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TO : CSC for VP.

1. Letter at folio (2) in answer to folio (1) from Col. Persell.
2. It is obvious that the papers forwarded by G-5, 15th Army Group should not be circulated by them.
3. The answer of Patriots covers that point indirectly.
4. I suggest that the following paras be added to say:
 4. " That while the interest of O.S.S. in Patriot Activities is appreciated, the responsibility for authorizing circulation of such reports in AMG territory is that of HQs A.C. through Patriot Branch.
 5. It is believed that there is no reason to circulate this report to any other agencies."

24 Feb. 45.

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

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24 Feb 45

Civil Affairs Section

3.

Letter to 15 Army Group at (2) submitted
for the V.P.'s signature, in accordance
with memo 2.



Lt Col
Director
Patriotic Branch

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for the V.P.'s signature, in accordance
with min 2.

K. Craig
Lt Col
Director
Patriotic Branch

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Civil Affairs Section
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Ref mins 2 & 4. Letter to 15 Army
Group at (2) submitted for signature,
amended as agreed with you on 25
Feb.

26 Feb 45

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Lt Col
Director Patriotic Branch

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C.A. Section.

See Folio 1.

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

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To: Patriots

1) Please prepare a letter for signature by V.P. for HQs. 15th Army Group, G-5 Sec.

Yours

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

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To: Patriots

1) Please prepare a letter for signature by

V.P. to Wgs. 15th Army Group, 65 Sec.

embodiment of the remarks in your minute (1)

2) Include an answer to their suggestion in para 9 of folio (1)

W.G. Holland, Major

C. H. Sec.

23 Feb '45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 141/2/PAT.

26 February 1945.

Subject: Treatment of Patriots.

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

1. Ref your 8/24/G-5 dated 17 Feb 45.
2. The author of the document forwarded by you is not the Director General of the Ministry of Occupied Territories, but merely an official in the Ministry, and not therefore in a position to write with authority, or to appreciate fully all the circumstances.
3. The suggestions made by him are sound in principle. He should however refer the matter to his own Ministry, since the Under Secretary for Occupied Territories (S.E. Medici) has been charged with the responsibility for Patriot Welfare. The responsibility for carrying out any plans connected with the subject rests mainly with the Italian Government, subject to the practicability of carrying out such plans in AF areas and taking into account operational requirements.
4. This document should not be circulated as suggested and anything of this nature that is required will be initiated in the Ministry of Occupied Territories, cleared through the Allied Commission and forwarded to you for distribution.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

G.R. URJOHN,
Brigadier,
V.P. C.A. Section.

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G-5 SECTION
APO 777

Ref: S/24/G-5.

17 February 1945

19 FEB 1945

Subject:- Treatment of Patriots

To:- HQ Allied Commission.
(Attn: Civil Affairs Sec).

1. The attached translation of a document by Dr. Rudolfo Pertusi was sent to this Section by O.S.S. who would like to distribute it to organisations interested in Patriot activities.

2. Dr. Pertusi is apparently General Director of the Ministry of Occupied Territories. However it is thought that before any such distribution be made to any organisations, that your Headquarters should determine the value of the publication and issue the approval.

For A. C. of S., G-5.

Robert A. Persell
ROBERT A. PERSELL,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Civil Affairs.

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To: Parsons
Please comment on the
attached report.

W. A. J. Ireland, Major
C. A. Sec.

19 Feb '45



THE PARTISANS PROBLEM IN ITS PRACTICAL ASPECTS. PROJECT OF LOCAL WELFARE FOR THE MINISTRY OF OCCUPIED ITALY.

- I. The partisans problem should be studied after three different points of view:
- (a)- partisans or better ex-partisans now living in areas under Italian control;
 - (b)- partisans living in occupied Italy;
 - (c)- partisans living in liberated areas, but under Allied Military Control.

The first point involves a question which should by now have been solved. The partisans, apart from their good services, having the administrative powers been transferred to the Italian Government should make only one thing with the rest of the citizens taking the same part in civil or military life.

The second point involves a political-administrative question which must be studied with great care and handled after the Government intentions and the going on war. Too many elements are missing for the undersigned to write a full report about it.

The third point is by far the most important. Its solution should and can automatically solve the first problem and make a good contribution to the solution of the second.

It can therefore be stated that the solution of the partisans problem within the areas under Allied Military Control definitely affects the course of the war as well as the future internal and foreign Italian policy.

This statement is proved to be correct by the fact that the partisan, as soon as meeting with liberated Italy, after having left behind the horrors of Nazi-Fascism and the rude life of mountain and "maquis" struggle, will be able to draw his conclusions and become an element of activity and order, instead of idleness and disorder, only meeting with a perfect organization.

The Allied and Italian Governments should seriously think to this problem and its future consequences.

The first thing to deal with concerns what has been and what has to be done.

Nearly everybody is dealing with partisans, but, perhaps, nobody dealt with the partisans problem. Every party, every cultural or political club, every association or any other kind of organization, shows, amongst its activities, the partisans welfare. Notwithstanding all these activities which very often are even one against the other - are of no use to solve the general problem.

Let us see, for instance, who is dealing with the partisans problem in Tuscany and in Florence itself.

The first one who started to do something was the local committee of liberation which acted directly or through the military HQ.

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Its activity, which was fairly good at the beginning, has been gradually decreasing and is now practically nil.

Cardinal Elia DELLA COSTA, directly or by means of the catholic clergy, also did very good work at first, but also his activity now is reduced to single cases.

After that, each political party, of the right or of the left, did something good for the partisans, but the aim was not the problem itself, but only a means to get more proselytes.

There have also been unpleasant cases, as it happened when a partisan, in return of being assisted, was asked to withdraw from his party; as well as shameful cases, having been dead or wounded people misused for political purposes.

On the other hand Italian Military Authorities have also tried their best to lead such sort of initiatives, but they were not very lucky, as it happened to 210 Div. and others.

The Patriots board having its seat in the Prefettura and being a branch of the Government, did never really live and is now dying with little honour nor glory.

On the other hand the Prefetto himself using his authority also tried to do something for the Patriots Welfare. The province issued a certain amount of money on that purpose, whilst the Comune decided to issue a daily allowance to the Partisans considering them as refugees.

But all this work has not been done by the organizations themselves, but by their chiefs as they hope to hope each the gratitude of the classes supposed to lead the future political-economical and military life. Ladies, particularly of the aristocracy, and other people of the same sort, who acted, lawfully or not, by themselves, belong to the same category.

Good work was carried out by the Italian women Committee, although without any coordination. Besides its activity was limited to collecting and issuing outfits.

Beyond these organizations some partisans ones were created like the Partisans movement depending from the Partisans HQ., the Italy Partisans Association and the National Italian Partisan Association.

The first one comes from Rome and represents private interest, beyond anything else; the second one derives from discussions which took place in the first one, due to individual political struggles; the third one is a serious endeavour of the Government to assemble the partisans in one association which should take care of their interests.

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Critics to all these organizations could be very easy as the assistance to the partisans is really too badly performed.

The undersigned, if necessary, will produce a detailed report about what has been practically done by all these organizations.

In any case it is quite sure that the assistance is chaotic and insufficient and makes the true and honest partisans uncomfortable and unhappy. He who is able to make the most of such a situation is the idle individual who is going around knocking at every door and begging for any kind of supply that he is always ready to sell to the first man offering him some money. It would be a good business for anybody to publish a book containing a list of the addresses of all the offices dealing with partisans assistance: it would be easily sold.

Assistance, on the whole, consists of a gift of money, or cigarettes, of some clothing, which is sold at once, of a few encouraging words, having no meaning at all. The partisan is always left to himself, unhappy and unsatisfied with himself and with anybody else and very often starts drinking or becoming vicious, just to forget the miserable picture of the welfare which is only meant to serve private interests instead of trying to get deep into the soul of people who have suffered so much and who need so badly to be drawn back to civil life.

Allies can see and do understand all that and of course don't trust too much the capacity of Italian people to rise again. That is also why they are very cautious before approving any initiative and giving their help, which is so necessary. We must want them to trust us again and we must let them see that we are going to start something.

This must be the target for the Ministry of occupied Italy.

To obtain that the assistance matter must be entirely reorganized by forming it into only one single activity.

On my advice this should be obtained by means of the following project:

(1)- first of all it is necessary to divide the partisans problem into two branches, that is to say:

(a)- problem of the partisans in the front line.

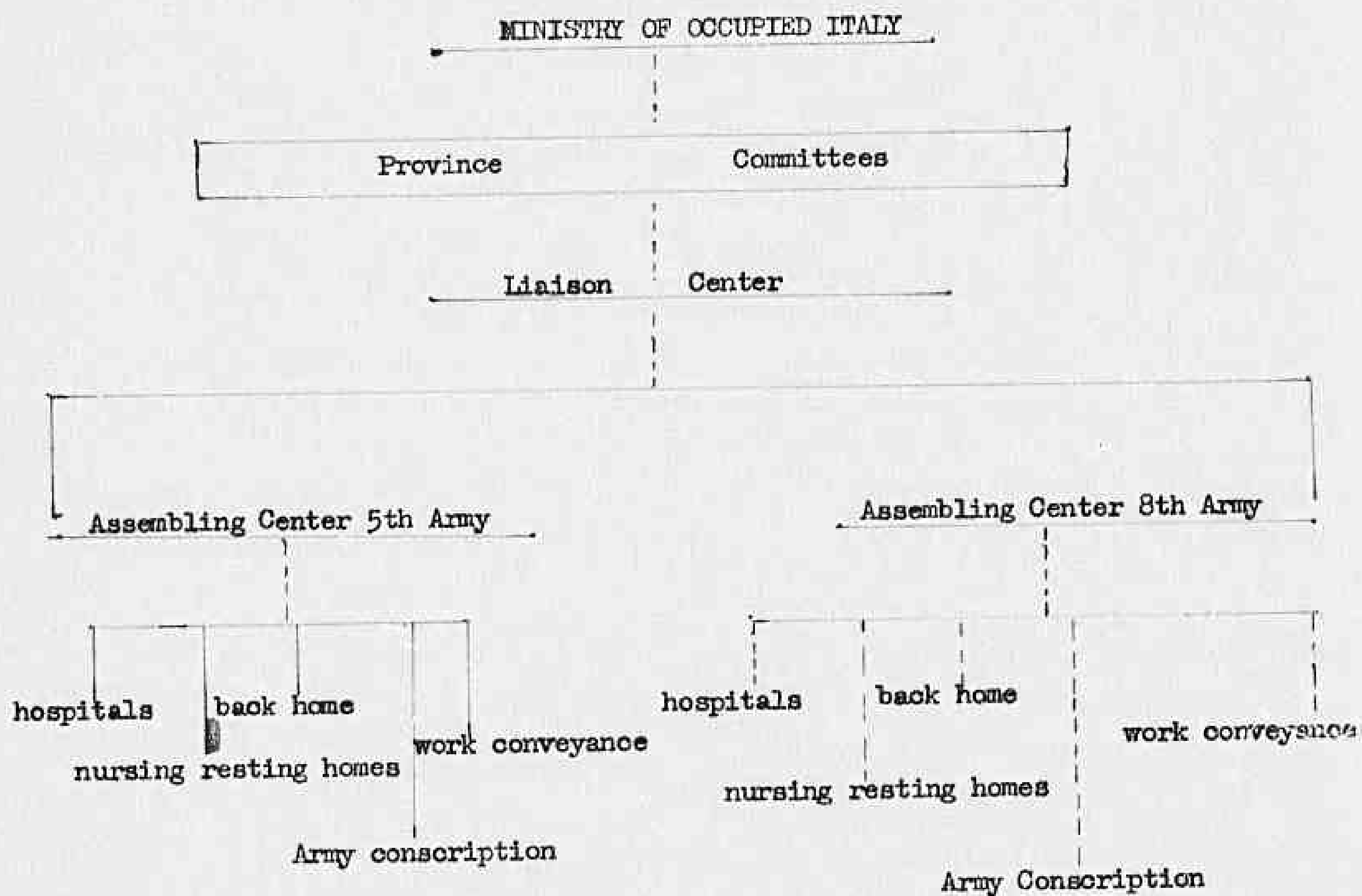
(b)- problem of the partisans living in rear-areas and in towns.

The first problem is essentially military: the second one although not strictly of military importance must be studied and solved with the entire collaboration of the Allied Military Government. The solution of the second problem will bring the solution also of the second. The Allies like to see people working hard and when we shall be trusted again we shall have thousands of chances to cooperate in the front line as well.

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- (2)- a solid financial basis should be given to the welfare organization. That could be obtained by means of permanent allowances to be paid by the Ministry, collecting all sort of contributions into one cash;
- (3)- Serious and honestmen able to earn the esteem of the Allies, should be appointed as chiefs of the local welfare offices.
The new organization must be based on these points. The result will be a stronger Ministry and a stronger Italy.

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DIAGRAMS OF LOCAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION

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PROVINCE COMMITTEES

Each liberated province or under Allied Military Government will have its provincial committee.

CONSTITUTION

Chairman - employee of Ministry Occupied Italy

Members - 1 Prefettura's representative

- 1 AMG representative
- 1 CLN representative
- 1 Province representative
- 1 Partisans Ass. representative
- 1 Italian Women Committee representative

DUTIES

1. Create the Italian Partisans National Association;
 2. Collect together in only one cash all the contributions of any sort;
 3. Promote any sort of initiatives to help the partisans;
 4. Give immediate assistance to partisans coming from assembling centers or sent to hospitals or nursing homes of the Province;
 5. Contact the Confederazione del Lavoro, Associazione Industriali, Associazione Commercianti, Allied offices, state or any other office of the same kind in order to employ the partisans released from the assembling center;
 6. Contact the Liaison Center in order to issue supplies according to needs;
 7. Take care of the families of killed patriots, born or living in the Province.
- Ministry Occupied Italy should issue some rules on these matters.

The above mentioned rules should have effect in liberated Italy when under Allied Military Government, when the province is handed back to the Italian Government the province committee should form into the National Patriots and War Veterans Committee.

In this case the Chairman of the Committee should be posted at the disposal of Liaison center in order to be appointed somewhere else.

LIAISON CENTER

There should be only one for the 5th and 8th Army which should move up with the front line.

CONSTITUTION

Center Chief - employee of Ministry Occupied Italy

- 42 employees available to be appointed to province committees and for supervision duties. 3613

DUTIES

1. Collect from province Committees, according to needs, clothes, food, medicines, money, etc. in order to distribute them to the assembling posts.
2. Keep in touch with Allied Authorities, the Italian Army, Ministry of Occupied Italy and Province Committees.

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3. Keep in touch with and control the assembling posts.
4. Keep records of the pay books of the partisans.
5. Rule the whole assistance job in the area under Allied Military Government.
6. Estimate the needs of the killed patriots families.
7. Write reports to Ministry of Occupied Italy about the execution of the above mentioned duties.
8. Prepare the Welfare organization for the areas to be soon liberated, reporting to Ministry of Occupied Italy for the necessary ruling and precautions.
9. Get in touch with the partisans, fighting beyond the lines, in order to instruct them about the way they should behave when entering the liberated area and the assistance they will get.

ASSEMBLING CENTERS

There should be one for each allied army and it should follow the forward movements.

CONSTITUTION

- 1 Officer Commanding
- 1 Allied Officer D.A.O.C.
- 1 Medical Officer
- 1 employee for financial assistance
- 1 officer of the Italian Army for military enlistment
- 1 employee for work enlistment
- 1 employee taking care of the partisans who can be sent back home.

The Assembling center will have its seat in premises (possibly requisitioned) which must be of such sort to make the partisans feel at home. They will provide:

- food
- shelter
- clothing
- medical assistance
- welfare organization

The patriot should stay no more than a fortnight in the assembling center in order that necessary action can be taken to fulfil his wishes. Entering the assembling center he will get an allowance the amount of which should be settled with Ministry of Occupied Italy.

The mess ought to be free or at least very cheap.

The assembling center will take the necessary action in order that the partisans may be sent to:

- hospital
- nursing or resting homes
- Army
- work
- back home

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As far as mess and billeting are concerned the assembling center should not move, while all the rest of the organization should be transformed into a mobile camp and follow the front line movement.

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STORES

The assembling center should be provided with:

- a sufficient quantity of beds
- blankets (3) for individual
- sheets (2 for individual)
- pillow (1 for individual)
- pillow-case (1 for individual)
- abundant clothing
- mobile kitchen
- washstands
- bath (compulsory every day)
- lavatories
- ambulances
- field hospital
- lorries
- pictures installation
- stage

Of course the importance of the assembling center will affect the quantity of material required. Said material should be collected by Liaison center and by the province committees, by the Army, by the Allies, by the Italian and American Red Cross.

PARTISANS PAY BOOK

As soon as he crosses the lines the partisan should get, from an employee of Ministry Occupied Italy attached to Allied higher fighting formations, a "Partisan's pay-book" containing:

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- . name and surname
- . name of father and mother
- . birthdate and birthplace
- . residence
- . profession or handicraft
- . composition of his family
- . band to which he belongs

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- . date of Arrival at Allied Military HQ.
- . date of departure from Allied Military HQ.
- . where he is bound to; assistance received from Allied HQ.

-Page 3 and 4

- . assistance from Ministry of Occupied Italy

This pay-book is valid only for:

- assembling centers
- province committees
- hospitals
- nursing homes
- employees
- work confederation
- National Patriots Committee
- Allied HQ. (for first assistance and passes to go back home)

The validity of the pay-book expires when the Partisan is enlisted in the Army or is employed.

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The partisan not having the pay-book is not considered a partisan and he must be sent back to obtain it through the proper channels.

This report has no personal aim. It is only ment to render the task of Ministry of Occupied Italy more easy and agile; the more that in a very short time it may be that more than 100.000 partisans will need assistance and leading.

Now that all Italy is near to be liberated the Ministry of Occupied Italy must be ready to fulfil his task. This is the meaning of the Liaison Center which, although directly depending from Rome, will be able to give immediate and full assistance to occupied Italy. The Undersecretary of State will find in this center all the help he needs when moving for inspections and to put immediately into effect his orders.

Names and data quoted in this project are not absolute and are only ment to give a clue.

Rome, 2 February 1945

/s/ Dr. PERTUSI Rodolfo

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