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PATRIOTS IN FORWARD AREAS
JUN. - NOV. 1944

MINUTE SHEET No. 50

DATE

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Oct. 18

V.P. ⁽³¹⁾ S Army's views on Patriots

It is a decided "toning down".

R. A. Muen
Colonel.

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Oct 19.

I don't know who wrote this
but he is out of touch with A.A. policy ^{view}
the military value of patriots in a big way. It
is not a useful or helpful document.

GRM

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MINUTE SHEET no. 4

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July
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(24)
S.O. Copy of 22B. for me when I see
Carguani please ✓

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Note. Col. Spica has authorized Brig. Gen.
to have a copy of 22B. to the Sec. Carguani.

Aug. 15.

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Director. To see 22 and incl.

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Patrist. Branch

before 3 copies of 298 are put out for handling to the effects. (Pri.)

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Aug. 15.

(28)
To. Interior.

Col. McCarthy absent on duty for 2 days. Can you
Please return file for his handling on 18 Aug.

let lie. ✓

Adm. Secs
C.C.

Aug 23

Dir. Ref 29A.

1. Major Mayano returned file
2. He thanks you for it.
3. The Patrist Branch cannot act until the
Committee has been formed. 18th

Aug 25

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S.O. Draft letter to Marion concerned.
asking them to call upon their Agents to notify
them about the situation accordingly
Be careful as to who you address this

Send why
to cash R
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See p. 31

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DATE

July 26

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Director

23 & enc are sent approved by this S-C in draft. They contain more detailed arrangements for dealing with patriots who have been classified under the scheme in the Appendix to the original instructions (22 and 22B).

Does your comment upon Min 19 still stand?

(21)

July 26

V.P.

Please see your Para 4 to 21. Is my

judgement that it is essential if the scheme is to work. No answer is given to your suggestion. Do you wish me to proceed now

on this basis or not. eq 6 request this of letter 3734 to instruct Prefect accordingly or not?

(22)

July 27

V.P.

See Minut. 21. above and No. 21

McCarty is away I have not been able to clear this with anyone.

Do you wish to make the decision without

consulting fully with Patriot Branch.

R. R. K. B. J.

(23)

To. Int.

Take action on para 4 of 21 please

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MINUTES SHEET NO. 2

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DATE

July 14

V.P. Admin Sec.

15.

1. Document herewith amended as required in form of Appendix B Instructions.
2. As arranged para 2 (iv) remains as in the previous draft two details are given of the appropriate military authority.
3. Note that no specific reference is made in 1 to the fact that the Committee, any AHA representative will act as a cover to the Suidaco.
4. Col. McCarthy requires 4 copies urgent.

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M. M. M. M.
H. L.

July 14

Note: Saw Col. McCarthy. Appx needs immediate. He did not consider it necessary to make the reference mentioned in 3 of Minute 15 as the CIO in any case was responsible for setting up organising the CIO.

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July 16: Sub A.V.P. has seen and forwarded memo copy at 21.

P. R. Wright

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July 18

I.O.

any comment?

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July 19

Director.

1. No Comment on instructions.
 2. The previous comment of this S.C. upon 2 (d) of the Appx as late expressed in V.P. in his para 3 of 21 has apparently not been accepted. The para in question remains the same.
 3. As expressed in para 4 of 21 it is necessary for Prefects to be acquainted of the plan. Please indicate when I should take the matter up with the Ministry for the purpose.
- Note - the instructions & Appx are at present "Secret"

Person/Unit: Relic

L.

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Minute sheet No. 1

Date

June 28

V.D.

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1. I'm with the interested to see 1. A
2. I see no reason why I should should not be given a copy but before I do so would request your approval.
3. I also propose to ask S.L.A.O. 8. to let us have further reports in the connection as they occur. L

July 11.

Ch.

Recy V.P. by van.

I am returning the file to you - ph. Lyle King
J.R. King

July 12

V.D.

For redraft please.

(3)

July 13.

Dir.

Redraft herewith. Please see also, by who LL

July 14

V.D.

My suggestion herewith.

Mr. McCarty asked if he could have these as revised w/ approved

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LL

Further reports in this case section at the

July 11. ent.

Reply U.R. to him.
I am returning the file to you for his reply.
R.R. Higgins

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For redraft please.

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page 13.

Dir.

Redraft herewith. Please see also, in 101, 101.

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101.

My suggestions herewith.

Col. McCantony asked if he could have these as revised & approved by you at mid-day 10 day.

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R.R. Higgins
101.

LOCAL GOV'T

HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File Ref: 40 RTILL/11/23/226.

Date: 25 NOV 1944.

SUBJECT: Communal Committee for Patriots.

TO : HQ, AC (Attention Interior Sub-Commission).

- P.31.
1. Reference your AOD/40/IE dated 24 Aug 44.
 2. P.O., SEMA reports that Communal Committees for Patriots have now been set up in all Communes with the exception of the following:-

RUONCONETTO
 CASALE D'ELBA
 CASTELNUOVO BERARDINIA
 CAJACE IN CHIANTI
 MONTADONE
 MONTEDOLATO
 MONTICCHIONI
 MURIO
 PONTIGNI
 RADICCONI
 S. VINCENZO D'ORCIA
 TORRE DI SENA.

3. The Committees for the a/m communes are in progress of being formed and you will be notified when they are complete.

For the Regional Commissioner:



D. H. Findlay, Sub. A.T.S.

J. HOWARD SAUER,
Major, R.A.,
Adjutant.

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CL/an.

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No. 42

(Passages marked with a line at the side are for information only)

LOCAL CONDITIONS

21. The week in Tuscany. A P.R.E. officer writes:

At the present moment there are two entirely conflicting trends of opinion in Tuscany. The first is a very real appreciation of the technical achievements of the Allied Civil Administration. In Florence there are already effective supplies of electricity and water, and these services are gradually being re-established in other towns. In the city a limited number of private subscribers have had their telephones restored. Within a few weeks it is hoped that gas will be available for cooking to help out the limited supplies of fuel. The gas used will be methane, which is drawn from natural resources and has to be specially treated before it is suitable for domestic use. It should be both cheap and effective and its use will economize considerable quantities of coal both now and in the future. It is also hoped that trains will be running shortly between Leghorn and Florence. Since the shortage of food in the trains is largely due to the lack of transport, this should bring considerable relief to a very anxious population.

On the other hand Tuscans are very much alarmed by the fact that so many ex-Fascists are employed in positions of trust in Allied offices. They cannot understand why so many officers are to be seen daily with people who compromised themselves, not only with the Fascists and Germans; but also with high ranking members of Mussolini's latest regime. This concern appears to be growing daily and may be a source of serious trouble.

The bad weather of the past week has undoubtedly increased the hardships of the population. With the increasing cold people who are living on limited rations may develop diseases and show signs of malnutrition.

Whilst the Industrialists of Tuscany are showing considerable initiative in trying to re-establish their works, the land-owning classes are notable for the apathy with which they view the poverty which surrounds them. Indeed it is to be hoped that the aristocracy, who have profited considerably from the rise in prices, will make some effort to help the poor of their country, and in particular the Partisans, who arrive from the occupied zone in many cases bearing only the shorts and singlets in which they have been fighting.

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This problem of the Partisans is still far from solution. The Italian authorities concerned do not seem to have the means or the methods to assist these unfortunates, many of whom have sacrificed themselves in the fight against the Germans. Among these Partisans, however, are many people who are playing a purely political game, and have succeeded in getting hold of artifices which they use for their own personal advantage.

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APPENDIX I No. 42.

(Passages marked with a line at the side are for information only).

DESTRUCTION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF
LORETO

During the night of 5/8 July, soon after the Poles had occupied Loreto, the Luftwaffe bombed the town with the obvious intention of destroying the famous Cathedral. The bomb was set on fire, the internal wooden structure burned all night, melting the lead coverings. The raid lasted until 5 a.m., the Germans appearing to concentrate on the Cathedral and adjoining ecclesiastical buildings. The last bomb penetrated the dome, causing severe damage and destroying some of the frescoes inside. The damage is estimated at about 7-8 million lire.

The inhabitants and Polish troops, aided by the Bishop, Monsignor Malchiodi, worked hard to save as much as possible and to repair the damage. Difficulties of transport, materials and labour were overcome, largely owing to the Bishop's zeal: "I serve God by turning bricklayer," he said jokingly to the writer. New tiles, destined at one time for the replica of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul at the World Exhibition, were sent from Rome, and petrol and transport permits were granted by the Allies.

The ground floor of the Bishop's Palace, which was formerly used for the sick during their pilgrimage to Loreto, at present houses about 100 refugees from the neighbouring districts. Their food is provided by the municipality and the Church.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

10/10/66.

Tel : 478190

SUBJECT : Patriot activities in Abruzzi- Marche Region
TO : Patriots Branch.

One of my officers has recently made a survey of the local government in this Region : the extracts given below from his reports may be of interest of you.

Calder
RICHARD T. TOWLE
Captain
Acting Director
Local Government 3/C

ANCONA AND PESARO

The Patriots are causing some trouble. They have not surrendered all their arms and there have been one or two shooting cases. The problem still is to find them occupation.

MACERATA

The Prefect is working well and is approved of by the PC and his PCs. He is a little unpopular in certain political quarters in the province, but I feel this is because he stands up to the GIL. This body is not causing more trouble than usual, it seems, but the Patriots are. They have not surrendered all their arms and there have been one or two shooting cases.

AScoli

The GIL seem to be publicising themselves as much as they can. They have established themselves - with some former Patriot "officers" - in the former Palazzo Littorio. The Prefect assembles them from time to time, addressed them and requests their opinion : he does not allow them to argue with him and accept or rejects their suggestions as he thinks best.

TERAMO

Patriot trouble - The former members of LOMBARDELLI's own band, mostly Communists, are continually badgering him for favours. The other group, that of AMALZIOLOSO, seems to be more criminal and less genuine. The leader was jailed for theft some weeks ago, and sent to Chieti for proceeding to be opened. The authorities then sent him back to Teramo jail for some reason. On arrival in Teramo he for others managed to escape. It will be difficult to trace them. There have been one or two shootings in the province. The streets of the capital swarm with idle young men.

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Florence, 29th September 1944.

In my opinion the time has come for serious thought to be given to future policy towards the Partisans. It must be clearly understood that I am not fully informed as to what is still being given to Patriots, nor to what extent our authorities intend to utilize them in the ensuing months of this war.

In the part of Italy still under Axis control there are x patriots. Each month very expensive sorties are made for the purpose of supplying these patriots with, among other things, arms.

In liberated Italy there are x highly paid officers of the Allied Army working full time on "Patriot Problems" (I exclude other ranks, typists, motor-car drivers, signallers, etc., etc.).

Patriots have been extremely useful in liberating Italy; had there been no Patriots whatsoever in Italy some months might well have been added to the Allied time table.

HOWEVER, the patriots have now served their purpose. Their propaganda value has been enormous; - their psychological value on the Germans and Fascists has likewise been enormous; - but, their military value (never very great) is nil. The Germans, belatedly have now got the measure of the patriots. Their action of last week in shooting two influential members of the Comitato di Liberazione, in Bologna, the fierce and ruthless reprisals executed by the Rums, the periodic "rastrellamenti" are the Rums' answer to his Patriot Problem.

From now on every single weapon infiltrated to patriots in Northern Italy is a weapon the more, which will one day have to be forced out of unwilling hands.

This may be unfortunate for certain small groups of good men badly in need of arms but I submit this is of no importance when a large view is taken.

In spite of the popular opinion I am convinced that the expense of coping with "Patriot Problems" from now on, far outweighs the value they have had and might have, in the future.

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Again, in my opinion the policy should be:

- a. Ignore the patriots from now on.
- b. Let patriots in occupied territory do what they wish.
- c. Let our forward elements make contact with and utilize the services of such patriots as they meet, as, and how, the immediate military situation demands.
- d. Let it be known in newly liberated territory that any Italian, as distinct from patriot, who wishes to continue fighting the Hun can do so by joining the Corpo Italiano della Liberazione.
- e. That all elements, irrespective of what they may claim to have done, or to have been, be considered as civilians, with the rights, responsibilities and duties of civilians and citizens.

The Patriot Problem then resolves itself into nothing more than a problem of occupied enemy territory. The Allied Military Government has its own machinery for maintaining law and order among civilians. Any civilian, for example, found in possession of arms, (and note that I use the word "civilian" and not "patriot") should, after due warning, be given the severest punishment as an example to others (civilians) who might consider it a good thing to harbour arms.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

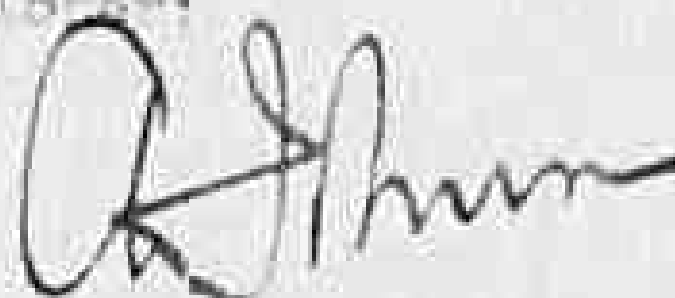
File Ref: *WILL/11/23/1444*Date: *2 Oct 44*SUBJECT: *General Conditions for Patriots.*

4 OCT 1944

TO : HQ, AGO (Attention Interior Sub-Commission).

1. Reference your AGO/IO/Int dated 24 Aug 44.
2. The Prefect of CROISSON Province has reported, thru AGO, to the effect that Patriot Conditions have now been imposed in each Commune.

For the Regional Commissioner:



G. F. JOHNSON,
Colonel,
Executive Officer.

G/AG.



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

2 - OCT 1944

Suspense _____

Date 30 Sep 44

FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Chief Staff Officer		Patriots Branch	
Secretary General		Security Branch	
Archivist		Establishments Branch	
Admin Section		Director	
Interior	✓	Executive Officer (A)	
Public Safety		Executive Officer (B)	
Public Health		G-1 (A)	
Property Control		G-1 (B)	
Legal		G-4 (A)	
Education		G-4 (B)	
Monuments & Fine Arts		H.Q. Comdt	
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Agriculture		Message Center	
Commerce		Orders & Bulletins	
Finance		2675 Regt	
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Labor		Army	
Mining Division		Air	
Public Works & Utilities		Communications	
Requisition Division		Civil Censorship Group	
Shipping		W. M. D. & P. O. W.	
Transportation		Public Relations Branch	
R.C. & M.C. Section		U.N.R.R.A.	
P.A. to Executive Commissioner			
Civil Affairs Branch			
Information Division			
Liaison Division			
I. & D.P. S.C.			
Italian Refugees Branch			

OR

Signature _____
 Remarks/Recommendation _____
 Information ✓ _____
 Approval/Disposal _____
 Appropriate Action _____
 Investigation & Report _____
 Dispatch _____

REMARKS

V.P. has replied that he has no time to spare
 as he is not familiar with the procedure involved

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

2 OCT 1944

Subject: Composition of the Rome Patriot Committee.

Ref. 95/PAT.

25 Sept. 44.

To: Administrative Section (2)

Copy to: Political Section

On instructions from Brig. DUSH, I am sending you copy of the suggested members of the Patriot Commissions for Rome. The Italian Patriot Committee has decided that it is necessary to have three commissions for Rome, each commission consisting of three military members (of whom one will be a soldier, one a sailor, and one a member of the Air Force) and three civil members. It has not been decided who should preside over each commission.

If you could let me know whether the names are suitable I will inform the Italian Patriot Committee at once that the three commissions can start to function immediately.

Have you please any views as to who should preside over each commission? (The object of each commission, as you know, is to discover who were the real patriots when Rome was liberated, and to see that they are given suitable employment).

C.D. McCarthy

C.D. MCCARTHY,
Colonel,
Patriots Branch
R.C. & M.G. Section.

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COPY.MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONS FOR ROME

1st Commission for ROME :

D-L

Ten. Col. MARCHINI Lello

Ten. Col. SPOTI Lucio

Cap. BARTORELLI Mario

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DE VIVO Guido

MAZZI Francesco

PANTERI' Francesco

2nd Commission for ROME :

D-L

Cap. MOCIONI Fulvio

Ten. Vasc. LITTE' Giovanni

Ten. Col. QUARENIA Lucio

C

VIGLIAR Renato

DI SERGIA Franco

A

D'ACOSTERO Lorenzo

3rd Commission for ROME :

D-L

Ten. Col. GEMINI Mirto

Magg. SALCHONE Ezio

Cap. BLERDO Giuseppe

A

PAN Vittorio

RIOCI Gianni

D-C

BENT Carlo

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
AFU 394

80 SEP 1944

Subject: Decree on Patriots

Ref. 95/PAT

29 Sep. 44.

To : Brigadier Lush.
Admin. Section.
Interior Sub Commission.
Political Section.

1. I attach a copy of the translation of the decrees on Patriots which is being examined today by the Cabinet.

2. If it is passed, as it should be, it becomes law tomorrow.

3. There have been two alterations to the original proposal as put up by the Italian Patriot Committee: -

- (1) The first article has been split into two.
- (11) The words "in liberated Italy" have been inserted after the word "Patriots" in Article 1 and in the first line of Article 2.

Wm. Canthy

G. D. Mc CARTHY,
Colonel,
Patriots Branch,
R.C. & M.G. Section.

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UMBERTO DI SAVOIA
PRINCE OF PIEMONTE
LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE REAR

By the authority given us :
By virtue of the decree of June 25, 1944, No. 151 ;
By virtue of the decision of the Cabinet ;
Following the proposal of the Prime Minister
in agreement with all the Ministers;
We have sanctioned and we promulgate the following :

Art. 1. A National Committee for Patriots in Liberated Italy is hereby formed and attached to the Prime Minister's Office.

Art. 2. The function of the National Committee for Patriots in Liberated Italy is to study on a uniform basis all problems concerning Patriot activities in their fight against Germans and Fascists and to promote all necessary measures.

Art. 3. The Committee will be under the Presidency of the Prime Minister and will consist of the Under-Secretary of State in the Prime Minister's Office who will be Vice-President, an Under-Secretary of State for War appointed by the War Minister, an Under-Secretary of State for Press and Information and four Experts appointed by a decree of the Prime Minister on the advice of the Cabinet. The President of the Committee will appoint a Secretary chosen from among its members.

Art. 4. A Patriot Office depending upon the National Committee with the task of fulfilling its directives will be formed and attached to the Prime Minister's Office. The Patriot Office has the following function : to ascertain and to screen

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Art. 5.

Unit 6

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URGENT AND SECRET

22 September 1944

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22 SEP 1944

TO: Patriots Branch

Copies to: Brigadier Lush

Interior Sub-Commission

*seen by
Dr. Kraft
J.*

FROM: Political Section

1. I attach a copy of Patriot Branch Memorandum ABC/507/PAT of the 18 Sep 44 which reached me this morning on the subject of *Fascist Personalities*.

2. At the risk of laying myself open to the accusation of suffering from a persecution complex, I must inquire what is the purpose of this list of fascists? It is stated that it is forwarded for information, but have we checked any of this information from Dr. Lashani? It is, after all, a very easy accusation to make and not at all easy to prove that someone was a member of the OVRA or was a spy. If the Political Section in ADD wants elucidation on such points, surely AME Officers in the Field will need it all the more. At least I presume that the object of forwarding this information to them is that they should be in a position to take some action.

3. And I must ask, is it the duty of the Patriot Branch to collect and disseminate this sort of information?

HAC

H. A. CACCIA

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PATRIOT BRANCH

Adv. Detachment ~~SECRET~~ Equals British

APC. 394

SECRET

18 Sept. 1944

22 SEP 1944

Ref. ACC/507/PAT

SUBJECT: Fascist Personalities

TO : Distribution below.

The following list of prominent Fascists in EMILIA is forwarded for information:

FASCIST PERSONALITIES IN EMILIA

This list was received from Dott. BASSANI (Partito d'Azione, Via Sistina, ROME). His name must NOT be disclosed in connection with this information. He left FERRARA Dec. 1943.

MEMBERS OF THE OVRA
City of FERRARA:

GIULIO DIVISI (Console of the Fascist Militia)
Gen. Olso GAGGIOLI
Signora Cesari TUMIATI
Avv. Conte RONCHI

City of FORLI:

Dott. De RUPERTIS (Commissario of the OVRA)

City of BOLOGNA:

Comm. GIGLIO

DANGEROUS FASCISTS

City of FERRARA

DEL PANTE (Spy of the Federazione Fascista)
The Brothers BONETTI spies

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GIULIO DIVISI (Console of the Fascist Militia)
Gen. Olso GAGGIOLI
Signora Cassei TUMIATI
Avv. Conte RONCHI

City of FORLI:

Dott. De RUPERTIS (Commissario of the OVRA)

City of BOLOGNA:

Comm. GIGLIO

DANGEROUS FASCISTS

City of FERRARA

DEL FANTE (Spy of the Federazione Fascista)

The Brothers BONETT spies

THE brothers LUDEGNANI Collaborators with the Germans Alleged to have tortured political prisoners.

VEZZELINI Capc della provincia

ROSSI Segretario Federale

Giulio RIVANI Segretario Federale RHO

Avv. Arrigo RIVANI Collaborated with the Germans

TORTONESI Responsible for the atrocities of Oct. 43

Cinnetto HARTMANN Member of "Direttorio"

Torrino HARTMANN Collaborated with the Germans

Avv. MAGNI

VELCHIORRI

Squadrista - Alleged to have tortured prisoners.

Avv. Giuseppe ZACCARINI Collaborated with the Germans.

TOMMINELLI Collaborated with the Germans.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

95/Pat

20 SEP 1944

16.9.44.

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Patriot Committee

TO: Distribution below.

The Italian Government have set up an Italian Patriot Committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister with the following terms of reference:-

1. The Commission will be called "Commissione per i Patrioti"
2. It will be presided over by the Prime Minister and, in his absence, the Under Secretary of State to the Presidency.
3. The members will be:-

H.E. Mario P. LEBANO, Under Secretary of State for War,

H.E. Giuseppe SP. ALARO, Under Secretary of State for
Press and Information.

Dr. BAUER or other representatives of the G.L.N.

General ONDOME (Military)

4. The directives of the Commission will be carried out by a corresponding "Ufficio Patriote". The work will be undertaken by military and civilian personnel.
5. The head of this, Lt. Col. B. LEBANO, will also be Secretary of the "Commissione".

In their relations with the Allied Control Commission and the Regions, this Committee will deal with the Patriot Branch of the RC and MG Section. Officers of this Commission will reciprocally deal with this Italian Patriot Committee through the Patriot Branch and not direct.

Presidency.

3. The members will be:-

H.E. Mario R. LEBANO, Under Secretary of State for War

H.E. Guineo SPALARO, Under Secretary of State for
Press and Information.

Dr. E. LER or other representatives of the G.L.N.

General O'DONNE (Military)

4. The directives of the Commission will be carried out by a corresponding "Ufficio Patriote". The work will be undertaken by military and civilian personnel.

5. The head of this, Lt. Col. BATTARO, will also be Secretary of the "Commissione".

In their relations with the Allied Control Commission and the Regions, this Committee will deal with the Patriot Branch of the RC and IG Section. Officers of this Commission will reciprocally deal with this Italian Patriot Committee through the Patriot Branch and not direct.

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(M.S. LUSH) Brigadier, Executive,
Commission.

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URGENT AND SECRET

MEMORANDUM

13 SEP 1944

TO: Patriots Branch
Copy to:- Brigadier Lush
Interior Sub-Commission ✓

FROM: Political Section

Two days ago I sent you a Minute on a list of candidates recommended for administrative jobs in Appendix B. of the Patriot Report for Region IX. I have now received Patriot Report for Region XII. Although it was dated September 7th, I did not receive it until last night and was not shown it before distribution. Once again at (f) there is a list of candidates recommended for administrative jobs in the Region. Recommended by whom? From the list it would seem that the answer is by the Communist Party, except in Verona where the Socialists apparently have a claim.

I must emphasise, therefore, once again that this is playing with fire and that this Commission should not even appear to be the agents for the Communist and Socialist Parties or for any others.

May I ask that a chapter should be sent to all those who have received copies of this report, explaining exactly what the standing of this list may be and stressing that the only recommendations that AMG officers need to take into account are those submitted through proper channels by the Italian Government. May I see any such draft before despatch.

Finally, if there are any other Patriot reports in process of dissemination, may I ask that they should NOT repeat NOT contain lists of "candidates for administrative jobs". We are not Universal Aunts.

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PATRIOT BANDS IN CENTRAL ITALY

(This report concerns only the liberated areas of Regions 4, 5 and 8.)

1. ORIGIN OF THE BANDS.

The Patriot Movement does not represent something completely new in Italian life; it can be considered a new and wider development of the struggle carried out during the last twenty years by several underground organizations against the Fascist regime. The activities of these underground organizations had a direct influence in creating the conditions which made possible the coup-d'etat of July 25, 1943.

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2. DEVELOPMENT OF BANDS.

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Fairly large bands were already in existence at the end of September. They could be found chiefly in the mountainous regions. There were bands in the Maiella and the Gran Sasso. A cluster of bands could be found all along the VIA Salaria from Rieti to Ascoli and for a depth of about 30 to 40 miles north of this road. Other bands were found in the Upper Tiber Valley and surrounding districts. Bands could be found in the sparsely inhabited area of MAREMA, from CECINA to CIVITA VECCHIA. Large concentrations of bands were formed in the mountains north and east of the Arno Valley. Small groups which in some cases developed into large bands existed in the mountains between Lazio and Abruzzi, and in the hilly districts of southern Lazio (Castelli Romani, Monti Lepini). It is possible that the average strength of genuine bands in rural areas of Regions 4, 5 and 8 has varied from 8,000 to 12,000 true patriots.

It soon became customary for the bands in the rural districts to have some kind of military organization, and they called themselves Battalions or Brigades. Battalions were bands with a strength of around 100 men. Brigades were usually bands or groups of bands with a strength which varied from about 250 men to a maximum of 800 men. Most Brigades had around 350 men.

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In the towns, the leaders of the anti-fascist organizations who had some experience of underground work, organized Gruppi d'Azione Patriottica (G.A.P.), small squads usually containing from five to twelve men. In the city of Rome there were both bands which usually had been organized by officers of the Italian Army and "gangs". It is possible that in the city of Rome there have been as many as 7,000 to 8,000 true patriots.

3. CENTRAL CONTROL.

While bands and gangs were being organized spontaneously in every section of Central Italy, efforts were being made to coordinate their activities and to bring them under some kind of unified control.

Before the coup-d'etat of 25 July 1943 an agreement had been reached between the six main anti-fascist political parties, and in most provincial capitals clandestine committees were formed by representatives of the six parties. After a while all the clandestine committees adopted the name of Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale (C.L.N.).

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More successful were local attempts at creating cooperation between different bands. In several instances small bands got together and formed Brigades. In this way came into existence the Spartaco Brigades in Macerata Province and in Siena Province, the Garibaldi Brigades of Foligno, of the Pratonegro, of Pisa Province of Ancona Province, the Arvo Brigade in the Valdarno, the Gransol Brigade near Spoleto, etc.

Brigades also tried to get together. There was a time for instance when several Brigades in the provinces of Macerata and Perugia were working together. Later on various Brigades in the Marche Region established cooperation and formed a Garibaldi Division. Another Division came into existence in the Arno valley. In the provinces of Siena and Grosseto, officers of the Italian armed forces brought together several bands and formed a Raggruppamento which was in contact with the C.B.E. Other Raggruppamenti were formed in northern Lazio, southern Lazio and in the area east of Lazio.

4. ARMAMENT - FOOD AND CLOTHING - POLITICS.

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The majority of the Patriots who went to the hills or the mountains of Central Italy in September and October 1943, had little or no arms. A band of more than 200 patriots on the Gran Sasso had more than 40% casualties when attacked by the Germans because of a deficiency in weapons and ammunition. The situation improved before the end of autumn 1943, thanks to the attacks made against barracks of the Fascist Militia and the Carabinieri and thanks also to the raids on dumps of either the Italian or the German Armies. In certain districts arms were supplied by the Allies.

The food situation for the patriots in Central Italy was altogether satisfactory. Farmers gave generously. More food was obtained by the patriots by raiding the depots organised either by Italian or German authorities. Even in the city of Rome food was obtainable for the patriots. A large organisation sprung into being for the transport of foodstuffs from the countryside to the city.

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5. ALLIED SUPPORT.

It is known that soon after the armistice of September 8, 1943, contacts were established between the Allied Armies in Italy and several bands in Central Italy. The bands received arms, ammunition, and funds. Directives were given to them concerning operations to be carried out.

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An important element in the relationships between the bands and the Allied was represented by the propaganda coming from Allied radio stations. The Patriots were encouraged to carry out acts of sabotage against the enemy. Certain broadcasts could be interpreted by the patriots in such a way that they expected their work to be recognized and rewarded when the areas in which they operated were liberated.

It was something of a shock for many patriots to find, on their first contacts with Allied troops or with A.M.C. representatives, that the Allied officers with whom they came in touch knew little or nothing of patriot activities and had little or no idea of what Allied propaganda had said and promised.

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6. ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE ENEMY.

In the appendix are listed a series of examples of what bands and "gangs" did in Central Italy during the period of enemy occupation. It is impossible yet to give a complete record of patriot activities in Central Italy and it will be some time before all facts are collected and verified. It is impossible yet to say how many Germans and Fascists have been killed by the patriots, or how many trucks or railway were destroyed. By summing up what the bands did in various areas, the total is far from negligible.

Patriot activities in Central Italy can be summarized as follows:

- (a) Killing of Fascists and of Germans.
- (b) Sabotage against means of communications.
- (c) Attacks in the outlying districts against small groups of Fascists, of Carabinieri and of Germans.
- (d) Raids on food and petrol dumps.
- (e) Supplying information valuable to the Allied war effort.

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APPENDIX

Patriot Activities in Central Italy.

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12th Sept. '43 - During the curfew hours, in the Prenestina zone isolated Germans were attacked by an Action Party Squad of Tor Sapienza armed with revolvers and 5 Germans were killed. In reprisal the Germans shot 10 Italians.

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6th Nov. '43 - At night at Via Regina Elena a squad of the Action Party, with an explosive grenade, sabotaged a German Garage. One person was killed. Three vehicles and a considerable amount of material were damaged.

12th Nov. '43 - A mixed group of Action Party and Communist Party men, at night, detached a wagon from a German train loaded with ammunition and incendiary bombs at the Prenestina Station. Part of the material was destroyed.

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27th Nov. '43 - A squad of the Action Party at the Prenestina Station at night attacked a train loaded with ammunition and fuel. Five wagons with their loads were destroyed.

28th Nov. '43 - G.A.P. of the Communist Party executed at 2030 hours in Via Magellin a fascist consul called MUSSO (sic) killing him with revolver shots.

9th Dec. '43 - G.A.P. of the Communist Party killed a German of the S.S. with revolver shots at Via Regina Elena, at 1750 hours.

19th Dec. '43 - G.A.P. of the Communist Party attacked Hotel Flora, a German H.Q., with grenades. This occurred at 1605 hours. 14 Nazi-fascists were killed and 2 trucks were damaged.

16th Jan. '44 - G.A.P. of the Communist Party sabotaged a German garage with a bomb at Via San Nicolo da Tolentino at 1750 hours. 5 German trucks were damaged.

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2. Papers stating membership of the Fascist Republican Forces;
3. Papers stating absence from labour service of the Ispettorato Fascista Repubblicano;
4. Ausweises of the Todt organization;
5. By falsifying the orders of the German High Command and Embassy the Action Party was able to sequester vehicles and food supplies which, with false permits, were sent through German control points to patriots in the hills.

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C O N F I D E N T I A LLEA Z I O (not including Rome).

On September 18, 1943 the Sardinian band (Italian Army) engaged the enemy near Capranica, inflicting about 50 casualties. Eighteen Patriots were killed.

In October 1943, Patriots of the bands near TURRITA TIBERINA made two successful attacks against trains carrying ammunition and petrol. Three attacks were made against the railway bridge on the CALATINA river.

6th Dec. '43 - A C.L.N. band using a machine gun, and sabotaging the road with a mine and nails killed 2 German officers, wounded another and destroyed a vehicle on the Via Appia.

20 Dec. '43 - Two actions were engaged in on the principal railway lines of Rome-Cassino and Rome-Fermi by a C.L.N. band. Two trains were blown up - one carrying troops and one loaded with war material and fuel. On the Rome-Fermi line there were 400 dead and many wounded. On the Rome-Cassino line the goods vans loaded with war material and fuel were completely destroyed together with 2 engines. The German personnel on the train were all killed.

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Several bands in GIOVIARIA (Prov. of PROSINONE) were active in cutting wires and putting nails on roads during the period October 1943 - May 1944. In the period of the enemy withdrawal, they engaged effectively small German units, which lost 43 killed and 179 prisoners. The bands lost ten Patriots killed.

19th May '44 - At Rocca Vecchia a band connected with the C.B.E. threw hand grenades at a truck. 6 Germans were killed and truck immobilized.

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G.A.P. of FERMO in Sept. '43 obtained by force from the Fascists 25 rifles, 3 Breda machine guns, 2 cases of hand grenades and 12 cases of ammunition.

Oct. '43 - The C.L.N. group of MONTE NERO - CINCOLI fought a Nazi-fascist force. They killed 1 German, captured 3 and also a vehicle.

Nov. - Dec. '43 - The Niccolò di Monastero Group had a clash with Nazi-fascists at S. GINESIO. Eight of the enemy were killed. The Patriots lost one killed.

March '44 - The a/m group began a cleaning up operation against the Nazi-fascists. In heavy fighting the enemy lost several killed and wounded. The Patriots had 2 killed and several wounded.

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In order to obtain arms, ammunition and food, the Garibaldi, Gramsci and Spartaco Levagnini Brigades attacked barracks of the Fascist Militia and of the Carabinieri at Camerino, at Bosco Marengo (when two Carabinieri were killed), at Campello (where two agents of the Fascist Police were killed), at Matigge di Trevi.

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January 1st, 1944 - Members of the band located in Pescina destroyed or damaged with hand grenades 12 enemy vehicles near Forca Caruso.

February 7th. - Members of the band located in Pescina killed an enemy D/R at Km. 140 on Via Tiburtina.

11th March '44 - 400 Germans attacked the patriots at MATEO and in the surrounding hills. The battle lasted 3 hours. The patriots were obliged to retreat. 36 patriots were killed but the Germans had 23 casualties.

A small band in the Collepardo area carried out cutting of telephone wires and sabotaging of petrol dumps during the winter and the spring.

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The Marsico Bend in eight months of partisan struggle lost 15 dead and 12 wounded. They have to their credit: - 45 Germans and Fascists killed and wounded, 41 trucks destroyed or damaged, 40 railway wagons sabotaged, 3 armoured cars rendered unserviceable, 15 cases of ammunition and 70 weapons of various kinds captured.

T U S O A N Y (Area liberated at 15th August).

During January and February 1944, members of the C.L.N. Brigade Spartaco Lavaglini engaged the enemy at MUR-LO and MONTE CUCIO. The Patriots had severe losses but they are reported to have killed or wounded 30 Fascists. The Roccheggiano mines were damaged in March.

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The C.L.N. Brigade Spartaco Lavagnini, operating in Siena Province, reports to have had the following losses in engagements with the enemy: 42 Patriots killed, 33 wounded. The same Brigade also reports that on June 3rd it inflicted 42 casualties on the enemy and 49 casualties on June 9th.

The 3rd Garibaldi Brigade is reported to have collaborated wholeheartedly with the Allies. Patriots were sent through the lines to carry useful information on military activities of the enemy and location of mined areas. Losses of this formation were considerable, the total in dead, wounded and prisoners amounting to well over 150 men.

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R.C. & M.G. Section
Patriots Branch
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Ref/46/14/PAT.

22 August 1944.

Speech made by Colonel C.D. MC CARTHY Patriots Branch
at Regional Commissioner's Conference 22 Aug. 1944.

1. Patriot Bands many of which are large and highly organized bodies have been created in various centres of German occupied territory in Italy and have received considerable encouragement and active help and instructions from the Allied Command. It is therefore clearly one of our chief tasks to look after the individual members of these bands when their fighting is over and in this connection it has been laid down by A.A.I. that bands must not accompany the Armies forward out of their own areas.

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FOUR. Whoever gives information to the enemy or to the bandits on the location of German Headquarters or Military Jumps... WILL BE SHOT.

FIVE. Any village where it can be proved that there are bandits or where attacks against German or Italian soldiers have been made, or where acts of sabotage intended to damage or destroy warlike stores, have taken place.... WILL BE BURNED TO THE GROUND. However, male inhabitants of the village over 18 years old... WILL BE SHOT. Women and girls will be interned in labour camps.

There is no doubt that many patriots have acted with extreme bravery and courage and a note of their activities has been prepared and is available to those who would like to read it.

/s. MAY

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3. Many questions have been asked of the political tendencies of patriot bands. After speaking to a large number of patriots in various corners of the country I personally feel that in the great majority of cases these men have been fighting first to defeat the Germans, second to destroy Fascism and third in the case of some of them, to build up a new Italy. Most of them have at this stage of the war very little idea of the aims and ambitions of the six political parties in Italy but they are keenly alive to the fact that something drastic must be done about politics in the very near future and being mostly young and active men they are keenly susceptible to influence and require a lead from the Italian Government. Some of them will undoubtedly be of importance in the new Italy and they are a great responsibility for us all.

4. Plans have been drawn up for dealing with patriots. A message in poster form signed by General Alexander has been distributed in forward areas, a form of certificate of merit has been approved and certificates have been sent to Regions and to the 5 and 8 Armies for distribution. Although many patriots are used for a short while by the Army in their own area as guides and patrols and for reconnaissance work, the intention generally is to direct nearly all of them into civil life. About 50% return to their own homes and occupation locally. Of the remainder some will be used for police duties or as drivers, others will be employed on engineering work, and on mine clearance; and arrangements have been made for recruiting and passing back volunteers for service in the Italian Army and Air Force. Central committees are being set up to assist Provincial Commissioners in this work, and to help weed out bogus applicants among the genuine patriots. The problems of collecting and disposing of the patriots' arms is in hand. The arms will be used for future operations as directed by A.A.I.

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7. Directives have been issued as required in agreement with A.A.I. and other authorities. It is fair to say that the task of ensuring that those directives are acted upon by Allied officers concerned and by the leaders of the patriot bands is well in hand. The broad political aspect of the patriot problem has been borne constantly in mind, and very close liaison is being maintained with those Allied officers who are concerned with the political future in Italy.

8. The patriot question is very much in the forefront present and I am bombarded with questions about what we are likely to find on the other side of the line. We have a fairly good idea and I am endeavouring to furnish this information when it is essential to do so. At the same time I am endeavouring to see that those on the other side of the line are properly informed about what is going on this side of the line. I would like in conclusion to take this opportunity to thank the press, P.R.O. and P.W.B. for the active cooperation given in recent weeks and for the manner in which publicity has been treated. The power of the press is tremendous in this present era of the patriot movement; and we must remember that the Germans are spreading propaganda against us as energetically as they can so that it is necessary for us to encourage our patriots as much as we can. I am trying to help in this firstly by ensuring that the proper arrangements are made for their welcome on this side of the line and soon - by taking care that they shall be informed immediately what that welcome will be.

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PATRIOTS BRANCH
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CURRENT PROBLEMS

(A) PROBLEMS FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

1. Institution of a Patriot Commission for Italy.
2. Patriot Committee for Rome.
3. Nomination of truly representative Patriot Representatives.
4. Keeping a check on names and performances of genuine Patriots and seeing that they have employment.
5. Providing Patriot Branch with information.
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These are connected with the final winding up of the patriots in each Region.

1. Training of an Allied officer, whole or part time, to look after patriot problems in each Region.
2. Formation of an Italian Patriot Committee and prodding of it see that it functions.

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(D) PROBLEMS FOR INTELLIGENCE SECTION OF PATRIOTS BRANCH.

1. Information to AMG of Armies and Regions concerning composition of forward bands etc.
2. Information regarding Po flooding, sea flooding and pump station preservation.
3. Information regarding Prefects and prominent men in present occupied area.

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4. Statement on damage to be avoided - this may need a special committee of Italians.
5. Collect reports weekly from Patriot Representatives and Band Leaders (through Armies and Regions) and examine and pass to Italian Government for their need.

(E) PROBLEMS FOR PROPAGANDA SECTION OF PATRIOTS BRANCH.

1. Collect news from all Regions all sources. Collect good stories and statistical data.
2. Produce anti-Boche and anti-Fascist propaganda.
3. Give news to patriots of what is happening through P.R.O., P.W.B., B.R.C. broadcasts to civilians, leaflets and press.

(F) PROBLEMS FOR H.Q. SECTION OF PATRIOTS BRANCH.

1. Look after problem of returning volunteers.
2. Investigate question of providing patriots with food, cigarettes, clothes and boots.
3. Keep up to date lists of Italian officers for special jobs.

22 August 1944.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
ARMED FORCES, COMMISSION
INTEGRATING THE COMMISSION
AND 3%

100/44/Int

24 August 1944

SUBJECT: General Committee for Patriots

TO : HQAB 5th Army
HQAB 8th Army
HQ, Region IV
HQ, Region V
HQ, Region VIII *recd. 1/10/44*

1. A copy of a letter received from the Minister of the Interior concerning general committee to coordinate all patriot activities is forwarded herewith.

2. May the Prefects of your Provinces please be asked to report to you when such committees have been formed and may the information be then forwarded to this Sub-Commission?

Encl: as in 1 above

100/44

M. G. B. SPINER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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Ministero dell'Interno

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Divisione Legale
Prot. N. 2840 Allegato

Roma, 15 agosto 1944
19 AUG 1944 (70)
All. la Commissione Allea-
ta di Controllo=Sottocom-
missione Interni= ROMA

Rapporto del 29/7
Per Legale N. 40

OGGETTO Comitato Comunale pro-patrioti

In esito alla richiesta contenuta nella
nota sopradistinta si trasmettono le unite co-
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amministrate dal Governo Militare Alleato;

D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO

Following the request contained
in the above letter, the enclosed
copies of the circular to be distributed in the provinces administered
by the A.M.G. are being sent.
By order of the Minister

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TRANSLATION No. 125 - Pfc. Bonanni

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
File No. 2540

ROME, 9th. August 1944

SUBJECT: Communal Committee for Patriots.

TO : THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE PREFECTS of the provinces administered by the Allied Military Government.

In order to coordinate all the activities undertaken on behalf of the patriots, it is advisable to form in each commune a Committee composed of the Mayor, four representatives of the patriots chosen from their midst, together with two members of the Communal Board, if this has already been formed, otherwise by two high-minded citizens with spotless political records.

The functions of such a Committee would be the following:

- 1) To ascertain what citizens have really carried out activities of patriots;
- 2) To send the names of those who wish to continue to serve as patriots to the competent military authorities;
- 3) To refer those who desire to enlist in the army to the provincial Headquarters of the Allied Military Command. The M.M.I.A. will keep the regional Commissioner and the S.C.A.C. informed of the localities where these patriots are to be sent, and will give them any other useful information;
- 4) To provide for the absorption into local activities, particularly agricultural ones, of the patriots, giving them preference over all the other citizens. Such a preference shall be extended to patriots belonging to the Commune as well as to those who come from other communes but desire to remain in the commune they are at present;
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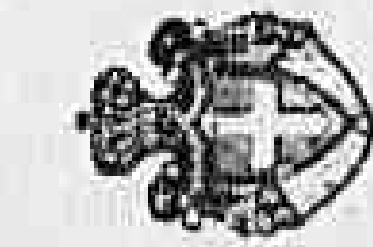
The political affiliation, the coordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees, the means of communication between the A.M.C. and the Headquarters of the A.C.C. shall be taken care of by your Excellencies, according to the instructions of the provincial Commissioners of the A.C.C.

Yugoslav citizens who have not been assigned according to the afore-mentioned instructions, shall be made to return to their native country, through the proper Sub-Commission of the A.C.C., for a special assignment in the fighting forces.

An accurate account shall be taken of the work executed by the Committee; names, certificates, the classification of the persons handled, together with the date and method of their assignment shall be recorded.

Finally, the Committees shall keep particular account of the requests, the lists and any other information which might be supplied by the heads of the patriots.

The Minister
/s/ Bononi



Ministero dell'Interno

Roma, 9 agosto 1944

N. 2840 Gab.

Risposta alla lettera

N. del

OGGETTO

Comitato Comunale
pro-patrioti

ALLE LL. EE. I PREFETTI
delle province amministrate dal
Governo Militare Alleato.

Per il coordinamento di tutte le attività ed iniziative a favore dei patrioti, è opportuno che in ogni Comune sia istituito un Comitato composto dal Sindaco, da 4 rappresentanti scelti tra i patrioti, e da due membri della Giunta Comunale, se essa è già stabilita costituita, in caso contrario da due cittadini di specchiata moralità e di integri precedenti politici.

Le funzioni di tale Comitato sono le seguenti:

1. accertare quali cittadini abbiano veramente svolto attività di patrioti;
2. segnalare alle competenti autorità militari coloro che desiderano continuare a servire come patrioti;
3. promuovere l'invio al Quartiere Generale provinciale del Comando Militare Alleato coloro che desiderano immediatamente unirsi all'esercito. A tale scopo il M.M.I.A. terrà informato il Commissario regionale e la S.C.A.O. dei posti in cui tali patrioti dovranno essere inviati, nonché ogni altra utile informazione al riguardo;

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4. curare l'assorbimento dei patrioti, con precedenza sugli altri cittadini, nelle attività locali, specialmente agricole. Tale preferenza dovrà essere rivolta sia ai patrioti appartenenti al Comune sia a quelli che, provenienti da altri Comuni, desiderano rimanervi;
5. agevolare in ritorno ai propri Comuni dei patrioti non residenti, che non desiderino rimanere nel Comune. Il loro ritorno sarà curato: sul posto dal C.A.O. sino al Quartier Generale provinciale e quindi dal Commissario provinciale.

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L'indirizzo politico, il coordinamento degli sforzi dei Comitati Comunali, i mezzi di comunicazione tra l'A.M.G. ed il Quartier Generale dell'A.C.C. saranno curati dalle E.E.LL., secondo le istruzioni dei Commissari provinciali dell'A.C.C.

I Jugoslavi che non siano stati sistemati in base alle predette istruzioni, saranno fatti ritornare, attraverso la competente Commissione dell'A.C.C., in patria, per uno speciale impiego nelle forze combattenti.

Dei lavori del Comitato sarà tenuta accurata registrazione, annotando i nomi, i certificati, e la classificazione di tutte le persone trattate, nonché il metodo e la data della loro sistemazione.

I Comitati infine terranno in particolare rilievo le richieste, gli elenchi e qualsiasi altra informazione potesse essere fornita dai capi dei patrioti.

IL MINISTRO

F.to BONOMI

p.c.c.

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Notes of interview between Col H.G.L. Pinner, and Undersecretary of State, Carnevari.

Also present: Lt C.F.H. Lewis
Interpreter: Lt D. Langellione

Place and date: Ministry of Interior, 28 July 1944.

1. Partisans - Col Pinner explained the interest of the Interior Sub-Commission in this subject which was limited to the problems which arose in dealing with patriots after the Allied forces had passed through liberated areas. Such problems included the following, namely, their absorption into communal life, arrangements for certain patriots to join the regular Italian army or, if required, to continue guerrilla warfare and also the return of others who wanted to go back to their own localities. He stated that these matters must first be dealt with in the areas and by the citizens with representatives of the Giunta Comunale (or local residents) and representatives of the patriots. He thought the protection should be given to return to their own distant localities could only be J.O.

Col Pinner explained that it could be necessary for instructions to be issued to prefects to acquaint them of the partisans, in order that they could, where necessary, take part therein in the partisans which he explained, is the document obtaining such arrangements was agreed upon, he was unable to hand Carnevari a copy, but would do so as soon as possible.

Carnevari expressed the view that the problem would be settled gradually for instance, by joining the army or undertaking work under the allies as the provisions were liberated. Col Pinner stated that the plan must be made now. Carnevari asked to be notified of the arrangements to enable the Ministry to give appropriate instructions to prefects.

He referred to the difficulty of return to agricultural work owing to extensively mined areas. He inquired if mine-detectors could be issued with instructions to teach their use. Col Pinner said this could be dealt with by the military authorities.

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He stated that he had formed an unsatisfactory opinion of military and police and read from the record book.

He also drew attention to the present similar problems and stressed the necessity for the appointment of suitable men to deal with them, and therefore asked if the Italian Government would 'think twice' before promoting those two men to the suggested appointments.

Col Pinner considered the matter of such importance that it could, if necessary, have to be set up on the highest level.

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As the document containing such arrangements was signed Secret, he was unable to hand Carnovari a copy, but would do so as soon as possible.

Carnovari expressed the view that the problem could be settled practically for instance, by joining the army or undertaking work under the illness as the provisions were liberalized. Col Spicer stated that the plan must be also new. Carnovari seemed to be satisfied of the arrangements to enable the Ministry to give appropriate instructions to Prefects.

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Carnovari expressed thanks for the information and intimated that he had not chosen these men personally, as it had been done before he assumed office by the Council of Ministers. He reiterated his views previously expressed to Col Spicer, namely, that the subject of Prefects must be considered generally as opposed to specific cases and that appointments should not be confined to career officials, but should be extended to include the appointment of outstanding men from other walks of life.

Col Spicer said he had no objection to that as a representation of the merely concerned with assisting in the execution of the Ministry. He pointed out, however, that in fact Carnovari's views appeared to him to be in line with the Ministry, and he said he suggested that it could be in the interests of the Government if a clear cut policy could be agreed upon.

READ AND REPLY BY:

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V. L. 10/15
Chief
Staff Officer
Interior Sub-division

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Colonel
Reader, Interior /C

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACC/40/Int

29 July 1944

SUBJECT: Patriots

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency:

1. Referring to my interview yesterday with His Excellency Carnevari I send you a copy of the document containing the arrangements for classifying and dealing with patriots by the Committees referred to therein.
2. I shall be glad if you will arrange for the preparation of any administrative or other instructions which you may think appropriate for the Prefects in Provinces under AIC and I will arrange to have them delivered to those concerned.


R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encl: as in 1 above

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Appendix "A" to 30/1/PAT dated 18 July 1944

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FORMATION OF COMMUNAL COMMITTEES FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT
AND DISPENSAL OF PATRIOTS.

1. (a) The Committee will be formed and exist at Commune level only in the first instance.
- (b) Subject to local conditions a suggested form of committee is as follows:-

Sindaco (or Commissario Prefetizio) to preside;
four or more representatives chosen by and from the patriots;
two members of the Giunta Comunale if formed as such or otherwise
two well known and respected local residents.

(c) Consistency of policy, co-ordination of the efforts of the Communal Committee and means of communication from AMG/ACC HQ should be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner.

2. The function and purpose of the Committee are as follows. They will firstly determine whether persons calling themselves patriots are in fact patriots. After sifting for this purpose, the bogus patriots will be ignored. The genuine patriots will be classified and dealt with in the following manner:-

(a) Local absorption into their ordinary walks of life and means of livelihood and employment (particularly agricultural and harvesting) which may still exist in the local area. They will be dealt with as any other residents of the locality who had remained there. This process will apply both to patriots whose home is in the particular area and to non-residents if the latter so wish. Preference may be given to patriots in providing employment.

(b) Non-residents who do not want to stay in the area. It is believed that this class will be very small in number. They will return to their homes. Their return will be arranged locally by the CAO to Provincial HQ thence by the Provincial Commissioner.

(c) Those who want to join the Army immediately (as opposed to waiting for "call up" if and when liable) will be conveyed to Provincial HQ and thence under Provincial arrangements to such points as may be determined by the Allied/Italian Military authorities. To enable this to be done the MMIA

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(d) Those who wish to continue to serve as patriots. These will be selected, in small numbers, by the appropriate military agencies if needed.

(e) Yugo Slavs who have not already been sifted and dealt with under these instructions will be returned through Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for special employment in Yugo Slav fighting forces.

3. The Simacec and/or his official will keep proper records of the Committee's proceedings including the names, certificates (if any) and classification of all persons dealt with and the method and date of their disposal.

Lists prepared by patriot leaders together with any other relevant information which may be required will be made available to the Committee.

ALLIED CONTROL COLLISION
OUTGOING MESSAGE

28 JUL 1944

TO: AMG 5 ARMY AND EIGHT ARMY RO REGION FIVE RO REGION FIVE RO REGION FIVE RO REGION FIVE

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER NO:

FROM: AMG 5 ARMY

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE NO: 1081

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 28

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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27 JUL 1944

Ref/30/5/PAT.

26 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Re-employment of Patriots.

TO : Distribution Below.

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1. Further to para. 4 of this office directive under reference 30/5/PAT dated 24 July 1944.
2. The problem of feeding civilians is now detailed in HQ. AAI. Administrative Instruction No. 39 dated 5 July 1944 which cancels previous instructions.
3. One copy of AAI. Instruction No. 39 is attached for each of the first seven addressees on the distribution list below.

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C.D. MC CARTHY.
Colonel,
Patriots Branch,
R.C. & M.G. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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25 JUL 1944

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Regional Control and Military Government Section

Ref/30/8/PAT.

24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Re-employment of Patriots.

TO : Distribution Overleaf.

1. This directive is issued after agreement with H.Q., A.A.I., and is for the guidance of A.M.G. officers in connection with appendix "A" of the General Instruction for the Administration of Patriots in Military Government Territory reference 30/1/PAT. Dated 16 July 1944. P. 22

2. It should be used as a basis for discussion with Area Commanders, Town Majors, Engineer or other Military units and Labour Officers who, other things being equal, should be asked to give priority for employment to genuine Patriots with certificates. C.A.C.'s should be instructed to get in touch with the nearest Labour Officers (I.A.D.I. or S.I.C.O.) as soon as possible and give them the names of suitable Patriots who can be used as civilian workers.

3. Some Patriots may be taken for special operations, some will be disposed of locally, some will move to or have to be transported to a distance for re-employment and some foreigners e.g. Yugoslavs will be despatched through the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. There will, however, remain a hard core of say 30% over whom a good deal of trouble may have to be taken and the following suggestions for their re-employment are approved in principle by A.A.I. and the other authorities concerned.

(a) Some of them may be enlisted in the Regular Italian Army by the special Italian Officers being sent up by M.H.I.A. Full details of the new scheme are given in Army Sub-Commission letter 6/19 dated 23 July 1944 - copy attached.

(b). The reengagement of Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza as much should not be made, on account of administrative difficulties arising from the establishment of the strength ceiling for these agencies. Where feasible they should be employed as special police, pending their return to Reception Centres established at Grosseto and Chieti.

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 - (c) Employment by Engineer or other military units for urgent work on bridging, road repairing, dock clearance and military repair work as soon as an area has been liberated.
 - (d) Employment by ABE/ACC for duties similar to (c) as and when required.
 - (e) Employment by AMS/ACC for special police and motor car drivers.
 - (f) Employment by Area Commanders and Town Majors as watchmen.
 - (g) Where it is clear to a C.A.O. that he will have an impossible task in absorbing locally his hard core of Patriots, he should be instructed to pass particulars quickly to his Provincial Commissioner who should arrange for work within the Province.
 - (h) The problem of training and providing dominating squads in back areas is being considered.
4. The problem of paying and feeding Patriots who are employed in some of the manners suggested above should be studied. Full instructions for feeding

civilians employed on military duties are given in "Instructions Regarding the Employment of Civilian Labour (Italy and Sicily)". For issue of U.S. relations to civilians see NATOUSA circular No. 14 dated 4 February 1944.

ACSA/ E. FISKE.
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Norman J. Davis
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777 Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Italian Military Personnel from Enemy Controlled Italy.

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Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. MILIA
ROME.

23 Jul 44. 13/19

Ministry of War

Copy to: HQ AAF
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Army Sub-Comm LO Napoleon
" " " 3 Army
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A.C.C. Patriotic Section.
Army Sub-Comm, ACC.
Air Forces Sub-Comm, ACC.

HQ AAF
Army Sub-Comm LO.
1 District.
2 District.
3 District.
5 Corps HQ.

1. Certain arrangements have been made, in agreement with the Patriotic Branch at ACC, with a view to enlisting into the Italian Army at the earliest possible moment, Patriots encountered in newly-liberated areas who volunteer for such enlistment.
2. These arrangements which are in effect an extension of the provision of M.H. Letter, 2/19 of 3 June (and are to be read as such) are as follows: -
 - (a) The Ministry of War will at once send a Screening Agency (not exceeding 4 officers and 6 men) to join the AAF officer dealing with the re-enlistment of Patriots at HQ of each 5th Army, 8th Army and Polish Corps.
 - (b) The Screening Agencies will interview volunteers as required by the AAF officer. They will decide whether these can be accepted within the number that the Ministry of War consider can be absorbed from time to time without detriment to the cohesion and efficiency of the existing army.
 - (c) Those accepted will be given a pass entitling them to be passed back (through refugee camps) to the nearest Italian enlistment centre for immediate enlistment.
 - (d) The agencies will travel and operate as required by the AAF officer concerned inside the army areas concerned and within the terms given them by the Ministry of War.
 - (e) These agencies will report forward in accordance with the terms of the M.H. Letter.

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2. These arrangements which are in effect an extension of the provision of WIA Letter, 6/19 of 3 June (and are to be read as such) are as follows:

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- (d) The agencies will travel and operate as required by the AGC officer concerned inside the army areas concerned and within the limits given them by the Ministry of War.
- (e) These agencies will move forward in accordance with the advance of the armies concerned.
- (f) In order to deal with Patriots who are still waiting in German held army rear boundaries, the Ministry of War will detail and hold in readiness at HQs three similar agencies which will be available to visit centers and operate as required by the Patriot branch of AGC. These agencies will be disbanded as soon as the areas have been "cleared" on the normal pull-back agency is established by proclamation.

3. Other men of military age, including Patriots and volunteers who have not been accepted for immediate enlistment, will remain as civilians until called upon to re-register (or re-register) for service in the ordinary way.

(sml) H. HANCOCK,
Major General,
Army Sub-Coms. A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 396.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 30/1/347.

10th July 1944.

SUBJECT: General Instructions on the Administration of Patriots in
Military Government Territory.

TO : Distribution Below.

1. The handling of patriots is a difficult problem which will increase in complexity as the advances continue and the patriots increase in numbers and achieve more successes. Their rehabilitation in liberated territory is an added burden to GAC's in Areas and Provincial staffs, but it is a duty which must be carried out with firmness and sympathy and with the knowledge that success or failure in this matter may have also repercussions in this and other territories.

2. Patriots, although mostly Italians, may be of any nationality, and are defined as being those in the ranks of genuine fighting bands who have carried arms, engaged in sabotage or secured important military information to the benefit of the Allied war effort.

3. The following directions contain the main principles of the agreed policy with regard to patriots and all the procedure to put that policy into effect. Instructions for dealing with all those who have helped Allied Prisoners of War are being issued separately.

4. On liberation of territory patriots must revert from their quasi-military status and become good citizens. To this end a message in poster form signed by General Alexander has been prepared and will be widely published.

5. Patriots come under theegis of AGC officers whose duty it is to see that the metamorphosis from military to civilian status takes place with the minimum of disillusionment. To this end representatives of patriot organizations have been sent to Army AGC's and Italian committees of patriot patriot representation will be set up in the local government of liberated territory. It is extremely important that while order is to be maintained and arms have to be surrendered, patriots should be treated with great tact and sympathy in order to avoid antagonism and discouragement which

success or failure in this matter may have wide repercussions in the territory.

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6. While the patriots are not a political organization and must be disengaged from setting up purely patriot local governments, it must be remembered that by virtue of their military aid they have a right to strong representation in the local government. Italian local government officials must be made to realize and show appreciation of their value and their right to be represented in government.

7. Patriots will be unwilling to hand in arms but the preservation of law and order precludes the existence of irregular armed bands in liberated territory; the law demands their surrender and they must therefore be tactfully told to obey the law.

8. After months of guerrilla warfare it will be hard for patriots to settle down to normal life. So encourage rapid return to their ordinary vocations will be one of the most difficult duties of the local committees who, like AMF officers

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and Italian officials, must deal with the patriots not as a nuisance but with sympathy and gratitude. It should at all times be remembered that an unemployed patriot is not only a disgrace to the community but a menace.

9. While it is desirable to leave the rehabilitation of patriots to the Italians themselves, in the form of local committees, CAO's can especially Provincial Commissioners in the later period of occupation, remembering that they have fought for the allies, should ensure that they are given a square deal.

10. 20,000 posters have been sent to the 5 Army and 30,000 to the 8 Army. These should be displayed immediately after liberation of territory and the attention of all patriots drawn to them. The contents of the poster will also be broadcast locally by PWS and will be published in Italian newspapers.

11. In order to show appreciation of individual effort certificates of merit have been prepared for issue to every individual patriot vouched for by the local patriot leader. Certificates will be endorsed by the recognized patriot leader and by an allied officer (C.O. the CAO). If for any reason the patriot leader wishes to remain anonymous his signature can be replaced by a patriot leader wished to remain anonymous his signature. Posthumous certificates pseudonym or signed by another patriot representative. Posthumous certificates may be awarded to next-of-kin. In special cases letters of thanks by Corps or other senior commanders may be sent to towns or villages who collectively and actively have aided the Allied cause.

12. The advice of patriot leaders should be sought before the issue of any certificates in order to avoid possession of them by bogus patriots.

13. Provincial Commissioners will issue certificates, if properly vouched for by patriot leaders. In areas where the CAOs, Army MGs, have not been able to do so, and in areas liberated within the last few months, Provincial Commissioners should give this matter very early attention and will set up special committees in local governments to deal with outstanding cases, C.O.s, in the Reno Region.

14. Italian patriot representatives from the Military Central Italy Group controlled by Col. Borinco and from the Comitato Liberazione Municipale controlled by Mr. Bauer, have been sent to each Corps in Army MGs. CAO's must bear in mind that these patriot representatives may be mainly concerned to obtain recognition for patriots belonging to their own organization. If other patriots present themselves they must be carefully scrutinized and if found to be bona fide they should be given certificates and afforded equal treatment. CAO's must encourage the patriot representatives to take a broad view and not to look after the interests merely of members of their own organizations but also all genuine patriots.

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14. Italian patriot representatives from the Military Central Italy Group controlled by Col. Bernabo and from the Comitato Liberazione Nazionale controlled by Mr. Bauer, have been sent to each Corps in Army 133^a. GAO's must bear in mind that these patriot representatives may be highly concerned to obtain recognition for patriots belonging to their own organization. If other patriots present themselves they must be carefully scrutinized and if found to be bona fide they should be given certificates and afforded equal treatment. GAO's must encourage the patriot representatives to take a broad view and not to look after the interests merely of members of their own organizations but also all genuine patriots.

15. Patriot representatives are in no way political. Their main duties are:-

- (a) to help Army GAO's in the identification of leaders of patriot bands;
- (b) to help in the selection of suitable patriots out of those known to assist the GAO;
- (c) to assist AMG generally in dealing with all patriot problems.

16. These representatives draw pay from their own organizations. They should be housed and rationed and supplied with fuel by AMG (DAGC, AMG is sending instructions to AMG HQ to this effect).

17. Distribution of these representatives is as follows:-

- 4 to AMG 5 Army;
- 6 to AMG 6 Army. Of whom 2 are for Pol Corps.

Cars may be requisitioned for them locally.

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18. These patriot representatives enter new areas with GAOs it is suggested that they should set up a special patriot office and produce for the GAO a complete list of patriots in the area in order that certification may be issued and plans made for their re-employment.
19. These representatives should also be of assistance in setting up the more permanent communal committees. These bodies will be to organize the re-employment and dispersal of patriots in the lines set out in the attached Appendix.
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21. Patriots must band in their arms (including hand grenades and bombs). No other reason need be invoked except that the law required the surrender of arms. At the same time peremptory orders in the Great Instance should be avoided.
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23. Surrendered arms will as far as possible be removed to central points where some of them will be taken over by U.S. Special Forces who need them for further operations. It is important that the Patriot Branch, AGI, should be notified of the location of arms in stores, numbers of arms, and be given a general picture of the position including estimated number of arms still unsurrendered.
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Mr.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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- Navy Sub-Commission.
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- WVS (Attn: Mr. Haynes).

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Appendix "A" to SO/1/AT dated 18 July 1944

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FORMATION OF COMMUNAL COMMITTEES FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT
AND DISMISSAL OF PATRIOTS.

1. (a) The Committee will be formed and exist at Commune level only in the first instance.
 (b) Subject to local conditions a suggested form of committee is as follows:-
 Sindaco (or Commissario Prefettorio) to preside;
 four or more representatives chosen by and from the patriots;
 two members of the Giunta Comunale if formed as such or otherwise
 two well known and respected local residents.
 (c) Consistency of policy, co-ordination of the efforts of the Communal Committee and means of communication from HQ/AGU HQ should be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner.
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(d) Those who wish to continue to serve as patriots. These will be selected, in small numbers, by the appropriate military agencies if needed.

(e) Those slaves who have not already been dealt with and dealt with under these instructions will be returned through Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for special employment in such other fighting forces.

3. The Slaves and/or his officials will keep proper records of the Committee's proceedings including the names, certifications (if any) and classification of all persons dealt with by the method and date of their disposal.

Lists prepared by Patriot leaders together with any other relevant information which may be required will be made available to the Committee.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/AC/INT

17 Jul 44

SUBJECT : Patriots in Forward Areas.

TO : Patriot Branch, EC & MC Section (Attn: Col C.D. McCarthy).

- 1 I think it is important that CAO's should appreciate that Patriot bands may consist of
 - i Bernabites
 - ii Banerites
 - iii Adherents of some other centrally controlled body not yet disclosed to the Allies.
 - iv Independent parties of jolly good cheer.
- 2 The Italian patriot representatives (see para 14 revised instructions) will obviously endeavour to secure recognition for classes i and ii above and I think CAO's should be warned to be on the lookout for classes iii and iv. Attached is a suggested para to deal with this.
- 3 In my opinion, 2 (iv) of the appendix is too vague. How does the CAO or the Committee know how to deal with this?
- 4 I propose, unless you see any objection, to instruct Interior Sub-Commission to notify the Minister of the Interior as to the plan so that he may issue appropriate instructions to prefects especially with regard to re-employment etc.

G.R. URJOHN, Col
A/Head, Adm Sec

Rider to Article 14

CAO's must bear in mind that these patriot representatives may be mainly concerned to obtain recognition for patriots belonging to their own organisation.

There may be however a large number of patriots belonging to some central organisation not yet disclosed to the Allies or belonging to independent local bands.

CAO's must encourage the patriot representatives to take a broad view and not to look after the interests merely of members of their own organisations but also of all genuine patriots generally regardless of the organisation to which they owe allegiance.

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SUBJECT: Comment on Appendix

Committee.

1(ii) Note that it is only a "suggested" form of ~~bill~~. Whilst it is appreciated that a set plan is undesirable, it is pointed out that the purpose of the Appendix is to indicate clearly the constitution and function of the Committee which "will" be formed. Will this be achieved if the constitution as given is only in 'suggested' form.

2(iv) I should have thought that this is too vague. It may be that in practice the "appropriate military agencies" will always have a representative on the spot who will deal with this as a matter of course. It may also be that it is not desirable to give details of this activity for other reasons. If on the other hand the appendix constitutes the only information and instructions that a CAO will have, it is suggested that he will not be in a position to answer the inevitable queries from those patriots wanting to carry on.

W. V. M. Lewis

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Lieut
Staff Officer
Interior Sub-Commission

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*I, for my part, entirely concur
do not wish to comment
further.*

R. A. M. M.

Colonel. 3692

*July 17. Director
- Interior -*

SUBJECT: Comments on General Instructions.

5. As Prefects will eventually be concerned is it considered desirable that the Ministry of Interior should be acquainted with relevant parts of the arrangements to enable notification to be given to them or will this be done at Provincial level via the PUs.

9. Is broadcast confined to the poster. PWB advise against a broadcast on the general subject.

12. Is the "special Committee" the same as that dealt with by the Appendix - presumably not as see 18.

18. This and other paras stress 're-employment'. The Appendix is basically confined to (i) constitution of Committee and (ii) method of classification. It deals only generally with re-employment under "local absorption". It does not deal with means and methods of re-employment as such.

20. It is noted that the poster refers to the handling of arms for the purpose of re-issue.

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Lieut
Staff Officer
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See Appendix A

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Patriots in Occupied Italy.

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Adriatic Coast. Further representatives can be provided, on demand, for A.M.G. Armies or for Regions.

15. Patriot representatives are paid by their own organisation. They should be housed by A.M.G.

16. D.Q.M.G.(A.A.I.) is sending instructions to Armies that these representatives will be put on the A.M.G. ration strength and will draw petrol for their cars.

17. The transport position is tight but sanction has been obtained that these representatives should have cars which may be requisitioned locally for this purpose.

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21. Care must be taken with the storage of grenades and bombs which should be handed in to Ordnance as soon as possible.

22. C.A.O's. have discretion to fix the date on which arms should be handed in but this should be as early as possible.

23. Lists of arms handed in by Patriots and eventually handed over to No. 1 Special Force must be turned in to Patriot Branch A.C.C.

24. C.A.O's. have permission to reissue arms to temporary

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pollicemen who may in fact be drawn out of Patriot bands.

25. Surrendered arms will as far as possible be moved to central points such as Perugia whence they will be taken over by No. 1 Special Force and returned to South Italy where they will in fact be used for dropping by parachute. They are urgently required for this purpose. A.M.G. at Armies should notify this Headquarters at what central points they can collect arms. Grenades and bombs need not be so collected.

26. When spearhead C.A.O.'s move on they must notify the AMG/ACC officer to whom they hand over what quantity of arms they have collected and where they are stored.

27. A short report must also be sent by A.M.G. Armies at the end of each month to give a picture of the position as far as it is known or guessed in order that this H.Q. may have an idea what arms are still hidden, with any recommendations for dealing with the problem.

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30. It must be remembered that C.L.N. Committees have no legal status as soon as A.M.G. have taken control.

31. Patriot resistance groups have no political function and they must conform to the requirements of Allied Militia³¹¹ 9687
Government.

32. Patriot leaders are to prepare nominal rolls of their groups and reports on their operations previous to the Allied occupation of the Communes from which they were operating.

33. It is extremely important that while order is to be maintained and arms have to be surrendered, Patriots should be treated with great tact and sympathy in order to avoid arising antagonism and discouragement which would become known and have an adverse effect upon patriots still operating against the enemy. Leaders of Patriot groups should be thanked by A.M.G. officers, for the assistance which they have rendered to the Allies, and told to convey to their groups the Allied appreciation of their efforts. Peremptory orders about handing in arms are a particular source of aggravation and should be avoided.

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C.D. Mc Carthy.
Patriot Branch,
R.C. & M.G. Section,
for Executive Commissioner.

Appendix

Regarding Formation of Committees

under item 15 of attached instruction

1. *Call*
(1) The Committee ~~should~~ be formed and exist at Company level only in the first instance. In view of lack of transport and communications, and the disorganization caused by war conditions it would be impossible to expect all patriots spread over a considerable area to meet their way to Provincial HQ.

(11) The Committee will be constituted as follows: -

1. 2 members (or Comandante Prefecto) to preside

2. 2 members of the Guerra Central if formed as such or otherwise 2 well-known and respected local residents.

3. 4 or more representatives chosen by and from the Patriots.

(The above members particularly in regard to the patriots need not be firm. Discretion is permitted but in principle the number should be kept small and 'wieldy').

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(iv) There is no risk to continue to allow an individual and his associates to the decision of the committee and that subject by any reason for the information. (as in (iii), it is necessary that the Committee should have sufficient information to enable them to refer such patriot to the proper court.)

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(v) disposable who have not already been sifted and dealt with under para 36 of the instructions will be returned through displaced persons and refuse sub-committees for special employment in Anglo-Iran fighting forces.

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31. Patriot resistance groups have no political function and they must conform to the requirements of Allied Military Government.

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Patriot Branch,
A.C. & M.J. Section,
for Executive Commissioner.

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regarding formation of committees

under para 15 of attached instructions

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(11) The Committee will be constituted as follows: -

1. General (or Comandante Insurgente) to preside

2. members of the Comitea Insurgente if formed as such or otherwise 2 well-known and respected local residents.

3. or more representatives chosen by and from the patriots.

(The above members particularly in regard to the patriots need not be first. Discretion is permitted but in principle the number should be kept small and "wholly".

(11) Continuity of policy, co-ordination of the efforts of the General Committee and care of communication from all/and it shall be effected at provincial level by and through the prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the provincial Commissioner.

2. The function and persons of the Committee is as follows. They will firstly determine whether persons calling themselves patriots are in fact patriots as defined in the instructions. After settling for this purpose, the bogus patriots will be ignored. The genuine patriots will be classified and dealt with in the following manner: -

(i) Local absorbing into local ordinary work of life and areas of livelihood and employment (particularly agricultural and harvesting, which may still exist in the local area. They will be dealt with as any other residents of the locality who had remained there. This process will apply both to patriots who have been in the particular area and to non-residents if the latter so wish.

(ii) Non-residents who do not want to stay in the area. It is believed that this class will be very small in number. They will return to their homes. Their return will be arranged locally by the C.O. to provincial H. through the provincial Commissioner.

firm. Discrimination is prohibited but in no way shall it be construed as a violation of the "color" and "violence".

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(b) Patriots who do not wish to stay in the area. It is believed that this class will be very small in number. They will return to their homes. Their return will be arranged locally by the day to provincial houses, through by the provincial coordinator.

(c) Simple procedure shall be for a pass entitling a patriot to travel to his home to be issued by the Committee and counter-signed by the GOC.

(12) Those who want to join the army, especially, (as opposed to waiting for "call up" if and when liable), will be conveyed to provincial HQ, and then under provincial arrangements to such points as may be determined by the Allied Italian Military authorities. To enable this to be done, the army sub-commander must keep Regional Coordinators and formed as to the places where such persons are to be conveyed and any other relevant information for the purpose.

(13) Those who wish to continue to work as farmers and who are not going to the headquarters of the Government will have a similar pass issued for the purpose. (14) It is necessary that the Committee should have sufficient information to enable them to refer such patriots to the proper quarters.

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(v) Dispositions are have not already been sifted and dealt with under para 30 of the Instructions will be referred through displaced persons and refugee sub-commission for special employment in Japanese fighting forces.

3. The Division and/or his officials will keep proper records of the Commission's proceedings including the names, certificates (if any, and classification of all persons dealt with and the actual and date of their disposal.

National rolls and lists prepared under para 31 and 34 of the Instructions together with any other relevant information which may be required shall be made available to the Committee.

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SUBJECT: General Instruction on the Administration of Patriots
in Occupied Italy.

- References (1) A.A.I. letter No.4C/G(Ops) of 22 June 44 copy attached.
(2) Minutes of meeting held in Rome on 3 July 44.

Definition of Patriots.

1. For the purpose of this instruction Patriots may be of any nationality and are defined as being those in the ranks of recognised fighting bands who have carried arms, engaged in sabotage or secured important military information.

Patriot Poster signed by General Alexander.

2. 20,000 have already been sent to 5 Army and 30,000 to 8 Army.
3. They should be put up in forward areas as soon as these are liberated.
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6. Certificates will only be issued to individuals but in special cases letters of thanks by Corps Commanders or other senior commanders may be sent to towns or villages who have actively aided the Allied cause. Such Certificates will be endorsed by a recognised patriot leader and by an Allied officer who will probably be the C.A.O. If for any reason a patriot leader wishes to remain anonymous his signature should be replaced by a pseudonym. *3671*
Signed
or by a Patriot Representative. Patrons certificates will be awarded
next of kin.

7. Care must be taken not to issue certificates to bogus patriots who, for instance, only became patriots after their area was liberated. On the other hand C.A.O's. may issue certificates to borderline cases at their discretion.

8. It is proposed to number these certificates *by blocks and to issue them*
(which are being issued at
the same time as this instruction to A.M.G. Armies and to Regions *Antonia*

blocks of numbers.

9. There must inevitably be a considerable backlog in the issue of some certificates which will therefore be issued by ~~the~~ Region after A.M.G. spearhead C.A.O's. have left.

10. Also all Regions will issue certificates, if properly vouched for by Patriot Leaders, in respect of areas liberated within the last few months. Regional Commissioners should give this matter very early attention and will where necessary set up special commissions to deal with outstanding problems e.g. in the Rome Area.

Patriot Representatives for Corps Areas

11. These patriot representatives ^{are Italian and} belong ~~to~~ to the Military Central Italy Group controlled ~~recently by Col. de Michelis and now~~ by Col. Bernabe, and ~~also~~ to the Comitato Liberazione Nazionale ^{authentic} Mr. Bauer who has done much valuable work is the Chief of the Military Section of the C.L.H.

12. Patriot Representatives are in no way political.

13. Their main duties are first to help spearhead C.A.O's. in the identification of leaders of patriot bands, second to help to select suitable patriots out of the bands to work on the C.A.O's. staff and third to assist A.M.G. in dealing with all their patriot problems.

14. A total of ten have been sent up with drivers to A.M.G. at 5 and 8 Armies for distribution to ~~A.M.G. officers at~~ Corps Areas. Four are for 5 Army and six for 8 Army of whom two are for the Adriatic Coast. Further representatives can be provided, on demand, ^{for} ~~by~~ A.M.G. M Armies or ~~by~~ Regions.

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16. D.O.M.G. (A.A.I.) is sending instructions to Armos that these representatives ^{will} ~~should~~ be put on the A.M.G. ration strength and ~~should~~ ^{with} ~~be~~ ³⁶⁷⁵ petrol for their cars.

17. The transport position is tight but sanction has been obtained that these representatives should have cars which may be requisitioned locally for this purpose.

/Surrender

Surrender of Arms. (Including Hand Grenades and Bombs).

18. 2) Care must be taken with the storage of grenades and bombs which should be handed in to Ordnance as soon as possible.

18 ~~19. 22~~ The surrender must be to C.A.O's. and Allied officers who should if practicable sign the receipt, otherwise patriot leaders should give individual receipts to patriots and get collective receipts from C.A.O's. or Allied Officers.

19 ~~23~~ After much consideration it has been decided that all Patriots and all others should be given one reason only for handing in their arms and that this should be that the law requires them to do so.

20 C.A.O's. may employ Carabinieri or others for receiving and guarding the surrendered arms.

22. C.A.O's. have discretion to ^{fix} ~~fix~~ date on which arms should be handed in.

23. Lists of arms handed in by Patriots and eventually handed over to No. 1 Special Force must be turned in to Security Patriot Branch A.C.C.

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25. Surrendered arms will as far as possible be moved to central points such as Perugia whence they will be taken over by No. 1 Special Force and returned to South Italy where they will in fact be used for dropping: they are ~~not to be used for this purpose.~~ A.M.G. at Armea should notify this H.Q.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/40/Int

14 July 1944

SUBJECT: Patriots

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. The following are my proposals as to the nature and constitution of the Committee contemplated by para 15 of the Minutes of Conference of 3 July with reference to the above.

(i) The Committee should be formed and exist at Commune level only in the first instance. In view of lack of transport and communications, and the disorganization caused by war conditions it would be impossible to expect all patriots spread over a considerable area to make their way to Provincial Hq.

(ii) The Committee should be constituted as follows: -
Sindaco (or Commissario Prefetizio) to preside. (This is to ensure association with existing local organization and encourage local support.)
2 members of Giunta Comunale if formed as such or otherwise 2 well-known and respected local residents.
4 or more representatives chosen by and from the Patriots.
(The above numbers particularly in regard to the patriots need not necessarily be firm. Discretion should be permitted. In principle, the number should be kept small and "wieldy".)

(iii) Consistency of policy, coordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees and means of communication from AMG/ACC Hq shall be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect acting on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner. (This again "ties up" with existing administrative organization. I do not recommend the formation of a Provincial Committee as such. The scheme must be kept simple or it will inevitably fail. It may help if the Patriots had a representative who could assist the Prefect and Provincial Commissioner as occasion arises if so required.)

2. I suggest that Patriots on contact with AMG and the Communal Committee will fall in the following categories and should be dealt with as such:

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It is believed that this Class² will be very small in numbers

(ii) Non-residents who are not indigenous and do not want to stay in the area. They should be returned to their own areas by transport to be provided by AOC through Transportation Sub-Commission. It is suggested that a simple procedure would be for a pass entitling a patriot to travel to his home (or locality) to be issued by the Committee and countersigned by the CAO who should arrange to transport such patriot to the Prefect at the nearest Provincial HQ. The transport arrangements from that point should be undertaken by the Prefect in conjunction with the Provincial Commissioner.

(iii) Those who want to join the Army immediately (as opposed to waiting for "call up" if and when liable) should be conveyed under the same pass system as in (ii) to Provincial HQ and thence to such points as may be determined by the Allied/Italian Military authorities. (It is suggested that any arrangements for the purpose should be known to the Committees who should have sufficient information to notify Patriots accordingly.)

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(iv) Those who wish to continue to serve as Patriots and who according to the decision of the appropriate military authority are needed for the purpose. (As in (iii) it is also suggested that the Committee should have sufficient information to enable them to refer such patriots to the proper quarter.)

3. As patriots are divided into the above categories a simple but accurate record should be made by the Sindaco or his officials of the patriots so divided and if in classes (ii), (iii) and (iv) the method and date of their disposal. This register may advantageously be used simultaneously to record such patriots to whom General Alexander's certificates have been issued.

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R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
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(iii) Consistency of policy, coordination of the efforts of the Communal Committees and means of communication from AMG/ACC HQ shall be effected at Provincial level by and through the Prefect ~~entirely~~ ^{advised} on the advice and under the supervision of the Provincial Commissioner. (This again "ties up" with existing administrative organization. I do not recommend the formation of a Provincial Committee as such. The scheme must be kept simple or it will inevitably fail. It may help if the Patriots had a representative who could assist the Prefect and Provincial Commissioner as occasion arises).

2. I suggest that Patriots on contact with AMG and the Communal Committee will fall in the following categories and should be dealt with as such:

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(iv) Those who wish to continue to serve as Patriots and who according to the decision of the appropriate military authority are needed for the purpose (As in (iii) it is also suggested that the Committee should have

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 ledger such as books, bonds, General Alexander certificates
 have been used

R. G. B. SPIER

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ADVISED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERNAL SECURITY COMMISSION
APO 594

ACC/40/Int

14 July 1944

SUBJECT: Patriots

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[Signature]
R. G. B. SPURR
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD ON 2 JULY 46 IN ROME TO DISCUSS THE

ADMINISTRATION OF PATRIOTS IN OCCUPIED ITALY

PRESENT :-

Brigadier V.S. Lush (Chairman)	Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
Lt. Col. Jones	Home Region
Mr. Bauer	Patriot (C.I.W.)
Col. Bernado	Patriot (Military)
Group Captain Dawson	AFS 8 Army
Mr. Gen Browning	M.M.I.A.
Capt Buckley	A.C.C.
Mr. Gaudin	A.C.C.
Col. Carter	O.S.S.
Brigadier Dunlop	Region IV
Major Fielden	A.J.S.
Lieut Garcia	Major, Special Force
Col. Ficks	A.C.C.
Major Koch	O.S.S.
Lieut Macnamara	A.C.C.
Brigadier Mainwaring	A.A.I.
Col. Mc Cartney	A.C.C.
Col. Menfort	A.C.C.
Col. Fidelity	M.M.I.A.
Mr. Myner	A.C.C.
Major Talbot	A.C.C.
Mr. Zebay	A.C.C.
Major Tennant	Major, Special Force
Col. Upjohn	A.C.C.
Col. Young	A.C.C.

Patriot Report with A.C.C. of London

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Preliminary action in connection.

6. The poster prepared by PWs for Gen Alexander's signature was approved subject to an additional clause appealing for the gathering of the harvest. This poster is to be posted in forward areas, and the contents put in Italian newspapers and broadcast by PWs.

7. The surrender of arms must be justified by loss and not on grounds of military expediency i.e. the statement that arms will be returned to Northern Italy.

8. The time of handing in arms to be at the discretion of C.A.A.C. who may use Patriots for temporary police work if necessary.

9. Arms must be handed in so as not to embarrass through the latter may handle the collection turned. Receipts for arms should be given and should be signed by C.A.A.C.

Certification of merit.

10. After discussion it was decided not to issue collective certificates of merit since this would be most difficult to administer and would certainly cause ill feeling.

11. It was agreed that the only certificates of merit to be issued to Patriots (apart from those given to persons who have helped escaping prisoners of war) should be to members of recognized fighting bands who have carried arms, carried out demolitions or engaged in sabotage. It will be the duty of C.A.A.C. to help by their Patriot Regs to adjudicate in doubtful cases.

12. The certificate will be signed by General Alexander in facsimile, which will also be endorsed by the local Patriot leader and an Allied Officer.

(a) I.F.B.
(b) Detailed instructions to be sent to AAF at Ardea by Patriot Branch of R.C. & N.G. Section.

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Detailed instructions to be sent to AAF at Ardea by Patriot Br. of R.C. & N.G. Section.

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12. The certificate will be signed by General Alexander in facsimile, and will also be endorsed by the local Patriot leader and an Allied Officer.

13. Regional Officers will take over from departing Army C.A.C.S. the responsibility for the issue of certificates.

Subsequent employment of Patriots.

14. It was suggested that the problem of finding employment for Patriots should be handled by a committee at every provincial level of government reporting to the prefect and the AG representative. In rural areas the man can usefully be employed on agriculture, in towns on the clearance of debris, and the necessary reconstruction of roads and essential buildings. It is essential to find work to absorb the Patriots otherwise militant political parties would recruit.

- (a) F.W.B.
- (b) Detailed instructions to be sent to AG at Armos by Patriot Reg of RC 2.15. Section.

Draft proposals to be put up by Patriots Branch.

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15. The G.O.C. M.M.I.A. stressed that as Italian conscription law extended into AMG territory, Patriots of military age were liable for service. In practice it would take a little time to establish the machinery for registration etc. in forward areas. Pending further notifications patriots of military age should therefore be encouraged to set on a temporary basis in the same way as those of other age groups.

Persons who have assisted Allied P.O.W. to escape.

16. A scheme of aid is in operation for people who have assisted Allied P.O.W. to escape. This was discussed and it was decided that no further action could be taken meantime.

C.D. MC GATHY,
Colonel,
Patriot Branch,
P.O. & M.G. Section.

DISTRIBUTION:

All Allied members present.
AMG 5 Army (5)
AMG 8 Army (10)
Interior Subcommision (1)
Spurs (10)
File (1)
War Diary (1)

SECRET

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD ON 3 JULY 44 IN HOME TO DISCUSS THE

ADMINISTRATION OF PATRIOTS IN COMBINED ITALY

PRESENT:-

Brigadier V.S. Lush (Chairman)	Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
Lt. Col. Adams	Home Region
Mr. Bauer	Patriot (C.S.N.)
Col. Barnabe	Patriot (Military)
Group Captain Denoon	AFS 3 Army
Maj Gen Browning	M.H.I.A.
✓ Capt Buckley	A.C.C.
Mr. Caccia	A.C.C.
Col. Carter	O.S.S.
Brigadier Dunlop	Region IV
Major Fildes	A.C.C.
Lieut Farris	No. 1, Special Force
Col. Flake	A.C.C.
Major Koch	O.S.S.
Lieut Macnamara	A.C.C.
Brigadier Mainwaring	A.A.I.
Col. Mc Gerty	A.C.C.
Col. Munford	A.C.C.
Col. Fildesley	M.M.I.A.
Mr. Palmer	P.W.B.
Major Talbot	A.C.C.
Mr. Peber	A.C.C.
Major Tennant	No. 1, Special Force
Col. Urjohn	A.C.C.
Col. Young	A.C.C.

Patriot Base with AFV of Armies

1. It was decided that Representatives should be found only from the Michaelis and Bauer parties. OSS and Special Force stated that they could not provide Officers but would send relevant information through OSS Ops and thence it could, after screening, be passed to America and then to Corps HQ and down to C.A.C.S. The Patriot Bay of the Michaelis and one of the Bauer party will be at each Corps H.Q.

Detailed instructions to be sent to AFV at AFV by Patriot Branch of R.C. & H.Q. Section.

Region IV

Brigadier Dundas

- Major Fielden A.C.C.
- Lieut. Fergie No.1, Special Force
- Cor. Fiske A.C.C.
- Major Koch C.S.E.
- Lieut. Macneaney A.C.C.
- Brigadier Mainwaring A.C.C.
- Col. Mc Carthy A.C.C.
- Col. Macdonald A.C.C.
- Col. Fidsley A.C.C.
- Mr. Hayner P.A.B.
- Major Talbot A.C.C.
- Mr. Reber No.1, Special Force
- Major Tennant A.C.C.
- Col. Upjohn A.C.C.
- Col. Young A.C.C.

Patriot Raps with Army of America

1. It was decided that Representatives should be found only from the Michaelis and Duer parties. 036 and Special Force stated that they could not provide officers but would send relevant information through 033 Ops and whence it could, after becoming, be passed to armies and then to Corps HQ and down to C.A.C.s. One Patriot Rep of the Michaelis and one of the Duer party will be at each Corps H.Q.

2. It was agreed that the duties of Patriot Raps should be to identify leaders of Patriot bands and to help AAG to deal with them. For this purpose they should help to select a few suitable local patriots to serve on the staff of each C.A.C.

3. The duties of Patriot Raps are to be in no way political.

4. Permission to put Patriot Raps on the AAG ration strength and to allow them to draw petrol was later obtained from JAF (2).

5. It was also agreed later that the Michaelis and Duer Raps should be called Patriot Raps (M1) and Patriot Raps (C.L.N.) respectively.

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Preliminary notion in execution.

6. The poster prepared by FWA for Gen Alexander's signature was approved subject to an additional clause appealing for the gathering of the harvest. This poster is to be posted in forward areas, and the contents put in Italian newspapers and broadcast by FWA.

7. The surrender of arms must be justified by law and not on grounds of military expediency i.e. the statement that arms will be returned to Northern Italy.

8. The time of handing in arms to be at the discretion of C.A.C.S who may use Patriots for temporary police work if necessary.

9. Arms must be handed in to AG and not to carabinieri though the latter may handle the collection thereof. Receipts for arms should be given and should be signed by C.A.C.S.

Certification of merit.

10. After discussion it was decided not to issue collective certification of merit since this would be most difficult to administer and would certainly cause ill feeling.

11. It was agreed that the only certification of merit to be issued to Patriots (apart from those given to persons who have helped organizing Prisoners of War) should be to members of recognized fighting bands who have carried arms, carried out demolitions or engaged in sabotage. It will be the duty of C.A.C.S. helped by their Patriot reps to adjudicate in doubtful cases.

12. The certificate will be signed by General Alexander in facsimile, and will also be countersigned by the local Patriot leader and be

(a) P.W.B.
(b) Detailed instructions to be sent to AG at times by Patriot Branch of R.C. & R.C. Section.

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12. The certificate will be signed by General Alexander in person, and will also be endorsed by the local Patriot leader and an Allied Officer.

13. Regional Officers will take over from departing Army C.A.C.S. the responsibility for the issue of certificates.

Subsequent employment of patriots.

14. It was suggested that the problem of finding employment for patriots should be handled by a committee of every provincial area of government reporting to the Prefect and the LDC representative. In rural areas the men can usefully be employed on agriculture; in towns on the clearance of debris, and the necessary reconstruction of roads and essential buildings. It is essential to find work to absorb the patriots otherwise militant political parties would resurge.

(a) F.W.B.
(b) Detailed instructions to be sent to LDC at Arnhem by Patriot B of HQ + MG Section.

Draft proposals to be put up by Patriots Branch.

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trans to the Liberator

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Headquarters Allied Control Commission,
Patriot Branch,
R.C. & M.G. Section,
A.P.O. 394.

8 July 1944.

Dear

I am proposing to ask Brig. Lush to approve the attached General Instruction, which he instructed me at the recent meeting in Rome on 3 July on Patriots, to issue and I shall be glad to have your comments on it as early as possible. The instruction is really a general directive to AMB and ACC to show how far we have gone in the matter up to the present.

Col. Upjohn.

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MEMORANDUM: General instruction on the administration of
parties in occupied Italy.

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Reference 4.4.1.1. letter of 27 June 44 No. 41/4(ops) a copy
of which is attached for reference, a further meeting on this subject
was held in Rome on 3 July (minutes have been circulated) and the
following directive is for action by AIO 5 and 3 and 3 and 3 and 3
in forward areas.

Handling of parties in Italy.

1. It is decided that AIO and AIO will take over the handling of
these lands behind the Allied lines.
2. Once behind the Allied lines their military function ceases.
3. Parties resistance groups have no political function and they
must conform to the requirements of Allied military Government.
4. Parties leaders are to prepare material lists of their groups
and reports on their operations previous to the Allied occupation of the
areas from which they were operating.
5. It is extremely important that while order is to be maintained
and areas have to be surrendered, parties should be treated with great
tact and sympathy. In order to avoid arising antagonism and discomfiting
which would become known and have an adverse effect upon parties still
operating against the enemy. Leaders of parties groups should be treated
by all officers, for the assistance which they have rendered to the Allies.
and told to convey to their groups the Allied appreciation of their efforts.
Necessary orders about handling in areas are a particular source of
confusion and should be avoided.

Surrender of areas.

6. The surrender must be to G.A.O's, and Allied officers who
should sign the receipt.
7. The reason for surrender must be justified by law and not for
any other reason.
8. G.A.O's may employ carabinieri or others for receiving and
guarding the surrendered areas.

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5. It is extremely important that while order is to be maintained and arms have to be surrendered, patriots should be treated with great tact and sympathy, in order to avoid arising antagonism and discouragement which could become known and have an adverse effect upon patriots still operating against the enemy. Leaders of partisan groups should be treated by A.M.O.'s, for the consolation when they have rendered to the Allies, and told to convey to their groups the Allied appreciation of their efforts. Temporary orders about handling in some are a particular source of aggravation and should be avoided.

Surrender of A.M.O.

6. The surrender must be to O.A.O.'s, and Allied officers who should sign the receipt.

7. The reason for surrender must be justified by law and not for any other reason.

8. O.A.O.'s may employ carabinieri or others for receiving and guarding the surrendered arms.

9. O.A.O.'s have discretion to fix date on which arms should be handed in.

10. Date of arms handed in by patriots and eventually handed over to M.O. Special Force must be turned in to Security Branch A.M.O. to whom a return must be sent in at the end of each month to show what arms are on charge.

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11. O.A.O.'s have permission to release arms to temporary patriots who may in fact be drawn out of patriotic bands.

12. Surrendered arms will be moved to central points such as Joragin whence they will be taken over by M.O. Special Force and returned to South Italy where they will in fact be used for dropping; they are urgently required for this purpose. A.M.O. at Joragin should please notify this M.O. at what central points they can collect arms.

13. It must be requested on all approaches O.A.O.'s that when they move on they must hand over any arms in their charge to an A.M.O. or A.O.C. officer.

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14. A short report must also be sent by A.M.O. Advises at the end of each month to give a picture of the position as far as it is known or guessed in order that this Headquarters may have an idea what areas are still hidden, with any recommendations for dealing with the problem.

Form of Certification of A.M.O.

15. Certificates will only be issued to individuals but in special cases letters of thanks may be sent to towns or villages who have actively aided the Allied cause.

16. Certificates will be issued to patriots who may be of any nationality but who for this purpose are defined as being members of recognized fighting bands who have carried arms or carried out demolitions or engaged in sabotage.

17. Care must be taken not to issue certificates to bogus patriots who, for instance, only become patriots after their area was liberated. On the other hand C.A.O's. have discretion to issue certificates to any independent band of two who blew up a bridge.

18. Certificates will be endorsed by a recognized patriot leader and by an Allied officer who will probably be the C.A.O.

19. It is proposed to number these certificates and numbers should be issued to areas by blocks.

20. There must inevitably be a considerable backlog in the issue of some certificates which will therefore be issued by A.M.O. after A.M.O. have left.

21. Also all regions will have to issue certificates, if properly vouched for by patriot leaders, in respect of areas liberated within the last few months. Regional Commissioners should please give it as much very early attention so as to clear up outstanding as soon as possible.

Patriot representatives for Corps Headquarters.

22. Their main duties are first to help ascertain C.A.O's. to identify leaders of patriot bands and second to help to select suitable patriots out of the bands to work on the C.A.O's. staff and third to assist A.M.O. in dealing with patriot problems.

23. Patriot representatives are in no way political.

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Patriot Representatives for Corps Headquarters.

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23. Patriot representatives are in no way political.

24. A total of ten have been sent up with drivers to A.S.O. at 5 and 8 armies for distribution to A.S.O. Liaison officers at Corps H.Q. Four are for 5 army and six for 8 army of whom two are for the African Coast.

25. These patriot representatives belong, five to the Military Central Italy Group controlled recently by Col. de Micaudis and now by Col. Harrobo, and five to the Committee Liberatori Nazionale. Mr. Harrobo has done much valuable work in the Chief of the Military Section of the C.I.L. 3660

26. Patriot representatives are sent out by their own organizations. They should be housed by A.S.O.

27. D.A.S.O. (A.S.I.) is sending instructions to areas that these representatives should be put on the A.S.O. ration strength and should draw petrol for their cars.

28. The transport position is tight but action has been obtained that these representatives should have our ration may be requisitioned locally for this purpose.

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29. Each member of the patriot representatives teams with him to the Army two personal signatures and two credentials signed either by Bernabo or Jauer. C.S.I. (B) of A.L.I. have agreed that these numbers should be issued with brown permit papers by Corps B. These permits will regularize their movement in Army areas since they are all technically civilians.

Patriot poster signed by General Alexander.

- 30. 20,000 have been sent to 5 Army and 30,000 to 8 Army.
- 31. They should be put up in forward areas as soon as these are liberated.
- 32. The contents of the poster will also be broadcast locally by P.N.B. and will be put in Italian newspapers.
- 33. Particular care should be taken that patriots ⁱⁿ see this poster as soon as possible.

Future Government and the Future of Patriots

- 34. C.I.B. committees have no legal status as soon as A.L.I. have taken control.
- 35. The local Government of the Province will act on the advice of the Sindaco and the Giunta Comunale. The Government of the Province will act on the advice of the Prefect and his two committees.
- 36. It is at present tentatively suggested that a special Italian committee shall be set up in each province to cope with the rehabilitation of patriots and others and the reconstruction and reorganization of the provinces. Alternatively this work may be done by existing committees or by special sub-committees of existing committees.
- 37. In any case it is necessary to produce urgently a clear declaration on future policy and as soon as this is in operation the proposals must be broadcast to Italians on either side of the line. In the meantime will all C.I.B.'s please give special consideration to the lot of deserving patriots.
- 38. It is tentatively proposed that Signor Bonai himself should make this declaration. It is keenly recognized that in some cases patriots

36. Particular care should be taken that patriot boys see this poster as soon as possible.

Future Government and the Future of Patriots.

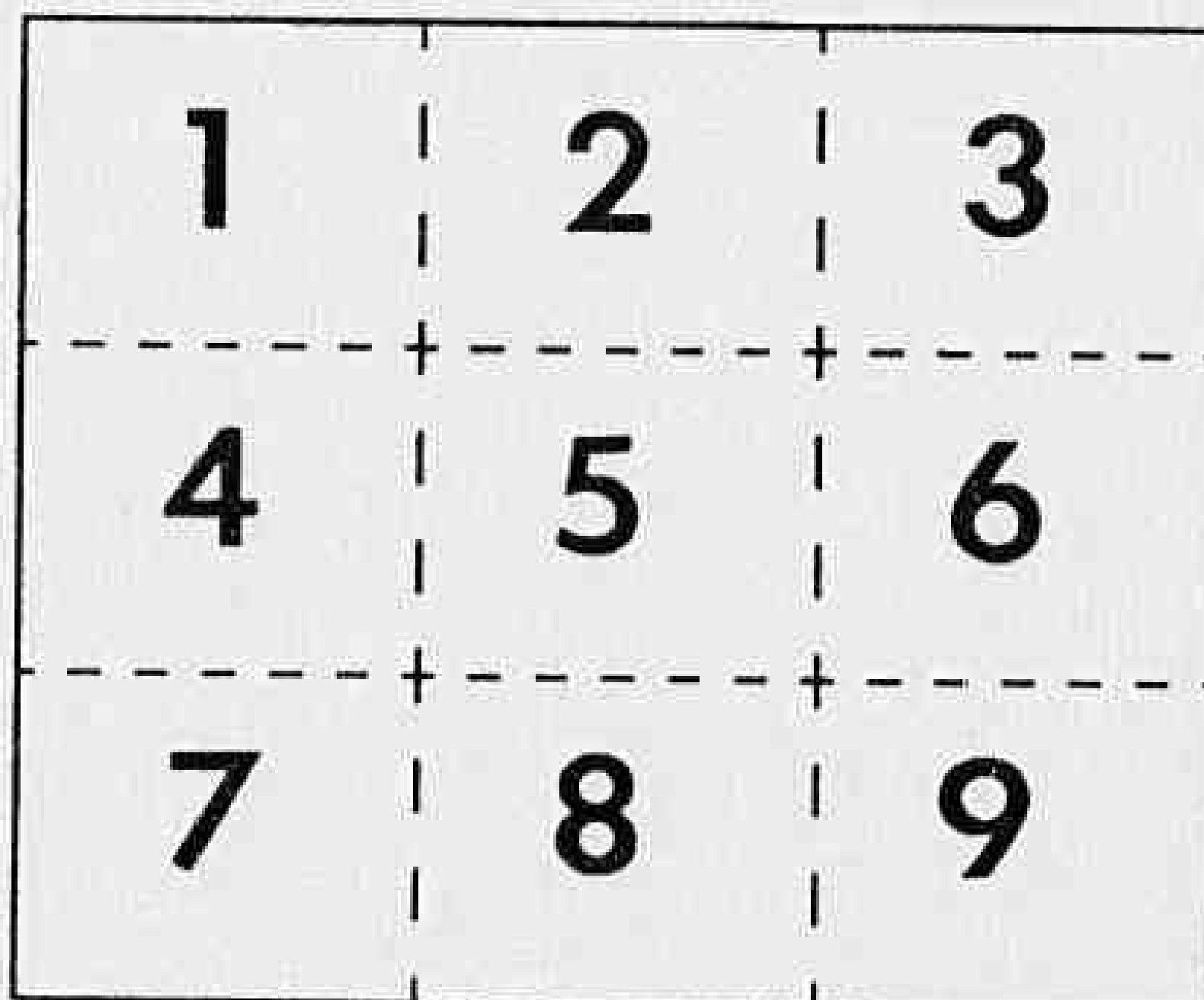
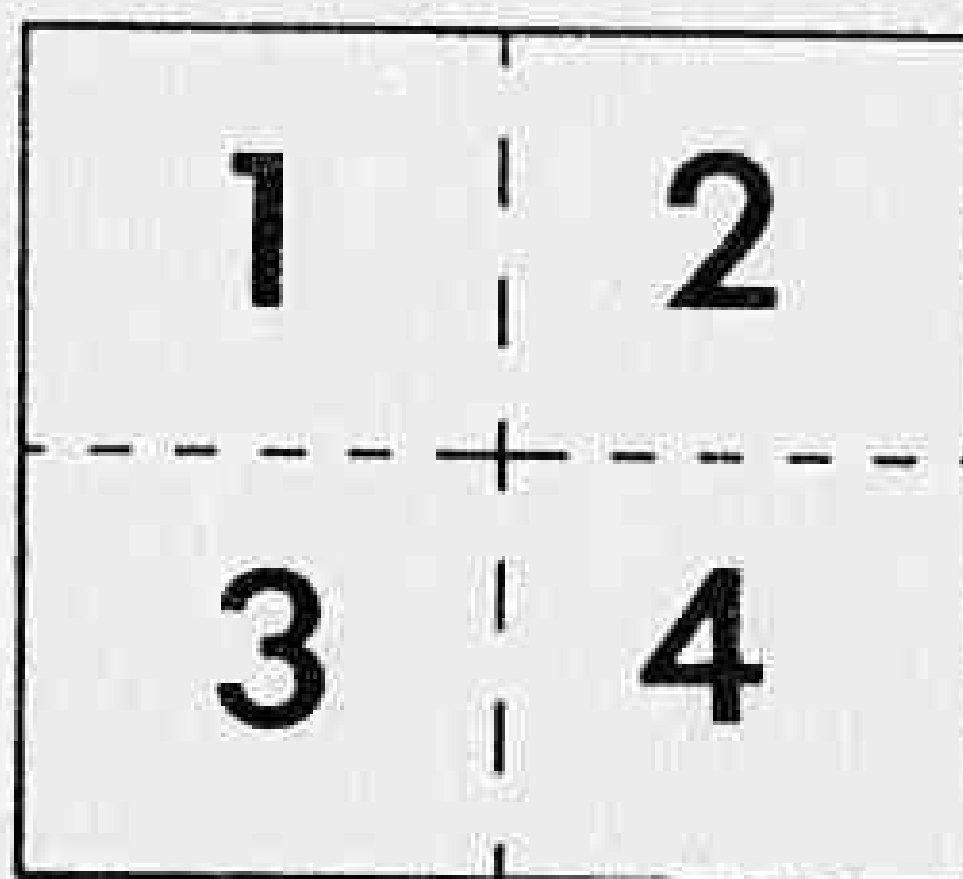
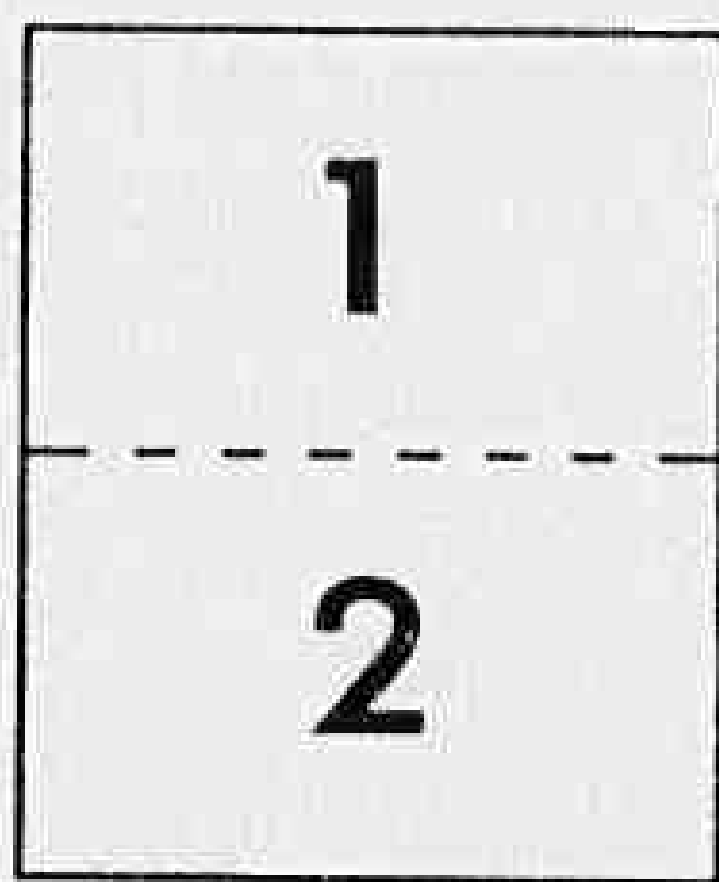
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37. In any case it is necessary to produce urgently a clear declaration on future policy and so much as this is in operation the proposals must be broadcast to Italians on either side of the line. In the meantime will all C.A.M.'s please give special consideration to the lot of deserving patriots.
38. It is tentatively proposed that a letter signed himself should make this declaration. It is kindly recognized that in most cases patriots North of the line may be discouraged in not knowing their future but it is most strongly felt that since any declaration by some must embrace people other than patriots it would be fatal to produce hurriedly a declaration until it is fully agreed by all concerned. This should be explained to the patriots also that it is definitely our intention to form an organization at the earliest possible moment for feeding, looking after and distributing food to the best advantage.

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G.D. Mc Carthy
Patriot Branch,
P.O. & M.G. Section,
for Executive Council war.

MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



AI PAT ORMAI I

Col vostro coraggio, con il vostro spirito
abnegazione, avete accelerato la liberazione.
Le Nazioni Unite e l'Italia vi ringraziano.
Avete assolto finora un grande compito.
non sarà finita finchè vi saranno ancora te

RIOTI ITALIANI LIBERI CITTADINI D'ITALIA

o d'iniziativa e la vo-
ne del vostro paese.

ma la vostra missione
chi sul suolo italiano.

Il Comitato dovrebbe essere in grado di fornire dati
su quanto segue:

- 1) Nominativi delle persone che maggiormente
subì danni o che siano assolutamente indigenti.
- 2) Medicinali più urgenti.

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Avete assolto finora un grande compito, ma la vostra missione non sarà finita finchè vi saranno ancora tedeschi sul suolo italiano. Ma vi è ancora, per voi, molto lavoro da svolgere subito nel vostro paese. A misura che le Armate Alleate avanzano, una nuova Italia emerge, una nuova Italia da ricostruire che deve essere plasmata e formata, il cui suolo dovrà essere preparato per il massimo rendimento, una nuova Italia che ha bisogno di aiuto.

Avete combattuto per liberare l'Italia. Adesso dovete lavorare alla ricostruzione di questa Italia che con il vostro aiuto è stata liberata. Più presto sarà provveduto a questo lavoro di ricostruzione, più rapidamente le Armate Alleate potranno continuare a svolgere il loro compito: scacciare i tedeschi dall'Italia.

L'Armata della ricostruzione segue passo per passo le Armate Alleate combattenti; questa Armata è il GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO. La prima responsabilità assunta dal Governo Militare Alleato è di far rispettare la legge e di mantenere l'ordine nelle zone liberate d'Italia.

Il Governo Militare Alleato si adopera anche, con tutti i mezzi a sua disposizione, per alleviare le sofferenze portate dal vostro suolo, non solo dalla guerra, ma anche dalla selvaggia brutalità dei Nazi-fascisti.

Il Governo Militare Alleato in Italia non si ingerisce in alcun modo, nelle questioni politiche dei partiti; si rifiuta assolutamente di trattare con i traditori d'Italia, i fascisti.

Unico scopo del Governo Militare Alleato è di aiutare

subito danni o che siano assolutamente indigenti.

2) Medicinali più urgenti.

3) Condizioni dei pubblici servizi.

4) Quantitativi di viveri abbandonati dai fascisti e dai tedeschi.

5) Nomi dei fascisti che hanno collaborato attivamente con i tedeschi e di chiunque abbia, con la sua delittuosa attività, tradito la patria: in special modo di chi abbia denunciato i compatrioti ai tedeschi.

Ai capi dei patrioti verrà richiesto di presentare una lista completa con i nomi di tutti quelli che hanno combattuto con loro o che li hanno aiutati.

I patrioti, che con il loro ardimento, la loro indefessa fatica e la loro forza d'animo hanno cooperato alla liberazione del Paese, dovranno essere i primi a collaborare col Governo Militare Alleato. Essi si dovranno presentare immediatamente all'ufficiale del G. M. A. per denunciare le armi in loro possesso, le munizioni e gli esplosivi, onde permettere che possano essere raccolti e inoltrati per via aerea ai patrioti del Nord che continuano la lotta.

Il Governo Militare Alleato non può sostare: deve proseguire per soccorrere gli altri italiani che vengono man mano liberati. Lascierà quindi l'amministrazione della comunità nelle mani di probi cittadini che ormai non dovranno più subire la tirannide fascista.

assolutamente di trattare con i traditori d'Italia

Unico scopo del Governo Militare Alleato
popolo italiano e di agire nel suo interesse.

I patrioti italiani e tutti i buoni cittadini
berate possono essere di grande aiuto al Governo
organizzando un comitato rappresentativo al
contatto con l'ufficiale del G. M. A. non appena
giunto la sua sede.

TO PATRIOTS FREE COUNTRY

By your courage, skill and endurance, you have hastened the liberation of your country. The United Nations and Italy thank you.

You have played your part nobly thus far. But your task is not finished while there are still Germans on Italian soil. There is much more for you to do at once for your country. As the Allied armies go forward, the new Italy emerges — a new Italy which needs rebuilding, an Italy which needs tending and tilling, whose soil must be made to produce its utmost — a new Italy that needs you.

You have fought to free Italy. Now you must help to build the Italy you have helped to free. The more speedily this is done, the more quickly will the Allied armies complete their job of throwing the Germans out of all Italy.

Behind the fighting Allied Armies comes the army of reconstruction: that is Allied Military Government. The first responsibility of Allied Military Government is the maintenance of civil law and order in the liberated areas of Italy. Allied Military Government also endeavours by means within its power to relieve the suffering caused

ditori d'Italia, i fascisti.

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tirannide fascista.

H.R. Alexander

*Generale Comandante
delle Armate*

TRIOTS OF ITALY NO CITIZENS OF ITALY

not by war alone, but by the savage brutality of the Nazis and Fascists.

The Allied Military Government in no way concerns itself with political parties and factions in Italy; except that it will not treat with Fascist traitors. Its only purpose is to aid the Italian people in their own interest.

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- 3 Condition of public services.
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H. R. Alexander

*Generale Comandante in Capo
delle Armate Alleate in Italia*

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H. R. ALEXANDER
General

Commander-in-chief of Allied Armies in Italy

By your courage, skill and endurance, you have hastened the liberation of your country. The United Nations and Italy thank you.

You have played your part nobly thus far. But your task is not finished while there are still Germans on Italian soil. There is much more for you to do at once for your country. As the Allied armies go forward, the new Italy emerges — a new Italy which needs rebuilding, an Italy which needs tending and tilling, whose soil must be made to produce its utmost — a new Italy that needs you.

You have fought to free Italy. Now you must help to build the Italy you have helped to free. The more speedily this is done, the more quickly will the Allied armies complete their job of throwing the Germans out of all Italy.

Behind the fighting Allied Armies comes the army of reconstruction: that is Allied Military Government. The first responsibility of Allied Military Government is the maintenance of civil law and order in the liberated areas of Italy. Allied Military Government also endeavours by means within its power to relieve the suffering caused

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ROME AREA COMMAND, AND FIVEARMY, AND EIGHTARMY, REGION FIVE
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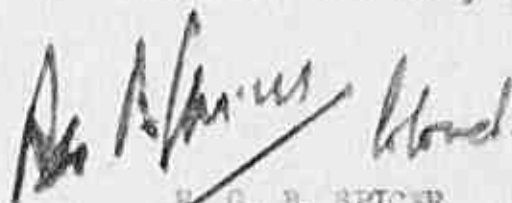
22 June 1944

SUBJECT: Partisans

TO : His Excellency Bonomi, Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to the conversation I had with you and Signor Aldisio yesterday when we discussed the subject of partisans and their position in relation to officers of the Allied Military Government on their entry into newly liberated areas.
2. As I explained to you, instances have occurred of the partisans contending that they and their members were the proper and lawful governing authority and that they had been told this by the Italian Government or its representatives.
3. As promised, I have conveyed to Lord Stansgate your statement that no such intimation has been given by your Government or its predecessors and he welcomes your offer to take the necessary steps to overcome the difficulty mentioned.
4. I am to suggest for your consideration that an effective method of dealing with the matter would be for Your Excellency to state the position by means of radio together with official notices which might be posted at the same time as proclamations of the Allied Military Government and such other means as may be necessary to announce to the Italian people in areas recently liberated or to be liberated that they must obey the orders of Allied officers and in particular AOC/AMB officials.
5. In conveying these suggestions to Your Excellency, I take the opportunity of repeating that the bravery and usefulness of the partisan groups who function under the highest orders in furtherance of the Allied cause is fully appreciated.



H. G. B. SPICKER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

WML/jgt

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To ~~A.P. at~~ ~~Int.~~

When in Rome it was suggested to me that one of the best ways of meeting the partisan difficulty would be for Bonhamia by wireless broadcasts, by notices put up with our proclamations to announce to the Italian people in areas recently liberated & to be liberated that they must obey the orders of allied officers & in particular A.C.F./A.M.G. officials.

22 June 44.

G. R. Shippin
C.C.O.

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Partisans. Col Spicer informed the Prime Minister that he had Lord Stanagate's authority for drawing his attention to a difficult position which had at times arisen in connection with the activities of Partisan Groups. Experience had shown that in certain instances when AMG officers entered a newly liberated area on the heels of advancing troops, they found groups of partisans in possession of the area or commune. There was a tendency on their part to resent the presence of AMG, they, contending that they (the partisans) were the proper and lawful governing authority and that they had been told this by the Italian authorities. In addition, in certain cases they had appointed a Prefect and/or Sindaco for the conduct of the administration.

Col Spicer made it clear that the bravery and usefulness of the Partisans Groups who had functioned under great personal risk to themselves and with the highest motives, was not questioned.

The Prime Minister and Aldisio said that no such intimation as is indicated above had been given to the Partisans by the Italian Government and they authorized Col Spicer to inform Lord Stanagate that the matter would be seriously considered with a view to appropriate steps being taken to overcome the difficulty mentioned.

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*Extract from minutes of Interview with Prime Minister and
Minister of Interior on 21st June 1944. See file 14/1 Page 42.*

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22 June 1944

SUBJECT: Cable - Partisans

TO : RC & MG Section

1. Attached copy of cable dispatched today over my signature in accordance with the verbal instructions for the purpose given by Brigadier Lush to the Director, Interior Sub-Commission on 21 June, 1944.

Encl: as above.

R. H. H. H.
STANBATE

Vice President

Administrative Section C. 2

(Signed in above a duty)

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FROM: Rear Headquarters

TO : AMG 5th Army
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SUBJECT: Cable

22 June 2944

TO : Adjutant General

Please dispatch above cable SECRET - PRIORITY, and forward Interior Sub-Commission three copies.

R.H. [Signature]
 STANBATE
 Vice President
 Administrative Section

(Signed as above in [Signature])

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2 JUN 1944

Subject: Partisan Activity.Major H. G., A.M.C.
Eight Army.Interior Sub-Commission,
Rear H. G., A.M.C.
A.P.O. 304.

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13 June 44.

1. The attached report is typical of many being received from C.A.Os in the forward areas, in regard to partisan activity. If such reports are of interest to you or the Italian Government they can be forwarded as received if you will advise any action you require.

2. The note referred to in the last paragraph of the enclosure under reference has been detached and forwarded to 'A' Force, as it contains recommendation for payment of an Italian national who assisted escaped British P.Ws.

Er Beccare
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H. G., A.M.C. Eighth Army Main.

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Subject: Partisan Activity in Menteretende

TO : HQ, AMG, Eighth Army Main

1. A Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale was formed in Menteretende on November 6, 1943 by the following:

- a. Claudio Recchi - Action Party
- b. Eduar de Mancini - Communist Party
- c. Francesco Zuccheri - Communist Party
- d. Giuseppe Serrecchia - Socialist Party
- e. Cianci Balilla - Socialist Party
- f. Ceccene Bernarde - Christian Socialist

2. Each party had small membership lists and they agreed to furnish men for partisan activities. As things turned out all of the partisans, with the exception of one Socialist, were furnished by the Communist Party. The other parties gave valuable assistance to the partisans by procuring food and lodging for them.

3. In the beginning there were 150 partisans but this number was later reduced to 40. This group, together with some 40 escaped English prisoners and 10 escaped Russian prisoners, was in contact with the Allied Forces and received arms, ammunition and a radio transmitter which were dropped to them by plane.

4. These men attacked the Germans at every opportunity and by March of this year, when they were told to desist, had destroyed 8 vehicles and killed 24 Germans.

5. They resumed their activity shortly after the break through at Cassino and in the days immediately preceding the occupation killed 46 Germans, took 5 prisoners and destroyed several tanks and vehicles. At this time the population of the town joined the partisans in expelling the Germans. When the town had been cleared they sent a signal to the approaching English troops.

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6. The partisans lost 8 in killed and one, Edmondo Riva, who was found in possession of a transmitter, was taken away with the Germans.

7. The leaders of this activity were a Russian prisoner, Capt. Alex Keloski, a South African Sergeant, E. J. Langford, Number 198121, and a partisan, Francesco Zuccheri.

8. Sergeant Langford left a note which is being transmitted herewith and stated that any detail of this activity could be obtained from Francesco Zuccheri.

C. E. Langford
E. E. TORCELLINI
1st Lieut, S16 C

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