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DEMOBILIZATION, ITALIAN ARMY
JULY 1945 - MAR. 1946

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Chief Supply Group
See #34. Please take up with
Tra S/C and issue proper instructions.
Dessmore 8/11

36.

Col. Dessmore:

The attached matter has been taken up with Transportation S/C and proper instructions issued thereto.

CHARLES S. WAITCH
Colonel, AC
Chief, Supply Group

2334

37.

To: Executive Commissioner

Reference your minute 34, see minute 36 for action taken.

Econ Sec.
8 Nov 45
Tel. 267

L. D. DESSMORE
Colonel, F.A.
Deputy Vice President

39.

Folio 35 for info. please

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Colonel, F.A.
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39.

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Final 1/10

CSO — Folio 28 and for info. Col. Talbot knows the story on this. Will follow up with Sec as soon as you have seen.

Emd 29/9

~~32~~

1/10

Note - Spoke to Mr. Arensberg. They are preparing a letter for CC's signature to Ministry presenting the matter raised in folio 30 to them.

Emd

note 5/10 Arensberg advises direct~~ion~~ negotiations between Ministry + M/Cs. in progress.

Emd

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Fol. 32 closes it

Emd 1/11

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Emd 1/11 2332

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Def. V.P. Econ Sec.

Will you ask Transp. Sub Com to stick to channels. This (37) should have issued on VPs sanction.

NS Leps.

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C.S.O. Executive Commission

Please see 2, 4 & draft to P.M. at 5.

3 Aug 45

M. Pasley Sec Cmd

Mr Stearns

~~C.S.O.~~

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Letter at 7 for signature. Min 6 refers.

4 Aug 45

CC 1510
AUG 5 RECD

M Pasley Sec Cmd

For Ex Com.

13

C.A. Section

Folios 9 to 12 passed to you for information.

Pasley Sec Cmd

14

D.P. & R SC

Folios 9 to 12 passed to you for information

18 Aug 45

W S Hartley Col
CAS

15

CA Section.

Noted.

20 Aug. 45.

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on 18/9

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7 Aug 45

AUG 5 REC'D

Seen Cmd
For Ex Com

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D.P. & R SC

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18 Aug 45

CAS

(15)

CA Section.

Noted.

20 Aug. 45.

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CSO - Re. folio 23. We have contacted Ex Sec who state Mr. Galletlie is working on the matter. On 19/9 and 20/9 suggested to Maj Carleton (MMI(A)) that he coordinate their views with those of the Trpt S/C and proposal for AFHQ be submitted to Ex Com as soon as possible in view of imminent dissolution of Pr. Sti Rly Eng Units as per AFHQ signal FX 41765 of 8 Sept (folio 20). This has been confirmed to interested parties by letter.

on 18/9

on 25 Sept.

Emd 20/9

Spoke to CSO re above & he said to go Jn S/C to accept as non-military & signal AFHQ at once how many are required. Arrangements so advised

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RESTRICTED.

SUBJECT :- Disbandment of Units - ITALIAN

GHQ CMF.
1074/A1(Ser 4549).
16 Mar 46.

ITALIAN INCREMENT TO 10 FIELD SURVEY (STORES) DEPOT, RE

MAR 18 1946

1. The above mentioned unit on W.E. CM/1527/1 will be disbanded with effect from 16 Mar 46 under the supervision of HQ No. 3 District.

2. PERSONNEL
Will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, (MMIL).

3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT
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(c) Vehicles will be returned in accordance with Q(AE) instruction No. 13, and a list of all vehicles returned will be sent to Q(AE) 4, GHQ MEF, showing :-
(i) W.D. Numbers (ii) Type
(iii) Make (iv) To whom returned.

4. POSTAL
Attention is directed to GRO. 683/43.

5. COMPLETION
(a) HQ No. 3 District will report to A-1, GHQ CMF, copy to G(SD) GHQ CMF when disbandment is complete.
(b) Disbandment will be completed by 5 Apr 46.

Lieut-General,
Commander in Chief.

DISTRIBUTION :-

The Under Secretary of State, The War Office (S.D. 2)	4		A9	10
GHQ MEF	3	+++	G(SD)(Manpower)	2
HQ BTA	15		G(SD)(GRPLT)	
Rear HQ 13 Corps	3		Q	3
HQ No. 2 District	3		S & T	
HQ No. 3 District	9 H		RE	
HQ Rome Area Allied Command			Ord	2
GHQ 2nd Echelon	7		Survey	3
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HQ Allied Commission		Pay	
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No. 10 Publications Depot		Postal	
No. 8 Command Pay Office		War Diary	2
Br Historical Sec CM (AUSTRIA)			
Signalmaster, CASFMTA			

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* Incl copies for unit concerned and distribution as necessary.

*** WSD/139 Serial 934 dated 11 Mar 46 refers.

See Min 39

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(RAIL DIVISION)
C/o Transportation (Br) Main,
C.M.F.

Tel., 843238

23 October 1945

Ref., AC/377/Tn.4.

OCT 30 1945

SUBJECT :- Italian Railway Engineering Units.

TO :- AFHQ, G-5

not need 6c.

1. Reference is to your G-5: 0911711-1(Italy) and exchanged signals.

2. The Minister of Transports has remained in favor of the continued operation of the Italian Railway Engineering Units, but it is quite obvious that he is not in a position to persuade the Minister of War to concur in this point of view.

3. It would appear to be useless to await any further discussions between the two Ministers, because in a matter of this kind the Minister of War must be responsible for making a decision, and we have therefore advised the Minister of Transports that there is now no alternative, but to accept the position.

4. We have, however, taken the opportunity to point out to the Minister of Transports that redeployment and release of Italian Militar personnel is taking place, with the result that the original members of the Engineering Units have in many cases been released, and that the recruits are not in a position to render the same service and efficient work until a period of training has elapsed.

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6. In the circumstances, this Sub-Commission is not prepared to continue support in favor of the maintenance of the Italian Railway Engineering Units, and it is suggested that they be ~~discussed.~~ DISBANDED

For the Chief, Commissioner :- 2324

SGD. PDB BUCHANAN
Acting Director

Copy to :- U.K.H.S.
S.H.A.I.A.

OCT 30 1945
ALLIED COMMISSION

See M 33-34-35-36-37.

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FX 46153
SEP 281030A

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SEP 281430A
PRIORITY

FROM: APWD SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCCT
TO: HQ NAVCOM INFO RMIA TM SC TM MAIN RCMS

SEP 29 1945

RESTRICTED

Your 6081 of 25 September not to all, and RMIA SD 2932 of 27 September.

1. There appears to be conflict between Ministry of Transportation which requests retention 3 rly Engr units and Ministry of War which understood to be opposed to retention as military units.

2. Decisive ruling required from Italian Govt as between conflicting Ministries. Essential you obtain this and signal answer earliest.

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Action - TM SC 2
L Forces SC

Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm 2
Econ Sec 2
Pltg 2 Float

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ND 2982
SEP 271745A

R/9254
SEP 291400
ROUTINE

From: MEIA

To: AFHQ INFO ALCOM CITE ACTFT TN MAIN

SEP 28 1945

RESTRICTED.

War Ministry states railway battalions not wanted in Interim Army and no allotment made by them. No space in ITI - ITI Category now therefore if retained would have to remain a British commitment as B R - I T I. ALCOM signal 6081 of 25 refers.

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UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT : Demobilization of 1918 and 1919 Classes

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R G M S .
A 017 .
27 Sept.45 .

TO : Ministry of War.

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SEP 28 1945

Reference M.M.I.A. A 017 of 10 September.

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Major General
For M.M.I.A.

COPY TO : A.F.H.Q. (3)
For Com. HQ. AC. (3)
C.G. MTOUSA
C.G. PRB
C.G. AAFSC/MTO
C.G. PENSOUTH
XIII Corps
2 District (2)

'P' BTLU IRTC
All M.M.I.A. LO's

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2Y Sept.45.

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mf. 56 B L U

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INTERNAL : War Diary
All Branches and Services.

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Ref: 8276/36/[illegible] 20 September 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ely Engns

23

TO : MMIA (attn: Major Capleston)

20

1. Your reference AD/9 of 14 Sep and confirming conversation, Capleston-White, this date.

2. It is suggested that MMIA and Im S/C co-ordinate their views and submit to Executive Commissioner signal to AFHQ presenting the views of A.C.

3. Your attention is directed to AFHQ signal FX 41765 of 6 Sep stating that two units be discharged by 25 Sep.

/s/ E. M. WHITE
Chief Staff Officer CAPT.
to Executive Commissioner

Copies to:

Im S/C
MMIA, attn: Lt. Armstrong (for: Conversation this date)

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UNCLASSIFIED.

SUBJECT : Demobilisation of Older Classes.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel: 489081 Ext. 533.
A 017
15 Sept. 45.

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference A 017 of 27 August.

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

COPY TO : A.F.H.Q. (3)
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. [illegible]

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C.O. PENSOUTH.
XIII CORPS.
1 DISTRICT.
2 DISTRICT.
3 DISTRICT.
R.A.A.C.
BR. CADRE 802 BRD ORVIETO.
50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
'F' BTLU, IRTC, CESANO.
ALL MAIA LO'S.

INTERNAL : WAR DIARY.
ALL BRANCHES AND SERVICES.

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(Mr. Kenner)

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SUBJECT: Italian Rly Engrs

Land Forces Sub-Com, AC (MMIA)

SD / 9

14 Sep 45

TO : Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

SEP 1 7 1945

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Reference AFHQ signal FX 41765 of 8 Sep.

(21)

1. MMIA recommended the disbandment of all rly engr units vide letter SD/9 of 25 Jul (copy att) and signal SD 2947 of 6 Sep (copy att).

2. As AFHQ has firmly announced that these units are not required by the Allies, and as the correspondence goes back to Jul, it is earnestly hoped that you will render assistance to get this matter cleared up.

3. To support the statements made in paras 1 and 2 above, below is extract of letter 16711/Ord/1 of 10 Sep from Ministry of War to this HQ:-

> " As we are convinced that the entire Italian Army must be employed only for military purposes, we have taken the necessary steps to inform the Ministry of Transport so that they may understand the necessity to accelerate to the maximum the handing over to civilian organisations the work which is now being carried out by the Railway Engr. Group."

J. M. Trangleden
Lt-Col

Major-General,
MMIA.

Copy to: Tn Sub-Commission, Allied Commission
HQ, MMIA

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SUBJECT : Italian Rly Engineers.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/9
25 July 45

TO : AFHQ (3)

Reference Tn (Br) Main letters Tn A1/100/8 of 14 Jul and of 22 Jul, and AFHQ Signal FX 25809 of 20 Jul.

1. The policy of AFHQ, as expressed in AG.091.711/115 SAC-O of 10 Jul, is NOT to employ military personnel where civilian manpower can be made use of. This HQ naturally supports the above policy and therefore recommends the disbandment of the Rly units in question when their usefulness to the Allies has been completed.

2. It is thought, however, that Italian Ministry of War would like to retain a small proportion of the above personnel within the Army, especially in view of the fact that before the War they employed an Operating Company on lines in the North and various other Rly establishments.

3. Even if such units were transferred to the ITI-ITI category, they would still have to be rationed, clothed and equipped by the Allies. It is recommended therefore, that the Italian Government should either employ key personnel in a civilian capacity or, transfer them to fill existing vacancies within such other BR-ITI units as are retained.

L.M. Ingladew
for Major General, MMIA.

Copy to: Tn (Br) Main.
Tn Sub Commission A.C.

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for Major General, MMIA.
Lt-Col

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Tn Sub Commission A.C.

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : M M I A 06 1900 B

TO : A F H Q

INFO : AC for TN S C
TN (MAIN) C M F UNCLASSIFIED

REF : SD 2947

REQUEST DECISION OF MMIA LETTER SD/9 OF 18 AUG (.) FIRST (.) MMIA HAS RECOMMENDED DISBANDMENT OF ALL BNS (.) RATE HOWEVER WOULD BE GOVERNED BY RATE AT WHICH EQUIPMENT CAN BE HANDED OVER TO ALLIES (.) SECOND (.) UNDERSTAND TN SUB COMM A C AGREES WORK ON RLYS IS CIVILIAN COMMITTMENT AND ONLY REASON FOR DESIRE TO RETAIN AS MILITARY UNIT IS EASE OF ADM AND CONTROL (.) THIRD (.) FOR TN SUB COMM (.) PLEASE CONFIRM PARA SECOND TO AFHQ (.) FOURTH (.) TN (BR) MAIN LETTER A1/100/8 OF 29 AUG PARA L REFERS

PRECEDENCE : ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED : S.M. INGLEDEW,
Lt-Col.

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FX 41765

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SEPT. 081700

PRIORITY

From: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED OITE FHGOT

To: ALCOM INFO MMIA TN MAIN ROMA

INFO

SECRET.

1. BR. ITI RLY Engineer Units no longer required to work for BRITISH ARMY. Understand possible that some of them required in interim ITALIAN ARMY.

2. If not needed by Italian Govt propose disband all such units by end October No 3 and No 6 RLY Engr Bn to be disbanded by 25 September.

3. Request you obtain definite requirements of Italian Govt of number of such units to be transferred to their control.

DIST.

ACTION: TN SC 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX. COMM.
ECON SEC 2
LAND FORCES 2
FILE 2
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15 SEP 1945
A. C.

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(Chief Arnoldy)

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SUBJECT : Demobilisation of Older Classes.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A 017
10 Sept 45.

TO : Ministry of War.

SEP 11 1945

(17)

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4. Subject to military requirements, it is intended to release the 1918 class during November, and possibly the 1919 class during December, but this is not yet certain, and confirmation or otherwise will be sent to you during October.

5. Paras 6 & 7 of the above quoted letter are still in force.

W Priddy Colonel
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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COPY TO : A.F.H.Q. (3)
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.

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5. Paras 6 & 7 of the above quoted letter are still in force.

W Pridday Colonel
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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COPY TO : A.F.H.Q. (3)
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.
C.G. MTONSA.
C.G. PBS.
C.G. FIFTH ARMY.
C.G. AAFSC/MTO.
C.O. PENSOUTH.
XIII CORPS.
1 DISTRICT.
2 DISTRICT.
3 DISTRICT.
RAAC.
HQ. CADRE 802 BRD ORVIETO.
50 BLU.
51 BLU.
52 BLU.
53 BLU.
56 BLU.
'P' BTLN, IRTC, CESANO.
ALL MMIA L.O'S.

INTERNAL:
WAR DIARY.
ALL BRANCHES AND SERVICES.

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UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT : Demobilisation of Older Classes

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A 017
29 Aug.45

TO : H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner

AUG 30 1945

(16)

Reference your 8276/16/EC of 27 August.

(17)

1. Attached is a copy of M.M.I.A. A 017 of 27 August.

2. Arrangements have been made to send you copies of any further correspondence on this subject.

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

2318

BU 15/9

PA Rec'd 15/9.

(s/ Comm Rev)

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Demobilisation of Older Classes.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
A 017
27. Aug 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. The Allied authorities have for some time had under consideration the question of the demobilisation of the older age groups of the Italian Army.

2. It has now been decided that in view of the reductions in the numbers of service troops now taking place and likely to continue, this demobilisation may be gradually effected, under the following conditions which apply to the whole Italian Army.

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(a) That all Italian Units for which disbandment instructions have not been issued will be kept up to authorised working strength at all times.

(b) That replacements for all demobilised personnel are delivered to the unit before such personnel are demobilised.

(c) That replacements are fully trained to perform the duties called for by War Establishment and to the satisfaction of the employing Allied Commander.

(d) That personnel in any particular age group will NOT be demobilised until approval for the demobilisation of that age group has been given by MMIA.

4. Under the above conditions you are authorised already to demobilise the 1914 and 1915 and older classes, and are hereby authorised to effect the demobilisation of the 1916 class between 15 Sept and 15 October.

5. The future demobilisation of groups 1917 et. seq., will be considered by MMIA on your advice and in the light of the speed with which units are to be disbanded, and the progress of demobilisation already authorised. SEE PARA 19

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6. Progress Reports on the demobilisation of such class will be sent to MMLA on the 7th and 21st of each month showing the number of men by age groups :-

Awaiting demobilisation
Demobilised

in each Adm Div, Combat Group, etc as on the preceeding 1st and 15th of the month.

7. You may give such publicity to these concessions as you think advisable in the interest of discipline and morale.

W Pidduck

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AFHQ (3)
C.G. MTOUSA
C.G. PBS
C.G. FIFTH ARMY
C.G. AAFSC/MTO
C.G. PENSOUTH
XIII Corps
1 District
2 District
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RAAC
Br Cadre 802 BRD ORVIETO
ALL ELU's
'F' STLU, IRTC
ALL MMLA LO's

INTERNAL: War Diary
ALL Branches and Services

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Ref: 8276/16/SC.

27 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Service with the Italian Army.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

4

I am directed to refer to your letter A.017 dated 1 August 45 and to enquire whether there has been any further development in this matter.

MP

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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(12)

Subject : - Italian Officers - Demobilisation.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
A 302

13 Aug 45.

AUG 14 1945

To : The Executive Commissioner, A.C.

Major NAZZETTI Domenico.

(9-11)

Enclosed are copies of relevant correspondence on the subject of this officers retention.

This is forwarded for information in case you wish to remind Regional officers of this matter.

W. Pasley Colonel
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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COPY.

Subject : Major RAZZETTI Domenico.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
A302

11 Aug 45.

AUG 14 1945

To : Ministry of War.

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117746/I/I
Ref your 112. 1.132 dated 8 Aug 45.

1. It is regretted that the retention of the s/n officer cannot be authorised in view of the AMMG ruling regarding the non - retention of fascist or pro-fascist personnel.

W. Pidsley,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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COPY OF TRANSLATION.

From : H.Q. "A" Group Veneto Region - BOLZANO

Dtd : 1 July 45

To : H.Q. Italian Military Refugees - MILAN

AUG 14 1945

Subject : Major Domenico RAZZETTI.

Being informed that Major Domenico RAZZETTI, should be discharged because he was a Centurion in the Fascist Militia, I beg your H.Q. kindly to intervene with the M of War, which has ordered the discharge, in order that the said officer may be retained in service, at least until the month of October, because he is vitally necessary.

On account of his excellent qualities and his activities, for me, he constitutes an irreplaceable element.

Major GEDDES.

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COPY OF TRANSLATION.

From : Ministry of War.

To : M.M.I.A.

Ref : 117746/I/I
112. 1. 132

Dtd : 8 aug 45.

Subject : Major Domenico RAZZETTI.

AUG 14 1945

H.Q. "A" Group - D.P.R. S/G.O.C. Veneto Region A.M.G. in letter, of which, copy attached, has requested the retention in service of Major Domenico RAZZETTI until the month of October 45 because he is vitally necessary.

The above-named officer, in accordance with existing instructions, should be discharged because he is a centurion of the suppressed Fascist Militia.

We beg M.M.I.A. kindly to inform us whether the request stated can be granted.

By Order,
Chief of Cabinet.
sgd. Lombardi.

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Ref:3276/5/20.

5 August, 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The point which you raise in your letter 41303/25372.22/1.2.2 dated 27 July 1945 is under consideration at AFHQ. I will communicate immediately to you any decisions that may be reached on the subject.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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PA 7/8
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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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SUBJECT: Advice with Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
A.017
1 Aug 45

AUG 3 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C.

(3)

1. In reply to your letter 8276/3/EC of 28 July 1945, I am personally in agreement with the views of the Prime Minister forwarded therewith, and have frequently placed these views before AFHQ during the last four months.

2. I am visiting AFHQ again tomorrow and intend once again to press for an immediate announcement of the Allies intention regarding the early demobilisation of the older classes.

3. If this cannot be permitted without resorting to a further Call-up, I propose to even up the present Call-up situation so as to make it as far as possible an equal responsibility on the whole of ITALY.

4. I will keep you informed of any progress made in these matters.

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L. Browning

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Vol: 735

Ref: 8276/3/RC.

28 July 1943.

SUBJECT: Service with Italian Army.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

2

A letter from the Prime Minister to the Chief Commissioner, reference AA304/25372.22/1.2.2 dated 27 July 1943, is passed to you herewith and your comments are requested on the points raised therein.

M.P.

Chief Staff Officer,
For Executive Commissioner.

Encls:
as above

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M.P.
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Translation

The president of the Council of Ministers
n. 41304/25372.22/1.2.2.

Rome, 27 July 1945

JUL 28 1945

Dear Admiral,

the Minister of War particularly drew my attention on the ever increasing dissatisfaction of the soldiers under arms, mainly caused by the excessive duration of the service done by the ancient classes, and by the great difference in the military duties which exists between the various regions. As a matter of fact, in Latium, Abruzzi, Puglia, Campania, Lucania, and Calabria, the classes from 1914 to 1924 (last four months) were called under arms; the classes from 1918 to 1924 in Sicily; from 1916 to 1924 in Sardinia. In Puglia, Lucania, Molise and Sardinia, the 1924 classes (2nd and 3rdperiods of four months) and the 1925 class have also been called under arms. On the contrary, no call or draft was made in other regions.

The spreading dissatisfaction greatly compromises the morale of the units, and encourages desertion.

Gradual demobilization is urgently expected by the soldiers and the Country, and all unit Commanders consider it is impossible to postpone it any longer.

I therefore think it is necessary to examine without delay whether it is possible to bring about without delay the gradual reduction of the contingent which is at present in service, according to the discharge program which is to be carried out during August and September and which M.M.I.A. has, it seems, already studied.

If the Allied Military Authorities agree about this matter, I shall be most grateful, my dear Admiral, if you kindly exercise your influence to have this immediately announced, to calm impatience and give confidence in the Superior Commands.

I remain,

Truly yours,

s. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Demobilisation of 1914 Class.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
A 017
July 45

JUL 13 1945

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. You are hereby authorised to demobilise the remainder of the 1914 class (about 9,000 men).

2. Personnel in RR-ITI units, US-ITI units, and ITI-ITI units under Allied Command will be demobilised under the supervision of the appropriate Administrative Division. The release of personnel will be phased to fit in with the requirements of the Allied employing formation, replacements for men demobilizable being furnished where necessary. Replacements will be found from units disbanded within the Adm Div, or by bulk allotments from outside.

3. Demobilizable personnel in other ITI-ITI units will be released immediately, being replaced where necessary by ITI-ITI personnel from units no longer required.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: A.F.H.Q.
C.G. MTOUSA
C.G. PBS
C.G. FIFTH ARMY
C.G. BZAAF/ASC

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M.M.I.A.

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C.G. PBS
C.G. FIFTH ARMY
C.G. USAAF/MTO
EIGHTH ARMY
H.Q. 1 District
H.Q. 2 District
H.Q. 3 District
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION (For G1 Br)
Motor Transport Group, A.C.
H.Q. Train Guard Control
O.C. Br Cadre SOE BRD
50 B L U
51 B L U
52 B L U
53 B L U
54 B L U
'P' B T L U
SENIOR BRIT LO'S

INTERNAL: MA for D.C
All Branches
and services

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