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MINUTE SHEET No. 3

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To: Patriots

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To: C.A. Section, for the Attention of the V.P.

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Director:

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Please see Folios 5 and 6.

Whilst I feel that the set-up of the Labour Camp at LIVORNO is not now of immediate importance in view of the fact that arrangements have been made to absorb with the South African Division all the patriots we have on hand, I do feel that we must get on with the matter. However, it will be seen from Lt. McLAUGHLIN's report that certain additional equipment is necessary. As this is an American area, release of this equipment will have to be obtained through MATOUSA.

May I please have your opinion and instructions.

C. R. [Signature]
Executive Officer.

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10 Jan.

To Civil Affairs Section.

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2. I am given to understand that all these supplies ARE available at LIVORNO but cannot be released unless prior authority is obtained from MATOUSA.

3. Whilst the patriot problem so far as numbers are concerned is not serious, taking the long view it is felt that the establishment and building up of a labour camp which would eventually hold 2,000 patriots, would be a good move. This would create an out-let and channel for future absorption.

4. May I please have your directions.

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C. D. [Signature]
Executive Officer.

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To: Civil Affairs Section.

11 Jan.

The attached draft letter (folio 11) is forwarded for your attention. or approval.

C. D. [Signature]
Executive Officer.

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MINUTE SHEET No. 1

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26 Dec. 44

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Director,

I spoke to the Base Purchasing Officer at Leshorn at 1115 hrs this morning.

The following definite arrangements have been agreed upon :

1. The Base Purchasing Officer will give immediate employment to 2,000 patriots.
2. He will allocate a special location for the establishment of the camp.
3. We are to provide an American Officer who will be under arm and will act as Camp Commandant and carry out all necessary administrative responsibilities.
4. The contents of the salvage Depot at Livorno will be at our disposal where we shall be able to obtain the necessary camp equipment.
5. We will supply tents.
6. FOOD.
The employers of the labour will supply the men with a heavy mid-day meal. We will be responsible for their breakfast and supper which will be on the scale of refugee rations. This will give the men a fairly good basic ration until such time as authority is received for the issue of something more.
7. CLOTHING.
The clothing we have received to date will be sufficient for this number of men.

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Executive Officer.

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*Good work. Please report progress
keep Patriotic officer, I completely in
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PENBASE 1123 CITE BFBPA BFGDS
Date Time of Origin: JAN 261831A

Message Centre No: C/ 9578
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 270830A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: PENBASE

TO: MTOUSA G-4, FOR ACTION, TO ALLIED COMMISSION PATRIOT BRANCH INFORMATION

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HQS PBS does not at this time favor establishment of Patriot Labor Camp in LEGHORN area. Shortage of civilian labor has become less acute since camp was originally offered by ALLIED COMMISSION in mid December. Because of their delay in activation and source of supply being still indefinite believe problem can be solved otherwise.

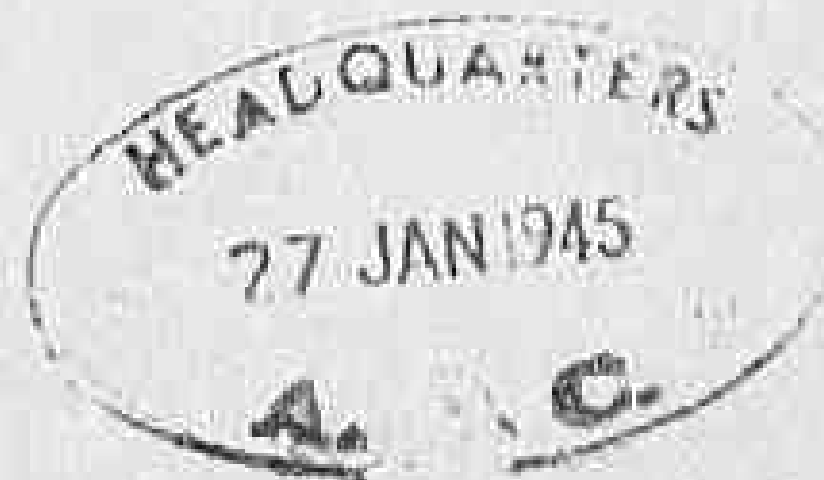
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 10/2Pat
(copy to 121/11/Pat)

Subject: W Car in possession of
Lt. McLaughlin, Patriot Officer.

To: HQ Commandant,
Allied Commission.

Ext. 374

20th Jan, 45.

It is regretted that this car has been away seven days longer than it should have been. Instructions have been given for this car to be returned immediately to the Super Garage.

Lt. McLaughlin is doing highly important work in Fifth Army area, and his work is likely to go on for some little time. It would be very much appreciated if something could be done to let him have some form of transport in order to carry on: a Jeep would answer the purpose.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref: 10/2/Pat.
(copy to 121/11/Pat)

Subject: Transport

To: Lt. N. McLaughlin,
Patriot Officer, AMB Fifth Army.

Ext 374

20th Jan, 45.

Confirming telephone conversation of even date,
please despatch the P.U. car which you have in your
possession back to HQMC to report to the Super Garage
immediately.


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

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ALLIED COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
AFO 394

121/11

8 January 1945

SUBJECT: Report on Activities - No. 3.

TO : Director, Patriots Branch, AC.

1. Received letter, Ref 121/11/PAT on 7 January. I started out this morning to contact the G3 of PBS, Livorno. I only got a few miles under way when my vehicle broke down. I had to return to Florence for repairs. At present the car is unable to run and has to be left at a RENA workshop. Tomorrow morning it has to be towed to a place north of Florence. It will probably be two or three days before I can have the use of it. In the meantime, I am going to press 5th Army for the loan of a vehicle.

2. Had quite a long talk again with Major Mynors. 5th Army still refuses to alter their policy and give us any supplies.

Norman F. McLaughlin
NORMAN F. McLAUGHLIN,
1st Lt., Infantry,
Patriots Branch.

HFM/cp

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 374
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 121/11/Pat.

Subject: Livorno Labour Camp.

To: AFHQ, G-5.

Copy for info:

AFHQ, G-4, Major AKERMAN,
Base Purchasing Agent, Livorno.

Ext: 575

17th Jan, 48.

1. In order to arrange for the long term absorption of Patriots, contact has been made with the Base Purchasing Officer, EAB Livorno, and tentative agreement has been reached whereby it is agreed to employ up to 2,000.
2. A representative was sent to interview the Base Purchasing Officer, and after going thoroughly into the subject, it was agreed that a labour camp should be established, the administrative procedures of which would have to be maintained by AG/AGB.
3. In order to establish the camp, it was found that the attached listed camp equipment would be necessary. Of these items, the only articles which are at the moment on hand are as follows:-
 - Item (c) Medical - all listed.
 - Item (d) Housing - 1,000 tents (divided), 2,000 mattresses, covers or bed sacks.
 - Item (f) Kitchen - 2,000 mess kits complete.
4. It is understood that the rest of the equipment required is available from EAB stocks at Livorno, and could be released if AFHQ's authority were granted.
5. In view of the urgency of making arrangements for the absorption of Patriots, and also as it is understood of the urgent need at Livorno for labour, it would be appreciated if this matter could be given immediate attention and action.
6. In connection with the above, Major AKERMAN, G-4, AFHQ, with whom the Executive Officer, Patriots Branch, discussed this proposal, is agreeable, and is prepared to give additional information concerning the arrangements in this labour camp.

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G.R. UNGER,
Brigadier,
V.P. G.A. Section.

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Ref: 124/11/PAT

Subject: Livorno Labour Camp

To: WMA G.5.

Copy for info:
 AFHQ. G.4. Major ARZMAN
 Base Purchasing Agent, Livorno.

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3. In order to establish the Camp, it was found that the attached listed camp equipment would be necessary. Of these items, the only articles which are at the moment on hand are as follows:-
 Item (c) Medical - All listed.
 Item (d) Housing - 1,000 tents (bivouacs,) 2,000 mattresses, covers or bed sacks.
 Item (f) Kitchen - 2,000 mess kits complete.
4. It is understood that the rest of the equipment required is available from PPS Stocks at LIVORNO, and could be released if MATOURA's authority were granted.
5. In view of the urgency of making arrangements for the absorption of Patriots, and also as it is understood ^{of} the urgent need at LIVORNO for labour, it would be appreciated if this matter could be given immediate attention and action.

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- Item (d) Housing - 1,000 tents (olive), 2,000 mattresses, covers or bed sacks.
- Item (f) Kitchen - 2,000 mess kits complete.
4. It is understood that the rest of the equipment required is available from PPS Stocks at LITTONO, and could be released if WFOUSA's authority were granted.
5. In view of the urgency of making arrangements for the absorption of Patriots, and also as it is understood ^{of} the urgent need at LITTONO for labour, it would be appreciated if this matter could be given immediate attention and action.
6. In connection with the above, Major AKERMAN, G-4 AFHQ, ²⁸¹⁷ ~~2817~~ whom the Executive Officer, Patriots Branch, discussed this proposal, is agreeable, and is prepared to give additional information concerning the arrangements in this Labour Camp.

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PATRIOT BRANCH
APO 394

2 January 1945

SUBJECT: List of Necessary Supplies.

TO : Director of Patriot Branch, AC.

1. Following is a list of necessary supplies and equipment that must be on hand before a camp of approximately 2000 patriots can be properly started.

- 1/6
- a. Transportation: 2 - 2 1/2-ton Trucks
2 - 200-gallon Water Carts
 - ✓ b. Supplies - Food - Water.
 - c. Medical: Bandages
Medicine for first-aid treatment
(Note: Above is included because the civilian hospital is in a very bad state. Through my inquiries, I have found out the hospital has practically nothing with which to work.)
 - ✓ d. Housing: 1000 - Pop Tents (bivouac), complete - poles, pins, rope.
3000 - Blankets
✓ 2000 - Mattress Covers or Bed Sacks
4 - Tents (pyramidal) - Supplies & Food
2 - Tents (") - Offices
3 - Pies, Kitchen
 - e. Sanitation: 4 - Lister Bags
12 - 8-hole Latrine Bases
12 - Latrine Screens
1 - Shower Unit
 - f. Kitchen: ✓ 2000 - Mess Kits, complete
2000 - Ganteen Cans
8 - 32-gallon Cans
6 - 15-gallon cans
2 - Cutlery Sets, complete
 - g. Camp Maintenance: 25 - Shovels
25 - Picks
5 - Axes
3 - Saws
6 - Hammers
2 - Kegs of Nails
2 tons - Brick
1 - Cement
- ground dirt?

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2. The above is not a total list of supplies or equipment needed, but any others that are needed can be gotten locally, or can be improvised.

3. I am not listing clothing or food. Clothing is not too hard to get, but an authorization for an unlimited drawing from MIOUSA to any local clothing salvage would be a great help. Food is just a matter of making arrangements for its transportation and accountability, through AMB supply sources. Another matter on clothing, it is Capt. Lambert's hope to have all patriots properly clothed before leaving the initial camps.

Norman F. McLaughlin

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2000 - Mattress Covers or Bed Sacks
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3 - Flies, Kitchen
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RAGG. CAFIERO & TREVISONE

ROMA - VIA REGINA ELENA, 3
TELEF. 43-137

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Extract from Capt. LEBERT's letter of 1 January 1945

(See File 121/5/PAT, Folio 36)

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"4. In regard to your communication of the 28th Dec. 1944, with the position regarding my supplies at the moment, you will see that it is quite impossible for me to supply Lt. McLAUGHLIN with anything, if I am to keep the Centres going, on the meagre supplies which I have. I would point out in regard to the tents that they are Bivouac, British; there are no ground sheets and no tent poles. I may be able to supply a limited number of Italian Military metal 3-piece poles, but as these rightfully belong to the Italian Military, I do not quite know what the position will be.

"5. In regard to LIVORNO the whole position seems to be somewhat obscure; I had a brief interview today with Lt. McLAUGHLIN, who informed me that the Labour people at LIVORNO were not prepared to supply anything and that it was entirely up to us. As you know, Major GUESMAN, A.D.C. Fifth Army, British, was prepared to take 250 partisans in 10 days and on his own initiative to supply a British Officer and set up a partisan Camp with proper huts. According to McLAUGHLIN, this arrangement does not meet with the approval of the American Colonel at LIVORNO who stated that in his opinion it was an unsound scheme and that he considered that the scheme had better be abandoned. I know that it is felt generally in Fifth Army circles that, whilst we would be prepared to assist to the best of our ability the idea of this Camp at LIVORNO, the responsibility for obtaining the necessary equipment must be the Provincial Commissioner's, P.B.S. or A.C. I feel sure that you will agree that the little equipment that we have got must be used primarily for the Reception Centres. The position may alter when we are able to obtain the clothing which at present is being manufactured. This clothing incidentally will be serviceable for the Partisans to wear whilst working. I would again point out that the Red Cross clothing which we have obtained is of a nature suitable to pass on to refugees, but is neither warm nor serviceable enough to clothe the Partisans in, when expecting them to do a proper day's work, in this extreme cold. In any event, assuming that we are able to give Lt. McLAUGHLIN a limited supply of clothing, we have no transport to convey it to LIVORNO, we have no picks, shovels, etc., with which to make the camp, and furthermore we have no suitable accommodation in which to house the partisans. It can hardly be expected that these men should sleep in bivouac tents, without ground sheets and without tent poles, and personally I am at a loss to know how to supply these articles.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 439081
Ext. 374

Ref: 121/11/PAT.

4 January 1945.

Subject: Livorno Labour Camp.

To: Lt. N.F. McLAUGHLIN,
c/o Patriot Officer,
Fifth Army AEC.

I am in receipt of your report dated 1 January, which I find pretty conclusive, and quite realize the difficulties which are facing you.

As you have probably heard from Capt. LEMBERT, arrangements have now been made for the absorption of a large number of patriots elsewhere. However, I do feel that we must not forget the future, and while the establishment of the LIVORNO Camp is of no immediate urgency, it is essential that we proceed with the scheme.

In this connection I have had an interview with Col. FINDLAY of Displaced Persons Sub Commission, who, as you know, has many large refugee camps dotted about the country. He informs me that most of his camp equipment is got through scrounging. However, he gave me a suggestion which I should like you to try and do something about. He said that the G-3 people of P.B.S. LIVORNO are most helpful. I would suggest that you go to LIVORNO to see them and try to sell the idea. Point out the seriousness of the patriot situation and how imperative it is that we find work for these people. Tell them of the material you have and see whether we cannot get them to agree to come to our help.

With regard to transport, I do not think we can ever expect to get a permanent allocation, but in a large town like LIVORNO with all its transport there should be no difficulty in obtaining the loan of two trucks.

Col. FINDLAY informs me that if P.B.S. will allow you to go to the local salvage depots you can do what he does in his refugee camps, namely salvage the material to make such things as water carts, shower units, latrines, etc.

I think we can get you the 2,000 extra blankets you require, pickets, axes, shovels, etc., also medical equipment. In any case, have a shot at this idea and let me know if you have any luck. I know you will do your best.

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

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Comments on the "Plan for a Partisan Labour Camp at Lagaro"
and suggestions by Lt. Ferruccio EGORI, Partisan Leader.

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For the Livorno Camp, which we think will be different from the Lagaro one, a tailor will be provided and a Camp cobbler for whom a room will have to be set aside and the necessary tools provided. Same for the barber. Naturally the initiative of the Camp Commandant will be directed to make continual improvements in the life of the men.

The canteen will be a very important feature, not only owing to the material advantages which it may give, but specially to give the men the possibility to meet together after the day's work and discuss their day. During the hours of rest we shall construct a table tennis and other games, to give a merry character to the labour life. In this the Allied Unit will have to help us, when the healthy meaning of the proposition will be appreciated and proved. A special room, with heating, will be necessary for the canteen. Eventually, the items supplied by the Allied command will be re-embursed.

The following wage scale is fully accepted:

Chief Foreman	£ 7.300	per month
Time keeper	£ 4.800	" "
Cooks	£ 4.500	" "
Gang foreman	£ 4.950	" "
Foreman	£ 4.650	" "
Partisan labourer	£ 4.350	" "
Store room keeper	£ 4.500	" "
Medical orderly	£ 4.500	" "

The hours of work in excess of 8 hours will be paid as overtime. £. 900.= monthly will be withdrawn for the food.

The barracks will be heated and we could supply ourselves the labour to build the beds; but we would need the canvas, the wood and the nails.

Clothing for us is not a commodity, but a vital necessity: it is necessary for us to take off the clothing we are now wearing. We are in dire need of underclothing: we have been in Florence for over a month and nothing has been given to us. We have crossed the lines because life was impossible. Most of us have been wearing the same clothes for 4 and 5 months.

Cleanliness will give us physical well-being and together with better food work will be immediately gratefully and joyfully accepted.

Both in Leghorn and in Florence when working mackintoshes and overcoats will be necessary. Same for towels and soap. After the day's work it will be compulsory for each man to change and take a shower, after which the canteen will be opened, where everyone will find an hour's relaxation and new political life. The wireless will be our liaison with the Italian life in the peninsula.

Our own electricians will install the electric light, provided the necessary equipment is given to us.

It is necessary that I should leave immediately with 20 men for Leghorn, and I am ready to assume every responsibility for a satisfactory organization and discipline.

My initiatives will be solely to the benefit of the partisans and the partisan law will be rigidly enforced in every service appertaining to the camp.

Boots are necessary more than anything else, and woolen socks, to put the men in conditions such as not to suffer.

At the beginning it will be necessary that a certain number of men remain in the camp to see to its improvement. Shower baths are a primary necessity.

Squads will be organized for Sunday sports.

Florence, December 30th 1944.

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ARMED COMMISSION
Patriot Branch
APO 394

January 1945

SUBJECT: Report on Activities.

TO : Director, Patriot Branch, AC.

1. Arrived in Livorno Saturday, 30 December. Had a conference with Chief Base Purchasing Agent and a representative of G-2 Section, PMS.

2. Results of conference are as follows:

The Base Purchasing Agent is willing to hire up to 2000 patriots and willing to give us the camp site, but we have to provide all equipment for the camp. The BPA has not the authority to let us draw from any Army salvage dump. That authority has to come from higher echelon.

The G-2 representative was interested from the security side. I assured him all the patriots to come into the area were all vetted by our authorities and given a clean record before leaving our forward camps. Also, all administration, responsibility for discipline, morale and other non-labor functions would be the responsibility of the AC officer in charge of the camp. All movement, passes to town, curfew, etc. would be coordinated with security orders laid out by Base G-2.

3. Returned to Florence Sunday and made contact with Captain Limbert. After a long conversation, and a physical inspection of equipment, he and I came to the conclusion that the equipment he has on hand is totally inadequate for our purposes. Captain Limbert is furnishing your office with a complete list of equipment on hand.

Captain Limbert and I went to see Major Mynors, but he was not at headquarters on Sunday, nor was any other official we could consult on our matters.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Patriot Branch
APO 394

1 January 1945

SUBJECT: Report on Activities.

TO : Director, Patriot Branch, AC.

1. Arrived in Livorno Saturday, 30 December. Had a conference with Chief Base Purchasing Agent and a representative of G-2 Section, PBS.

2. Results of conference are as follows:

The Base Purchasing Agent is willing to hire up to 2000 patriots and willing to give us the camp site, but we have to provide all equipment for the camp. The BPA has not the authority to let us draw from any Army salvage dump. That authority has to come from higher echelon.

The G-2 representative was interested from the security side. I assured him all the patriots to come into the area were all vetted by our authorities and given a clean record before leaving our forward camps. Also, all administration, responsibility for discipline, morale and other non-labor functions would be the responsibility of the AC officer in charge of the camp. All movement, passes to town, curfew, etc. would be coordinated with security orders laid out by Base G-2.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 489081
Ext. 374.

Ref: LA/11/PAT.

27 December 1944.

Subject: LIVONIA Labour Camp.

To: Base Purchasing Officer,
LIVONIA.

Confirming telephonic arrangement of even date, the bearer of this letter, Lt. H.P. McLAUGHLIN, is reporting to you so that he may proceed immediately with your cooperation to establish the Labour Camp for patriots in LIVONIA.

He will be responsible for all matters appertaining to interior economy and administration.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for your cooperation in this so pressing matter.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 489081
Ext. 374

Ref: 121/11/PAT.

26 December 1944.

Subject: LIVORNO Labour Camp.

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

Copy to: Patriot Officer,
Fifth Army A.M.C.

The bearer of this letter, Lt. H.F. McLAUGHLIN, is the officer who has been loaned to this Branch and is proceeding to LIVORNO to establish the Labour Camp, as arranged with the Base Purchasing Officer at LIVORNO.

He has been supplied with transport for his own personal needs. In order that he may be able to coordinate this work, it will be necessary for him to work closely with Capt. LEBLANC so as to arrange for the transport of the bivouac tents and blankets to LIVORNO. He will need to select from among the patriots held by you at the moment a permanent staff to carry out the work.

Rations. Until such time as authority for the issue of a full-scale ration comes to hand, it has been arranged with the Base Purchasing Officer that the men will be supplied with a special augmented heavy midday meal whilst at work. I suggest that the balance of the ration is necessary in order to meet the breakfast and supper elements to be represented by the issue of the full-scale refugee ration plus augmentation of cigarettes. Arrangements can be made for these to be drawn from the A.M.C. Ration Depot at PISA.

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

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APO 394
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PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 459081
Ext. 374

Ref: 121/11/PAT

28 December 1944.

Subject: Letter of Instruction - (1)
LIVORNO Labour Camp.

To: Lt. H.P. McLAUGHLIN,
2575 Regt.

You will proceed to LIVORNO on the morning of 29 December in
supplied transport, which transport you will retain until further notice.

On arrival in LIVORNO you will report to the Base Purchasing
Agent, P.B.S., and explain your mission, which is as follows: to establish
a Patriot Labour Camp in LIVORNO. Your responsibilities will be to
arrange for employment of up to 2,000 patriots, and to deal with all the
administration appertaining thereto. In connection with this work, it
is of the utmost importance that you work in the closest harmony with
A.M.C. of FIFTH Army and with the Patriots Officer, Capt. LEMMON.

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

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

PATRIOT SECTION

To: Col. R. G. D. Spicer
Director Patriot Branch AC.R E P O R T

I thought it appropriate at this stage to give you some idea as to the present situation. At the moment we have on hand 14,078 Patriots: 530 at Florence and the rest at Viareggio and Pescia. A Patriots' Center at Pescia has been established and is capable of housing at least 1000 men. A visit to Viareggio (92 Div.) has shown that refugees and patriots are coming over the line in this area at the rate of approximately 200 a day. It is difficult to say exactly how many of these are Patriots but I do not think that one would be far out if one assumed that at least 25% were patriots.

I had an interview with the Chief of Staff of the 92 Div. who gave his opinion that this number represented only the thin end of the wedge and that these numbers would be considerably augmented.

I discussed with him the possibility of opening a permanent Patriot Center at Viareggio but owing to the fact that this town is in an operation area, is still under shell-fire, has a 5 o'clock curfew and that the troops in this area are coloured, that he did not approve of this suggestion and that the Patriot depot should be purely transit. Therefore, the following arrangements have been made:

A large School has been taken over and is in the process of being cleaned up by a permanent staff of Patriots. Mattresses have been obtained. Capt. Limbert has sent from Florence 1000 blankets and a considerable list of other necessary items.

Lt. Nash has been loaned to us from the Refugee Center for a period of 7 days. Arrangements have been made with the 92 Div. to supply the necessary transport for the transport of Patriots from here to the Center at Pescia. It is therefore hoped that within a few days when the Camp is running the following procedure will be adopted.

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It is essential that an officer be obtained for permanent duty at Viareggio. Perhaps you could do something in the matter.

EMPLOYMENT OF PATRIOTS

The final line-up of Patriots for employment by agreement with civil labour is as follows:

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- 2000 for Leghorn if the first batch proves a success.

The 4 lorry loads of tents have arrived and I am leaving for Leghorn tomorrow, Saturday, to arrange for the establishment of a camp. at the same time I propose making enquiries about the 1500 uniforms that are being dyed as notified by you.

The Army is prepared to help in every possible way in employing Patriots but they make the following definite stipulations: that if they take large batches of Patriots that they are unwilling to take any administrative responsibility towards these men because they argue logically enough that they could get most of their work equally well done by merely taking on local civilians who they merely pay and nothing else. It is, therefore, suggested by the Army that the following personnel, stores and equipment are essential:

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Certain stores, lamps etc.

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