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BRITISH PERSONNEL, ITALIAN ARMY
MAY, JUNE 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

21
29 June 1944

Ref A25/21/GA

SUBJECT: British Personnel - Italian Army.

TO : R.C. Region VI.

Ref. your HQ/2114 of 6 June 44.

1. It is not the present policy of AAC to allow enlistment into the British Armed Forces if the applicants are serving or have previously served in the Italian Armed Forces. The three applications are therefore returned to you.

2. With regard to the general question of evidence to substantiate claim to British Nationality each case will be decided on the best evidence available. It will not be necessary for the applicant to produce his birth certificate but some evidence (other than the applicant's own statement) will be required to enable his application to succeed.

3. The terms of AAC Routine Order 146/44 were intended to apply to civilians only.

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WORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner *W.E.*

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JER/JR

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SUBJECT:- Local Enlistment - Applications 28 Jun 1944 20

HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/3039/1/A(O).
26 Jun 44.

Allied Control Commission,
Liaison Officer, HQ AAI.

19. See folio 114
Reference your letter (attached) dated 21 Jun 44.

1. It is not the present policy to allow enlistment into the British Armed Forces if the applicants are serving, or have previously served, with the Italian Armed Forces.
2. The attached applications are therefore returned. See Cover
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ACD/GG.

ABD W. S. Major
Brigadier,
DAG.

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A.C.C. to
Hq. AAC

21/6/44

Major Scott:

Ref. your AAC/3089/1A(6)
attached.

This letter assumes that the applicants are still members of the Italian Forces. I question that they are but this could easily be determined. One applicant's or any rate is an employee of A.C.C.

The main consideration, as I see it, is the proof of nationality and the standard which you require. Documentary evidence is probably unobtainable from Canada or the U.K. Therefore do you feel that you can give these applications consideration on the basis of the case histories and - if so - what further steps need be taken?

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Enclosed copy.

Applications attached

SUBJECT:- Local Enlistment - Applications.

Allied Control Commission,
Liaison Officer, HQ AAI.

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HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/3089/1/A(O).
18 Jun 44.

Ref your letter AACL/230 dated 14 Jun.

1. The terms of AAI Routine Order 146/44 were intended to apply to civilians only.
2. It is not the policy at present to transfer men from the Italian to the British forces.
3. The papers are returned herewith.

AAI/CG.

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E. L. L. L.
Brigadier,
DAC.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
R.C. & H.G. Section
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Ref/425/17/CA.

16 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Enlistment of British Subjects.

TO : Major Friend Juen, L.O., HQ. A.A.I.

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Reference your ACCL/232 of 15 June 1944,
the letter addressed by Brig. Carr in his capacity
as OC Troops Sardinia to AAI is returned to you
herewith. This letter should be allowed to go
through as it is asking for clarification of his
powers as OC Troops and does not touch on Regional
matters.

John

JER/RAG.

NORMAN E. FINE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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15 JUN 1944
Subject:- Enlistment of British Subjects.

CA B 16
15 June 44.

To:- R.C. & M.G. Section,
HQ. A.C.C.

From:- A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.A.I.

Ref. ACCL/232.

1. Reference is made to your letter 425/14/CA of 13 June 44.
2. We have placed the specific cases with their documented detail before "A" Branch, HQ. A.A.I. While this matter is pending, it may be prejudicial to present the attached letter from Region 6. 15-
3. Would you please advise Region 6 of the circumstances, and in the event of further enquiries by them, we suggest that their proper channel of approach is through your Headquarters.



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Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer. *can*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
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15 June 1944.

SUBJECT: British Nationals in Italy.

TO : Major Friend James, A.C.G. Liaison, HQ. A.A.I.

1. A number of people claiming to be British nationals are anxious to join the British Army in Italy. As you know A.A.I. have prepared a memorandum setting out the conditions of service, one of which is that proof must be provided that the applicant is a British subject. This is going to be the greatest obstacle as in most cases proof will be unobtainable, except probably from the U.K. or Canada. Perhaps you will be good enough to ask A.A.I. what standard of proof would satisfy them.

2. There is enclosed three applications which have been prepared as a result of the A.A.I. Order. We shall be obliged if you will submit them to A.A.I. as test cases and find out whether these men would have a chance of success or otherwise.

J.K.

NORMAN W. NISSEN,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

JSR/RAC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Ref/425/13/OA.

13 June 1944.

SUBJECT: British Personnel - Italian Army.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region VI.

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1. Your letter HQ/2114 of 6 June crossing ours to you of 5 June 1944 reference 425/7/OA, has been received with relative enclosures. One copy of the particulars in each case has been retained by this HQ but the remainder are returned to you. Your attention is drawn to our letter 425/7/OA of 5 June 1944 in which we forwarded to you copy of the Routine Order which was being issued by A.A.I.

2. Before such applications can be forwarded in future proof must be provided that the applicant is a British subject. The applicant must also pass a medical and security test.

3. It is difficult to say what kind of proof of nationality is required and in most cases such proof will be difficult to obtain, but we are raising the matter with A.A.I. and hope to let you have an answer. We are testing the feeling of A.A.I. on the three cases submitted and shall inform you of their reactions.

[Signature]

NORMAN E. FISKE, 82
Colonel, 4182
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

JSR/RAC.

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[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION REGIONAL

425/2/CA 16th June 1944. *CA B124*
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To : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
(R.C. and M.G. Section)

Subject : British Personnel - Italian Army.

Reference : HQ/2114.

Further to this Headquarters letter
of even reference dated 10th May 1944 and your
425/2/CA dated 16th May 1944.

Attached 3 copies of information you
ask for in the case of three Italian Soldiers
claiming British Nationality.

It is known that there are a number
more but it was felt that the claims to hand should
not be held up awaiting further claims.

For the Regional Commissioner,



JHN/ajs.

John H. Newby
JOHN H. NEWBY.
Captain.
O.C. No. 6. British Detachment. *2181*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
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Ref/425/7/CA

5 June 1944

SUBJECT: Enlistment of British Subjects.

TO : R.O. Region VI.

Reference your HQ/2114 of 10 May 44
there is forwarded for your ~~perusal~~ information
copy of AAI Routine Order No. 146 Serial No. 14
of 2 June 44 which lays down the procedure to be
followed by British subjects volunteering for
service in the British Army.

[Signature]
NORMAN E. FIERCE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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ENLISTMENT OF BRITISH SUBJECTS

1. Conditions.

Male British subjects in ITALY and SICILY who volunteer for service in the British Army will be enlisted locally in the Pioneer Corps subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) Proof must be provided that the applicant is a British subject.
- (b) Applicant must pass a test of medical fitness in accordance with the standards laid down in the pamphlet "Medical Categories of ORs 1943" as notified in ACIs dated 1 May 1943
- (c) Applicant will undergo a Security examination.

2. Terms and Conditions of Service.

Personnel enlisted under this AAI RO will be required to serve in any part of the world with the British Services. The period of engagement will be for the duration of the war. They will be entitled to the following:

- (a) Pay and allowances at normal British rates, except that colonial allowances whilst serving in AAI and dependants' allowance are not admissible.
- (b) Free medical attention subject to normal restrictions and regulations.
- (c) Non-effective benefits.
- (d) Free travel to place of enlistment on discharge.

3. Applications.

Applications, together with proof of British nationality and medical certificate, will be sent through the usual channels to the appropriate Army, Independent Corps or District HQ, who will arrange for the necessary security examination and, if satisfied, will authorise the enlistment.

4. Enlistment.

The unit submitting the application will be notified of the result by the Formation or District HQ concerned. In cases of successful application, the unit concerned will direct the applicant to report for enlistment.

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<u>Unit located in</u>	<u>Place of Enlistment</u>
FIFTH and EIGHTH Army and No 3 District	HQ Pioneer Group Naples.
5 Corps and No 2 District	HQ Pioneer Group Bari.
No 1 District	ADL Office, CATANIA.

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Subject:-

Enlistment British Personnel.

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3 June 44.

To:-

R.C. & M.G. Section,
(for Major Driffeld White).

From:-

A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.A.I.

Ref. ACCL/207.

1. Reference your 425/4/CA.
2. A.A.I. Routine Orders 144 - 149, 2 June 44, covers (146) Enlistment of British subjects.
3. These orders are in such short supply that an extra copy is at present unobtainable. However, the usual copy to Brig Lush may serve your purpose.

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Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

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but a few copies
in 146 made in
case it is required
at a later date*

J.H. 5/6

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31 May 44.

Ref. 425/4/oa.

Ref. ACCL/200.

To:- R.C. & M.G. Section.

From:- A.C.C. Liaison, HQ. A.A.I.

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425/4/CA refers.

A.A.I. Routine Orders dealing with above has not as yet been published. Meanwhile individual cases with all particulars must be submitted to D.A.A.G.(O) HQ. A.A.I.

HEADQ. RS
31 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

Fuller
Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

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Ref/425/4/CA

29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Enlistment in British Forces.

TO : AGO Liaison, Hq. AAI.

Would you please inform this Branch of
any further developments in connection with the
above, your AGO/167 of 16 May refers.

[Signature]
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Subject:- Enlistment in British Forces.

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To:- R.C. & M.G. Section,
HQ. A.C.C., (For Major Driffield White).

From:- A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.A.I.

Ref. ACOL/167.

1. Confirming today's conversation (Major Driffield White and Capt Oden speaking).
2. 'A' Branch advise that A.A.I. Routine Order will be published week hence setting out procedure for enlistment of British subjects now in Italy, into the British Armed Forces.
3. Where British subjects desiring to enlist as per para 2, and who have served or are now serving in the Italian Army, full particulars must be submitted to 'A' Branch.
4. Until policy and procedure are established, it is suggested that requests of above nature be transmitted through Liaison Section.

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capt
Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

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Ask AAI h.o.
any developments

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BU / *28/5* or *with*
reply for Reg VI

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
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423/2/CA

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: British Personnel in Italian Army.

TO : R.O. Region VI.

1. Reference your HQ/2114 of 10 May 1944. This matter will be raised with AA1 who may have knowledge of precedents.

2. In the meantime, in order to place individual cases before them, would you please list cases within your knowledge, details to include:

- a. Date and place of birth.
- b. Nationality (by birth, adoption etc.)
- c. Nationality of parents (by birth, adoption, etc.)
- d. Movements of applicant, particularly location at time of coming of age.
- e. Military history.

*Capt Oden has
details will contact
AA1 & reply.
Meantime Bdu 205/*

Capt. N. Baker

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 6

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10 May 1944

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C. (R.C. & M.G. Section)

SUBJECT: British personnel in Italian Army

REFERENCE: HQ/2114

1. Applications are being received by this Headquarters from soldiers in the Italian Army or personnel discharged from the Italian Army for permission to enlist in the British Forces.

These applications come from personnel who claim that although of Italian parentage they are British subjects although they agree that under Italian law they were liable to Italian military service.

In some cases these individuals may still be serving in the Italian Army or they may be on indefinite leave pending discharge or already discharged.

A typical case is one of two Italian soldiers aged 22 and 23 who produce papers to show that they were born in HAMILTON, Ontario, Canada. Both came with their father to Italy in 1936 and were subsequently mobilized with the Italian Forces. They are now desirous of enlisting in the Canadian Forces.

2. Can information be obtained please as to what is the situation in regard to such enlistments. I feel that a number of similar cases may possibly have arisen on the mainland. There is no British military Headquarters on this Island from which I can obtain information on the subject.

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See 1/55
See 2
M. Carr
M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

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