei Patrioti disperai.

2. Si prega codesto Ministero voler specificare se alle suddette famiglie debba venire corrisposto lo stesso compenso spettante alle famiglie dei patrioti caduti, ed in caso affermativo, quali siano le modalita' necessarie.

A.P.

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

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

Appendix B. Para 9.

9. The Under Secretary of the Ministry of Occupied Italy was met in Regional HQ where he was contacting I.M.P.R.S. He advises that the bonus paid to Patriots on disbandment is to be increased. It was agreed that a circular giving this information both to Prefects and Provincial Commissioners must be issued jointly by Minister of Occupied Italy and Patriots Branch, AC. A suggestion by CURRIO that an interim advice shoul be issued by CLNAI from MILAN was vetoed by Director, who pointed that orders for prefects in AMG can come from Italian Gove rnment only through AC HQ or with its concurrence.

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H.K. Secretario was asked if patriots were entitled to military pensions, who should handle such matters, and if the demobilization bonuses and other compensati n payed out to patriots from the Patriot Representatives, and from the Patriot Centres would anyhow have an influence on above pensions.

He answered that a decree was being prepared granting to all patriots who should legally have been recognized as such by the Patriots Committee set up at the Presidency of the Council the right to pensions of some sorts to any person.

All applications should be forwarded complete with all possible data to the Ministry of Occupied Italy - Assistance Office.

Demobilization bonuses and all other compensation payed out to patriots from Patriot Representatives or Patriots Centres would not have in any way on the future pension of patriots.

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Mr. Hornbeck was asked how the matter concerning the
special medal to the patriots stood. He gave assurance that
the matter was receiving careful attention and it could be
expected that the medal would be approved in the near future.
Mr. Hornbeck he also said he would send a statement about it which
would be transmitted to Mr. Patriots Branch.

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The President of the Council of Ministers
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Rome, 5 April 1946

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your letter of January 23rd, n. 121/6/PAT, has now assured me that it will follow the modalities which were indicated in this letter, for what concerns the sending of their representatives in the territory of the Allied Military Government.

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" 1.000 to all the patriots, when being demobilized, as a contribution for their immediate requirements.

To this end, a sum of 150.000.000 Lire has been foreseen in the budget of the Ministry for Occupied Italy.

The officials sent for this purpose in the various provinces will be responsible forthe distribution of the compensations, and they will be strictly controlled by the Ministry.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. I. Ponomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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ACTION: C A SEC (2) ✓
INFO: CHIEF COMMR
EXEC COMMR

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The President of the Council of Ministers
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INFO: CHIEF COMMR.
: EXEC COMMR.

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Roma, 5 aprile 1945

Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Caro Ammiraglio,

il Ministero dell'Italia Occupata, al quale avevo a suo tempo comunicato la Sua lettera del 23 gennaio u.s. n.121/6/ PAT, mi ha ora fornito assicurazione che si atterrà sen'altro alle modalità ivi indicate per quanto concerne l'invio di propri rappresentanti nel territorio del Governo Militare Alleato.

Coll'occasione è stato chiarito che la responsabilità dell'irregolare sistema, con cui si intendeva effettuare la distribuzione dei sussidi alle famiglie dei patrioti fiorentini caduti, risale unicamente ad un rappresentante dell'Ufficio Patrioti, che ha agito di propria iniziativa.

La misura dei compensi da corrispondersi ai patrioti ed ai loro superstiti è stata poi determinata con criterio generale ed uniforme nelle seguenti somme:

£.10.000 alla famiglia, in caso di decesso del patriota;
" 5.000 al patriota, in caso di invalidità o ferita grave;
" 1.000 a tutti i patrioti, all'atto della smobilitazione, quale contributo per le esigenze immediate.

Al relativo fabbisogno finanziario è stato provveduto collo stanziamento della somma di £. 130.000.000 nel bilancio del Ministero dell'Italia Occupata.

Della regolare erogazione dei compensi saranno responsabili gli ufficiali appositamente inviati nelle diverse provincie, sui quali verrà esercitato un severo controllo da parte del Ministero.

Mi abbia, con viva cordialità, Suo

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo della Commissione
Alleata
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Ref : 121/5/PAT. 2 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The provisions made by the Military of occupied Italy in connection with the financial matters mentioned in my letter 121/6/PAT. dated 23 Jan. 45, have been notified to me.

I should be glad to be informed also of the action taken with regard to the point raised in paragraph 6 of my letter, requesting that no Patriot Representatives should be sent into A.M.G. territory without the written consent of an Officer of Patriots Branch, Allied Commission.

Yours very truly,

HARRY W. KIRBY,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe BONOMI,
the President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER 121/15/PAT

FROM : Ministry of Occupied Italy
TO : Lt.Col.CRAIG, Director Patriots Branch
REF : 470/D.3
DATE : 24 March 1945.

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e. Compensation to the patriots. The Ministry has decided to grant the following compensation :

1.660 lire as a demobilisation bonus,
5.000 lire to wounded patriots,
10.000 lire to dependents of dead.

These payments and all matters connected with them will be the responsibility of officers specially appointed in all provinces. They will be strictly supervised by the inspectors of the Ministry of Occupied Italy.

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THE MINISTER

(signed) M. Scoccimarro.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

WDH/jlc

10 March 1945.

Subject: Loss of Funds.

To : 210 Italian Division.

1. This is to certify that Captain A.G. Hammond, M.C., R.A., O.C. No. 1 Partisan Transit Centre has reported to this Headquarters the loss of funds in the amount of Lire 50,000.00 entrusted to him for local purchases of rations.

2. This Headquarters has appointed a Court of Inquiry into the matter.

By command of Brigadier General TURNER:

W. D. HAYNE,
Major, F.A.,
Admin. Officer.

Copy to:
Capt. Hammond.

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EXTRACT FORM COL. FAVA IN MEMO DATED 7 MARCH 1945.

Foglio 12 of 162/PAT.

A.C. wishes to be informed in writing of the scales of bonuses and compensation to be payed out : to the patriots, to the wounded and to the dependents of fallen patriots.

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EXTRACT FROM MEMORANDUM FROM COL. PAVA OF 2 MARCH 45

Folio 10 of 162/PAT.

In PESARO. Having contacted Allied and Italian Authorities, funds amounting to 1.195.000 lire where left with Capt. Margheri (who travelled to Pesaro with H.E. Medici and is staying there on a one month permit) to be used for patriot assistancem according to the scales that where agreed upon with the Patriots Branch.

Capt. Margheri has been instructed to send in a detailed report on the situation at PESARO and ANCONA, and in case the funds should not be sufficient, as may be possible, arrangements will be made to send up the balance required.

CESENA. Allied Authorities, and particularly Major Corbin, have been contacted. Mr. Medici Tornaquinci travelled to FORLI, with Major Corbin and Capt. Casilli d'Aragona where he left, with Capt. Casilli D'Aragona; 2.804.500 lire for compensation to patriots.

500.000 lire have been left for the hospital at PESCIA which has only needed to spend about 50.000 lire as most of equipment has been collected free of charge.

PESCARA . 350.000 lire have been left to local bodies for assistance to Patriots dependents.

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Translated by JDR.

TO : Presidency of the Council, Patriots Office.
DATE : 2 March 1945
Ref : 0069
SUBJECT: Accounts of Garibaldi Brigades, Pesaro.

On September 23rd 1944 Col. Corradi gave lire 300.000 for the V Garibaldi Brigade of Pesaro to be used on Patriots welfare, payment of debts, bonuses, etc.

On the same day the above amount was given to the leader of the Brigade, Ricci Ottavio from whom a receipt was obtained He will have to account for this money and Col. Corradi can be relieved of all responsibility connected with it as he did not administer it.

The Commander of the Pesaro Brigade has already been instructed to prepare the accounts of the funds they received and such accounts, as have already been prepared will be forwarded, through Capt. Margheri who is now in Pesaro, in connect on with the distribution of the money of the Ministry of Occupied Territories.

CAPT. CASILLI D'ARAGONA.

M.P.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

SECRET

5 March, 1945

FILE: G-5/151.1

SUBJECT: Rewards and Other Payments to Italians Aiding the Allies.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394,
(Attention: Finance Sub-Commission).

1. Reference is made to your letter 13048/F of 1 February 1945 requesting advice as to the policy being followed by the Allied Forces in the above matter.

2. The following is the present Allied Force policy, as confirmed by JAG, Fiscal Director, and G-1 (MTOUSA) and G-1 (Br) this Headquarters:

a. No pensions of any sort are paid by the Allied Force or any of its components. All claims for pensions should be referred to the Italian Government either directly by the Italian claimant, or through the Allied Commission in the instance of Allied documents in support of such claims.

b. The Allied Screening Commission in Rome considers applications or recommendations for single cash payments to Italians who have aided Allied escapees.

c. The JA, MTOUSA and G-1 (Br) can not authorize payments in recognition of services rendered by Italians to American or British forces under dangerous conditions in combat areas nor to their heirs.

3. This Section has carefully explored the possibility of obtaining some modification of the above policy with a view to authorizing payments by the appropriate Allied authorities at least to the heirs of Italians who have been killed while aiding the Allies. However, it is clear that on both the British and U.S. side there are very nearly insuperable procedural or legislative difficulties standing in the way of making non-contractual payments of this type out of public monies.

4. It is recognized that the most urgent and appealing cases are those in which there has been injury injury or loss of life, and where in consequence families are left unprovided for. In fact, cash payments to reward uninjured Italian civilian patriots are probably not appropriate. You may wish to consider informally inviting the attention of the Italian Government to the whole problem with a view to seeing whether arrangements might be made by the Government to give prompt and special consideration to pension claims filed by the families of Italian civilians who have lost their lives giving perilous service to armed forces who are endeavouring to defeat the enemy on Italian soil.

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5. The applications and documents attached to your previous letters on this subject are returned herewith.

(Sgd) CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Ref: 121/6/PAT.

7 March 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to my letter of 23 January, reference 121/6/PAT, on the question of payment of patriots who come through the lines or whose activities come to an end when the territory is newly liberated. My letter of 12 February reminds you of the urgency of this matter.

May I also have confirmation that the requests in the sixth paragraph of my letter of 23 January have been complied with ?

I am certain that you and your ministers have been deliberating these points and I hope that you will soon be in a position to offer a programme which we can put into effect to our mutual advantage.

Yours very truly,

HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COL. CRAIG.

At the Italian Cabinet meeting held on January 18th the possibility of instituting a memorial ribbon and medal for the patriots was discussed.

Necessary conditions for the award of the decoration are:

(a) a minimum of at least three months service with the fighting partisan Units, or :
(b) to have been wounded.

Investigations of above qualifications will be done by the three military committees (i.e. Army, Navy and Air Force, established at the respective Ministries) which will obviously require a certain amount of time for the collection of the necessary evidence, statements, etc.

It is though that screening will have to be done very carefully, because the certification as a Patriot will constitute a definite entitlement to pensions, gratuities and compensations which must be duly approved by the administrative bodies of the Italian State.

The award of the decoration (medal and ribbon) cannot therefore take place when the patriots come through the lines.

Unless the screening in completely efficient, the award of such a decoration would lead to the same abuses as have occurred in connection with the Alexander Certificates, which have often been obtained by individuals of doubtful entitlement.

Clark
Col.

26 February 1945.

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NOTE. - H.E. Medici Tornaquinci entirely agrees with above policy and does not think that it can be altered.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 121/G/PAT. 26 Februrry 1943.

Subject: Monetary reward to Patriots.

To : HQ. 15 Army Group. G-5 Section .

Ref your letter G-5/12/2 A of 17 Feb.

1. It is agreed that the sum of 500 lire as a reward to Patriots appears inadequate but unofficially an assurance has been given by S.E. Medici, Under Secretary for the Ministry of Occupied Territories that this sum is not the final reward for services rendered but merely a matter of pocket money to meet the Patriots immediate expenses.

2. The reason for not augmenting this sum at once is that the decree for the Ministry of Occupied Territories which will deal with all Patriot questions has not yet been made law. It is expected shortly.

3. The question of the "Patriot Medal" is being investigated.

4. This Office will keep you informed of future developments.

For the Chief Commissioner

C.P. BROOK, 2417
Brigadier,
V.P. C.A.Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH.

Ref : 121/6/PAT. 22 February 1945.

Subject: Distribution of awards to Patriots.

To : HQ. AMG. VIII Army
(for attention Maj.Corbin).

1. The under mentioned are proceeding to 8th Army Area and Abruzzi-Marche Region to deal with matters connected with the payment of Gratuities to Patriots:

H.E.Aldobranco Medici Tornaquinci, Under-secretary of State at the Ministry of Occupied Territories;

Lt.Col. Luigi Ceno, Capt. Mario Margheri and Capt. Casilli d'Aragone, Italian patriots Representatives at 8th Army.

2. Permission to make this journey has been obtained from HQ. 8th Army and HQ.Abruzzi-Marche Region (8th Army Signal M 767 of 19 Feb. and this HQ. Signal 2139 of 20 Feb. refer).

3. Every assistance or help which you will be able to give to H.E. Medici or to members of his party will be greatly appreciated. 2416

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

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 Section
APO 777

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Ref: G-5/12/2A

17 February 1945

SUBJECT: Monetary Reward for Patriots

TO: Chief Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

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1. Yesterday this Section was advised informally by the Director of the Patriots Branch, that the Italian Government had approved but not yet published the following monetary rewards for Patriots:

500 lire - to each Patriot on dispersal
5000 lire - to each disabled Patriot on dispersal
10000 lire - to the family of each Patriot killed in action.

2. G-3 (Spec Ops) of this Headquarters expressed grave concern at the niggardliness of the reward to the active Patriot. He felt that the 500 lire should be either augmented or completely eliminated. It is his opinion, and my own, that if this is given wide publicity, it may have serious repercussions in the North.

3. It is realized that the Italian Government is free to decide its own system of reward, but it is suggested that you may feel inclined to ask the Italian Government to emphasize in all publicity the honor of receiving the "Partisan Medal" and if possible play down the 500 lire dispersal bonus.

4. It is obvious that it is most important for the Allied Cause in Italy that we do nothing to belittle the efforts of Patriots. Most, if not all, are Patriots in every sense of the word and it would appear that a reward of the medal alone would be sufficient, accompanied with powerful publicity to increase its desirability.

Cc Craig
Please see memo
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Colonel, G. S. C.,
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FCR ACTION ALCOM ABRUZZI MARCHE

2139 20 Feb 45 ROUTINE

IN CLEAR PD

PARA ONE PD HAVE YOU ANY OBJECTION TO THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN OFFICERS AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL ENTERING PESARO AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING REARRANGED SCALE OF AWARDS TO PATRIOTS

PARA TWO PD ONE CAPT MARCHERI MARIO PD TWO TE COL CARO LUIGI PD THREE DE MEDICI TORNAQUINCI ALDOBRANDO UNDER SECRETARY DESIGNATE MINISTRY OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES PD FOUR DRIVER BORBRICHI PIETRO CARABINIERE

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F. CRAIG, Lt.Col.

Note Spoke Lt Col Pickering (A.P.S.O.) Abruzzi-Marche who agrees to the a/m Italians visiting Pesaro Area.
21 Feb 45 A. Pickering for Col

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Patriots

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FROM: MAIN AMG 8 ARMY

TO: HQ ALCOM FOR ACPAT

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Ref your 1978 of 17. No objection this Hq visit of Italian officers and Italian government official to FCRLI. / Authority to visit PESARO area should be made to ABRUZZI MARCHE region as territory now passed over to that region. Officers before proceeding to F RLI should report to this Hq.

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Action - Patriots Br
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Roma, 14 febbraio 1945

To the Partisans Branch
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Between this formations the most important are: the 8th. brigata Garibaldi, Brigata " S.Cossi " Brigata Pesaro (5th. Garibaldi).

The formations have had totally 210 killed and 76 wounded.

The demobilisedsare totally 1910.

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Many of the demobilisedsthat back to their homes, finding them destroyed or pillaged by Germans, and so they have no possibility to begin again their usually work.

On the other hand initiatives which got up between population and Allied beings allow to be able to count upon new work in different agricultural and industrial sectors.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

an immediate intervention of the Constituted Authorities who disposes of an important sum of money would be glad to resolve the partisan's problem in all the big cities above mentioned.

They propose:

- the Ministry of the Occupied Italy will provide to send one of his civil officer to Forlì, and on other one to Pesaro.

They will have the task to provvide:

- to give a prize to the families of the dead ones;
- to give a prize to the wounded;
- to assist the demobilised partisans either with the distribution of a little prize of demobilisation, or taking initiatives to help the most indigent people(beginning of the work, collective table, and others).

The two civil officers of the Ministry of the Occupied Italy, in the explication of their task must procede in perfect collaboration with the officers designated by the Patriots Bracon, and they can have the collaboration of:

- one civil officer of the local Prefecture;
- one delegate of the local C.L.N.;

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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- for the families of dead - Lit. 10.000.- each
- for wounded - " 5.000.- each
- disposable for the demobilisees " 1.840.000.-

The discribution plan is the following:

For the Forlì's zone:

- dead 156 x 10.000.-	= L. 1.560.000.-	
- Wounded 40 x 5.000.-	= " 200.000.-	
- demobilised 1.089 x 500	= " 544.500.-	
- disposable for helping the most indigent demobilised	= " 500.000.-	
Totally	Lit. 2.804.500	Lit. 2.804.500.-

For the Pesaro's zone:

-dead 54 x 10.000.-	= L. 540.000.-	
- wounded 32 x 5.000.-	= " 160.000.-	
- demobilised 821 x 500	= " 410.500.-	
- disposable for helping the most indigent demobilisees	= " 385.000.-	
Totally	Lit. 1.495.500.-	2410
Deducted already received by 5th. Brig.	" 300.000.-	
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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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A very detailed report of the distribution of the sum must be returned Ministry of Occupied Italy.

The assisted patriots will be furnished of an expressly made personal pocket including the registred description of the patriot himself, the activity which he developed and the assistance received.

Beyond the financial assistance, the Commission will provice:

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- to make easy the reimployement in the Army according to the directions given by A.M.G.

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We foresee that the mission will not last more than 30 days.

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(A. Medici Tornaquinci)

ISTITUTO LUCIANO MICO STATO

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Roma 14 Febbraio 1945

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Le formazioni hanno avuto in totale 210 caduti e 78 feriti. Gli smobilitati sono in totale 1910.

Le famiglie dei caduti, i feriti, gli smobilitati non hanno avuto finora, da organi ufficiali, nè assistenza nè premi di qualsiasi natura.

Molti degli smobilitati rivedendo le loro case, le hanno trovate distrutte o saccheggiate dai tedeschi, così che non hanno la possibilità di riprendere il loro normale lavoro.

D'altra parte iniziative sorte localmente tra la popolazione e gli Enti civili consentono di poter contare su una ripresa di lavoro in molti settori agricoli e industriali.

Un immediato intervento delle autorità costituite, disponenti di una congrua somma di denaro, consentirebbe di risolvere il problema partigiano in tutta la vasta zona sopra descritta.

Si propone:

il Ministero dell'Italia Occupata provvederà ad inviare un suo funzionario a Forlì e un altro a Pesaro.

Essi avranno il compito di provvedere:

- a dare un premio alle famiglie dei caduti,

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- a dare un premio alle famiglie dei caduti,
- a dare un premio ai feriti,
- ad assistere i partigiani smobilitati sia mediante l'erogazione di un piccolo premio di smobilitazione, sia prendendo iniziative atte ad aiutare i più bisognosi (avviamento al lavoro, mense collettive, ecc.).

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I due funzionari del Ministero Italia Occupata, nell'esplicazione del loro compito dovranno procedere in perfetta collaborazione con gli ufficiali designati dal Patriota Branch, e potranno avvalersi della collaborazione:

- di un funzionario delle locali Prefetture,
- di un delegato dei locali C.L.N.

Il quadro finanziario è il seguente:

- per le famiglie dei caduti: L. 10.000.- cadauno
- per i feriti: " 5.000.- "
- a disposizione degli smobilitati: " 1.840.000.-

Il piano di erogazione è il seguente:

Per la zona di Forlì -

Caduti 156 x 10.000.-	= L.	1.560.000.-	
Feriti 40 x 5.000.-	= "	200.000.-	
Smobilitati 1089 x 500.-	= "	544.500.-	
A disposizione per iniziative a favore degli smobilitati più bisognosi	= "	500.000.-	
	L.	2.804.500.-	2.804.500.-

Per la zona di Pesaro -

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Feriti 32 x 5.000.-	= "	160.000.-	
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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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L'erogazione delle somme verrà fatta dal funzionario di questo Ministero col controllo della Commissione formata dai funzionari della Prefettura e del C.L.N. e del Patriots Branch.

Dell'erogazione delle somme dovrà essere riferito al Ministero Italia Occupata particolareggiato rendiconto.

I Patrioti assistiti verranno forniti di apposito libretto personale contenente i dati anagrafici del patriota stesso, l'attività da esso svolta, l'assistenza ricevuta.

La Commissione, oltre che all'assistenza in denaro provvederà:

- ad inviare a Roma le pratiche relative per la concessione delle pensioni ai parenti dei caduti.
- a facilitare presso gli uffici del lavoro l'assunzione dei patrioti.
- a facilitare il loro reimpiego nell'esercito conforme alle direttive in merito dell'A.M.G.

Questo lavoro di assistenza e di sistemazione dei patrioti nella zona sopra indicata, anche in relazione ai compiti che graveranno sul Ministero in rapporto all'eventuale liberazione di altre zone del territorio metropolitano, dovrà essere condotto a termine nel più breve tempo possibile.

Si prevede che la missione avrà una durata massima di giorni 30.

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ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DEL LIBRO D'ARTE

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UMBERTO DI SAVOIA

Principe di Piemonte

Luogotenente Generale del Regno

In virtù dell'autorità a Noi delegata;

Visto l'art. 1 n. 3 della legge 31 gennaio 1926, n. 100;

Visto il decreto luogotenenziale dicembre 194[illegible] n. [illegible] che istituisce il Ministero per l'Italia Occupata;

Visto il R.Decreto-legge 30 ottobre 1943, n. 2/3 e viste le sue successive modificazioni;

Visto il decreto legge luogotenenziale 25 giugno 1944 n. 151;

Sentito il Consiglio dei Ministri;

Sulla proposta del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, Primo Ministro Segretario di Stato e Ministro dell'Interno, di concerto con i Ministri per gli Affari Esteri, per il Tesoro, per la Guerra, per la Marina, per l'Aeronautica, e per l'Industria, il Commercio ed il Lavoro;

abbiamo decretato e decretiamo:

Art. 1

Il Ministero dell'Italia Occupata, costituito col Decreto legge.....provvede, nei riguardi del territorio italiano occupato, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con la Commissione Alleata ed il Comando delle Forze Alleate alla intensificazione della lotta e alla difesa degli interessi nazionali contro i tedeschi invasori e contro i fascisti che con essi collaborano.

Durante l'occupazione nemica, il Ministero, tramite il Comando delle Forze Alleate, mantiene il collegamento tra il Governo e il S.I.M.A.I. a cui è delegata la rappresentanza del Governo nella

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lotta contro il nemico, e provvede a predisporre, il pieno ritorno alla vita civile e politica, delle regioni occupate.

Dopo la liberazione del territorio nazionale, il Ministero concorre e collabora con la Commissione Alleata per la soluzione di tutti i problemi interessanti la ripresa della vita civile e la posizione dei patrioti.

art. 2

Nel Ministero dell'Italia Occupata sono istituiti i seguenti Uffici:

- Ufficio per gli Affari Generali;
- Ufficio per gli Affari Militari;
- Ufficio per l'Assistenza;
- Ufficio Stampa e Propaganda;
- Ufficio Alleati ed Esteri.

art. 3

L'Ufficio per gli Affari Generali, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con la Commissione Alleata e con il Comando delle Forze Alleate:

1) mantiene i rapporti tra il Governo ed i Comitati di Liberazione Nazionale costituiti nelle regioni occupate al fine di garantire l'unità nazionale e predisporre il pieno ritorno alla vita civile e politica dei territori invasi;

2) compie accertamenti circa la situazione economica, finanziaria e monetaria delle regioni occupate al fine della elaborazione di piani economici, finanziari e tecnici, per il riassestamento e la riattivazione nella vita economica di dette regioni.

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art. 4

L'Ufficio per gli Affari Militari, per il tramite ed in collaborazione con il Comando delle Forze Alleate:

1) mantiene i rapporti con il Corpo dei Volontari della Libertà, e ne segue l'attività nella lotta contro i tedeschi e i fascisti;

2) raccoglie tutti gli elementi relativi all'azione svolta dai patrioti ai fini della concessione di ricompense al valore e degli eventuali provvedimenti che si ritenessero necessari;

3) provvede al reimpiego dei patrioti come volontari nelle Forze Armate dello Stato.

art. 5

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1) cura ogni forma di assistenza materiale e morale ai patrioti e alle popolazioni delle regioni occupate;

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in collaborazione con il Comando delle Forze Alleate:

1) mantiene i rapporti con il Corpo dei Volontari della Libertà, e ne segue l'attività nella lotta contro i tedeschi e i fascisti;

2) raccoglie tutti gli elementi relativi all'azione svolta dai patrioti ai fini della concessione di ricompense al valore e degli eventuali provvedimenti che si ritenessero necessari;

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art. 7

L'Ufficio Allegati ed Esteri:

1) cura i rapporti con la Commissione Alleata e con il Comando delle Forze Alleate per tutto ciò che si attiene alle materie di competenza del Ministero per l'Italia Occupata;

2) mantiene, d'accordo con il Ministero degli Affari Esteri, e per il tramite delle Forze Alleate, i rapporti con i patrioti che, per la necessità della lotta si trovano fuori del territorio nazionale.

art. 8

Il presente decreto andrà in vigore il giorno successivo a quello della sua pubblicazione.

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UMBERTO DI SAVOIA

Principe di Piemonte

Luogotenente Generale del Regno

In virtù dell'autorità a Noi delegata;

Visto l'art. 1 n. 3 della legge 31 gennaio 1926, n. 100;

Visto il decreto luogotenenziale dicembre 1944 n. che istituisce il Ministero per l'Italia Occupata;

Visto il R.Decreto-legge 30 ottobre 1943, n. 2/B e vista le sue successive modificazioni;

Visto il decreto legge luogotenenziale 25 giugno 1944 n. 151;

Sentito il Consiglio dei Ministri;

Sulla proposta del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, Primo Ministro Segretario di Stato e Ministro dell'Interno, di concerto con i Ministri per gli Affari Esteri, per il Tesoro, per la Guerra, per la Marina, per l'Aeronautica, e per l'Industria, il Commercio ed il Lavoro;

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Durante l'occupazione nemica, il Ministero, tramite il Comando delle Forze Alleate, mantiene il collegamento tra il Governo e il C.L.N.A.I. a cui è delegata la rappresentanza del Governo nella

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Dopo la liberazione del territorio nazionale, il Ministero concorre a collabora con la Commissione Alleata per la soluzione di tutti i problemi interessanti la ripresa della vita civile e la posizione dei patrioti.

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- Ufficio per gli Affari Generali;
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- Ufficio Stampa e Propaganda;
- Ufficio Alleati ed Esteri.

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2) compie accertamenti circa la situazione economica, finanziaria e monetaria delle regioni occupate al fine della elaborazione di piani economici, finanziari e tecnici, per il riassestamento e la riattivazione della vita economica di dette regioni.

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FOR ACTION EIGHTHARMY FOR AMG

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PARA ONE PD HAVE YOU ANY OBJECTION TO THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN OFFICERS AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL ENTERING FORLI AND PESARO AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PREARRANGED SCALE OF AWARDS TO PATRIOTS

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It was agreed today unofficially between Col. Craig and Signor Medici that patriots shall be paid on following scale:

- normal demobilisation money 500
- mutilated patriots 5.000
- families of patriots killed in action 10.000

12 February 1945.

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Translated by J.d.R.

FROM : AMG. Patriots Representatives, GROSSETO
TO : Presidency of the Council, Patriots Office, ROME
: AC.HQ. Patriots Branch, ROME
: A.M.G., GROSSETO
DATE : 20 January 1945.
REF : 145.
SUBJECT : Demobilisation bonuses and assistance.

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Following our letter ref. 50 dated 10:1/45 As by verbal agreements reached with your Office we wish you would transfer to us the following amounts:

- 63.500 lire to complete the payments of the independent Bands which operated in the area of this Province.

- The amount that your office will establish for the assistance to the numerous patriots who transit through this town, and to contribute at least in part to the expenses connected with the operation of the "Orsa del Partigiano".-

see File 53/5/Pat Folio 2.

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

(signed) Capt. DI CUCCO.

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Translated by J.d.H. 18

FROM : AMG Patriots Representatives, GROSSETO.
TO : Presidency of the Council, Patriots Office, ROME.
: HQ. AC. Patriots Branch, ROME
: AMG , GROSSETO
DATE : 20 January 1945.
REF : 146.
SUBJECT : Subventions to dependants of fallen patriots.

We forwarded:

a) - a list of patriots and civilians who died in combat or following nazi-fascist reprisals. Following each name appears the figure which must be payed to each individual to complete the established demobilisation bonus to 10.000 lire.

b) - For each applicant there is:

- death certificate,
- family certificate,
- statement of the Comune or of the RR.CC. proving that death happened in combat of followed nazi-fascist reprisals.

We wish you would kindly transfer the necessary funds.

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

Capt. DI CCCCO.

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12 Feb 45

Ref. 121/6/PAT

12 February 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

On 23 January I wrote you a letter Ref. 121/6/PAT about the question of payments being made to patriots who come through the lines or who are met with in newly liberated territory.

In my letter I pointed out that certain irregular payments were being made. I requested that immediate steps be taken to correct these conditions, and that instructions, as a temporary measure, be issued at once that no patriot representatives be sent into Military Government Territory without the written consent of Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission.

In addition I asked that the present haphazard method of remuneration of patriots be replaced by an approved governmental system.

May I remind you, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that the situation is urgent and that an answer to my letter of 23 January will hasten a solution of this important problem.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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Translated by J.J.R.

FROM : AMG. Patriots Representative, CROSSETTO.
TO : Presidency of the Council, Patriots Office, Rome.
: AG. HQ. Patriots Branch, ROME
: A.M.G., CROSSETTO.
DATE : 1st Feb 45.
REF : 207/6
SUBJECT: Subventions to families of fallen patriots.

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Following our letter n. 146/6 dated 20 January 1945 we forward:

a) a list of patriots and civilians who fell in combat or following to nazi-fascist reprisals. Each name is followed by the amount that must still be payed out to bring the indemnity of the established 10.000 lire.

b) For each applicant there is:

death certificate
Family certificate
A statement of the comune of the Carabinieri Reali; proving that death happened in combat or was the consequence of nazi-fascist reprisals.

May we be given the necessary funds.

THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

(signed) Capt. Di Cocco.

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ALLIED COMMISSION - PATRIOTS BRANCH

Prot. n° 207/6.

Grosseto 1 Febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: Sussidi alle famiglie dei caduti.

ALLA
PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Ufficio Patrioti
e P.C.
R O M A

→ ALL'A.C. - PATRIOTS BRANCH
R O M A

ALL'A.M.G.
GROSSETO

A seguito del foglio n. 146/6 in data 0 Gennaio 1945 si trasmette:

a) un elenco dei patrioti e civili deceduti in combattimento od in seguito a rappresaglia da parte di truppe nazi-fasciste, con a fianco segnata la cifra da corrispondere per portare il premio di smobilitazione a L. 10.000.

b) Per ogni interessato:
- certificato di morte
- stato di famiglia
- dichiarazione del comune o Carabinieri Reali comprovante che il decesso è avvenuto in combattimento od in seguito a rappresaglia da parte di truppe nazi-fasciste.

Con preghiera di fornire i fondi occorrenti.

L'UFFICIALE DEL PATRIOTS BRANCH
(Cap. Di Cocco Antonio)

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ELENCO DEI PATRIOTI E DEI CIVILI PERSEGUITATI IN CONSEGUENTO ED IN SEGUITO A RAPPRESAGLIA DA PARTE DI NAZI - FASCISTI

N°	Cognome e Nome	Comune nel quale è avvenuto il decesso	Data	Premio spettante	Premio percepito	Somma da percepire	Comune di Residenza	Note che ha formato il premio
1	Matteini Mario	Bosco Marittimo	14/6/1944	10.000	"	10.000	Bosco M.	"
2	Cavalieri Angelo	Sassano	14/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Sassano	"
3	Benedetti Benedetto	"	11/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	"	"
4	Corrieri Pietro	"	15/7 1944	10.000	"	10.000	"	"
5	Balocchi Attilio	Maniano	14/7 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Castell'Azz.	"
6	Cagliesi Calvino	Castell'Azz.	18/5 1944	10.000	"	10.000	"	"
7	Vasconi Alvaro	Maniano	14/5 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Sorano	"
8	Galimberti Giovanni	Castel Nuovo Val di Cecina	14/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Bosco Marit.	"
9	Bellandi Roberto	" " "	14/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	" "	"
10	Crisanti Adamo	Sorano	13/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Sorano	"
11	Orlandi Severino	"	12/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	"	"

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ELENCO DEI PATRIOTI E DEI CIVILI UCCISI IN COMBATTIMENTO OD IN SEGUITO A RAPPRESAGLIA DA PARTE DI NAZI - FASCISTI

...ome e Nome	Comune nel quale è avvenuto il decesso	Data	Premio spettante	Premio per coppia	Somma da corrispondere	Comune di Residenza	Note che ha fornito il premio
...ani	Monte Porzio	14/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Rocca P.	"
...acci ...o	Acquaviva	14/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Acquaviva	"
...atti ...otto	"	11/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	"	"
...eri ...o	"	15/7 1944	10.000	"	10.000	"	"
...echi ...o	Mugnano	14/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Castell'Azz.	"
...arci ...no	Castell'Azz.	18/5 1944	10.000	"	10.000	"	"
...oni ...o	Mugnano	14/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Sorano	"
...rsili ...ni	Centri Nuovo Via di Cecina	14/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Massa Marit.	"
...mori ...erto	" " "	14/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	" "	"
...ti ...o	Sorano	13/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	Sorano	"
...ti ...rino	"	17/6 1944	10.000	"	10.000	"	"

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N	Cognome e Nome	Comune nel quale è avvenuto il decesso	Data	Premio spettante	Premio percepito	Somma da percepire	Comune di residenza	Ente che ha fornito il premio
1	Tavani Felice	Sorano	14/6/44	10.000	=	10.000	Sorano	
13	Zecchini Francesco	"	14/6/44	10.000	=	10.000	"	
14	Gaviui Marcillo	Manciano	14/6/44	10.000	=	10.000	"	
15	Tavernesi Alberto	Grosseto	15/6/44	10.000	=	10.000	"	
16	Vichi Lino	Castel del Piano	21/6/44	10.000	5.000	5.000	Seggiano	Conte Aldi

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ni ice	Sorano	14/5/44	10.000	=	10.000	Sorano	
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ini silio	Manciano	14/5/44	10.000	=	10.000	"	
rnesi rto	Grosseto	15/6/44	10.000	=	10.000	"	
i o	Castel del Piano	21/5/44	10.000	5.000	5.000	Saggiano	Ente Assist

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 121/6/Pat
copy to 9/Pat. 36/Pat

Subject: Patriot Representatives, Members of the Italian Government dealing with Patriot Problems, Visits to Army Areas.

To: AMG Fifth Army
AMG Eighth Army
Regional Commissioner Tuscan Region
Piemonte
Lombardia
Venezia Trid
Emilia.

Ext. 374

27th Jan, 45.

This is to inform you that a letter was sent by the Chief Commissioner to the Italian Government which included the following text:

"As a matter of urgency I must ask you to give immediate instructions, as a temporary measure, that no Patriot Representatives will be sent into Military Government Territory except with the consent, to be obtained in writing, of an officer of the Patriots Branch of the A.C., and further that such representative be furnished with written instructions by the appropriate Ministry stating the amount of currency which he is carrying and the exact terms upon which he is to distribute such currency amongst Patriots and their dependants."

It was found necessary to send this letter in view of the fact that numerous Government representatives had been going up into Military Government Territory without prior notification to this Branch for the purpose of distributing funds amongst Patriots which they had collected through their own initiative.

Efforts are being made to arrange for the Government to budget for a lump sum so that all Patriots will receive demobilisation payments when they come through the lines, and it is hoped that in the near future a settlement will be reached. You will be notified in due course as to what happens.

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

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121/L translated by J.P.P.

From : A.C. Patriots Representatives - GROSSETO

To : Presidency of the Council - Patriots Office - ROME
: A.C. Patriots Branch - ROME
: A.M.G. Patriots Branch - GROSSETO

Date : 20 January 1945

Ref. nº 143

Subject ; Demobilisation bonuses and welfare.

copy not read.

Following our letter nº 50 dated 10 January 1945.

As by verbal agreements reached with your Office we wish you could supply us with the following funds:

- 63500 lire to complete payments to independant bands that operated in this province.

- The amount that your Office will establish for the assistance and welfare of the numerous patricts who transit through this town and to contribute, partially at least, to the expences connected with the operation of the " Casa del Partigiano".

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The Military Representative
(sgd) DI COCCO Antonio.

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ALLIED COMMISSION - PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Prot. n 143

Grosseto 20 Gennaio 1945

AL LA
PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
UFFICIO PATRIOTI

e p.c. ROMA

→ A.C. - PATRIOTS BRANCH - ROMA
A.M.G. - GROSSETO

OGGETTO: Fogli di smobilitazione ed assistenza.

Seguito foglio n. 50 in data 10/1/45 di questo Ufficio.

Come da accordi verbali presi con codesto Ufficio preghesi fornire:

- 53.500 per ultimare la ricognizione delle Bande Autonome che hanno operato in questa Provincia.

- La somma che codesto Ufficio stabilirà, per l'assistenza ai numerosi patriotti di transito in questa città e per concorrere, almeno in parte, alle spese che vengono incontrate per la gestione della "Casa del Partigiano".

L'UFFICIALE DEL PATRIOTS BRANCH
(Cap. Di Cesare Antoni)

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref. 121/G/PAT. 23 January, 1945.

My dear Prime Minister,

My attention has been drawn to the question of making payments to patriots who come through the lines or who are met with in newly liberated territory.

So far patriot representatives have been provided with funds by the A.M.G. and have been making payments of varied amounts to patriots. Sometimes much dissatisfaction has been caused because representatives have run out of cash and have not been able to make any further payments.

On the 12th January one of your patriot representatives inserted an advertisement in a newspaper in Florence stating that the families of patriots who had been killed fighting, if they belonged to the Communist, Social Democrat, or Liberal Party, would be paid 10,000 lire. I have, of course, issued instructions that this advertisement is to be cancelled and payments made to the families of deceased patriots without reference to their political party.

It has also been reported to me that a representative of the Ministry of Occupied Italy has been sent to the neighbourhood of Florence - without consulting the Patriots Branch here - with a large sum of money for distribution to patriots. I have ordered an immediate investigation and his recall.

These are two examples of the present haphazard and unsatisfactory system of remunerating patriots and it cannot be allowed to continue in Military Government Territory.

As a matter of urgency therefore, my dear Prime Minister, I must ask you to give immediate instructions as a temporary measure, that no patriot representatives will be sent into Military Government Territory except with the consent, to be obtained in writing, of an officer of the Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission; and further that such representative be furnished with written instructions by the appropriate Ministry stating the amount of currency which he is carrying and the exact terms upon which he is to distribute such currency amongst patriots or their dependants.

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With regard to the future I would ask you to consider putting the enumeration of patriots onto a proper governmental basis so that the present haphazard system may be terminated.

In particular I ask you to consider:-

(a) The proper budgetary appropriation of a sufficient sum to enumerate patriots; it is of course impossible to say how many patriots will ultimately be met, but purely as a guide I doubt if the number is likely to exceed 10,000 in the next three months.

(b) The basis on which the payment should be made. This has varied in the past and you will no doubt want to consider whether every patriot should be paid a flat rate or whether the sum should vary according to his financial means, injuries received, or some other basis. The latter method would give rise to many objections and it would be necessary to lay down with the utmost clarity the principles upon which a variation is to be made in each case. Certainly no discrimination should be made on the basis of political beliefs or party membership. The amount to be paid is entirely for you to determine.

I ask you, my dear Prime Minister, to give this matter your most urgent consideration, for much difficulty is being met with every day as patriots come through owing to the lack of a coordinated policy on the part of your patriot representatives.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) Ellery W Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
Patriots Branch

Tel. 689091 Ext. 374

Ref: 121/6/PAT. 22 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Partisans in Northern Italy.

TO: Operations Officer,
AMG. 5th Army.

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Reference your communication 109/2 under date 19 Jan 45.

1 The contents of this letter have been read with interest and the action taken by you is fully endorsed. As yet Puttesi has not communicated with this office but conversations will be held with him and Medici with whom we are arranging an interview during this week.

2 In point of fact, a scheme is at the moment being got out by the Italian Government which is tantamount to the proposals set forth by Puttesi. It is hoped that in the very near future an allocation of money and a concrete scheme for the payment of such sums to patriots will be forthcoming from the Italian Government.

3 We will keep you fully informed as to what is happening.

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

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AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

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DREM:HEP

19 January 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

REFERENCE : 109/2

SUBJECT : Partisans in Northern Italy.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission - Patriots Branch,
Attention: Lt. Col. Craig.

1. I today had a long interview with a man called Puttesi, who described himself as the Representative of the Ministry for Enemy Occupied Italy. He had come up here with 3,000,000 lire with the intention of starting an organisation to end all organisations to deal with Patriot problems in North-Western Italy, which would include all interested Italian agencies and if we approve would have a representative of the Allied Military Government.

2. Puttesi has the complete backing of P.W.B. and is said to be non-party and disinterested in politics in the normal Italian sense of the term. He struck me as an unusually practical young man compared with many Italian Officials (he is a native of Trieste) and has quite a sympathetic personality. He was himself a Partisan in Florence and is a personal friend of Medici, the Under Secretary for Occupied Italy.

3. Captain Limbert was present throughout the interview.

4. I explained to Puttesi our difficulties in dealing with Patriots and outlined what we regarded as the Italian responsibilities, explaining carefully that these were my personal opinions only. In reply Puttesi explained that the object of his Ministry was to regularise and systematise the various Italian agencies concerned under the one head of the Ministry, which could make definite plans now for the North. An essential feature of this proposal is that all the present activities of the various parties, particularly the disbursing of funds to their own members, would be prohibited.

5. After our prolonged discussion I was convinced that Puttesi at least is sincere and appreciates some of the difficulties. While not putting too great reliance on his obviously good intentions I suggest that his proposal is one which should be given consideration and support.

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6. In conclusion I told him to report straight back to Rome, since only there can matters of policy be decided, to obtain a firm mandate from his Ministry and the I.N.P.C. and thereafter to call on the Director of the Patriots Branch with concrete proposals. Upon the acceptance of any proposals by the Patriots Branch this Headquarters will be willing to cooperate in any way within our powers.

Meantime the 3,000,000 lire will remain on deposit in Florence.

7. I therefore commend the case of Puttesi to your consideration and we here will await your further instructions in the matter.

D.R.B. Mynors Major.

D.R.B. MYNORS,
Major, Scots Guards,
Operations Officer,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
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Ref: 121/6/Pat

Subject: Demobilisation Money

To: AMG Fifth Army
For the attention of the
Patriots Officer.

Ref. 574.

13th Jan, 45.

Further to your communication 109/3 of the 13th January, the contents of which have been duly noted.

This Branch is fully with you in your opinions, and as a result, a letter has been sent by the Chief Commissioner on the subject to the Italian Government, requesting them to retain (a) from pending representatives to carry areas without prior permission from this HQ, and (b) requesting them to inaugurate a scheme whereby all Patriots and Patriots' Dependents should have some payment for services rendered.
There are no guarantees at the moment, however, from the Italian Government.

F. Grant.
Lt. Colonel.
Director
Patriots Branch.

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Ref: 121/6/PAT

Subject: PRESS RE REPORT OBTAINED FROM INTS BY COL. TAVA

To: PATRIOTS BRANCH

1. The Patriots office knows nothing of the communique of the Florence "Corriere Del Mattino" of the 12th January, 1945.

2. The "Ufficio Provinciale Patrioti" (Patriots Provincial Office) does not exist - there are only the representative with the Regional and Provincial Commissioners.

3. The Chief of the Patriots Office at the Presidency of the Council has stated that 4,000,000 lire have been entrusted to the representatives and precisely to Magg Torrosi.

4. The funds have been issued by the Ministry of War, Chap 66, for the payment of urgent subventions to patriots and patriots' dependents, awaiting final provisions of the Italian Government. The funds had to be paid to all patriots and patriots dependents, regardless of their being members of any political party.

5. 750,00 lire has also been issued with similar instructions to the "Brigata V."

6. Similarly 5,000,000 have been issued to the Lucca Representatives for subventions to Patriots and patriots' dependents.

7. There is no guarantee whatsoever that the Italian Government will allott further moneys for indemnities to patriots and patriots' dependents. The matter is being discussed between Italian and Allied Authorities.

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AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

DREM:HDF

REFERENCE: 109/3

13 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Partisans.

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

1. Attached is a cutting from the Florence newspaper "Corriere Del Mattino" of 12 January which is self explanatory.

2. You will note that the payments of 10,000 lire are stated to originate from the Italian Government. This is in direct contrast to the instructions we have received from Allied Commission, namely that the Italian Government has so far refused to sanction any such payments.

3. The present state of ambiguity on this matter is extremely disconcerting; will you therefor please inform us on the following points.

a. Does the money in fact originate from the Italian Government.

b. Is there any guarantee that the Government will provide similar amounts for dependents of dead Partisans in other parts of the country?

For the Commanding General;

D.R.B. MYNORS,
Major, Scots Guards,
Operations Officer,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

Alle famig[illegible] Patrioti caduti

Tutte le f[illegible]ie dei Patrioti caduti dipend[illegible] dalle Squadre d'Azione del Partito Comunista, della Democrazia Cristiana e del Partito Liberale, che non abbiano ancora percepito l'aiuto immediato da parte del Governo italiano in misura di lire 10.000 sono pregate di passare nel più breve tempo possibile dall'Ufficio Provinciale Patrioti (Palazzo Prefettura) con il certificato di morte e lo stato di famiglia. Presentando tali documenti sarà liquidato immediatamente il sussidio spettante

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Translated by J.D.R.

(Undated)

I have had an interview with Comm. SILLANI, of the Ragioneria Generale dello Stato (State Central Administrative Body) detached at the Patriots Office of the Presidency of the Council, to establish an administrative plan which the Patriot Representatives at Patriot Centres should follow in the administration of the funds entrusted to them for payment of demobilisation bonuses of 5,000 lire to each demobilised patriot.

Comm. SILLANI has told me that for the payment of a demobilisation bonus of 5,000 lire to all those who are in a special situation (being or having been a bona fide patriot) an interministerial decree should be issued upon agreement with the Minister of Finance and approved by the Council of Ministers. If such a decree is issued patriots must be recognised as such and must observe the formalities of the law established by the "Contabilita Generale dello Stato" (State General Accountancy).

To eliminate such inconveniences, which would involve great bureaucratic complications, it would be opportune that the amount should be issued as a subsidy under the denomination of extraordinary subvention or extraordinary issue.

In such case the interministerial decree will not be needed and the officer appointed to the distribution of the funds will have to head [illegible] receipts signed in ink and with the full names of each patriot.

Same system can be used for the wounded patriots subventions.

Concerning the families of fallen patriots, maintaining the formula of "extraordinary subvention", the applicant will have to produce the "atto di morte" (death certificate) showing if death took place in combat or was due to execution etc. and the family certificate, giving evidence of the degree of kinship with the deceased.

Because it would not always be possible to produce both the above documents, which are requested by the State General Accountancy in order to eliminate the above hindrances which would prevent the assistance to the families of fallen patriots it would be necessary that the funds should not be allotted on a special chapter of the budget, they should instead be allotted to restricted expenses.

In this last case, the appointed officer, having previously formerly established that the applicant is entitled to the subvention, can proceed to the payment. He will then produce an administrative voucher similar to the one concerning payments to patriots or wounded.

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In conclusion to simplify the financial assistance to the families of fallen patriots and to the patriots it would be advisable to:

1. Establish that all funds should be allotted to restricted expenses.

2. As an alternative solution one quota should be allotted to a special budget chapter for bonuses to patriots and wounded, the other quota should be allotted to restricted expenses for payments to families of fallen patriots.

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Ho avuto un colloquio col Comm. Sillani, della Ragioneria Generale dello Stato - distaccato presso l'Ufficio Patrioti della Presidenza del Consiglio, per stabilire di comune accordo un piano contabile da far seguire ai Rappresentanti dei Patrioti presso i centri di Raccolta, nell'amministrazione dei fondi che saranno a loro consegnati per la concessione del premio di smobilitazione nella misura di L.5000 a patriota.

Il Comm. Sillani mi ha fatto presente che qualora venga corrisposto un premio di smobilitazione sotto tale denominazione, è occorre che venga emesso un decreto interministeriale di concerto col Ministro delle Finanze ed approvato dal Consiglio dei Ministri, col quale venga stabilito che a coloro che si trovano in determinate circostanze (cioè sia patriota) viene concesso un premio di smobilitazione di L.5000 ciascuno. In tal caso occorre che il patriota venga riconosciuto tale ed adempia alle formalità di legge contemplate dalla Contabilità Generale dell Stato.

Ad ovviare tale inconveniente sarebbe opportuno che la somma venga concessa, a titolo di sussidio, ma con la formula di "sovvenzione straordinaria" o "erogazione straordinaria". In tal caso l'ufficiale addetto alla distribuzione dei fondi sarà sufficiente che produca una lista con i nomi dei patrioti ai quali viene erogata la somma, corredata da ricevute individuali firmate a penna per esteso dagli interessati.

Lo stesso sistema può usarsi per i feriti.

Per le famiglie dei caduti, pur usando la formula "sovvenzione straordinaria" l'interessato dovrà produrre l'atto di morte dal quale risulti il decesso avvenuto in combattimento o facilazione ecc. e lo stato di famiglia dal quale risulti in modo evidente la relazione di parentela col defunto.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 478104

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(c) The amount to be paid. I have heard the sum of L.5,000 mentioned as a proper payment to make on a flat rate basis in the present circumstances, but the question of amount is entirely for you of course.

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~~Minute~~ ~~Memo~~

To. L.C.

I have abstracted the typed copy of 53/PAS dated 14 Dec. This is being forwarded separately with Covering of A/VP. & Cl. 2.9.1 Spin.

V. R. B. Chapman

DEMOBILISATION MONEY.

Vice President

1. I do not wish to do more than refer to my unfortunate letter of 14th December for which I have expressed my regret and I am fully aware that it should not have been addressed to the Prime Minister as Chairman of the C.L.N.

2. I do, however consider that it is essential that you should be in the picture as to the position in this regard and further I would ask for your directions in the matter. I therefore propose to give you the facts.

3. It is now clear that the whole of the financial arrangements in connection with demobilisation money to bona fide and certified patriots is a matter which the INPC handle direct with the Presidency of the Council.

4. The considerable amounts of money which have already been paid out are grants by different departments who intend to charge the money to their own individual budgets. There is no question, I am authoritatively informed, of responsibility for repayment resting on the INPC.

5. It would appear from the recent decree received that the government body which will rule the INPC will be the new Ministry of Non-Liberated Areas, (The Director General of Relief) The INPC as an interim request put in for 20,000,000 lire to be charged to whatever body is going to direct the patriot organisation. This request has been made to the Presidency of the Council No definite reply has been yet received A tentative agreement for 15,000,000 has been made. This sum it is stated, will definitely be charged to the final ruling body. It is further understood that the Cabinet is discussing a future policy in this regard and others of patriots on Saturday the 30th December. The sum which the INPC has recommended to the Presidency of the Council to be given to each genuine patriot is 5,000 lire.

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6. A further fact has been brought to light in that 5,000,000 has been obtained by the INPC from the Ministry of War and has been sent for distribution to the patriots at Lucca. I am of opinion that in order to ensure a just and equitable distribution of such money, the Allied Patriot Officers and Patriot Centre Officers should be at least in the picture as to what is happening and that patriot officers should be in a position to report whether the patriot representatives in their areas are in funds or not in order that there may be no hiatus or injustice in dealing with one bunch of patriots and another. It

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is indeed the desire of the Chief Commissioner that the Patriots Branch should so interest itself.

7 On the other hand the question of demobilisation money will, in my considered judgment, have a weighty effect on the welfare and mental attitude of patriots who receive such a demobilisation grant, as opposed to those who do not, or who receive a lesser sum. And that is why I feel the various Allied Patriot Officers should in some measure concern themselves with the problem. If however, this is not approved of, then I have nothing further to say.

8. It may be interesting to note that the 9,000,000 lire which I have referred to above is an additional sum to those sums referred to in my letter of regret. You may of course require the advice of Finance in this matter but as the whole question so vitally affects this organisation I shall be more than grateful for your directions.

9. In conclusion it must be pointed out that all the money has been obtained so far through the personal activities of Colonel Bernabo who has obtained these grants by worrying various ministers who have given them to him ad hoc.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 53/PAT.

14 December 1944.

Subject: Assistance to Patriots.

To: H.E. Ivanoe BONOMI,
Chairman of the National Patriots
Commission, Rome.

1. I wish to inform your Excellency that the problem of assistance to Patriots has become more urgent than ever at the present moment, because so very many Patriots are crossing the lines.

2. It is my belief that in consideration of the cost of living, a demobilisation bonus below 5000 lire would be inadequate. To give genuine fighting Patriots a less sum in Italy to-day is, in my judgement, an insult.

3. I know that the Italian Government will pay compensation to the families of fallen Patriots, and to Patriots who have been invalided or wounded in the war. I am also informed that the Italian Government propose to pay a bonus, the size of which will be calculated according to the time that the Patriots have spent with the Bands. The sum I have referred to in my para.2 may well be, should you desire, an advance payment for immediate needs from such bonus.

4. I have no wish to interfere in any way in regard either to the size or the manner in which such bonuses are payed. But I consider the payment of the 5.000 lire demobilisation bonus to be indispensable and urgent as such genuine Patriots are demobilised.

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5. I have given instructions for the institution of six reception points or centres for the Patriots, and I have requested the Patriots Office to appoint to the above centres six officers in whom the Chief of the Patriot Office has complete confidence.

6. All Patriots will have to be directed to the reception points which will be established immediately at the rear of the lines.

7. Allied Forces will supply the Patriots with food, clothing, shoes and other items such as cigarettes, etc. They will also issue Field Marshall Alexander's certificate. Your Commission will pay out the 5.000 Lire demobilisation bonus (assuming that such bonus is granted).

8. It is understood that the above proportions will be adopted after the bona fides of the Patriots has been established. This bona fides will have to be jointly established by the Italian military representative of the Patriots Office, by the Allied Patriot Officer at the reception centre, and by the Commander of the Band.

9. After a very brief stay at the reception points, where the genuine Patriots will be able to rest and receive such comforts as can be made available, they will be directed to the recruitment Centres if they wish to enlist in the Italian Army, or repatriated to their homes if they wish to return to civilians.

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10. In all cases they will have to be evacuated from the reception points to make room for other Patriots which are expected to be arriving in large portion.

11. The arrival of 100.000 Patriots is foreseen within the near future. It is therefore indispensable that if the desired demobilisation bonus of 5.000 Lire is granted, the Italian Government should allot 500.000.000 Lire which will have to be exclusively paid out in the above bonuses, and which will not under any circumstances be used to any other purpose.

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12. In view of the fact that it would be very harmful if for any reason the immediate and regular payment of the demobilisation bonuses should be even slightly delayed due to lack of funds, I suggest that, if your Excellency would approve of it, an amount of 50.000.000 lire should be entrusted for the purpose to the Patriots Branch of the Allied Commission, which would by and by give the necessary funds to the Italian Military Patriot representatives, and would see to it that the receipts for the bonuses would be forwarded with all possible haste to the National Patriots Committee.

13. At the same time the National Patriots Committee would ensure that the 50.000.000 lire deposit at the A.C. should constantly be kept up, by paying into it amounts equal to those for which receipts have been issued.

14. The receipts will have to bear the patriots signature, as well as the signatures of the Italian Military Patriot representative and of the Allied Officer attached to that Office.

15. In consideration of the very large numbers of Patriots who are arriving and will be arriving at our H.Qs. in the near future, and considering the urgent necessity to make provisions for their assistance, I wish that your Excellency would consider the situation as acute. If my suggestion concerning the demobilisation bonus are accepted, I will ask you to issue instructions whereby the trust fund, or deposit at the A.C. could actually be paid over within the next ten days.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 53/PAT. 14 Dicembre 1944.

Oggetto: Assistenza ai Patrioti.

A: S.E. Ivanoe BONOMI,
Presidente della Commissione
Nazionale Patrioti, Roma.

1. Desidero portare alla conoscenza di V.E. il fatto che presentemente l'attraversamento delle linee da parte di numerosissimi patrioti sia nella zona della 5ª che dell'8ª Armata, rende acuto il problema dell'assistenza.

2. Io ritengo che tenuto conto del costo della vita, un premio di smobilitazione inferiore a L.5.000 sia assolutamente inadeguato. Dare una somma inferiore ad un autentico patriota combattente è, a mia opinione, un insulto.

3. So che il Governo Italiano provvederà a pagare indennità alle famiglie dei Patrioti caduti e a Patrioti invalidi e mutilati di guerra; ho anche notizia che provvederà a pagare una indennità secondo propri criteri e in base al periodo di servizio prestato con le bande, ai Patrioti che via via si presentano. La somma cui ho fatto riferimento nel paragrafo 2, potrebbe benissimo essere, se V.E. lo ritiene opportuno, un acconto per provvedere alle necessità immediate.

4. Io non entro naturalmente in merito all'entità ed alla maniera di queste assegnazioni, eccezion fatta per il premio di L. 5.000 per ogni Patriota riconosciuto, che ritengo indispensabile venga corrisposto senza indugio, via via che detti Patrioti vengono smobilitati.

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5. Ho disposto che vengano costituiti 6 centri di raccolta per patrioti ed ho chiesto all'Ufficio Patrioti che vengano assegnati a questi centri 6 Ufficiali che siano elementi di assoluta fiducia del Capo dell'Ufficio stesso.

6, 7. A questi Centri di raccolta, nella zone di immediata retrovia, dovranno essere avviati tutti i Patrioti che vi riceveranno a cura delle Forze Alleate generi di conforto, cibo, abiti e scarpe ed il certificato del Maresciallo Alexander, nonchè il premio di L. 5.000 (semprechè esso venga concesso) a cura della Vostra Commissione.

8. Beninteso tutto ciò avverrà appena sia riconosciuta ad ognuno la qualità di autentico Patriota. Questa qualità deve essere concordemente stabilita dall'Ufficiale Italiano rappresentante militare dell'Ufficio Patrioti, dall'Ufficiale Alleato addetto ai Patrioti presso quel Centro di raccolta e dal Comandante della Banda.

9. Dopo un brevissimo periodo di sosta presso i centri di raccolta, ove i Patrioti riconosciuti tali potranno riposare e riconfortarsi, essi dovranno essere avviati verso i centri di reclutamento nel caso vogliano arruolarsi nell'Esercito Italiano o verso il loro paese per riprendere la vita civile in caso contrario.

10. Comunque dovremmo evacuare il campo per far posto ad altri Patrioti, la cui affluenza è prevista in gruppi assai considerevoli.

11. Prevediamo infatti nei prossimi mesi un afflusso di circa 100.000 Patrioti, e riteniamo indispensabile che il Governo Italiano, nel caso auspicato dell'assegnazione del premio immediato di smobilitazione di L.5.000, provveda allo stanziamento di L. 500.000.000 assegnate esclusivamente e senza possibilità di storni, a tale pagamento di questa categoria di premi di smobilitazione.

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12. In considerazione del fatto che sarebbe sommamente pregiudizievole che per qualsiasi motivo mancassero i fondi al regolare ed immediato pagamento dei premi di smobilitazione e che questi pagamenti dovessero subire una anche breve interruzione, chiedo a V.E. se non ritenga opportuno che una somma di L. 50.000.000 fosse affidata fiduciariamente a questo scopo alla Commissione Alleata, Patriots Branch la quale consegnerebbe via via i fondi necessari agli Ufficiali Italiani rappresentanti dei Patrioti e provvederebbe a far pervenire alla Commissione Nazionale Patrioti con la massima sollecitudine le ricevute dei premi pagati.

13. A sua volta la Commissione Nazionale Patrioti provvederebbe senza indugio a ricostituire continuamente il deposito fiduciario di L. 50.000.000 presso la Commissione Alleata, versando importi pari alle ricevute di pagamento trasmessele.

14. Dette ricevute, firmate dal Patriota che ha riscosso il premio, dovranno essere controfirmate dall'Ufficiale Italiano Rappresentante dei Patrioti, e dall'Ufficiale Alleato preposto a questo Ufficio.

15. Stante il numero ingente di Patrioti che affluiscono ed affluiranno ai nostri Comandi in un prossimo avvenire, e la necessità urgente di provvedere alla loro assistenza, Vi prego, Eccellenza, di voler considerare la situazione come acuta e se la mia proposta di premio di smobilitazione viene accolta, vorrei pregarvi di far si che il deposito fiduciario presso la Commissione Alleata possa essere effettuato entro un periodo di 10 giorni.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext. 620

Ref: 12/6/Pat.

8 Dec. 44

DEMOBILIZATION MONEY

1. Mr. Andis Di Robilant will please now, arising out of the conference between himself, Col. Bernabo and myself, draw up a firm directive in regard to the payment of demobilization money, with, if necessary, the help of Major Magnus.

2. It is obvious that the present channels are cumbersome and ineffective and Col Bernabo's point that these channels must be short-circuited is to be emphasised. I should be careful of the wording of this matter in order not to offend the Italian Government.

3. The whole system must be dealt with at the Patriot Centres of V and VIII Armies in order that Patriots may be dealt with "hot" as they cross the line and are received in Reception Centres.

4. The main principle, apart from isolated cases, should be that patriots are dealt with at the Centres. There the Patriot Officer, who is the representative of the Camp Commandant, should sit and deal with each case of a bona fide and certificated patriot.

5. I cannot consider any payment to a bona fide patriot of a sum less than 5,000 lire as anything but an insult. The detail and machinery of what is commonly known in Great Britain as a Cash Imprest system will have to be introduced so that the Patriot Officer and Italian Military Representative are never without funds.

6. As their funds need replenishment they should make application, together with receipts which must be taken from all patriots, through this H.Q. when the Director will put the matter before Col. Bernabo in order that a reimbursement on the receipts produced may be made and a sufficient issue sent forward.

7. A strong point made to me in the forward areas was that when in the reception centres each certificated patriot should be allowed to draw small sums for all the amenities of life, of which a strict account must be kept, and on leaving the centre he receives the balance.

8. In view of the number with which I am dealing, I do not consider that it would be fair to inform the Italian Government that we shall require any sum less than five hundred million lire for this class of patriot alone.

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10. In a covering letter which will accompany such directive for the information of the Italian Government, we must stress the point that the situation is acute in regard to patriots, and that in my considered judgment as Director of the Patriots Branch an ad hoc grant must be made within 14 days. I suggest for the ad hoc grant that fifty million lire should be immediately placed at the disposal of the Patriots Branch.

11. When the directive has been drawn up, I should be glad if Mr. A. di Robilant and Major Magnus would consult me. A covering letter should accompany the draft expressing the urgency of the situation.

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Director,
Patriots Branch.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext.620

Ref: 36/PAT

4 December 1944.

Subject: Payment to Patriots.

To: Executive Officer,
Patriots Branch.

The demobilisation money question is extremely sporadically handled and is causing great dissatisfaction at the actual patriot centres and reception points. As you know, payments have been made sometimes on a basis of 200 lire per head, which is nothing more than an insult to a patriot as a gratuity, and in some cases selected patriots of the bands are receiving through party funds far in excess of that sum.

The whole of this question requires going into again, and, as I have agreed with Col. FAVA, in my opinion, a sum of 5,000 lire per head would not be inadequate for the purpose.

As soon as the "Alexander" Certificate has been issued, which should be handled in an efficient and thorough manner at the earliest possible opportunity, such patriots as may desire it should be allowed a ledger account to draw small sums for their daily amenities in the town or place in which the patriot centre is located. That is to say, if a man is in the patriot centre and wishes to draw 100 lire per day for the 10 days he may be in such a centre, he may do so, but will then leave the patriot centre on dispersal for his new destination with 4,000 lire instead of 5,000. The detail of this will have to be very carefully worked out.

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