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1. Please write Maj. Mynors clear up question of Viereggo.

2. Major Drage informs me after personal survey that he himself had to set up point, but it must not be regarded as a transit point and may require

- (1) Camp Commandant
- (2) Military Italian Representatives
- (3) 1 EM/OR.

3. Also re Recruiting Agency personnel will be advise us as to reduction desirability but state every hand should be deck to assist absorption and since they are there why not keep them totally.

See 105/PAT

sgt RGB SPIERER, COL
DIRECTOR

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EXTRACT FROM MEMORANDUM FROM COL FAVA OF 2 MARCH 1945

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VIAREGGIO. - The camp has not been visited, but as it appears that the organisation is not satisfactory, instructions have been given to transfer the patriots to Pescia.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH.

Confidential.

Ref : 121/8/PAT.

27 February 1945.

Subject: Payments to Patriots.

To : Capt. LIBERT, 486 V Army.

Copy to: Major F.E. GILBERT, Lombardie Region.

A copy of a letter dated 22 Feb. 45 from Major F.E. GILBERT, with enclosure dated 1 Jan. 45, is forwarded herewith, for action with regard to the payment of the Patriots referred to.

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

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TO : The Director, Patriots Branch,
Allied Commission.

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22 February 1945

FROM : Major F.E. GILBERT, 5 Innis D.C.
Lombardia Region,
c/o IWB Unit 14, APO 512.
Tel. 26259.

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1. Reference my D/O dated 1 January 1945 addressed to Major DRAGE - copy attached.
 2. For your information it has just been reported to me that the 32 patriots have not been paid for their services - (para 2 (ii) (b) of the a/m D/O refers.).
 3. One of the patriots who had served under Sgt. Muller at Viareggio passed this information to Sgt. Muller when he happened to visit the Patriot Centre at Florence today.
 4. I am sure you will agree with me that neglect, especially of this kind, is most damaging to our efforts.



F.E. GILBERT
Major, 5 Innis D.C.
A.C. Lombardia Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 489001
Ext. 374

Ref: 121/8/PAT.

4 January 1945.

Subject: Patriot Camp at VIAREGGIO.

My dear

First I want to thank you for all your effort. Everything proceeded according to plan.

With regard to your letter of 1 January, I have gone into the matter very thoroughly with Pfc. MULLER and shall certainly take the matter forward. I quite agree with you and with MULLER that I cannot see for the life of me why the Camp was closed down.

As for the activities of F/Lt. STOTT, I will see that this is reported in the right quarter.

Once more thanking you, and trusting you are well,

Yours

BLD/ejl

B.L. DRAGE,
Major,
Patriots Branch.

Major F.E. GILLETTE,
AMG Lombardia Region,
c/o "D" Section, FWB Unit 14,
APO 512.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
(c/c "D" Section, IWB Unit 14, APO 512) Florence

CONFIDENTIAL
1 January 1945

Dear, Ben

1. Reference our conversation about the Patriots in VIAREGGIO, here attached is a copy of my D/O to Giles which more or less covers what went off.
2. In addition, I think I should draw your attention to the undermentioned.

(i) Medical Supplies.

Apparently they received a "beautiful and expensive assortment" of medical supplies. The doctor's observation was "not enough of less beautiful, less expensive and more useful things for the needs of a camp of partisans!"

(ii) Security.

(a) A question affecting morale arose during Sgt. Muller's tour of duty concerning a Ft.Lt. STOTT, A.C. APUANIA Province, who arrived at the camp on T/O. Muller will tell you what transpired but I do feel such cases should be reported to the CO.

(b) As the camp was closed down hurriedly Sgt. Muller is a little concerned whether or not the 32 patriots who worked under Lt. KASH and him were paid for their services - it was apparently Ft.Lt. STOTT's responsibility to see they were paid.

3. Muller is bringing this to you himself and will be able to report to you personally anything you may wish to know about.

Yours aye

Gilly

Major E.L. DRACE.

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SUBJECT: Patriots.

Dear

1. Reference our conversation of last evening relating to the Patriots in VIETNAM.

2. I have since seen 1/2 of. Muller who spent 10 days there organizing the camp - he returned on the 26th. He more or less confirms what I told you from my observations: it would seem he has done a good job of work at the camp and I understand Major Valerian MAC at VIETNAM is forwarding a report on his activities.

3. Muller, in his remarks to me mentioned the following points which are, I think, worth noting.

(i.a.) He felt it was a pity to close down the camp when it had become nicely organized, considering the cost and effort that has been made.

(i.b.) Accommodations found, blankets supplied, feeding arrangements, cookhouse, supplies and local contractors organized, water supply, sanitary arrangements and lighting connected up, infirmary and a small hospital (5 beds) - all properly set up within the 10 or 12 days.

(ii.a.) It seems that many refugees come from neighboring towns north of the line; they had lived in the hills for 7/10 days or so and presented themselves as patriots, hoping for better treatment.

(ii.b.) Genuine patriots do know each other.

(ii.c.) Genuine patriots however do resent being subjected to discipline once they are disarmed - e.g., they refuse to take orders from the Carabinieri or to be sent to a place not to their liking, such as to PAVIA.

(ii.d.) Many genuine patriots claim they would like to continue fighting the enemy on their own but they are definitely opposed to joining the Italian Army which they consider a political instrument upholding the House of Savoy.

(ii.e.) Some genuine patriots present themselves as refugees in the hope of early repatriation and/or in order to avoid military service and/or to avoid further fighting altogether.

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Yours

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F.E. GILLET

Lt. Col. S. GILLET

Copy to Major Dwyer - Patriot Bn under care of D/O Letter.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

PATRIOT SECTION

Ref. PAT/AG/PCL

Subject: Patriot Point Viareggio

To: HQ.AG.AOI 394
Civil Affairs Section
Patriot Branch

1. With reference to your communication dated 22nd Dec., N. 121/8/PAT I have to inform you that the Patriot Point at Viareggio is under the supervision of the S.C.A.O. of the 92 Division, namely Major Waldron. I do not think that it will require an Allied Officer but for the moment Major De Alfaro and 2nd Lt. Beverini will be on duty there in order to separate the Partisans from the Refugees so that the Partisans coming in from the lines will go straight to the Partisans Centre at Piacia.

2. We have a certain amount of supplies at Viareggio but there is no intention of setting up a Partisan Center there at present.

R.C. Limbert
R. C. LIMBERT, Capt.
Patriots Officer (AMG) Fifth Army

26th December, 1944. ✓

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APO. 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 121/8/PAT.

22 December 1944.

Subject: Patriot Point at Viareggio.

To : Hq. AMG. Fifth Army
Att. Major D. Wynors.

I am given to understand that a Patriot Point, which is purely transit, has been opened in Viareggio.

I would be obliged if you would confirm, however, that although this point is only to be used for transit purposes, whether it will be in need of a Camp Commandant, an Italian Military Representative and one CR/EM. or not.


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

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