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ALESSANDRIA AND CUNEO NO REACTION BECAUSE PROPOSED CALL UP
UNKNOWN GENERALLY.
TURIN KNOWN GENERALLY AND REACTION NOT REPEAT NOT UNFAVOURABLE.

-201545 SEPTEMBER.

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16 April 1945
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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Subject: Italian Navy Call-up of 1933 and 1924 Class Recruits.
Enclosure: (A) Copy Translation Ministry of Marine ltr 6406/2
of 24 March 1945.
(B) Copy Translation Ministry of Marine ltr 7499/2
of 10 April 1945.

1. Enclosures (A) and (B), with reference to the call-up by the Italian Navy of the subject classes, are forwarded herewith for information.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, AC. ✓
LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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From: MINISTRY OF WARREN (Cabinet)
To: P.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 10 April 1948
Ref: 7460/2

Subject: Calling-up of 1923 and previous Class
Recruits and 1924 Class

Further to letter N°2406/2 of 24th ulto., I give you the following additional information in regard to calling-up men for I.R.N.

1. Number of Lieut. of the Realm's Corresponding Decree.

Royal Decree N°1505 of 28th July 1938. Art.15 of same empowers Ministry of Marine to take care of all matters concerning recruits for the Navy.

2. Contingents Concerned.

Remnants of 1923-24 Class youths are concerned, who were sent on indefinite leave to await calling-up. A total of 22217 individuals is involved belonging to the following Captaincies of the port in liberated territory: Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Reggio Calabria, Vibo Valentia, Salerno, Castellammare di Stabia, Torre del Greco, Naples and to the Captaincies in Sicily and Sardinia.

The contingent for the time being numbers 4550 bodies as this is the number of Service kits available.

We are not aware of the numbers to be called by the Army and the Air Force as they call-up recruits independently and as required.

3. When Recruits are to be Called-up.

1923 (and previous) Classes as from 10th May; 1924 Class from 15th June, in accordance existing transport and communications.

4. How they are Called-up.

The classes are called-up in the year when youths reach

sent on indefinite leave to await calling-up. A total of 8024 individuals is involved belonging to the following Captaincies of the part in liberated territory: Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Reggio Calabria, Vibo Valentia, Salerno, Castellammare di Stabia, Torre del Greco, Naples and to the Captaincies in Sicily and Sardinia.

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Therefore Recruits can be called-up in mass once a year or in batches as desired.

5. If calling-up covers the whole of Italy including Sicily and Sardinia.

The call-up does not cover all regions in liberated Italy, but only Puglia, Calabria, Campania, Sicily and Sardinia, including, therefore, Marche, Lazio, Tuscany and Romagna. As a result, practically all territory south of Maritime Departments of Bari and Naples (inclusive) and the two larger islands are covered.

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6. If any special criterion governs subdivision of personnel between the different bases.

This is governed by R.Decree 343 of 3rd March, 1938 concerning territorial jurisdiction of the Captaincies of the Port in regard to I.R.N. Recruits, and distribution is effected with due regard to place of origin and traditional characteristics.

- Messina covers personnel attached to Sicilian Captaincies of the Port.
- La Maddalena; the same as above for Sardinia.
- Taranto; includes personnel attached to Captaincies of port at Naples, Castellammare di Stabia, Torre del Greco, Salerno, Taranto.
- Brindisi; covers Bari, Brindisi, Vibo Valentia, Reggio Calabria.

6. If this is the first call-up since the Armistice.

It is confirmed that no other call-up or Recall to arms has been made since the Armistice.

8. If any difficulties are foreseen in regard to this call-up, as occurred in Sicily with the Army.

Difficulties mainly exist in connection with communications and transport. For this reason instructions have been issued sufficiently in advance and there will be a bi-monthly mustering of Recruits.

As to cases of non-fulfilment, there are reasons to believe that such only would be sporadic in nature.

It is not considered that disturbances will occur as this is not a mass recall of men who have served in peace or wartime, but Recruits who still have to carry out their service obligations and who should have been called-up some time ago. The delay has been caused only by conditions in being since the Armistice.

9. Information in regard to I.R.N. plans and directives re. use of personnel.

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9. Information in regard to I.R.V. plans and directives re. use of personnel.

The following principles are involved:-

- a) Regularize the service position of recruits, taking into account the calling-up of 1923 class which is overdue.
- b) To allow the demobilization of older time-expired classes (especially 1919 class which is the oldest at present serving).
- c) To allow changes in personnel effort in favour of those who have done considerable sea-time.

Chief of cabinet

DATE: 13 April 1945. 9884
FROM: POTALI ROMER.
TO : NAVY SUB-COMMISSIONER, HQ, AG.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
 To: F.O.L.I. - Rome
 Date: 24.3.45
 Ref.: 6406/2

Subject: Calling-up of 1923 and 1924 Cl. Recruits.

1. On 10th May and 15th June next two drafts of 1923 and 1924 Class recruits will be called up. They will be drafted as follows:-

a) 10th May 1945: Recruits of 1923 Cl. (and previous Classes), about 1550 in No. will be distributed amongst the Recruiting Centres at:-

- La Maddalena	150
- Taranto and Brindisi (distributed evenly)	500
- Messina-Augusta.	900

Total:- 1550

These numbers are subject to slight variations.

b) 15th June 1945: First draft of 3500 recruits of 1924 Cl., as follows:-

- La Maddalena	300
- Taranto.	1200
- Brindisi	900
- Messina - Augusta.	1000

Total:- 3000

2. Transfer will be effected in accordance with transport available, in drafts of 150 in No on alternate days, as from 10th May and 15th June, respectively.

3. Total personnel strength will not vary as, simultaneously, time-expired men will be released.

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- La Maddalena	300
- Taranto	1500
- Brindisi	800
- Messina - Augusta	700
Total :-	3000

2. Transfer will be effected in accordance with transport available, in drafts of 150 in 10 on alternate days, as from 10th May and 15th June, respectively.

3. Total personnel strength will not vary as, simultaneously, time-expired men will be released.

(sgd) THE MINISTER

DATE: 26 March 1945
FROM: POTALI, ROME.
TO: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ, AC.

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