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ITALIAN AIR FORCE
OCT. 1943; MAY-JUNE 1944

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TO : HQ A., R.C. & M.C. Section. 42993
FROM : HQ Region V, AMG.
SUBJECT : Rehabilitation of the Italian Air Force. PIA
REF : R5/501/31.
DATE : 26 Jun 44.

Ref your 433/3/CA dated 24 May 44.

The following is an extract from a letter received from P.C. FOGGIA in explanation of para 2 of your a/q letter:-

" The AMG representative at CERIGNOLA, Capt Elliott, has now moved forward, but I am sure he did not issue any orders on his own responsibility respecting the round-up and call-up.

As you know, orders were issued from this Hq suspending both activities, and no doubt Capt Elliott, in the course of his duties, saw that the activities actually were suspended and checked that local CC,RR had received appropriate instructions.

The original refusal to permit recruiting in FOGGIA Province was made by AMG Eighth Army in their letter OA/31/37A of 28 Nov 43. "

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

JHGW/MEG.

J.H.G. Womersley
J.H.G. WOMERSLEY,
Major,
Admin Officer (B).

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SUBJECT:- Italy in Force Personnel

11 JUN 1944

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HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

AAI/3071/A(0)

12 Jun 44

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

See file 23
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Reference your ACCI/206 dated 3 Jun 44 and conversation OLSEN - STONEY.

1. All such Air Force personnel referred to must fall into one of two categories (a) PW (b) Refugees.
2. Those in category (a) are evacuated quickly to base camps where their interrogation by the Italian Military Authorities is arranged.
3. Those in category (b) are evacuated through refugee channels under arrangements made by A.C.C.
4. It is felt that delay can have occurred only in the case of those in category (b).

MIR/IM



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A. S. W. St. Wijn
Brigadier,
D.A.C.

NFA. Sec 4/286

15. Action

Completed by [signature]
Baker Jk

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To Major Drifffield White:

Air Forces Sub Comm
requested that clearance of
P.W. through to them (Ex Station
Air Force Personnel) be speeded
up. 24

The attached letter is
in response to our accs/206
3 June, a copy of which was
sent to you.

Quacken, Capt
accs.

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433 *EW* JUN 1944 CAB-221
FROM : Air Force Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
RARI.
TO : Allied Control Commission,
Sicily Region Headquarters, A.P.O. 394
DATE : 11th June 1944
REF. : AWSC/7/AIR. *file 14/6*

Recalling of Italian Air Force Personnel

Receipt is acknowledged of Sicily Region Headquarters letter HQ/045.7 dated 26th May 1944, with enclosures being copy of Sicily Region Headquarters letter of even reference dated 8th May 1944, addressed to Executive Committee, R.C. & M.G. Section, Allied Control Commission, and copy of draft proclamation relative to Naval personnel.

2. This Sub-Commission approves the proposals provided they are amended to include Italian Air Force personnel.

Waller S/C
J. WALLER, SQUADRON LEADER,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Copy to : Executive Committee, R.C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C. ✓
Major Consideration.



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433 - 8 JUN Recd

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FROM : Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission, Naples.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
R.C. and M.G. Section.

DATE : 8th June, 1944

REF : ASC/5

Welfare Enquiries of Italian Air Force.

Reference your 433/20/CA dated 7th June, it is noted that the Italian Red Cross are now organised to deal with Welfare and whereabouts Enquiries in all cases between Italians and their families.

This information is being immediately sent to the Headquarters of this Sub Commission at Bari, who will pass it on to the Italian Air Force.

Your interest in this matter is much appreciated.

W. L. Minter

(W. L. Minter)

Wing Commander,

Air Vice Marshal,

AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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

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Ref/433/20/GA

7 June 1944

SUBJECT: Welfare Enquiries of Italian Air Force.

TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. I refer to your ASQ/5 of 5 June 1944.
2. The Italian Red Cross are now organized to deal with welfare and whereabouts Enquiries in all cases between Italians and their families, and you will no doubt wish to pass on this information to the Italian Air Force.
3. An announcement in this subject is being made in the press.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

ME/JR

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433/ 8. C.A.R.
8 JUN 1944
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FROM - AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, NAPLES.
TO - HEADQUARTERS,
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

DATE 5th JUNE, 1944

REF - ASC/5

ITALIAN AIR FORCES IN ROME.

It was proposed, upon the fall of Rome, to send an advance party from the Italian Air Ministry to make early enquiries into the conditions and whereabouts of the families of personnel of the Regia Aeronautica there.

Permission for this party to proceed to Rome has, however, been refused by Allied Control Commission until a later date when conditions are more settled.

It will be appreciated that many of the Regia Aeronautica - particularly those who came over at the Armistice - are desperately anxious to get in touch with their families: both to learn whether they are alive, and also to assist them financially.

The Air Vice-Marshal is particularly keen for this information to be obtained as soon as it is available, and for the advance party to be given permission to proceed as early as possible.

In the meantime any information regarding the families which you are able to pass on will be of material benefit to the morale of the Italian Air Force.

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HEADQUARTERS
 5 JUL 1944
 A. C. C.

M. Denny

(E.L. Denny)
 Group Captain,
 Air Vice-Marshal,
 AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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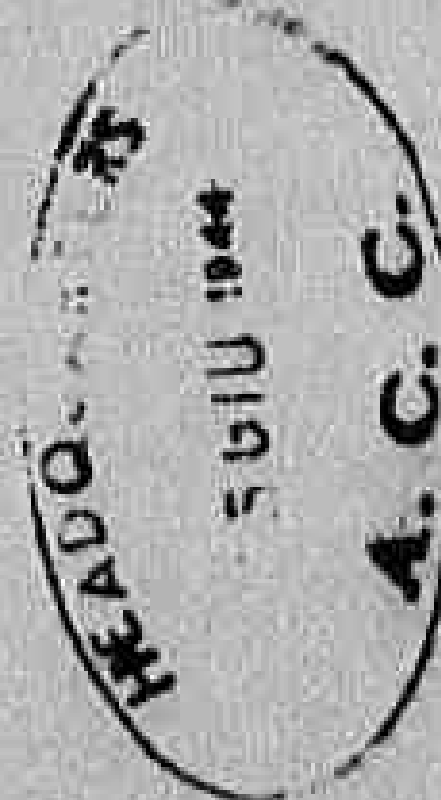
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Group Captain.

Air Vice-Marshal,

AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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FROM H;Q A.C.C. NAPLES
TO A.P.S.C. A.C.C. EARI.

RECEIPT IS ACKNOWLEDGED OF YOUR
339/ORG DATED 2ND JUNE 1944

Date

Signature

Rank

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FROM:-- AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BARI.

TO:-- HEADQUARTERS, A.C.C. NAPLES.

DATE:-- 2nd June 1944.

REF:-- 339/OEG.

SECRET.

REGIA AERONAUTICA PARTIES TO PROCEED
TO ROME.

Attached herewith is a communication received from the Air Minister. Paragraph 1 of this recapitulates the existing party under Major Ruspoli which has already moved forward following the advance of the Allied Forces.

Paragraph 2 proposes the formation of a small section to undertake the recovery of documents, obtaining information as regards Regia Aeronautica personnel, the grouping of the personnel when found, enquiries into their activities since the Armistice, and family assistance to relatives of the R.A. who are living in the Rome area. Paragraph 3 proposes that General D'Aurelio takes this party forward, and this co-ordinates both the activities of this party and of Major Ruspoli's party.

The remaining paragraphs of the letter refer to the details of these parties, and the manner in which they will carry out their tasks.

I recommend strongly that the action as proposed in the attached letter be authorised. I have already submitted the matter to H.Q. M.A.H.F. who state that in their opinion it is entirely a matter for the Allied Control Commission. I should be grateful if your agreement could be given to this at a very early date.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscalet.
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W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCALET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

(Trans. E.G.T.)

From: Minist. R.A.
 to: A.C.C. Sub-Commission (A.V.M. B. Buscarlet)
 date: 26/5/44 Bari
 ref. N° 182/R12
 Subject: Constitutional establishment of the R.A. in Rome.

1. The constitutional establishment for the recovery of materials in the zone of Rome depending under Magg. PUSPOLI comprises of the following personnel:

Cap. G.A.R.; I. PALMIERI	-	S. Ten. G.A.R.;	ERESAOIA
S. Ten. Pil. Palma	-	Serg. Arm.	DI CINTO
Serg. Magg. PAOLINI	-	Av. Sc.	PERETTO
Av. Sc. ISOLETTI	-	Av. Sc.	CHIODINI
Av. Sc. DEL MASTRO	-	Av. Sc.	GROVERO
Av. Sc. CASTEGNESE	-	Av. Sc.	VENTURI
Av. Sc. DONATO	-	Aviere	SARACCHI
Aviere CINTI.	-		

2. As I have already mentioned in my previous letter, dated the 21 May 1944, N° 2771/SG.17, I would suggest, also, to despatch a section of Officers and NCOs, with the following tasks:

- recovery of documents and papers of the R.A.;
- information concerning personnel of the R.A.;
- re-grouping of R.A. personnel that will appear to the above establishment as soon as Rome is taken;
- questioning of R.A. personnel to clarify their position and activity during the period from the 8th September up to the date of presentation;
- family assistance to R.A. personnel allocated in Rome zones.

3. I would suggest that the two above mentioned activities (recovery of materials, and assistance and information of personnel), remain independent, so as to avoid interferences, (i.e. the section in charge of recovery of materials will occupy themselves solely for materials and the section of assisting personnel will occupy themselves exclusively to soldiers); these two activities will be co-ordinated by a General Officer (Gen. D'AMALIO) who will act in the Rome zone for this Ministry.

4. The establishment for N° 2 section above, will be formed as follows: 4 Officers, 2 N.C.O's, 2 Drivers, 2 Carabinieri, and 2 A.C.H's.

This establishment will be provided with a lorry, a motorcar, and a cycle.

5. The two establishments could have their base in the rooms of the School GUERRA AEREA, which has been assigned together with the ROMAGNOLI barracks to the R.A. by the Allied Authorities.

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 - 4 Officers, 2 M.C.O's, 2 Drivers, 2 Carabinieri, and 2 A.C.H's.
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5. The two establishments could have their base in the rooms of the School CUENEA AREA, which has been assigned together with the ROMACHOLI barracks to the R.A. by the Allied Authorities.
6. A sum of money, not exceeding Lire 9.000 for each soldier, will be carried ~~by~~ for distribution, in Rome, to families of R.A. personnel, also postcards will be taken for the R.A. personnel whose message must be strictly private and must not exceed 25 words. These Postcards will be censored either by our Authorities or those of the Allied Authorities before being despatched.
7. All personnel going to Rome must be issued with a Special Pass authorizing them to fulfill the above mentioned duties. I would consider necessary to give Generale MAURELIO an introduction letter, so that he may contact the Allied R.A.F. Authorities in Rome when he thinks it necessary.

8. Necessary authorization will have to be given to the above mentioned General, for him to withdraw sufficient Rations from the Allied Forces Stores, to be consumed by the personnel of the new establishment and also for further personnel of the R.A. that may be required over there. 16

9x The checking of these Rations will be later on regulated by the Direzione di Commissariato according to the existing orders.

9. I beg Your Excellency to authorize the above requests. It will be my duty to inform you the names of the personnel that will proceed to Rome, and with all executive details.

IL MINISTRO (SIGNED)

SANDALI

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6 June 1944.

1. Further to my minute of 29 May 44 (copies to Capt. Oden, Italian Refugee Branch etc).
2. Capt. Oden further contacted and now replies as at 12.
3. Saw Col. Brister (I.R.) and Capt. Monico (MMIA) who confirmed arrangements as in my 11.
4. Arranged appointment with S/Ldr. Minter to interview Group Capt. Denny of Air Forces Sub-Commission Bari, who was in Napoli for this question, inter alia (see also 5).
5. Further letter from Capt. Oden at 13.
6. Saw Col. Brister (Italian Refugees) 5 June 44 who states about dozen men in Refugee Cage at Capua had declared themselves as Italian Air Force, ~~Officer~~ had notified Air Forces Sub-Commission to have them moved right away. If not prompt removal then would be sent back to ATRAGOLA, where MMIA have arranged Italian Air Ministry will be notified immediately should any Italian Air Force personnel be received (as per my memo at 11 para 4). Col. Brister stated he would follow this procedure at all times in future. //
7. Saw Group Capt. Denny 1630 hrs 5 June 44. Reported to him as per my memo at 11 and para 5 above. Also with him saw Capt. Monico of MMIA and confirmed re ATRAGOLA arrangement and Commando Tappa as at 13.
8. Group Capt. Denny satisfied everything covered, will report to Air Vice Marshall B.B. (A.F. Sub-Commission) and a letter from us not necessary. ✓

M. BAKER.
Capt.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/433/14/OA

6 June 1944

SUBJECT: Rehabilitation of Italian Air Force.

TO : R.O. Region V.

1. Reference 433/3/OA of 24 May 44 and
433/5/OA of 4 June 44.

2. Would you please say what your
enquiries revealed in regard to the matters
raised in para (2) of communication of 24 May 44.

J. H. F.
NORMAN E. FLSKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

MB/YRS

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for Capt Baker

Subject:- Italian Air Force Personnel 4 JUN Recd 3 June 44. 7
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To:- 'A' Branch,
HQ. A.A.I.

From:- A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.A.I. 6 Ref. ACCL/206.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from Air Forces Sub-Commission, setting out that there have been delays in prompt clearance of certain P.O.W's. from combat areas. It would be appreciated if representations could be made to proper authority to expedite such clearances.
2. Following arrival in Base Cages, it is our understanding that screening of military personnel is undertaken by the Italian Comando Tappa. This unit under Army Sub-Commission can therefore be stimulated directly within the A.C.C. organisation, and we are so advising our Headquarters.

Curran
Major, *Caru*
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

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A.C.C. LIAISON,
HQ. A.A.I.

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31 MAY 44.

Memo to Capt. Baker.

1. Again discussed with A.A.I. who, at a higher level, reverse former position.
2. It is now clear that all bodies in uniform are treated as P.O.W. and promptly sent back to Establishment Camps.
3. Your suggestion para 8 is a sound one.

William
Capt,
A.C.C. Liaison.

Spoke May 7 James; he will get Capt Oden to request GSI (B) to ensure quick return of Italian A.F. personnel to Ital A.F. Hq. & reply by letter.

Also spoke Capt Oden 9am 3rd. He is sending in letter. I reminded him of CC's letter of 25th an

HB 26
Yr Capt Denny.

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29 May 1944. 11

1. Reference AFSC/7/5/AIR of 16 May 44 from Air Force Sub-Commission.
2. HQ. A.A.I. (through A.O.C. L.O.), Army Sub-Commission (MCLA) - Capt. Munroe - and Italian Refugee Branch (Lt. Col. Brister) have been contacted on this matter.
3. It appears that for the movement of Italian males of service-age coming into their hands among normal civilian refugees, adequate machinery exists within the Italian Refugee Branch camp system. Screening facilities exist, of a preliminary nature at static forward camps and of a more thorough character at the larger reception camps (Capua, Aversa, Foggia etc). Italian service-age civilians discovered by these vettings are sent back to AFRAGOLA camp (near NAPLES). This procedure has been adopted by Italian Refugee Branch without representation by any other authority.
4. As a result of this statement, the Italian Army authorities in charge of AFRAGOLA camp have been instructed by MCLA to ensure that the presence there of apparent Italian Air Force personnel is reported immediately to Italian Air Force HQ.
5. HQ. A.A.I. through AOC Liaison Officer, state that all Italian service personnel (whether uniformed or in civilian clothing) coming into P.O.W. camps at forward areas are turned over to Italian Refugee Camps, unless suspected of being adherents or agents of the enemy.
6. Italian Refugee Branch emphatically decline to accept this statement, or to undertake to adopt the suggestion, it being beyond their function as a civilian refugee operation. So far as they are concerned, known Italian service personnel (uniformed or otherwise) would be handed over to the military authorities at P.O.W. Camps. It is further stated that no Italian service personnel has been handled by them as is suggested by A.A.I.
7. A ruling is necessary on the proper course for dealing with all Italian service personnel coming into Allied hands in combat zones or elsewhere, other than those who are impounded forthwith by Army on grounds of security etc.
8. I suggest A.A.I., Army Sub-Commission (MCLA), Air Force Sub-Commission and Italian Refugee Branch receive copies of this memorandum with a request that they liaison for the purpose indicated in (7).

HB/RAG.

H. BAKER,
Capt.

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29 May 1944. 11a

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4288 BAKER,
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HB/RAC.

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H. BAKER,
Capt.

HB/RAC.

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25 May: Saw Capt Monico (MMHA Post Office Bldg.) He will contact Afragola & issue instructions that should Air Force personnel be needed there they must be passed back to I. Air Force H.Q. (who will arrange to collect).

I asked him whether it be possible for Afragola to handle all I.A.F. personnel sent back from P.O.W. camps, for similar handing over to I.A.F. H.Q. Capt Monico said no, as Afragola is really a transit camp for Italian Military going forward to units. They are not intended to be a reception centre for Italians coming back from Combat zones.

25 May (Capt Aden to Capt Talbot on phone): After screening in combat zones, they are divided into two categories (a) suspect (security) e.g. espionage agents (b) service personnel whether uniformed or civilians. Class (b) is handed over to A.M.C. officers & they work with A.M.C. to get them back for re-service with Italian Air Force.

What P.O.W. cages exist & how are prisoners dealt with from there? Does above apply only to Air Force personnel? Have there been such cases.

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You will Ref. Br. again. 851

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Laurocamo	✓	
Casoli	✓	
Campobasso	2	
Sernia	2	
Venafro	2	✓
Vairano	2	✓
Lessa	1	✓

Colura
 Aveva
 Foggia
 Naples

Afrigola near Naples
(Afrigola Rd)

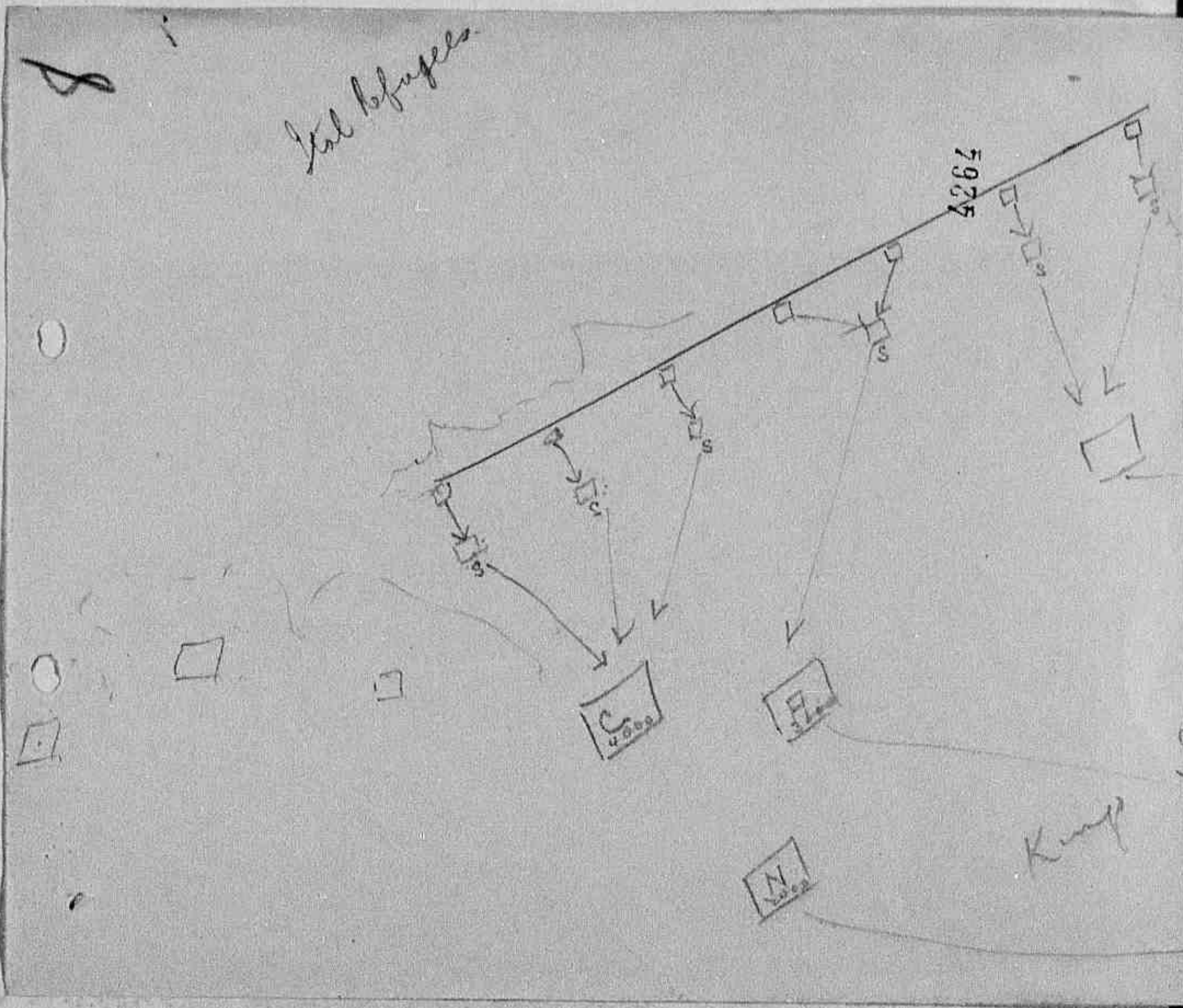
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Afrigola
Lt Col Knister; Maj Donahue

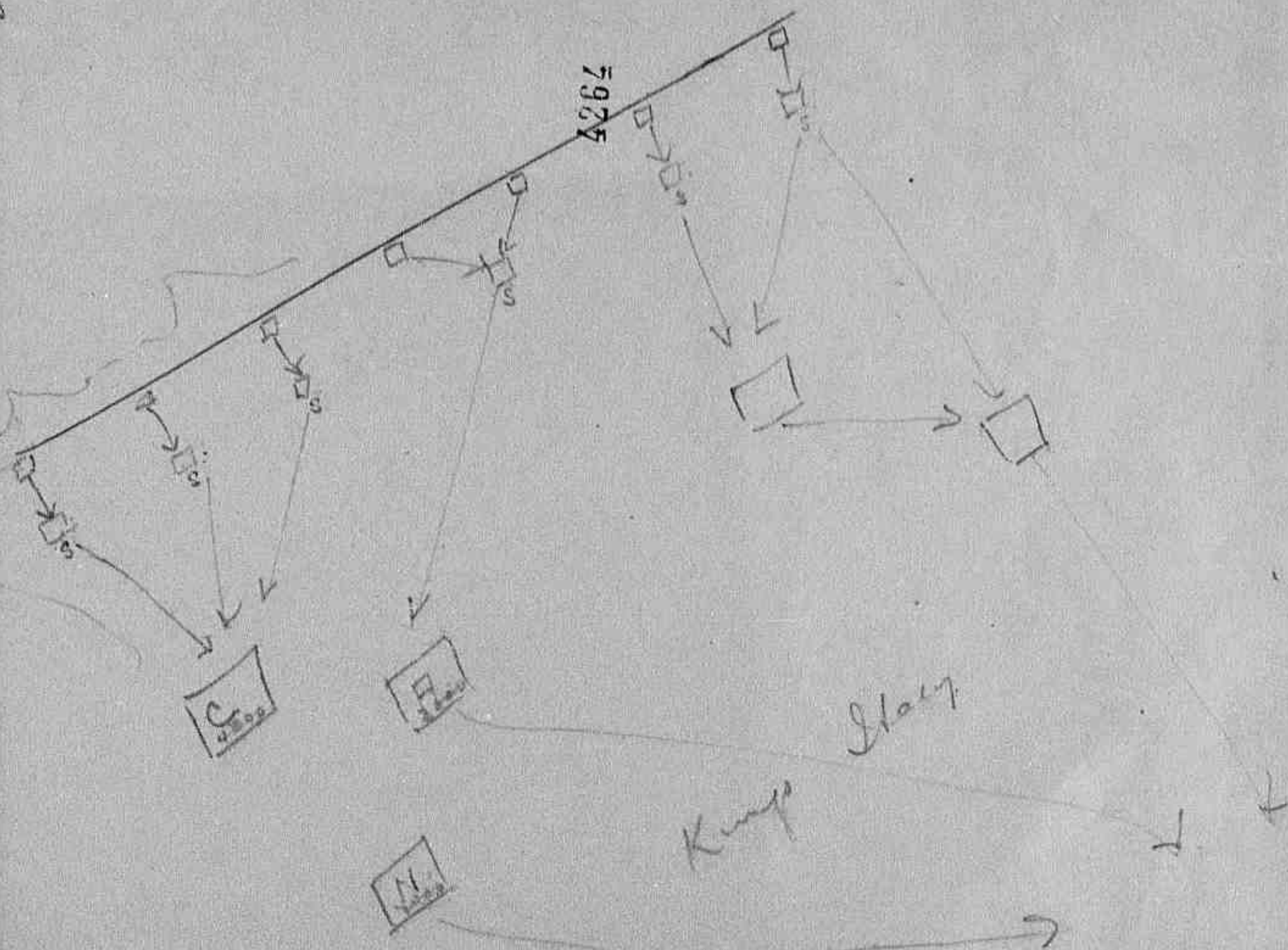
Afrigola near Naples. 245.

Forward area screen
people prior to their being
rec'd at forward camps (before)
There they're screened again (etc)
& any suspected personnel
handed over to POW camps.
No service personnel so far
rec'd. Any civilians of 4265
service age passed on to
Afrigola (Ital camp number
Italian Ministry of War).

Yal Refuges



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COPY.

FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
BARI.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

DATE : 16th May 1944.

REF : AFSC/7/5/AIR.

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Italian Air Force Personnel.

It is understood that a considerable number of Italian Air Force personnel are filtering through the lines from German Occupied Italy.

2. Information has been received that such personnel, whom it should be remembered have come over with the express intention of striking a blow against the common enemy, are being held up in Combat Zones.

3. It is appreciated that all such personnel must be first interrogated by Intelligence. However, it would seem that afterwards there is no machinery for issuing permission for men to travel to the L.of C. area, where they wish to report to the Headquarters of the Italian Air Force for duty.

4. In view of the fact that demands are pouring in for Italian Air Force specialists and tradesmen in substitution of Allied Air Force manpower, it is requested that the position be investigated.

(Signed) W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 433/5/CA.

4th June 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Personnel.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region V.

1. In accordance with the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Air Forces, all Italian Air Force specialists and tradesmen sent on indefinite leave last September are being recalled to their units.
2. The Air Vice-Marshal, Air Forces Sub-Commission, is prepared to delay physically the recall of such men in the harvesting areas provided that they are registered and a record is kept of their location and movements, and provided also that they are to be physically recalled at the end of the harvest, i.e., end of July.
3. The Air Vice-Marshal has also pointed out that there is a serious outbreak of desertion and absenteeism both from Italian Air Force units and amongst Italians employed by Allied Air Force units particularly in CECIGNOLA and CAMPOBASSO areas.
4. You should make every effort to see that this absenteeism is checked and that the absentees are returned to the units with which they are working and you should enforce the full vigour of the law with regard to actual deserters.
5. The same difficulties will probably arise with regard to civilians employed by Army units and Italian soldiers and the same steps should be taken.

(Sgd) M. S. LUSH,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

1. In accordance with the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Air Forces, all Italian Air Force specialists and tradesmen sent on indefinite leave last September are being recalled to their units.
2. The Air Vice-Marshal, Air Forces Sub-Commission, is prepared to delay physically the recall of such men in the harvesting areas provided that they are registered and a record is kept of their location and movements, and provided also that they are to be physically recalled at the end of the harvest, i.e., end of July.
3. The Air Vice-Marshal has also pointed out that there is a serious outbreak of desertion and absenteeism both from Italian Air Force units and amongst Italians employed by Allied Air Force units particularly in OSSIGNOLA and CAMPUSSO areas.
4. You should make every effort to see that this absenteeism is checked and that the absentees are returned to the units with which they are working and you should enforce the full vigour of the law with regard to actual deserters.
5. The same difficulties will probably arise with regard to civilians employed by Army units and Italian soldiers and the same steps should be taken.

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(Sgt) M. S. LUSH, Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: R.C. Region II.
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Air Forces Sub-Commission.
Army Sub-Commission.

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Region V.

QUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394
R.C. & M.C. SECTION.
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Ref: 433/4/CA.

20th May 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Personnel.

TO : ACC Liaison Officer,
Headquarters, A.A.I.

1. I attach copy of letter AMSC/7/5/AIR dated 16. May. 44. from the Air Forces Sub-Commission.
2. Would you please take this matter up with HQ. AAI and let me know what instructions are considered necessary for AMSC, 5 and 8 Armies.

[Signature]
ROBERT E. FISKE,
Colonel, Deputy
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 453/3/CA.

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20th May 1944.

SUBJECT: Rehabilitation of the Italian Air Force.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region V.

See (5)

1. In accordance with the orders of the Commander in Chief, Allied Air Forces, all Italian Air Force specialists and tradesmen sent on indefinite leave last September are being recalled to their units to substitute Allied manpower.

2. It is understood that the AMC representative at GERIGNOLA has issued orders that in all territory within his jurisdiction, notices recalling men to their units are to be ignored. It is further understood that within the aforementioned territory, Italian Military Police have no power to arrest deserters or bring them back to their units.

3. Will you please have this matter investigated and reply.
~~If necessary, instructions should be issued with regard to Italian Air Force personnel which do not conflict with the order referred to.~~

*It will be appreciated if the matter
be treated as urgent.*

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Major W. Driffeld - White

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Deputy
Executive Commissioner.

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FROM : Air Force Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
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TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission, A.P.O. 394.

DATE : 16th May 1944

REF. : AMSO/7/5/AIR.

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Italian Air Force Personnel

It is understood that a considerable number of Italian Air Force personnel are filtering through the lines from German Occupied Italy.

2. Information has been received that such personnel, whom it should be remembered have come over with the express intention of striking a blow against the common enemy, are being held up in Combat Zones.
3. It is appreciated that all such personnel must be first interrogated by Intelligence. However, it would seem that afterwards there is no machinery for issuing permission for men to travel to the L.of C. area, where they wish to report to the Headquarters of the Italian Air Force for duty.
4. In view of the fact that demands are pouring in for Italian Air Force specialists and tradesmen in substitution of Allied Air Force manpower, it is requested that the position be investigated.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscalet.

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCALET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Rehabilitation of the Italian Air Force

In accordance with the orders of the Commander in Chief, Allied Air Forces, all Italian Air Force specialists and tradesmen sent on indefinite leave last September, are being recalled to their Units.

2. These men are required for substitution of Allied manpower in British and American Air Force Units.

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3. It is understood that the Officer representing the Allied Control Commission at Corigliola has issued orders that in all territory within his jurisdiction, notices recalling men to their Units are to be ignored. It is further understood that within the aforementioned territory, Italian Military Police have no power to arrest deserters, or bring them back to their Units.

4. It is requested the matter be investigated and instructions issued with regard to Italian Air Force personnel within the area stated, which do not conflict with the orders of the Commander in Chief.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscalet.

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCALET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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