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3	16 Sept	Amgot 250	Tac. HQ, 15 th Army Group
4	17 Sept	Deputation	to CCAO
5-6	15 Sept	From Cap L. C. Vichos	Emmanuele Giorgio
7	18 Sept	369 HQ to Cap.	"
8-11	18 Sept	AL/26/17	SCAO Palermo
12	18 "	8/11M	From. Amgot Liaison 15 th A.G.
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65	23 -		All S.C.A.O.'s - Ch. Spofford
66-68	21 -		From: S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta
69	25 "	365/HQ.	To: SCAO Caltanissetta

TRANSLATION

Palermo, li 12 ottobre 1943

Gent.mo Signor Colonnello,

nel prendere atto della comunicazione che Avete fatto con nota n.369/HQ n.9686 dell'II-IO-u.s., relativa alla costituzione dell'Unità Crociata per la Liberazione d'Italia dalla Schiavitù Tedesca, Vi comunico di aver provveduto immediatamente allo scioglimento della Lega suddetta.

Nel darVi assicurazione di ciò approfitto per farVi viva preghiera affinché sia esaudito il mio desiderio inteso ad espletare una qualsiasi attività corrispondentistica o altra che Voi credete più opportuno affidarmi.

In attesa di un cortese cenno di riscontro invio i miei più vivi ringraziamenti con le mie più vive scuse.

Arialdo Mastrantonio
(Arialdo Mastrantonio)
Osped. Militare n.122 Chirurgia-Palermo

Colonel. G.S.C. CHARLES .M. SPOFFORD

Chief Staff Officer

Governo Militare Alleato

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Palermo, 16th October 1943

Honored Colonel:

In acknowledging your communication No 369/Hq.
9686 of 11/10, relative to the Constitution of the Union for Liberation
of Italy from German enslavement, I wish to state that I
immediately proceeded to the dissolution of the above league.

In assuring you of this, I take advantage of this to
perceivently request that my intense desire be granted to perform
any corresponding activity or any other which you deem more
suitable to entrust to me.

Awaiting your kind reply, I send my sincerest
thanks with my sincerest ~~regards~~ ^{apologies}.

/s/ Arnaldo Mastrantonio

Capod. Militare n. I-2 Chirurgia-Palermo

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Chief Staff Officer
Allied Military Government
Palermo

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Prisoners of War
S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta

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365/HQ

25 October 3

1. Attention is invited to letter of your office dated 21 Oct 43 (Calt.Prov/14) and request of Colonel Luigi Aiello to join the Italian Army to fight the Germans.
2. All officer prisoners of war in Sicily are treated in the same manner as those on the continent. They are not released on parole except where needed by the Allies for some particular job, for example, a post essential to the governing of Sicily. In other cases they remain in the P.O.W. camps and are organized into companies for service in the war effort.
3. All officer prisoners who are-at-large and are not on parole should report at once to

P.O.W. Headquarters,
P.O.W. Camp 301
94 Corso Calatafimi,
Palermo
4. It is requested that your office so notify Col. Luigi Aiello, 35 Via Banno, Caltanissetta.

fr *L.H. VDF Capt*
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

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Put on file 369 HR. Elm 68
**REQUEST FOR ACTIVE SERVICE IN
ITALIAN ARMY**

HQRS. AMGOT

Col. LUIGI AIELLO



The attached request is forwarded for
instructions please.

Caltanissetta
21 Oct. 1943.

W. F. Liss
Lt. Col.,
S.C.A.O., Caltanissetta Province.

*action at 69
folio 108
file 265 (it)*

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CAPT YAN DUSEN

Al Signor GOVERNATORE MILITARE DELLA PROVINCIA

di

CALTANISSETTA

Il sottoscritto Aiello Luigi fu Costantino Colonnello d'Arti-
glia in Servizio Permanente costituitosi quale prigioniero
di guerra dal 30 Agosto u.s. in questa Provincia, prega V.S. di
interessare il Comando Alleato per dargli la possibilità di
raggiungere qualche Unità dell'Esercito Italiano allo scopo
di prendere parte alla lotta contro i tedeschi.

Caltanissetta 9 Ottobre 1943

Il Colonnello

Luigi Aiello
Caltanissetta Via Bannò N.35

Luigi

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Caltanissetta 9 Ottobre 1943

Il Colonnello

Di
Caltanissetta Via Bannò N.35

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221300A NR R892/22 (702) SECRET ROUTINE IBS 2283
FROM: FILPOT FROM AMGOT 230905A
TO : CO IBS FOR AMGOT

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Reference your A-814. Cite AMGOT 446 dated 19 October.
Italians wishing to enlist for service against Germany must join
Italian Army.

(To IBS Sears for AMGOT. From Filpot from AMGOT. Cite FA 68)

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File 369

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AMGOT/369/HQ
 AMGOT HQ SICILY
 23 October 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Recruits

TO : All S.C.A.O.s

For your information a communication has been received from 15th Army Group stating that Italians wishing to enlist for service against Germany must join the Italian Army.

Franklin D. Roosevelt
 CHARLES M. SPOFFORD, *Capt.*
 Colonel, G.S.C.,
 Chief Staff Officer.

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COMITATO SICILIANO
PER LA FORMAZIONE DI UN
CORPO DI VOLONTARI
VIA STABILE N. 169
PALERMO

11, 19/10/43

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Al Generale Barone
RENNEL OF.ROOD

P a l e r m o

Mentre le truppe italiane combattono contro il comune nemico, La preghiamo a nome di tutti i siciliani che non intendono estranearsi dalla lotta, di voler insistere presso chi di ragione per un cortese riscontro alla nostra offerta di organizzare un corpo di volontari che, indipendentemente da ogni ideologia di parte, combattessero per la cacciata dei tedeschi dalla nostra Patria.

Ci permettiamo di far notare che i giovani, entusiasticamente offertisi, sono impazienti di agire non solo sui campi di battaglia ma anche nella preparazione psicologica, tanto necessaria per dare al popolo una chiara visione della tragica ora che si attraversa e del dovere d'ogni italiano di compiere qualsiasi sacrificio per contribuire alla redenzione del proprio Paese.

Siamo certi che un'attiva propaganda in tal senso darebbe in Sicilia un volontario contributo di fresche energie sicuramente superiore a quello che potrebbe essere apportato da un semplice richiamo di classi.

per il Comitato
IL SEGRETARIO
(Dott.Giacomo D'Alessandro)

Giacomo D'Alessandro
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Sicilian Committee for the formation
of a voluntary Corp.
Via Stabile N 169

Palermo October 10, 1943
To General Penned of Road
Palermo

While the Italian troops fight
against the common enemy, we beg
you in the name of all Sicilians
who don't intend to remain away
from the conflict, to insist with whom ever
is in charge, for a favorable reply to our offer to
organise a Volunteer Corps, which independently
from any ideology of party, would fight to drive the
Germans from our country.

We beg to point out that youth, having enthusiastically
offered itself, is impatient to act not only on the
field of battle, but also in the psychological preparation,
so necessary to give to the people a clear view of
the tragic hour through which we are passing and
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would bring in beside a voluntary contribution of
fresh energies, surely superior to any which could be
accomplished by a simple recall of classes.

For the Committee

The Secretary

(Dott. Giacomo D'Allessandro)

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19 OCTOBER 1943

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PRIORITY

FILPOT FOR AMGOT

CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED PAREN FROM SEARS FOR AMGOT TO FILPOT FOR AMGOT CITE
AMGOT FOUR FOUR SIX PAREN REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE RECRUITING
OF ITALIANS FOR SERVICE AGAINST GERMANY

369/HQ.

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Volunteers for Service with the
Allied Forces
S.C.A.F., England

369/HQ

October 16, 3

1. Reference is made to your letter PR/287 of 8 October 1943.

2. The matter of the recruiting of Sicilians and Italians for service against the Germans is receiving consideration in high quarters. A directive on the subject setting forth the policy is expected shortly. The information will be passed on to you when it is received.

h. G. V. D. J. Capt.
CHARLES H. SPURDIN,
Colonel, S.C.A.F.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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PIA 17/10

Subject:- Volunteers for Service with the Allied Forces 61

To:- AMGOT HQ Sicily

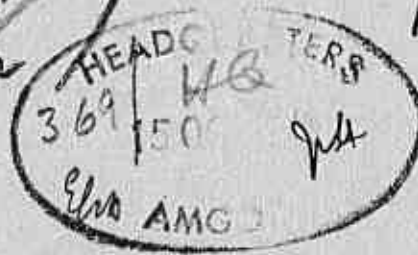
PR/281

From:- AMGOT Province of Ragusa

8-10-43

A number of Sicilian exsoldiers and otherwise are offering their services to fight the Germans. Is there any suggestion of raising Italian units here.-

Ragusa



[Signature]
Lt-Col
S.C.A.O. AMGOT
Province of Ragusa

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Formation of Free Italy Movement

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ADOT/369/IN

Hannock Place, Military Hospital

No. 1 in Palermo, 2nd Surgery, Palermo October 11, 3

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1. Your communications and circulars (some of them dated September 20, 1943) regarding "The Crusaders for the Liberation of Italy from German Slavery" and "Goffredo Mameli" League have come to the attention of this Headquarters.

2. The contents of these papers have been noted and the motive which inspires them may be very praiseworthy.

3. I am, however, directed to point out that political activity is wholly prohibited in Sicily by the Allied Military Government and that the preparation and distribution of such circulars and the formation of such organizations should be discontinued until such time as ~~the~~ the Badoglio Government with the approval of the Allied forces undertakes a recruitment campaign of its own.

L. H. V. D. J. C. P.
CHARLES E. SEYMOUR,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
A.P.O. 758
Translation Section

OCT 7 1943
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DATE

SUBJECT : Formation of a Free Italy Movement

TO : AMGOT

REMARKS : None



TRANSLATED BY : Pfc. GUARINO

..... *Bussey*
CARVEL BUSSEY
1st ~~Inf~~ Lt., FA
Chief, Translation Section



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"THE CRUSADERS FOR THE LIBERATION OF ITALY
FROM GERMAN SLAVERY"

The Presidency-

September 20, 1943

Headquarters of the American 7th Army, Palermo.

I have the honor of informing this Highly Esteemed Army Command of the forming of a group of Action under the title of "The Crusaders for the Liberation of Italy from the German-Fascist Oppression", under the name of "Goffredo Mameli" composed only of prisoners residing here, since all feel in their hearts and souls not only the hate against the German oppressor but as these cannot remain spectators before the devastating furies of those who have not only brought the wars and destruction in our country, but because, above all, they desire the destruction of that which is most beautiful and most sublime in the hearts of all the people: "the family and the homes".

In the capacity of promotor and President of the committee of "The Crusaders for the Italian Liberation from the German - fascist oppression", I have seen and obtained full approval of the committee and of many of my followers, and I have ordered the distribution of hand written pamphlets, signed by me and conforming with the enclosed signature.

Taking this and every Italian's necessity into consideration, in the name of the committee, and of all the unlimited number of followers, I ask with a vivid and earnest request, the approval and support of this esteemed Army Command.

It again puts itself united as to the present copy of the program concerning the unity already formed.

With the hope that this command will kindly examine and approve the formation of our committee, and with the certainty that this unanimous request will be accepted, I send, in the name of the committee and the members, the most fervent, deep wishes.

Long live free Italy, Long live the Allied Troops
The Anti-German-Fascist Group -- The President--
(Arialdo MASTRANTONIO)

Military Hospital No. 1 of Palermo. 2nd Surgery.

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"THE CRUSADERS FOR THE LIBERATION OF ITALY
FROM GERMAN SLAVERY"

September 20, 1943 1943, Palermo.

Decision No. 1.

Program.

"The Crusaders for the Liberation of Italy from German Slavery", is a free, voluntary, league of courageous persons which has dedicated to the purpose of allying itself with the Allied troops in order to organize and enroll parties composed of all those generous and courageous Italians who feel in their hearts the necessity and duty of not remaining merely spectators in front of the de estating fury of the German, who is a stranger and barbarous. They want to guard with arms and with every means and for always, our lands and our loved ones; they want to revenge all the offenses they have received; and they want to revenge the liberty of our people against every overbearing act and oppression.

To direct the League there shall be a committee composed of four members, these shall choose the President and a Secretary.

The first committee will be composed of men who will be capable of taking part, as a whole, in the parties formed and organized, and to take part in the armed action.

The organizing activity is actually in shape, and in the future shall be entrusted to mutilated volunteers or war invalids, who find it impossible to make material use of the arms, but will give their activity and their labor in order to always advance more and more, the efficiency of the Crusaders.

To the Managing Committee will be given the most ample powers, as, the acceptance of the volunteers in the ranks of the Crusaders, their placement in the parties for future use, the organization of the parties themselves for the eventual expulsion from the League those elements who may be deemed unfit for the maintenance of the discipline in the very heart of the League.

The first Managing Committee is composed of the following components:

1. Cerminara Enso
2. Mannocci Piero
3. Arialdo Mastrantonio
4. Rosati, Omerelio

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The above-named commissioners have unanimously elected for President: Arialdo Mastrantonio, who is the founder and promotor of the CRUSADERS.

For Secretary has been nominated: Piero Mannocci.

The members of the Managing Committee who shall succeed the already formed Committee, shall be elected by the actual components, the committee itself.

The Crusador's Union shall lean to the Allied Military Government for aid, and the necessary means for the explication of its activities, and the reaching of its aims. After it has been legally recognized by the Allied Military Government it will take part in the managements and make use of all the powers that the Government may want to give.

The youth who wish to participate militarily among the daring of the Crusaders must take oath in the following manner:

"Before God and Italy, I swear that I will fight and give all my energy and activity, and be ready to make any sacrifice, even to the extreme, in order to render Liberty to my Country, and save her from the oppression, violence, and suppressions of the Germans.

The Secretary
Mannocci, Piero

The Committee ppw
1. Mastrantonio
2. Rosati, Mario
3. Mannocci, Piero
4. Cerminara, Enzo

The Committee P.
Mastrantonio, Arialdo

The present residence of the League is, the Military Hospital no. 1 in Palermo, 2nd Surgery.

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"THE CRUSADERS FOR THE LIBERATION OF ITALY
FROM GERMAN SLAVERY"

Italians, Brothers,

For years there has been burning in our souls the conquest of the liberty of labor's torch.

With the fall of Fascism and Badoglio's advent to power, Italy has drawn up the armistice with the Allied Forces, but it has put itself before an old and most ferocious enemy, the German with whom Fascism had wanted to bind itself by means of an unfortunate alliance which brings nothing but helpless submission. The German wants to think always, only, and exclusively, of the selfish and egotistic aim of world hegemony, without humanely caring for the fate of others; and now, he does not hesitate to transform your country into the most tragic battle grounds.

Our people, conscious of its liberating mission, thanks to Allied help, suffers and bears the barbaric actions of the Germans who pillage and put to fire and iron our homes and our lands.

It is humanly impossible that our sons and soldiers of Italy who are already prisoners of the allies, and live in the spiritual atmosphere of Liberty, be only spectators to the events which are taking place on our lands and in our homes.

Therefore, as the head of "The Crusaders for the Liberation of Italy from German Slavery", I, Goffredo Mameli, appeal to you, my comrades, so that, urged by the remote part of the heart for the sacred interest of liberating our brothers, our parents, our children, we unite in the name of God and Italy with the sole spirit of fighting, until we expell from Italy the German oppression and eradicate from the heart of each person any sentiment of that Nazism which has always sought to destroy (and it is destroying it at this very moment in our loved Italy) every sentiment of Liberty.

None, I say none, can disregard the appeal that I put out, the appeal that our parents, our children, and our heroic dead
? imploringly make to us.

Italians,

At the sound of the voices of our brothers who are oppressed

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by the Germans, we shall all answer unanimously with only one cry! "We shall come, and soon."

Everyone is capable of having this heart and this dignity which God has given us and which our heroic dead and combatants exemplify.

The Allies offer us all the possibilities, all the means! Thus the choice is ours: either the vile, or the Liberators of Civilization.

To not accept this call, is the same as acknowledging failure before him who is at this moment murdering either our mother or our father.

Long Live Liberty, Long Live Italy

September 10, 1943, Palermo.

p.c.c. Mameli

Translated Copy

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"THE CRUSADERS FOR THE LIBERATION OF ITALY
FROM GERMAN SLAVERY"

Comrades,

In the critical hour in which our Country finds itself, we should have only one thought, to unite ourselves at the side of the Allies, and Liberate our Country from the slavery which Mussolini's politics has subjected it.

Due to inevitable circumstances we find ourselves outside of the theatre in which the struggle is taking place; therefore it is necessary that we ask the Allied Command, together with our forces, that we fight at their side.

With this aim, a League named "Goffredo Mameli" has been formed, which with the consent of the Allied Command shall align itself at their side, in order to have the desired honor of liberating our land, our families, from the German oppressor.

At the voice of our hearts, the voice of all our dead become one. Let us unite and the world shall once more know that the Italian soldier is not vile, but he knows how to fight and die for his land, and for his liberty. I hope that at my cry the cries of all shall unite themselves, because it is inevitable that anyone who calls himself an Italian, cannot do otherwise but die because of his hate for the German and the struggle to liberate our people and our land from the oppressor.

Long live Italy

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Recruiting of Italians in Sicily.

AMCOT/369/HQ

S.C.A.O. MESSINA.

9th October 3

1. This H.Q. has asked high authority for a policy as needed in your ref 123 dated 4th October 1943.
2. I.B.S. Palermo are understood to have several Italian Officers at their H.Q. who are planning such a program.
3. This H.Q. will inform you as promptly as possible of any policy that may be established.
4. Your giving the officers in question rations and treating them as friendly guests is approved and recommended.
5. In direct reply to your para 4.
 - (a) For the time being at least it may be assumed that the orders are authentic even though they may not be in line with Allied Policy.
 - (b) Pending a final policy decision the S.C.A.O. Messina should do all within his judgment and power to accommodate the officers.
 - (c) Same as (b).
 - (d) It is possible that a security problem may be involved but this program - if developed - will be under Allied supervision.
6. This H.Q. directs that you arrange for these officers' work to be limited to planning pending further instructions.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET AND SECRET

090820A NR 4880
FROM: CINC
TO : IBS

SECRET



IBS 1384
090820A

Amgot Messina reports three Italian Army Officers, Colonel Francesco Gergano, Lieut Colonel Nicola Giovene and Capt Anthony Fissé, under orders from General Roattar to recruit Italians in Sicily for unit known as Army of Insurrection. No knowledge this organisation. Investigate and report results to this Headquarters early.

(SIGNED CINC CITE FMGOT ACTION FATIMA INFORMATION IBS, NO 1 DIST)

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Enclosures: Translation of Orders. 46-48

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To : - General Officer Commanding
AMGOT Sicily

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Action at 50
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S.C.A.O. - MISSING

Staff.
First Party.

No. 102/ Op. V. di Prot.

20th September 1943.

SUBJECT :- Insurrection.

To all Commanders up to those of the Battaglione- Gruppo (included).

- (1) As it has been already known by the Badoglio Proclamation Italy, concluding the Armistice, had determined (fixed) intention of keeping the pacific and friendly attitude towards Germany.
The proofs are :-

The displacing of our troops.

The facilitation and help given to those German Parties (Groups), who, at first, abstained themselves from assaulting us; the delay and indecision of our first reactions.

- (2) To this Germany answered, in Italy and all the other common fronts, with the simultaneous and violent attack against our troops. This attack, as you who are of this trade, well understand, could not be an extemporized one, but represented the execution of a long prepared plan, which would have been carried out at the right moment, independently to the Armistice.

- (3) The aim of this attack was, to reduce Italy into a slave nation of the Reich, and to utilize her as a battle-front to keep war away from her home-land
Way of leading such attack :-

Treachery, broadcasting false news about surrender and falling back (Withdrawal), unheard of ill-treatment to military and civilians, the most complete non-observance of the most elementary laws and customs of war.

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Has spontaneously changed from Ally to a ferocious enemy.

Has lead Italy into a new war.

Has spontaneously allied Italy to her enemies of yesterday, mainly the Anglo-Americans.

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- (6) In the meantime, while the majority of the troops, helped strenuously by the populace, continue fighting in the peninsula, the Islands and elsewhere against prevailing German forces. You and your Units have the fortune of being in a zone cleared from the Germans. You have, and shall have the honour to constitute the nucleus of the "Army of Insurrection", of the Army, that enlarged by returning troops from other fronts or reconstructed ones and placed side by side with the Anglo-Americans shall free Italy.
- (7) The mission which is committed to you is very noble, and of vital importance to our Country, because, according to the way and the force by which it is going to be fulfilled depends, not only on the more or less rapid reconcentration of Central and Northern Italy, but also our situation at the moment of Peace Declaration.
- (8) At the present time, only a few of the Superior Commands of the Italian Army can be at your disposal. It is therefore utterly necessary that these Commands be united and combative, so as to represent right from the start, a solid weapon for the fighting and to become later on an ideal and brilliant group of Commands already reconstituted or newly constituted. Speak then, to your dependants, explain to them what has happened, what is happening and what shall happen, and try to make them bear in mind how very high their mission is.
- (9) Any kind of submission to German oppression shall be made to disappear. That was during the first hours of uncertainty and bewilderment. In a certain measure tolerated, shall not be any longer, now that things are clear to our minds and we know the way to follow. If the Commanders of the Sections refuse resistance in all ways possible against German troops, if they allow Germans to disarm them, or if they come to treaties with them, they are to be shot. There will have to be, at any cost, the strictest military discipline. Soldiers that commit crimes of insubordination, of mutiny or rebellion, and refuse to obey in presence of the enemy, or that manifest to the public, or by speeches or written papers etc., feelings contrary to the war or insubordinations are to be shot. In the same their superiors shall be shot if they refuse to put an immediate stop to such manifestations.
- Public order is to be taken care of in a very serious way. Those civilians who try to interfere with the present war affairs and who try in any way to help the Germans are to be shot. Soldiers that have been scattered everywhere during the previous period of disorder, are, after publication of an Order concerning them, to present themselves to their military authorities. If they

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- Soldiers or civilians who happen to be mixed up in such crimes, but who were not caught in the act, are to be taken as quickly as possible to extraordinary Courts.
- The extraordinary Courts are to be constituted by "Breve Regia" according to need, of the various Commands, starting from that of the Army and going down to that of the Regiment, inclusive. It could be also constituted by the Command of the Garrison, directed either by the General Officer or by the Colonel.
- Until further orders, the ordinary Courts of war will not take care of

crimes similar to those mentioned in the previous number.

(10) The expediting of the duties which have been committed to you, require also the constant application of the logic and tactical proceedings which have been taught you, and which some of you unfortunately have forgotten, or, still worse, do not take care to enforce.

I will recall the principal ones:-
March rationally, so that the troops tire less quickly, keep them above all compact, in order that they can quickly make use of their weapons;

Take care immediately and kindly of the troops needs.

Whether moving or stationary always take measures of precaution.

Keep in the front line cannons and not small patrols.

Hide or camouflage yourselves from the aeroplane.

Counter-attack the aeroplane ground strafing, with organized fire, even from rifles.

When stopped bar the streets by rifle fire, placing anti-tank obstacles and mounting gun pieces within a short range.

When stopped arrange yourselves so that, even having troops ahead you can manage to make front on all 360 degrees.

Make very much use of the defensive advantages of the villages, mounting gun pieces in the outside buildings and not outside of them. Last but not least even the manners must be taken care of, much more than they actually are.

One can be without jacket, for example, but that does not mean he must not take care of equipment and property, which must be in order. The Commander of the Party with equipment and property in disorder like Gypsies, shall be in promptly dismissed.

Understanding the holiness and the highness of our cause, all occupied to reach the goal which awaits us, you shall lead with energy and decision your Parties.

A day, probably much nearer than at first expected, you and your soldiers shall be spoken of, as vanguard of the Army of New Italy, with the same admiration and devotion with which the pioneers of our Risorgimento are remembered.

"Farsum vexilla, sursum corda" for the victorious march to the Alps.

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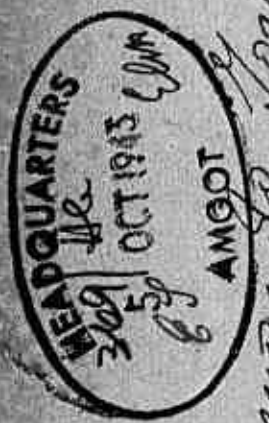
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Al Comandante Forner Armade
Militari Alleade.
Palermo

Az zotterintu Edore Guesce di Vin
censu stornu in Via Buttin 57
all'Uolatore, stelu clarsu dal 1945
prega cotende Fredi Comandante Alleato.
Iz steleru armature votu stornu.
tgh siene aldu duc spidellu
in armu e ke stins aut oppi more sar
la sud sorte. E cu' unu si stornu
a B'zardu ke stas circa 5 more more
ha not'ipe ed un aldu a Comandante
e vorrebamh' rife amolidei a segunier
Vellu merzuro ke la presentu saru
benivolamente accollu raddicamentu
m'ingranu ed a stornu

Destino
Edore Guesce
Palermo 2 ottobre 1943. Via Buttin 57

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Il sottosegretario Gellone Curcio di Vini
 corso d'acqua in Via Bontina, N° 57
 all'Udinese, lettera d'arrivo del 1925
 prega cordialmente l'Udinese di considerare l'Alto
 che volere arruolare volontario.
 Egli tiene conto che l'Alto è un
 un'arma che si usa con ogni nome sa
 la sua sorte. Il cui uso si dovrebbe
 a Bontina che sta circa 5 anni
 ha notato ed in alto a Bontina
 e vorrebbe che si arruolasse in seguito
 l'Alto merita che la presente carta
 benemerita arruola volontario
 ingegner ed a Bontina

Destino
 Gellone Curcio

Palermo 2 ottobre 1925. V.le Bontina 57

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To the Allied Military Government

Palermo

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The Undersigned Ettore Cusci, son of Vincenzo, living at Via Badia No 37 - Udine - born in 1925, begs this Command to allow him to enlist in the American Army.

The Undersigned has two brothers, who served in the Italian Army: one was in Bezette but it has been five months that the Undersigned has had no news of him, the other one was at Carneri (Milan). The Undersigned would be very glad to reach the residence town of the brother.

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Many thanks

Ettore Cusci.

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R. W.
on receipt
if Reply to S.
C.H.

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 Al Generale Harold: R.
 Lt. Col. Alexander:

Ufficiale, Generale. Comandante
 delle forze Alleate in Sicilia.

Mr. intende presentarsi a Voi.
 e pur rimanendo nell'incognito,
 per dimor. di rifugio?

Dalle forze Armate Italiane
 sono state chiamate per il servi-
 zio militare, ho avuto modo
 di ottenere esonero, presentando
 certificato medico, accusando in
 questo mal. che non ho.

Volendo intanto collaborare con
 le forze Alleate, e che per man-
 canza di legge da parte di que-
 sta, non posso aderire; mi ri-
 volgo a Voi perché ci obblighi.
 Chiedo scusa.

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ghi a accettare l'anonimato che
desidero a esporre qualche ma-
to che brucia per amor di pa-
tito.

Quindi prego la S. V. di ap-
plicare legge inesorabile, e
D.

nella classe del 1908 non spug-
giato.

Richiuscia di ottenere
quattro esportati; sentitamente
migratio

G. C. A.

data 4-11-1908.

Palermo

L. 24-9-1943.

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To General Harold Alexander
Governor of Sicily.

I remain incognito for fear of being refused
by the Allied Forces.
I have ~~been~~^{been} called by the Italian Army for ~~military~~^{civil}
mobilization. I obtained my release presenting a medical
certificate indicating physical disabilities which I do
not have. -

I am willing to collaborate with the Allied Forces
but I cannot, because I have a husband who grumbles
about love for the Party.

I beg your Honor to put into effect an inflexible
law; and I will not avoid my duty.

Hoping to receive a reply. -

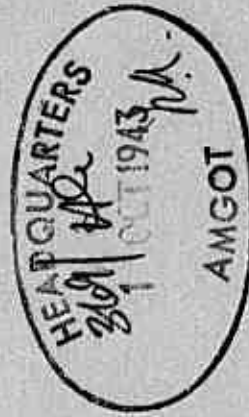
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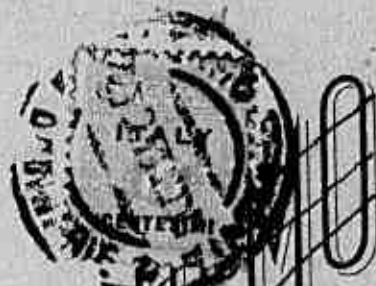
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VINCENZI



*Al Comando Generale
delle forze armate alleate
di Palermo*

Leitta

Illmo. Signor Comandante
delle Forze Armate Alleate.
Il sottoscritto Provino Francesco di
salvatore e fu teiartino Francesca Paola
nato a Palermo il 19-10-1905 abita a
Bagheria nel Corso Umberto I° 131 prega
la S. V. Illmo di volermi Onorare di
di arruolarmi assieme ai vostri forze armate
Intanto specifico di Professione Muratore
Titolo di studio 5 quinto Elementare
Grado Ricaputo nell'esercito Caporale
Categoria Zappatore Regg. al 45.
fanteria sono unito di Concedo.
La prego al questo Comandante tenente
possibile di rispondermi
Bagheria 29- settembre 1943.
Provino Francesco

To the Commander of Allied Forces

The undersigned Provino
Francesco, born in Palermo Oct. 13-1905
resident in "Bagheria" Corso Umberto I.
No. 131, begs your Honor to engage me
with the Allied forces. -

My trade is bricklayer, study to the
(5th class) I served in the Italian
Army as a Corporal, 45th Regiment -
infantry, I have been given a furlough

~~I am provided with the furlough~~

If it is not possible to accept me in
the American Army, I wish to have
an answer

Bagheria Sept. 23-1943

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Bagheria Sept. 23 - 1943

Provino Francesco



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Al. Comando Militare d'Est

della Sicilia
Ho retto il Alceide di

L'istituto dove 1971 dimissionato a

Persepolis in Via Paolo Saggio 81-

Sergente della Forza Armata Italiana,

ora prigioniero di guerra degli S.U.

meno in libertà sulla parola,

chiede a questo onorevole Comando

Altezza della Sicilia, che mi sia concesso

un arruolamento come volontario di

guerra per andare a combattere i

tedeschi e collaborare con la Forza

Armata Alleanza in qualsiasi fronte

La Siene accetta questo mio desiderio

e che mia firma mi impegni sul mio

onore personale di attenermi a qualsiasi

condizione.

con ogni onoranza



Serg. Alceide

Poteremo in Via Paolo Leggio n° 81-
 Sergente della 101a Armata Americana,
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 chiede a questo onorevole Comandante
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 Armata Alketo in qualsiasi fronte
 la Sire accolta questo mio desiderio
 e che mi firma mi impegnino sul mio
 onore personale di attenermi a qualsiasi
 condizione.



con ogni onoranza

Serg. Alketo Leggio

Poteremo li 25-9-43-

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Co. the command of Albi's forces
 I undersigned Albi 38
 Felice, born ~~1921~~ ^{or} 1921, resident in
 Palermo "Via Paolo Gaggio No 81"
 Sergeant of Italian Army. I was ^{made}
 prisoner of war by the Americans
 being ~~left~~ freed on ~~honour word~~.
 I beg this Honorable Command to
 be engaged ^{me} as a ~~voluntary~~ volunteer
 to collaborate with the Allied forces to fight
 against the Germans on any front.
 If my demand with signature ~~would~~
~~be~~ accepted, I will swear on my
 personal honour to follow any orders
~~of the~~ ~~any~~

prisoner of war by the Americans,
being left free on ~~parole~~ parole.

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be engaged, as a ^{me} ~~volunteer~~ to collabo-
rate with the Allied forces to fight
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If my demand with signature would
be accepted, I will swear on my
personal honor to follow any orders
~~conclusion~~ ~~obey~~

Respectfully yours

Oleo Francesco
5589



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Al comandante generale
della forza alleata

in Sicilia
Lo sottoscritto Sant'Emilio Di Giustini
e Di Lauro Emma nato a Bagheria
il 22-5-43 residente a Palermo
via Creta 433 espone quanto segue:

Io come cittadino italiano assoltamente
giornalmente i grandi proclami
degli S. U. S. e dei nostri valorosi Italiani
mi batto nel gestire corpo il sangue,
mi sembra ingiusto, anzi indifferente
sentire dire che i fratelli italiani stessano
il loro sangue per lo cacciato del
nemico in Italia che ha ardito
di rendere prigioniera tutta la
nostra ecclesiastica la quale offesa
non la potrà sopportare nessun
cittadino.

do sapendolo dove hanno di giorno
e di notte. L'anno nato a Bagheria
il 22-5-43 residente a Palermo
Via Creta 233 espone quanto segue:

Io come cittadino italiano esaltando
giornalmente i grandi pro-digi
degli S. U. S. e dei nostri valorosi Italiani
mi batto nel guidare verso il range,
mi sembra ingiusto, anzi indotteroso
sentire dire che i fratelli italiani stiano
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di rendere prigionieri tutta la
nostra schiavista la quale offesa
non la patria sopportare nessun
crimine, mentre non rinchiama e ne
stiano tranquilli senza prendere
parte alla guerra.

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Siamo Giustiziati?

Appartengono all'Italia?

Allora perché non ci integriamo

ad aiutaru g. li d'elati per rimcoiare
al pini prusta il nemico delli nostri
terru?

Ed allora frega con tutte le mie forze
offinchi' stenga assantu come semplice
soldato col ferro in mano. occorriti ai
fratelli allati per cacciare questo
avido ed eterno nemico.

Io non sento io' per alcune
mie di grado, perchi' non ho alcun
titolo, ma soltanto la mia frequenza
della III^a ginnasiale, e nemmeno
pretendo alcune ricompense,
soltanto pretendo di cacciare il nemico
dell' Italia.

Io temo la mia preghiera e se
avete fedeltà in un altro di più
abbito in via Cret 1233
ad attendere onnipotente una risposta

gghinchi stenga arantato come semplice
soldato col fuso in mano cresciuto in
fratelli allati per cacciarlo questo
arido ed eterno nemico.

Io non venuto io per alcune
mie di grande, perché non ho alcun
titolo, ma soltanto la mia frequentazione
della III^a ginnasiale, e alcuni
pretendo alcune incompiute;
soltanto pretendo di cacciare il nemico
dalla Italia.

Io termino la mia preghiera e se
avrete piacere in un'ultima indicazione
abbiate in via Cret 1233
ad attendere onnipotente una risposta

Testo fidelissimo
Luigi Carmelo

Caluso add. 25-9-1943

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To the Commanding General of
The Allied Forces in Sicily.

I, the undersigned Sardi, Carmelo was born in Bagheria and am now a resident of Palermo Via Creta No. 233. I wish to state the following:

As a Sicilian citizen I listen daily to the great feats of the United States Army and our valiant Italians. It makes my blood "boil." It seems unfair to hear said that our Italian brothers are losing their blood in the struggle to dispel the enemy in Italy who has the impudence to imprison church members - something no Christian can do, while we Sicilians are living in tranquillity without participating in the War.

Are we Sicilians?

Do we belong to Italy?

Then why don't we wake up and help the Allies dispel the enemy as soon as possible from our land.

I beg of you to enlist me as a soldier and with an iron will beside my Allied brothers, I will fight this daring and eternal enemy.

I am not asking you for any rank - because I have no title, but only an elementary education and I don't want any recompense.

I want only to rid Italy of the enemy.

This is the end of my request and if you have faith in a Sicilian citizen, I live at Via Creta

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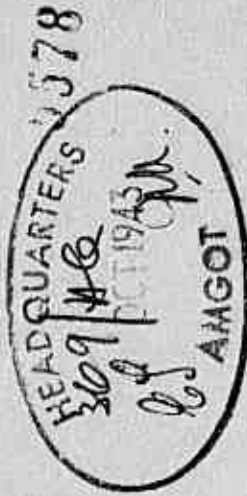
This is the end of my request and if you have faith in a Sicilian citizen, I live at Via Creta N. 233. - Awaiting anxiously an answer.

Faithfully yours,

Sardi, Carmelo

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Palermo Sept. 25, 1943.



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Al Comandante della Forza
Armata alleati

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To sottoscritto Sofia Guido
ex Posario nato a Palermo

il 23-2-1922.

Sotto Capo Meccanico della
R. Marina Italiana, e prigioniero
di guerra dalla Forza alleati.
Chiedo a questo comando:

dato l'amnistigio, e contemporaneamente l'allargamento
alleati con l'Italia di poter
continuare il mio lavoro d'Italiano
e di soldato facendomi raggiungere
una delle unità Italiane, contribuendo
così con tutto il mio orgoglio
e anche con il mio sangue alla
Liberazione dell'Italia e alla
vittoria nostra e degli alleati contro

chi Thorano nato a Palermo
 il 23-2-1922.
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 alleate con l'Italia chi poter
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 e chi soldato facciano raggiungere
 una delle unità Italiane, contribuendo
 con tutto il mio orgoglio
 e anche con il mio sangue alla
 liberazione dell'Italia e alla
 vittoria nostra e degli alleati contro
 i barbari tedeschi.

vi ringrazio anticipatamente
 sottoscrivandomi Sotto Capo Meccanico

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N.B. il mio

indirizzo è il seguente:

Via Palestro #3
 (Acquasanta) Palermo.

Sotto Capo Meccanico
 Sofia Lucido

To the Commander of Allied Forces
34.
Guido, born in Palermo, February 22-
1923, under Chief mechanism of the
Royal Italian Navy, being a priso-
ner of war, was released on the
^{Parole} ~~honorable~~ ^{parole} ~~parole~~. - With the Alliance
of the Allied forces with Italy
I am begging this command to let me
continue as a soldier-my Italian
duty, engaging me with one of
the Italian Navy ^{Navy} contributing
with all my pride and if necessary
with my life for the freedom
of Italy and for the sure victory
of the Allied forces against

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continue as a soldier - my Italian
- duty, engaging me with one of
the Italian ^{Nurses} ~~Nurses~~, contributing
with all my pride and if necessary
my with my life for the freedom
of Italy and for the sure victory
of the Allied forces against Germany

This is my
address:
Via Salento
No 3
Orecasanta
Palermo

Thanking you
Sincerely yours, 5576
Wander Chief mechanic
Lofia Guido
via,

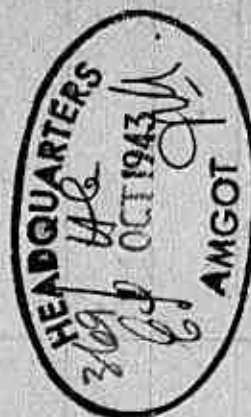


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Comando Militare
Forze Alleate

Lo Sottosegretario Ministero Rorario
di Francesco e di Giardina
Maddalena nato a Palermo
il 17-11-1924 domiciliato in
Piazza Generale Cascino n. 10
(Fulde) Palermo

Ho inteso a Codesto Spettabile
Comando Delle Forze Alleate
Affinché si Compiscia arruolarmi
Militare per Combattere affianco
Delle Forze Alleate Contro il
nostro nemico Germanico
Sicuro che la mia intenza
verrà benedettamente accolta
Sentitamente ringrazio
Voi e Subordinato



Di *francesco* e di *Giordina*
Madalena nato a *Palermo*
 id 18-11-1924 domiciliato in
Piazza Generale Casino n. 10
(Vulde) Palermo

Ho istanza a Costo Mettabile
Comando Delle Forze Alleate
affinchè si compiacia avvolarmi
Militare per Combattere Affianco
Delle Forze Alleate Contro il
nostro nemico Germanico
Sicuro che la mia istanza
verrà generalmente accolta
sentitamente ringrazio
Dev. e Subordinato



Manoia Rosario fu Francesco

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To The Command of Allied Forces,

I undersigned
Mammia Rosario, born in Palermo
November 14 - 1924, resident in "Galde"
Palermo, Piazza Generale Cascino No. 10.

I am sending the
present demand to this Honorable
Command of Allied forces, in order
that I may be engaged with the
Military Allied forces against the
Germans. -

Hoping that my demand will
be accepted, I thank you very much

Truly yours

Mammia Rosario.

Salerno, Piazza Generale Cascino No 10.

I am sending the present demand to this Honorable Command of Allied forces, in order that I may be engaged with the Military Allied forces against the Germans. -

Hoping that my demand will be accepted, I thank you very much

Truly yours
Maurice Rosano.

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To the Allied Forces Command 31
Palermo

I beg you to accept this request of mine. I should want to enlist myself for the purpose of to avenge the death of my uncle (Cirino Ferrante) who was killed by the German soldiers in the last war 1915-1918. Besides I have not news of my brother-in-law Vincenzo Arcules from January 14th 1943; he was in Russia to fight. I should want to fight against the hated German enemy, who is bringing destruction and grief to many Italian families.

I am sure that you will call me to bring ~~the~~ arms against the enemy of Italy and of its people.

Awaiting your reply in writing, even in the negative, I am

Truly your

Alfio Ferrante

via Card. G. Massaia 197 - Arenella -
(Palermo)

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Al Comando delle Truppe Alleate
in
Palermo

Lo scrivente Alfio Ferrante fu Filadelfio e fu Eugenio
Mauri nato al Catana il 1-6-1915 e residente
a Palermo (Anzella) in via Cardinale Guglielmo Albanese
n. 8197. Informa quanto segue:

Per ragioni di vendita prego cordialmente di accettare questa
umile domanda di volontario e nel medesimo tempo Venezia
e la morte di un mio zio (Ciriaco Ferrante) ~~nel~~ ^{nel} ~~la~~ ^{la} grande
guerra 1915-18 e di un mio cognato (Aurelio Vincenzo) combattente
in Russia che fin'oggi, dal 14-1-C.A., non ha notizie.
Onde combattere l'odiato tedesco che per causa di esso
ha portato la distruzione e il dolore in molte famiglie italiane
con molta fiducia attendo un vostro richiamo così im-
mediato le armi contro il nemico dell'Italia e del suo popolo.
In merito al mio esposto vi prego di darmi un'informazione
sia positiva, che buona, che negativa.

Desiderando saluto i liberatori d'Italia
desidero farvi Alfio

Palermo 21-9-1943-

Lo scrivente Alfio Ferranto fu Philadelphia e fu Englino
Maria nato al Catania il 1-6-1915 e residente
 in Salerno (Amella) in via Cardinale Englino obscuro
 o 1917. Informa quanto segue:

Per ragioni di rendita prego edisamente di accettare questa
 umile domanda di volontario e nel medesimo tempo rendita
 e la morte di un mio zio (Cirino Ferranto) nella guerra
guerra 1915-18 e di un mio cugato (Aurelio Vincenzo) combat-
te in Russia che fin'oggi, dal 14-1-C.A., non ho notizie
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gnare le armi contro il nemico dell'Italia e del suo popolo.
 In merito al mio esposto vi prego di darmi per informazione
 sia positiva, che brava, che negativa.

Desiderando saluto i liberatori d'Italia
desidero Ferranto Alfio

Salerno 21-9-1943-

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To the Allied Forces Command
Volunteer Enlistment Section
PALERMO

29

I am a seaman I should be glad to serve in the Allied Army; therefore I beg you to enlist me as a volunteer.

I am sure that you will accept my request because I am ready to fight with you against the German Army.

Palermo.
September 23rd 1943.

Scheran Pietro.
Via D'Ossuna, Cortile Fusia 4
Palermo.

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SPETT. COMANDOBELLE FF. AA.

SEZIONE ARRUOLAMENTO VOLONTARIO

PALERMO



Io sottoscritto SCHERMA PIERO fu Giovan

Batista e di Lo Dico Rosa nato a Palermo il 7

Luglio 1912 domiciliato a Palermo Via D'Ossuna

Cortile Fresia N 4 espongo quanto segue:

Sono unex soldato di marina ed essendo orgoglioso di voler servire le Forze Alleate vengo a pregare affinché voglia arruollarmi come volontario

Sicuro di unesito favorevole trattandosi di un giovane pronto a voler combattere per la difesa della Forze Alleate

Ringrazio

SCHERMA PIERO

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Ringrazio

SCHERMA PIERO

Palermo li 23 Settembre 1943

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Calersino 20. Set. 43
 General *369/* *ADQUARTER* *25 SEP 1943* *51*
 la causa che spinge a *AM30P* *do* *scato*.
 In questo momento, da più giorni,
 l'Italia malgrado il suo assoluto
 bisogno di pace, è campo di battaglia e
 il cuore degli italiani è dove si combatte
 per la vita e la libertà d'Italia.
 Permettete dunque che uno
 sconosciuto rubi un momento solo
 della vostra preziosa giornata
 per pregare di dare agli italiani
 degni di questo nome la possibilità
 di combattere per la loro patria.
 Il nostro paese come tutti sanno
 è nato sotto l'insegna della
 libertà e per la libertà. Un
 governo di traditori e di disonesti
 volle che l'Italia rappresentasse
 nel mondo (grazie a Dio per breve
 tempo) l'oppressione e la barbarie.
 Si diceva l'Inghilterra come
 un pericolo per la vita d'Italia.

missio il travaglio alla classe
colta. Del paese si fece del
materiale ligno storico già per
condannato, e per vile solidarietà
di partito, di violenze e di delitti
si assestò perfino l'infamia della
quarta ripartizione polacca.

Si chiuse gli occhi alla invadenza
tedesca, che poi si avrebbe sicuramente
colpito, per sbandare un pericolo
inglese assurdo e del tutto inesistente.

Mai, signore, la storia ha ripreso
per un popolo, più grande sventura.
La patria tradita per una partigiana
non dagli uomini che in guidano
i destini.

Comprendete, il vostro grande paese
sella nelle sue istituzioni, guidato
da una classe diripente sua e questa
forse stenterà a rendersi conto
dell'abito in cui siamo sprofon-
di. Voi potete guardare felici, nell'età
venire, noi invece inibiamo
i mezzi, onde combattere per
la patria invasa due volte e due
volte tradita.

Crete dei volontari italiani saranno
poeti in principio, non di ne pentite

come non si pentì Mussolini
nel creare l'esercito italiano.
Il nostro paese è soltanto il
nostro paese poteva generare
dei mostri simili, perché
nella storia degli altri popoli
non potrebbero né sorgere né
giustificarsi, a tante grandezze
tante mostruosità.

I tedeschi diranno un giorno
che Hitler è stato vinto dal destino
e Sogli. Dei nemici della Germania
una nella fantasia popolare
rimarrà grande; assurdissimi
invece rimane il Traditore della
Padria nel senso classico della
parola, non solo per gli italiani
ma per il mondo.

E voi con il fascismo abbiamo
pagato 250 anni di gloria e di grandezza.
Date la possibilità sempre
agli italiani di ritornare a
combattere, voi con i vostri
un nuovo capitolo nella storia

51. Italia e sul mondo è una
regia fase (nei rapporti di
simpatia che sempre hanno
unito i nostri due paesi.
Qualunque cosa avremo
vogliamo combattere per quel
sentimento comune negli
nomini civili di far trionfare
la verità e la giustizia, per
la nostra terra e il nostro
popolo con tormentato,
perché possa sorgere con i
sacrifici di tutti un mondo
migliore e più buono.
Date il vostro consenso generale
e sarete un giorno benedetto
da tutto un popolo e salutato
amico grande e amico dell'Italia
che una immortale lingua
conferisce ed una memoria
eterna.

Distintamente

Salute Carissima

General,

Against the will of the people, ^{the} Italian Government declared war against the Allies. The history of Italy registered, so, another irrefutable proof of the system of oppression and of tyranny of the fascist government. But, indeed, we were not conscious of the crimes, perpetrated by the Government and were always obliged to suffer and endure the ^{abuse of power} preferences of the government.

We have endured the German invasion, although we thought it a great dishonour.

It may be hard for you to understand our moral and material situation and I would let you morally for taking of our misfortune.

With the ^{inward} ~~forward~~ ^{honesty} of our anti-Nazi feelings, we would have the honour to take up arms against Germans.

You will not regret, to let Italians fight against Germans, as Napoleon did not do.

While Hitler will remain always in the history of the German people, as a great leader, ^{as destiny placed} ~~as by the ill-luck~~, Mussolini shall be, commonly, thought ^{as} the traitor of the Country.

With fascism, We have lost two thousand and five hundred

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With fascism, We have lost two thousand and five hundred years of glory.

General, give us the ^{opportunity} ~~possibility~~ to fight with your troops. We think, with our sacrifices the honour of Italian people may be saved.

We hope in a better era and in a better social arrangement of all the peoples.

Give your consent and ^{you} will see Italians saluting

you, as the dearest friend of Italy.

Salvatore Caronna.

To the Allied Military Command, 25
I, undersigned Corzelli ~~Antonio~~ ^{Giuseppe}, living at Via
Selinunte N. 10, Palermo, ex-sergeant in the Quasta
torn body, presently paroled prisoner of war, beg this
Command to ~~allow~~ to allow me to enlist in
the Allied Army, for fighting the hated enemy.
Corzelli Giuseppe.

Al Comando delle Forze Alleate
Palermo

Io, sottoscritto Corselli
Giuseppe di Giuseppe e Su Bongiorno
Antonio, nato a Palermo il 24 settembre
1922, abitante a Palermo in Via Selinunte
N. 10, sergente al corpo dei Guastatori,
attualmente prigioniero di guerra delle
Forze Alleate, liberato in parola, chiedo
caldamente a questo Comando affinché mi
sia concesso l'arruolamento nelle file del
Valoroso esercito delle Forze Alleate per
pugnare contro l'odioso nemico.

Fiducioso, che la presente

sia accettata

Corselli Giuseppe

Palermo 22 Settembre 1943

P/A See foto 19

GUARDIA

Giuseppe di Giuseppe e fu Bongiorno
Antonino, nato a Palermo il 24 settembre
1922, abitante a Palermo in Via Selinunte
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Palermo 22 Settembre 1943



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Comando Militare Alleato



Valerius

Il sottoscritto Gjoghione Vincenzo di Beniamino, nato a Valerius il 1° Novembre 1925, prega codesto Comando di volerlo arruolare fra le truppe Alleate oltreo nelle file del Battaglione "Repin".

Valerius 21-9-43

Con ogni osservanza

Gjoghione Vincenzo

Valerius

Ca Antonio Marinuzzi 126

P/A 24/9 5565

Valerius

Il sottoscritto Gjigjione Vincenzo di Beniamino, nato a
 Valerius il 1° Novembre 1925, prega codesto Comando
 di volerlo arruolare fra le truppe Alleate o Siero nelle
 file del Battaglione "Respi".

Valerius 21-9-43

Con ogni osservanza

Gjigjione Vincenzo

Via Antonio Marinuzzi 126

Valerius

P/A
24/9

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La folia 19

Allied Military Command

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Palermo

I, undersigned Giglione Vincenzo,
born in Palermo November 1st 1925
begs this command to be engaged among
the Allied troops or among the "Vesper"
Battalion.

Thanking You.

Yours Truly

Giglione Vincenzo

Palermo 21-9-1943

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"Via Antonio Mammuzzi"

trans 1049
 Sig. Comandante dell' Angot.

Via Bari

HEADQUARTERS

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AMGOT

Signor Comandante, Vi chiedo scusa se Vi disturbo.

Ho il desiderio ardente di combattere i nostri comuni nemici e pertanto Vi chiedo di Volermi fare arruolare fra le Vostre gloriose truppe ovvero tra il glorioso "Battaglione Vespri" che sta ricomponendo le sue file per combattere l'odioso nemico: il tedesco.

Detto Battaglione ai tempi, finalmente parati, del famoso doctra venire per combattere le Vostre gloriose truppe, ma nessun siciliano si è voluto arruolare. Ora i signori tedeschi vedranno come e con che gioia i siciliani si arruoleranno per dare loro finalmente, la prova di quanto è grande il nostro odio per la loro razza che chiamano tedesca. Ho 18 anni e non ho nessun difetto fisico, ho soltanto la mania e il desiderio di combattere l'Eterno nemico.

Sicuro del Vostro interessamento Vi ringrazio

Palermo 14-9-43

Giuseppe Vercaro

P. A. T. - Massimo 196

2a
 di arruolamento

Al 21

Ho il desiderio ardente di combattere i nostri comuni nemici e pertanto Vi chiedo di Valerini fare arruolare fra le vostre gloriose truppe ovvero tra il glorioso "Battaglione Vesperi" che sta ricomponendo le sue file per combattere l'odiatissimo nemico: il tedesco.

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Valerini 14-9-63

Via Antonio Marinuzzi 126

2nd request for permission
to join troops and combat
Fiducia.

Gigliante Vincenzo

Valerini

P/H 24/9/63

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La folio 19

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To the Amgot Command
Via Bari

Palermo

Commander:-

I beg your indulgence. I am very anxious to fight our common enemies. I am asking you to engage me among your glorious troops or with the glorious "Vespi Battalion" which is reuniting again to combat the hateful enemy - the German.

This battalion in the past served to fight against your valiant troops, but no Sicilian wanted to participate. Now the Germans shall see how the Sicilians will participate and prove to them how much is our hate for the Germans.

I am eighteen years of age with no physical defects. My only desire is to fight the eternal enemy. Assured of your interest. I thank you.

Higdoni Vincenzo

Palermo

Sept. 14, 1943

Via Antonio Marinuzzi
No. 126

††

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Palermo

Sept. 14, 1943

Via Antonio Marinuzzi
No. 126

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1st. Ind.

Civil Affairs Office, Agrigento. TO: CCAO, AMGOT, Palermo. 18 Sept. 1943.

1. The attached letters are typical of a number of applications from Italian citizens who want to fight the Germans.
2. Information is requested as to what is the policy of the Allied Governments on this matter.



G. H. McGaffrey
G. H. MCGAFFREY
Lt. Col., Inf.
SCAO

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Al Comandante Quintanilla Alcarab

Aggrigento

Io, Cornasense Gerlando di Giuseppe e di D. Francesco Gerlando
nato in Ajegento il 10-5-1934 di professione studente, abitante
in Via Garibaldi (Cortile Cornasense 1° 16). Chiedo di essere
ammesso ~~in~~ nelle file delle Truppe alleate, per combattere a
fianco a fianco l'odiato e comune nemico: La Germania.
Chiedo altresì di informarmi se debbo far parte delle Truppe Americane
o Inglese.

Cornabene Gerardo.

Adriano 13-9-1943

wants to fight the Germans.

Io, Cornabene Gerlando di Giuseppe e di D. Francesco Gerlando,
 nato in Argentina il 10-5-1934 di professione studente, abito
 in Via Garibaldi (Corte Cornabene 12-16). Chiedo di essere
 ammesso a unire le file delle Truppe alleate, per combattere a
 fianco a fianco l'odiato e comune nemico: La Germania.
 Chiedo altresì di informarmi se debbo far parte delle Truppe Americane
 o Inglesi.

Cornabene Gerlando.

Argentina 13-9-1943

wants to fight the Germans.

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ROUTING SLIP.

C.C.A.O.
D.C.C.A.O.
C.S.O.
A.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Clough
Major Smith
Major McDougall
Major Pearey
Captain Talbot
Captain Farrar
Captain Sherwood
Captain Graham
Lieut. Van Heukelom
Lieut. Krueger
P.R.O.
Advisor F.A. & M.
Education Officer.

REMARKS.

Folio 11 & 12
also 13 to 15

19/9
Date

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Registry.

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on receipt of
reply to 3.

7. H. P/A 22/9
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Subject: Misc Requests

AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group



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Translate

This is one of many similar applications.
if any?

What action,

Enna
13 Sep 43
ECM.

[Signature]
Lt Col.,
S.C.A.O.

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Enna, 13 July 1943

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To Col. P.R. Dodd

Superior offices in charge of
Civil affairs

Enna

The undersigned, Communist ex-political confined, wishes to fight against the fascist-nazi, not only by means of propaganda but also with action, therefore he begs you to accept his application as a volunteer, and also wishes to to leave as soon as possible to reach a fighting field —

Several companions are awaiting your decision to submit their recruiting application and constitute an Italian Volunteer Battalion.

“ July 10, 1943 ”

With respect

Santo Miliseme

Via città Nuova, 11

Enna 5557

Enna, 13 settembre 1943

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Al Signor Z. Gennello P.R. Rodi
Ufficiale Superiore addetto
agli Affari Civili
Enna

Il sottoscritto, Comunista ex-confinato politico, nello
intento di lottare contro il fasci-nazismo non solo con la propa-
ganda ma con l'azione, Ti prega di volere accettare la sua
domanda di volontario, e farlo partire al più presto per raggiun-
gere un posto di combattimento.

Parecchi Compagni attendono la Vostra decisione per presentare
anche loro domanda d'arruolamento e costituire eventualmente un
Battaglione volontari italiani "10 Luglio '43,"

In attesa di Vostra pronta e favorevole risposta
Ossequi distinti

Santo Milisenna
Via Città Nuova #. 11 - Enna -

Subject: Recruiting of Sicilians to
fight Germans.

AL/26/17.

18. Sep. 43.

Headquarters,
AMGOT,
PALERMO.

HEADQUARTERS
369/HQ
10 SEP 1943
AMGOT

Reference your AMGOT/369/HQ
dated 16.Sep.43.

I have consulted "A" Branch, 15
Army Group who state that there is no
intention of recruiting Sicilians
desirous of fighting the Germans.

It is believed, however, that
A.F.H.Q. has sanctioned the recruiting
of Sicilian Labour Companies but it is
understood that the Sicilians to whom you
refer are not desirous of working but
fighting.

H. J. ...

Captain,
Staff Captain,
AMGOT Liaison.

HEADQUARTERS
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AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group
FIELD.
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Province of Palermo

CP/MFN/ev



18 September 1943.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Staff Officer - AMGOT HEADQUARTERS.

I am forwarding for your information the attached correspondence concerning Italian youths who wish to join up to fight in Italy against the Germans. This might be called to the attention of the proper Military Authorities.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER
(A. M. G. O. T.)

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Collesano.

13th September, 1943.

Lt. Col. Charles Poletti,
S.C.A.O.
Palermo.

Sir,

I forward the attached petition for what it is worth.

I believe there are many youths who are desirous of joining up again to fight in Italy against the Germans and no doubt the Military Authorities are aware of this feeling. I have told the two concerned that they must await any directions which may be issued.


J. Downer. Major.
C.A.O.

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To Military Allied Command.

In the moment in whom the German army camp in Italy and premeditates the destruction of the most beautiful cities for delay the victory and inescapable mark of the Allies we undersigned Sideli Piero that is one and twenty years old, student in jurisprudence and Meli Michele that is twenty years old, student in engineering, born and domiciled in Collesano (Palermo), certain that our example shall be suited from thousands of Sicilian youths, ask the honour to be incorporated in the Italian army faithful to Badoglio and fight with Allied Nations against Germans oppressors of the liberty of the peoples.

We ask likewise the authorisation to institute a centre of enlistment for the province of Palermo.

Death to Germans.

Collesano, September 12th 1943.

*Sideli Piero studente in legge
Meli Michele studente in ingegneria*

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Collesano, September 12th 1943.

*1. Michele Piro student in engineering
Barricade student in engineering*

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Comando Militare Alleato.

Nel momento in cui l'esercito tedesco bivacca in Italia e premedita la distruzione delle più belle città per ritardare la vittoriosa e insorabile marcia degli Alleati noi cui sottoscritti Sideli Pietro di anni ventuno, studente in legge e Meli Michele di anni venti, studente in ingegneria, nati e domiciliati a Collesano (Palermo), certi che il nostro esempio sarà seguito da migliaia di giovani Siciliani, chiediamo l'onore di essere incorporati nell'Armata Italiana fedele a Badoglio e di combattere a fianco delle Nazioni Unite contro i Tedeschi oppressori della libertà del mondo.

Chiediamo altresì l'autorizzazione a istituire un centro di reclutamento per la provincia di Palermo.

Morte ai Tedeschi.

Collesano, 12/9/1943.

Giulio Fini studente in legge
Carlo Amabile studente in ingegneria

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*Giulio Fini studente in legge
Carlo Ambrogi studente in ingegneria*

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AMGOT HQ. SICILY
Via Barri
18/9/43. 7

Al/ Cap. L.C. Vichos Emanuele Giorgio
Piazza Caboto no. 1
Villino Nicoletti
Valdesi-Mondello (Palermo)

Riferendomi alla vostra lettera
del 15 o.m. indirizzata al Generale Alexander
vi prego di presentarvi al Ten. Alfieri del
Commando Navale N.O.B. di Palermo (nel Porto)
munito di una copia della suddetta vostra
lettera, per conferire con lui.

Lieut. Alfieri had left when
Vichos called J.

Capt. L.E. Zervudachi
C.A.O., HQ.

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Palermo, 15 Settembre 1943

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S. E. Generale Harold ALEXANDER
Governatore Generale Militare dei Territori Occupati

P A L E R M O

Mi permetto rivolgermi a Lei direttamente persuaso di ottenere quanto è nel mio desiderio.

Sono il Capitano di Lungo Corso VICHOS Emanuele Giorgio, matricola 70769 del Compartimento Marittimo di Genova, regolarmente Patentato e abilitato dalla Direzione Marittima di Genova per il comando di unità mercantili di qualsiasi tonnellaggio e già Comandante di nave mercantile Italiana requisita dal Governo Italiano. Ho dovuto abbandonare da un anno la mia residenza di Milano ove abitavo con la mia famiglia per compiere dapprima i viaggi verso l'Africa Settentrionale e quindi sono stato inviato in Sicilia. Con la nave danneggiata sin dall'Aprile u.s. a suo tempo ho rifiutato il rimpatrio perchè non mi sono sentito di seguire le sorti di chi fuggiva e ho accolto l'entrata delle Truppe Alleate come le liberatrici di una situazione che subivo da vari anni. Durante quest'ultimo periodo ho atteso il ritorno di una normalità che mi avesse dato modo di raggiungere la mia famiglia. Ora però le cose sono molto mutate e mi sembra che mia inazione possa esser scambiata per vigliaccheria quando so che l'odiato e secolare nemico calpesta la mia terra e depreda la mia casa. Non le scrive l'antifascista desideroso di vendetta (quantunque sia espulso dal partito fascista sin dal 1928) ma le scrive l'Italiano, nipote di Garibaldino, che ha sempre odiato il tedesco perchè ogni pietra che si trova a Milano parla di quest'odio giustificato dalla conoscenza che si ha di questa gente, oppressori di popoli.

A suo tempo mi è stata negata l'iscrizione agli Ufficiali della Riserva della R. M. Italiana appunto per la mia espulsione dal partito fascista e perchè le ingerenze naziste facevano dubitare sulla mia fede in quanto non mi si perdonava che in piena campagna razzista avessi sposato una donna ebrea. Il fatto ora che mia moglie sia tra le mani delle truppe tedesche mi spinge sempre di più a chiederle la possibilità di un impiego qualsiasi fra le truppe operanti per la liberazione d'Italia.

Mi offro quindi o in qualità di Ufficiale di Marina per esser avviato su Unità da Guerra Italiane quale Ufficiale di Rotta o quale Comandante di Siluranti o scorta Convogli ovvero quale Comandante di Unità Mercantile Italiana al servizio della Marina Alleata oppure in qualità di discreto conoscitore di ogni regione dell'Italia Settentrionale, con particolare riguardo a Milano, Genova, Bologna e rispettive provincie per l'impiego di qualsiasi natura che il Comando Militare Alleato o chi per esso volesse affidarmi.

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In tal modo avrei la reale sensazione di aver contribuito alla

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liberazione del mio Paese collaborando con le truppe Alleate ridandomi così quell'onore di Italiano e di Soldato che i tedeschi mi avevano tolto.

Sono sicuro che il Rappresentante di quel libero paese che è l'Inghilterra (che accolse come figlio a suo tempo Giuseppe Mazzini e che tanto contribuì all'Unità d'Italia) accoglierà il mio desiderio.

Rimango in attesa degli ordini che S. E. vorrà compiacersi darmi.

Con osservanza

Vichos
(E. Vichos)

Cap. L. C. VICHOS Emanuele Giorgio
Piazza Caboto n° 1
Villino Nicoletti
VALDESI = MONDELLO (Palermo)

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X On. Guarino Amella - Segretario del Gruppo Parlamentare antifascista dell'Aventino.

On. Avv. Giuseppe Scialabba - Antifascista del Fronte dei Partiti della libertà

Comm. Avv. Giuseppe Purpura " " " "

Avv. Giuseppe Ramirez " " " "

Dott. Giacomo D'Alessandro - Combattente - Volontario di guerra

Dott. Lelio San Marco - Capo dei gruppi studenteschi

Dott. Michelangelo Galisto - del fronte della libertà

Rag. Manlio Loiacono " "

Avv. Maggio Nicolo " "

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Capt G.W. Cosgrove (B) of P.W.B. is satisfied that the above are genuine. They wish to work on C.C.A.O. & offer their services in raising a Sicilian contingent to fight the Germans.

dfb 14.8.

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C.C.A.O. received the above deputation on the 16th September. They were introduced by Captain Cosgrove and Mr. Minefie of P.W.B.

The first two were unavoidably absent, & the deputation stated that Prefetto Musotto was with them in spirit.

Major.
17.9.43.

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AMROF 15 A.G.

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16th September 1943

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Tac. H.Q.
15 Army Group.

Rtd: 15 Army Group Main.

FOR G.O.C.in C. FROM G.C.A.O. (.) HAVE TODAY RECEIVED DEPUTATION OF NON
FASCIST AND EX COMBATANTS FROM SICILY (.) PARTI FROM AMROF 7TH ARMY TO 15
ARMY GROUP CITE AMROF 250 PARTI (.) STATE THEY ARE CONVINCED MANY THOUSANDS
SICILIAN VOLUNTEERS WISH FIGHT ACTIVELY WITH ALLIES AS ARMED FORMATIONS
LIBERATE ITALY FROM GERMANS (.) DECLARE THEY REPRESENT NON POLITICAL GROUPS
WHO BELIEVE ITALY CAN ONLY BE FREED BY ALLIES (.) THEY REQUEST PERMISSION
CONTACT OTHER GROUPS SICILY OUTSIDE PALERMO WHERE SAME SENTIMENT EXISTS (.)
2. DEPUTATION INFORMED MATTER REFERRED YOU (.) SENTIMENTS CO-ORDINATED (.)
3. DEPUTATION STATES OTHER ITALIANS OTHER PARTS ITALY HAVE EXPRESSED SAME
VIEWS (.)

4. GUIDANCE REQUESTED

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SUBJECT:-

Recruiting of Sicilians
to fight Germans.

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AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

16th September 1943.

TO:-

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main.

1. This H.Q. has received an enquiry as to whether any arrangements have been made or may be contemplated to recruit Sicilians desirous of fighting the Germans.
2. Kindly let us have any information you may be able to obtain on this subject.

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPORFORD
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

FREE ITALIAN LEGION



Calt Prov. /LO

Mrs. AMGOT

Enquiries are being received about arrangements to recruit Sicilians to fight against the Germans. May I be informed of the policy in this matter.

W. R. Irish

Lt. Col.

Caltanissetta
14 Sept. 1943

S.C.A.O., Caltanissetta Province.

*Newfile "Recruiting of Italians"
369/HQ.*

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