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PROVISION OF PERSONNEL FOR ITALIAN ARMY UNITS
DEC. 1944 - MAR. 1945

SUBJECT: Reinforcement for San Marco
Regiment - Naval personnel.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

31 SD/45/5
March 45

APR 2 1945

TO : Ministry of War.

1. 13 officers and 267 ratings are now being sent to RHC ICF, GESAMO, to be held and trained as reinforcements for the SAN MARCO Regiment.
2. It is considered that the holding of reinforcement for the SAN MARCO at RHC ICF should not be allowed to fall below the figure of 300, which represents 15% of the strength of the Regiment. The maximum for Naval reinforcement at RHC ICF will be fixed at 25 officers and 375 ratings.
3. Will you please make arrangements accordingly with the Ministry of Marine, and confirm that it will be possible to maintain the minimum figure of 300 reinforcements mentioned above.

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W.P. Ardy
Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: HQ Allied Commission,
Navy Sub-Commission,
HQ H.U. RHC ICF.

31 March 45

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W.P. de la Cruz

J. Major General
R.M.I.A.

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Ref your letter ASD/922.8 of 4 Dec para 5 (A) and (B) and para 6 (*)

HQ AG regret no units can be spared from present holding

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HEADQUARTERS ALLY COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 686

12 December, 1944.

16 DEC 1944

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SUBJECT : Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units.

TO : G-5, AFHQ (Att. Capt. Woodward).

1. Reference AFHQ letter file reference ASD/922.8 dated 4 December 1944.
2. There are no Carabinieri units of the Italian Army that are not authorized by your Headquarters or that can be considered as non-essential.
3. Carabinieri units cannot be disbanded nor reduced in strength. There are no tradesmen or specialists who can be released.

For the Chief Commissioner :

G.S. PERKINSON, Brig.
A/VP, CA Sec.
A/DOOS, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 7394
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref. 2204/5/000

15 December 1944

SUBJECT: Personnel for Italian Army Units

TO : Land Forces Subcommission
Economic Section
Civil Affairs Section
Establishment Section

1. Attention is invited to paragraphs 5 and 6 of Inclosure #1 (copy of AFHQ, G-3 Section letter, file ASB/922.6, Subject: Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units, dated 4 December 44).

2. You are requested to comply with the provisions of these paragraphs within forty-eight hours of receipt of this notice.

3. As noted in Inclosure #2 (copy of AFHQ, G-3 Section letter, Subject: Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units, dated 10 December 44), G-3, AFHQ, is pressing for a reply on this subject.

4. Land Forces Subcommission will collect and consolidate these reports for submission to G-3, AFHQ.

2 Incls.
Incl #1-as above
Incl #2-as above

Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units. Ref: 8257/COS

TO : Major STEARNS.

14 December 1944.

1. Reference attached, this was originally sent to the Land Forces Sub-Commission. They refused it and sent to Civil Affairs Section, who brought it down to me to-day. Civil Affairs Section also say that they themselves are not the only people affected.

2. Reference paragraph 2 of G-5's letter, it is clear that several Sections in this Headquarters are affected. Economic Section for Truck Companies, Civil Affairs Section for Carabinieri units and mine detector companies, and Land Forces Sub-Commission may also be affected, as well as Establishment Section.

3. Will you please get out something to all Sections and Land Forces Sub-Commission, and coordinate the answer to G-5.

see Folio 5

W. J. Lipp

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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10 December 1944

14 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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1. Reference enclosed paper, Allied Force Headquarters, G-3 Section, subject as above, dated 4 December 1944, file ASD/922.8.

2. It is desired that you review your present holdings of Italian Army Personnel including CC.RR. units, Truck Companies, Mine Lifting Companies, etc, in the light of para. 5 and 6 and submit your reports to this Headquarters as promptly as possible.

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Incl:
as above.

J. Murray Mitchell
J. MURRAY MITCHELL,
Colonel, G.S.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS AP 265

G-3 SECTION

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File No : ASD/922.6

SUBJECT : Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units

TO : All Concerned.

Ref. this Hq letter, file ref. 922.2 dated 20 November 1944.

1. The Italian Army is now practically all employed either by the Allies or in its own authorised administration. It would appear that the provision of reinforcements (replacements) for existing units and the forming of new units can only be carried out by:

- (a) Disbandment of non-essential units now in existence.
- (b) Formation of Base Rgt. and Trg. Depots for the absorption of men enlisted from the civil population.

2. The Base Rgt. and Trg. Depots are now being planned, but the intake of recruits must be postponed until early in 1945 when stocks of clothing and equipment are expected to become available. Recruits will require at least one month of basic training, while tradesmen will require not less than two months of specialist training in addition. It is thus apparent that the application of para. 1 (a) above is the only means of meeting vitally important calls upon the Italian Army for the next three months.

3. Priority for the provision and reinforcement of units will be allotted as follows; subject to subsequent review:-

- (a) Units required in direct support of operations
- (b) Units employed in Dock Clearance and Railway Construction.
- (c) Units employed on road construction and maintenance.
- (d) Other service units.
- (e) Guard Bns.

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4. To provide for requirements under para. 3 (a) above, there is an immediate demand for 2,000 men of good physique, fully equipped and well disciplined.

5. Will addressees please examine their present holding of Italian Army personnel and units with a view to the following:

- (a) Disbandment of non-essential units.
- (b) Disbandment of units not authorized by this Hq in file 922.5 of 17 November, and 3 December 1944.
- (c) Rft. of essential units by reduction of other similar units to cadres only.
- (d) Release of men suitable for requirement at para. 3(a) on replacement by lower category men.

(e) Release of tradesmen and specialists from non-specialist units on replacement by non-tradesmen and non-specialists.

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6. In view of the urgency of the problem, preliminary replies are required by G-3 (Org-A) by 15 December '44, to show numbers that could be made available by para. 5 (a) and (b) above, and by 20 December to show detailed reorganization and releases by trades that could be effected by para. 5 (c), (d) and (e).

7. The above proposals are designed to cover a temporary dearth of manpower and will not effect the long term plan for the formation of new units when the reinforcement (replacement) depots are established. For the present, it would appear necessary for every service to limit its holding of Italian Army units to the irreducible minimum.

James M. A.
 DANIEL NOCE,

Major General, G.S.C.,
 Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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