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ITALIAN ARMY CALL-UP
MAY 1944; JAN. 1945 – NOV. 1946

143

C.S.O. Ex Comm.

Please see folio 142 and end. at 141

AWB 29/8

H.S. 20/8

144.

Chief Commissioner.

Under AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No.10 of 20 Feb 1945 the Allied military authorities have the right to retain certain Italian personnel who are liable for military service. In the present circumstances when unemployment is considerable and having regard to the fact that very few men of the call-up could be considered as key personnel, Land Forces S/C wish to cancel the Administrative Memorandum. I agree and submit draft to AFHQ on Page 141.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

21.Aug.45.

145.

Approved for C.C. 22/8

Issue H.S. 23/8

C.S.O. Ex Comm. 147

Ref minns 144 + 5. Letter at 146 for signature please.

Copies to all Service Sub Comm. 24/8 H.S. 23/8 AWB

154.

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21.Aug.46.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

145.

Approved for C.S.O. 22/8
22/8

Issue H.S. 23/8

C.S.O. Ex Comm. 147

Ref minutes 144 & 5. Letter at 146 for signature please.
Copies to all Service Sub Comm. HS/ 24/8 HS. 23/8. Acty

154.

CSO 1951

Folio 153 for info only. I have sent copies to the Service S/Comms. AWK 5/11

Ex Comm 155.

At f 152 is the answer to our letter at f 146. HS. 5/11 MC 6/11

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130

CSO

Ref mm 128, letter herewith submitted at 129

26/1

131

Executive Commissioner.

Letter at p.129 opposite is submitted for approval and signature of Chief Commissioner.

Ref your query at 128. MMIA stated at 116 that M of W had been informed and then at 124 it appears they had not.

1.2.46. C.S.O.

H.S. 1/2.

Chief Commissioner.

132

Attached is submitted for your ~~approval~~ signature ~~information~~

There has been deplorable delay in the issue of this letter the reasons for which I am exploring

MS 1/2

Letter signed & despatched

H.S. 4/2.

1059

FEB 2 REGD

A/CSO

Yes. H.S. 5/2.

134

referred letter is folio 129.

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Chief Commissioner.

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HS 9/2

Letter signed & despatched

H.S. 12.

1959

FEB 1 REC'D

A/CSO Yes. H.S. 5/2. 134

referred letter is folio 129.

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A/CSO Sec Comm. 135

Letter for signature - approved at 135 - is Washington Cable Secretariat.

H.S. 9/2 CRB 9/2

A/CSO H.S. 12/2 139.

folio 138 for info - glad they have approved.

CRB 11/2

140

cc Send copies of 137 & 138 to AMG V.G. & MMIA CRB 11/2 → Sent 11/2

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125

C.S.O.

Pse see 124 & attachment: certainly, I think, it is a thing that must go to AFHQ. Would it not be better, tho', to add another para. (if the draft is apprd.) requesting AFHQ to inform 13 Corps and should not para 4 of draft be slightly altered: ~~more~~ rather asking whether Sac is in agreement?

[illegible] 20/1

126

Capt. B.

What is the doubt abt? C.C. has already decided - see mins 112 & 113. I agree that ~~[illegible]~~ 13 Corps shld. be informed.

[illegible] 23/1

127.

C.S.O. Ref min 126: MMIA wished to inform AFHQ in order that they may let 13 Corps know since 13 Corps are expected to make difficulties.

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1948

[illegible] 25/1

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1948

25/1

128

Capt B.

It appears to have taken a month & 14 minutes to implement a decision of the C.C. Why?

Draft to issue to AFHQ.

Copy to XIII Corps.

26/1.

26/1

C/C - action please.

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112.

Executive Commissioner.

Ref. p.109, there is no legal objection to the call up being extended to include the AMG Province of UDINE (see minute 111) and from the political point of view it seems to be a good thing and in keeping with our policy of including UDINE with the rest of ITALY from the economic point of view. Poland (A) and Brig. Carr with whom I have spoken both agree. Subject to your approval I will so inform MMIA.

C.S.O.

28 Dec. 45.

113

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ~~information~~ approval

DEC 28 1945

I agree with 112 above.

31/XII E.L. Dagile 114. EWD CC MR (25)xx

115

GOC Land Forces S/C (MMIA)

Ref. xx. P. 109

please see minute 114.

114/ii

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113

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your approval / information

MWT

DEC 28 1945

I agree with 112 above

31/XII E.C. Dagle 114 MD CC MV (26)

115

GOC Land Forces S/C (MMIA)

Ref. yr. P. 109

please see min 114.

1946

116

Seen thank you, and M & W so informed.

AAGimson L-Col
AAG.
MMIA.

3/1/46

CSO

123

Pse see 122 and cut. for info

BRB 9/1

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98.

C.S.O. 11/10

97 for info

CBB 11/10

Ex. Com (100)

C.S.O.

Letter hastening (94) is submitted at (99) for CC's signature if approved.

15/10

CBB 14/10

Note: Signed by Ex C for Chief Comm 17/10

(104)

C.S.O.

Ref 102 & 101: Signal submitted for signature is in partial reply. 101, as will be seen, tho' referring to the three services, was sent direct to MMIA and only came to this Office (with their reply) on 8 Nov. It has been forwarded to Air & Navy S/Cs at 103, but I think it would be worth while to send the signal to ~~ADHQ~~ since there's no S/S Nov 4.

CBB 9/11 1945

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(104)

CSO

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9/11 1945

110

C LA

Ref P. 109 - may we have your views

27/12.

111

CSO to Exec Com.

re 109 - No objection at all from a legal point of view. All there is to do is to implement the call up decree in the Province of Ulster. This can be done by Provincial order after 1 Jan 45.

G.G. Hamilton
Hd Legal Sec

27 Dec 45

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85.

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your signature/information/approval.

CC 4015
AUG 19 REC'D

19/8

7

1944

91.

C.S.O.

Letter for submitted for approval & CC's signature please. Toggia (16)
is the only Province in which the call up has not been effected

RDR 19/8

93

Chief Commissioner.

1943

Attached is submitted for your ~~approval~~ signature ~~information~~

178 20/5

95

C.S.O. Exclusive

I submit letter for signature of CC at 94 following up 92.

1941

ODR

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93

Chief Commissioner. 1943

Attached is submitted for your ~~approval~~ signature information

95

C.S.O. Ex Com

I submit letter for signature & cc at 94 following up 92. 1941

LRB 2/10

Fac 2/10

96

1942

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ~~approval~~ signature information

3/2

AUG 16 REC'D
1035

Chief Commissioner.

1. I took the opportunity of discussing Page 75 and the draft letter submitted at Page 76 with Colonel MILLER, your AC LO at BARI, who has been in ROME.

2. I felt disposed on reading the document that the Land Forces Sub-Commission were being unduly hard on the Italian Government. Colonel MILLER, however, endorsed the views of the Land Forces Sub-Commission and states that there is no reason whatsoever why the call-up should not be enforced in FOGGIA Province and that, in fact, it would be a very good thing administratively and socially if it were.

3. I therefore recommend that the letter should have your approval.

TMS

15.August.45

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

81

FL.
I agree in principle but I don't think the tone at the end is quite "advisory" enough to be in line with FAN 487. Could you give it the appropriate touch?

TMS
CC

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81

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1949

Ens
CC

16/8

84.

Land Force Sub Com.

83

Issue for signature as amended

NS 16/8

Executive Commissioner.

84A

Attached letter is submitted for signature of Chief Commissioner.

18 Aug. 45. RSK

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C.S.O.

At folio 55 instructions for call-up - CALABRIA of 14,000 personnel of 1924(2)-25 classes between 15-31 March.

At folio 56 instructions for Sicily recall Phase III, 1914-24 classes from 1-14 March 1945.

11 Feb.

C.O.S (Ext 735)
11. 2. 45.

60

59 Seen by MS/17/2.

77.

C.S.O.

Please see folio 75. Draft at 76 submitted as a possible basis for action.

M. Pasby Sec Cond

13 Aug 45

78.

Exclusive

Ref 75 draft at 76 submitted for approval.

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S.G. 13/8.

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C.S.O.

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13 Aug 45

M. Pasley Sec Cmd

78.

Exclusive

Ref 75 draft at 76 submitted for approval.

1934

13/8.

79

C.S.O.

I should like to discuss with CDI Miller (AKAO at Bari)

1416.

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P 43-48

MV/8/2

51

CSO

Ref folio 49 para 3, this clothing is being issued in SARDINIA in response to minute 8 of COS meeting of 6/2/45 but note uniform consists of

1 cap
1 pr trousers
1 " boots
1 overcoat

The last mentioned item is withdrawn on arrival at NAPLES & not replaced until final destination is reached. As some of the men have to be moved to Bari locality & Frosinone I spoke to Lt Col Ingledew but reached no solution.
COS may like to raise at his meeting tomorrow.

8 Feb 45

1938

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To. MV/8/2 Capt Rudlin

Discussed at COS meeting. Men could [illegible] their destination

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8 Feb 45

1938

52

Yes. W/8/2 Capt Mullen

Discussed at CO's meeting. Overcoats will be returned at final destination and are taken off recruits after the journey from Sandricci because MPs are so upset if they discover they are so short of overcoats. CO accepted this.

8/2

PA

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CSO

B fd. on return of A/ President.

M.S. 26/1/45

26

CoS

Ref minute 22 you ought, meantime, to see 24 + 25. 24 is copy of a letter from Bonomi to Minister of War + I draw attention to phraseology of marked para of 24.

E Jacob Capt

28 Jan 45

27.

Chief Commissioner

CC 251
JAN 29 RECD

You should see p 24 which is a ~~fellow~~ reply

to p 7.

778/27/1 1937

28.

COS

I am bound to say I concur with the PM's position in p 24.

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f 24.

28 Jan 45

E Worden Capt

27.

Chief Commissioner

CC 251
JAN 29 HEOD

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15/7.

TTS/2711 1937

COS

28.

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P.A/ B.f when A/P returns

29/1

TTS/3011

Noted f/s 30/1

CWS
CC

41

CSO

Please, has the CoS seen folios 33 & 34? File was with him on the 30th Jan.

1 Feb.

He has - but think he is ~~doubting~~ bringing this matter up in 1/2

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No. 8

TO: Major Talbot.

Folios 3 and 4 are the administrative details connected with the call up in SARDINIA. Phase one of which takes place between 1 and 14 Feb 45.

You will observe that a copy has not been sent to R.C., SARDINIA Region and I have arranged for this.

See also signal - folio 5 - from Public Safety to Southern and Lazio-Umbria Regions giving advise of call up in Lazio-Campania Regions to take place 20 Jan 45.

I enquired from Public Safety the reason for the short notice and was informed that Land Forces S/C directive on this matter dated 7 Jan was delivered by hand to Public Safety yesterday morning, 18 Jan. This is a poor state of affairs and I submit a draft to Land Forces S/C on the subject.

19 Jan 45.

Captain

CoS may wish to see 6 + 7

18

CoS

See pessimistic note in para 2 of 7.

21 Jan 45

20.

CC 202
JAN 21 1945

Chief Commissioner.

1. I think you should see this file for it raises the point as to whether, in respect of the Land Forces Sub-Commission and MMLA, the "C" is to be muted or not. From the papers in the file it would appear most certainly not.

2. Page 4 addressed to the Minister of War begins: "Confirming verbal instructions from Major Baumann to Minister of War...."

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CGS may wish to see this.

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CGS

See pessimistic note in para 2 of 7.

21 Jan 45

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Pages 6 and 7 insist that the President of the Council may take no unilateral action and contain other equally strong words.

Page 16 is on the same lines as Page 4.

3. You will also note from Page 10 a lack of coordination and of realisation of the effect on the country of calls-up.

4. You may not wish to raise the issue of the position of the Land Forces Sub-Commission and MMIA now but this is only one instance of the unilateral action taken by them in matters affecting the country, the Government and the Commission. I am sure we could and should improve matters but it probably requires a meeting between the Acting President, yourself, General Harding and General Browning.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

23.Jan.45

21

CGS
Discuss with last sentence para. 4, Min. 20
CWS cc

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EX. COMM. M.P. 153

NOV 4 1946

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 960.32 1 November 1946.

SUBJECT: Italian Army - Call Up.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

151 150

Reference our G-5: 960.32 of 31 October, your 8270/150/EC dated 24 October further to your 8270/148/EC of 24 September and 8270/146/EC of 24 August. 148 146

1. AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 10 dated 20 February 1945, subject: Conditions Under which Italians will be Exempted from the Military Service, was rescinded 31 October 1946.

2. ALCOM is on the distribution list for the above recission.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A.L. HAMBLEN,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

See F. 152, Sec M. 154 1935

E.C. DIST 5/11/46

ACTION — E.C.

INFO — C.C.

Land Forces S/C

Air Force S/C

Navy S/C

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 24) 31 October 1946

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ITALIANS WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE MILITARY SERVICE

Administrative Memorandum Number 10, this headquarters, 1945 is rescinded.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Ralph C. Tilley
RALPH C. TILLEY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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plus
6 - Principal Sec Transport Officer (PSTO)
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400 - III District
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See M-155

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ALLIED FORCES HEAD QUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 900.32

31 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Italian Army - Cell Lp.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference your 8270/150/LC dated 24 October further to your 8270/140/LC of 24 September and 8270/146/LC of 24 August.

1. It is regretted that a reply to the above mentioned correspondence has been so long delayed. However, it is hoped to address a reply to you within the next few days.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MARK CLARK:

A. L. [illegible]
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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(Capt K)

Aug 7-152

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 8270/150/32 24 October 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Army-Call-up.

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters.

Further to this Commission's letter no. 8270/148/32 dated 24 September 1946 your views on our letter no. 8270/146/32 dated 24 August 1946 on this subject, would be appreciated, please.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Kinsey.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: C.C.
Land Forces S/C
Navy S/C
Air Forces S/C

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See F-151-152

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File

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8270/149/80 28 September 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Army Call-up.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

146
Herewith copy of this Commission's letter No. 8270/146/80 dated 24 Aug 46, as requested by telephone (Maj. Hightower - Capt Krisely speaking).

For the Chief Commissioner.

A. W. Krisely

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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1A 307 9/46

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148

File

Ref. : 8270/148/SC 24 September 1946.

SUBJECT: Italian Army-Call-up.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

146

1. Your views on this Commission's letter No. 8270/146/SC dated 24 Aug on this Subject would be appreciated, please.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Kinsely.

Brigadier,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

See 149, 150.

Copy to: C.C.
Land Forces S/C
Navy S/C
Air Force S/C

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PA

See J-151

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Ref: 8270/146/S1

24 August 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Army-Call-up.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

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2. The Italian War Ministry is now calling up new age groups for limited service in the Italian Army in order to maintain it at the strength authorised by the Combined Chiefs of Staff as laid down in the above-quoted letter. Now that active operations have ceased and in view of the fact that the labour market is far more open to the Allied authorities due to unemployment and also that few men liable to military call-up can be regarded as key men, the retention by Allied military authorities of these young men would not appear to be advisable.

3. In those circumstances it is recommended that exemption from Military Service should now be left entirely in the hands of the Italian Government and that the above quoted Administrative Memorandum either be cancelled or suitably amended.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to : C.C.
Land Forces S/C
Air Force S/C
Navy S/C

147, 148, 149

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

A.225. 16 August, 1946.

AUG 19 1946

TO:- Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

Attached Draft letter to A.F.H.Q. is submitted for your approval, reference conversation Brigadier Lush, Colonel Pidsley.

W. Pidsley.
COLONEL A/Q
M.M.I.A.

MP/MJC.

See M. 143-145

See 146 to M 147

1928

(CAPT R)

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S270/146/CC

14

DRAFT.

TO : AFHQ.

7.C, file 70/CC

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BERNARD M. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1927

Copy to C. Com
Land Forces S/C.

C copy

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Ex Com 138

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.711-1 8 February 1946

SUBJECT: Call Up - Italian Army.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

129

1. Reference your letter 8270/129/EC of 4 February 1946.

2. Your proposal to inform the Italian Government that UDINE Province may be included in the March "call up" is approved.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

137 Repro

F. G. A. PARSONS,
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Seen by Ats 12/2

See M. 139

Exec. Commissioner
Dist - HQ. A.C. - 11 2 46

AMG Venezia Giulia
L. F. S/C (MMIA)

1926

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(CMM 2) 11/2

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CO ISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

A 162/LFSC

February 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The question of extending the call-up for the Italian Army to UDINE province has been examined by the Allied Authorities, and I have to inform you that from the Allied point of view there is no objection to UDINE Province being included in the general call-up which is due to take place next month.

I should be glad if you would inform the Minister for War accordingly.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH
Acting
FILLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Avv. Alcide DE GASPERI
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

Copy to E. Com
E. Com ✓
L. F. 3/c (MMIA)
AMG Venezia Giulia

1925

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8270 91 135

Subject : Call up - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

A 162 8 Feb 46.

FEB 9 1946

To : Executive Commissioner's Office, AC.

133

Ref your 8270/133/EC dated 5 Feb 46.

Enclosed herewith is a draft letter for the Chief Commissioner's signature as requested in your a/cm letter.

W. P. Dalby Colonel
for Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

Issue. DV (8) 2

See 137 1924

/F.E.

(D/DDT T)

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6 February 1946

Ref: 8270/133/EC

SUBJECT: Call up - Italian Army.

TO : Land Forces S/C MMIA.

129

1. Ref 8270/129/EC dated 4 February 1946 to G-5 AFHQ copy to you.

2. May a draft letter implementing para 4 be submitted for the Chief Commissioner's signature please.

see M137

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 8270/129/EO.

4 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Call Up - Italian Army.

TO : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. The next "call up" for the Italian Army is due to take place during March. The Italian Ministry of War are anxious to make this call up as universal over ITALY as is possible and in this they are supported by the Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

2. There arises the question of the Province of UDINE which, as you know, is still nominally under AMG control though in many respects control has been handed back to the Italian Government.

3. From every point of view I consider that UDINE should be included in the call up regions; the province is without dispute an integral part of ITALY, any failure to include UDINE Province might perhaps be taken by YUGOSLAVIA as being a sign of weakness or a surrendering of rights on the part of ITALY in regard to the province.

4. I therefore propose to inform the Italian Government that UDINE Province may be included in the call up.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: AMG XIII Corps
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA), AO.
6 Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Call Up - Italian Army. 8270 gr

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

A /162

20. Jan. '46.

JAN 22 1946

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner
A.C.

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Ref. our A 162 dated 22 Dec. 45.

1. Some doubt seems to exist as to the desirability or otherwise of including UDINE Province in the forthcoming "call up".

2. Before informing the Ministry of War that UDINE may be included, it is felt that 13 Corps should be informed of our views through AFHQ. If you agree, will you please so inform AFHQ; a suggested draft letter is attached.

3. Will you please keep us informed of what action you take in the matter.

22 JAN 1946

W. Pardey. Colonel
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : First call-up in 1946.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.

A.162 8 January, 1946.

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To : A.F.H.Q.

1. The attached letter A. 162 is forwarded to you for information.

2. You will see that the limiting factors are, as they have been for some time :-

(a) the provision of suitable barracks - now limited to the T.R.C. in BOLZANO Territorial Region i.e. MONTEVERONESE Barracks at VERONA

(b) the matter of provision of British training equipment for the T.R.C's.

3. I shall be glad of early decisions and action in both cases.

A Browning

9 JAN 1946

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : M.A., A.C. (for information).

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9 JAN 1946

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M.M.I.A.

Copy to : M.G., A.G. (for information).

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Major General L. BROWNING, CB. OBE. MC.,
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
DO/2

7 January, 1946.

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To : ALL B.L.U. Commanders.
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My dear

In continuation of my DO/2 of 5 December I write to you further in connection with the matter of T.T.Cs. These are not being created as quickly as I had hoped, due to a variety of reasons, many of which have been beyond our control. So I think it advisable to give you the whole picture so that you can do your maximum at your end. The most important thing for the Italian Army at this moment, as I see it, is to establish these T.T.Cs. On them depends the whole initial training of the future Italian Army. As you know, the Italian Army has not had as good a Press as it should have had. The partisans in the North know little about it and when the North was liberated it rather took the line that the partisans had done the fighting and the Italian Army had done practically nothing - which of course was the reverse of the truth. Also the Italian nation as a whole rather feel that it is the same old army, with the same outlook, the same inefficiency, the same skullduggery as in the Fascist days. We must disabuse them of this idea. We must make them realise that this is a completely new party, that we have turned over a completely new leaf and the future is going to be very different to the past. It therefore follows that when we have our next call-up (we estimate about 40,000, which is a large percentage of the 140,000 allowed) these recruits must come into really well fitted up barracks with everything laid on, amenities, comfort, welfare etc. The recruits will then realise that it is a new party. They will be pleased. They will start their army career on a good wicket and with the right sort of ideas. They will write and talk and be ambassadors for the new Italian Army. In fact we shall have gone a long way towards re-establishing the morale of the new Army and its prestige in the eyes of the nation. I explain this at length because it gives you the background and the War Ministry feel exactly the same as I do about it.

Now as regards the completion of these T.T.Cs., we have been up against it for a variety of reasons. With infinite difficulty we have managed to get suitable barracks for most of the T.T.Cs. where they can be established permanently. But we still have not managed to get barracks for the whole 11. We are doing our dammedest and will succeed soon we hope, but we are up against the difficulty of occupation of barracks by Allied troops, Italian ignorance of their accommodation situation, the slow efforts of the Italians to put the barracks in order, getting material and workmen

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to do the work etc. etc. Nevertheless, the bigger the fence the greater
effort we must make to jump it or go through it, pushing aside all [illegible]
As you will know, the Italians have the habit of giving an order and thinking
that is enough. They do not follow up or go full blast keeping on gingering
all the time. That is where you come in. I want you to keep on gingering,
gingering, day in day out, so that all concerned, particularly the Territorial
H.Q. staff, realise how important the business is and that it has got to be
done in the shortest possible time. I want you to visit your T.T.Cs two or
three times a week and see how the work is going or why it is not going.
Take a senior officer of the Territorial H.Q. with you. Insist that the
word "impossible" does not exist in our dictionary. In fact by a mixture of
praise, cajolery and big stick get it done and do it now - a very good motto!

In addition to the actual repair of the barracks there will be
matter for you to watch such as, in due course, whether your T.T.C. has got
its full strength according to War Establishment, whether they have their

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instructional books and charts, whether they have their full equipment, which must be thoroughly clean, set out and in working order, etc. Very shortly you will be getting copies of a T.T.C. W.E., the syllabus and the schedule of equipment provided. We are still waiting on A.F.H.Q. for authority to draw the British equipment necessary. We have sent A.F.H.Q. the figures of the equipment we require but the decisions to whether this will be forthcoming is still on a high level and has not yet been settled. However I anticipate that it will be forthcoming in due course. There is one other aspect and this is the matter of accommodation stores. However we are having at the War Ministry this end told them that they must provide these accommodation stores and get them from somewhere at once.

In fact, as you see from what I have said above, what I want is that when the recruits arrive the whole business at the T.T.C. will be complete and a sparkling going concern with everyone and everything in their right place, knowing exactly what they have got to do and with full facilities for doing it.

Will you please include a short progress report on the T.T.Cs. in your normal fortnightly progress report and tell us not only how it is all going but also where the shoe pinches, so that we can get to work on the pinches this end.

I ought perhaps to have mentioned that the instructors are due to arrive at the T.T.Cs. about the 21 Jan which will give them ample time to organize classrooms, training facilities etc. But of course they will need your assistance, advice and ginger to do this.

I need hardly say that I do not write this in any spirit of criticism whatever of your efforts to date. I know you are doing what you can. I merely write this to emphasize as strongly as I can the vital importance of this particular aspect of the reorganization of the new Italian Army. Good luck to you and I take this opportunity of sending you all my best wishes for 1946.

Yours Sincerely

Langley Browning

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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P.S. Since dictating the above, I have had talks with Gen. CADORNA and as a result regretfully have had to agree to the postponment of the call-up by one month to mid-March for the reasons shown in A.162 of 7 Jan 46 attached. I, nevertheless, do not want <u>any</u> relaxation of effort in putting the T.T.C's on the map, as probably even with this respite we shall be hard put to it to be ready in time.

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Subject:- First call-up in 1946.

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Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
(L.F.I.A.)

A.162
7. January 1946

Minister of War.

1. (a) For many months, as you know, every endeavour has been made to arrange for the first call-up in 1946 to take place in mid-February, in order to :-

(i) release the older classes still serving in the Army

(ii) start the new T.T.C./CESAMO recruit training system as soon as possible.

It is of course necessary to revert to the system of a national call-up all over ITALY, in order to readjust the unsound system of partial call-up in different areas, forced on us inevitably by the exigencies of the war period.

(b) Despite every effort, progress has not been as rapid as I had hoped. I accordingly recently discussed the whole matter fully with General CADORNA.

2. The situation at this moment is as follows :-

(a) Instructors -
All trained(with a reserve) and will be joining shortly.

(b) Barracks (see Appendix "A") -
Seven out of the eleven T.T.C's will NOT be ready by 20 Feb, when the recruits are at present intended to start arriving. This delay is due to :-

(i) the fact that the Allies have been unable to hand over some of the barracks until recently.

(ii) as a result of (i) it has, in several instances, been impossible to make the necessary engineer reconnaissance, place contracts and get the work started in time.

(iii) your difficulties in getting contractors to complete their contracts, owing to shortage of materials, transport difficulties etc. It appears possible that even now the contracts may not be fully completed by the dates shewn in Appendix "A"

You will note that in one Territory, BOLZANO, it has as yet not been possible to find any T.T.C. barracks at all i.e. at present there is no provision for the 3,500 recruits destined for that centre.

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(c) Equipment

(i) In order to obtain uniformity of equipment and training (based on the "hard core" of the Combat Divisions) A.F.H.Q. have been asked for permission to issue British training equipment for the T.T.C's. No decision has yet been reached and even if(as is hoped) authority is given, that equipment will have to be drawn from British depots, distributed, thoroughly cleaned and set out in working order - all of which will take time.

(ii) I understand that there is some difficulty over "accommodation sheets", but these items can probably be made available in time.

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3. (a) It therefore is clear that the T.T.C's can NOT be ready by mid-February 1946.

(b) In both General CADORNA'S and my opinion it is essential that these T.T.C's should be fully organized, equipped and going concerns before the recruits arrive. The Italian Army has not had a good "press" hitherto. Its great achievements since the Armistice are not sufficiently known to the Italian nation, due largely (as I have already mentioned to you) to inadequate publicity. It is therefore of paramount importance that the first big development in its reorganization as a NEW Italian Army should be completely successful from the aspect of moral and prestige. If the recruits come in to well ordered barracks with proper amenities, they will be the ambassadors of the new Italian Army, they will start their army life with the proper spirit and outlook, and they and the Italian nation will realize that this is really the beginning of a new chapter. Anything short of this is bound to have the most unfavourable repercussions for the future.

4. (a) Both General CADORNA and I appreciate the disadvantage of postponing the call-up, as regards the delay in releasing the older classes and in starting the new recruit training system. But, as I say, we agree that the aspect mentioned in para 3 (b) is paramount.

(b) We therefore, regretfully but inevitably, consider it necessary to:-

(i) postpone the call-up for one month i.e. from mid-February to mid-March

(ii) have the call-up without fail in mid-March

Even if the barracks are not fully completed and repaired by then, with the warmer weather (particularly in NORTH ITALY) any deficiencies will be more tolerable and less noticeable by the recruits.

5. I am sure you will agree with the soundness of this decision and I urge that you insist on the maximum effort to put the T.T.C's structurally in working order on the part of your Territorial Commanders, Engineer Service etc. I am also confident that you will overcome any financial difficulties with your Treasury in view of :-

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to:- H.Q., Allied Commission (for Executive Commissioner),
A.F.H.Q.
All B.L.U. Commanders.

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APPENDIX "A" TO MMA LETTER
A.162 dated 7 January 46.

SUBJECT : Progress report for T.T.Cs at 4 JAN 1946.

Territorial H.Q.	Barracks for T.T.C.	Estimated date of readiness (assuming contracts completed up to expectation)
TURINO	Casale Monferrato (Cas.Duca d'Aosta e Funzionale)	15 FEBRUARY
GENOVA	Fossano- Cuneo (Cas.Piave - Funzionale e S. Rocco)	15 FEBRUARY
MILANO	Como - Brescia (Cas. De Cristoforis e Ottavioni)	Como : 1 MARCH Brescia : 1 APRIL (3 month work)
BOLZANO	?	
UDINE	Sacile (Caserma) (Capacity 1,000 men)	1 MARCH
BOLOGNA	Forlì (Cas.Dres.)	15 APRIL (3 months work)
FIRENZE	Siena (Cas.Lamarmora e S. Chiara) - Arezzo (Cas. Dres.)	3 MARCH (2 months work for LA MARMORA barracks)
ROMA	Orvieto (Caserma BOE centro ulteri.)	15 FEBRUARY
BARI	Bari (Cas. Falcone e Milano).	15 FEBRUARY

	Maria e S. Rocco)	
MILANO	Como [illegible] (Cas. In Cristoforis e Ottavianà)	Como : 1 MARCH Brescia : 1 APRIL (3 month work)
BOLZANO	?	
UDINE	Sacile (Cas. [illegible]) (Cavalry [illegible])	1 MARCH
BOLOGNA	Ferrara (Cas. Ros.)	15 APRIL (3 months work)
FIRENZE	Siena (Cas. Immacolata e S. Chiara) - Arezzo (Cas. Tres.)	3 MARCH (2 months work for LA ARADORA barracks)
ROMA	Civitavecchia (Caserma [illegible] Sec. Centro ricri.)	15 FEBRUARY
BARI	Bari (Cas. Palumpa e Milano).	15 FEBRUARY
NAPOLI	Avellino (Cas. Barracks).	1 MARCH
PALERMO	Palermo (Cas. La Loggia).	1 MARCH

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SUBJECT : Call Up for the Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A 162
22 Dec 45.

TO : A.C.

DEC 22 1945

1. The next call up for the Italian Army is due to take place on 15 February 1946.

2. The Ministry of War are anxious that this call up should be as universal over Italy as is possible, and Land Forces Sub Commission strongly recommend that it should be so.

3. There arises the question of including the Province of UDINE, the control and administration of which has not been fully handed back to the Italian Government.

4. The Government are proposing to include the Province of UDINE in the "callup" areas and Land Forces Sub Commission are in favour of their doing so. Will you please confirm that there is no objection to this course from a legal or political point of view.

5. In order that the Italian Government may complete their arrangements an early reply to this letter would be appreciated.

Lt. Gen. L-Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD CALL UP OF THESE CLASSES IN ITALIAN CONTROLLED TERRITORY

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Copy to: LF S/O (MMIA)

Army S/O

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Office of Exec Commissioner

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ROME

TO : G (SD) GHQ CMF

NOV 14 1945

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~~SECRET~~ O 915 T.O.O. 121510 November 1945 B (.)

REFERENCE TO YOUR SIGNAL FX 51827 DATED 4th NOV 45 (.)

PRESENT RATE OF CALL UP OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL APPROXIMATELY 900 PER MONTH (.)

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

F.L. BRADSHAW S/Ldr
AIR VICE MARSHALL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

NOTE:- AIR FORCE S/C sent this off on Monday, they apologise for not channelling through this office.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3973
10 November 1945.
NOV 13 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Call-up policy.

1. Reference G(SD)GHQ CMF signal FX 51827 of 4th November 1945.

2. Call-up of 1923 - 24 Classes in territory under the control of Allied Military Government in Northern Italy has been posponed until territory is handed over to the Italian Government. In Central and Southern Italy the call-up of these classes took place in June 1945 and a new call-up will not take place until 1946.

3. A proclamation was published in October 1945 calling for 1600 volunteers born in the years 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929. Those accepted will join up in February 1946.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Name Air Forces
S/C to reply
Copies to

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SO CALL UP OF ITALIANS FROM THE ITALIAN ARMY IN VARIOUS PLACE IS FINALLY AT THE

PRESENT TIME SD THE WORK THAT WE DO IS ALREADY TO MAKE CLEAR TRUTH IN ONE MIND

FOUR MEN SD NAVAL AND AIR FORCE DETAILS FOLLOW

COPY TO: LM S/S (ADMIN)

OFFICE OF THE SC COMMER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8270/103/EC

9 November 1945

SUBJECT: Call-up, Italian Armed Forces

TO : Navy Sub-Commission
Air Forces Sub-Commission

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1. Attached is copy of GHQ CMF Signal FX 51827 of 4 November 1945.

2. Will you please supply this office with the information requested. It could be appreciated of this matter could be treated as urgent.

NORMAN T. FUSKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Call-up Policy

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMLA)

3D/71

7 Nov 45

NOV 8 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

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Reference G(SD) GHQ CMF signal FX 51827 (copy attached) of 4 Nov.

No call-up of Italians into the Italian Army is taking place in ITALY at the present time. The next call-up is planned to take place early in 1946. Will you please so inform GHQ.

Major-General,
MMLA.

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Copy to: Navy Sub-Com, A.C.
Air Forces Sub-Com, A.C.

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'Q'(Two)

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(CAPT BRAYBROOKE)

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : G (SD) GHQ CMF
TO : ALLIED COMMISSION MMIA
REF : FX 51827

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION URGENTLY REQUIRED (/)
PRESENT RATE OF CALL UP OF ITALIANS IN ITALY TO THE THREE ARMED FORCES (.)

SD DISTRIBUTION

ACTION : SD/71
INFO : A

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SD/73/LFSC

17 October 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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I refer to my letter SD/73/LFSC dated 3 October 1945 requesting an early reply to the question of the call-up for military service of men of the 1914-1924 classes in the Province of Foggia.

Up to date no reply has been received and I would much appreciate your attention in this matter.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

cc. Chief Comm
Exec Comm
Dand Foreign Sc

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SUBJECT: Call-up of younger classes.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
A 016
10 Oct 45

OCT 11 1945

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. A decision has to be made shortly on the choice of personnel to be called up for the ITALIAN Army in January or February 1946.

2. With this end in view will you please state :-

(a) The throw-up anticipated by regions for classes 1925 to 1928 inclusive.

(b) Which class you consider should be called up in the first instance.

For Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission

INTERNAL: MA for GOC
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SD/73/LFSC

3 October 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have not yet received a reply to my letter SD/73/LFSC of 20 August 1945 in which I referred to the call-up for military service of men of the 1914-1924 classes in the Province of Foggia and would appreciate it if you could give this matter your attention.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

cc. CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMMISSIONER
LAND FORCES S.C.

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SD/73/LFSC

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SUBJECT: Call-up in FOGGIA Area

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/73

15 Sep 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.

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Ref your 8270/89/EC of 13 September and telephone conversation KEMSLEY - TEMPLE 1030 hrs 15 Sept 45.

1. It is confirmed that responsibility for forwarding action on part of Italian Prime Minister with reference to FOGGIA Call-up is with the Office of the Executive Commissioner, A.C.

for Major General
MMIA

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(Mrs Kemsley)

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Ref: 8270/89/EC

13 September 1945

SUBJECT: Call-up in the Foggia Area

TO : Land Forces Subcommission (MMIA)

Would you please remind the Italian Prime Minister that no reply has been received to letter SD/73/LFSC dated 20 August 1945 on the above subject.

R. W. KEMBLEY

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Tel : 735

Ref: 8270/38/SD.

3 Sept 45

SUBJECT: Call up in the FOGGIA Area.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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With reference to your letters SD/73 dated 7 and 18 August and 3 September 1945, a reply is still awaited to ~~your~~ SD/73/LFSC dated 20 August 1945 addressed to the Italian Government.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Ca.. -up in the FOGGIA Area.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/73

3 Sept 45

SEP -4 1945

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER. A.C. (2)

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Further to MMIA letter SD/73 dated the 7th and 18th of Aug 45.

1. Is any further information available please in order that the Round-up of miscreants in the FOGGIA Area may be proceeded with.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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(Miss Llewellyn)

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SUBJECT: Call-up in the FOGGIA Region

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/73

18 Aug 45

AUG 20 1945

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)

See Pol Sub A

Further to this HQ SD/73 of 7 Aug 45.

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T. M. Tingledew Lt-Col

Major General
MMIA

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Spoke Lt Col Tingledew & informed him folio 54 c/ school to hold not yet processed & expire. PA 20/8

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August 1945.

Ref: SD/73/LFSO

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I wish to draw your attention to a matter which has bearing on the points raised in your letter 41304/25372/1.22 dated 27 July 1945.

As is known to you, men of the 1914 - 1924 classes have been called up for military service throughout Southern Italy, up to and including the Regions of the Abruzzi and Lazio, with the single exception of the Province of Foggia.

In this Province, the call up was postponed in the first place because of the absence of Italian Administration in the Airforce enclave. Nevertheless, an attempt was made in October 1944 to recall to the colours the estimated 5,000 men in this Province liable for Military Service. The complete failure of this attempt was ascribed by the War Ministry to the local population taking advantage of the presence of the Allies and more particularly:-

(a) Large numbers of men employed by NAAF and encouraged by the latter not to present themselves;

(b) the inability of the Italian authorities to enforce the law owing to restrictions imposed by the Allies in the enclave.

On 30th June Allied Force Headquarters instructed all A.A.F. units in that area to give every possible assistance to the Government Authorities to effect the call up. The Italian General Staff had recommended that firm action should be taken, but the Ministry of the Interior having been consulted (in view of the recent disturbances in Apulia), stated that in their opinion it was undesirable to upset the population of the Province by enforcing the call up at this moment.

The fact that the matter has been allowed to lapse is common knowledge; you will appreciate, I know, Mr. Prime Minister, that as well as causing discontent and lowering the discipline among men from the

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/adjacent ....

(Dispatched from Office, Exc. 20 Aug 1945)

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adjacent provinces, this is likely to have serious repercussions throughout the country. The fact that the future of the Italian Army is being considered at the highest level and that the possibility of a call up in the Northern Regions is under examination, makes it particularly important that the authority of the Army should be maintained at this stage. Moreover, the matter has direct bearing on the question of equality of military service and the demobilization of older classes, mentioned in your letter referred to above.

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

cc: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

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SD/7?/LFSC

DRAFT

August 1945.

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file 8276/EC folio 2.

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~~the general question of the authority of your government,~~ the fact that the future of the Italian Army is being considered at the highest level and that the possibility of a call up in the Northern Regions is under examination, makes it particularly important that the authority of the Army should be maintained at this stage. Moreover, this matter has direct bearing on the question of equality of military service and the demobilization of older classes, mentioned in your letter referred to above.

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Copies to
Chief Commr
Zone Commr
Lord Jesson &c

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SUBJECT : Call-up FOGGIA

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (SICILY)

SD/78

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Aug 45.

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, AC.

AUG 6 1945

1. The following is passed to you for information and action, being a further instance of the over-conciliatory and weak-kneed attitude of the present Italian Government.

2. Men of the 1914-24 Classes liable for the Military Service have been called up throughout the whole of Southern Italy and up to LAZIO/ ABRUZZI Regions inclusive, with the sole exception of the FOGGIA Province.

3. The call-up in FOGGIA was postponed in the first place, because of the shortcomings and lack of authority of the Italian Administration in the Airforce Enclave. Nevertheless, an attempt was made in Oct 1944 to recall to the colours the estimated 3,000 men in this Province liable for Military Service. The complete failure of this attempt was ascribed by the War Ministry to the local population taking advantage of the presence of the Allies and more particularly :-

(a) large numbers of men employed by NAAF and encouraged by the latter not to present themselves ;

(b) impossibility for the Italian Authorities to enforce the law owing to restrictions imposed by the Allies in the enclave.

4. AFHQ were informed, and on 20 June 1945 instructions were issued to give every assistance to the Italian Authorities in effecting the call-up (Appx "A").

5. The stage was now set for rounding up the recalcitrants and it was also the recommendation of the Italian General Staff that this should be proceeded with. But because of the recent disturbances in SICILIA the War Ministry decided to consult the Minister of the Interior, and a negative reply has now been received from the latter on the grounds that it is undesirable to upset the population of the Province at this moment.

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6. (a) If the population of the FOGGIANO can flout law and order in this way and get away with it, it bodes ill for the authority of the Govt and the Army in the rest of the country.

(b) It is common knowledge that the men from this Province have succeeded in avoiding their obligations and this breeds discontent and lowers discipline among the men of the adjacent Provinces.

(c) It is particularly important that the authority of the Army be maintained at this stage, when a call-up is being considered for the Northern Regions, hitherto exempt, and the whole question of the future of the Italian Army is being examined on the highest level.

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(d) It so happens that the G.A.F. 1st Regt is stationed not far from the PUGLIA Province and could conveniently be used for rounding up the men who fail to report, and for maintaining order in the event of disturbances.

7. For all the above reasons it is recommended that pressure be brought to bear on the Italian Government to implement - effectively and energetically - the recall to the colours in the PUGLIA Province of at least the 1920-24 Classes. (1915-1919 Classes will gradually be demobilized in the coming months).

J. P. Kerr
Colonel
for Major-General
MAIA.

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Appx "A" to MEIA letter
SD/73 of August 1945

HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
United States Army

AG 091.4/136 A-O 30 June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Intake - FOGGIA Area - 1915 - 25 Classes

TO : Commanding General
Army Air Forces, MTO
APO 650

1. Attempts to call up personnel of the 1915-25 Classes in the FOGGIA Area for the Italian Army have been abortive.

2. The reason for this failure is reported as being apparent protection granted by AAF units to Italian personnel who do not possess authenticated exemption certificates.

3. It is directed that all AAF units be instructed to assist the Italian authorities in every way possible in calling up for the Italian Army all personnel not possessing certificates of exemption granted under provisions of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 10 , dated 20 February 1945 (amended).

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY

(Sgd) C.W. Christenberry
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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~~S E C R E T~~

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Italian Army Intake - FOGGIA - May 1945

LAND FORCES SUB-COM., A.C. (MMIA)

SD/73

30 Apr 45

MAY 1 REC'D

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (CRC) (4)

1. In October 1944 the War Ministry were ordered to conduct a recall into the Italian Army of the 1914-24 classes in the FOGGIA Area. The target was 5,000. Less than 50 in fact reported.

2. The War Ministry were ordered to make a further effort, which in fact started on 20 Jan. They reported that of 16,000 men shown in the population census only 400 reported to the Recruiting Centres. 200 were enlisted.

3. The matter was investigated. The reasons for the failure were explained to you in brief in MMIA letter SD/73 of 1 Mar in which I suggested that a round-up take place in the FOGGIA area commencing 1 May.

4. You agreed to this suggestion in your signal F 38349 of 5 Mar and you wrote thereon to MAAF, who control the FOGGIA Area, vide your letter CR/3717/G-1(Br) of 7 March.

5. Letter SD/73 to you on 13 Mar confirmed the intention to effect the round-up w.e.f. 1 May and asked for a nominal roll of personnel working for the Allied Forces due for exemption.

6. This nominal roll was pressed for in my letter to you SD/73 of 13 Apr. Your letter CR/3717/G-1(Br) of 17 Apr addressed MAAF refers.

7. As no details were available of personnel due for exemption we authorised the War Ministry to postpone the start of the operation to 9 May. Meanwhile my SD/73 of 24 April, copy to you, asked for the nominal roll to be hastened.

8. In all fairness to the Italian authorities, my formal instructions to the Ministry of War to commence 9 May have not actually been issued. The estimated intake of 2,000 is based on best figures available to the Italian Government but it will be appreciated from the above correspondence that the Italian Government do not control this the Air Forces enclave. Owing to the fact that on the previous occasions the War Ministry's operations have been hampered by, for example, the prohibition of the display of posters, prohibition of the arrest of persons who do not report to the recruiting centres as ordered, it is obvious that the operation you

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9. In order therefore that the matter may be proceeded with according to plan, will you please:-

(a) Obtain the list of civilian employees (between the 1915 to 25 Classes) working for MAAF in order that Ministry of War may take strong measures to round-up the remainder of personnel due to present themselves.

(Miss Stephens)

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(b) Obtain from the Allied Authorities in the FOGGIA Area their assurance of whole-hearted support in order that no obstacles may be placed in the way of the Italian authorities in carrying out their duty (as has been experienced in the past) and in maintaining their prestige, which we have been at such pains to build up and which is so essential both now and post war.

Major General
MMIA

Copy to: 3 DISTRICT
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MMIA LO 54 AREA
A.C. FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
A.C. FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION
A.C. FOR AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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PRIOR:

TO : (FROM MZ,X,OTT) MSG NO 8270 A 17 A

SB

MAR 1 0 1945

DECODED BY: [illegible] : [illegible] , SB. THE CHIEF OF STAFF

ATTACHED HAVING AN ARMOUR ALL WOOD BODY, BRICK AND OTHER ANTIDOTES

OF CLIMBING AND THE DRIVER HAS ROOM FOR ONE OR TWO STEEL TACK (.)

BLOW THE DRIVING OFF THE CHAIR WITHOUT BRICKS (.) INVESTIGATE TO

DETERMINE HOW MUCH USED IN BUILDING BRICKS DURING DEMOLITION AND HOW MUCH

MORE IS NEED THERE INSIDE TRAP (.) IMPORT ALL INCIDENTS STRICTLY

AUTHORITATIVE - AT AN SAME CONCERN IN PREVENTING FURTHER BRIGHTNESS TO THAT

WORK THAT BEGINS IN APRIL WILL NOT BE ANCHORED ANY CLEARING OR

SUPPORTING UNTIL THEY REACH INTERMEDIATE OR INTERIOR (.)

PRECEDENCE ____ ROUTINE ____

AUTHENTICATION ____

C. P. KIM , COL

Copy to Executive Commission A.C. for information

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 13 March 1945.

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Italian Call-Up.

Land Forces S/C had written a letter to Public Safety S/C stating that the CC.RR could have 4% of the total call-up, provided call-up figures were maintained and the ceiling of the CC.RR was not exceeded. This, however, did not apply to SARDINIA.

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SUBJECT: Calls-up.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.T.A.)
SD/71
10 Mar 45.

MAR 11 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner,
A.C.

copy to: Civil Affairs Sec, A.C.
Public Safety Sub Com, A.C.

Attached hereto for information is copy of schedule of projected calls and re-calls for period MAR/APR/MAY.

J.M. Congleton Lt-Col
Major General
M.M.T.A.

Svs.

INTERNAL:

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CALLS and RESCUES MAR. APR. MAY

DATE	REGION	CLASS	TOTAL	ALLOCATION					
				ASTRONI	AFRIC	TRENT	ORV	OSSANIO	FROSINO
MARCH									
1-14	SARDINIA I	1920/24	8000	5000	2000				
15-18	" II	1919	2000		1000	1000			
18-31	" III YS	1924/5	4000				3400++		600++
1-31	SICILY II	1918/24	1500		250	250			
1-19	roundup AFULIA YS	(dispersal)	10000	4400		2100	2600(--)		1400
		MAR	25500	9400	3650	3350	6000		2000
APRIL									
1-15	SICILY YS	1914/24	6000		2500	2500	1000		2000
1-4	SARDINIA YS	1924/25	2000						
5-15	" II	1919/17	1000		3000	3000			
		APR	16000	NIL	5500	5500	1000		1000
MAY 1-15	CALABRIA YS	1924/5	14000	4000			4000	4000	2000

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CALLS and RECALLS MADE ATTN. MAT

LOCATION

ASTRONI	AFMAG	TRANI	GRV	OSSARO	STROBINO	LTI direct.
5000	2000 1000	1000	3400++		600++	1000
	250	250				4006
4400		2100	2600(--)		1400	
9400	3350	3350	6000		2000	1400
	2500 3000	2500 3000	1000		1000	1000 1000
BTL	5500	5000	1000		1000	3000
4000			4000	4000	2000	

++ Neither camp can accept until first April week

6 Guard Bns PBS

(--) This incl 500 switch from TRANI

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SUBJECT: Calls-up - Correspondence.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/71
3 Mar 45

TO : Executive Commissioner,
A.C.

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MAR 9 1945

Reference your 8270/65/EC of 5 Mar 45, para 3, second sentence.

Please see distribution of this HQ SD 2378 of 2 Mar, copy attached for easy reference.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 735

Ref: 8270/65/EC

5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Call-up.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. With reference to your signals SD 2376 and SD 2378 dated 2 Mar 45, your attention is drawn to the Regional Data from which Appendix "A" to your SD/71 dated 5 Feb 45 was compiled. Also Office Memorandum No.1 dated 12 Jan 45, Appendix "B".

2. Distribution of SD 2376 will need to be amended from Regional Commissioner CALABRIA to Regional Commissioner SOUTHERN Region.

3. As regards SD 2378 you will note the Region concerned is known as SICILIA Region. Has a copy of this signal been sent to Public Safety Sub-Commission ?

Chief Staff Officer,
to Executive Commissioner.

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S I G N A L

FROM: MMLA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
MMLA LO SICILY

Date 02 1115 A Time
MAR 3 - 1945

INFO: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SICILY REGION A.C.
AFHQ FOR G-3 ORG
MOV
Q(MAINT)
QM

3 DIST
FENSOUTH
FES
3 DIST FOR MMLA LO
FENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO
54 AREA FOR MMLA LO
ITALIAN RPT DEPOT MARSALA
ITALIAN RPT DEPOT TRAPANI
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION

SD 2378 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION _____

PHASE III S I C I L Y CALL UP TO POSTPONED FROM 15 - 31

MAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST AND WILL TAKE PLACE

1 - 15 APR

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

Internal: AG
ST
Q(AM)
Mov
Spec Sec
Ord
Med
G-2 (I)

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SIGNAL

FROM: MMLA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
3 DIST FOR MMLA LO

Date 02/1/30 Time A

INFO: AFHQ G-3 OPG
MOV
56 AREA FOR DMT
3 DISTRICT
PENSOUTH
BEU ICF RTC
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER CALABRIA
1 DISTRICT FOR MMLA LO
PENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO
ITALIAN RFT CAMP AFRAGOLA
ITALIAN RFT CAMP ORVIETO

MAR 3 - 1945

SD 2376 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

REF THIS HQ SD/73/2 OF 9 FEB 45 PARA 2 (.)

CALABRIA CALL UP CLASSES 1924(2)-25 IS POSTPONED FROM

15 - 31 MAR AND WILL TAKE PLACE AT A DATE TO BE NOTIFIED (.)

PROBABLY 1-15 MAY

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

Internal: A
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G(AE)
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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
Pub Safety Sub-Commission

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Call Up. Land Forces Sub Commission reported that AFHQ had postponed the Sardinian Phase Two call up from early March to early April. He said the reason for this was that the calls up were going so well and that they were obtaining 95% of the Italian estimate.

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Gall Jr. Land Reports Sub Commission reported that AFEQ had postponed the Sarapiqui Phase one until early April. He said the reason for this was that the Costa Rica Ministry of Agriculture obtained the services of the Italian, Lombardo, to do work as well and

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 16 February 1945.

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Sicily Call-Up. Land Forces Sub-Commission stated that the Sicily call-up had been postponed from 1 March to 15 March at the request of the Prime Minister.
They raised the question of channels of communication in regard to calls-up and suggested that it would have been better for the Italian Government to have put this request through the Ministry of War. Mr C agreed and said that the solution was for Land Forces Sub-Commission to tell Count Casati this and action could be taken within the Italian Government.

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SUBJECT: SICILY Call-up - Phase III

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/75
16 Feb 45

FEB 16 1945

TO : CHIEF OF STAFF A.C.

(58)

Ref your 8270/COS of 15 Feb.

1. I agree to the postponement of SICILY Call-up Phase III from 1 March to 15 March, but must point out that this Call-up has already been postponed twice before.

2. Conditions in SICILY are, of course, exceptional but the previous proposed date of 1 March had been recommended by Minister of War, presumably after consultation with political advisors of the Italian Govt. The org of a Call-up necessitates considerable administrative preparation, much of which has to be undertaken in consultation with branches of AFHQ, and I trust this will be the last request for a postponement.

3. I would ask that you represent all the above to the Italian Government, so that they will not continue to demand postponements of Call-up in other areas on account of political fears.

Such action would make my task of producing reinforcements impossible.

4. One last point - actually as G.O.C. MMIA, I am made responsible for Call-ups in consultation with the Minister of War. The Italian Government's views should thus come to me through the Minister of War and NOT through A.C. - though, in case of disagreement on political grounds, I would of course consult A.C.

L. Browning 1378

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: A/S

P.S. - As a result of your COS meeting on 16 Feb I will take this
WS matter up with the Minister of War. I understand you will do the same with the P.M. through your channels.

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Ref: 8270/COS.

15 February 1945.

SUBJECT: SICILY Call-Up.

TO : COS, Land Forces Sub-Com (MMLA).

I confirm the Chief Commissioner's verbal message today to the effect that the Prime Minister has asked for a postponement from 1st March to 15th March of the beginning of the 1944-24 class call-up in SICILY. Do you concur?

M. S. [illegible]

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

MAL/JB.

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SUBJECT: SICILY Recall Phase III

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No SD/75
7 Feb 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
MMIA LO SICILY (2)

FEB 1 9 1945

Ref this HQ SD/49 of 4 Dec 44 and further to SD/75 of 6 Feb 45.

1. Phase III of the recall to the Army of personnel fit for general service in the 1914-24 classes will now take place in SICILY under your arrangements from 1-14 March 1945.

2. You will arrange for an intake of a further 5,000 personnel in this phase to complete 20,000 total for the whole SICILY recall.

3. Allotment to categories will be on the following priority.

	ASTRONI for UB-ITI	AFRAGOLA for BR-ITI	TRANI for BR-ITI	Direct to INT-ITI Units
Priority 1	1000			
" 2		1000		
" 3				1000
" 4	1000			
" 5			1000	
" 6				1000
	2000	1000	1000	2000

4. MMIA LO SARDINIA will arrange tpt for personnel to REGGIO Camp.

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1. Phase III of the recall to the Army of personnel fit for general service in the 1914-24 classes will now take place in SICILY under your arrangements from 1-14 March 1945.

2. You will arrange for an intake of a further 6,000 personnel in this phase to complete 20,000 total for the whole SICILY recall.

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Priority 1	1000			
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" 3				1000
" 4	1000			
" 5			1000	
" 6				1000
	2000	1000	1000	2000

4. MMLA LC SARDINIA will arrange tpt for personnel to RECCIO Camp.

AFHQ are requested to arrange movements ex RECCIO 1876 in above priorities as personnel become available.

5. Arrangements for Reports, Escorts, Rations, tpt to recruiting centres, bedding, barrack stores, clothing and equipment remain unchanged.

Major General
for D. M. I. G.

DISTRIBUTION: (On reverse side)

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DISTRIBUTION:

Regional Commissioner SICILY Region A.C.
AFHQ for G-3 ORG (2)
MOV (2)
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QM
3 DIST
PENSOUTH
PRS
3 DIST FOR MMLA LO
PENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO
3d AREA FOR MMLA LO
ITALIAN RFT DEPOT AFRAGOLA
ITALIAN RFT DEPOT TRANI
A.C. for C.o.S.
PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.

Internal:

AQ (2)
ST (2)
Q(AE) (2)
Mov (2)
Spec Sec
Crd
Med
G-2(L)

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SUBJECT: Call-up - CALABRIA - Classes 1924 (2) - 25

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/73/2
9 Feb 45

FEB 10 1945

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

Confirming verbal instructions from Major BAUMANN

1. The Italian Ministry of War will call up into the Italian Army 14,000 personnel fit for general service of the classes 1924 (part 2)-1925 in the region of CALABRIA. Personnel of Hebrew faith of the classes 1919-1925 will be included in this call-up.

2. DATE

The Call-up will start on 15 March 1945 and finish on 31 March and will take place under the supervision of MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT.

3. INTAKE

An availability of 16,000 is forecast by Ministry of War. 14,000 will be enlisted. This together with an intake of 6,000 from the same classes in SARDINIA, vide this HQ letter SD/77 of 3 Feb 45, represents an intake over the month of 20,000. The allotment of the 14,000 to categories and destinations appears in Appx "A".

4. REPORTS

MMIA LO 3 District will report daily by quickest means to this HQ

(a) daily intake for each reception centre

(b) cumulative total intake

(c) numbers awaiting movement at each reception centre

(d) numbers moved by destinations.

War Ministry will submit a report to this HQ on completion showing total numbers,

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(d) numbers moved by destinations.

War Ministry will submit a report to this HQ on completion showing total numbers,

(a) reporting to recruiting centers

(b) enrolled

(c) exempted on medical grounds

(d) otherwise exempted.

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5. ESCORTS

War Ministry will arrange for escorts on basis of 5 Carabinieri per 100 men moved.

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6. RATIONS

War Ministry will be authorised to issue the correct number of rations needed and will report issue to this HQ. The rations to be issued will include rations for personnel called up, recruiting staffs, CC RR escorts, and travel rations.

7. COLLECTION AND TRANSFER TO RECRUITING CENTRES

Personnel will be collected and moved to Recruiting Centres under Min of War arrangements. For this purpose, arrangements will be made between ST this HQ and Ufficio Automobilistico SMRE for allocation of Transport.

8. Attached at Appendix "A" is a summary of the numbers of personnel War Ministry state are expected to be enrolled in the various districts, together with allocation to catogories.

9. COLLECTION AND TPT FROM RECRUITING CENTRES TO DESTINATIONS

(a) Collection under arrangements M.L. LO

(b) Tpt to destinations in Appendix "A" by rail

(c) For AFHQ. Rail movement is bid for from Recruiting Centres in column (b) to destinations in column (f) for personnel detailed in column (j).

(d) Priority should be given to serials which involve the longest rail moves.

10. ACCN

Accn will be required at recruiting centres

(a) from 5 March in order that War Ministry may prepare for the intake.

(b) during the period of the call-up and until personnel are moved away under arrangements as in para 9.

The Call-up ceases on 31 March but although intakes should be moved from recruiting centres by 10 April there will be an accn requirement for late comers, for those brought in by CC RR and for those who have not been moved until approx 30 April.

11. RECRUITING CENTRES

Will be established by Ministry of War.

12. BEDDING AND BARRACK STORES

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(b) Tpt to destinations in Appendix "A" by rail

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Will be established by Ministry of War.

12. BEDDING AND BARRACK STORES

Will be issued by Italian authorities on a loan basis to recruiting centres and returned to depot stocks after the completion of the re-call, except that one blanket will be taken by each recruit to destination.

13. PERSONAL MESSING EQUIPMENT

Will be issued at recruiting centres from Italian stocks for retention by recruits.

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14. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(a) US-ITI At Base Depot or other destination under arrangements PBS

(b) ER-ITI Combat at CESANO

(c) ER-ITI Service at ORVIETO

(d) ITI-ITI At ITI-ITI destination under arrangements SMRE.

15. It is emphasised that this is a call-up of young men who have not had any previous army service, and who should be given 4 weeks basic training.

L. M. Ingleduew, Lt-Col
for Major General
M. A. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ G-3 ORG (4)
G-1 (2)
G-4 (2)
G-3 Trg (1)
Q Maint (2)
QM (1)
Mov (4) Attn para 10.
56 AREA FOR RMT " " 14
1 DISTRICT 1 DISTRICT for MMLA LO
2 DISTRICT
3 DISTRICT 3 DISTRICT for MMLA LO
PENSOUTH PENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO
PENBASE ITALIAN RFT CAMP AFRAGOLA
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ICF RTC ITALIAN RFT CAMP ORVIETO
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER CALABRIA ← Spoke Lt Col Ingledew
He will send to Southern Region

Internal: A/Q X
A Med
Q Spec Sec (2)
Q(AE) (2) ALCOM for COS
ST (3) Pub Safety S.C.
Mov (3) Circ
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War Ministry Estimate

Serial (A)	Recruiting Centre (B)	Total due to report (C)	Total Eligible (D)	Category (E)	Destination (F)	Depot (G)	Under of (H)
1.	CATANZARO	7419	6000	(BR-ITI (Service	ORVIETO	BRD	1 Dis
.	COSENZA	6147	4900	(ITI-ITI	FROSINONE	BRD	SWRE
3.	R. CALABRIA	6476	5180	(US-ITI	ASTHONI	Rft Camp	FRS
			16080				

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Appendix "A" to MMIA letter
SD/73/2 dated 6 Feb 1945

ar Ministry Estimate

otal igible	Category	Destination	Depot	Under Cond of	Percentage	Total
D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(J)	(K)
000	(BR-ITI (Service	ORVIETO	BRD	1 Dist	36%	5000
900	(ITI-ITI	FROSINONE	BRD	[illegible]	32%	4500
180	(US-ITI	ASTRONI	Rft Camp	PBS	32%	4500
080						14000

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 9 February 1945.

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Call-Up for Sardinia. Land Forces Sub-Commission explained the reasons for delaying the issue of clothing to recruits for the Italian Army until they reached their receiving stations. Many recruits deserted and it was not desirable that they should be in possession of Allied clothing. At the request of NC Sardinia clothing was being issued at call-up points in Sardinia, but owing to the scarcity of greatcoats there would be taken away from recruits at Naples and handed back at the receiving stations. COS again stressed the great importance of good co-ordination between CS Soc and Land Forces Sub-Commission on all matters affecting call-ups.

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FROM: MMLA 07 /230 A

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
MMLA LC SARDINIA

INFO: AFHQ FOR G-5 CMC
AFHQ for G-1
AFHQ for G-4
AFHQ for G-3 Trg
AFHQ for Q(MAINT)
AFHQ for QM
AFHQ for MOV
56 AREA FOR DMT
DISTONE
DISTWO
DISTHREE
PENSOUTH
PENBASE
ROME AREA ALLIED COMD
TCF RTC
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA
DISTONE FOR MMLA LC
DISTHREE FOR MMLA LC
PENSOUTH for MMLA LC
ITALIAN RET CAMP ATRAGOLA
ITALIAN RET CAMP ORVIETO

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REF : SD 2255 RESTRICTED FEB 8 1945 9/2

REF THIS HQ LETTER SD/77 OF 4 FEB 45 SUBJECT CALL-UP SARDINIA CLASSES 1924(2) - 25 (.) AMEND FIRST LINE TO READ QUOTES REFERENCE THIS HQ LETTER SD/77 OF 4 FEB 45 SUBJECT RECALL SARDINIA 1914 - 24 CLASSES UNQUOTE (.) ALL INFORMED

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT T.O.O

AUTHENTICATED: [illegible]

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

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Q(AE) (2)
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ALCOM for CCS
Public Safety Sub-Comm

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1924(2) - 25 (.) AMEND FIRST LINE TO READ QUOTES REFERENCE THIS HQ LETTER SD/77 OF 4 FEB 45 SUBJECT RECALL SARDINIA 1914 - 24 CLASSES UNQUOTE (.) ALL INFORMED

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED: [illegible] for PA

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

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MOV	(3)	Public Safety Sub-Comm	

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SUBJECT:- Re-call SARDINIA 1914-24 Classes

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C.
(MMIA)
SD/77

7 Feb 45

MINISTRY OF WAR (2)
MMIA LO SARDINIA (3) - by hand of LO

FEB 8 1945

1. MMIA letter SD/53/1 of 18 Jan 45 laid down instructions for the re-call of the 1914-24 classes in SARDINIA. Please cancel paras 9 and 13 and substitute the following :

2. ALLOCATION TO CATEGORY

(a) Phase 1

(i)

PRIORITY	DESTINATION	CATEGORY
1st 1,000	ASTRONI Naples	US-ITI
2nd 1,000	AFRAGOLA	BR-ITI
3rd 1,000	ASTRONI	US-ITI
4th 1,000	TRANI (Bari)	BR-ITI
5th 1,000	FROSINONE	ITI-ITI
6th 1,000	ASTRONI	US-ITI
7th 1,000	AFRAGOLA (Naples)	BR-ITI
8th 1,000	ASTRONI	US-ITI
9th 1,000	TRANI	BR-ITI
10th 1,000	(A) 500 to ASTRONI (B) 500 to AFRAGOLA	US-ITI BR-ITI

(ii) Total numbers per category are:-

45% - 4,500 to US-ITI

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6th 1,000	ASTRONI	US-ITI
7th 1,000	AFRAGOLA (Naples)	BR-ITI
8th 1,000	ASTRONI	US-ITI
9th 1,000	TRANI	BR-ITI
10th 1,000	(A) 500 to ASTRONI (B) 500 to AFRAGOLA	US-ITI BR-ITI

(ii) Total numbers per category are:-

45% - 4,500 to US-ITI
45% - 4,500 to BR-ITI
10% - 1,000 to ITI-ITI

10,000

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(b) Phase II

30% -	US-ITI	ASTRONI	3,000
30% -	BR-ITI	(AFRAGOLA	1,500
		(TRANI	1,500
30% -	Combat	CESANO	3,000
10% -	ITI-ITI	FROSINONE	1,000
			10,000

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3. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Each man will be issued and retain on leaving SARDINIA the following from Italian items now in SARDINIA :-

1 overcoat
1 pr socks wool
1 pr drawers wool
1 undershirt wool or sweater
1 cap
1 shirt wool grey
1 blanket
1 towel
Italian insignia

(b) One additional blanket will be issued to each man for use while in SARDINIA but will NOT be removed from the island.

(c) The following additional items will be issued to each man from stocks being shipped from NAPLES, ETA later :-

1 pr boots
1 pr trousers

(d) Overcoats will be withdrawn on arrival of personnel at NAPLES and handed in to ITALIAN DEPOT NAPLES.

(e) Clothing and equipment of personnel will be brought up to full scale on arrival at final destination on the mainland under arrangements of the nationality concerned.

Major General
N N I A

ABC

DISTN:- AFHQ G-3 Ops (4)
Mov (4)
15 Army Gp
1 Dist (2)
2 Rest (2)

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PENBASE (1)
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3 Dist for MMIA LO (1)
MMIA LO NAPLES (2)
ICF RTC CESANO (2)
COS A.C. and Public Safety Sub Com A.C.

INTERNAL: AQ (1)
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Italian Call-Up. Land Forces Sub-Committee stated that the new call-up directive had been amended to include Java, who had been excluded from military service under the Fascist regime.

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 6 February 1945.

Call Up for Sardinia. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that owing to special representations from RC Sardinia, boots, greatcoats and hats would be issued to Italian Army recruits at call-up points in Sardinia.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 36/1/PAT 4 Feb 45

SUBJECT : Avv. SECONDARI

TO : RC Lazio-Umbria Region

Reference your R/6054 of 15 Jan 45.

1 On 2 February 1945 Avv. Roberto SECONDARI came to the CA Section where he was interviewed on the subject of the alleged activities reported by you in which it was charged that he had held conferences and conversations at Foligno to urge Italian youth not to obey the call up and not to volunteer.

2 SECONDARI was ordered not to incite persons against joining the Army. Moreover he was required to sign a statement of which a copy is attached that he would not engage in any of these activities.

3 It was pointed out to him that if in territory subject to Allied Military Government he should ever again in any way try to persuade persons not to join the Army he would be prosecuted under Proclamation 1 Art V (42).

4 Copies of this letter are being sent to SCAO's Fifth and Eighth Army, Toscana Region, Abruzzi Marche Region and MMIA, so that they may be informed of the history of this case and be ready to take prompt action should there be any violation.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. URQUHY Brig
VP CA Section
DCOS AC

For Distribution :

SCAO Fifth Army
SCAO Eighth Army
Toscana Region
Abruzzi-Marche Region
CCS
Land Forces S/C

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

O R D E R

TO : AVV. SECONDARI.

TAKE NOTICE THAT :

1. You will not at any time after receipt of this order commit any act or make speech or use any word or words of a nature calculated to deter any person or persons from enlisting in the Italian Army or from obeying any call up.

2. This order applies throughout all territory which is or hereafter may be subject to Allied Military Government and refers to any act of whatever nature and however committed, to any speech whether made in public or in private and whether at an authorised or unauthorised assembly or demonstration, and to any word or words used in any conversation with any person or persons.

3. Any breach of this order will render you liable to prosecution for an offence against the Proclamations of the Allied Military Government.

For and on behalf of the Allied Military Government:

G.R. WEYCHE, Brig
VP CA Sec
HQ Allied Commission

2 February 1945.

I acknowledge receipt of the above order

..... (signed)Avv. Roberto Secondari

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SUBJECT: Call-up SARDINIA Classes 1924 (2) - 25

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/77
4 Feb 45

FEB 1945

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR (2)
MMIA LO SARDINIA (2)

(43)

SD/77 of 4 FEB 45, SUBJECT, RECALL SARDINIA 1924-25 CLASSES

Reference this HQ letter ~~SD/73/4 of 3 Feb 1945.~~

1. The Italian Ministry of War will call up into the Italian Army 6,000 personnel fit for general service of the classes 1924 (part 2) - 1925 in SARDINIA. This will include personnel of Hebrew faith classes 1919-25.

2. DATE

The Call-up will start on 15 March 1945 and finish on 31 March 1945 and will take place under the supervision of MMIA LO SARDINIA.

3. INTAKE

An availability of 6,400 maximum is forecast by the War Ministry. 6,000 will be enlisted. The allotment to categories and destinations appears at para 9.

4. REPORTS

MMIA LO SARDINIA will report daily by quickest means to this HQ copy to MMIA LO NAPLES

(a) daily intake and cumulative total

(b) numbers awaiting shipment and probable date of move

(c) numbers shipped.

War Ministry will submit a report to this HQ on completion showing numbers.

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MMIA LO SARDINIA will report daily by quickest means to this HQ copy to MMIA LO NAPLES

(a) daily intake and cumulative total

(b) numbers awaiting shipment and probable date of move

(c) numbers shipped.

War Ministry will submit a report to this HQ on completion showing numbers,

(a) reporting to recruiting centers

(b) enrolled

(c) exempted on medical grounds

(d) otherwise exempted.

5. ESCORTS

War Ministry will arrange for escorts on basis of plan already submitted by HQ SARDINIA vide P.M. 75/A - 31 Jan 45.

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6. RATIONS

War Ministry will be authorised to issue the correct number of rations needed and will report issue to this HQ. The rations to be issued will include rations for recalled personnel, recruiting staffs, CC RR, escorts, and travel rations.

7. COLLECTION AND TRANSFER TO RECRUITING CENTRES

Personnel will be collected and moved to Recruiting Centres under M of W arrangements. For this purpose arrangement for loan of trucks will be made between MMA LO SARDINIA and local HQ SARDINIA.

8. The following is a summary of the numbers of personnel War Ministry state are expected to be enrolled in the various districts:-

	War Ministry Estimate		
	Due to Report	Eligible for Enlistment	
CAGLIARI	3,285	3,100	
ORISTANO	2,186	1,750	
SASSARI	2,048	1,630	
		6,480	6,000 will be enrolled.

9. ALLOCATION TO CATEGORIES

Percentage	Category	Yield	Destination Training Depot
30%	US-ITI	1800	ASTRONI
30%	AR-ITI	1800	ORVIETO
30%	Combat	1800	CESANO
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		6,000	

10. MOVEMENTS

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10. MOVEMENTS

Collection and tpt from Recruiting Centre to CAGLIARI will be under arrangements MGIA LO SARDINIA according to dates of availability of sea transport to mainland.

Movement from NAPLES will be under arrangements MGIA LO NAPLES. AFHQ are asked to arrange rail tpt on his request to destinations in para 9 as personnel become available at NAPLES port.

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11. BEDDING AND BARRACK STORES

Will be issued by Italian authorities on a loan basis to recruiting centres and returned to depot stores after the completion of the re-call, except that one blanket will be retained by each recruit.

12. PERSONAL MESSING EQUIPMENT

Will be issued at recruiting centres from Italian Stocks for retention by recruits.

13. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Instructions will follow.

14. It is emphasised that this is a Call-up of young men who have not had any previous army service. They should be given 4 weeks' basic trg before being posted to units or despatched to specialist trg centres if at all possible.

Major General

DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ G-3 OKG	4)	
G-1	2)	
G-4	2)	
G-3 Trg	1)	
Q Maint	2)	
QM	1)	
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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA.

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Col 9526 (8)

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Re-call SARDINIA 1914 - 24 classes. ~~SECRET~~

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/77
4 Feb 45.

To : MINISTRY OF WAR (2)
MMIA LO SARDINIA (3)

FEB 1945

Further to this H.Q. letter SD/53/1 of 18 Jan 45, para. 14 (d).

1. Phase II of the recall in SARDINIA of the 1914-24 classes will now take place under supervision MMIA LO (SARDINIA) from 1-14 March 1945 inclusive.

It is expected to produce 10,000 reinforcements.

2. The allotment of Phase II to categories and destinations is as follows:

30%	US-ITI	ASTRONI	3,000
30%	BR-ITI	AFRAGOLA	1,500
		TRANI	1,500
30%	Combat	CISANO	3,000
10%	ITI-ITI	FROSINONE	1,000
			10,000

3. MOVEMENT.

A.F.H.Q. are arranging for sea transport to be available. MMIA LO SARDINIA will arrange for collection and tpt of personnel from Recruiting Centres to CAGLIARI according to availability of shipping.

Details of personnel being shipped and destinations will be signalled by MMIA LO SARDINIA under the same arrangements as requested in SD/53/1 of 18 Jan above referred to, para 4.

MMIA LO NAPLES will supervise arrival of recruits at port and AFHQ are asked to arrange rail tpt at his request to destinations given above as personnel become available.

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4. Arrangements for reports, rations, collection and transfer of men to recruiting centres, bedding, barrack stores, will be as detailed in MMIA letter of 18 Jan 45, above referred. For Phase I Instructions for personal equipment and clothing will be issued separately.

5. Instructions are also being issued for the call-up of the 1924 (second part) -25 classes between 15-31 March in SARDINIA to produce about 6,000 recruits who have not been in the Army before and will require basic trg.

6. War Ministry will arrange for escorts on basis of plan already submitted by HQ SARDINIA vide P.M. 75/A-31 Jan 45.

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for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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	QM	(1)
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Ref. 8270/40/005 1 February 1945

SUBJECT: "Call-Up"

TO : Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi-Marche Region

The enclosed letter from Land Forces Subcommission (SCIA) is submitted for your general information and guidance.

Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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Ref. 8270/39/003 2 February 45

SUBJECT: "Call-Up"

TO : Regional Commissioner, Northern Region, AC

The enclosed letter from Land Forces Subcommission (MPIS) is submitted for your general information and guidance.

Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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SUBJECT: Call - up Italian Army

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LAND FORCES SUB - COM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/71
Jan 45.

To : C.O.S.
A.C.

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Ref your 212/101/COS of 23 Jan.

1. Att are copies of this HQ letter SD/44 of 19 Jan for distribution to Regional Commissioners as under:-

(1) APULIA and LUCANIA
(2) ABRUZZI, MOLISE and MARCHE

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2. A copy of MMIA letter SD/53/1 of 18 Jan subject "Recall SARDINIA 1914 - 24 Classes", was forwarded direct to Regional Commissioner SARDINIA on 20 Jan 45.

3. A shedule covering all presently projected call - ups was sent to you for information under ref SD/53/1 dated 18 Jan.

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Ref: 3370/37/000. 31 January 1945.

Subject: Call-up for Military Service in Italian Army.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission (LFSA).

1. This is to confirm that in all matters affecting the call-up for military service in the Italian Army you will be the originating Sub Commission and will correspond direct with Regional Commissioners.

2. This, of course, includes advising Regional Commissioners of the dates on which the call-up will take place. I must emphasise that considerable advance warning needs to be given of these events to enable Regional Commissions to consider any steps that may have to be taken and, if necessary, consult the Commission.

Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT: Call-up - SICILY

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/75
25 Jan 45

TO : CHIEF OF STAFF, A.C.

5 JAN 31 1945

Attached copy of message 1082/24 of 26 Jan from MMIA LO SICILY is forwarded for your information.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

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FROM: LONG MMIA LC SICILY

TO : MMIA ROME

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PRIORITY

1082/84

Following repot for 25 January (.) PALERMO reported 30 accepted 11 (.) MESSINA reported 56 accepted 28 (.) CATANIA reported 45 accepted 13 (.) SIRACUSE reported 38 ACCEPTED 17 (.) RAGUSA reported 300 accepted 222 (.) ENNA reported 13 accepted 3 (.) CALTANISSETTA reported 2 accepted 2 (.) Figures on RAGUSA are from 8 Jan

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note: Ragusa: 1750 should have reported was whole call-up. (Ian Minister estimated Ragusa)

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Ref: 8270/CCS.

26th January 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Recruiting in SIENA.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. This is to record in writing my telephone message from SIENA on 17 January.

2. Provincial Commissioner, SIENA informed me that an Italian Army recruiting officer had been to SIENA with a target figure of 1500 volunteers. He got his 1500 and reported that he could get a further 1500 but was told by the Land Forces Sub-Commission to stop recruiting as there was no clothing or equipment.

3. The Chief Commissioner would be glad to know the facts.

Sgd. M.S.L.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

MSL/JC.

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8270 File 358

Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 26 January 1945.

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Italian Call-Up.

Land Forces Sub-Commission had sent announcements of dates of call-up and CA Sec had sent out to DCs. It was suggested that Land Forces Sub-Commission should correspond direct with DCs on call-up matters and there was some discussion on procedure. Land Forces Sub-Commission would report to Gen. Browning and the matter would be brought up at the next CCS meeting.

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C.O.S.

You asked me to look into the legality of call up in Adm. G. (33) territory. Attached is answer of Legal.

In view of their opinion it seems essential that the "bandi" for posting should be sent through the Provincial Commissioner & not direct from Ministry of War.

Will you raise at C.O.S. meeting tomorrow.

29 Jan 44

Seen by C.O.S. Cttee

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see M41

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

27 JAN 1945

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26 January 1945.

JAN 29 1945

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Call-up for Military Service.

TO : VP, C A Sec.

1. Power to call up classes for military service in Italy is based upon three consolidated laws. These laws are:

T.U. of 28 July 1932 No. 1365 (Navy)
T.U. of 27 April 1936 No. 119 (Air Force)
T.U. of 24 February 1938 No. 329 (Army)

Under these laws the Ministers of Marine, Air and War are respectively authorized to call up the yearly classes in time of peace or war. When necessary in time of war or for emergency service, extraordinary classes can be called up by a Royal Decree.

2. In either case the normal method of call-up is by publication of ordinary "bandi." These "bandi" are posted in each commune by the mayor of that commune upon receipt of instructions from the Distretto Militare concerned.

3. In AMG Territory it is clear in my opinion that the mayor can derive no authority from the appropriate Distretto Militare without the approval of the AMG. It is not necessary that the granting of this approval should be expressly stated on the posters, but unless the approval is in fact given, the mayor would have no right to issue the posters.

4. It should be observed that these Royal Decrees are not published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale and therefore no question can arise of their having been implemented in AMG Territory.

W. E. BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

Seen by CAS
Sir 1/2 PW
see Minute 1852

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TRANSLATION

FROM: The Minister of War — Ref: 300910/GA

TO: Maj. Gen. BROWNING — Date: 21 Jan 45

Dear General

JAN 30 1945

I quite agree to the contents of your AD/55/1 dated 29 12 44 regarding the problem of the call-up and I have not replied earlier in order to be able to give you more complete information.

1. As regard exemptions the corresponding instrs have already been revised and the right to exemption limited (see letter 207740 dated 31 12 44 incl No. 1).

I have most willingly taken into consideration the suggestions you gave me regarding the org of the call-ups.

In this respect the activities carried out by the Military Terr. Mil of Lazio and Campania as well as the CC MM CMQ are summarized in the incl appx.

2. From a more general point of view and one of greater interest, I have already proposed to the cabinet, who have already approved part of them, a series of measures - both economic and moral - tending to insure the fulfillment of military duties (incl No. 2)

3. I would call your attention however, to an aspect of the problem which I fell sure you have not missed i.e. to the fact that the call-ups could be more successful if aided by complimentary measures to be taken by the Allies.

In essence it would be necessary to:

(a) be allowed more time both to prepare and organise and to actually carry out the call-up operation. Too short a time does not allow for an accurate valuation of all the possible practical difficulties and consequently no preventive measures can be taken in good time.

For example, both in Lazio and in Campania it has been impossible to issue and affix the posters in time in all the townships (provinces of Avellino and Benevento, internal zone of Lazio) owing to chronological conditions. It can be taken for a fact that the same difficulties will be encountered in order to get the recruits to the depts and in order to send them afterwards to the trg centres.

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Naples H. has an absolute of 24 medium or heavy lorries, 7 m/cs and 2 cars yet at present all they can avail themselves of is 18 lorries.

(c) grant of premises, some of them partly occupied by the Allies for example the Reggina Margherita barracks in Rome.

(d) a faster drafting of the recruits to units from the camps where (as in Afragola) the recruits remain for long periods without clothing and under very difficult living conditions which obviously have a deleterial effect on their morale and on hygiene.

(e) better equipment of the camps also in order to eliminate that depressing effect on the morale of the personnel.

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For Land Forces S.C. covering letter enclosing this folio in file 8251/CAS. Folio 58.

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I feel sure, General, that my having put forward to you quite frankly the requirements of the Italian side will meet with your understanding.

I firmly believe that you, like me, will not wish to leave untried any channels that may tend to increase and improve morally and materially the success of the call-up to further the common interests and the fulfillment of duty.

I remain very sincerely yours,

(Sgd) A. GASPARI

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Appx to letter 300920/C.
dated 1 January 1945

T R A N S L A T I O N

MEASURES FOR THE CALL-UP IN LAZIO AND CAMPANIA

1. Along the general lines issued directly by this Ministry to the two military Territorial Commanders of Rome and Naples in a special meeting with them, these commanders in their turn have laid down the general orders for carrying out the call-up operations in agreement with the district comds.

2. The Territorial Comds. of Rome and Naples have contacted the district comds directly in order to outline, on the spot and for each district, the needs and plans for the various operations.

On these occasions the comds have also contracted the local political authorities, the local CC RR Comds, the party chiefs and the church authorities.

3. The available time for the posting of the proclamations - about 10 days - was not sufficient. Due to the adverse climatic conditions and to the scarcity of MT the proclamations arrived late in the various townships. In several townships in the interior of Lazio and Campania the posting of the proclamations was even definitely belated. Some townships were not even reached due to the interruption of communications.

It is well to assert again how absolutely essential it is that the preparatory period of the operations be given more breathing space and that it be adapted to the pressing conditions of communications and transport.

4. The scarcity of transport has markedly handicapped the development of the operations. The available MT is altogether insufficient for the various requirements: what little was somehow distributed to the districts arrived very late at the place of employment.

Particularly: Rome and Naples still lack passenger cars, their assignment being essential in order to allow the RC offrs to be present often enough at the operations.

Naples needed rfts of 18 medium and heavy trucks of which 12 only were granted.

This problem of MT is particularly important: most of the time one counts on possibilities which in practice do not materialize; thus for Naples, where the help which was expected from the units of the region has shrunk to a few vehs because those units are either engaged in other work or have their vehs deadlined. The same applies to Rome when neither the SMAE nor the Ministry was able to furnish the MT: not even by requisitioning was it possible to have the necessary MT available. It is evident that in view of the serious contingencies caused by the lack of MT, those few vehs which could be gathered will be strictly employed only for duties directly connected with the call-up.

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5. To each proclamation has been added an MT service schedule for the transportation of the draftees. A second run has also been planned to gather the stragglers; this however was, for obvious reasons not published on the proclamations.

6. Orders have been issued for a strict control of rations, barracks stores etc. The district commanders will supervise this.

7. The CC RR will collaborate with the districts and will carry out the work of persuasion to keep the called up personnel arriving. It has furthermore been directed that those who do not report are arrested at once. Agreements with the CC RR have also been made regarding the mopping up to be done immediately following the call-up.

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8. As regards propaganda the aid of all dailies has been incured; directly for the Ministry and by the respective military comds.

Likewise for radio propaganda; radio addresses on the question were made on the 14th, 16th and 17th inst.

Furthermore in the centre as well as in the various zones the church authorities, the rep of the political parties and the local political authorities have been contacted.

In the collection centres special information offices, meeting rooms, telephone booths and writing rooms have been set up and orders have been issued to enable the draftees to telegraph free of charge.

The Territorial Comds have visited the provinces in their jurisdiction giving the district Comds orders and directives on the organization to be set up.

During these visits the c/m Comds have personally contacted the prefects and the ecclesiastical and civil authorities.

Offrs of the Territorial Hqs have been sent to the districts to control and regulate the development of the call-up operation.

The Minister will see to controls in the various zones during the call up operations.

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Chief of Staff, A.C.

Attached completes the picture re Sicily call-up outlined in my SD/49 of 18 and 23 Jan.

L. Browne
Maj. Gen.

24 Jan.

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for 30/1

Noted by SGS
see Minute 26.1.22

TRANSLATION

FROM: The President of the Cabinet

TO : HE Count A CASATI

Date: 19/1/45

Dear Casati:

I have read the letter which you sent me in which the Allied authorities expressed their regrets at the suspension of the call-up of the third echelon in SICILY.

Since I am responsible for the governments general policy and for public order in particular, I must request you to inform the Allied Command of the following :

(1) The situation in Sicily continues to be serious even though the government, by means of an energetic repressive action has so far kept under the revolt in the provinces of Ragusa and Agrigento.

(2) The Separatist movement, which is deeply rooted in the island, is always ready to take advantage of every event which they can use to further their aims, thus forcing the government to proceede with caution and with certain restrictions.

(3) The Internal Security Forces in SICILY, though they have been recently slightly increased, are neither sufficient in numbers or sufficiently well armed and mobile to be able to resist a revolt should it spread over all the territory of the island.

With all this in mind, it is the opinion of the government, after having heard the views of the high commissioner for Sicily who has been called to Rome to confer, that the most urgent action to be taken for the moment is to recover as many men as possible of those called up with the two first echelons. A severe and immediate action on these lines can increase the percentage (already quite good in the larger cities) of those reporting and would thus give the population a clear impression that the government wishes to proceed energetically and wishes to have the law enforced.

Having thus obtained all the possible yield of the two first call-ups and having thus restored the idea that one cannot evade a call-up without incurring in the severity of the law, it will then be possible to fix a date on which to proceed to carry out the third call-up which, bearing in mind the age of the recruits, is the least important from a numerical point of view.

But as regards the date of this call-up I must ask you to request the Allied Command to let the government, who are the best qualified to judge, decide on its opportunities.

It would be just as well if you also pointed out to the Allies that even though they are in urgent need of reinforcements a possible revolt in Sicily would draw many more reinforcements which would have to be sent to the island to enforce public order.

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It would be just as well if you also pointed out to the Allies that even though they are in urgent need of reinforcements a possible revolt in Sicily would draw many more reinforcements which would have to be sent to the island to enforce public order.

With kindest regards,

(Sgd) T. PONZONI

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PERSONAL AND SECRET

Land Forces Sub Com., AC
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/49
23 Jan 45

JAN 24 1945

Your Excellency,

Ref my SD/49 of 18 Jan and the President of the Cabinet's reply thereto dated 19 Jan:-

1. I appreciate fully the weighty reasons expressed by the President for the postponement of the call-up Phase 3 in SICILY and in view of these I agree to the postponement. On what date do you consider that this call-up should be re-started ? In order not to aggravate the delay to the Allied programme, it would be advisable on military grounds for the first men of Phase 3 to start reporting not later than 15 Feb.

2. (a) But I am bound to say that a great deal of misunderstanding could have been avoided if you, as War Minister, had been consulted before the suspension order was sent out. This is obviously the proper procedure and I trust that it will be followed in future.

(b) You will realise that I am responsible to A.F.H.Q. for the provision of Italian manpower and have to plan ahead accordingly. If call-ups are to be suspended unilaterally by the Italian Government without your or my knowledge, my task becomes impossible.

R. Brown

Major General

Count CASATI
Minister for War

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/49
Jan 45

Your Excellency:

Will you please make the following amendment to my letter SD/49 of 18 Jan. Error was due to typing and is much regretted.

Para 4 (b) insert four words "that it was agreed" in context as under "Col. KERR (my 2 i/c, who attended as I was on tour) informs me that it was agreed that the Call-up should proceed, as the Armd Cs etc....."

Major General
M. M. I. A.

H.E. Count CASATI
Minister for War

Copy to: Chief of Staff, A.C.

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ALCOM SICILY REGION PALERMO (CARM)

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JAN 21 1945

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1. Beginning 21 January energetic action will be taken Italian Govt collect men failing answer call up.

2. Further disorders may occur.

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Info A/President
Chief Commissioner
C o S
G.A.Gen
Land Forces
File (2)
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Copy on file 3618 "Disturbances"

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8270 Chief of Staff A.C. (16)

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SUBJECT: Call-up - APULIA - LUCANIA - MOLISE
Classes 1924 (Part 2) - 1925

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/44
19 JAN 45

JAN 20 1945

TO : Ministry of War (2)

Confirming verbal instructions from Maj BAUMANN to Ministry of War.

1. The Italian Ministry of War will call up into the Italian Army 20,000 personnel fit for general service of the classes 1924 (Part 2) - 1925 in the regions of APULIA, LUCANIA and MOLISE. This will include personnel of Hebrew faith classes 1919 - 25.

2. DATE

This call-up will start on 10 Feb 45 and finish on 25 Feb. It will take place under the supervision of MMIA LO's 52 Area and 54 Area and will be coordinated by MMIA LO 3 District.

3. INTAKE

An availability of 24,000 maximum is expected by the War Ministry. 20,000 will be enlisted. The allotment to categories and destinations appears at Appendix 'A'.

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MMIA LO's 52 Area and 54 Area will report daily by quickest means to this HQ, copy to MMIA LO 3 District, for the reception centres in their respective areas,

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(d) otherwise exempted.

5. ESCORTS

War Ministry will arrange for escorts on basis of 5 Carabinieri per 100 men moved.

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War Ministry will be authorised to issue the correct number of rations needed and will report issue to this HQ. The rations to be issued will include rations for personnel called up, recruiting staffs, CC.RR. escorts, and travel rations.

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7. Collection and Transfer to Recruiting Centres

Personnel will be collected and moved to Recruiting Centres under Min of War arrangements. For this purpose 35 trucks, arrangements will be made between ST this HQ and Ufficio Automobilistico SMRE.

8. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a summary of the numbers of personnel War Ministry state are expected to be enrolled in the various districts, together with allocation to categories.

9. Collection & tpt from Recruiting Centres to Destinations.

(a) Collection under arrangements MMIA LO with respective Area.

(b) Tpt to destinations in para 9 by rail.

(c) For AFHQ. Rail movement is bid for daily from 11 Feb - 26 Feb from Recruiting Centres in column (b) to destinations in column ( ) at the rate specified in column (c)

(d) Priority should be given to serials which involve the longest rail [illegible]

10. Accn

Accn will be required at recruiting centres

(a) from 1 Feb in order that War Ministry may prepare for the intake.

(b) during the period of the call-up and until personnel are moved away under arrangements as in para 9.

The call-up ceases on 25 Feb but although intakes should be moved from recruiting centres [illegible] there will be an accn requirement for late comers, for those brought in by CC.RR. and for those who have not been moved until approx 15 March.

11. Recruiting Centres.

Will be established by Ministry of War. Additional recruiting personnel are authorised as follows :

	Offrs	NCO's	OR's	
BARI	10	20	10	Temp held in ITI-ITI Cat 6 (c)
For each other centre	6	14	6	

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12. Bedding and Barrack Stores

Will be issued by Italian authorities on a loan basis to recruiting centres and returned to depot stocks after the completion of the re-call, except that one blanket will be taken by each recruit to destination.

13. Personal kessing equipment.

Will be issued at recruiting centres from Italian stocks for retention by recruits.

14. Clothing and Equipment

(a) US-ITI At Base Depot or other destination under arrangements PBS

(b) BR-ITI Combat at CESANO

(c) BR-ITI Service at CRVIETO

(d) ITI-ITI At ITI-ITI destination under arrangements SMTE.

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15. It is emphasised that this is a call-up of young men who have not had any previous army service, and who should be given 4 weeks basic training. Addressees concerned will please confirm that accn exists at the various destinations as set out in Appendix 'A' at column 'j'.

L. M. Tongleden Lt-Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION:

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War Ministry Estimate

Serial (A)	Recruiting Centre (B)	Total Reporting (C)	Total Eligible (D)	Daily Intake (E)	Total Daily Intake Allocated to: (F)	Category (G)
1.	BARI	4560	3640	220		BR-ITI
2.	FOGGIA	3880	3110	190	410	Corbat
3.	BARLETTA	3300	2600	150	150	ITI-ITI
4.	LECCE	5040	4030	240		
5.	TARANTO	4580	3660	220	460	BR-ITI
6.	CAMPOBASSO	4240	3390	200		
7.	POTENZA	4640	3710	220	420	US-ITI
			24140		1440	

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SD/44 dated JAN 45

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3640	220						
3110	190	410	BR-ITI Combat	CASAMARI	ICF RTC	30%	6000
2600	150	150	ITI-ITI	FROSINONE	Base Depot SMZ	10%	2000
4030	240						
3660	220	460	BR-ITI	ORVIETO	Base Rft Depot I District	30%	6000
3390	200						
3710	220	420	US-ITI	ASTIANI	Rft Camp PBS	30%	6000
24140		1440				Say	20000

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SUBJECT: Calls-up to Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/53/1
18 JAN 45

JAN 20 1945

TO : Chief of Staff,
HQ, A.C.

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Reference your 3630/GOS of 15 Jan 45.

1. Attached please find schedule of projected calls-up.

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S. M. Bingham
Lt-Col
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: D Cos, CA Section

Capt Mathew
To See

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Projected Calls - up JAN/FEB/MAR

Serial	Region	Class	Date	Numbers	Accommodation
1	SICILY	1914-24	January	8,000	Direct to (a) Locn or (b) CESANO
2	ROME & LAZIO	1914-24 (exemptions)	20 Jan - 31 Jan	5,000	1,000 ex VITERBO to C 4,000 ex rest of regio
3	CAMPANIA	1914-24 (exemptions)	20 Jan - 31 Jan	6,000	1,000 to ITI-ITI Unit 5,000 to AFRACOLA
4	APULIA	1924/25	February 10-25	20,000	6,000 US-ITI to ASTRO G.O.C. 212 Div in NAPL 6,000 BR-ITI to ORVIET will by then have move 6,000 Combat to CESANO 2,000 ITI-ITI to ITI E
5	SARDINIA	1914-24	February 1-14	10,000	3,000 US-ITI to ASTRON 1,800 BR-ITI to AFRAGO 1,200 BR-ITI to AREZZO 3,000 Combat to CESANO 1,000 ITI-ITI to FROSI
6	SARDINIA	1914-24	March 15-31	10,000	Allocation not yet mad
7	SARDINIA	1924-25	March 15-31	6,400	Allocation not yet mad
8	CALABRIA	1924-24	March 15-31	16,000	Allocation not yet mad
9	Sicily	1914-24	1-14	6000	

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Projected Calls - up JAN/FEB/MAR

	Numbers	Accommodation
	8,000	Direct to (a) Loch ordered for Muleteer programme, 1st priority (b) CESANO for Combat, 2nd priority
31 Jan	5,000	1,000 ex VITERBO to CESANO for combat. 4,000 ex rest of region to ASTRONI for PBS
31 Jan	6,000	1,000 to ITI-ITI Units 5,000 to AFRAGOLA
ry 10-25	20,000	6,000 US-ITI to ASTRONI, W/M making arrangement direct with G.O.C. 212 Div in NAPLES for good accommodation. 6,000 BR-ITI to ORVIETO covered accommodation. Muleteer Coys will by then have moved to FOSSOMBRONE. 6,000 Combat to CESANO. Improvements being made rapidly. 2,000 ITI-ITI to ITI Barracks, FROSINONE.
ry 1-14	10,000	3,000 US-ITI to ASTRONI 1,800 BR-ITI to AFRAGOLA 1,200 BR-ITI to AREZZO (against muleteer programme) 3,000 Combat to CESANO 1,000 ITI-ITI to FROSINONE
15-31	10,000	Allocation not yet made.
15-31	6,400	Allocation not yet made.
15-31	16,000	Allocation not yet made.
1-14	6000	

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Tel: 388

Ref: 8270/10/CMS

20 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Call-up.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

1. I am informed that on 18 Jan 45 there was delivered to Public Safety Sub-Commission by hand a directive issued by you dated 7 January, giving particulars of the call-up which was to take place in LAZIO and CAMPANIA districts on 20 January.

2. Public Safety Sub-Commission immediately dispatched signals warning the Regions concerned, but it should have been advised earlier.

3. The troubles recently experienced in SICILY point to the need for the earliest possible advice of the intention to call men to the armed forces, and it is obviously important that the Regional Commissioner and his Public Safety Officers should be aware of a matter which, we have seen, is capable of provoking considerable disorder.

4. I would like to refer to another and similar occasion. Your SD/55/1 of 18 Jan 45 giving the administrative details of the call-up in SARDINIA did not include the Regional Commissioner in its distribution.

5. It would assist coordination if the subject of this letter could be brought to the notice of all concerned.

(Sgd) E. Talbot
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/49
Jan 45

JAN 19 1945

Your Excellency:

1. In order to meet the urgent need for reinforcements for the Allied programme, the following plan for a re-call to the colours in SICILY was worked out by our respective staffs, in consultation with General MARIOTTI, the senior military commander in SICILY:-

Phase I	- 1922 - 24 classes	.....	15 to 22 Dec 44.
Phase II	- 1918 - 21 ")	.....	6 to 25 Jan 45.
Phase III	- 1914 - 17 ")		

2. In the course of Phase I there was trouble and disorder among the civilian population, which resulted in a request from Gen MARIOTTI on 20 Dec for a suspension both of the call-up and of the rounding up of men who failed to report. During the ensuing discussions between my HQ and officials of the War Ministry it was confirmed by MMIA that the call-up must continue and the original programme adhered to for the following reasons:-

(a) reinforcements were urgently needed by the Allies owing to very poor results of previous call-ups;

(b) failure to enforce the conscription laws and to "stop the rot" at this juncture would lead to War Ministry completely losing control of situation;

(c) to give in to the trouble-mongers was a sign of weakness and would encourage others to resist the law and stir up mischief.

3. It was decided (rightly, I consider) to continue both the call-up and the energetic action already initiated to apprehend and punish men who did not report. This decision was confirmed at the meeting I had with you on 30 Dec, when you also informed me that the matter had been discussed and approved by the Council of Ministers. The final result of the first three classes was, despite the clamour, the best effort we have had yet. Stern enforcement of the law had proved itself.

4. (a) On Mon 8 Jan following further disorders in SICILY, and as a result of representations by the President of the Council, the

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4. (a) On Mon 5 Jan following further disorders in SICILY, and as a result of representations by the President of the Council, the Chief Commissioner called a meeting in his office, at which you were present, as well as ON MOLÉ, representing the President of the Council and Minister of the Interior.

(See 4.g for this adt) (b) Col. KERR (my 2 i/c, who attended as I was on tour) informs me that it was agreed that the call-up should proceed, as the Armd Cs and the two Bns ex CALABRIA were shortly to be available - the MONTEGRANERO Bn and the MT lorries and some of the Armd Cs for CC RR having already arrived. Col. KERR also informs me that nothing was said by yourself or by ON MOLÉ to indicate that you did not approve of the Chief Commissioner's views.

5. Late yesterday evening (16 Jan) we received word from our LO at PALERMO that Phase III of the SICILY call-up had been suspended. Enquiries at the Ministry of War have elicited the following facts:-

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(a) that this suspension is the direct result of an order issued on 6 Jan by the President of the Council to the High Commissioner of SICILY;

(b) that the action was taken by the President of the Council without consulting the Minister for War;

(c) that Gen MARIOTTI suspended the sending out of call-up notices for Phase III on receipt of the order by the High Commissioner, but that Gen MARIOTTI himself has received no confirmation of this order from the War Ministry, or of his telegram of 12 Jan to the War Ministry asking if the High Commissioner's orders held good, up to p.m. 16 Jan.

(d) that neither I, my staff or officials at the War Ministry were informed of what was going on, nor (as stated at 4 above) was the position made clear at the meeting on 6 Jan.

6. MMIA is specifically nominated by AFHQ as the authority to order or cancel all call-ups in accordance with the needs of the situation. While I am prepared at any time to consider and discuss with you a situation such as has developed in SICILY and the representations of your military commander on the spot, I must insist that, once a decision has been taken and an order given, there shall be NO unilateral action by anyone such as in this case. I appreciate that action here appears to have been taken over your head, but it is tantamount to cancellation of an AFHQ order and cannot but be regarded most seriously.

7. You realize, I know, the urgent need for men in order to fill the shortage of some 48,000 and to replace wastage. I must ask you therefore to represent all the above to the President of the Council with a view to cancellation of the suspension of the call-up in SICILY at the earliest moment.

Colonel

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

(proceeded on tour, who dictated the above)

H.E. Count CASATI

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H.E. Count CASATI
Minister for War

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AICOM SOUTHERN REGION

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JAN 18 1945

SUBJECT AS CALL UP FOR ITALIAN ARMY PD

CABLE TO AICOM SOUTHERN REGION FROM HQ AICOM PARIS PD

PARA ONE PD CALL UP FOR ITALIAN ARMY OF ONE NINE ONE FOUR TO ONE NINE TWO FOUR CLASSES INCLUSIVE WILL TAKE PLACE ON TWO ZERO JANUARY FOUR FIVE AND FINISH ON THREE ONE JANUARY FOUR FIVE IN LAZIO AND CAMPANIA REGIONS PD

PARA TWO PD INTAKE OF FIVE HUNDRED ZERO ZERO EXPECTED FOR LAZIO AND SIX FOUR ZERO ZERO FOR CAMPANIA PD

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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SUBJECT: Re-call - SARDINIA 1914-24 classes.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/53/1
18 Jan 45

JAN 18 1945

TO : Ministry of War (2)
MMIA LC SARDINIA (3)

Confirming verbal instructions from Maj MAUMAN to Ministry of War.

1. The Italian Ministry of War is authorised to recall into the Italian Army personnel fit for general service of the classes 1914 up to the first quarter of 1924 inclusive.

2. DATE
This call-up will take place under supervision MMIA LC (SARDINIA) in two places as follows :-

Phase I. 1 - 14 Feb 45 inclusive.

Phase II. 15 - 31 March 45 inclusive.

3. INTAKE
An intake of 20,000 maximum is expected by the War Ministry - 10,000 in each phase. The allotment of Phase I to categories and destinations appears at para 11. Sea transport for Phase I has been requested.

4. REPORTS
MMIA LC SARDINIA will report daily by quickest means to this HQ copy to MMIA LC NAPLES

(a) daily intake and cumulative total

(b) numbers awaiting shipment and probable date of move

(c) numbers shipped.

War Ministry will submit a report to this HQ on completion showing numbers,

(a) reporting to recruiting centers

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7. Collection and Transfer to Recruiting Centres

Personnel will be collected and moved to Recruiting Centres under I. of W arrangements. For this purpose 30 trucks will be released under arrangements to be made between MMIL LO SARDINIA and local HQ SARDINIA.

8. The following is a summary of the numbers of personnel War Ministry state are expected to be enrolled in the various districts :-

	Numbers expected		
	To Report	To be enrolled	
		Phase I	Phase II
CAGLIARI	15,000	3,750	3,750
ORISTANO	11,000	2,750	2,750
SASSARI	14,000	3,500	3,500
		10,000	10,000

9. Allocation to Category.

		Category	Initial Destination		
Phase I	30%	US-ITI	ASTRONI	3,000	
	30%	BR-ITI	AFRAGOLA	(1,800	
			AREZZO	(1,200	(against muleteer programme)
	30%	Combat	CESANO	3,000	
	10%	ITI-ITI	FROSINONE	1,000	
				10,000	

Cancelled see 119

Phase II allocation later_____ 10,000.

Should it appear that the total intake will fall short of the anticipated 10,000 MMIL LO SARDINIA will arrange allocation in the above percentages, BR-ITI priority being 1200 to AREZZO.

10. MOVEMENTS

Collection and tpt from Recruiting Centre to CAGLIARI will be under arrangements MMIL LO SARDINIA according to dates of availability of sea transport to mainland.

Two naval vessels are being made available under arrangements AFHQ.

Movement from NAPLES will be under arrangements MMIL LO NAPLES. AFHQ are asked to arrange rail tpt on his request to destination in accordance [illegible]

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Should it appear that the total intake will fall short of the anticipated 10,000 MMLL LC SARDINIA will arrange allocation in the above percentages, BR-ITI priority being 120% to AREZZO.

10. MOVEMENTS

Collection and tpt from Recruiting Centre to CAGLIARI will be under arrangements MMLL LC SARDINIA according to dates of availability of sea transport to mainland.

Two naval vessels are being made available under arrangements AFHQ.

Movement from NAPLES will be under arrangements MMLL LC NAPLES. AFHQ are asked to arrange rail tpt on his request to destinations in para 11 as personnel become available at NAPLES port. Rail demands will be submitted as far ahead as possible.

11. Bedding and Barrack Stores

Will be issued by Italian authorities on a loan basis to recruiting centres and returned to depot stocks after the completion of the re-call, except that one blanket will be retained by each recruit.

12. Personal messing equipment

Will be issued at recruiting centres from Italian stocks for retention by recruits.

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13. Clothing and Equipment

(a) US-ITI At Base Depot or other destination under arrangements PBS

(b) BR-ITI Combat at CESANO
Service at Base Depot or by BR-ITI Adm Div on arrival of recruit to unit or transit camp according to instructions to be issued later.

(c) ITI-ITI At ITI-ITI destination under arrangements SMAC.

14. Further instructions will be issued for

(a) Phase II of this re-call to take place between 15 - 31 March

(b) Call-up of the military classes of 1924 (second part) and 1925 between 1 - 14 March.

This is expected to produce about 6,000 recruits who have not been in the Army before and will require basic training.

S. M. Gyldenfeldt
Lt-Col.
for Major General
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JAN 16 1945

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TRANSLATION

WHEN (SEE 1) CALL TO POLITICAL ACTIVITY WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN SARDINIA (2) IT IS PERMANENT OR SEVE AND CONTINUE FOR TWO MONTHS (3) ONE HIGH (ONE MEDIUM (4) ONE HIGH TWO POOR AGE GROUPS AFFECTED (5) YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INVOKE HIGH COMMISSIONER (6)

FROM TO ALCOM SARDINIA SWITCH FROM TO ALCOM PARTM

(7) FIVE TWO (8) FIF THOUSAND MEN ARE REQUIRED IN EACH MONTH (9)

PARA THREE (10) CHARLIE CHARLIE ROGER ROGER MOBILE BATTALION BEING FURNISHED WITH SEVENTY THREE TWO TRUCKS AND TWENTY ARE USED VEHICLES TO BE ALLOTTED BY LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

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Ref : 3630/COS

15th January 1945

SUBJECT : Call-up to Italian Army.

TO : GOC, Land Forces Sub-Com.

1. The call-up for the Italian Army has already given rise to violent disturbances in Sicily and must be regarded as having an effect on the administration and government of the country.

2. The Chief Commissioner therefore wishes that consultation should be made between Land Forces Sub-Commission and Civil Affairs Section before plans for future calls-up are made, in order that the effect on law and order may be taken into account.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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C O P Y

Subject : Italian Army - Calling up of Classes.

HQ Allied Armies in Italy
AAI/3074/A(O)
4 May 44

1. Ref this HQ 3110/A(O) dated 17 Mar and 3074/A(O) dated 20 Mar.

2. In order that the requirements of the Allied Forces of Italian Military personnel can be met it is essential that every available Italian liable for calling up under the classes referred to in the above quoted letters should be released.

3. It is also essential to the prestige, authority and morale of the Italian Army that the release of such personnel is not unnecessarily impeded by the units etc employing them. Authority for exemption granted under para 1 of the above quoted letter dated 20 Mar will, therefore, be limited to skilled personnel only whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary and provided such employment is within War Establishment or has been specially authorised.

T. Welch Lt. Col.
for Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

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