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APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Report on Tour of Lt Col S.H. WILSON, D/Director.

MILAN	Local Govt. Sub Com.	TURIN
10th	11th	12th
		July 45

MILAN 10th July Col de Carston.

1. The Italian Command is trying to take over from the Partisans all property in their control including their requisitioned cars. I informed them that the Italian Command must apply through proper channels - that War Materials and MIA were interested and matter must be referred to HQ.
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10. Italian Officers living in Mess are being charged 75 lire a day - this may be necessitated in US run messes by US Regs but if so is it not desirable that they shall receive a counter balancing allowance while living in such mess. Surely we could arrange to pay this on their behalf as a necessary expense of dispersal.
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11. Approve of suggestion that PMA officers should work in Patriots Branch before handing over of area to Italian Govt. to learn work so as to be able to carry straight on. Consider proposal most desirable.

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11th July Maj Marshall.

1. Office work is practically concluded. Office routines can be run by a Junior Officer if a Senior available for consultation and for decision on more important matters. Finance officer willing.
2. Patriot Centres all working - Spezia is closing. Can probably close all by end of month. Imperia difficulty has been held up.
3. Has no difficulty about funds to pay patriots - had a difficulty at one time with regard to Armenia but that has been solved.
4. 34 Div and 60 Sub Area have not yet collected arms - they will be pressed so as to get matters cleared before Major Marshall leaves.
5. At Spezia closing of Centre is delayed as 26 men are there who have volunteered for training in mine clearance - can their acceptance be expedited so the centre can close.
6. Spezia has 20,000 unemployed - some partisans employed as police stated to be only reliable police - not very happy as to employment of partisans as police as a general policy but considers it necessary here.
7. Genoa - some partisans employed as police - a very large number of unemployed owing to destruction of industries. Continuation of police necessary. Savona and Genoa centres too attractive but will run.
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1. Col Sealey wanted Col Lania sent to Rome. He was working for another department but in uniform. I informed him that a request for disposal instructions had already been made, but that he would remain in Turin until instructions had been received. I suggested that the Region was quite competent to stop his working for another branch if that were objected to. He said he had no objection to his working but he did not think he should wear uniform.
2. I checked the question of certification. They have received and issued all we sent (including all the old pattern). They say they want at least another 15,000, making a total of 35,000. Are they issuing them too easily?
3. Enquiry was made as to which of the Fondazione Solidarity Nazionale, Victrola, de la Guerra and the Comando Militare Regionale Piemontese should be responsible for care of Patriots. I pointed out the ANPT was

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the official body. I found that they were completely ignorant of AMPI. They did not even know that a decree had been passed. Let alone seen it. I procured a copy from Legal which they glanced over and were extremely impressed, they had not seen our letters 135/PAT of 15 June or 29 June, and could not find any trace although 18 copies had been sent. It appears that local bodies are trying to get control of patriots. I suggested that it was important that AMPI should be started off on the right lines under our control and not be left to possibly undesirable elements to start. This view was strongly concurred with.

The Unione Donne Italiane - a political organisation - has been attempting to pay 5,000 lire to the families of deceased patriots - 4 apparently as part of the 20,000 lire. They have been warned off.

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Local Govt. Sub Com.

14 July 45

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D/Mrscher,
Local Govt. Sub Com.

14 July 45

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NOTES ON J/COMD. FROM'S VISIT TO VENEZIA 5 - 12 JULY, '45.

VENEZIA GUILIA - 6th July 45

1. spoke unofficially with Major Henderson re Patriot situation in Venezia Giulia.
(a) He stated that there had been 3 Italian Partisan formations in that area.
(i) The 6th Garibaldi, who were used operationally by 8 Army, and were withdrawn by them into Venezia proper and dealt with by 4th Patriot organization there.
(ii) Two ineffective divisions who did not appear until the eleventh hour and were finally promptly disbanded and disbanded by the Yugoslavs, when the latter entered the area.
(b) A few individual patriots have appeared who were eligible for bonuses or in need of assistance, and these have been sent over to Udine.
(c) No Yugoslav Patriots have appeared, and it is believed that they have gone into Yugoslavia, or been "paid off" by the Yugoslavs.
(d) Major Henderson (who has himself spent many months with the Patriots) is of the opinion that it is better not to set up any Patriot organization in Venezia Giulia as this would only tend to resurrect those Patriots who have already returned home; and if individual cases can be dealt with by Udine no special policy or machinery need be evolved for Venezia Giulia.
(e) Major The S.O.A.O. has agreed that Major Henderson should be appointed Commandant of the new Police School, on the condition that this appointment would not prejudice his Patriot duties. Major Henderson considers that the Police School will occupy him full time, but that there will not in fact be any Patriot duties. Capt. Beatt has already been reassigned as a CAO.
(f) I arranged with Maj. Henderson that all Alexander Certificates and Patriot stationery held by him should be handed over to Udine.

2. VENEZIA REGION - 5 JULY 45

- (a) The Region has now acquired 6 British NCOs for Patriot work in the Provinces.
(b) Enlistment - the Italian Military HQ are now functioning, so enlistment could be opened as in the NW of Italy.
(c) Clothing from 5 Army was on the point of arriving.

3. UDINE - 5 JULY 45 (Under Mr. Roberts)

- (a) Visited Patriot Centre with Capt. Hammond. From civilian source the supply department state they are unable to find rations for the Patriots here, and 5 Army have agreed to issue rations, on repayment from A/C, at the Public Security scale for a period of 5 days. If it is necessary to prolong this period, Venezia Region may ask A.C. to arrange the matter with AFHQ.
(b) Lts Deluca and Brusadine are being returned to Rome on 12/13 July.

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(b) The big problem here is unemployment - Belluno has no industry into which to absorb its population, and in normal times almost all the young men went to other parts of Italy or abroad to find work. 1,500 men have already volunteered for the British Admiralty labour in Ceylon. The Regional and Provincial Labour officers have heard nothing about the scheme, although an article in the Corriere Veneto of the 6 July states that the first 1,500 men are already assembled and waiting to go. (To be taken up with Labour Sub/Com and the method of allotting vacancies discovered).

See file 96/PAT
H.O.'s 33A, 37A

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(c) The Bolluno Centre at present holding 154. They are ~~at present~~ drawing Italian Military Rations on a 5

Army instruction.

(d) A considerable number of men who have fought as Partisans outside Italy have returned to their homes in the area and are seeking for Patriot recognition and assistance. This point should be taken up again with the High Commissioner for the Veterans.

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12 Jul 45

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12 Feb 48

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 106
Date/Time of Origin: JULY 2/1130P

Message Centre No: 14/8930
Date Time Rec'd: JULY 10/0845P
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: FIE ONTARIO REGION
TO: ALCON GITE ACPAT FOR CHIEFS

UNCLASSIFIED.

1. Reference your 13th July.
2. VINING signalled you 4 July intimating he would call your office 11 July.
3. VINING proposes to remain TWIN to see Deputy Director unless you direct otherwise

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ACTION : PATRIOTS BR

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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FOR ACTION AMB LOMBARDIA REGION AMB PIEMONTE REGION AMB LIGURIA REGION

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7 July 1945

ROUTINE

IN CLEAR PD

PARA ONE PD LT COL WHITE DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRIOTS BRANCH WILL VISIT YOUR HQ
AS FOLLOWS PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION AMB LOMBARDIA REGION AMB PIEMONTE REGION AMB LIGURIA
REGION FROM HQ ALGER CITE A C P A T PARM

PARA TWO PD ARRIVING MILAN BY AIR TEN JULY CIA TURIN ELEVEN CIA GENOA TWELVE

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R.R. CHIFFS, Colonel, Director, Local Govt. B/C.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: I 98

Message Centre No: 17/817

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 4/1600h

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 5/1135h

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ PATRIOTS BRANCH FROM VINDIC

TO: ALICE FOR CRIPES PATRIOTS BRANCH

5 JUL 1945

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IN CLEAR.

1. Arriving HOME Tuesday 10th. Remaining Wednesday 11th.
2. Will contact your office

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AND VISUALS SECTION

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30 June 1948

PRIORITY

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SUBJECT IS VISIT BY MAJOR WILLIAM LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION AS ATTACHED
 WITH REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AT COMMISSION HERE ON 28 JUNE 1948 TO
 PARA ONE TO OFFICE WILL ADVISE REGIONAL IN IN ONE VISUALS SECTION OF
 WEEKEND FOUR JUNE 1948

PARA TWO TO FOR ACTION AND VISUALS SECTION FROM IN ALONG WITH ACTION PARA

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 AFTERNOON ONE VISUALS MORNING OF SEVEN JULY ONE MORNING AND THREE MORE AND TEN
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SEE SUBJECT IS VISIT OF JUNIOR COMMISSIONER FROM OF PARLOUT HOUSE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION

Report by Director, Local Government and Commission.on tour - 10 to 14 June 1945

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5. Italian Patriot governing Commissions are functioning satisfactorily, and are taking the matter conscientiously. In one instance, a list of 480 names was recommended by the band leader and OIA and the screening committee reduced this to 38 as being recognized genuine patriots.

6. Clothing is required by this region (dye or presently marked). It is essential for No. 1 District security are very concerned over the number of Italians wearing khaki clothing. In fact No. 1 District wish to withdraw all khaki clothing in possession of Italians. This is not possible and should be resisted.

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7. After the conference of 10th, I discussed a number of details with Reg. Pat. Officer. All the matters concerning personnel changes he has taken up direct with Patriotic Branch. I agreed that I will order AAG 3 Army to provide from the clothing stocks now in transit to Milan the following stock to be made available to Venetian Region, who will be responsible for transport:

5,000 Trousers
10,000 Jackets
5,000 Pair of Boots
2,500 Blankets

ACTION

8. Payment of new bonus will now be proceeded with. The RI is publishing a notice in the local paper giving news of the new bonuses. I have stressed both with the RI and the Regional Patriotic Officer the importance of getting on with the payment.

9. The movement of E.O. 3, with an apparently considerable amount of freedom is giving rise in the civil population to some apprehension. This fact is being used by Patriotic as a reason for not giving up their arms.

10. The Regional Patriotic Officer has had added in para 2(b) of the supplementary notes to TERS the words, "All instructions will pass through the Provincial Commandant". This has been done as it was found that instructions had gone out direct. I consider that this amendment should be made universal.

ACTION

11. With regard to feeding of Patriotic in this Region since the 10th of June, Regional Patriotic Officer stated that he was having no difficulty in this matter when it was necessary to feed. They are supplied from civilian sources by KARAL. The financial responsibility is that of the Prefect and is carried on the budget for the province in the same manner as the financial arrangements for the feeding of refugees.

12. I saw in this RI a telegram addressed to the Region from 3 Army ordering the retention of their arms by 13,000 patriots, but for what purpose it did not state. I therefore decided it was essential to proceed to AAG 3 Army and discover the reasons for this on the following day.

13. Notes taken at the Regional Conference are attached as Appendix "B".

14. RI requested me to take up immediately on my return the question of the posting to the Region of Major Scuderi (B), a Public Safety officer.

15. Accompanied by Major Hare, I visited AAG 3 Army for the main purpose of discovering the reason for the retention of arms by 13,000 patriots, which is mentioned in para 12 above. AAG 3 Army was on duty elsewhere, and I therefore discussed the matter with his G-3. He stated that retention of arms by patriots was not continuing, and that the 68888 and 68889 Central Postal Directory are to be disbanded starting on the 14th of June, to be completed by the 20th of June. It was impossible to say exactly how this would go, but he did not anticipate any great difficulties. He considered it would probably be necessary to set up a military conference at Milan, for which arrangements were being made.

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10. The Regional Patriot Officer has had added in para 2(b) of the supplementary notes to LITTS the words, "All instructions will pass through the Provincial Commissioner". This has been done as it was found that instructions had gone out direct. I consider that this amendment should be made universal.
11. With regard to feeding of patriots in this region since the 1st of June, Regional Patriot Officer stated that he was having no difficulty in this matter when it was necessary to feed. They are supplied from civilian sources by RUMAL. The financial responsibility is that of the Prefect and is carried on the budget for the province in the same manner as the financial arrangements for the feeding of refugees.
12. I saw in this IC a telegram addressed to the Region from 8 Army ordering the retention of their arms by 13,000 patriots, but for what purpose it did not state. I therefore decided it was essential to proceed to ANG 8 Army and discover the reasons for this on the following day.
13. Notes taken at the Regional Conference are attached as Appendix "g".
14. IC requested me to take up immediately on my return the question of the posting to the Region of Major Saunders (B), a Public Safety Officer.
15. Accompanied by Major Hare, I visited ANG 8 Army for the main purpose of discovering the reason for the retention of arms by 13,000 patriots, which is mentioned in para 12 above. ANG 8 Army was on duty elsewhere, and I therefore discussed the matter with his G-3. He stated that retention of arms by patriots was not continuing, and that the 08000 and 080000 Divisions are to be disbanded starting on the 24th of June, to be completed by the 26th of June. It was impossible to say exactly how this would go, but he did not anticipate any great difficulties. He considered it would probably be necessary to set up a patriot centre at Udine, for which assistance was required, as there at present exists no patriot officer for this particular province. The question of patriots in Venezia Giulia was discussed and the position of those patriots, who in fact derive their authority from Yugoslav sources, will obviously present some difficulty. A decision as to how they should be handled was impossible to make, in view of the discussions which at that time were taking place on the whole matter of Venezia Giulia. The problem will need further study on the return of the Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, to Rome, when the background for ANG in Venezia Giulia is more clear. I consider that as doubt Brigadier Upjohn has discussed these matters with the 8 Army and, therefore, propose that no action be taken until an opportunity has been taken of discussing the matter with the Vice President, Civil Affairs Section. The problems involved are, of course, to whom payments will be made, the use of Italian LERAS and the movement of fairly large numbers of Slovene and Italian personnel to and from Venezia Giulia, and in particular that part which remains under Yugoslav control.

ACTION

16. On the return journey, I called in at Uline province and had a short discussion with Major Marshall and afterwards the Provincial Governor. There is an urgent necessity for an Allied officer as a District Officer to report to this province, and I therefore propose, and Brigadier Dunlop agrees, to send Capt. Marshall, at present with 5 Army, to Venetia Region for duty at Uline province. The province has a large scale work project for the rebuilding of bridges and the repairing of river banks in hand which has been agreed with 5 Army, and it involves the use of considerable numbers of patriots, if they are willing to work. The proportion of experienced labor for these projects would be 1 other civilian to 5 patriots. I consider the arrangements excellent and that it is most important that money for the financial expenditure in connection with the project should be given immediately, particularly as the ONASCO and CASIMIRI Divisions have been well disciplined and well organized, and unless they are given work to do are a potential danger to law and order, if their leaders decide they are not satisfied with the manner of demobilization. I called also at Province Province II, and it was again pressed by the Provincial Commissioner that the Hino HAWKINS Division should be recruited as a band. I pointed out the policy of the Ministry of War and NIA in this matter, but on of the opinion that some of these men must be recruited into the Italian Army under the terms laid down by NIA, and again stressed the point that if the 4,000 allotted to the whole of the North is not sufficient to cover the requirements for patriots, some arrangement must be made whereby this number can be increased.

17.

June 14.

I proceeded to the airbase in order to return to Rome, and after a considerable wait discovered that the plane was not flying that day, and therefore returned to Rome where I had some further discussion with the Security Officer on the subject of demanding money returned to in para 3 above. The Security Officer proposes, in order to stop this practice, to order those persons responsible for circulating the demands to cease forthwith. Then, should demands continue, he proposes to prosecute the perpetrators under the proclamation for disobeying orders of NIA.

18.

June 14. Proceeded to Rome.


R. R. CHILDS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub-Commission

RRC/pec

ACTION

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June 14

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18.

June 14

Proceeded to Rome.

HRC/pec



E. B. GILLES

Colonel

Director

Local Government Sub Commission

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APPENDIX "A"

To Report of Director, Local Government Sub
Commission, dated 16 June 1945

C O P YCOMANDO DI INTERAZIONE NAZIONALEPER LA PROVVIDA DI UDINE

San Vito, 14 7 July 1945

SIO. Principale Italiana e Vardone

Secondo la lista depositata presso la Segreteria di questo Comitato, approvata e resa esecutiva con i decreti n. 1 e n. 2 del G. L. N. Provinciale di Udine in data 23/10/44, esiste stato tassato per una contribuzione di

LIRE 200,000 (duecentomila)

siate invitate a versare la prima rata (pari ad un quinto) di tale contribuzione presso lo sede di questo Comitato nel termine di dieci giorni da oggi, con l'avvertenza che l'importo resta rimborsato in caso di constatazione, precedente al attuale, riferito al pagamento.

IL PRESIDENTE G. L. N.

San Vito, li 7 GEN 1945

SIG. Sirindio Tolenta e Varile

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VL. PRESIDENTE G. L. N.

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APPENDIX "B"

To Report of Director, Local Government Sub
Commission, dated 15 June 1965

NOTES ON GOVERNMENT VERMILION REGION, JUNE 12, 1965
BY COL. R. R. QUINN

1. R. gave an appreciation of the situation from an operational point of view. He anticipated the early reversion of the provinces under 5 Army to full regional control, also that of the provinces of being from 8 Army. (NOTE: I doubt this latter being very immediate, as I learnt later on a visit to that HQ that it was out of Italy in the immediate future was unlikely.)
2. R.L.O. gave a short discourse on the functioning of the Extraordinary Courts of Appeal. He stressed the importance of immediate action in the case of appeals and described the procedure.
3. R.L.O. referred to the question of military installations facing over civil hospitals and instructed HQs to report all instances of this immediately to his office.
4. (a) R.L.O. stated that he was not aware of the effect and procedure to be adopted in the region with regard to the raising of ceiling of the O.R. by 10,000 men. The matter was referred to me, but I was unable to give an answer.
(b) Some discussion took place over the use of patriots as temporary police. The HQ expressed that in view of the fact that the O.R. allotted to this region were now deployed, he considered that the temporary patriot police should be refused.
(c) The HQ gave notice that he was considering the use of such disarmed patriot police as investigators in connection with operation cases to be heard in the Extraordinary Courts of Appeal.
- NOTE: Both (a) and (c) above in this para give rise to some misgiving in my mind. I believe an early visit of a representative of P.S. Sub. Com. would be beneficial in this region.

5. Local Government was dealt with by HQ personally. He announced that all Prefects had been agreed upon (none were Government nominees) but those in the 5 Army had not yet been confirmed. (My opinion of this is that O.L.O. takes a long time to screen them. This is a requirement of some 5 Army.)

HQ intends to hold a meeting of all Prefects in his region together with HQs in about one month's time. Due notice would be given to all. The function will be rather more social than one for business. HQ pointed out the value of HQs visiting their officers in company of the Prefect and of making the visits a little common. A point was raised by HQ Province in which he enquired if there was any objection to the Chiefs Council being in excess of the numbers laid down. HQ replied that he saw no objection but pointed out the difficulty of having more than 100 members. He felt the number to be 100 was

visit to that in that its move out of Italy in the immediate future was unlikely.)

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3. R.P.H.O. referred to the question of military installations being over civil hospitals and instructed R.O.s to report all instances of this immediately to his office.

4. (a) R.P.H.O. stated that he was not aware of the effect and procedure to be adopted in the region with regard to the raising of coiling of the O.O.R. by 20,000 men. The matter was referred to me, but I was unable to give an answer.

(b) Some discussion took place over the use of patriots as temporary police. He announced that in view of the fact that the O.O.R. allotted to this Region were not deployed, he considered that the temporary patriot police should be reduced.

(c) The R.O. gave notice that he was considering the use of such disbanded patriot police as investigators in connection with operation cases to be heard in the Extraordinary Courts of Appeal.

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See note at foot

6. Displaced persons. R.O. congratulated Major Nuzon (A) on the excellent work he had accomplished in the movement of 150,000 refugees. He anticipated the early start of movement by sea from Venice.

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Some discussion regarding personnel took place with a view to getting more police to work in the Bolzano area and Brunner Route. One problem required action. It concerned a number of Southern Italians who had moved with much of their household belongings north in front of the lines. They were requiring transport for their large and heavy articles. R.O. directed that a 2 months standstill order for such persons be issued. Should were to be instructed not to turn these people out of their present houses, until arrangements could be made for their proper removal.

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7. Patriots. RO announced the new rates of pay for patriots and stressed the importance of arrangements for payment being immediately put in hand and carried out as soon as possible. He gave the details of the qualifying period of payment of 5,000 lire and announced the closing date for this to be the 31st of May, 1945. Col. Fries raised the question of the 11th Infantry Division, which consisted of 2,000 Patriots, and their future employment. He pointed out that they were pressing very hard to be recruited into the Italian Army as a band, and stressed the importance of their being found some form of immediate employment, as he felt otherwise they would become obnoxious. It was pointed out by the Director, Local Government Sub-Commission, that he did not consider it at all likely that any band would be recruited in bloc. Arrangements have been made for recruitment of a certain number of Patriots into the Italian Army as individuals. The details and procedure in connection with this were given.

NOTE: It is my considered opinion that if the numbers of patriots presenting themselves for recruitment into the Army exceeds the 4,000 for which provision has been made, it is essential that further provision be made to take any number up to 10,000 that may present themselves. In this Region, the Patriot Office is calling for figures by provinces of the men offering themselves for service and when this has been compiled, it may be necessary to expand the number as is necessary.

8. Both Education and Documents & Wire Arts representatives gave short details of their work in hand, upon which there is nothing outstanding to report.

9. Economics matters. In this field considerable discussion took place covering a large range of matters--price control, effect of higher wages, price of wheat, etc.

10. Wheat and Gas. A representative of ANP was present at the meeting. He stated that he had recently completed a survey of the methane gas installations and would be issuing instructions from ANP regarding use. He stated that the pipe line which had been broken would be repaired by July 1, and that from that time onwards the allotment of gasoline in this Region would be cut by the equivalent of 9,000 barrels, and an allotment of methane would be made to an equivalent amount. He pointed out that as a result of his survey he considered it most immediate and important that arrangements be made for the declaration of all portable containers in the Region. If this was not done and the work completed by July 2, the operation of the use of methane gas would break down. In any case, ANP would cut the gasoline allotment by the amount he mentioned above on that date.

11. Gas matters. The Regional Commissioner had some discussion on numerous personnel matters, both American and British. The general conclusion from all the discussion that took place in the conference was that Regions are desperately short of personnel. Then, the continual change and exchange necessitated as a result of withdrawal of British officers makes the working of any Region difficult.

NOTE: Since my return to Rome, I have discussed the question of additional numbers to the Giunta with the staff officers of this sub-Commission. On consideration, I think it best to leave the matter to the staff officers.

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NOTE: Since my return to Rome, I have discussed the question of additional members to the Giunta with the staff officers of this Sub-Commission. On consideration, I think it most unwise that the numbers of these Giunta should be larger than that laid down in RM 111. A letter has been drafted to the Regional Commissioner expressing this view officially, but in the meantime I have written in a memo-official letter to the BC suggesting that he might withdraw his permission for the Giunta to be larger than the source allows. The reasons are that if the Giunta is larger than laid down, when we hand over to Italian Government territory there is a great deal of difficulty and hard feeling when members are dropped. Furthermore, the size of the Giunta seem to be adequate for the work required. Then, larger committees are inclined to become ineffective.

REPORT OF TOUR BY DIRECTOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT COMMISSION JUNE 7, 8, 9 45.

1. Itinerary

- June 7 Milan and Como. I spent the whole morning with Regional Patriots Officer and in the afternoon visited together with Maj. BARRISPI (I.R.P.) the Patriot Office at COMO.
- June 8 Visited Turin, called on R.G., D.R.C. and Lt. Col. Vining, Regional Patriot Officer. Returned to Milan.
- June 9 Interviewed D.R.C. LOMBARDIA and moved to HQ AUG 5 Army. Interviewed Col. Netherland, Lt. Col. Holmgren and Capt. Lambert.

2. General Comment

(a) The situation with regard to the demobilization of the Patriots is proceeding steadily and satisfactorily, by comparison PIEMONTE is rather more advanced than LOMBARDIA, especially with regard to MILAN city itself which appears somewhat behind. In this city, however, with the addition of Capt. Hammond and Lt. McLaughlin who have arrived from 5 Army, matters should progress more rapidly.

(b) In each of the HQ that I have visited I have dealt in the main very largely with Patriot matters, finding that it is the more pressing of the activities concerning the Local Government Sub Commission. Local Government itself in both Piemonte and Lombardia will require a more detailed survey by an officer of the Sub Commission in the near future.

(c) By order of CC IV Corps all arms in the area were to be handed in by 7 June and the Zone HQ of the Patriot bands closed by that date, the latter has been carried out in both Regions visited without incident and arms have been handed in in large quantities. I do not consider that any large scale open opposition to the order is to be anticipated, but there is evidence that in one or two instances parties have withheld their arms. In one case it is reported that a party have taken to the hills in northern Lombardia, and in another there appears to be some gangsterism with murder in BERGAMO by a party under the leadership of one TITO, who now I learn has been arrested by order of AUG 5 Army (9 June 45).

There is of course the general feeling that when a patriot has two weapons he does still retain one, particularly so if he has a pistol. (Note 844 pistols handed in in Lombardia looks a large number, but I do not imagine there is anything near the number "dropped" in this Region.)

(d)

The main items of discussion in each HQ have been:

(a) the feeling of Patriots in centres after 10 June;

(b) Recruitment into the Italian Army;

(c) Clothing of Patriots and the details concerning the transport of the items recently released by Commerce S/C.

(d) The increased payments to Patriots which is the prominent item and raises several questions which require clarification.

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The more detailed report of interview are set out below together with matters which require action.

3. LOMBARDIA (June 9).

Regional Patriots Officer explained the situation in the Region; he has ordered the closure of all Patriot Zone HQs and

is establishing one patriots centre for MILAN city. We held a meeting of all band leaders to execute this which was highly satisfactory. A copy of the minutes is attached (appendix "4") (please have this translated for my return to Rome in proceeding of) As will be seen from these minutes the leader in Varese wishes to retain an exaration battalion for what he describes as "per giustiziare". Lt. Col. De Garston has vetoed this idea.

ACTION

51/21

With regard to the feeding of patriots as from today all Regions and in particular this one requests instructions as to the matter of payment to SEPRA for these. This matter must be cleared with Finance Sub Commission and Food Sub Commission. Make the necessary staff action pending my return.

ACTION

121/7

At appendix "3" is the situation in the Region as at June 1, with regard to the turn in of arms. Additional quantities have since been turned in particularly in BRESCIA and CREMONA, which it is reported will bring the total of rifles as at June 8 to 70,000. If this is compared with the total of registered patriots in the Region (Appendix "3") it appears that more than one weapon per patriot has been collected. Some difficulty is encountered in guarding dumps of arms once collected.

The issue of the needed ribbon is pressed by this Region. I learned that it would not be difficult to have it made in the North either in Milan or Turin. This must be taken up with MOOI again and pressed, furthermore the suggested poster for display in Patriot offices should be issued as soon as possible.

ACTION

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Reviewed gratuities to patriots raises several important questions, 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.I. brethren were "sweating it out" in the mountains. This the latter will resent.

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 "5" attached, this requires in the main a six months qualifying period.

ACTION

121/15

Pending my return to Rome to study and clarify the situation I have arranged that in the R.O.'s order which he is issuing on 9 June the words "active service" will be used in referring 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 "5") This I did to satisfy Region 4, 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.

The position regarding the return and enlistment of patriot officers and band leaders to the Italian army must be decided early, it is giving rise to some difficulty in disbandment.

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ACTION

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The position regarding the return and enlistment of patriot officers and band leaders to the Italian army must be decided early, it is giving rise to some difficulty in disbandment. An unintelligible instruction has been issued by Ministry of War, which refers to a decree of the 5 April published in Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 53 of 27 May. I was unable to probe into this at the time as I was just leaving (June 9) for Salerno. It must be investigated.

ACTION

* in process of translation

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9. Other miscellaneous action taken or matters investigated are:

- (a) Lists of partisans are well in hand.
- (b) Lt. Col. De Garston reported that all his LPPs were doing a first class job of work. (Prigori has been returned to Rome)
- (c) Position of High Commissioner for War Veterans explained together with his proposed visit to the Region.

NOTE: With regard to 9 (b) above I confirm this. I lived with them on and off for 5 days and was well impressed. The fact that the Regional Patriot Officer speaks fluent Italian is of enormous benefit.

10. PIEMONTE, June 6.

In this Region matters are much further advanced. The Regional Patriot Officer goes as far as to say that there are now 10 "Partigiani" as such in the Region. He reports the following points:

- (a) Payments have up to now been paid on 1000 lire basis
- (b) LPPs working very satisfactory
- (c) He has no stock of the new Alexander certificate
- (d) He anticipates no difficulty over feeding after June 10 the numbers will be small, but he does require clarification over the payment to SERIAL
- (e) General Tribuschi has given way to General Prelorno as the official Military District Commander. The former has been placed on leave for six months.
- (f) He estimates that a large proportion of the arms have been handed in.

✓ With regard to 10 (c) above, Regional Patriot Officer estimates that he will require at least 15,000 certificates. I have arranged with AG 5 army to supply 5,000 but they may be slow in getting to Piemonte. 10,000 must therefore be dispatched immediately to the Region direct from AG 5.

ACTION

11. The CLM organisation did a considerable amount to assist in the dispersal of patriots; with funds at their disposal a considerable distribution of suit lengths of good material was made and coats have been issued. I do not therefore consider that there will be or is a clothing problem in this Region, furthermore an issue of patched up salvaged clothing would by comparison appear to be a feeble effort. I have therefore instructed Capt. Lindert not to issue to this Region.

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

(a) are the payments to be officially recognised as the new rates?

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Received 10,000 on
17 April

10,000
dispatched
7 June.

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10. PRISONERS, June 8.

In this Region matters are much further advanced. The Regional Patriot Officer goes as far as to say that there are now NO "Partigiani" as such in the Region. He reports the following points:

- (a) Payments have up to now been paid on 1000 lire basis
 (b) TIPS working very satisfactory
 (c) He has no stock of the new Alexander certificates
 (d) He anticipates no difficulty over feeding after June 10 the numbers will be small, but he does require clarification over the payment to General
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 (f) He estimates that a large proportion of the arms have been handed in.

Received 10,000 on
17 April

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despatched
7 June.
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ACTION

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The CLN organization did a considerable amount to assist in the dispersal of patriots; with funds at their disposal a considerable distribution of suit lengths of good material was made and boots have been issued. I do not therefore consider that there will be or is a clothing problem in this Region, furthermore an issue of patched up salvaged clothing would by comparison appear to be a feeble effort. I have therefore instructed Capt. Lambert not to issue to this Region.

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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

- (a) are the payments to be officially recognised as the new rates?
 (b) If so are the MOOI 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 MOOI intend to re-imburse the CLN.

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13.

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Terente Bruno TUCO (native of Aosta)
 Artillery officer of Alpini Class 1020
 now at Centro Addestramento di BRACCIAVO
 III Reggimento Artiglieria Piccola Gruppo
 Complementi

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With regard to Patriot matters I have cleared the following points.

- (a) All the clothing will be warehoused in Milan. accommodation is available.
- (b) Transport for blankets from LIVORNO is in hand as is also the collection of the balance of the consignment from BOLOGNA.

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(c) 2000 bivouac tents now lying at Florence are to be taken over by DISREP REP 5 Army for his use.

Lt. Col. Holmgren raised with me a number of points regarding Axis diplomatic personnel now in the custody of 5 Army, which require clarification and instructions from AIGCM. They are not immediately urgent I will therefore deal with them on my return as they appear too complicated for explanation in this report.

I will proceed to PADUA tomorrow morning in transport provided by this HQ.

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

HQ AIG 5 Army
10 June 45.

Distribution: CA Section 2
Local Government Sub Commission 1
Patriot's Branch 2

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MEETING OF THE FORMATION LEADERS, REGIONAL AND
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS, HELD AT 16.30 hours
of 30 May 45.

Those present were:

Lt. Col. A.C. De Garston
Chief of Staff Gaccia
Col. Juvonit
Lt. Col. H. Vincent
Capt. F. Adams

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SPINA for the Varese area, points out the necessity of retaining a body of patriots to ensure the policing of those areas still full of fascist elements. Such zones would be in particular the Varese and Bergamo provinces.

Col. De Garston draws attention to the fact that in order to enter this new police force, an adequate period of training would be required, however in view of the urgency of the matter he will discuss the matter further with the Local Commander of Police.

PIRELLI: It is necessary to ensure the personal safety of disabled patriots, in order that such participants being disarmed, should not suffer from reprisals of fascist elements.

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Lt. Col. VIGNATI R. We will go together and point out the situation in order that the 20 IV forces can take the necessary measures for the protection of that area. We will endeavour to obtain a definite reply on the matter. I can assure you that 500 fascists have already been captured these days by Allied Forces. It would, however be General Citterbenner's responsibility to ensure the safety of this zone.

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SPINA points out how the rounding up operations could efficiently be carried out by patriots, as has been shown in the recent round up of the Varese area, which led to the capture of 500 fascists.

FORMATION UNIT OF THE CANTONIERA area points out that this Zone also is infested by fascist elements who hide in the woods beyond the river Po where forces coming from Emilia can easily leak through. He suggests that a certain number of armed patriots should be kept mobilized under the personal responsibility of the leaders.

MORANDI states that it had already been decided in agreement with the Questore of Como to transfer 1500 chosen men into the Police Corps which would also ensure the control of the Swiss border.

The execution of this plan has been postponed as a result of further contradictory orders. Col. De Garston notes that if such a plan should be put into action it would happen under the personal responsibility of the Questore of Como. However the problem of the control of the borders will have to be further discussed.

PIRELLI. The partisan at a rule refuses to join the Police force unless it has already been purged by the Army fascist elements still on the force.

EDUARDO leader from across the Po stresses the insufficiency of the present force of the Carabinieri to ensure public order under conditions which are still abnormal in a zone where the communications, fuel etc. are lacking. It must be noted that such forces should also enforce the food rationing. The insufficiency of such forces of the carabinieri makes the institution of an armed force of partisans indispensable.

Col. De Garston observes that in peacetime the Carabinieri have always been sufficient but he is answered to the effect that the present times are far from peacetimes and that many irresponsible elements are still holding arms.

PIRELLI asks who will take over the storerooms at present held by partisans and what use will be made of the materials from the above store rooms.

COL. DE GARSTON stated that these storerooms will be taken over by Allied Forces (IV Corps 5 Army) or by National Forces which will be assigned later. The handing over must take place before 7 June.

PIRELLI. The material has been collected in many small store rooms located in various zones. To gather all the above equipment into general storehouses will require motor transport and 20L.

MORANDI. Motor transport is also necessary to displace the fascist elements at present concentrated in seven camps, holding 700/800 men each. It is suggested that such elements should be dispersed in the respective regional concentration centres and this would also simplify the task of checking and establish the charges against the various elements.

COL. DE GARSTON. Concentration of equipment should have first priority. To concentrate such equipment the necessary transportation will be supplied through the Transport Office.

PIRELLI. Guarding of such equipment will have to be provided.

COL. DE GARSTON. Many partisan elements have pointed out the necessity of letting the demobilized forces into the forestry police, the road police etc.

MORANDI. Insists on the need for a strict system of control on the borders in order to prevent the return to Italy of fascist elements from Switzerland. MORANDI also insists on the need for the local authorities have decided to establish five points on the principal ways of communication with Switzerland. Such measures, however, are not sufficient,

COL DE GARSTON Such a period is purely a bureaucratic rule. In other Zones it has extended up to 6, 7 and 8 months.

RIBET acknowledges that partisans during such a period of demobilisation, will benefit of billets, rations and assistance at the patriot centres which are being instituted.

EDUARDO It would be necessary to know the force required for the police. It is necessary to let into this corps carefully chosen personnel. Such a choice must take place forthwith in order to ~~xxxxx~~ avoid nothing but good elements being available.

COL DE GARSTON Each Commissioner can contact the local questore for information from this Authority as to what is the requirement of personnel.

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COMO	1.324	3.153
SONDRIO	0.225	2.853
BERGAMO	1.956	6.736
BRESCIA	3.711	7.125
PAVIA	1.445	6.922
CREMONA	1.300	8.000
MANTOVA	1.380	1.880
totale	15.390	71.578

Will be much
Revised by 10 JUNE.

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	1.300	8.000	6.700
	1.380	1.880	500
totale	15.390	71.578	56.188

With much
Residual by 10 JUNE.

RILEVATO ARMI VERSATE A TUTTO IL 1° GIUGNO 1945

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Centri di raccolta	Fucili e moschetti	Fucili automat.	Fucili mitragl.	Mitragliatrici	Cannoni a mortai	Mitr
VARESE	3543	71	150	129	4	
COMO	770	35	6	82	6	
SONDRIO	1720	177	76	19	12	
BERGAMO	7453	44	55	33	6	
BRESCIA	6497	105	98	53	2	
PAVIA	4874	58	72	92	1	
CREMONA	3000	5	200	60	20	
MANTOVA	1220	72	75	25	==	
MILANO CITTA'	10240	==	100	115	14	
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	44196	577	905	746	73	

App. C.

APPX. "C"

Riepilogo armi versate a tutto il 1° giugno 1945

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7453	44	55	33	6	1	1364	43
6497	105	98	53	2	19	1130	95
4874	58	72	92	1	22	2473	140
3000	5	200	60	20	10	300	44
1220	72	75	25	==	==	375	50
10240	==	100	115	14	==	6874	119
4879	10	73	90	8	==	==	222
44196	577	905	716	73	68	16107	804

APPENDIX "D"

TO: ITALY

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

Circular

Milan 19 May 45.

TO: All Regional Commands
Comando 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 GAP who have belonged to a formation for not less than six months and can bring proof 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, armour supplies, quartermaster's office etc.) irremediated 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

All those who, not belonging to any of the categories which entitle them to qualification of partisan, but have actively collaborated and contributed to the liberation (either serving with the partisan formations for a shorter period than above required, or being of considerable and constant help to the partisan formations) - will be granted the status of Patriot.

CERTIFICATE FOR MERITORIOUS ACTION for meritorious action

A certificate will be granted to all those who, not ⁴⁵⁶⁰ ~~4560~~ to the qualification of partisan or patriot, have under certain circumstances given evidence of productive solidarity with the partisans and with the patriots.

1. To the dead of the OVL.
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Those having the necessary qualifications for recognition of partisan or patriot status or the certificate for meritorious action will not be recognized as such, if their moral or political precedents are bad.

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 OVL.

At each demobilisation centre a commission composed as

follows, will be instituted:

Chairman - the C.O. of the demobilization Centre

Members - 5 representatives of C.V.L. 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 scrutinized 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 ~~as the case may be~~ have on the back the following endorsement:

The bearer has the necessary qualifications to be recognized 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 in this special certificate will be issued by the General Command of C.V.L.

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)

7 June 45.

SUBJECT: Payment of Patriots

TO : R.G. Lombardia Region

Reference 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 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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RIUNIONE DEI CAPI FORMAZIONI, RAPPRESENTANTI PROVINCIALI E COMMISSARI REGIONALI, TENUTASI ALLE ORE 16.30 DEL GIORNO 30 MAGGIO 1945.

Presenti :

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Colonello Quaroni
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Ribet : E' necessario garantire la sicurezza personale dei partigiani smobilitati per evitare che questi patrioti disarmati possano subire rappresaglie da parte di elementi fascisti.

Val Camonica . In questa valle ci sono delle forze fasciste regolari e se non riceveremo aiuti al più presto, rimarremo senza protezione. Da qui l'impossibilità di smobilitare subito.

Lt.Col. Vincent R. : Andremo assieme oggi e faremo presente la nostra situazione in modo che il comandante del IV^o Corpo possa prendere le opportune disposizioni per la protezione di quella zona. A tale scopo noi cercheremo di ottenere una risposta definitiva. Vi posso assicurare che 500 fascisti sono stati catturati in questi giorni dalle Forze Alleate. Sarebbe comunque di competenza del Generale Crittenberger di garantire la sicurezza di questa zona.

Spina fa notare come il servizio di rastrellamento possa essere efficientemente condotto anche dai partigiani, come dimostrano i recenti rastrellamenti eseguiti nella zona di Varese, che hanno fruttato la cattura di 300 elementi fascisti.

Capo formazione per la zona di Crenona : fa pure osservare che anche questa zona è notevolmente infestata da elementi fascisti che trovano facile asilo nei boschi della zona alle spalle del Po dove si verificano facilmente infiltrazioni di forze provenienti dall'Emilia. Propone che un certo contingente di partigiani armati rimangano in forza sotto la personale responsabilità dei comandanti

remo senza protezione. Da qui l'impossibilità di sbililitare subito.

Lt. Col. Vincent H.: Andremo assieme oggi e faremo presente la nostra situazione in modo che il comandante del IV° Corpo possa prendere le opportune disposizioni per la protezione di quella zona. A tale scopo noi cercheremo di ottenere una risposta definitiva. Vi posso assicurare che 500 fascisti sono stati catturati in questi giorni dalle Forze Alleate. Sarebbe comunque di competenza del Generale Crittenberger di garantire la sicurezza di questa zona.

Spina fa notare come il servizio di rastrellamento possa essere efficientemente condotto anche dai partigiani, come dimostrano i recenti rastrellamenti eseguiti nella zona di Varese, che hanno fruttato la cattura di 300 elementi fascisti.

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Morandi: Era già stato deciso col questore di Como ⁴⁵⁶² di saggiare di 1500 uomini scelti da immettere nel Corpo di Polizia. Ciò, anche per assicurare il servizio di sorveglianza verso la frontiera svizzera.

L'esecuzione di tale progetto è però stata rimandata a seguito di successivi ordini contraddittori. Il Colonnello De Garston osserva che se tale progetto si realizzasse, ciò avverrebbe sotto la personale responsabilità del questore di Como. Comunque, il problema della sorveglianza della frontiera dovrà essere ulteriormente discusso.

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Ribet chiede chi prenderà in consegna i magazzini dei materiali attualmente in possesso dei partigiani e quali usi si farà di tale materiale.

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Ribet : Il materiale è stato raccolto in molti piccoli magazzini dislocati nelle diverse zone. Per riunire tali materiali in magazzini collettivi, occorrono automezzi a benzina.

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Morandi : Occorrono automezzi anche per dislocare gli elementi fascisti attualmente riuniti nei sette campi di concentramento, in ciascuno dei quali si trovano circa 700/800 uomini. Si propone che tali elementi vengano ammassati nei rispettivi campi di concentramento regionali, ciò che agevolerebbe il compito di controllare e stabilire le accuse a carico dei diversi elementi.

Col. De Garston : In primo luogo si tratta di concentrare il materiale. Per tale concentramento si provvederanno i mezzi di trasporto tramite l'Ufficio Trasporti.

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Col. De Garston : L'epurazione deve procedere per via legale.

Ribet : Le attuali disposizioni prevedono un periodo di tre mesi per l'^{la} smobilitazione dei partigiani: tale periodo è ovviamente insufficiente..

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Col. De Carston : Questo è un termine puramente burocratico. In altre zone si è protratto anche sino a 6, 7 e 8 mesi.

Ribet prende atto che i partigiani durante tale periodo, di smobilitazione, godranno di alloggio, vitto, di assistenza nei centri di raccolta che sono in corso di attuazione.

Edoardo : Sarebbe necessario conoscere il quantitativo degli elementi chiesti per le forze di polizia. Occorre innettere in questo corpo, personale scelto. Tale scelta deve avvenire subito per evitare che rimangano a disposizione solo gli elementi scadenti.

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Ribet : Questo problema non è di importanza immediata e verrà trattato più tardi. Fa notare l'impossibilità di cessare immediatamente i comandi di zona i quali dovrebbero continuare la loro attività come uffici di stralcio.

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Col. De Garston è d'accordo. Tali comandi verranno assorbiti dai Centri di Raccolta. Intanto desidera conoscere i nomi dei vari comandi delle formazioni e degli uomini di fede indubbia perchè a questi si desidera rilasciare subito il certificato "Alexander".

Ribet chiede che il porto d'armi sia concesso ai capi più in vista e maggiormente esposti ad eventuali rappresaglie fasciste. Il Col. De Garston assicura che tale richiesta verrà considerata favorevolmente.

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA
CORPO VOLONTARI DELLA LIBERTÀ
COMANDO GENERALE

COMANDO

Milano, 19 Maggio 1945

A TUTTI I COMANDI REGIONALI
AL COMANDO PIAZZA DI MILANO

REQUISITI E NORME PER LA CONCESSIONE DEI BREVETTI DI PARTIGIANO
O DI PATRIOTA E PER GLI ATTESTATI DI BENEMERENZA

Verrà concesso:

BREVETTO DI PARTIGIANO

- 1)-Ai Caduti del Corpo Volontario della Libertà
 - 2)-Ai decorati al Valore Partigiano
 - 3)-A coloro che sono stati feriti dal nemico in combattimento e in dipendenza della loro attività partigiana.
 - 4)-A coloro che hanno militato per almeno tre mesi in una formazione armata partigiana regolarmente inquadrata nelle formazioni conosciute e dipendenti dal C.V.L. o nel C.A.P.
 - 5)-Agli appartenenti alle formazioni S.A.P. che abbiano un periodo minimo di appartenenza di 6 mesi e possano dimostrare di aver partecipato a due o più azioni armate o di sabotaggio oppure, avendo militato per un periodo di almeno un mese, abbiano partecipato a 4 o più azioni armate o di sabotaggio.
 - 6)-A coloro che hanno fatto parte per un periodo di almeno 6 mesi di un Comando o di un servizio di Comando (informazioni, avio rifornimenti, intendenza, etc.) inquadrato nell'attività del C.V.L.
 - 7)-A coloro che sono rimasti in carcere o in campo di concentramento per oltre tre mesi in seguito a cattura da parte di fascisti per attività attinenti al movimento militare.
 - 8)-A coloro che hanno svolto attività o azioni di particolare importanza a giudizio del Comando Generale su proposta del Comando Regionale.
- Quando i periodi di tempo minimo di cui ai precedenti numeri 4)-5)-6)-7)- non sono singolarmente sufficienti a determinare la qualifica di partigiano essi potranno essere cumulati tra di loro fino al raggiungimento del minimo prescritto per ottenere il brevetto.

BREVETTO DI PATRIOTA

È riconosciuto il qualifica di patriota a coloro che, non ricadendo nella categoria che danno diritto al titolo di partigiano, hanno tuttavia collaborato e contribuito attivamente per la liberazione, sia militando nelle formazioni partigiane per un periodo minore di quello sopra previsto, sia prestando costante e notevole aiuto alle formazioni partigiane.

ATTESTATO DI BENEMERENZA

Sarà rilasciato l'attestato di benemerenza a coloro che, senza essere iscritti alle qualifiche di partigiano o a quella di patriota, hanno tuttavia dimostrato in alcune occasioni la fattiva collaborazione col partigiano o col patriota.

Non sarà riconosciuto partigiano o patriota e non potrà essere iscritto al cartello di benemerenza chi, pur avendo i requisiti richiesti, sarà ritenuto indegno per i suoi precedenti politici o morali.

MODALITÀ PER LA CONCESSIONE DEI BREVETTI E ATTESTATI

Il riconoscimento del titolo di partigiano sarà sancito da appositi certificati individuali e iscritti an. dal Comando Alleato e l'altro dal Comando Generale del C.V.L. Presso ogni Centro di Smobilitazione sarà costituita una Commissione mista composta come segue:

- Presidente: Il Comandante del Centro di Smobilitazione.
- Membri: 5 in rappresentanza del C.V.L. scelti fra i partigiani delle formazioni in corso di smobilitazione presso il Centro o che più si sono distinti per la loro attività.

Nelle votazioni, parità di voti, il voto del Presidente costituirà maggioranza.

Le proposte per la distribuzione delle qualifiche di partigiano dovranno essere inoltrate al Comando in oggetto la via gerarchica.

Ogni Comando intermedio dovrà esprimere il suo parere circa la concessione della qualifica.

La Commissione esaminata le proposte compilarà gli elenchi e li trasmetterà al Comando Regionale per la definitiva ratifica, dopo di che procederà alla concessione dei brevetti.

A tergo del brevetto che verrà rilasciato dal Comando Alleato deve essere apposta la seguente formula:

IO, QUALIFICA DI REL REQUISITI RECONOSCIUTO RE

Il nome del Presidente della Commissione autenticata dal Comando Alleato

Per il riconoscimento del titolo di patriota valgono le norme su apposto.

Verrà rilasciato soltanto uno speciale brevetto da parte del Comando Generale del C.V.L.

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Se risulta che in qualche zona i brevetti sono già stati distribuiti senza tener presente le modalità ed i criteri sopra indicati, si dovrà in tal caso provvedere ugualmente alla costituzione della Commissione che dovrà o ritirare o ratificare i brevetti già distribuiti che non hanno i requisiti richiesti. A apposto a tergo di quelli già così l'annotazione di cui al n° 1 o per sentenza del Comando Regionale o di coloro che hanno diritto.

alla ufficio di partigiani o patriota.

- Gli attestati di benemerenza saranno rilasciati dal Comando
in, dai Comandi Regionali, dai Comandi di Zona o per ufficio.

5) - È assolutamente necessario che ciascun comandante responsabile
di rilasciare, brevetti e attestati tenga presente la necessità
di mantenere la massima obiettività ed evitare qualsiasi in-
ferenza che tornerebbe a danno della giustizia nei confronti di
alcuni veramente meritevoli.

- Si invitano i Comandi Regionali a segnalare al più presto
il fabbisogno dei moduli di brevetti di Partigiano e di Patriota
e che verranno trasmessi a cura di questo Comando.



IL COMANDO GENERALE

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REPORT ON TOUR OF DIRECTOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COM.

Lombardia Region - Wednesday 6 June

ACTION

1. Arrived MILAN by air 1100 hrs and called on COL. HANCOCK, is was a brief interview and of a general nature, as per official Gov. in concerned the position is much as a fortnight ago, Prefects are functioning and are in every respect confident in Office, but still require the official form of installation by Pref. Gen. Rensi.
2. At the Patriots Office Lt. LANGE has been appointed Executive Officer vice Lt. Col. WHITE, the office has been moved into the MATTEOTTI building with telephone 12462 Ex. 2436. It is a great improvement and gets away from the pandemonium in the Pats. HQ. where it was situated before.

3. Lt. Lange states that the dismantling and dissolution of the various band HQ. in this city went off quickly considerable number of arms were collected. It hasn't discussed much detail in this Regional Patriots Office as Lt. Col. de Garston is away this afternoon and I will get down to try it with him in the morning. My general impression is that at least in MILAN the whole process and dismantling of Patriots has been too slow, and little has been done in the way of payment or issue of Certificates.

4. Col. Hancock has a copy of the signal 9453 dated June 5 and is taking the necessary steps to instruct the Finance Officers, a further more detailed order is 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.

5. This region has received 30,000 certificates which are in the course of distribution in bulk to Provinces.

6. Met Capt. LAMBERT who has had Lt. MOLINARI moved in to MILAN three days ago and LAMBERT reported here this afternoon. We seem to be getting a bit thick on the ground here, and may have to consider thinning out. This should not however be done until the clothing has been moved up.

7. Discussed many points and problems with Lambert which are not out in detail under the various headings below.

(a) CLOTHING SUPPLY

The quantities to come forward are satisfactory and Lambert may be able to get some underwear elsewhere. He will make bids for the transportation from TROST and has taken the

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2. At the Patriots Office Lt. LAMBERT has been appointed Executive Officer Vice Lt. Col. WILSON, the office has been moved into the MONTAGNIERI building with telephone 42482 R. 2436. It is a great improvement and gets away from the pandemonium in the P.O. where it was situated before.

3. Lt. Lessa states that the dismantling and dissolution of the various band HQ. in this city went off quickly, considerable ransom money were collected. It has not discussed much detail in this Regional Patriots Office as Lt. Col. de Carsten is away this afternoon and I will get down to try it with him in the morning. My general impression is that at least in MILAN Course the whole process and dismantling of Patriots has been too slow, and little has been done in the way of payment or issue of Certificates.

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7. Discussed many points and problems with Lambert which are set out in detail under the various headings below.

(a) CLOTHING PROBLEMS

The quantities to come forward are satisfactory and Lambert may be able to get some underwear elsewhere. HOFF will make bids for the transportation from LIVORNO and has taken the release note for blankets. It will require authority to collect from ship, this must be forwarded by cable and confirmed in writing.

McLaughlin is to go to LIVORNO to supervise the transport and requires the name of vessel, this I have asked for by cable direct to ADM 5 Army, forthwith if action has NOT been taken on receipt of this phase do so immediately.

(b) PAYMENT

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

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1. SUMMARY.

All regions now seem to have sufficient for immediate requirements; III 5 Army will not require more than 10,000 for the present.

(a) REQUIREMENTS.

As an interim measure, I have handed a copy of the Italian Cable to Lambert, who understands the procedure, I have had three copies made and will give one to each of the three units and IV Corps. A further full explanation is required to be sent to all Regions, 5 Army, and IV Corps.

(b) FEEDING.

Lambert and McLaughlin report that feeding in the Italian Region is very poor. I will investigate this tomorrow morning. In any case it is essential to carry on with some feeding after June 10. On further discussion I do not consider that the number of rationnaires required will be possible exceed 15,000 and I believe it doubtful if in the whole of Northern Italy it will reach 10,000. The instructions for feeding through SPANISH are required by Region etc. forthwith. Patriots Branch to get a signal out within 48 hours of receipt of this.

(c) EQUIPMENT AT PISA.

Neither Lambert nor McLaughlin know exactly what stores are still left at Pisa but believe there are at least sufficient for 700 persons. These should be shifted to LIGURIA Region. Therefore telegrams to Secura asking for a detailed list (see the telephone) and that cable LIGURIA the details and ask them if they require the equipment and if so to collect. The Sgt. Major (sic.) should join McLaughlin.

(d) The possibility of partisans demanding verification later on in district to which they have moved in a problem that requires adjustment. Probably the answer is that a central record of all requisitions will have to be compiled and kept at a Central registry. It is a matter I will attend to on my return.

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copy of cable sent to all regions
5 Army, IV Corps
by Patriots Branch

see original from
Food Sub Com.
letter from Pat Branch
12/7/1947.

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ACTIONR.N. CHURCH,
Colonel.

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FOR ACTION AND LOUISIANA REGION

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5 June 45

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DE CINCINNATI TO

PAPA GUN TO OCEANIC CHIEF PROCEEDING FOR HEADQUARTERS BY AIR SIX JUNE PD

PARCEL TO FOR ACTION AND LOUISIANA REGION FROM HQ ALCOHOL CITE A C P A T. PAPER

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION.

P.H.P. & accompanying
Act. G.P.C.

1 June 1945

REPORT ON TOUR OF NORTHERN PROVINCES BY THE DIRECTOR
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

19 May 45

- 27 May 45.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

In general Local Government is taking shape in the five Regions: VENETIE, EMILIA, LOMBARDIA, LIGURIA and PIEMONTE. This particularly applies to the appointment of Prefects and to some extent to their staffs in the grade of Vice Prefect. There is a natural inclination on the part of Regional and Provincial Commissioners to wish for a career man in the position of Vice Prefect when the Prefect himself is not a career man. For this reason, where they have not been able to find them locally, they are requesting Local Government Sub-Commission to find professional Vice Prefects from the pool formed by the Ministry of the Interior.

The Committees of National Liberation are, on the whole, co-operative but are taking some time to realise that they have no executive powers. At the time of the visit some confusion was being caused by C.N.L.s still continuing to issue orders. This attitude of mind is reflected in the disinclination of Patriots to disarm. As A.M.I. progresses in its organization and administration, it is considered that the situation will clarify because many of the C.N.L.s will be appointed as Giunta Provinciale and Giunta Comunale and will therefore become part of the administration.

The small number of G.A.O.s in the provinces makes progress in this matter slower than it would otherwise be but the situation can be considered satisfactory as is evidenced by the fact that in MILAN, by arrangement with Colonel POLVERI, the C.N.A.I. were issuing a directive to their local committees pointing out exactly what the position was via a vis A.M.I.

A considerable number of Prefects have been appointed as Prefetti Regenti and a list showing the exact position and their various political parties where known is attached at Appendix "A" to this report. SOAG Fifth Army, in the territory for which he is responsible, has reserved the final installation to be confirmed or carried out by himself so that the position is that in the majority of cases while the Prefect is in fact functioning, his absolute appointment has not yet been confirmed. This particularly applies in the Western Regions. Those Prefects who were met during the tour all seemed energetic and competent individuals, although in most cases they are non-career men. The conclusion is therefore that after a period of work, both Prefects and Regional Commissioners will find that it is essential to have at least one career Vice Prefect on their staff. It may therefore be anticipated that there will

In general Local Government is taking shape in the five Regions VARESE, MILAN, LOMBARDIA, LIGURIA and PIEMONTE. This particularly applies to the appointment of Prefects and to some extent to their staffs in the grade of Vice Prefect. There is a natural inclination on the part of Regional and Provincial Commissioners to wish for a career man in the position of Vice Prefect when the Prefect himself is not a career man. For this reason, where they have not been able to find them locally, they are requesting Local Government Sub-Commission to find professional Vice Prefects from the pool formed by the Ministry of the Interior.

The Committee of National Liberation are, on the whole, co-operative but are taking some time to realise that they have no executive powers. At the time of the visit some confusion was being caused by GINs still continuing to issue orders. This attitude of mind is reflected in the disinclination of Patriots to disarm. As AMI progresses in its organisation and administration, it is considered that the situation will clarify because many of the GINs will be appointed as giunta Provinciale and giunta Comunale and will therefore become part of the administration.

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/PATRIOTS.....

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PATRIOTS.

In all Regions the Regional Patriot Staff has arrived and is beginning to function. The question of disarmament is, of course, the major problem. It has taken place over a considerable area of newly liberated territory, but this varies considerably from region to region, according to the circumstances therein. In the more rural districts and small provincial towns, parades have been held and a large number of arms handed in. This particularly applies in the area directly administered by Fifth Army. On the other hand, in the large cities of MILAN and TURIN, no parade has been held at which disarmament took place and considerable numbers of Patriots are still holding their arms. The first step has been made in that over the whole area covered, very few armed civilians were encountered. On the other hand the fact that they may no longer carry arms openly is possibly driving them to conceal them. In brief, the situation in each Region is as follows:

VENETIA: Carrying of arms in the open is forbidden and Patriots have been ordered to store their arms in unit armories. This does not apply to the provinces of VENEZIA and BOLZANO where, at the time of the visit, the Patriots had not been ordered to disarm owing to the presence of considerable number of armed German troops and fascist elements.

LOMBARDIA: In that part of the province under Fifth Army, disarmament had taken place at parades, but in that area under IV Corps little or no disarming had taken place as it had not at that time been ordered by IV Corps Commander.

PIEMONTE: Disarming had been ordered, except in the area close to the frontier. Groups of arms were being located with a view to raids or other forced collection.

LIIGURIA: In this province disarmament had taken place in those areas accessible to CMOs. It was reported that the French had forcibly disarmed Patriots in EMPIRIA province.

GENERAL: In general disarmament is only partial and there is no doubt that some arms will be retained by extreme elements and bandit gangs. The fact that the area is almost completely covered by a disintegrated army makes collection of arms a long and difficult public safety matter. There is evidence that gangsterism and banditry are being carried out in many instances under the guise of Patriot activities. The killings which were taking place in MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, may well be attributed to a large part to these gangs. The only solution would appear to be a strong forceful police force. To assist in building this up, suitable police candidates are being selected from Patriot Groups for training as permanent policemen on a voluntary basis. Furthermore, the higher officials of the GVL and GUN state that in order to assist in the disbandment of the Patriot organization it is essential that not only should those who wish to, be taken into the police force, but those who wish it, should be taken into the army. This question has been taken up with MMIA since the return of the writer to ROMA and the immediate recruitment of 4,000 Patriots has been authorized. While the total number which General CARONNA considers will wish to join the Italian Army is estimated by him at 20,000, as a result of this survey it is doubtful whether such a number will make itself available; possibly only 10,000 will be ready to join the Italian Army as volunteers.

Italian Military Patriot Representatives are functioning satisfactorily but a few changes in personnel were requested by Regional Patriot Officers; those are in hand.

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In PIEMONTE and LOMBARDIA Regions there was a complete absence of Patriot Certificates in both Provincial and Regional Offices. A distribution of 100,000 of these had been made but on investigation it appeared that Fifth Army had considerable stocks undistributed. Action was taken to ensure that the two Regions concerned were adequately supplied.

The feeding of Patriots on the Italian Military scale had ~~not~~ ^{been} carried out in the early stages of liberation, although authority had been given; this appears to be due to the fact that IV Corps had been physically unable to supply rations. A release has now been obtained of 197,000 rations which were in the course of being distributed in LOMBARDIA, LIGURIA and PIEMONTE in suitable proportions to meet the immediate need of these Regions. Detailed immediate action required for Patriots is at Appendix "B" attached.

/MINE CLEARANCE.....

3.

MINE CLEARANCE

From a general survey the mined area is across the country on last winter's battle line, with the most thickly mined area of all on the east coast in the provinces of RAVENNA, FORLI, FERRARA and BOLOGNA. Both coasts have some defensive mine-fields.

The whole of the LIGURIAN coast is mined for its entire length and 25 kilometers inland. Within this 25 kilometer belt, mines have been set only in defiles and in the narrow passes through the mountains. It is estimated that 300 men with adequate transport will be able to remove all mines that are hindering movement and agriculture in three months.

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LOMBARDIA and VENETIA Regions state that they have no mine clearance problem.

Mine Clearance Schools have been set up at FORLI, BOLOGNA and GENOA and are functioning under the direction of Captain STOKER and Lt. MORLEY. In BOLOGNA 90 men are already under training and the number can be increased to 300 if suitable instructors are found. At GENOA 80 men are attending a course and it is anticipated that 60 will qualify. It had been anticipated that Patriots would be willing to take part in this work of National importance but this has not been the case to any large degree and in fact in GENOA Patriots organizations do not wish to take part or attend the schools, wishing to be independent to run their own organization. The latter was given some consideration but in view of the fact that the instructors and the equipment have to be found by the Ministry of War it was decided not to set up or encourage a separate organization to work in competition with the Italian Ministry of War's Mine Clearance Organization. Nevertheless, the Italian Mine Clearance Officer had received from the Patriots mine field maps and charts which they had captured or taken from various German Headquarters.

It is considered that the formations of schools at FORLI, BOLOGNA and GENOA are a satisfactory distribution in view of the mine field lay-out.

All schools were short of Mine Detectors and safety fuses. These matters have been given attention since the return of the writer and, in fact, mine detectors are already on the way to the schools and safety fuse is being obtained from the Ministry of War.

Detailed action required at present.

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Detailed action required by Mine Clearance Branch is attached at Appendix "C".

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R. P. ORRIS, Colonel,
Director,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

(Action to be taken by Local Government.)

<u>Serial</u>	<u>ACTION REQUIRED</u>	<u>ACTION COMPLETED</u>
1.	PLACENZA Can do with a career V.P. (I). Write and request confirmation of this requirement and then take action.	
2.	FERRARA V.P. (V) required. Action to be taken.	
3.	KULONA V.P. (I) required. Action to be taken.	
4.	IMPERIA C.P. (V) required. Action to be taken.	

2. FERRARA V.P.(V) required. Action to be taken.
3. BOLOGNA V.P.(I) required. Action to be taken.
4. IMPERIA G.P.(V) required. Action to be taken.

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LC-3 GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

1 June 1945

Serial No. (a)	REGION Province (b)	Prefect (c)	Party (d)	GEN Name (e)	Approved by R.C. (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	<u>PIEMONTE</u> Aosta	Prof. RASCHETTI PIEMONTE Alessandro	LIB	Yes	Yes	This Prefect is now suggesting he resign from GEN owing to differences over the French question and may not be the final choice.
2.	Asti	Not yet appointed				
3.	Cuneo	Avv. VERZANI Guido	Not known	Yes	Yes	Is an active Patriot
4.	Novara	Dott. FURNARO Pietro	Not known	Yes	Yes	
5.	Vercelli	Dott. CARONNO Giovanni	Not known	Yes	Yes	
6.	Alessandria	Not yet selected				
7.	Torino	Name not given	SOI	(Not known to D/R.C.)		
8.	<u>LIGURIA</u> La Spezia	Dott. BAZZI	SOI	Yes	Yes	
9.	<u>VENETIA</u> Venice	Dott. MAZZER Ondilio	C.D.	Yes	Yes	

10. LOMBARDIA (See Appendix "a" (ii).)
All Prefects are Prefetti Regenti; all are GEN Nameless approved by D.C.

- a) SOs of Regions PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA & LIGURIA have all been appointed D/SCAOs and may by now have been delegated the power of appointment of Prefects in
- b) In PIEMONTE Region SCAO had forwarded signed blanks of his confirmation Pro Formae for Prefects.

3.	Cuneo	Arr. Vizzani Guido	Not known. Yes	Yes	Is an active Patriot
4.	Novara	Dott. MUMIARO Piero	Not known. Yes	Yes	
5.	Vercelli	Dott. GAVENNO Giovanni	Not known. Yes	Yes	
6.	Alessandria	Not yet selected			
7.	Torino	Name not given	SOO (Not known to D/R.O.)		
8.	<u>LAZIO</u>				
	La Spezia	Dott. NUCCHI	SOO	Yes	
9.	<u>VENEZIA</u>				
	Venice	Dott. MATTER Camillo	G.D.	Yes	

10. LOMBARDIA (See Appendix "A" (44).)
All Prefects are Prefetti Regenti; all are GLL Nominees approved by E.C.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION

LIST OF PRINCIPAL PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS

BRASOLA

Prefect (Reggente)	Pietro Bulloni
President of the CLM	Giuseppe Ghetti
Partisan Head	Col. Giuseppe Zani
Head of CC.RR.	Lt Col Frailich Arnaldo
Head of Guardia di Finanza	Lt Col Di Natale
Sindaco of Prov. Capital	Avv. Guglielmo Chistolani

COMO

Prefetto Reggente	Avv. Virgilio Bontinelli
Vice Prefetto	Bardiogio Mario
Questore	Ten Col. Avv. Luigi Grassi
Vice Questore	Prof. Franco Cappuccio
Sindaco of Como City	Armando Marnini

CREMONA

Prefect Regent	Parietti Giulio fu Cesare
Vice Prefect (Acting)	Gravonesi Giacinto fu Giacomo
Vice Prefect (Acting)	Cottarelli Alessandri di L.
Questore (Acting)	Ferretti Roberto di Angelo
Sindaco (Cremona City)	Calatrone Bruno di Guido

MANTOVA

Prefetto Reggente	Avv. Tommaso Solci
Vice Prefetto Vicario	Dott. Vario Campagnari
Vice Prefetto Ispettore	Reg. Pietro Padulano
Capo Gabinetto Prefetto	Dott. Orlando Antonio
Medico Provinciale	Dott. Roberto Zanini
Veterinario Provinciale	Dott. Emico Bertolini
Questore	Verona Armano
Vice Questore	Avv. Luigi Balzo
Amministrazione Provinciale	Avv. Ennio Avanzini
Presidente	Dott. Amelio Leotti
Segretario Generale	Ing. Giuseppe Mazzi
Ingegnere Capo	Carlo Camerlenghi
Sindaco di Mantova	Angelo Gatti
Vice Sindaco	Ing. Giuseppe Borella
Vice Sindaco	Dott. Achille Tuminello
Segretario Capo	Ing. Magelli Alessandro
Ingegnere Capo	Ing. Alfredo Nesi
Carlo Civile : Ingegnere Capo	Prof. Mario Levi
Camera del Commercio : Direttore	Dott. Bruno Vivenza
Ufficio del Lavoro : Direttore	Dott. Alessandri Fiammi
Tribunale : Presidente	Dott. Giannotti
Procura del Regno : Reggente	Dott. Janssen

Lt Col Paulino Arnaldo
Lt Col Di Natale
Avv. Gaetano Cristofari

DocId: 342470

Profetto Reggente	Avv. Virgilio Bertinelli
Vice Profetto	Bordogna Mario
Questore	Ten Col. Avv. Luigi Grassi
Vice Questore	Prof. Franco Cappuccio
Sindaco of Como City	Astardo Marini

CHRONICA

Profect Regent	Parietti Giulio fu Cesare
Vice Prefect (Acting)	Cromonesi Giacinto fu Giacomo
Vice Prefect (Acting)	Cotterelli Alessandro di Le
Questore (Acting)	Ferretti Roberto di Angelo
Sinlaco . (Cromona City)	Calatrono Bruno di Guido

MANEQUIN

Prefetto Reggente	Avv. Tommaso Solci
Vice Prefetto Vicario	Dott. Verrio Campagnari
Vice Prefetto Ispettore	Fag. Pietro Madulano
Capo Gabinetto Prefetto	Dott. Oriando Antonio
Medico Provinciale	Dott. Roberto Zanini
Veterinario Provinciale	Dott. Enrico Bertolini
Questore	Verona Aronno
Vice Questore	Avv. Luigi Balzo
Commissione Provinciale	

Avv. Ennio Avanzini	
Dott. Amelio Leotti	
Ing. Giuseppe Mozzi	
Carlo Camerlenghi	
Angelo Garai	
Ing. Giuseppe Borella	
Dott. Achille Tumminello	
Ing. Magelli Alessandro	
Ing. Alfredo Masi	
Prof. Mario Levi	
Dott. Bruno Vivanza	
Dott. Alessandro Finardi	
Dott. Giannotti	
Dott. Jannacaro	
Di Pisa Francesco	
Prof. Leandro Ozola	
Spagnoli Orlando	
Prof. Umberto Pizzini	
Dott. Michele Alfi	
Dott. Benini Ottorino	
Ferraro Cesare	

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 Capo CC.RR. Mag. Felice Corsaro
 Finanza : Vice Intendente Dott. Angelo Cuchi

MILANO

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 " Dott. Giselle Antonio
 " Dott. Matta Camillo
 " Dott. Paterno Giovanni
 " Dott. Di Bona Giuseppe
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 Vice Segretario Dott. Miloni Antonio
 Medico Provinciale Capo Prof. De Seseio Giuseppe
 " " Aggiunto Dott. Bontempo Giacomo
 " " " Dott. Leonello Nicciotti
 " " " Dott. Corradi Cesare
 Veterinario Provinciale Dott. Giorgio Salvi
 Ragioniere Capo Comm. Lazzarini
 " " " Loche Sebastiano

SINDACO MILANO CITY AVV. ANTONIO GHERZI

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 Monza Salvatore Carensio

Pastori :

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 Abbiategrasso Dott. Alfredo Vitiello
 Cassano d'Adda Dott. Pasquale Castore
 Codogno Dott. Riccardo Tagliarini
 Legnano Dott. Leonardo Lo Cascio
 Desio Dott. Giovanni Meli
 Lodi Dott. Michele Ficrillo
 Monza Dott. Enrico Cortesi Palazzi
 Rho Dott. Mario Mariani

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 Vice Prefetto Avv. Cesare Gavina
 Questore Alfredo Turri
 " " " " " Angelo Grassi

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 Direttore Banca D'Italia Dott. Roberto Pionesi
 Direttore Banca Popolare di Novara Rag. Aristide Benelli
 Direttore Banca Commerciale Rag. Enrico Villani
 Direttore Cassa di Risparmio P.L.L. Rag. Giuseppe Merlo
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 Chief of Cabinet Public Procurator
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 Atore Quainodo
 Carlo Quainodo
 Romualdi Barresi
 Mauro Vrs
 Augusto Rossi
 Giuseppe Pignatta
 Vito Maza
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Appendix "B" to Report on
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Serial	ACTION REQUIRED	ACTION COMPLETED (date)
	<u>EMILIA REGION</u>	
1.	Replacement required for BONELLI at FERRARA.	in hand
2.	" " FERRARI at REGGIO E.	in hand
3.	Find a substitute Food Officer to replace Capt. KIM now doing PATRIOTS OFFICER.	✓
	Relief required for CALZAVARA	Left Roma 22 May
	Note only: GALLINA is to move from VENEZIA to BOLZANO.	in hand
4.	Clarification of 1000/5000 Lire payment.	done
5.	S/Sgt. SARRIES urgently required by Regional Patriot Officer. Hasten move.	✓
6.	Director to write Brigadier DUNLOP re position of Capt. KIM.	
	<u>ALL FORTH ARMY</u>	
7.	To note in files please: The following centres are opening and functioning: BOLOGNA MODENA VERONA BOLZANO	noted
	Capt. MCDONOUGH and HARRISON moving to MILAN.	
	<u>LOMBARDIA</u>	
8.	Director to discuss matter of uniform of IGPs with Colonel FAVA.	
9.	Raise question of Italian rations being drawn for IGPs who are required to pay 70 Lire per day for use.	
10.	LOMBARDIA (continued)	

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Serial

ACTION REQUIRED

ACTION COMPLETED (DATE).

LIBERIA REGION (Cont'd).

10.

FIGURE to be returned. (Della PURA as Patriot Leader on the spot has been appointed to carry out the work). Regional Patriot Officer asks if it is possible to have LAVINACK Major of ARMY as a replacement.

11.

Certificates required, none in stock. AMI Fifth Army to supply and this is arranged. However, this will require a follow up.

12.

To take up with Minister of Justice the use of Patriots as Prison Guards.

13.

Certificates required. Already taken up with LUBERT, a follow up required.

14.

LIBERIA

NOTE that centres have been set up at:

LA SPIZIA	capacity 200	inmates 67
SAVONA	" 450/500	" 150/200
IMPERIA	" 300	" 100
GLAVANI	" 700	" 100

15.

Clarification required of word "disabled" in Patriot Directive 9/PAT. Does this mean "wounded" only or genuinely "disabled".

16.

Directive required re payment of higher amounts.

17.

Question of recruiting must be settled quickly.

22,000 despatched 28 May
8,000 despatched 31 May

Some of immediate intake
of 4000 volunteers in May

22,000 despatched 28 May
8,000 despatched 31 May

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Section of committee is to be
of persons who are not

referred

11. Certificates required, none in stock.
AMS Pifwa Agency to supply and this is arranged.
However, this will require a follow up.

12. To take up with Minister of Justice the use
of Patriots as Prison Guards.

TORINO

13. Certificates required, Already taken up with
LILBERT, a follow up required.

LIVORNA

14. NOTE that centres have been set up at:

LA SPIGA	capacity 200	inmates 67
SAVONA	" 450/500	" 130/200
IMPERIA	" 300	" NIL
CLAVANI	" 700	" NIL

15. Clarification required of word "disabled" in
Patriot Directive 9A/FAT. Does this mean
"wounded" only or genuinely "disabled".

16. Directive required re payment of higher
amounts.

17. Question of recruiting must be settled
quickly.

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Appendix "G" to Report on
Tour of Northern Provinces.
- June 1945

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

MINE CLEARANCE

Serial	ACTION REQUIRED	ACTION COMPLETED (DATE)
	<u>EMILIA REGION</u>	
1.	Agreed transmission of mail through AMG channels. HQ to sec, inspect and forward to Ministry of War.	
2.	Require additional instructional staff at BOLAZENA (Lts. RANFI and GARROLO.)	
3.	In future officers (Italian) reporting to XOME and HQ in Regions must be fully equipped with uniform.	
4.	Method of obtaining funds needs explanation; if a letter has not already gone out it must be sent, giving full explanation.	
5.	Safety fuse and mine detectors required. Fuse to be obtained from M.O.W. Urge forward the allotment of mine detectors from recent allotment by A.P.M.Q.	
	<u>LUCANIA REGION</u>	
6.	Requires clarification and instructions as to manner of drawing cash for payment of workers.	
7.	U.M.P.A. have vehicles available for work but Lt. GROSSO required authority to draw petrol.	
8.	Mine Clearance officers and WOs are without pay. Clear with M.O.W.	
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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

1. Visit to U. VARELLA reported that the following prefects all members of the CIA had been appointed:

Province	Province	Province
BULGARIA	LODGE	LIBERAL
SAJKA	ANTONIO	O.R.
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2. In the remaining provinces CIA members were acting under a period of probation until the CIA had an opportunity of assessing them and confirming their selection to R.G.

3. In BULGARIA Province the names of the CIA members in VI AMERICA and Independent left center.

4. The CIA generally are co-operating and friendly, much depends on the situation in VI AMERICA, the Allied occupation and CIA member's recent statement have been well received.

REMARKS

5. The situation in this Region is somewhat delicate, and the work of documentation and payment requires pushing. The death of Major Garcia and some have weakened the work considerably. Captain KIM is acting as Regional Patriot Officer.

6. The granting of cash for payments to Patriots was not thoroughly understood, but will now be improved by Capt. KIM who has been helped by the Director.

7. Col. Calvario is unacceptable to any Vietnamese owing to his reported fascist background. He has been asked to take immediate action to get forward a substitute and Italian Ministry of Occupied Italy that is approval of his release.

8. If Capt. KIM has not yet been ordered to report to VI AMERICA region, this shall be done at once. The patriot officer is very urgently in need of his services.

9. The Under Secretary of the Ministry of Occupied Italy was not in Regional HQ where he was contacting I.A.P.R. He advised that the names paid to Patriots in disbanded is to be increased. It was agreed that a circular giving this information be sent to Bulwara and Provincial Government must be issued jointly by Minister of Occupied Italy and Patriot Branch, AG. A suggestion by U.S. that an interim action should be taken by CIAI even KIM was vetoed by Director, who pointed out that action for prefects in CIAI can come from Italian Government only through AG or with its consent.

It is stated that there are 50,000 patriots in the Region.

2. In the remaining provinces OIA members were active under a period of probation until 90% had had an opportunity of assessing them and confirming their selection to R.O.
3. In BOLIVIA explains the uses of the OIA members in DE ARCADE and Independent left centre.
4. The OIA generally are co-operative and friendly, much depends on the situation in VENEZUELA and the Allied occupation and the OIA's recent statement have been well received.

PATRIOTS

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6. The drawing of cash for payments to Patriots was not thoroughly understood, but will now be improved by Capt. BUI who has been briefed by the Director.
7. Col. Calzavara is unsympathetic to any variations arising to his reputed financial background. While BUI is to take immediate action to get further substitutes and inform Ministry of Occupied Italy that it approved of his release.
8. If Sgt. 57 MITS has not yet been ordered to report to VENEZUELA region, this shall be done at once. The patriot officer is very urgently in need of his services.
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10. CERTIFICATIONS Estimated that there are 50,000 patriots in the Region.
 9,000 certifications issued.
 30,000 certifications in stock.
 10/12,000 are possible future requirements.

R. R. GORDON,
Colonel.

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APPENDIX "C"
to Report of VP CAS.

PATRIOTS EMILIA

- 1) In Emilia Region as a whole the disarming of patriots has gone well, parades have been held in all provinces. In general all have handed in one arm; this probably leaves about 25% yet to be discovered and collected.
- 2) The attached proforma indicates the position at 12 May 45 excluding FOHLI and RAVENNA which are treated separately below. PIACENZA has a considerable number still bearing arms and difficult to disperse. Regional Office has not yet received much information as yet. The Regional Patriot Officer is to visit at an early date and take steps to alliminate the situation, he has however a parade of a special detachment to attend at Ravenna on Sunday when the remainder of the BULOW UNIT (operational) will "stand down".
- 3) Clothing is required in some areas, V Army will be contacted on this during this tour.
- 4) Hospitals are holding some Patriots (see attached proforma) the treatment is satisfactory and most should be cleared by June 10.
- 5) Certificates are being prepared, but a further supply is required by this region. This will be taken up with V Army, but a request that has gone on to AC Roma should be fulfilled.
- 6) Arms Detailed inventory of the arms handed in are being prepared and will be forwarded to HQ Rome.
- 7) Payments Returns under separate headings are not available but are being prepared and will be advised to AC.
- 8) IMFES Replacements are required for BOMELLI now at FERRARA, and for TERRARI at REGGIO EMILIA. Pats Branch to take action.
Up to date it does not appear that additional IMFES are required, unless specifically requested i.e. those that have just reported to BOLOGNA. There is however plenty of work for IMFES to do and while PATS CENTRES for holding residents should be closed as early as possible, there should be no undue hurry to close the offices after disbandment as there is a considerable amount of documentation to be done.
- 9) Feeding As far as it is necessary is being carried out satisfactory, but it may not be possible to discontinue completely w.e.f. 10 June, 45, in view of the cases still in hospital. In other respects practically all centres will be closed by that date for living purposes, in this region. It is estimated that they will be still some 600 pats requiring rations after June 10.
- 10) Police Number of pats are being used around as auxiliary or temporary police, in REGGIO they number approx 1000 above. The same situation is to be found in BOVIGO where the number is 10 per commune.
- 11) BOVIGO Although NOT in EMILIA Region, a visit was made here today.
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Patriots number 2000 in the province and have all been dispensed to their homes. Documentation is proceeding, but payments have NOT yet been made, funds not having been made available. (This will be taken up with Regional Patriot Officer) Sufficient new certificates are in stock.

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SITUATION IN EMILIA REGION AS AT 12 MAY 1945

PROVINCE	Pat. Prov. L.I.L.	Arm Surrendered	Pat. at Centre	Pat. at Hosp.	Pat. enlisted in to Army	Patriots re-employed	Pat. returned home	Pat. died
BOLOGNA	4,000	2,188	567	14	-	-	346	
MODENA	9,000	10,000	142	-	-	-	-	
REGGIO	5,000	3,099	-	74	-	8	5,050	
PARMA	8,000	4,850	520	150	-	-	7,000	
PIACENZA	5,000	5,338	-	-	-	-	-	
FERRARA	90	315	-	-	-	60	-	
FORLÌ	1,500	Liberated in October 44						
RAVENNA	1,700 (-1,200)	-	-	-	-	-	-	

SITUATION IN S.M.L.A. REGION AS AT 12 MAY 1945

Prov. No.	Arm Surrendered	Pat. at Centre	Pat. at Hosp.	Pat. enlisted in to Army	Patriots re-employed	Pat. returned home	Pat. not yet dispersed	C. in C's Issued	Certificates In stock
00	2,188	567	14	-	-	346	155	59	1,919
00	10,000	142	-	-	-	-	69	-	12,000
00	3,879	-	74	-	8	5,050	1,000	98	402
00	4,850	520	150	-	-	7,000	500	51	949
00	5,338	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
00	315	-	-	-	60	-	-	-	-
00	Liberated in October 44								
00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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PATRIOTS

MEMORANDUM FOR COL. CRIPPS - 18 MAY 45

GENERAL POINTS FOR REGIONAL & PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS

- 1 (a) Estimate by Provinces of numbers of Patriots to be fed as at 10 Jun, and estimated length of time that such feeding will have to continue. *On report how long*
 (b) Locations of centres established. *typical per*
 (c) Amount of money paid out to date under headings
 (i) Disbandment bonus.
 (ii) Payments to disabled Patriots.
 (iii) Payments to families of Patriots killed. *See above*
- (d) Details of arms handed in.
- (e) What arrangements have been made for hospitalisation? How many Patriots have been admitted to hospital to date?
- (f) Transport. Have the Patriot Centres got adequate transport? Have they got more than they require, some of which might be used elsewhere?
- (g) Reemployment. What labour offices exist?
- (h) How many Alexander certificates have been issued? Are further certificates required?
- (i) Where and when parades have been held, stating numbers involved?
- (j) Have Patriots been retained for temporary police work etc.
- (k) Clothing. Have centres been getting sufficient clothing from armies? Is it realised that when territory is handed over to A.M.E./AC clothing should be obtained through Dist /PBS, and are the necessary contacts being made?
- (l) Numbers of bands still to be disbanded? In the case of bands not yet disbanded is the delay due to political or to public safety causes?
- (m) Additional Italian Military Patriot Representatives.
- (n) Are funds being obtained satisfactorily?
- (o) Is accommodation satisfactory?

SPECIAL POINTS FOR REGIONS

- 2 (a) Col. Calzavara - Italian Military Patriot Representative Padua.
 The Ministry of Occupied Italy wish to replace him because of Fascist activities in the past. What are Barry and Venetie Regions views?
- (b) Sgt. Stancies - Patriots Branch attached 2 Army.

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- SPECIAL POINTS FOR SECTIONS

2 (a) Col. Galavani - Italian Military Patriot Representative Padova.

The Ministry of Occupied Italy wish to replace him because of Fascist activities in the past. What are Army and Venezia Regions views?

(b) Sgt. Starkiss - Patriots Branch attached 8 Army.

He appears to have been left behind in Emilia Region by 8 Army. Emilia Region have asked for him to be attached to them; they already have an American HQ working with Major Gillett, and S.O.M.B. Davies (late at Florence Centre) is being posted from 5 Army to their HQ. Should Starkiss go to Venezia if 8 Army no longer require him?

(c) Toscana Region.

Is all well in Anania? The Italian Military Patriot Representative seems not to have seen the directive (94/PAT of 7 Apr.).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext. 620

4th May, 1945.

REPORT ON VISIT BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION TO EMILIA REGION AND SCAOS 8 AND 5 AREAS ON 28TH APRIL TO 2ND MAY, 1945.

GENERAL

1. As the result of the tour which lasted 5 days, the main purpose of which was to deliver the directive on the relations of this Commission with the Committees of National Liberation and to explain this to SCAOs and Regional Commissioners, I am satisfied that all those officers visited are in agreement with the principles set out and understand the position with regard to considering the Italian Government nominees before official selection of Prefects and Questors are made.

2. There is in my mind however, as a result of this visit, some concern over the setting up of Allied Military Government in the Northern Regions in view of the strong position and well organized mechanism set up by the GIL. As this appears to be very short of the necessary staff to set up Provincial AMG they rely very largely on the existing Italian organization. This in nearly every case is in fact a GIL organization. In many instances everything is controlled either by the GIL or Patriots, even to such items as transport, and PCs find themselves in the position of having to accept this organization and in fact by so doing confirm to some degree that they accept the nominees set up by the GIL. Unless however, officers can be found to expand the AMG organizations within the Provinces, PCs will rely very largely on the organization of the GIL and so to some degree be dependent on it instead of in control.

3. In general the parts visited which were practically confined to EMILIA Region, seem to be well supplied with food for immediate needs. The population was in good spirits and on May Day were officially or unofficially holding meetings to celebrate.

4. In general there was a very obvious relief at the liberation of the North, particularly in the countryside where farming was being carried on quite normally. The remainder of the report is divided into three parts: (1) Local Government, (2) Patriot matters and (3) Miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

On arrival at AMG 5 Army HQ, the directive was delivered

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2. There is in my mind however, as a result of this visit, some concern over the setting up of Allied Military Government in the Northern Regions in view of the strong position and well organized mechanism set up by the CLN. As ROs appear to be very short of the necessary staff to set up Provincial AMG they rely very largely on the existing Italian organization. This in nearly every case is in fact a CLN organization. In many instances everything is controlled either by the CLN or Patriots, even to such items as transport, and ROs find themselves in the position of having to accept this organization and in fact by so doing confirm to some degree that they accept the nominees set up by the CLN. Unless however, officers can be found to expand the AMG organization within the Provinces, ROs will rely very largely on the organization of the CLN and so to some degree be dependent on it instead of in control.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

5. On arriving at AMG 5 Army HQ. the directive was delivered and discussed. It was approved by the officers present (Col. RUTHERLAND and Major KIRKES). The names of the Prefects nominated by the Italian Government for seven Provinces in 5 Army area were handed in and discussed. In one instance, that of DEL GUIDICE for the Province of MASSA and GARARA, the name put forward by the CLN was the same as that of the Italian Government and it is most probable that this individual will be appointed. The remainder were under consideration, but it was intimated that with the probable exception of the Provinces containing very large cities, such as BOLOGNA, General HUME would delegate the official decision to the Regional Commissioner on earned.

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6. The directives for LOMBARDIA Region were handed to Col. POLATTI who was present in the office at this time. Those for

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LICURIA and a were handed to Mr. HALPOND who was intending to go to GENOA the following morning. The directive was discussed with Mr. HOPKINSON and he was informed that the directives for PIEDMONT were delivered through PIEDMONT HQ direct and that those for LOMBARDIA were also in the hands of Col. POLAKI.

7. On Sunday 29th April I visited SCAG 8 Army and discussed the directive with him. His one requirement was that the names of Prefects selected for the Provinces with which he is concerned should be furnished by this HQ forthwith. This has now been done. He pointed out that he had already issued a directive on the lines of Mr. HOPKINSON's speech at the HQ's meeting held in this HQ on 9th April, and that it was not in fact in conflict with the present directive. A copy of the directive had been handed to Major WILLIAMS on his recent visit to SCAG 8 Army. The Directive however, does not contain any paragraphs which deal with the matter of considering the Italian Government's nominees for the appointments of Prefect and Questore. SCAG 8 Army stated that for FERRARA Province he did not intend to make the appointment too quickly and that the nominees put up by the CIN were as follows:

For Prefect: AVV. DIOMEO, Ivo. - Political Party: Christian Democrat.

For Questore: ALLIZIETTA, Nicola

For Vice Prefect: TIBUSCHI, Mario - A Career Prefect already in office.

8. At the present time the Giunta Provinciale was presided over by one HIRSH, who is non political. Only three parties, i.e. Christian Democrats, Communists and Socialists, are represented in the Giunta. Three other parties were taking shape.

9. During the evening the Regional Commissioner VENEZIA Region was visited. The directive was discussed in the presence of the SCAG 8 Army and agreement over the close working and the collaboration in the appointment of Prefects and Questore was reached.

10. On Monday, 30th April, the Regional Commissioner, EMILIA Region was visited and the directive discussed. Accompanied by the RI I visited the PCs of MODENA, REGGIO EMILIA and PARMA. The question of the Prefect for BOLOGNA was also discussed with the PC. Ing. BORGHESI is the CIN nomination for Prefect at BOLOGNA. He is very strongly recommended by the PC who did not consider that the Italian Government's nominee, FUMEL, would be acceptable, nor was he personally impressed by him. He did not feel it satisfactory to have a professional Prefect in the circumstances, considered him rather old (50 years) and not being a local man, unsuitable for the post.

11. At REGGIO EMILIA the PC was working with the CIN and wished to nominate their candidate for Prefect. He is a lawyer, young, virile and had so far, in his position as acting Prefect, filled the position very satisfactorily. It was agreed that he should continue in the Italian Government's nominee, FUMEL.

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12. At PARMA the CIN nominee for Prefect is one PERRARI of the Communist Party. In a short interview with him he did not impress me very much. He did not appear to have sufficient personality for the office of Prefect and I doubt whether he would be satisfactory. The Italian Government nominee, MICHELLE, was proposed to the PC, who was not prepared to make a decision immediately. In view of the situation with regard to the Patriots who are still armed and the fact that numbers of the enemy are still in the countryside and have not yet surrendered, it was decided that MICHELLE would be infiltrated to the Province at an early opportunity with a view to giving the PC a chance of seeing the local reaction and of judging his capabilities.

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13. At MODENA the President of the CIN is one CORTEI, he is not nominated as Prefect, but is President of the CIN. The proposed Prefect is the Marquese TAGLI, who has been trained as a lawyer and is a Christian Democrat. He was the original founder of the CIN which was conducted in his own house. The Marquese TAGLI is at present acting in the capacity of Prefect and seemed to have matters well under his control and extremely well organized. He is popular, with the backing of all parties; he is a local gentleman prepared to act in public office out of public spirit; he does not at present wish to remain permanently as a Prefect but is prepared to do so for a period until conditions are more settled. The position of Questore has not been settled and the Provincial Commissioner has asked his higher HQ if a Questore can be furnished.

PATRISTS.

14. In Florence the Patriot Centres are holding very much reduced numbers. Some of these were found to have made their way to BOLOGNA, where they were attempting to be housed in a Patriot Centre which is being organized there. Officers were instructed that Patriots would not be allowed to take up permanent residence in BOLOGNA if their homes were available to go to.

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16. The local Emergency Military Hospital was visited in which 150 sick and wounded Patriots are being cared for. This is in excellent condition and medical treatment was being given and all possible aid to the Patriot wounded. General HUBB inspected the wards and talked with most of the men. One ward contained approximately 20 German wounded soldiers which were guarded by the Patriots. General HUBB personally presented certificates to all the Band Leaders present at the Parade, which numbered some 20, and a speech was made by the President of the CIN which drew a keen appreciation for the Allied effort and the statement that the Patriots were not only for the freedom of Italy but for the freedom of the world from aggression was made; it was, in fact, a sensible and well balanced speech and was received with acclamation by those present.

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17. In REGGIO EMILIA the Patriots have not yet been disbanded, but it was anticipated that a parade would be held in a few days.

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18. At PAVIA Patriots are also still armed and are likely to be so for a short period in view of the fact that there are German parties at present in the area who are not prepared to

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16. The local Emergency Military Hospital was visited in which 150 sick and wounded Patriots are being cared for. This is in excellent condition and medical treatment was being given and all possible aid to the Patriot wounded. General HUMM inspected the wards and talked with most of the men. One ward contained approximately 20 German wounded soldiers which were guarded by the Patriots. General Humm personally presented certificates to all the Band Leaders present at the Parade, which numbered some 20; and a speech was made by the President of the GIV which showed a keen appreciation for the Allied effort and the statement that the Patriots would not only for the freedom of Italy but for the freedom of the world from aggression was made; it was, in fact, a sensible and well balanced speech and was received with acclamation by those present.

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17. In REGGIO CALABRIA the Patriots have not yet been disarmed, but it was anticipated that a parade would be held in a few days.

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18. At PALMA Patriots are also still armed and are likely to be so for a short period in view of the fact that there are German parties at present in the area who are not prepared to surrender to Patriots. Under the direction of the British Liaison Officer, contact is being kept with them and it is anticipated that when an Allied officer or Allied Troops are available to call upon them to surrender they will do so.

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19. The situation over Patriots in this city seemed a little difficult. They were mostly Communist or Left in political outlook and were requiring very tactful handling. The RLO, Major Holland, was giving assistance to the Regional Commissioner in these matters. The Italian Military Patriot Officer had already reported to the FO, PALMA, and was ready to start work.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PEOPLES COURTS.

20. A decree establishing Peoples Courts for the purposes of Epuration was received at various HQ during the period of the tour. Most Regional Commissioners were very glad to receive this and were starting to implement its functions immediately. It was a matter giving concern to Regional and Provincial Commissioners as there was some pressure by the Italians to start operating Peoples Courts.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION.

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REPORT

on

COURSES FOR PROVINCIAL PATRIOT OFFICERS.1. DATES OF COURSES.

A series of three similar three day courses was held by Major V.F.J.C. SNEE on 12 - 14 April 45, 16 - 18 April 45 and 20 - 22 April 45.

2. OBJECT.

The object of the courses was to give some instruction and help in Patriot problems to Provincial Officers, who might be called upon to undertake work in connection with Patriots within their Provinces during and after the liberation of North Italy.

3. SYLLABUS.

The syllabus of each course was as follows:

<u>1st Day.</u> (At Florence Patriots Centre)	0900 - 0930	Introductory talk "The Patriot Problem" by Major SNEE.
	0930 - 1100	"Plan for North Italy" (based on 94/PAT dated 7 April 45). Detailed explanation by Major SNEE, followed by discussion.
	1115 - 1230	"Opening and Running a Patriot Centre" Talk by Capt. LILBERT, Patriots Officer A.M.G. 5th Army.
Afternoon -		Tour of Florence Patriots Centre conducted by Capt. HAMMOND (O.C. Florence Centre), followed by discussion
<u>2nd Day.</u> (At Pescia Centre)	0900 hrs.	Assembly at Florence Centre Visit to PESCIA Patriots Centre.
	Morning -	Talk "The Spearhead Officer" by Capt. PETRUCCI, Patriots Officer IV Corps, followed by tour of the Centre conducted by Lt. WOOLFORD (or for Last Course Lt. McLAUGHLIN) O.C. Pescia Centre.

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(At Pescia Centre)

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 Special attention was paid to the very thorough records kept and all officers attending the course were given a copy of all record forms.
 Afternoon - Continued tour of Pescia Centre including visit to the Pescia Patriot Hospital.
 Throughout the day officers were encouraged to discuss anything pertaining to Patriots, and to ask questions.

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Major SIEE compared the Florence and Pesca Centres stressing how the efficiency of the former was hampered by its location in the Centre of a city.

3rd Day.

0900 hours

Morning.

Assembly at Florence Centre.
Visit to HQ. No 1 Special Force.
Introductory talk tracing the growth of movement in North Italy. Description of the function and organisation of C.L.A.I. by Capt. CLARK.
Detailed description (with map) of the present situation and location of Patriot Formation in North Italy by Capt. McKENNA.
Officers were given opportunity to ask questions, and were given, individually more detailed information of the areas in which they were particularly interested.

Afternoon -

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED COURSES.

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LIGURIA Region	Lt. VAN DEERDE (A)	Capt. WOOTON (A)	Lt. Col. ROBERTSON (B) Lt. Col. COUSIN (B) Lt. ANSELMO (A)
LOMBARDIA Region	Maj. BRESSE (B) Capt. DARE (B) Lt. HUNT (B)	Maj. CLARKSON (B) Maj. PHILIPS (B) Maj. JACOBS (B)	Capt. CAEN (B)
PIEMONTE Region	Lt. Col. VINING (B) Capt. FERRARA (A)	Capt. BAKER (B)	Lt. Col. TURNER COLES Lt. Col. FIORE (A) Maj. KOOFMAN (A) Maj. HOWELL (B) Maj. MURCHIE (B) Capt. POYET (A)
VENEZIA Region	Lt. Col. BRIGHT (B)	Col. FARREN (B) Maj. BLACKWELL (A)	Lt. Col. PRICE (B)

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VENETIE Region	Lt. Col. BRIGHT (B)	Col. FARREN (B) Maj. BLACKWELL (A)	Lt. Col. PRICE (B)
	Total 10.	Total 8.	Total 11.

5. REMARKS.

- All officers showed great interest in the course, and said that they found it extremely useful.
- Provincial Commissioner regretted that it had not been possible for more Officers to attend. They wished that more courses had been held, so that the majority of CAOS could have had the opportunity to gain the knowledge and practical experience that they had done.

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①First day only.

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It was appreciated that, for many reasons eg. rapid movement of the front, previous occupation of officers on other duties. - Such as olive-oil amassing - the period during which courses could be held was limited, and that, in fact, the maximum number possible had been held.

- c) Officers left saying that they would pass on the information that they had gained to as many other officers as possible.
- d) The General Provincial Commissioner said that the now fully appreciated the need for delegating the supervision of Patriots within each Province to an Officer who would have to be prepared to make this his main work at least for the first few weeks after occupation.
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SUBJECT

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Forms in use at
Centres.

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Capt. Lambert asked to send specimens by
Maj. Since. ~~With~~ Confirmed in writing.
All officers attending course will be
given specimens.

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Commandant for
Florence Centre.

96/3/PAT

Lt. McLaughlin has been posted to V Army
with a view to assuming command of this
Centre when Capt. Hambard moves. When
the territory is handed over to Toscana
Region, they should produce the Allied
Officer to be responsible for the Centre.
? Can we get Toscana a Regional Patriot
Officer. ~~and~~

See 96/2/PAT File

→ Officer. ~~and~~

Note. Major Sme by phone 21/4.
Lt. Woodford has had notes accidentally
from Centre not under command
of Col. Cambien (10002 F. Army),
under Toscana Region.

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Recruiting of
Patriot Bands103
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Clothing (salvage)

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We have a permanent bid for salvage
clothing with C.A. Section, and small
quantities keep coming through. Early
next week we hope to collect from Naples
1000 shoes and clothing for approx.
200 men.

Commandant for
Florence Centre.

36/3/88T

See 36/3/88T File

→ Officer.

It. McLaughlin has been posted to V Army with a view to assuming command of this Centre when Capt. Hammond moves. When the territory is handed over to Toscana Region, they should produce the Allied Officer to be responsible for the Centre.

? Can we get Toscana a Regional Patriot

→ Officer.

*Note. From Sue by phone 21/4.
It. Gostford has had motor accident.
Pavia Centre was under command
of Capt. Gostford (1/10/82 F. Army),
under Toscana Region.*

Recruiting of
Patriot Bands

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11A 39 Clothing (salvage)

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We have a permanent bid for salvage clothing with C.A. Section, and small quantities keep coming through. Early next week we hope to collect from Naples 1300 shoes and clothing for approx. 200 men.

Equipment
of Camps

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? Should the sum of money allotted for running expenses at Centres be deemed to cover necessary items of equipment? If so what limit should be imposed?

Equipment which army cannot produce should be obtained (bought or requisitioned) in to offset

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has gone forward.

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for BolognaPARA

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I.M.P.R. Forward

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R.P.O. have been encouraged to get
their I.M.P.R. to Regional HQ for
training & possible visits to Centres,
and in order to be ready to move up
to army.

Verona - in hand 11/10/59
London - 10/11/59
Paris - 8/11/59
Lyons - 10/11/59
Rome - 10/11/59

Check that Tpt is available for
initial move north.

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I.R.C. Hospital

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The I.M.P.R. for Aquania has already
moved up and ~~been sent~~ to Massa.

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Massa

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

Ext. 620

20th April, 1945.

Subject: Visit to 5 Army
To : Patriots Branch

The Director of the Local Government Sub-Commission
has asked me to send you the attached two copies of a report
on his recent visit to 5 Army, and to request that you will take
action as indicated.

Paisia Kenya.

Secretary to Col. R.R. Cripps.
Director, Local Govt. Sub-Commission

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REPORT IS FIRST BY MEMORANDUM OF LOCAL COM. AND
SUB-ORDINATION TO 3 ARMY, 12th to 14th April, 1945.

LOCAL COMMISSION

12th April

(Let's from OFCO have and arrived Florence in 5 Army 1945 here)

1. On arrival the Director reported to 5 Army and discussed with
Lt. Col. WINTERBURN and Major WINTER the proposition of the OFCO that the
present Prefect (WINTER) of ALBA should be removed. Lt.
Col. WINTERBURN stated that the reasons he wished to remove WINTER were
based on a number of actions by him and which in themselves were none of
them taken separately) and which to cause him removal, but on the other
hand were cumulative in effect and he was of the opinion (speaking for
the OFCO) that it was time he was removed. 5 Army AGO had in the past
requested his removal in order that it should not appear that the action
was dictated by popular outcry. This had now died down and 5 Army wish
to remove the Prefect before handing over the Province of ALBA to
FRENCH Region.

2. The matters which brought them to this decision were:
(a) That the Prefect had, in 1941, made a particularly anti-British
speech in the Province of which he was then Prefect, this 5 Army maintain
indicates that he is a Fascist and that his general behavior at the present
time is still somewhat Fascist in outlook.

(b) That in December there had been some difficulty with the then
Provincial Commissioner, Lt. Col. WINTER, in which it appeared that the
Prefect had inserted additional matter to a petition for the payment of
allowance after it. Col. WINTER had placed him under arrest and although
the Prefect had given an explanation of this case which was accepted, the
matter had never been considered satisfactory.

(c) That in some recent correspondence over the removal of one ALBA,
of the Italian Public Safety Office, Lt. Col. WINTER at the Ministry of
Public Safety in writing to the OFCO recommended the removal of ALBA
on the ground that "he has been reported to be tied to the Communist
Party, to the Italian Committee of National Liberation and to the
Provincial Delegation for Migration, Lt. Col. WINTER, persons who
politically condemn WINTER in complete disagreement with the Prefect
of ALBA. The OFCO has been asked to hold his difficult and
dangerous position only through the authority and honor of
OFCO of the Allied Forces."

5 Army consider that the words quoted above come from some report
from WINTER and very much suspect that the Prefect is the originator,
they therefore take grave exception to his attitude which is shown by the
words underlined.

(d) That the Prefect is in disagreement with many of his friends in the
Province and particularly with those with leftist tendencies as an
instance the case of WINTER is quoted, where a Communist in the Province
and is a man who carries out his duties efficiently. 5 Army feel that with
the withdrawal of many of the AG officers Provincial administration may
well break down if their support is no longer there to assist the
OFCO in carrying out their duties. In fact,

present Prefect (MAGGIORI) of TRENTO Province should be removed. Lt. Col. MURPHY stated that the reasons he wished to remove MAGGIORI were based on a number of notions by him and which in themselves were none of them taken separately sufficient to cause his removal, but on the other hand were cumulative in effect and he was of the opinion (speaking for the USMC) that it was then he was removed. 5 Army AGC had in the past resisted his removal in order that it should not appear that the action was dictated by popular outcry. This had now died down and 5 Army wish to remove the Prefect before handing over the Province of TRENTO to the Italian Region.

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- (a) That the Prefect had, in 1941, made a particularly anti-British speech in the Province of which he was then Prefect, this 5 Army maintain intention that he is a Fascist and that his general behavior at the present time is still somewhat Fascist in outlook.
- (b) That in December there had been some difficulty with the then Provincial Commissioner, Lt. Col. MURPHY, in which it appeared that the Prefect had inserted additional matter to a petition for the payment of employees after Lt. Col. MURPHY had placed his visa thereon and although the Prefect had given an explanation of this case which was accepted, the matter had never been considered satisfactory.
- (c) That in some recent correspondence over the removal of one APICOLI, of the Italian Public Safety Office, R. L. MAGGIORI at the Ministry of Public Safety in writing to the USMC requested the removal of APICOLI on the ground that he has been reported to be tied to the Communist Party, to the Fascist Committee of National Liberation and to the Provisional Delegation for Trentino, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, persons who additionally include MAGGIORI in complete disagreement with the Prefect of TRENTO, who for some time has continued to hold his difficult and dangerous position only through the support of the Italian Government and the USMC.

3. Any officer that the words quoted above have been used reports from MURPHY and very much suggest that the Prefect is the originator, they therefore have given exception to his attitude which is shown by the words underlined.

(d) That the Prefect is in disagreement with many of his subordinates in the Province and particularly with those with leftist tendencies as an instance the case of MAGGIORI is quoted, where a Communist is the Sindaco and is a man who carries out his duties efficiently. 5 Army feel that with the withdrawal of many of the AGC officers Provincial administration may well break down if their support is no longer there to assist the authorities at present in office in maintaining their position. In fact, it was suggested that there might be open disobedience by the Italian administrative authorities when AGC men appear on the ground.

3. AGC 5 Army suggested the name of MAGGIORI as a possible successor. They were not sure whether he would be prepared to take the job. His present position is that of Mayor of the University of TRENTO. His name was originally considered for the position of Sindaco of TRENTO. He is a qualified lawyer.

4. The Mayor of the USMC agreed that it did appear that it might be necessary to remove the Prefect, but he would like first to ascertain whether MAGGIORI was prepared to take the position before

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approaching the Italian Government. It was suggested that an approach would be made to CALABRESE and CALABRESE's associates.

5. It was also agreed that the Director should discuss the matter with the Italian Government, who are not yet informed of the proposals of 5 Army AF, in order to get the views of the Regional Commander or his Deputy.

PATRIOT

6. Visited the Patriot Centre in PUGLIA and made arrangements with Major SIMI, Captain LAMBERTI and Captain MARINO for the following day to attend the Patriot Centre for Provincial Officers then in progress in PUGLIA.

Arrived 2.15pm

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

7. Visited the Provincial Regional Headquarters, PUGLIA Region, and discussed at length the question of the Prefect of PUGLIA with the Deputy Regional Commissioner as the P.O. was away from his office at the time. The Deputy P.O. gave his views on P.O.s and confirmed the statement which he has signed.

- (a) He is prepared to accept the 5 Army point of view with regard to CALABRESE.
- (b) If he (CALABRESE) is not appointed he prefers to continue with the present incumbent for the present rather than have an unknown man pushed in.
- (c) If CALABRESE is acceptable and acceptable to the Italian Government he has no objection to his appointment, but in view of the shortage of Provincial Commissioners and the reduction of AF study the Region has no objection to the present incumbent for a month or so. In fact this seems to be preferable.

PATRIOT

8. Visited the Patriot Centre at PUGLIA at which the course for P.O.s and C.A.S. was visiting this day. All students were interested and made a thorough inspection of the whole organization and the documentary system. The latter is highly satisfactory and well organized in this Centre. The P.O.s of the Registration system should be prepared and supplied to all Regions. An Allied reference to the present Centre Commandant will be required by Captain LAMBERTI.

9. The Centre is at present overworked, mainly due to the fact that the ALBERTI Base has some 500 Patriots resting there. As part of this Base is being used operationally and the remainder may also be so used, it appears that the Centre for this purpose should be organized by the operating unit and not AF. The question of getting these men recruited to the Italian Army is urgent as their disposal in this manner will greatly relieve the congestion in the Centre.

10. The Convalescent Hospital attached to this Centre was visited. This was satisfactorily run. There are two Italian Army Doctors working there together with an Italian Red Cross member who are staffed with 2

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 to attend the Patriot Center for Provincial Officers then in progress in progress.

April 1942

1942-1943

7. Visited the Provincial Regional Headquarters, Verona Region, and discussed at length the question of the presence of 17,000 men with the Provincial Regional Headquarters at the P.O. was away from 12) in 1942 at the time. The last by P.O. gave his views as follows and confirmed the statement which he has signed:

(a) He is prepared to accept the 5 Army point of view with regard to the situation.

(b) If he (Commander) is not appointed he prefers to continue with the present incumbent for the moment rather than have an unknown man named in.

(c) If Colonel MEE is agreeable and acceptable to the Italian Government he has no objection to his appointment, but in view of the shortage of Provincial Commissioners and the reduction of staff the Region has no objection to the present incumbent for a month or so. In fact this seems to be preferable.

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9. The Centre is at present overcrowded, mainly due to the fact that the (Patriot) Band has some 500 Patriots residing there. As part of this Band is being used operationally and the remainder may also be so used, it appears that the Centre for this purpose should be organized by the operating unit and not the Centre. The question of getting these men transferred to the Italian Army is urgent as their disposal in this manner will greatly relieve the congestion in the Centre.

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10. The Commandant reported attached to this Centre was visited. This was satisfactorily run. There are two Italian Army Centres working there together with an Italian Red Cross contingent who are advised with a number of Patriots some.

Medical supplies are just sufficient but some requisites are difficult or impossible to get.

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11. There is some shortage of clothing but this can be remedied as stores have become available and have just arrived in Trieste. Action is required here to see that the flow of requisitioned salvaged clothing is kept up by the Priorities Board and Industry Sub-Committee.

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12. The leader of another Band in the Camp (Patriot) who had just

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arrived, seemed an extremely good type and stated he was likely to be used operationally again in the near future. This is another case of operational units being the "elusive" element on a front Corps. The conclusion from this day's visit to this Centre is that it is essential to reduce the numbers at present in occupation. Some recreation space could be used for accommodation - there is a good theatre which could be used as a club house.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

13. The 82nd Airborne was visited. The position of the Italian Officer to be attached was discussed and the 82nd explained that he required the officer in the area to give him advice and help over the appointment of local Government Officials. He particularly wanted a man forward who could give the masses and the views of this sub-division and the Italian Government in particular. Lieutenant Wright says: "He will call the officer forward when he is ready for him." The directive of G44. Section were added to 82nd personally.

REMARKS.

14. 82nd Airborne wished for some assistance over the matter of equipment of Patrol Centres and suggested if the equipment was not forthcoming then it was necessary to purchase locally any articles urgently required. There should be a limit placed on the amount spent.

15. He stated that MINISTRI of the Ministry of Occupied Italy, had allocated to him a mobile medical unit of the Italian Red Cross, which was to report at 1900.

WITH OPERATIONS.

16. On return to Florence the Director contacted Captain SMITH and discussed the progress being made by division units which is satisfactory. The question of the move forward was further discussed and it was ascertained that the Italian militia to take over in TUSCANA Region had not yet arrived. Captain SMITH is ready to make a move into North West Italy with 4 Corps but he himself is attached to 3 Army from VENETIA Region. He has agreed that it would be more satisfactory if he were attached to 4 Corps.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

17. In the late evening Lt. Col. SMITH and Major SMITH visited the Director at his hotel and explained that Captain SMITH was not prepared to accept the appointment of Prefect of FLORENCE. It was agreed that the Director of the 10th should return to Rome at the earliest possible moment to discuss this matter with the 10th, and that on Sunday two other nominees which 3 Army have in mind should be approached. They were

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13. The 15th Army was visited. The position of the Division was discussed and the 15th Army explained that he required the officer on the spot to give him advice and help over the organization of local Government officials. He particularly wanted a man forward who could give the answers and the views of the Division and the Italian Government in particular in the most direct way. He will call the officer forward when he is ready for him. The Director of the 15th Army Group was briefed to 15th Army personally.

15th Army

14. 15th Army wished for some assistance over the matter of equipment of Patriot Centres and suggested if the equipment was not forthcoming then it was necessary to purchase locally any articles urgently required. There should be a limit placed on the amount spent.

15. He stated that the Director of the Ministry of Occupied Italy, had allocated to him a mobile medical unit of the Italian Red Cross, which was to report at 15th Army.

15th Army

16. On return to Florence the Director contacted Captain MONTI and discussed the progress being made by civilian units which is satisfactory. The question of the new forward was further discussed and it was discussed that the Italian relief to take over in the region had not yet arrived. Captain MONTI is ready to make a move into North West Italy with 4 Corps but he himself is attached to 5 Army from Venezia Region. He has agreed that it would be more satisfactory if he were attached to 15 Army.

15th Army

17. In the late evening Lt. Col. MONTI and Major MONTI visited the Director at his hotel and explained that MONTI was not prepared to accept the appointment of Prefect of Florence. It was agreed that the Director of the 15th Army should return to base at the earliest possible moment to discuss this matter with the 15th Army, and that on Monday two other nominees which 5 Army have in mind should be approached. They were:

- (1) MONTI, ADAMI - the present Vice Prefect, and
- (2) MONTI - at present President of the C. N. I. N.

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It was agreed that the Director should further discuss this matter with Col. MONTI, Provincial Commissioner, Florence.

15th Army

18. Visited Lt. Col. MONTI, who was strong in his opinion that the Prefect should be removed at the earliest opportunity. His opinion was the same as those set out in paragraph 1 of this report. He particularly stressed the Fascist outlook and bearing of MONTI and the fact that he is at present with his General Administration. He agreed, however, that from a technical point of view, MONTI is highly satisfactory.

15th Army

19. Visited 15th Army Group and found that MONTI visited the

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Director to visit MASA in AUMELA as there were a considerable number of Patriots likely to be contacted in the next few days. It was therefore agreed that the Director, accompanied by Captain LAMBERT and Lt. Col. PUNNELLY, would visit MASA and CAMBERA the following day to discover the immediate situation.

20. Action taken: Long AG, 21, and explained the position as it then stood to the VP, Civil Affairs Section, who agreed that the matter of the Prefect could not be rushed and that the Director should proceed to MASA as arranged.

21. Long Major MURPHY and arranged that the Italian Mine Clearance personnel should be discussed with the Italian Government and forwarded to MASA region at the very earliest possible moment.

22. Long Col. GRANT, Roberto Borsari, and arranged that the Italian Military Patriot Representative for D.M.M. should be sent forward to report to Capt. LAMBERT forthwith.

DISCUSSION

23. During the afternoon the Director visited the Patriot Centre at MASA. This is not now as overcrowded as previously and the conditions can be described as satisfactory. Reception arrangements have now been provided for, cooking arrangements more adequate and food sufficient. Conditions are good, particularly so by Italian standards. The area had visited this centre and was satisfied with the conditions and approved of the new type of latrines that are now being constructed.

24. Discussed with Capt. LAMBERT and Capt. MURPHY numerous items of detail over the running of Patriot centres and the plans for Northern Italy. Long items discussed was the use of captured enemy vehicles, the use of transport from regional resources and the necessity for the early sending forward of Italian Military Patriot Representatives.

25. The Director returned in the afternoon to 15 Army Group HQ where the details of the visit for the following day were discussed and the general problem, with the D.M.M. It was agreed that setting up of an organization for Patriot officers was essential in order that well-known matters should be put in hand and Patriots returned to live at their homes, even if they are occupied in labour, production, or other useful work.

26. Visited Col. MURPHY, Commanding GCS 15 Army Group, a long discussion on the matter of Patriots took place. The A.C. Patriot Director was discussed and explained to Col. MURPHY he retained 6 copies for the use of his office. He did not wish the Director to address his morning conference of officers on this matter.

FINAL COMMENT

27. Returned to AM 5 AM and discussed the Prefect once again in the light of the Provincial Commissioner's remarks in the morning. Col. MURPHY also agreed that while he still objected to MASA he admitted

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27. During the afternoon the Director visited the Patriot Center at Pinerolo. This is not now so overcrowded as previously and the conditions can be described as satisfactory. Transportation arrangements have now been provided for, cooking arrangements soon adequate and food sufficient. Conditions in good, particularly so by Italian standards. The ADAS had visited this center and was satisfied with its condition and approved of the new type of latrines that are now being constructed.

28th April

28. Discussed with Capt. LINDHOLM and Capt. HANSEN numerous items of detail over the running of Patriot Centres and the plans for Northern Italy. Among items discussed was the use of captured enemy vehicles, the use of transport from regional resources and the necessity for the early sending forward of Italian Military Patriot Report Material.

29. The Director returned in the afternoon to 15 Army Group HQ where the details of the visit for the following day were discussed and the general problem, with the GMD. It was agreed that setting up of an organization for Patriot Centres was essential in order that welfare matters should be put in hand and Patriots returned to live at their homes, even if they are occupied in labour, production, or other useful work.

30. Visited Col. HARRIS, Commanding 15 Army Group, a long discussion on the matter of Patriots took place. The Col. Patriot's Directive was discussed and explained to Col. HARRIS; he retained 5 copies for the use of his office. He did not wish the Director to address his morning conference of officers on this matter.

29th April

31. Returned to 15th Army and discussed the Patriot case again in the light of the Provincial Commissioner's remarks in the morning. Col. HARRIS agreed that while he still objected to PATERSON he admitted that tactically he was good and that he had managed to keep the balance between the interested parties in the Province.

30th April

PATERSON

32. Called on 22nd & 23rd where it was agreed that the Mobile Italian Red Cross Unit for services to Patriots, referred to in paragraph 13 should not be called forward immediately on an arrival it would be without transport. It would be better therefore to call it forward later to the exact destination at which it will be required. It is therefore to be at 42 hours notice.

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29. Patriots Branch confirmed on the telephone that the Unit is a 50 beaded Unit and that not less than 36 hours are needed to move it.

30. Proceeded to KNOX where 92 American Division was contacted. The attention concerning Patriots was investigated. A questionnaire had been prepared and a copy of the answers thereto is attached to this report as Appendix A. Patriots at this time are being used operationally therefore ASD is not yet called upon to handle them. 92 Division however stated that they anticipate within two or three days they will be releasing a number of the men, possibly as many as 200 at a time, and they will need controlling and assistance. It was therefore decided to not forward immediately the Italian Military Patriot Officer to assist the 92 Division in setting up a Patriot Office.

31. Head Leader PIRRO was interviewed, together with is interpreter, a doctor who had studied in America and speaks good English. The Unit seemed well organized, well disciplined and extremely honest. On a visit to the HQ, KNOX, he was informed of 92 Division's intention in the matter. He was prepared to start working and would be glad of the assistance of an Italian Patriot Representative.

32. Captain LINGSTON to take action and follow up this matter.

33. A visit was then paid to CHITRAL, which is very little managed and has been held by the Patriots without much interference from the enemy. They had in fact killed over a number of German prisoners when the town was entered by Allied troops. The town is undergoing steady shelling; shells falling at an average of every two minutes. All the inhabitants were confining themselves to their houses as appearance in the streets leads to mortar fire.

34. It was interesting to note that ALLIED vehicles of the 1st Truck Battalion were entering the town with supplies, they were, in fact, the only heavy vehicles seen North of KNOX.

LOCAL COMMENTARY

35. The Director returned to Florence in the evening and was informed by the Provincial Carabinieri for FIRENZE that he had discussed the matter of the Prefect of the MONTAGNA, who had stated that he was of the opinion that it was most useless to select a number of the UNIT for the protection of FIRENZE. He considered that this action would result in a great disagreement among the OIA which were working at the present moment in perfect harmony, but the Prime Minister if intervened might have some other news to put up which the Local ASD have not yet thought of and that this might prove a solution to the matter.

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LOCAL COMMENTARY

37. Visited J. Perry and discussed the matter of the Prefect of Florence with Major LINGSTON as both General LINGSTON and Col. SUMMERS were not available. I discussed the view that I thought it would be better to

acquired the GPO stamp in setting up a Patriot Office.

31. David London PIERCE was interviewed, together with its interpreter, a doctor who had studied in London and speaks good English. The bond seemed well regarded, well displayed and extremely loose. On a visit to the GPO, March, he was informed of 92 Division's intention in the suburbs. He was prepared to start working and would be glad of the assistance of an Italian Patriot representative.

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33. A visit was then paid to CAMBRIDGE, which is very little damaged and has been held by the Patriots without much interference from the enemy. They had in fact handed over a number of German prisoners when the town was entered by Allied troops. The town is undergoing steady shelling; shells falling at an average of every two minutes. All the inhabitants were confining themselves to their houses as appearance in the streets leads to mortar fire.

34. It was interesting to note that ALGERI vehicles of the 1st Tank Battalion were entering the town with supplies, they were, in fact, the only heavy vehicles seen North of MARS.

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35. The Director returned to Florence in the evening and was informed by the Provincial Commissioner for PISTOIA that he had discussed the matter of the Prefect of the PISTOIA, who had stated that he was of the opinion that it was most useless to select a number of the GPHQ for the Prefecture of PISTOIA. He considered that this action would result in a great disagreement among the GPHQ which were working at the present moment in perfect harmony, but the Prime Minister if interviewed might have some other name to put up which the local ALG have not yet thought of and that this might prove a solution to the matter.

27th April

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

36. Visited 5 Army and discussed the matter of the Prefect of Florence with Major WRIGHT as both General WRIGHT and Col. WRIGHT were not available. I expressed the view that I thought it useless to make the change immediately as it appeared that 5 Army had no candidate to put forward and that it was unlikely that anyone yet forward by the Italian Government would be more competent than the present incumbent and that, in fact, he carried out the job reasonably successfully and had maintained the balance between the various conflicting parties well. 322

37. Major WRIGHT was in agreement that no further action would be taken in PISTOIA unless further requested by 5 Army.

28th April

38. Visited the Patriot Centre, PISTOIA, where I gave a short address to the new course for Provincial Officers which had commenced that morning and stressed the point that Patriot helpers was of great importance, but that residential centres such as those that would be seen by the

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statements at FLORENCE and VARESE, should only be set up when vital necessity required and that the work essentially should be done by establishing offices. The work of documentation, payment, etc. should be done through Italian Military Prison & Representative.

77. Requested the above of diving for materials, which contains sufficient for immediate requirements. 1000 pairs of boots had just been received, together with a quantity of salvaged clothing, blankets and cooking utensils.

R. R. Knight

R. R. Knight, Colonel,
Inspector,

ITALIAN COMMISSION FOR GERMANY.

19th April, 1945.

R. R. [Signature]
L. E. GIBSON, Colonel,
Director,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR COLUMBIA.

18th April, 1945

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I. STATUS OF PARTISAN ACTIVITIES

MARSA - CAMBODIA

1. Number of partisans being used operationally:
at MARSA : 900
at CAMBODIA : 600
2. Location of Partisan Centers
at MARSA : Next to landing
at CAMBODIA : Next to landing - at the airport
3. Number of Partisans being fed:
at MARSA : 100
at CAMBODIA : 600
4. What vehicles are being used:
a. 5 MARSA : Army - 070
at CAMBODIA : Army - 070
5. What blankets and clothing have been issued:
at MARSA : 000 has issued
at CAMBODIA : 000 has issued
6. What clothing and blankets are still available:
at MARSA : 90 sets of clothing (000)
at CAMBODIA : " " "
7. What clothing and blankets are available:
at MARSA : 900 (Army)
at CAMBODIA : " "
8. What Partisan personnel are working:
at MARSA : Major General, 03
at CAMBODIA : " "
9. What Allied Partisan personnel are working:
at MARSA : Capt. Hume (000) 12/16. 1000
at CAMBODIA : Capt. Hume
10. What hospital facilities are provided at:
MARSA : Military
CAMBODIA : Military
11. How many partisans are hospitalized:
at MARSA : 1000 (not available)
at CAMBODIA : " "
12. What evacuation is going on of Partisans:
at MARSA : 1000
at CAMBODIA : 1000
13. Where are they being evacuated to?
14. Any special forces, etc. issued?
15. Any special forces, etc. issued?

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1. What weapons are being used
at MANA : 700
at CAMBANG : 500
2. What weapons are being used
at MANA : Army - CMI
at CAMBANG : Army - CMI
3. What blankets and clothing have been found
at MANA : CMI has found
at CAMBANG : CMI has found
4. What clothing and blankets are still available
at MANA : 50 sets of clothing (CMI)
at CAMBANG : " "
5. What clothing and blankets are available
at MANA : 3000 (Agavea)
at CAMBANG : "
6. What Italian Partisan personnel are working
at MANA : Major German, AT
at CAMBANG : "
7. What Allied Partisan personnel are working
at MANA : Capt. Blum (CMI) 1st/12. 1st/12.
at CAMBANG : Capt. Harvey
8. What hospitalization is provided at
MANA : Military
CAMBANG : Military
9. How many partisans are hospitalized
at MANA : Patients not available
at CAMBANG : "
10. What evacuation is being run at Partisan
at MANA : None
at CAMBANG : None
11. Where are they being evacuated to?
12. By certification, etc. issued?
at MANA : No
at CAMBANG : No
13. If not, where? When camp are out of Agavea - or an 12th Div
volunteer individual groups from nation.
14. Are Italian Partisan officers serving operations? Will be on arrival of
1st/12. 1st/12. in 2/5 days
15. What scale of operations are being made?

REPORT

on

COURSES FOR PROVINCIAL PATRIOT OFFICERS.1. DATES OF COURSES.

A series of three similar three day courses was held by Major V.P.J.C. SMITH on 12 - 14 April 45, 16 - 18 April 45 and 20 - 22 April 45.

2. OBJECT.

The object of the courses was to give some instruction and help in Patriot problems to Provincial Officers, who might be called upon to undertake work in connection with Patriots within their Provinces during and after the liberation of North Italy.

3. SYLLABUS.

The syllabus of each course was as follows:

1st Day.

(At Florence Patriots Centre)

0900 - 0930	Introductory talk "The Patriot Problem" by Major SMITH.
0930 - 1100	"Plan for North Italy" (based on 94/PAT dated 7 April 45). Detailed explanation by Major SMITH, followed by discussion.
1115 - 1230	"Opening and Running a Patriots Centre" Talk by Capt. LIMBERT, Patriots Officer A.M.C. 5th Army.
Afternoon -	Tour of Florence Patriots Centre conducted by Capt. HAMMOND (O.C. Florence Centre), followed by discussion.

2nd Day.

(At Pescia Centre)

0900 hrs.	Assembly at Florence Centre
	Visit to PASCLA Patriots Centre.
Morning -	Talk "The Spearhead Officer" by Capt. FERRUGGI, Patriots Officer IV Corps, followed by tour of the Centre conducted by Lt. WOOLFORD (or for last Course Lt. McLAUGHLIN) O.C. Pescia Centre.

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2nd Day.

(At Pescia Centre)

0900 hrs.

Assembly at Florence Centre Visit to PISCIA Patriots Centre.

Morning -

Talk "The Spearhead Officer" by Capt. BARNICO, Patriots Officer IV Corps, followed by tour of the Centre conducted by Lt. WOOLFORD (or for last course Lt. McLAUGHLIN) O.C. Pescia Centre.

Special attention was paid to the very thorough records kept and all officers attending the course were given a copy of all record forms.

Afternoon -

Continued tour of Pescia Centre including visit to the Pescia Patriot Hospital.

Throughout the day officers were encouraged to discuss anything pertaining to Patriots, and to ask questions.

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Major SMITH compared the Florence and Pescia Centres stressing how the efficiency of the former was hampered by its location in the Centre of a city.

Assembly at Florence Centre.
Visit to HQ. No 1 Special Force.
Introductory talk tracing the growth of movement in North Italy. Description of the function and organization of C.L.A.I. by Capt. CLARK.
Detailed description (with map) of the present situation and location of Patriot Formation in North Italy by Capt. McLELLAN.

Officers were given opportunity to ask questions, and were given, individually more detailed information of the areas in which they were particularly interested.

3rd Day. 0900 hours

Morning.

Afternoon -

MONTHLY ROLL OF OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED COURSES.

	FIRST COURSE	SECOND COURSE	THIRD COURSE
EMILIA Romagna	Capt. GREENHILL (B) Capt. BINGHAM (B) Lt. BORDEN (A)	Capt. MANN (B)	-
LIGURIA Region	Lt. VAN DERBEEK (A)	Capt. WYNNON (A)	Lt. Col. ROBERTSON (B) Lt. Col. GOSSETT (B) Lt. ANSELMO (A)
LOMBARDIA Region	Maj. HREBESE (B) Capt. DARE (B) Lt. HUNT (B)	Maj. CLARKSON (B) Maj. PHILLIPS (B) Maj. JACOBS (B)	Capt. GALEY (B)
PIEMONTE Region	Lt. Col. VINING (B) Capt. VENEZARA (A)	Capt. BAKER (B)	Lt. Col. TURNER COLES Lt. Col. VENEZARA (A) Maj. KOOPMAN (A) Maj. HOWELL (B) Maj. MURCHIE (B) Capt. POYNT (A)
VENETIA Region	Lt. Col. BRIGHT (B)	Col. PARTON (B) Maj. BLACKWELL (A)	Lt. Col. PRICE (B)

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Afternoon -

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NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED COURSES.

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EMILIA Romagna	Capt. GREENHILL (B) Capt. BERNARD (A) Lt. BORDEN (A)	Capt. MANN (B)	-
LIIGURIA Region	Lt. VAN DERME (A)	Capt. WOOTEN (A)	Lt. Col. ROBERTSON (B) Lt. Col. COUSIN (B) Lt. ANSELMO (A)
LOMBARDIA Region	Maj. BRUNSE (B) Capt. DARE (B) Lt. HUNT (B)	Maj. CLARKSON (B) Maj. PHILLIPS (B) Maj. JACOBS (B)	Capt. GALEN (B)
PIEMONTE Region	Lt. Col. VINING (B) Capt. FERRARA (A)	Capt. BAKER (B)	Lt. Col. TURNER COLES Lt. Col. FERRIS (A) Maj. ROUFAN (A) Maj. HOWELL (B) Maj. MURCHIE (B) Capt. POWELL (A)
VENETIA Region	Lt. Col. BRIGHT (B)	Col. PATTER (B) Maj. BLAUGWELL (A)	Lt. Col. PRICE (B)
	Total 10.	Total 8.	Total 11.

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5. REMARKS.

- All officers showed great interest in the course, and said that they found it extremely useful.
- Provincial Commissioner regretted that it had not been possible for more officers to attend. They wished that more courses had been held, so that the majority of OACs could have had the opportunity to gain the knowledge and practical experience that they had done.

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It was appreciated that, for many reasons eg. rapid movement of the front, previous occupation of officers on other duties. Such as olive-oil massing - the period during which courses could be held was limited, and that, in fact, the maximum number possible had been held.

- e) Officers left saying that they would pass on the information that they had gained to as many other officers as possible.
- d) The General Provincial Commissioners said that the new fully appointed the need for delegating the supervision of Patrols within each Province to an Officer who would have to be prepared to make this his main work at least for the first few weeks after occupation.
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