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AQ/11/3 Italian Military Absentees & Deserters

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From: H.Q. "Folgore" Combat Group.
To: S.M.R.E.

REF: 16 17 Pers.
DATE: 24 FEB 45

Ref: A911/3 - 23/Jan - 131

Subject: Italian personnel - Absentees and
Deserters - Parachutist DI FRANCO
Adriano - 1922 class - D.M. Reggio
Calabria.

Further to dispatch 557/SP/1 dated 25 Jan. 45
we notify that the soldier in question
belonged to the Mixed Engineer Battalion of this
Combat Group.

The afo soldier, absconding himself
without leave from his unit on the 17 December 44,
has been denounced as a deserter to the
Naples Military Territorial Tribunal of War, in
letter HQ 39/ST-2 dated 10 Feb. 1945 of H.Q. "Folgore"
Mixed Engineer Battalion.

Sgt. CASTRATI
Lt. Col.

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2° Sez. Personale e Segreteria

n° 1671/Pers.

P.M. 146, 11 ²⁴ febbraio 1945

O G G E T T O: soldato DI FRANZIA Adriano.-

Soldato A
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
-Uff. Segreteria e Personale -
(rif.f.n. 679/1P/1 in data 13/2/1945)

P.M. 3800

e. per conoscenza:

AL L.F.S.C. - AC. (M.M.I.A)
(rif.f. AQ/11/3 in data 23/1/1945)

R O M A

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
-GABINETTO- Uff. C.A.-
(rif.f. 507/1 in data 6/2/1945)

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In esito al foglio a riferimento, comuni-
casi che é stato risposto al foglio n°337/SP/1 in
data 25/1/1945 con foglio n°1417/Pers. del 16 feb-
braio u.s. che si unisce in copia.-

*As a result of the letter referred to, we notify
that letter 337/SP/1 dated 25/1/1945 has been replied to
with letter 1417 Pers. dated 16 Feb. last, of which we
enclose a copy.*

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten.Col. U. De Martino)

11/2/1945

COMANDO G. PRO DI COMBATTIMENTO "POL RE"
Ufficio Perso

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2° Sez. Personale e Segreteria

n° 1417/Pers.

P.M.146, li 16 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: personale italiano - assenti arbitrari e disertori.-
parac. DI FRANCIA Adriano - el.1922 - D.M. Reggio Calabria.-

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Segreteria e Personale

P.M. 3300

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -GABINETTO-

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In esito al dispaccio n° 337/SP/1 del 25 gennaio 1945, comunicasi che il militare in argomento apparteneva al Battaglione Misto Genio di questo Gruppo di Combattimento.-

Il predetto militare, assentatosi arbitrariamente dal reparto il giorno 17 dicembre 1944, è stato denunciato per diserzione al Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Guerra di Napoli con foglio n° 4939/ST - 2 in data 10 febbraio 1945 del Comando Battaglione Misto Genio "Polgo-re".-

AL CAPO SEGRETERIA UFFICIO ESERCIZIO

P.M. 3300

Ufficio Segreteria e Personale

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -GABINETTO-

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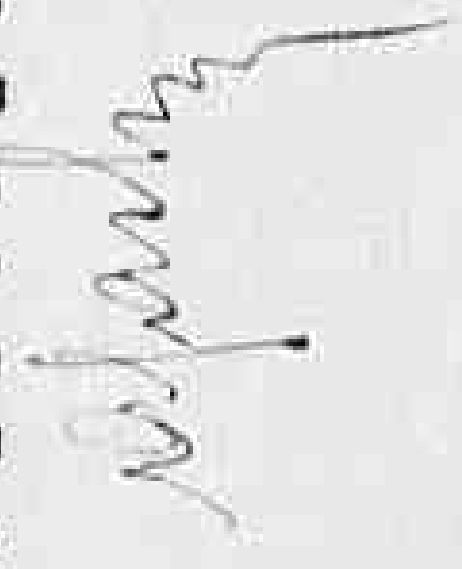
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IL CAPO SEGRETERIA E SEGRETARIA
(Ten.Col.A.C a s t r a t i)



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
f/to Ten.Col. Umberto De Martino

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From: Ministry of War

Ref: L0019

TO: MEMA

Date: Feb 65

Subject: Absentee Strength.

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Circular 8058/Troops dated 12 September 1944 is cancelled.

Bearing in mind the contents of secret circular 307295/C.A. - Cabinet - dated 27 Dec 1944 "Administrative Instructions N. 18," the said circular is therefore modified thus:

1. All troops on the strength of units who, for any reason (A.S.D.E. - various leave - temporary release, etc.), are away from duty for a period of more than 30 days must be struck off the strength of their units and t.c.s. of the respective Depots (normal or subsidiary) where they will be shown on a special roll, under the heading of "Absent Strength," held by the Depot, assisted by an alphabetical nominal roll.
2. When these troops have to return to duty (because of establishing of their position either following their trial for desertion or the expiration of their leave, or the revoking of their temporary release) they must report, not to the unit nor to the Depot on which they are on strength, but directly to the reinforcement Centre (BR-ITI, US-ITI, ITI-ITI, or for Italian Fighting Forces) according to whether they previously formed part of units reinforced by said reinforcement Centre.

i.e.

Those belonging to BR-ITI Units)	To the nearest of the three reinforcement Centres for BR-ITI.	{ Afragola Truni Orvieto
those belonging to US-ITI Units)	To the P.S.S. reinforce- ment Centre	{ Antron
those belonging) to ITI-ITI Units)	To the ITI-ITI reinforce- ment Base Depot	{ Grosignano
those belonging) to Combat Groups)	To the Italian Fighting Forces Training Centre	{ Canano

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The Depots will, therefore, take action to:

- (a) Notify in time (through Garrison H.Q.s of CO.RR stations) the troops concerned as to which Reinforcement Centre they must report for successive postings to units.
- (b) Send a copy of the notification to the Reinforcement Centre that it may be informed that the soldier has to report himself there. The Reinforcement Centre will then arrange to inform the Depot of:

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-Postings effected in order that the consequent forwarding of service documents to the Mobilisation Centres of the new unit may be carried out.

-or Failures to Report for the carrying out of the eventual apprehension and trial of the soldier who has not reported.

3. Particularly in the respect of military patients in Hospitals or Convalescent Depots:-

-for periods up to 30 days (in which included any eventual convalescent leave) they must remain on the strength of the units as "Hospital Patients".

-for successive periods of hospitalisation from 30 up to 60 days (in which included any eventual convalescent leave) they will be taken over onto the strength of the appropriate Reinforcement Centre, as referred to in para 2. Notification of the transfer will also be given to the respective Depot (which will still handle the service records) in addition to the Directorate of the Hospital.

-after 60 days in military Hospitals or Convalescent Depot they will have to be taken over by civilian Hospitals or Convalescent Depots and will therefore cease to be shown on the effective strength of the Reinforcement Centres. Notice of the transfer will be given to the Depots who have them on strength in order that they (troops) will be definitely passed over to the districts, who will enter them in the absent strength until their military position is established.

4. The troops, referred to in para 3, who, upon discharge from Hospitals or termination of convalescent leave, are held to be still on the strength of their units, having spent a period of not more than 30 days in hospital and on convalescent leave, will return to their units.

-if, however, the period spent in hospital or on convalescent leave exceeds a period of 60 days, they will report to the Reinforcement Centre (to which they will be transferred by the corps to which they belong) who will arrange a new posting for them, informing the original depot of it, (as in para 2) for the forwarding of the service records to the Mobilisation Centres of new unit to which posted.

Upon discharge from Hospital the soldier must be informed, by that Hospital, to which Reinforcement Centre he must report at the expiration of eventual convalescent leave.

5. Troops included in the special roll of "Absent Strength" held as shown in para 1, will not have to be shown in the periodical return of the effective strength of the Depot.

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6. Pay accounts and acquittances rolls for troops on the special "Absent Strength" roll, entitled to pay, will be held by the same Depot as has them on the roll. It remains well understood that they are not entitled to ration issue.

7. On the service record of the troops dealt with, after the entries relative to their position (extraordinary leave without ration allowance, convalescent leave, three month exemption, trial for desertion, etc.), will be entered the following change:

"On the 'Absent Strength' of the Depot
circular (quoting this one) ... the"

At the cessation of the special position, (through expiration of the leave granted to them without other renewal, or because a check-examination has fixed the medical category, or the Military Authorities withdrew and did not renew the three monthly exemption, or the position following trial for desertion has been defined, etc), after the relative entry, the following service entry will be made:-

"Taken off" of the "Absent Strength" of the Depot
circular (quoting this one)
and reported to the Reinforcement Centre or
also handed over to Military District
(according to whether he is for further service or
discharge) on the"

"Forwarded to the (Corp or unit to which posted by the
Reinforcement Centre) on the"

8. The H.Q.s addressed will arrange for the urgent promulgating of this circular to all the Units located within their own jurisdiction.

Sgd. CASATI

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE LEVA SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA
- Divisione Truppa -

N. 40049 di prot.

Roma, 11 2 1945

OGGETTO: Forza assente.

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA CC.RR.
AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "P" DELLO S.M.RE.
AL NUCLEO STRALCIO DEL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "A"
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212
AL GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO TUTTI
AL COMANDO "CERSA"
AL COMANDO "CERSETI"
AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE S.M.GEN.
AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE S.M.R.E.
AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE MINISTERO GUERRA

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO
ALLO S.M. GENERALE
ALLO S.M.R.E.
ALLA CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA - COMIT.CENTR.
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER
L'Esercito - (L.F.S.C. MMIA)
ALLE DIREZIONI GENERALI ED AGLI UFFICI AUTONOMI DEL
MINISTERO

La circolare nr.8058/Truppa in data 12 settembre 1944 e abrogata.

Tenuto presente quanto forma argomento della circolare ³⁴⁴ nr.307295/C.A.-Gabinetto -, in data 27.12.1944 "Istruzioni Amministrative n.18" la suddetta circolare viene pertanto così modificata:

1°)- Tutti i militari in forza a reparti, che per una ragione qualsiasi (assenti arbitrari - in licenze varie - temporaneamente esonerati, assenti dall'effettivo servizio per un periodo superiore

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AL COMANDO "CERSETI"
AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE S.M.GEN.
AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE S.M.R.E.
AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE MINISTERO GUERRA

e, per conoscenza:

AL CABINETTO
ALLO S.M. GENERALE
ALLO S.M.R.E.
ALLA GROCE ROSSA ITALIANA - COMIT.CENTR.
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER
L'ESERCITO - (L.F.S.C. ITALIA)
ALLE DIREZIONI GENERALI ED AGLI UFFICI AUTONOMI DEL
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1°)- Tutti i militari in forza a reparti, che per una ragione qualsiasi
(assenti arbitrari - in licenze varie - temporaneamente esonerati,
ecc.) siano assenti dall'effettivo servizio per un periodo superio
re ai 30 giorni - devono essere transitati dalla forza effettiva
dei reparti stessi a quella dei Depositi rispettivi (normali o sus
sidiari) ove figureranno in un ruolo speciale, sotto il nome di
"FORZA ASSENTE", tenuto dal Deposito, sussidiato da una rubrica no
minativa alfabetica.-

2°)- Allorchè i predetti militari dovranno riprendere servizio (per de
finizione della loro posizione sia in seguito alla denuncia per di
serzione, sia per scadenza di licenza, sia per revoca di esonero
temporaneo ecc.) si dovranno presentare, non ai reparti ne ai Depo
siti ai quali sono in forza, ma direttamente ai Centri complementi
(BR-ITI - US-ITI - ITI-ITI o per Forze Italiane di Combattimento).

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a seconda che facevano già precedentemente parte di reparti alienati da detti Centri di complementi.

Ossia:

- Gli appartenenti a { al più prossimo dei tre Centri
reparti BR-ITI { complementi per BR-ITI
- Gli appartenenti a { al Centro complementi per
reparti US-ITI { PBS
- Gli appartenenti a { al Deposito base complementi
reparti ITI-ITI { ITI-ITI
- Gli appartenenti a { al Centro Addestramento per For-
Gruppi di Combatti-
mento { ze Italiane di Combattimento

{ Afragola
{ Trani
{ Orvieto

{ Astroni

{ Frosinone

{ Cesano

Pertanto i Depositi cureranno di:

- a) notificare tempestivamente, attraverso i Comandi di Presidio o le Stazioni dei CC.RR. ai militari interessati il Centro di Complementi al quale dovranno presentarsi per la successiva assegnazione ai reparti;
 - b) inviare copia della notifica al Centro di Complementi perché sia a conoscenza che il militare deve presentarsi. Il Centro Complementi provvederà poi a segnalare al Deposito:
 - la assegnazione avvenuta, per dar corso alla conseguente trasmissione dei documenti matricolari al Centro di Mobilitazione del nuovo reparto;
 - o la mancata presentazione per effettuare l'eventuale ricerca e denuncia del militare inadempiante.
- 3°)- Particolarmente nei riguardi dei militari degenti in Ospedale o in convallescenziario:
- per periodi fino a 30 giorni (in esso compreso l'eventuale licenza di convallescenza) dovranno rimanere in forza ai reparti come "degenti all'Ospedale"
 - Per il periodo di degenza successivo ai 30 fino ai 60 giorni

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 - Per il periodo di degenza successivo ai 30 fino ai 60 giorni (in esso compreso l'eventuale licenza di convalscenza) verranno transitati nella forza effettiva del Centro di Complementi corrispondente di cui al precedente numero 2) - Notizia del passaggio sarà data anche al rispettivo Deposito, (che tratterà peraltro i documenti matricolari) nonche alla Direzione dell'Ospedale;
 - Dopo i 60 giorni di degenza in Ospedale o Convalscenziario militare, gli stessi dovranno essere transitati in Ospedali o Convalscenziari civili, e cesseranno pertanto di figurare nella forza effettiva dei Centri Complementi. Notizia del passaggio sarà data ai Depositi che li hanno in forza - affinché gli stessi vengano definitivamente passati ai distretti che li inscrivono nella loro forza assente fino a definizione della loro posizione militare.

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4°)- I militari di cui al numero 3°) che all'uscita dell'Ospedale ed al termine della eventuale licenza di convalescenza sono da considerare ancora in forza al reparto, avendo trascorso tra degenza e licenza di convalescenza un periodo non superiore ai 30 giorni rientreranno al reparto.

- Se tra degenza ed eventuale licenza di convalescenza sarà trascorso invece un periodo non superiore ai 60 giorni, si presenteranno al Centro Complementi (cui saranno stati trasferiti dal corpo di appartenenza) il quale provvederà alla loro nuova destinazione informandone il Deposito di provenienza, come è detto al n.2°), per la trasmissione dei documenti matricolari ai Centri di Mobilitazione dei nuovi reparti di assegnazione.

All'atto dell'uscita dall'Ospedale il militare dovrà essere informato, a cura dell'Ospedale stesso, del Centro Complementi ove egli dovrà presentarsi allo scadere della eventuale licenza di convalescenza.

5°)- I militari compresi nel ruolo speciale della "Forza assente" tenuto a parte come è detto al n.1°), non dovranno figurare nelle segnalazioni periodiche della forza effettiva del Deposito.

6°)- Per i militari del ruolo speciale "Forza assente" aventi diritto a trattamento economico saranno tenuti i giornali di contabilità e registri degli assegni separati da parte dello stesso Deposito che li tiene a ruolo. Resta bene inteso che gli stessi non hanno diritto a somministrazione di razione viveri.

7°)- A matricola dei militari di cui trattasi, dopo le variazioni relative alla posizione in cui si trovano (licenza straordinaria senza assegni, licenza di convalescenza, esonero trimestrale, denuncia per diserzione, ecc.) sarà apposta la seguente variazione:

" Tale nella "Forza assente" del Deposito _____
circolare _____ (citare la presente) li _____ "

Alla cessazione della speciale posizione, (perché scaduta la licenza concessagli senza altra rinnovazione, o perché definita

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licenza di convalescenza.

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" Tale nella "Forza assente" del Deposito
 circolare _____ (citare la presente) lì _____ "

Alla cessazione della speciale posizione, (perché scaduta la licenza concessagli senza altra rinnovazione, o perché definita alla visita di controllo la posizione medico-legale, o perché ritiratogli e non rinnovatogli dalle Autorità AA. l'esonero trimestrale, o perché definita la posizione in seguito alla denuncia per diserzione ecc.ecc.) dopo la variazione relativa, saranno apportate le seguenti variazioni matricolari:

" Tale cessato dalla "Forza assente" del Deposito
 circolare _____ (citare la presente) e presentatosi al
 Centro Complementi di _____ ovvero passato al Distretto
 Militare di _____ (a seconda se deve continuare o cessare dal servizio) lì _____ "

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" Tale assegnato al (Corpo o reparto cui sarà stato assegnato
dal Centro Complementi) li " "

8°)- I Comandi in indirizzo provvederanno alla urgente diramazio-
ne della presente circolare a tutti gli enti dislocati nel-
la propria giurisdizione.-

p. IL MINISTRO
(A. Casati)

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Subject:- Italian Army - Absentees
and Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)

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24 Feb 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. The attached lists show particulars of further Absentees and Deserters from Friuli Combat Group (total 17).
2. You are required to take strong and urgent measures to effect the apprehension of these men.
3. You will forward to this H.Q. on 30 March/45 a return showing against each man's name whether or not he has been apprehended, and returned to his unit for disciplinary action to be taken.
4. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Public Safety Sub Commission A.C. as it is anticipated that active cooperation of SCMR will be required to effect the apprehension of these Absentees and Deserters.

SP/John Cyp

S.P. ALCHER, Capt. 2362
for Major General,
M.F.I.A.

Copy to:- Public Safety
Sub Comm. A.C.
H.Q. 1 District
(your 10/11/44 dated 13 Feb refers) — 191/1
Spec. Sec. A.C.

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See folio 210

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Subject:- Italian Army - Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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23 Feb 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Sgt. CANGIOTTI Giuseppe

1. It is reported that the above named N.C.O. was handed over to the CCMR at Ancona as a deserter. He was a member 3 Bn of 336 Rgt. Piceno.

2. Will you please arrange for this N.C.O. to be returned to the Unit to which he has been assigned in order that disciplinary action may be taken.

P. Archer Cyp
S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Deserters from Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
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22 Feb 45.

A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.
(for G5)

Refer G5 251-1 of 13 Dec/44.

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1. The attached copy translation, of a report from the Ministry of War, which gives details of further deserters from the Italian Army, is forwarded for your information, together with nominal roll of the deserters.

2. As will be seen from the report the Ministry of War suspects that these soldiers have deserted with the intention of enlisting in the Yugoslav Army.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.F.I.A.

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Subject:- Absentees - Cremona Combat
Group.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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22 Feb 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. Will you please forward a report giving the following information:-

- a) Of the 11 officers and 731 O.R.s of Cremona Group who were given leave by Col. Silvestri how many have now returned?
- b) What steps have been and are being taken to recover the remainder?
- c) What action has been taken in respect of Col. Silvestri?

2. You will please treat this matter with the greatest urgency.

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

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Subject:- Absentees - Cremona Combat Group.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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Main H.Q. 8 Army
C.M.F.

22 Feb 45.

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Refer your M 9032 A dated
14 Feb/45.

1. Action is being taken in this matter with the Italian Ministry of War.

2. Meanwhile can Cremona please supply from leave pass counterfoils names and address of men still absent, or failing this a general idea as to the localities in which they are likely to be.

W. Pichley
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

HIA/mls

A/11/3

G-5: 091.711-16 (Italy).

22 February 1945

SUBJECT: Deserters from Italian Army.

TO : MIA, Allied Commission.

Reference your AQ/11/3 dated 11 February 1945.

1. The Allied Military Police are being advised of the names of the deserters referred to.

2. The evidence that the men deserted with the intention of enlisting in the Yugoslav Army is again not sufficient to justify taking the matter up with the Yugoslav Government. The essence of any complaint that could be addressed to the Yugoslav Government would be that the Yugoslavs induced or acquiesced in the desertions; in the present case the identity of the truck, any statements by the deserters before they went absent as to their proposed intentions, a statement by the person who identified as a Yugoslav officer the officer the deserters talked to, and how he identified him, further details of the Yugoslav propaganda referred to in your last sentence, and so on, would be required to substantiate such allegation.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Anderson
H. Y. ANDERSON,
Major, R.A.

Copies to: G-1 (B) }
G-2 (CI) 3 } Copy MIA letter
G-3 (Org) Foreign } referred to attached.
Liaison }

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HEADQUARTERS
23 FEB 1945

PH
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Any action
PH
27 Feb

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Translation.URGENT.

195/5

From: SIMKE
 To: MMIA.

A/11/3

Ref: 801/SP.
 Date: 22nd Feb. 45.

Subject: Italian soldier absent without leave and deserter.
 Ref: 801/SP dated 23rd Jan. 45. — 131
 The "Fulgor" Combat Group notified the office
 with letter 1417/pers dated 18th Feb. 45, that Pte DI FRANCIA
 ADRIANO, class 1922, R Calabria Mil District: —
 — belonged to the mixed Genio Bn of the "Fulgor"
 Combat Group.
 — was absent without leave from his unit on 17 Dec 44.
 — was denounced for desertion to Naples Tribunal
 Mil Tribunal with letter 493A/ST.2 dated 10th Feb. 45 from
 mixed Genio Bn HQ, "Fulgor" Combat Group.

(Sgt) 2nd Santi.

Sgt. FRONE

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PH
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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

N° 801

SP.

di prof.

Ad

Allegati N.

20/2

OGGETTO: Decorazione militare italiana medaglia d'oro al valor militare con spille e distintivi.

Il decorato dal Re, e di stabilimento
"Foligno" ha presentato, con foglio 10/10/1945
data 10 febbraio 1945, che il foglio 10/10/1945
della classe 10/10/1945, con foglio 10/10/1945
data 10 febbraio 1945.

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della classe 10/10/1945, con foglio 10/10/1945
data 10 febbraio 1945.

- è stato decorato per la sua opera al fronte
militare territoriale di guerra di "Napoli" con
foglio 10/10/1945 in data 10 febbraio 1945 del
comando del distretto di "Foligno".

DI SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE
(...)

[Signature]

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Subject: Italian Muleteers.

To: MMIA.

195/4
Land Forces Adriatic,
C. M. F.

Ref: LFA/38/A

21 Feb 45.

Ref our LFA/38/A dated 20 Feb 45. —

Fante De NARDIS has now returned to the Raiding Support
Regiment.

RHG/SG.

R. H. H. H. H.
Lt Col.
AA&QMG.

See folio 203
208 29

To: **MMIA.**

20 Feb 45.

Lt Col.
AA&ONG

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SUBJECT : Absentees and Deserters

50 Brit Liaison Unit

A/6/17

21 Feb 45

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MIA) ROME

Ref your AQ/11/3 dated 11 Jan 45.

The attached reports are returned as requested.

The respective personnel have been charged with desertion, and await Court Martial in ROME.

CMF
FCRV/SVB

Handwritten signature: L. Adams
Lt Col
GS

Officer Commanding,
75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.).

Sir, At CIVITA CASTELLANA TRAFFIC POST, map ref A.710104 on 5 Jan 45, at about 1500 hrs, I was on duty when I had occasion to check SOLDATO IRPINO RENATO, 3 Bn, 87 Regt, Inf, FRIULI DIVISION, who was travelling in a civilian truck proceeding South. Through an interpreter I questioned him, and he stated that he absented himself from his unit without leave on 4 Jan 45. He further stated that he was visiting Rome.

I placed him under close arrest.

Field.
5.1.45.

T/200141

D. Lax Cpl.
75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.).

Sir, I have read over and corroborate the above statement.

Field.
5.1.45.

798418

J. Bartley Pte.
75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.).

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Officer Commanding,
75 Coy. C.M.P. (P.O.).

Sir,

At the Traffic Post, CIVITA CASTELLANA, on 2 Jan 45, at about 1330 hrs, when I had occasion to check PIZZARO, STEFANO, of 2 PN, 11 COY, 87 REGT, TRIULI DIVISION, who was travelling as a passenger in a WD vehicle proceeding North.

Through an interpreter I questioned him, and he stated that he absented himself from his unit without leave, on 26 Dec 44, as he was not granted leave to visit his family in ROME. He further stated that when he was checked, he was returning to his unit at SAN GIOVANNI.

I placed him under close arrest.

Field.
2 Jan 44.

790418 J. Bartley Pte

75 Coy. C.M.P. (P.O.).

Sir,

I have read over and corroborate the above statement.

Field.
2 Jan 44.

4207409 W. Glynn PTE
2974
75 Coy. C.M.P. (P.O.).

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Officer Commanding,
75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.).

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75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.).

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Translation.

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From: War Ministry
To: M.H.I.A.

A/11/3

REF: 202498/C.A.
DATE: 21.2.45.

Subject: Sapper ANNICHIAICO Michele.

Sapper ANNICHIAICO Michele, on the strength of the I.M.R.E. W/T. Baltn. did not return to his unit upon the expiration of the leave granted to him on the 5th November last.

The C.C. RR having ~~been~~ made enquiries, they have informed us that the soldier referred to has been employed w.e.f. 21.12.44 by the Brattaglia Allied Airport and that this H.Q. ~~does not see~~ ^{is not prepared} fit to place Annichiarico at the disposal of the Italian authorities.

We beg of M.H.I.A. to be so kind as to take the matter up so as to settle the position of the soldier concerned.

We forward a copy of a statement made by 716 Bomber Squad. (H.) A.A.F.

Cham.

Sgd: D.A. 20

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

Protocollo N. *22/2/45* C. A. Allegati

Roma,

Esentato al foglio del

Divisione

Sezione

N.

OGGETTO:

GENIERE ANNICCHIAIRICO MICHELE -

A ALLA LAN FORCESU SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MILIA)

ROMA

Il geniere ANNICCHIAIRICO Michele, in forza al Btg. trasmissione dello Stato Maggiore R. Esercito, non ha fatto rientro al corpo allo scadere della licenza concessagli il 5 novembre u.s.

Intervenuti al riguardo i CC.RR. questi hanno comunicato che il militare di cui trattasi, in data 21.12.44 è stato assunto alle dipendenze dell'aeroporto alleato di Grottaglie e che tale comando non riteneva di dovere mettere l'ANNICCHIAIRICO a disposizione dell'autorità italiana.

Si prega codesta Missione volersi interessare al riguardo per poter definire la posizione del predetto militare.

Si invia copia di una dichiarazione rilasciata dal 716 th Bombardment Squadron (H) A.A.F.

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO

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A/LLA LAN FORCESU SUE COMMISSION A.C. (MILIA)

R O M A

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1800 Bz/r

IL GENERALE ADDETTO



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COPIA

716th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
449th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

12 January 1945

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, ANTONIO MICHELE IS EMPLOYED
IN THIS SQUADRON, HE IS WORKING IN THE OFFICERS MESS, STARTING
WORKING ON DECEMBER 21 1944. AND AT PRESENT IS STILL WORKING
HERE.

R/to Samuel Fisher

CAPT. A.C. MESS OFFICER

R/to

T/ SGT BENNARD A. KUCHTA

MESS SGT.

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CONFIDENTIAL *Land Forces*

091.713/012 - 0 3rd Ind
HQS, AAFSCMTO, APO 528, 18 February 1945

(PE-EWB-31) *1001*

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512

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1. Attention is invited to 1st and 2nd indorsements.

2. While inclosure #1 and Paragraph 1 above pertain to an Italian civilian resident of Foggia, Antonio TUCCI, age 22, inclosure #2 pertains to an Italian civilian resident of Naples, Antonio TUCCI, age 19, thus causing a certain amount of confusion.

3. Forwarded for your information.

For the Commanding General:

2 Incls: n/o

W. P. Browne
W. P. BROWNE
Lt Col, AGD
Adj General

14/11/3
/gen

AG 091.713/012 - 0 4th Ind
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 21 February 1945.

TO: Deputy President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission, (MIA).

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1. Reference is made to your letter, AG/11/3, dated 30 January 1945, subject: "Absentees Cremona Gruppo", and 1st Indorsement, this headquarters, file as above, dated 4 February 1945.

2. Attached correspondence indicates that Italian in question was released from employment in July 1944. No further information is available.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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2 Incls
n/c

HEADQUARTERS
23 FEB 1945
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Jack Carter
JACK CARTER
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

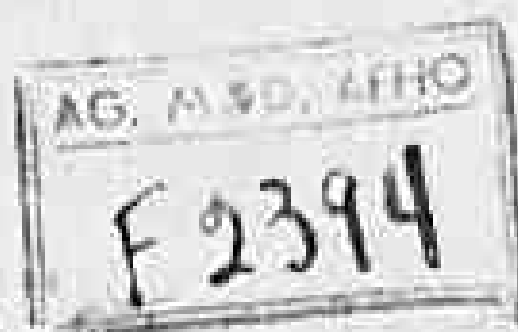
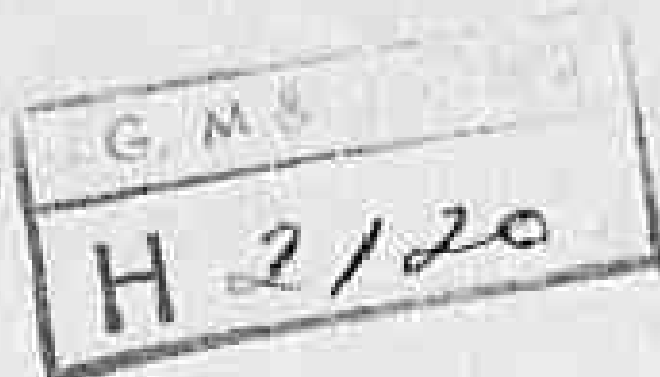
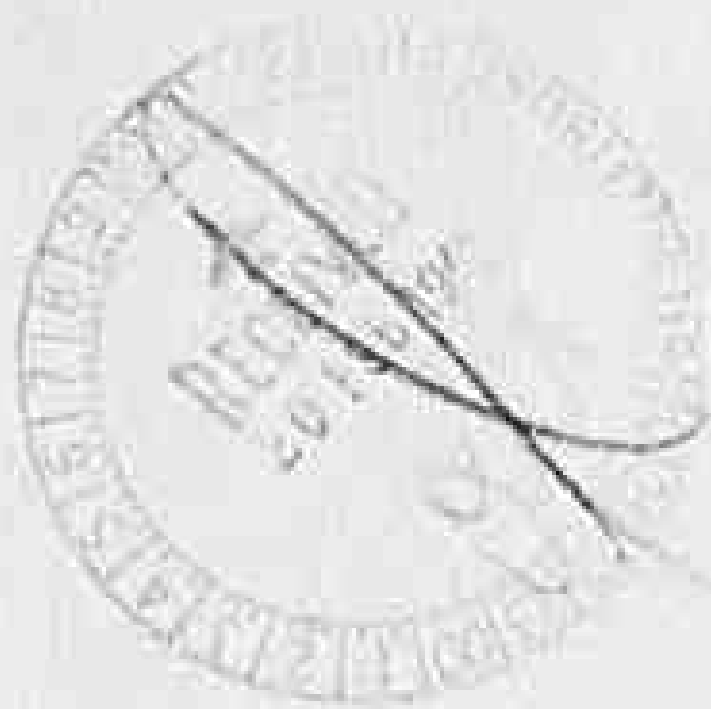
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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO ~~512~~ 512

S: 23 February 1945 p
adm

In reply
refer to
AG 091.713/012 - 0

2 February 1945

SUBJECT: Deserter from Italian Army.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Force Service Command, MTO, APO 528.

1. Attached as Inclosure number 1 is copy of certificate of Employment of Antonio TUCCI, dated 7 November 1944, which states that he is employed by your command as of that date. Attached as Inclosure number 2 is copy of 2d Indorsement, your headquarters, dated 8 January 1945 stating subject individual left your employment in July 1944.

2. As this headquarters is attempting to locate Antonio TUCCI, it is desired that the situation outlined above be clarified and that this headquarters be informed of present status of individual.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

Jack Carter
JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

2 Incls
Incl #1 - Certificate of Employment
Incl #2 - 2d Ind, Hq AAFSC/MTO, dtd 8 Jan 45

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1st Ind

(DE-ENB-31)

Adm

AFS, AFPSCHV, APO 528, 6 February 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, AAFAS, APO 650

1. Pro-Form No. 44, your headquarters, dated 2 November 1944, requested temporary draft deferment from Italian military service for the following named civilian person who was then employed by the 346th Bomb Squadron, 99th Bomb Group:

ROSSI, Antonio di Giuseppe
Via Rignano 522, Poggia
Identification Card No. 19884

2. An immediate check will be made of your records and report submitted this Headquarters, stating present whereabouts, if known, of subject civilian.

By command of Brigadier General WHITTEN:

Edmund H. Dean
EDMUND H. DEAN
Captain, Air Corps
Asst Adj General

2 Incls: n/c

091.713/012

2nd Ind.

(G-DDD-jmc)

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED AIR FORCE AREA COMMAND, APO 650, 14 February, 1945.

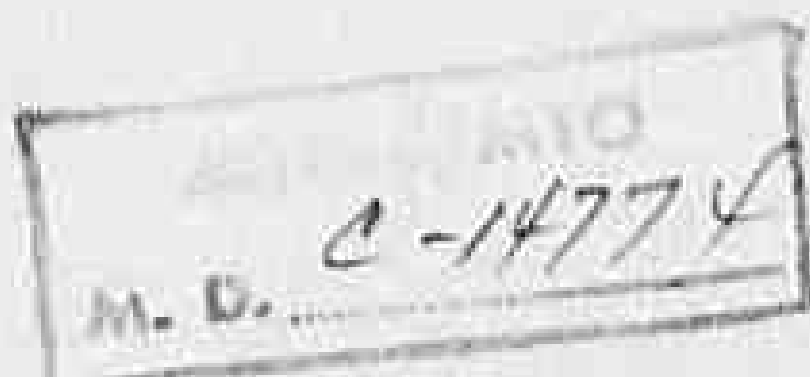
TO: Commanding General, AAF Service Command MTO, APO 528.

Civilian mentioned in basic communication and 1st Ind., your Headquarters, is still employed by the 346th Bomb Sq., 99th Bomb Gp.

For the Area Commander:

Donald C. DeWitt
DONALD C. DEWITT
Captain, ASD
Adjutant General

2 Incls: n/c



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A. A. F. A. C.
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Received
A. A. F. A. C.
FEB 9 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

November 7 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the bearer, Antonio TUCCI, is employed by this command. He has been granted a temporary draft exemption by the authority vested in us by Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy. Request for further draft exemption has been forwarded to Colonel Negroni, Italian Liaison Officer.

s/ EDMOND W. BASTAK
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Civilian Pers Off.

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Encl #1

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq MTOUSA, AG 091.713/012 A-O, subj: "Deserter from Italian Army",
dated 3 Jan 45, RE: Antonio TUCCI.

AG 091.711 2nd Ind
HQS, AAFSCMTO, APO 528, 8 January 1945

(PE-EWB-31)

TO: Commanding General, AAF/MTO, APO 650.

An Italian Civilian, Antonio TUCCI, age 19, a resident of Naples,
84 Via Principedi, was formerly employed at Air Force General Depot, #3,
an installation assigned to this headquarters. Subject left the employ
of the depot in July 1944. Further records pertaining to individual are
not available.

For the Commanding General:

s/ W. P. Browne
t/ W. P. BROWNE,
Lt Col, AGD,
Adj General.

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Enc # 2

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1.713/012 - 0 1st Ind
HQS, AAPSCMT, APO 528, 5 February 1945

(PE-ENB-61)

TO: Commanding Officer, AAPAG, APO 650

1. Pro-Forma No. 44, your headquarters, dated 2 November 1944, requested temporary draft deferment from Italian military service for the following named civilian mason who was then employed by the 346th Bomb Squadron, 99th Bomb Group:

TUCCI, Antonio di Giuseppe
Via Rignano #22, Poggia
Identification Card No. 18864

2. An immediate check will be made of your records and report submitted this Headquarters, stating present whereabouts, if known, of subject civilian.

By command of Brigadier General WRITTEN:

2 Incls: n/o

EDMUND H. DEAM
Captain, Air Corps
Asst Adj General

091.713/012 2nd Ind (G-1DD-jmc)
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED AIR FORCE AREA COMMAND, APO 650, 14 February 1945

TO: Commanding General, AAF SERVICE COMMAND, MTO, APO 528

Civilian mentioned in basic communication and 1st Ind., your Headquarters, is still employed by the 346th Bomb Sq., 99th Bomb Gp.

For the Area Commander:

2 Incls: n/o

DONALD D. DEWAR,
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

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Subject:- Deserters from the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/11/3

20 Feb 45.

USAAFSC/MTO
APO 650, US Army.

Cpl. CICCIOLO Nicola.

1. It is reported that the above named, who is a deserter from his Italian Unit is employed by 1st Ord. Depot Regiment (AVN) (PROV) APO 520 U.S. Army.
2. It is requested that this report may be verified, and if it is discovered that Cpl. Cicciola is so employed, will you please arrange for him to be discharged from his present employment and handed over to the CCRR in order that disciplinary action may be taken.

S.P. Archer Capt.

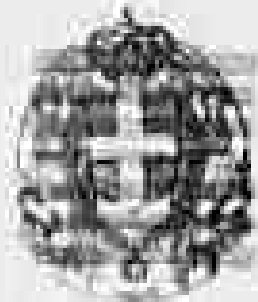
S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Roma

20 FEB 1945

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3 Via LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.O. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Divisione

Rel. 1

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Allegato

Registrazione del

17.2.1945

Da

Da

N.A.Q.II.3

OGGETTO: militare italiano disertore VERDOLIN
Giuseppe.Italian soldier VERDOLIN Giuseppe
deserted.

Acc

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E' stato disposto perche' il militare
disertore VERDOLIN Giuseppe venga arrestato
e tradotto al corpo cui appartiene, per i con-
seguenti provvedimenti penali.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

*The reason why deserter Verdolin Giuseppe
was arrested and transferred to his own unit
for subsequent punishment, has been decided
by the Italian High Command.*

Orders have been issued for deserter
VERDOLIN Giuseppe to be arrested
and escorted to his own unit
in order that adequate disciplinary
action may be taken.

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Translated.

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From: War Ministry

AQ 11/3

REF: 104914/1
117-4-1.

To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: H.Q. 11.3 9.15/2/45.

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DATE: 20 FEB. 1945.

Subject: Italian Troops. Deserters.

Orders have been issued for the returning
to their original units of the troops notified to M.M.I.A.
as deserters, for the ~~necessary~~ consequent disciplinary
or penal action.

We shall be communicating further on the
subject.

Sgd: S. S. S. S.

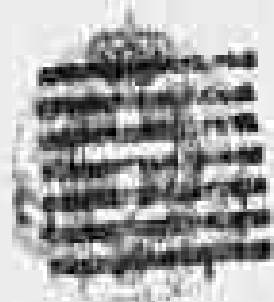
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COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
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Registrazione del 15/2/1945
Per AQ.11.3

Oggetto militari italiani disertori

Italian Det Disertori

Sono state date disposizioni per
che i militari segnalati da codesta Sotto-
commissione quali disertori, vengano tradot-
ti ai reparti di provenienza, per i conse-
guenti provvedimenti disciplinari o penali.

Riserva di ulteriori comunicazio-
ni in proposito.=

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

Stuluf

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Translation

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From: M of W
to: MMIA

AQ 11/3

Ref no 104720/1
Date 19 Feb 45.

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Absentees from TRANI Camp.

Further to letter 103658/1 dated 6th inst

1. Reports received show that 69 absentees have returned to TRANI camp. 53 of those on their own accord, the other 16 through the CRR, and other 4 soldiers have been arrested and detained at TERRNO awaiting transfer to TRANI

2. The absentees residing in the CHIETI area have not been transported to CHIETI owing to the roads being blocked by ^{bad} weather

3. further information will follow.

R. Mansfield

LOMBARDY

etc

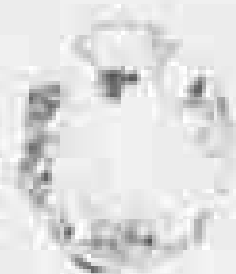
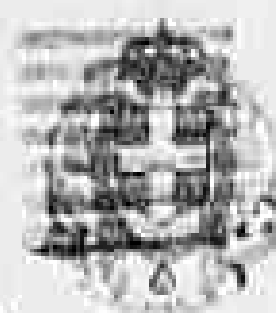
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19 FEB. 1945

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ALLIED LAND FORCES SUB COMMISS-
SION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Decreto
Lt 104720/1 Allegato

Supplemento al 2/1/1945
n. AQ/11/3

117.4.1.

OGGETTO Assenti arbitrari dal Campo di Trani.

Assenti arbitrari dal Campo di Trani.

AQ

A seguito della lettera n.103658/1 in 19/v
data 6 corrente si comunica:

- 1)- dalle segnalazioni finora pervenute risulta che sono rientrati al campo di Trani 69 assenti arbitrari. Di essi 53 sono ritornati spontaneamente, altri 16 tradotti dal CC.RR. Ancora altri 4 militari sono stati arrestati e si trovano presso il distretto di Teramo in attesa di essere accompagnati a Trani;
- 2)- gli assenti arbitrari residenti nel territorio del distretto di Chieti non hanno potuto essere tradotti a Chieti a causa delle interruzioni stradali provocate dal maltempo;
- 3)- si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO

Sturlani

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SUBJECT : Discipline - Italian Troops

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19/15

AQ 11/3

12/11/21/4

18 Feb 35

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Ref this HQ letters of even number forwarding nominal rolls.

Herewith additional list of soldiers who are absentees from units in the Friuli Gruppo.

For information of Areas the distribution to Provost will be effected by DIM 1 District in future.

Madame
Lieutenant Colonel,
A.A.G.,
No 1 District.

CMF.

Distribution : HQ 55 Area (1)
61 Area (1)
71 Sub Area (1)
Regional Commissioners:
LAZIO UMBRIA Region (12)
ABRUZZI MARCHE Region (12)
TOSCANA Region (12)
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DIM (12)
MSEA 10

HQ MMIA

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Sent to M of W
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See Folio 200

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "Friuli"
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sez. 2^a - Personale e Segreteria

ELENCO NOMINATIVO militari assenti arbitrari, perduti di forza nel periodo 5 - 11 febbraio 1945.

N°	Grado	COGNOME E NOME	data assenza	Indirizzo
87° regt. ftr. "Friuli":				
1	Fonte	CANESCHI	Folios 1/2-945	BASTALDO PER CHIAMI (A- rezzo)
2	"	CANNONI	Folios 1/2-45	TREGUANDA (Siena)
3	"	TONDINI	Alvero 1/2-945	TIVOLI-Via Maggiore 140
4	"	ERRATENCHI	Vittorio 1/2-45	PONTENUOVO (Perugia)
5	"	BERTONIERI	Marcoglio 1/2-45	CASTIGLIONE DI SOTTO (Aquila)
6	Cap. magg.	ALCANTARA	Enzo 3/2-45	S. GIORGIO IONICO (Lecce)
7	Fonte	CALVICCHIA VISCIDO	Silvio 6/2-45 Nicola 30/1-45	Corno Umberto 11 (Taranto) MANICOVA-Via Gramscio 28 SQUILLACE (Catanzaro)
8	88° regt. ftr. "Friuli":			
1	granat.	GIOVANNARDI	Enzo 5/2-45	SAVIGNANO (Rimini)
2	Reg. Misto Genio:			
1	Geniere	VARONE	Salvatore 14/1-45	NAPOLI - Via Carlo Pec- chia n. 2
35° regt. ant. "Friuli":				
1	artilg.	ROMAGNI	Guerrino 31/1-45	NOVILLA DI PESARO
2	"	MEDAI	Dino 1/2-45	TEODORANO (Forlì) Via Sel- ve Mercario n. 16
3	"	ROMUALDI	Luigi 1/2-45	S. MARTINO VILLANOVA (Forlì)
4	"	ROSSI	Armando 1/2-45	CESENA - Via Ancona 47
5	"	RUSTIGNOLI	Aldo 1/2-45	BERTINORO-Via Ospedaletto n. 12 (Forlì)
6	"	BENELLI	Alfiero 4/1-45	MACILLANO (Grosseto)

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<u>38ergrt. Pter. "Friuli"</u>			
1	granat.	GIOVANNARDI Enzo	5/2-45 SAVICRANO (Rimini)
<u>Reg. Misto Genio</u>			
1	geniere	VARONE Salvatore	14/1-45 NATOLI - Via Carlo Pecchia n. 2
<u>350 regt. art. "Friuli"</u>			
1	artilg.	ROMACCHI Guerrino	31/1-45 NOVILLA DI PESARO
2	"	MEDAI Dino	1/2-45 TEODORANO (Forlì) Via Salva Mercurio n. 16
3	"	ROMUALDI Luigi	1/2-45 S. MARTINO VILLA FRANCA (Forlì)
4	"	ROSSI Armando	1/2-45 CESENA - Via Ancona 47
5	"	RUSTIGNOLI Aldo	1/2-45 BERTINORO - Via Ospedaletto n. 12 (Forlì)
6	"	BENELLI Alfiero	4/1-45 M. GILLANO (Grosseto)
7	"	PLAGGI Renzo	23/1-45 PISA - Via Palestra n. 4



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Subject:- Italian Army - Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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C.M.F.

17 Feb 45.

Sold ANATREILLO Domenico

1. It has been reported that the above named soldier, a deserter from 21 Inf Regiment, has been discharged from civilian employment with P.B.S.
- 2; Will you please advise this H.Q. whether he has reported to his Unit; and if so please state the date on which he reported.

S.P. Archer Capt

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Italian Army - Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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M.Q. Rome Area Allied Command
C.M.F.

17 Feb 45.

VERDOLIN Giuseppe

1. It has been reported that the above named man, a deserter from the Italian Army, is at present employed at the Maestoso, Hotel Rome.

2. It is requested that you will please arrange for Verdolin to be discharged from his present employment and handed over to the CCMR, in order that disciplinary action may be taken by the Italian Military Authorities.

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S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Ministry of War.
for info.

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From - M of W
To - MMH

AQ 11/3

Ref. - 10467/11

176 Date - 16 Feb. 45.

Subject - Italian soldiers - absentees and deserters.

Ref. AQ 11/3 dated 9/2/45.

Instructions have been issued so that the soldiers mentioned by you, who are absentees and deserters, be ~~returned~~ ^{instructed} to their respective units for the necessary disciplinary action to be taken against them.

Further information will be forwarded in respect of this matter.

SP. 6006

(Sgd) The Chief of Cabinet.

Note: - The other 2 letters attached are exactly the same with the exception of the reference number (see letters).

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T. P. Ardena Cap. V.
Roma 16 FEB 1945
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Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -

Alla LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Divisione 104671
Sott. 104671 / Allegato

Risposta al f. del 9/2/1945
Da S. N° AQ/11/3

Oggetto militari italiani - assenti e disertori.

Sono state date disposizioni per
chè i militari segnalati da codesta Sotto
commissione quali assenti e disertori, ven
gano tradotti ai rispettivi reparti per i
conseguenti provvedimenti disciplinari.

Riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni
in proposito.=

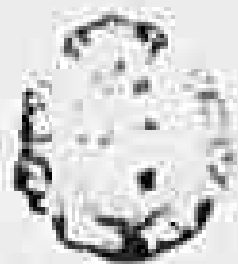
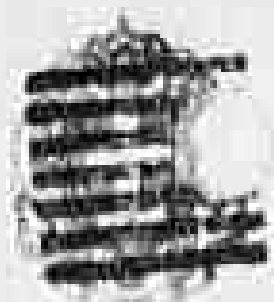
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T. P. Arch. Capr.
Roma 16 FE 1945/11 116/2

Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

Ala LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Divisione
Int. 1104670/1 Allegati

Ref. 3/2/1941
Risposta in data 11/3/41

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Oggetto: militari italiani - assenti e disertori

Sono state date disposizioni
perchè i militari segnalati da codesta
Sottocommissione quali assenti e diser
tori vengano tradotti ai rispettivi re
parti, per i conseguenti provvedimenti
disciplinari.

Riserva di ulteriori comuni
cazioni in proposito.=

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Gabinetto -

T. Pr. V. M. C. 2/20
Roma 16 Feb 1945

Ma LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Numero
104669/1 Allegati

Ref. 10/2/1945
Per 1° AQ/11/3

Oggetto militare italiano - assenti e disertori

Sono state date disposizioni perchè
il militare segnalato da codesta Sottocommis-
sione quale assente arbitrario venga tradotto
al proprio reparto, per i conseguenti provvedi-
menti disciplinari.

Riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni
in proposito.=

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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Translation

From: M of W
 To: MMIA

Ref. No. 40040/4

Date: Feb. 15, 1945

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Subject: identification papers issued by civilian authorities.

Copy to: Cabinet, Allied Liaison Office
 (Ref. letter No. 301260/CA of 1/25/45)

With reference to your verbal request that instructions be issued to Italian Military Commands ~~to be issued to~~ ^{withdrawing} the identification papers issued by civilian authorities to men under arms, and (with reference) to the instructions issued to Allied HQ's and units not to employ any male personnel unless in possession of identity papers and — for personnel belonging to classes from 1914 to 1924 — unless in possession of a document issued by the Military District, showing that the holder thereof is not subject to military duty, we wish to specify that the only valid documents on the strength of which Allied HQ's and units may employ male personnel of the classes from 1914 to 1924 are:

- 1) unlimited release certificate
- 2) unlimited furlough certificate

We enclose, for your information, ^{copy of} ~~the~~ ^{substituted} the "unlimited release certificate" ~~from~~ which also ~~shows~~ ^{shows} the unlimited furlough certificate.

Signed: Maj. Gen. Ugo Butta'

Approved

and sent copy

of copy to the Liaison Office

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
LEVA SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA

Divisione Truppa No. 1°
Reg. No. 20040/4 Allegato 1

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Roma 15 FEB 1924

IN

Alla LAND FORCES S.O. (MIA)

R G M A

OGGETTO : documenti di riconoscimento rilasciati dalle autorità civili.

e, per conoscenza:

AL C A B I N E P E O-Ufficio C.A. -
(rif. te n. 301260/CA del 29/1/245)

S F D E

In riferimento alla richiesta fatta della Missione, via breve, perchè fosse dato ordine ai Comandi Militari Italiani di ritirare i documenti di riconoscimento rilasciati dalle autorità civili ai militari alle armi, ed alla disposizione impartite al 29/1/24 e reparti A.A. perchè non assumano personale maschile se non provvisto di documenti di riconoscimento e, per quello appartenente alle classi dal 1914 al 1924, se non in possesso di un documento rilasciato dal Distretto militare comprovante che il possessore non ha obblighi di servizio, si precisa che unici documenti validi in base ai quali i Comandi e Reparti A.A. possono assumere personale maschile delle classi dal 1914 al 1924 sono :

1° - il Corrido di congedo illimitato;

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civili.

e, per conoscenza:

AL G. A. R. I. N. E. T. P. O. Ufficio U. A. -
(risp. n. 301260/CA. del 25/1/545)

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In riferimento alla richiesta fatta dalla Passione, via
breve, perché fosse dato ordine ai Comandi Militari Italiani di ritirare i documenti di riconoscimento rilasciati dalla autorità civili ai militari alle armi, ed alle disposizioni inviate ai 29^{sig} e reparti A.A. perché non assumano personale maschile se non provvisto di documenti di riconoscimento e, per quello appartenente alle classi del 1914 al 1924, se non in possesso di un documento rilasciato dal Distretto Militare competente che il possessore non ha obblighi di servizio, si precisa che unici documenti validi in base ai quali i Comandi e Reparti A.A. possono assumere personale maschile delle classi del 1914 al 1924 sono:

- 1° - il Foglio di congedo illimitato;
- 2° - il Foglio di licenza illimitata.

Ad ogni buon fine si rimette copia dello stampato di "Foglio di congedo illimitato", che costituisce anche il Foglio di licenza illimitata.

P. IL MINISTRO
(Gen. di Div. Ugo Nutti)



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From: 'Tom

Ref. 04000

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From: M.O.W.

AG 11/3

Date - 15 Feb. 45

To: M.M.I.A.

Subject: Desertion of Non-Italian-speaking, Italian Soldiers.

On the 25th Jan 27 soldiers of the A/M classification belonging to the 3rd Coy, 1st Bn, 60th Inf Bde, located at Reggio Calabria, absented themselves from their quarters.

It transpires that the A/M soldiers boarded a truck on which two Yugoslav officers dressed in American Uniforms, were travelling.

It seems the truck belongs to the Yugoslav delegation of Bari.

In all probability, the deserters have been transported to Puglia, and are now in Bari (where they will be staying at the "Villa Aurora", at the port, not far from the "beacon") or at the Yugoslav camp of Gravina di Puglia.

Attached is the nominal roll of the 27 soldiers. 22/37

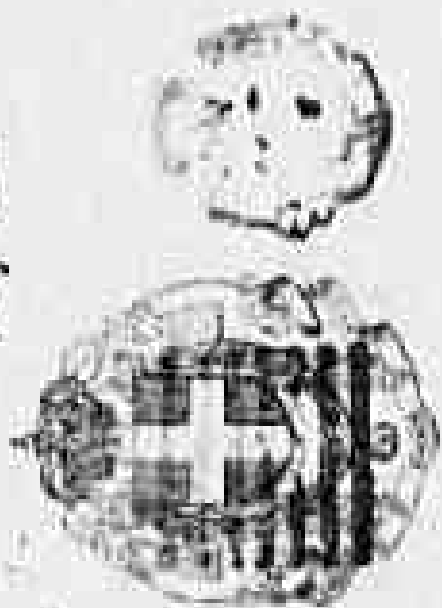
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15 FEB 1945

Roma.

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Oggetto: diserzione di militari alloggiati .-

LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

P O M A

Il 25 gennaio ventisette militari alloggiati della 2^a Compagnia del 1^o battaglione 60^o regt. fanteria, con sede a Reggio Calabria, si sono allontanati dal reparto.

Risulta che i militari hanno preso posto su un autocarro a bordo del quale erano due ufficiali jugoslavi in divisa americana.

Sembra che l'automezzo appartenesse alla Delegazione jugoslava di Bari.

Con ogni probabilità i disertori sono stati trasportati in Puglia e si trovano ora a Bari (dove i disertori sostano nella "Villa Aurora" al porto, poco distante dal faro) o al campo jugoslavo di Gravina di Puglia.

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Si allega l'elenco nominativo dei ventisette militari.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CANTIERE

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Alleg.al f.n. 01/37
del C.E.C. - S.M. UELENCO DEI MILITARI ALLOGGIATI DELLA 2^a CP. 1/60° RGT. ETR.

GRADO	CLASSE	DISTRETTO	COGNOME E NOME		PATERMITA'	
cap.magg.	1915	Trieste	PIRE	Emilio	Giovanni	Sapri (Go)
" "	1920	Pola	GAMVAS	Antonio	Antonio	Castelnuovo
fante	1910	Gorizia	VALIRONJA	Francesco	Stefano	Moncorona (G)
"	1911	Trieste	TERCON	Francesco	Giuseppe	Opacchiaset
"	1923	Udine	MUTAR	Giovanni	Giuseppe	Gigliano (Go)
"	1911	Udine	COMAZZO	Francesco	Eligio	Sonzia (Gor)
"	1904	Gorizia	MR VATTIN	Mivaslao	Antonio	Vittuglia (I)
"	1913	Trieste	KARTI	Pietro	Pietro	Piemonte (I)
caporale	1917	Gorizia	BLASEO	Antonio	Antonio	Lacovizza
fante	1914	Trieste	TURRINA	Paolo	Matteo	Vallanova (G)
"	1907	Trieste	IOLAK	Giuseppe	Giuseppe	Trieste
"	1913	Trieste	GREK	Luigi	Giuseppe	Villa del M
"	1923	Trieste	FRANCO	Andrea	Giovanni	Coronale (T)
"	1914	Trieste	ABRAM	Antonio	Antonio	Carcasa
"	1902	Udine	PIRIK	Antonio	Antonio	Caldicanale
"	1907	Udine	BERTOSI	Bernardo	Mattia	Lucarizza d
"	1919	Udine	BERDIK	Giovanni	Giovanni	Sottolmino
"	1923	Trieste	STOLFA	Mario	Giovanni	Volci (Gori)
"	1920	Pola	PUZ	Francesco	Antonio	Mattuglie (I)
"	1916	Pola	GUSTINGIC	Giovanni	Giuseppe	Castelnuovo
"	1907	Pola	IOVRINIC	Giuseppe	Francesco	Pisino (Fid)
"	1909	Pola	CORVA	Mario	Antonio	Trieste
"	1909	Pola	VISCANICH	Matteo	Matteo	Piume
"	1916	Gorizia	MRAK	Leopoldo	Antonio	Peccine
"	1926	Gorizia	PLATUR	Valdimiro	Francesco	Zattegadi (I)
"	1908	Pola	DOLCIC	Natale	Vincenzo	Piume
"	1919	Pola	STEFANIC	Livio	Giovanni	Visignano

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Alleg. al f.n. 01/372 - data 2 febbraio 1948
del C.M.C. - S.M. Ufficio Operazioni ed Addestr.

OGGETTI DELLA 2^a CP. 1/60^a RGT. PTR. ASSENTATISI ARBITRARIAMENTE

E NOME	PATERNITA'	N A S C I T A		DISLOCAZIONE
		D A T A		
Emilio	Giovanni	Capriva (Gorizia)	14/2/1915	In Caserma
Antonio	Antonio	Castelnuovo (Istria)	11.5.1920	" "
Francesco	Stefano	Moncorona (Gorizia)	1.6.1910	" "
Francesco	Giuseppe	Opacchiasetta (Gorizia)	25/11/911	" "
Giovanni	Giuseppe	Gigolino (Gorizia)	26.6.1923	" "
Francesco	Eligio	Sonzia (Gorizia)	31.12.911	Casa Soldato
Mivaslao	Antonio	Vittuglia (Gorizia)	2.10.1904	" "
Pietro	Pietro	Iiamonte (Istria)	17.9.1913	In Caserma
Antonio	Antonio	Iacovizza	17.2.1917	" "
Paolo	Matteo	Villanova Quito	30.6.1914	" "
Giuseppe	Giuseppe	Trieste	26.7.1907	Inferm. Caserma
Luigi	Giuseppe	Villa del Nev.	5.10.1913	" "
Andrea	Giovanni	Coronale (Trieste)	2.9.1923	" "
Antonio	Antonio	Carcasa	10.3.1914	In Caserma
Antonio	Antonio	Caldicanale	10.12.902	Guardia P.V.
Bernardo	Mattia	Lucarizza di Canale	10.12.1907	" "
Giovanni	Giovanni	Sottolmino (Gorizia)	24.10.919	Guardia al por.
Mario	Giovanni	Volci (Gorizia)	28.10.923	" " "
Francesco	Antonio	Mattuglie (PI)	29.3.1920	" " "
Giovanni	Giuseppe	Castelnuovo (Istria)	30.8.1916	" " "
Giuseppe	Francesco	Pisino (Fiume)	18.11.1907	" " "
Mario	Antonio	Trieste	12.10.909	" " "
Matteo	Matteo	Fiume	26/6/1909	" " "
Leopoldo	Antonio	Peccine	28.7.1916	Dist. di Gioia
Valdimiro	Francesco	Zattogadi (Postumia)	8.7.1926	Tauro
Natale	Vincenzo	Fiume	21.12.905	" " "
Livio	Giovanni	Visignano (Istria)	15.4.1915	Guardia c.l.

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Subject:- Armed Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

A2/11/3

15 Feb 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

The attached letter from the citizens of the town
of MRLEPI received from our Liaison officer at BARI is
forwarded to you for information and necessary action.

E.F. BYATT
E.F. BYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Discipline.

AG 11/3
Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MIA)
c/o HQ., I District
Ref LG/GII

15 Feb 45

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

1. Sjt GARGIOTTI Giuseppe
3 Bn. 336 Regt PIONO.
Detained as absentee by
CO.RR ANCONA.

2. Can appropriate Italian HQ
please be notified for disposal
action.

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m g w
2-2-72
J H Bourne
Capt.
MIA LG., I District.

See file 199

Subject:- Italian Army Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O R E
AQ/11/3

15 Feb 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. The attached C.M.P. reports giving details of the following personnel, deserters from the Italian Army, are forwarded to you for necessary action:-

- i) Cpl. VICRANI EDOARDO
- ii) Sold. MERCURI FLAVIO
- iii) Sold. SPECOLI CLAUDIO
- iv) Sold. NOZZONI CESARE

2. Please arrange for these men, now being held by CRRR as indicated in the document, to be returned to their unit for disciplinary action to be taken, informing this H.Q. when this has been done.

E.F. Hyatt
E.F. HYATT, Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Italian Army - Absentees
and Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Com. S.O.
(P.S.S.A.)

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1. The attached lists show particulars of further
Absentees and Deserters from Friuli Combat Group (total 25).

2. You are required to take strong and urgent measures
to effect the apprehension of these men.

3. You will forward to this S.O. on 15 March/54 a return
showing against each man whether or not he has been
apprehended, and returned to his unit for disciplinary action
to be taken.

4. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Public
Safety Sub Commission S.O. as it is anticipated that active
cooperation of S.O. will be required to effect the apprehension
of these Absentees and Deserters.

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W.F. SMITH, Major
for Major 23rd
S.O.S.

Copy to: Public Safety
Sub Com. S.O.
S.O. 1 District
(your 12/11/53 dated 8 Feb refers)
S.O. 1 District

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Will you please inform this Hq if the suggestion is practicable and, if so, have it put into effect, notifying this Hq of any further steps to be taken by the CHLORON Gruppo to implement the arrangement.

see folio 196

Lieut-General,
G.O.C., SIXTH ARMY.

SECRET 183/1

SUBJECT:- Italian Military Personnel - Deserters

HQ 3 District Eastern Det
Tel 11423
530 A

"A" 54 Area

13 Feb 45

SOLD. DEL VECCHIO Luigi

1. Copy of letter dated 3 Feb from Land Forces Sub Commission is attached for your action.
2. "2255 REF RASO" cannot be traced at this HQ and it is thought that 304 Arty Coy may be the correct designation.

WEEJ/JR

Goldbrough
(WEJ GOLDBROUGH) Capt
for Lt Col
AA & QMG

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MIA) ROME.
3 District.

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SECRET

Subject:- Italian Army Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.A.)

R.C.F.E.

AS/11/3

13 Feb 45.

M.C. 1 District
C.F.

Di FRANCIA Adriano

att 6/31

Ref your 703/4/78/GS1 of 16 Jan/45.

1. The Ministry of War have been asked to make enquiries in respect of the above named Italian, and have informed this H.Q. that so far they have received no reply to their signals.
2. You will be informed as soon as the Ministry of War have reported to this H.Q.

S. F. Archer

S.F. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.I.A.

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Translation

from: SMRE
To: MMIA

ref. 679/SP/1

13 Feb. 1945

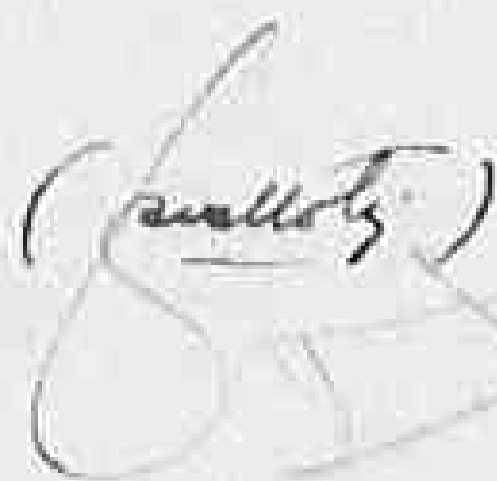
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Subject: Pte DI FRANCIA ADRIANO

We request information urgently
asked with letter 337/SP/1
dated Jan. 25th, 45 + letter
505/1 dated Feb 5th 1945

Cler. SANTI

(initials)


See 131.

Noted
SPA 10/1-2

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DARE/rr



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

3800 13 febbraio 1945
COMANDO DEL GRUPPO DI
COMBATTIMENTO "Folgore"

P.M. 146

N° 679 SP/1 di prot.
Allegato N°

IN

Ad

OGGETTO

Soldato di FRANCIA Adriano - 14/2

Soldato e, per conoscenza:

= AL L.F.S.C. - AC. (M.M.I.A.)
(rif.f. AQ/11/S del 23.1.45) R.O.M.A.

= AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - CABINETTO
Ufficio C.A. S.E.D.E.

(seg.f. 507/1 del 6.2.45)

Si sollecita l'invio delle notizie urgen-
ti richieste con attergato n° 337/SP/1 in data
25 gennaio 1945 e sollecitate con foglio n° 505/
1 in data 5 febbraio 1945.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

Transpe 14/2

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SUBJECT : Deserter from Italian Army Employed with US Forces - *182/2*
Sold Domenico ANATREILLO - 21 Inf Regt

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AG 11/3
CR/6005/G1(Br)

12 Feb 45

MMIA

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1st jacket*
1. Reference the attached copy letter AG/091/713/012/AO from HQ MTOUSA dated 3 Jan 45 to HQ PBS, which is understood to refer to your AG/11/3 dated 26 Dec (not in possession of this HQ).
 2. Information has been received that the above named Italian OR was employed from 28 Oct 44 to 6 Jan 45 by 117 GM Bn Mobile, APO 782 US Army, and that no application was made by that unit for his release from the Italian Army. It is also stated that information obtained from other employees is to the effect that he has returned to his unit.
 3. You may wish to verify that he has returned to his unit, as it does not appear that he was handed over to the Italian civil or military authorities, and to notify 51 BLU from whom the enquiry originated.

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12 Feb 45
Major General
CR/6005/G1(Br)
WJS/MW

Major General,
DAG., G-1(Br).

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

3 January 1945

AG 091 713/012 A-0

SUBJECT : Deserter from Italian Army

To : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, (Main), APO 782.

1. Information has been received from 51st British Liaison Unit that Trooper Domenico Anatreillo, 21st Infantry Regiment, is employed by 117th Quartermaster Battalion, Mobile.
2. The status of this individual will be investigated, and if he is determined to be a deserter from the Italian Army, his employment will be terminated and the nearest Italian authorities notified.
3. Exemptions from military service will not be granted to serving Italian military personnel.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY :

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(sgd), AB. KING,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

HYA/WSW

G-5: 091.711-16 Italy

12 February 1945

SUBJECT: Deserters from Italian Army.

TO : MMIA. ✓

1. Reference your AQ/11/3 dated 5 February 1945.

2. It is noted that the information supplied to the Italian Government does not include any evidence ^{of} the cause of the desertion or the probable whereabouts of the deserters.

3. However the Allied Military Police are being informed of the identity of the deserters with a view to their assisting the Italian Government in their recovery.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

H. Y. Anderson
H. Y. ANDERSON,
Major, R. A.

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Subject:- Desertions from Italian Army.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

H O M E

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14 Feb 45.A.P.H.Q.
C.E.F.Ref our AQ/11/3 dated 5 Feb.

Herewith further particulars of deserters from the Italian Army believed to have deserted with intention of enlisting in the Yugoslav Army as reported by Ministry of War:-

- a) JENCO Francesco fu Antonio - 1922 class - Trieste District.
- b) TROIAN Francesco di Giovanni - 1913 class - Udine District.
- c) ROIZ Giuseppe di Giovanni - 1920 class - Trieste District.
- d) CONTIC Milano di Giuseppe - 1920 class - Gorizia District.

The a/mentioned personnel deserted from Trani reinforcement camp on 6 January and were picked up by a truck awaiting nearby. The night previous, the personnel had been talking to a Yugoslav officer.

- e) 2/Lt. MANDIC Igor di Antonio born at VOLOSCA (Piuma) on 16 July 1913.

The a/mentioned officer deserted from 55 Arty Regt. depot after a short leave and was last seen in BARI.

- f) ROT Floriano di Floriano born at SAGA (Udine) on 10 Aug. 1910.

- g) PETERELLI Tommaso di Tommaso born at NOVACCHI di SOPRA (Gorizia) on 12 Dec 1913.

- h) VALENCE Giovanni di Giuseppe born at POSTEGHESCA (Trieste) on 23 Sept 1914.

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The a/mentioned personnel deserted from 212 Div on 21 January.
The area they were located in was one which was subjected to
Yugoslav propaganda.

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F.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M.N.I.

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Subject:- Discipline.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref LO/GII

11 February 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

For transmission please to appropriate Italian
Military authorities for their disciplinary action.

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Capt.
MMIA LO., I District.

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Subject:- Deserters - Italian Navy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
R O M E
4Q/11/3

10 Feb 45.

Navy Sub Commission
M.F.I.A.

The attached C.I.F. report is forwarded to you for
necessary action.

W. H. A. S.
W. H. A. S., Major
For Major General,
M.F.I.A.

EPB/ab

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(178)

Subject:- Italian Army Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.I.)
B.O.F.
2.11.3

10 Feb 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. The attached G.I.F. report giving details of Pte BAI-
SAMINI BEVINO di 371113, a deserter from the Italian Army,
is forwarded to you for necessary action.
2. Please arrange for this man, now being held by GCHQ as
indicated in the document, to be returned to his unit for
disciplinary action to be taken, informing this M.I. when this
has been done.

W. J. G.
W. J. G. VANCE, Major.
For Major General,
M.I.I.

EPB/ab

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

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Subject: Italian Army - Absentees
and Deserters.

Land Forces Div. Comd. ...
(...)

10 Feb 45.

1. The attached lists show particulars of absentees and deserters from Friuli Combat Group [for the period 11 Jan/45 and 28 Jan/45 (total 37)].

2. You are required to take strong and urgent measures to effect the apprehension of these men.

3. You will forward to this D.C. on 15 Jan/45 a return showing earliest catch men's name whether or not he has been apprehended, and returned to his unit for disciplinary action to be taken.

4. Copy of this letter has been forwarded to Public Safety Div. ... as it is anticipated that active cooperation of COM will be required to effect the apprehension of these absentees and deserters.

W. H. ...
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Copy to: Public Safety
Div. Comd. ...
... 15 Army Group
...

(your 349/13/4(a) and 5 Feb return)
Spec. Sec. ...

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Subject:- Italian Army Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. I.A.)

H.C.A.E.

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7 Nov 15.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. The attached C.I.F. reports giving details of 9 deserters from the Italian Army ~~are~~ forwarded to you for necessary action.
2. Please arrange for these men who are held by COM (as indicated in the reports) to be returned to their Units for disciplinary action to be taken, informing this H.C. when this has been done.

P. Archer Capt.

S.F. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.H.I.A.

SP/ab

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Subject:- Deserters Italian Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

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9 Feb 45.

Air Force Sub Comm.
H.Q. A.C.

The attached C/M/P/ report is forwarded to you for
any action you may consider necessary.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SPA/ab

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Office of the AG of S G-2
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
CMF

C/P2517/HR

9 Feb 45

Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, (MAIA)

1. A censorship intercept received in this office indicated that Subject was being employed in an Anglo-American club.
2. It was stated also that he was an escaped PW.
3. Investigation was made and attached for your information and any action considered desirable is a copy of the CIC report.
4. This report indicates that Subject deserted from the Italian Army on the capture of PALERMO by the Allies on 23 Jul 43.

Paul Young (D.A.D. YOUNG)
 Lt. Col.,
 C. 3.
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HEADQUARTERS,
226th C.S.G. Detachment,
APO 9517, U.S. Army.

Case No. 9-1774

2 February 1945

SUBJECT: VANDOLIN, George.

Re: Investigation of Possible Causes of the

1. At the direction of Lt. Col. Floyd C. Snowden, Chief, CIC, Rome Area MSCMA, on 30 January 1948, this agent initiated an investigation of Subject to determine whether or not he is an escaped POW, or just what his status is. This investigation is predicated upon a letter intercepted by Civil Censorship Group, dated 3/1/45, written by Dott. Reginio SENTILINI, Via del Casoreggio Green, dated 3/1/45, written by Dott. Reginio SENTILINI, Via del Casoreggio Green, addressed to Cap. Mario Galidino VERDOLINI, Comando II Gruppo Aereo 736, Rome, addressed to Cap. Mario Galidino VERDOLINI, Comando II Gruppo Aereo 736, Rome, which stated that Sepi VERDOLINI, an escaped prisoner of the Anglo-Americans in Palermo, is now in Rome, and working at an Anglo-American club.

2. The Subject was found to be living with his uncle, Signor COSARO, Via S. Maria delle Vornaci #12, and working at the Hotel Maestoso, Via Veneto (Majestic Hotel).

3. The Subject disclosed to this agent that he had served with the Italian Army from 27 May 1938, until 23 July 1943, when the Americans came into Palermo. At this time, he was serving as an chauffeur to Lt. Col. GILIBESCHI commanding the 12th Engineer Corps. He said he never served as a fighting soldier, and at the time of the American entry to Palermo, he escaped capture and stayed for several months with a SUCCHETTI family, at Monreale. During the next year, he worked at various jobs as a civilian mechanic in Palermo. On 5 November 1944, he came to Rome, where he has been living with his uncle and doing very little work. He states that on 12 November 1944, he registered with the Ufficio Anagrafe for ration books.

5. The only identity paper Subject carries is a temporary one, issued at Salerno, on 17/10/45, which gives his birth as 27/12/1916, ante (Padua), di Niccerda, fu Gaetano Curato. He has no Army discharge papers.

COMMENT: Subject deserted the Italian Army at the capture of Palermo, of the Allies, on 23 July 1943. He has been living as best he can, doing mechanical or manual labor, since that time. He wishes to evade further military service, therefore, he has not officially registered with the Italian authorities and does not carry proper identity papers.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Subject be required to register with the proper Italian authorities, and that the case be closed in this office.

R. M. PENE,
Special Agent, C.I.G.

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Subject: Armed Deserts :

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Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(MMIA)c/o HQ 54 Area.
LO/6/AQ
8 Feb 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA).

Further to my LO/6/AQ dated 6 Feb 45.

1. The att. letter from citizens of MELFI is forwarded for information.

2. I have investigated the matter with Major REVELEY, Zone Police Officer, A.C. in MELFI, and it is confirmed that these men are Italian deserters. Apparently they have the freedom of the town, and a large measure of public sympathy. Lately two men of their number were arrested, but owing to the armed hostility of the crowd, were immediately released, as the CC MR were insufficient in numbers to cope with the situation.

J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
c/o HQ 54 Area.

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Translation

From: The citizens of Melfi

To: Hq. Allied HQ - Italy.

REF:

DATE: 1 FEB 1946

We, the undersigned, citizens of Melfi and lovers of order and democracy, feel constrained to turn to the respected Allied H.Q., requesting the energetic intervention for bringing to order a gang of over two hundred vile seditionists who have been tormenting this peaceful community for over a month.

These rebels are equipped with automatic arms with which they join combat against the few, but most faithful, Carabinieri Reale who have been attacked and threatened many times.

The control of the community is thus in their hands and the life of the town is in constant danger.

In addition to numerous plunderings and pillagings, a poor shepherd, father of seven little children, has been murdered, and justice cannot

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In addition to numerous plunderings and pillagings, a poor shepherd, father of seven little children, has been murdered, and justice cannot take its course being impeded by the menace.

We, therefore, request that Command to kindly act accordingly before real brigandage develops, even if it is necessary to take extreme measures such as force or beheading in the public square in order to give an example,

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sending soldiers or police with adequate means to
the spot.

Respectfully,

The Democratic Lovers of

Order, MELFI.

(Province of POTENZA)

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Troops

1D/11/21/A

8 Feb 45

HQ MMIA

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Reference this HQ letters of even number dated 29 Dec 44, 16 Jan 45, 26 Jan 45 and 2 Feb 45.

1. Herewith further nominal roll of absentees from units of the TRIULI Gruppo. It is requested that action may be taken with a view to securing the apprehension of these men.
2. Copies have been sent to the following addressees for similar action and in future a copy will be sent to you under the same letter as that forwarding the other lists.

HQ 55 Area
61 Area
71 Sub Area
GSC 1 District
DFM 1 District
MMIA LO 1 District

Regional Commissioners:

LAZIO UMBRIA Region	} For the information of the Provincial Commission- ers concerned.
ABRUZZI MARCHE Region	
TOSCANA Region	

C.M.F.

*Passed to
MW 11/2*
MacDonnell
Major General,
Commanding,
No 1 District.

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FRIULI"
 Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
 Sez. 2^a - Personale e Segreteria

ELenco NOMINATIVO militari assenti straordinari, perduti di forza nel periodo 22/1 - 4/2-1945.

No	Grado	COGNOME e NOME	data assenza	I n d i r i z z o
-	Usc. I.G.F. F.R. "Friuli":			
1	Fonte	BURLINI	23/1-1945	Marcello
2	"	MONOSI	24/1-1945	Mario
3	Capor.	CAPINASSI	24/1-1945	Ugo
4	Fonte	ACCOCI	24/1-1945	Marcello
5	Cap. ...	VIRILI	24/1-1945	Giuseppe
6	Fonte	COLACIANNONE	24/1-1945	Giovanni
7	Cap. m.	BAULI	24/1-1945	Luigi
8	Fonte	GERARDI	25/1-1945	Mario
9	"	RICCARDINI	25/1-1945	Enzo
10	Capor.	WUNZI	25/1-1945	Mario
11	Fonte	FORNARI	25/1-1945	Antonio
12	"	MAZZI	25/1-1945	Alfredo
13	Capor.	ROZZI	27/1-1945	Evangelista
14	Fonte	SANTORO	27/1-1945	Alfredo
15	"	ALIZIO	27/1-1945	Domenico
16	"	V. SANTINI	27/1-1945	Giovanni
17	Capor.	LUCINI	28/1-1945	Enrico
18	"	CALCIPERRI	28/1-1945	Giuseppe
19	"	GLIANZI	28/1-1945	Enrico
-	Usc. I.G.F. F.R. "Friuli":			
1	Artid.	PERMANI	24/1-1945	Pietro
2	Cap. m.	RECCI	25/1-1945	Mario
3	Artid.	ROZZI	25/1-1945	Mario

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19	Capor.	NINZI	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
14	Conte	ACQUARO	25/1-945	CIVILNOVA. M. M. M. M.
12	"	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
11	Capor.	ACQUARO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
10	Primo	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
9	"	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
8	"	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
7	"	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
6	"	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
5	"	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
4	"	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
3	"	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
2	"	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
1	"	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13

150	Capor.	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
140	Capor.	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
130	Capor.	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
120	Capor.	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
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40	Capor.	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
30	Capor.	ALDO	25/1-945	PERNO-Via S. Settem. 13
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

6 February, 1945.

AC/mosb/PS

SUBJECT : Italian Soldier deserter.

TO : R.P.S.O. Lazio Umbria Region.

AC 11/3
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With reference to the attached copy letters from
Land Forces Sub-Commission, will you please take the necessary
action as indicated.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

EP/C.

Copy to Land Forces Sub-Commission. ✓

(Your AC 11/3 of 5 Feb 45 will refer)

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Subject:- Italian Army -
Absentees and Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)

H O M E

AQ/11/3

8 Feb 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. The attached list gives the names of 10 deserters from the Italian Army who have been arrested by the Allied Military Police, and handed over to the GCRB at Siena, Ancona and Terna.

2. You will arrange for these deserters to be sent to their Units for disciplinary action to be taken as quickly as possible.

3. Please inform their Units of the date and place of their arrest, reporting to this H.Q. when the men have been returned to their Units.

S P Archer Capt

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.F.I.A.

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Subject:- Italian Army Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.L.A.)

H. G. X. E.

12/11/3

8 Feb 45.

H.Q. 3 Dist Eastern Div
C.I.F.

Sold. Del V. MANTO Luigi (al 1993)
1st Inf Regt.

1. The above named Italian soldier, a deserter from the Italian Army has been reported as being employed by 2995 R.I.F. P.I.S.T., which Unit is believed to be located at Roma-letta (Via Ferdinando d'Arгона).

2. Will you please instruct the Allied Commander to discharge this man from his present employment, and hand Del Vecchio over to the GCHQ for return to his Unit.

3. Please inform this H.Q. when this has been done.

J.P. Archer Cpt.

H.Q. ARCHER, Cpt.
for Major General, 2074
M.I.L.A.

Copy to:- G.O. 51 R. U.
your 16/1 of 28 Jan refers. — 144/1

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Subject: Desertions in Italian Army

7 Feb
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/11/3

7 Feb 45.

CHIEF OF STAFF, ALLIED COMMISSION

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1. As was pointed out in our AQ/11/3 of 25 Jan, "leave is authorised for 7 days, exclusive of travelling time, once in 6 months".
 2. It is disobedience of AFHQ's orders to give leave otherwise. The enforcement of those orders is the duty of the Italian commanders concerned, under supervision of the Allied operational command (eg. 1 District, 5 Army, etc.) with whom those Italian units are serving and who know the orders.

S. P. Archer Capt.

S. P. ARCHER, Capt,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Translation.

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From Min. of War

To MMDA

AQ/11/3

Ref. 90020/50

Date Feb. 7, 1945

Subject Put. D. FRANCIA ADRIANO

Ref. AQ/11/3 dated 3rd inst.

In regard to letter AQ/11/3 dated Jan 23, this Directorate General, with an urgent telegram dated Jan 26, requests info on D. FRANCIA from the 1st ⁴ ^{WW} Piana

Coy.

Not having received a reply, the request was repeated with another tel^m-dated 3rd inst.

(Sgd) Gen. BUTTA

cpl. V.C.

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S. P. A. /
M. A. /
D. A. /

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
LEVA SOTTUFFICIALE E TRUPPA

La M.M.I.A.

= S E D E =

Divisione Discipl. 2^a

Let. 1. 50023/50 Allogati

Risposta al f. del 2 corr.

Da 2^a 60/11/3

OGGETTO Soldato DI FRANCIA Adriano.

2, per conoscenza:

AL CABINETTO - Ufficio C.A. = S E D E =

(rif. aut. 501969/ca del 4 corr.)

In relazione al f. 60/11/3 del 23 gennaio u.s., questa Direzione Generale ha chiesto con telegramma urgente del 28 stesso mese notizie del DI FRANCIA al Comando 2^a Compagnia Artigiani.

Non avendo avuto risposta, la richiesta è stata rinnovata con altro telegramma in data 3 corrente.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen. Div. Ugo Pelli)

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
LEVA, SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA

Roma

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Divisione Disciplinaria

Sott. A. 10000/50 Allegati

Risposta al f. del

Gen. 10000/50

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OGGETTO: Soldato DI FRANCIA Adriano.

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e, per conoscenza:

AL CABINETTO - Ufficio C.A. = B B B B =
(rif. n. 101549/50 del 10 c.m.)Riferimento ff. A/11/3 in data 21
gennaio e 2 febbraio c.m.-

Facendo seguito al foglio neri numero in
data 2 corrente di questa Direzione Generale
la, si trascrive il telegramma del 6/12/44
pervenuto dal f. del Comando 1^o Compagnia
Artiglieria:

Il f. del RIFERIMENTO TELEGRAMMA 10000/50
DEL 26/11 COMUNICAVA CHE PALEMBARTISTA DI
FRANCIA ADRIANO CLASSE 1922 114^a BRIGATA
A 102^a COMPAGNIA ESP. STATO TRANSMITATO NELLA
PULZA ADERENTE DEL DEPOSITO 47 REG. ARTIG. I
LORO SECONDE ATTESTA ARRIVATO DAL 17/12/44
IL NOSTRO HA IN COLORE PROPOSTE DI DENUNCIA
PER REATO DIVERZIONE - CAPITANO CANTONIERE

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen. Dir. V. M. M. I. A.)

Gatti

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12th Ind to Ltr, HQ MTOUSA, AG 383.6/062 C-C, dated 7 Nov 44, subj: "Italian Troops Absent without Leave and Following American Units".

AG 383.6/062 C-C 12th Ind
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 3 February 1945.

RHS/jcm

TO: Deputy President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MMA).

After repeated attempts to discover the whereabouts of these individuals no progress has been made. It is requested, therefore, that the matter be referred direct to the Italian Ministry of War for any assistance they are able to render.

For the Theater Commander:


ALBERT N. KARP,
Captain, ASD,
Asst Adjutant General.

AG/11/3 13th Ind CPM/lak
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AG (MMA) APO 394, US Army, 7 Feb 45

TO: Commanding Officer, Harbor, APO 375, US Army.

1. It is reported that the deserters mentioned in basic communication were taken from Sardinia to Corsica by the 310th Service Group. From the 4th Indorsement it would appear that these men may have been left in Corsica when the 310th Service Group departed from Corsica. The men may have joined the Italian Forces under your command or may have been picked up by the French police for being in Corsica without a permit. They are presumably Italian of Yugo-Slav origin.

2. It would be appreciated if you would make a full investigation in Corsica to determine the present whereabouts of these men.

For the Commanding General:


CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

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251. 1st Ind.
HQ, ARMY AIR FORCES, MTO, APO 650, US ARMY.
TO : CG, 310th Service Group, APO 650, US Army.
THRU : CG, Twelfth Air Force, APO 650, US Army.

PMG-RBD-sf
10 November 1944

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AG 251 2nd Ind. XAG-RC-gfb-27
HQ TWELFTH AIR FORCE (MAIN), APO 650, US Army, 14 November 1944.
TO: CG, XII AFSC, APO 650, US Army.

For compliance with basic communication.

By command of Major General CAMBON:

D. S. JACKSON,
Major, ASD,
Asst Adjutant General.

251 3rd Ind. D-2-2
HEADQUARTERS, XII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND, APO 650, 13 November 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 310th Service Group.
THRU : Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, APO 650.
310th Service Group is no longer under this command.
For the Commanding General:

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RALPH G. HUBB,
Captain, ASD,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

4th Ind. G-11-1
HEADQUARTERS, 310TH SERVICE GROUP, APO 374, U.S. ARMY, 22 December 1944.
TO: Commanding General, XII Air Force Service Command, APO 650, U.S. Army.

1. This headquarters regrets it is unable to offer any information relative to Italian personnel listed as AWOL in basic communication.

2. No Italian personnel are connected with organizations mentioned as a result of movement to a new theater, nor can sufficient evidence be furnished indicating whether or not these men are located in the vicinity of our last location in Corsica.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT A. HOOVER,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

5th Ind. D-2-2
HEADQUARTERS, XII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND, APO 650, 2 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, APO 650.

Inviting attention to preceding memorandum.

For the Commanding Officer:

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RALPH G. KRUPP,
Captain, AGO,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

AG 251. 6th Ind.
HQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 5 Jan 45.

TO: CG, AAF MTO, APO 650, US Army.

XAG-LIS-gth-4

D. S. J.

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Subject:- Discipline.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref IO/III.

7 February 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
M. N. I. A. R O N E.

I. For transmission please to appropriate Italian
Military authorities for their disciplinary action

Passed to
W.M. M 10/2

MMIA 2800
MMIA LO., I District:

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

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REPORT.

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To; The D.A.P.M.,
71 sub Area.

Sir,

I have to report that at Spoleto on 31.1.45, about 1200 hours, I was on duty on Route 3 accompanied by L/Cpl. Peel. C.M. Police, when I had occasion to stop a civilian vehicle and found an Italian soldier, ...BALSANI BENINO di EMILIO., Nucleo Aggiunto, 812 Base Rimentale, Military Post 3400.

He was in possession of a pass which expired on December 27th. 1944. I arrested him and conveyed him to the C.C.R.R.

At Spoleto to be detained.

Receipt attached.

Field.
31.1.45.

(Signed) F. Howles.
C.M. Police.

L/Cpl. 2865

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from: MOW
to: M M I A

AG 11/3

Translation

uf. 103722/1
7 Feb. 1945

Subject: Desertion of military from reinforcement transit camp - TRIESTE.

Ref AG 11/3 - 16 Dec. - 68 Int. fact.

In January 6th, in the morning, 4 non-Italian speaking Italian military of reinforcement transit camp - TRIESTE deserted & were taken away on a lorry waiting for them at about 50 yards from the camp.

During the previous evening a/m troops had a conversation with a Yugoslav officer.

These military are:

- ① JENCO Francesco, late ANTONIO + GOLICA ANTONIA - class 1922 - TRIESTE District.
- ② TROIAN FRANCESCO, of GIOVANNI + CLESSI ANNA class 1913, UDINE District.
- ③ ROIZ GIUSEPPE, of GIOVANNI + MONA GIOVANNA class 1920, TRIESTE District.
- ④ CONCIC MILANO of GIUSEPPE + VRSIC CATERINA class 1920, GORIZIA District.

"MOLINI" barracks where Reinforcement

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transit camp, is ^{nearby} ~~near~~ a British hospital where several Yugoslav military have been admitted.

Non-Italian speaking Italian military very often meet with ^(neighbouring) Yugoslav troops that induce them to desert.

In order to prevent desertions, I beg MMIA to consider the possibility of sending to other units the non Italian speaking Italian military that report to TRAIN transit camp.

(priority)

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Reported to
AFHQ

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CASATI



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Cabinetto

Cont. N. 103722/I Allegato

Disposto al F. M.

Roma, 7 FEB 1945

Dir. 15

AQ

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Oggetto: Diserzione di militari del campo affluenza complementi di irani. *Diserzione di militari per RVS. Benefattori.*

ALLA HAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
(rif.lett. A.Q. 11/3 del 16 dicembre)

R O M A

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI

(rif.lett. 338/Disc. del 22 gennaio)

B A R I

Il mattino del 6 gennaio, 4 militari alloggiati nel centro affluenza complementi di irani disertavano, prendendo posto su un automezzo che li attendeva a cinquanta metri dall'accantonamento.

La sera precedente i militari avevano avuto un colloquio con un ufficiale jugoslavo.

I militari di cui sopra sono:

- 1 - VENCO FRANCESCO IN ANTONIO e di Golika Antonia, classe 1924, distretto di Trieste;
- 2 - ANTONIO FRANCESCO di Giovanni e di CLASSE Anna, classe 1913, distretto di Udine;
- 3 - ROLOZ GIUSEPPE di Giovanni e di nona Giovanna, classe 1920, distretto di Trieste;
- 4 - CONCIO MILANO di Giuseppe e di Ursio Caterina, classe 1920, distretto di Gorizia.

La caserma "Molini", dove è accantonato il Campo Affluenza

LA LAMB PURGES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
(rif.lett. A.Q. 11/3 del 16 dicembre)

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI
(rif.lett. 336/Disc. del 22 gennaio)

R O M A

B A R I

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I militari di cui sopra sono:

- 1 - VENCO Francesco fu Antonio e di Golika Antonia, classe 1922, distretto di Trieste;
- 2 - MOLAN Francesco di Giovanni e di CLASSI Anna, classe 1913, distretto di Udine;
- 3 - KOIZ Giuseppe di Giovanni e di NONA Giovanna, classe 1920, distretto di Trieste;
- 4 - CONOIO Milano di Giuseppe e di URSIC Caterina, classe 1920, distretto di Gorizia.

La caserma " Molini ", dove è accantonato il Campo Affluenza complementi, è nelle adiacenze di un convalescenziario inglese in cui sono ricoverati numerosi militari jugoslavi.

La vicinanza rende frequenti i contatti di militari italiani alloggiati con militari jugoslavi che li inducono a disertare.

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Allo scopo di prevenire le diserzioni, prego cotesta
Sottocommissione di voler esaminare la possibilità che
i militari alloggiati che affluiscono al campo di Arani
siano prontamente evviati ad altro ente.

IL MINISTRO



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Subject: Italian Soldier SORDU CELESTINO

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (SMIA)
Rome
AQ/11/3

February 1945

To : Minister for War

1. For your information, this is to advise you that the above soldier, a member of the Italian RTO Naples, who was taken from Naples to Leghorn by Lt Gilbert E. Short, U. S. Army, without proper authority, was returned to the Italian RTO Naples on 23 January 1945.

2. Lt Short is being tried by Court-Martial for his unauthorized action in this matter. The Italian soldier concerned is not to blame in any way, as Lt Short admits that he took him to Leghorn without permission.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
For Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (SMIA)

CPK/lak

See Folio 128
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From: War Ministry
To: M.M.I.A.

REC: 102658/1
110-5-T
DATE: 6 FEB. 1946.

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Subject: Sicilian Troops, absentees without leave.

→ Memo. for Gen. Browning.

We have been informed that a large number of the Sicilian troops drafted to the Afragata camp have gone A.W.O.L. as they found the living conditions unsupportable and, in particular, have ~~received~~ not been issued with necessities.

While I have ordered the Naples Military Area Command to take steps to avoid, if possible, as much as possible, a repetition of this serious inconvenience, which frustrates any action in drafting Army recruits, I should be obliged to the Allied Authorities if they would be so kind as to issue the necessary orders to ensure the distribution of indispensable ~~clothing~~ ^{clothing}.

Chairing
11/11/46

Log 5 Feb para
19 ~~referred~~

Sgd: Cassin
General
2572
Sgt. L. Bryant



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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Chet. 103655/I. M. G. G.

140.5.7.

Dispositiva di F. del

Roma,

Gen. Sec. 18

Militari siciliani assenti arbitrari

Oggetto

LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

PROMEMORIA PER IL GEN. BROWNING

E' stato segnalato che gran parte dei militari siciliani affluiti al campo di Afragola si sono allontanati arbitrariamente perchè non hanno trovato sopportabili condizioni di vita ed in particolare perchè non hanno ricevuto alcun indumento.-

Mentre ho disposto che il Comando Militare Territoriale di Napoli provveda per quanto è possibile ad evitare il ripetersi del grave inconveniente, che frustra ogni azione per l'affluenza dei richiamati alle armi, sarà grato se le autorità ^{Nicar} vorranno impartire opportune disposizioni atte ad assicurare la distribuzione degli indumenti indispensabili.-

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IL MINISTRO



Log 5 Feb 1945
 Log 19 Feb 1945

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Translation

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From: S.M.R.E.
TO: M.M.I.A.

AQ 11/3

REF: 501/SP/1.
DATE: 6 FEB. 1945

Subject: Italian Military Personnel - Absentees
and Deserters

Ref. AQ 11/3 - 2 Feb - 152

This S.M.R.E. has requested, and urged, the FORGERS
Combat Group^{HO} for the facts in respect of P.E.
FERRARA Adriano: we shall communicate with
M.M.I.A. on the matter upon receipt of a reply.

Sgt. Davis
Curd

dan
[Signature]

PM
Noted
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Ref. 13 Feb

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

N°

504

SP/1 di prot.

Allegato N°

OGGETTO: Personale milita

re Italiano-Assenti arbitrari e disertori.

Questo S.M.R.E. ha richiesto e sollecitato i dati relativi al soldato di FRANCIA Adriano al Comando del gruppo di combattimento Folgore: appena sarà pervenuta la risposta ne verrà data comunicazione a codesta sottocommissione.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(A. Santi)

P. M. 3800¹¹ Febbrato 1945

AL L.F.S.C.- AC. (M.M.I.A.)

R.O.M.A.

(rtf.AQ/11/3 del 2 febbraio)
e, per conoscenza:AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A.

S.E.D.E.

(seg.337/SP/I in data 25
gennaio 1945).

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Translation

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from MOW
to MMIA

AG 11

3 ref. 102260/I

6 Feb 1945

Subject: Desertion of non-Italian speaking
Italian officer.

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(Your letter AG/11/3 dated Dec. 16th, 44 refers)

I inform MMIA, for whatever action
you may deem advisable to take, that
2nd Lt. MANDIC 1002 of ANTONIO & STEREN
KO OLGA, born at VOLOSKA (FIUME) on July
16th, 1913, enlisted into the Italian army
on June 4th, 1937, on expiring leave
has not returned to 55 Arty Regt Depot.
A/m officer is on the strength of said Unit.
We are informed that on January 2nd
this officer went to BARI & we are now
inclined to believe that he has enlisted
into the Yugoslav army.

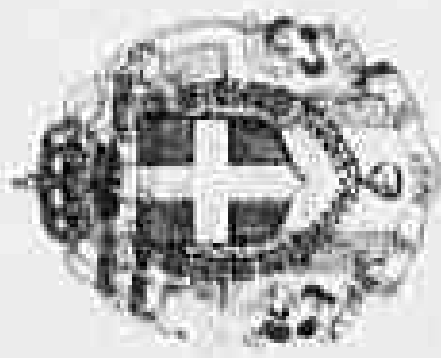
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA 7/2

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Prot. No. 102269/I

Roma,

6 FEB 1945

Disposto al f. del

Gen. [illegible]

Oggetto: diserzione di ufficiale alloggiato. -

AQ

Director of Office (for speech language etc. [illegible])

LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MHA)

R O M A

rif.lett.AQ/II/3 del 16dic.1944

Segnalo, per l'azione che cotesta Sottocommissione vorrà svolgere, che il Sottotenente MANDIC Igor, di Antonio e di Stepenko Olga, nato a Volosca (Fiume) il 16 luglio 1913, arruolato nell'esercito italiano il 4 giugno 1937, allo scadere di una licenza non ha fatto ritorno al Deposito 55° regt. artiglieria al quale era in forza.

Risulta che il 2 gennaio l'ufficiale si è recato a Bari e ciò fa pensare che egli sia arruolato nell'esercito jugoslavo.

R O M A

rif.lett.AQ/II/3 del 16dic.1944

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

P. Stuchlik

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from: MOW
to: NMIA

AG 11/3

Translation

(162)

103863 / I

130-2-1

6 Feb. 45

Subject: Desertion of military personnel

We inform you that on Jan. 21st, at 2300 hrs, the a/m military of 3rd Communication Coy, 3rd Bn. Group (Italian HQ) deserted their Unit:

- ① Gunner ROT FLORIANO of FLORIANO
born 10/8/1910 at SAGA (UDINE)
enlisted 17/2/1941
- ② Gunner PETERNELLI TOMMASO of TOMMASO
born 12/12/1913 at NOVACCHI DI
SOPRA (GORITIA) enlisted 14.2.1941
- ③ Gunner VALENCIC GIOVANNI of GIUSEPPE
born 23.4.1914 at MONTEGNESCA
(TRIESTE) enlisted 14.2.1941

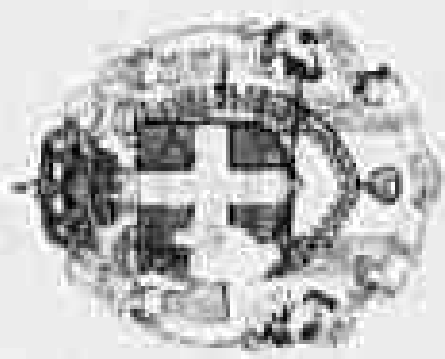
We are inclined to believe that a/m deserters have been enlisted into the Yugoslav army. This theory is strengthened by the fact that near AVERSA, where the Unit is under canvas, there are Yugoslav women carrying out an active propaganda.

Enquiries are being made.

(initials)

Passed to AFHQ 10/2

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MINISTERO

DELLA GUERRA

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Aut. 103363/I Allegati

130.2.1.
Disposta al fido

OGGETTO diserzione di militari.-

Diserzione di militari

Roma

Via

LA LAND FORCES SUE COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Si segnala che il 21 gennaio, alle ore 23, i sottotenenti militari della 3° compagnia munizioni del 3° gruppo btg. (Comando Italiano 212), si allontanavano dal reparto:

- 1 artigliere ROT Floriano di Floriano, nato il 10/8/1910 a Saga (Udine) arruolato il 17/2/1941.-
- 2 artigliere PETERNELLI Tommaso di Tommaso nato il 12/12/1913 a Novacchi di Sopra (Gorizia) arruolato il 14.2.1941.-
- 3 artigliere VALENCIC Giovanni di Giuseppe nato il 23.9.1914 a Postegnesca (Trieste) arruolato il 14.2.1941.

Si presume che i disertori si siano arruolati nell'esercito jugoslavo. Tale ipotesi è avvalorata dalla presenza nei

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Sono in corso indagini.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

[Handwritten signature]

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transmission

from: MOW
to: M.M. 1A. AQ 11 3 ref. 103658 / 5
1174.1 / 6 Feb. 45

Subject: Absent without leave from TRAM
Camp. 153

With reference to letter AQ 11/3 dated Feb. 2nd,
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- ① The answer to letter AQ 11/3 dated Jan. 2nd of M.M. 1A, had been asked for Jan. 31st
- ② On Jan. 30th we sent letter 102653/2 (copy attached to this letter -
- ③ To date we have been informed that 17 out of the military who were absent w/leave have reported back to TRAM camp.
- ④ Any further information will be sent to M.M. 1A. immediately. ^{sup} 192

COMBARD

(Security) AQ

10/13 of 2 have reported. ²⁰⁸ 192

- ① The answer to letter AQ/11/3 dated Jan. 2nd of MM19, had been asked for Jan. 31st
- ② On Jan. 20th we sent letter 102653/1 (copy attached to this letter. -
- ③ To-date we have been informed that 17 out of the military who were about to leave have reported back to TRAM1 camp.
- ④ Any further information will be sent to MM19, immediately. ^{sup. 192}

COMBASS

(Security) AQ

~~102653~~ - AQ/11/3 of 2 Jan reported 2002 of 602 deserters from Trinkl for period 1 Nov to 24 Dec

MS 10/2

SC(A) What is the connection between TRANI and FRIDL? ^{W.D.} 20 Feb

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from: HQW
to: MMIA

Translation
ref. 102653/1
1178.1

30 Jan 45

Subject: Absents without leave from TRAINI
camp

With ref. to letter AG/11/3 dated Feb and.

On receiving information from MMIA we have immediately issued orders to arrest military who were absent w/o leave from TRAINI camp.

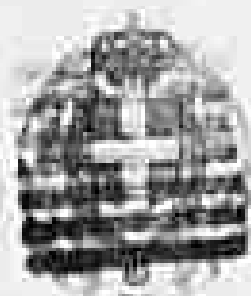
However, this Ministry cannot send to MMIA the report requested for ^{31st} inst because communications, already difficult, have ~~become~~ ^{become} worse in ~~all directions~~ by heavy snow-falls in the NBRUCCI region where almost all w/m deersted live. -

We shall send data requested as soon as we shall receive them from ~~units~~ HQ's concerned. -

LOMBARDI

(initials)
~~MM~~

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Ministero della Guerra

Gabinetto

Cr/mi

T. St. Modugno
Roma 16 FEB 1945/1

LA LAND FORCES SUB COM=
MISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Prov. 103658/I
117.4.1.

Risposta al f. del
Qu. 12

Oggetto Assenti arbitrari dal Campo di Trani.

Libertà per Trani Camp

Risp. AQ/11/3 del 3 corrente.

AQ

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- 1°) La risposta alla lettera AQ/11/3 del 2 gennaio u.s. di codesta Sottocommissione era stata richiesta per il 31 gennaio c.a.
- 2°) In data 30 gennaio fu inviata la lettera 102653/I, che si unisce in copia.
- 3°) Finora si è avuta la comunicazione che al campo di Trani sono rientrati diciassette dei militari assentatisi.
- 4°) Si attendono ulteriori segnalazioni che verranno trasmesse, subito dopo ricevute, a codesta Sottocommissione.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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C O P I A

mi/

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto

N° 102653/I di prot.
117.4.1.

P.M. 3800, 30 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Assenti arbitrari dal Campo di Trani.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Risp. AQ/11/3 data 2 corr.

In relazione a quanto segnalato da codesta Sottocommissione fu subito disposto per l'arresto dei militari assentatisi arbitrariamente dal Campo di Trani.

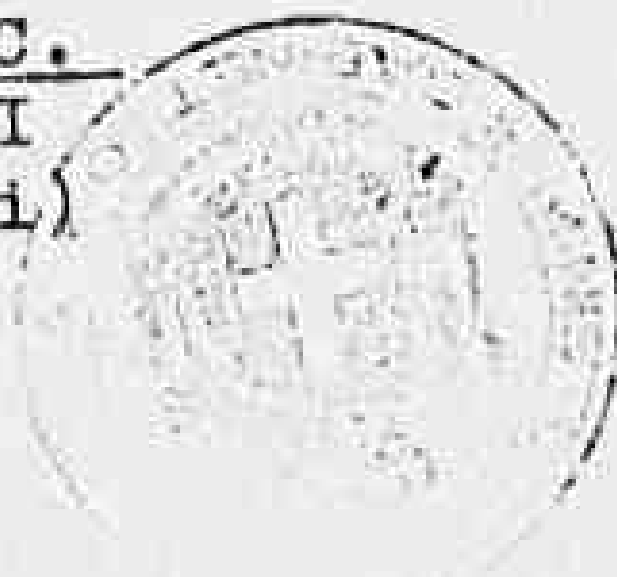
Però, questo Ministero non può rimettere a codesta Sottocommissione il rapporto richiesto per il 31 corrente, perchè le comunicazioni, già difficili, sono state grandemente ostacolate negli Abruzzi, zona in cui risiedono quasi tutti i disertori indicati, dalle abbondanti neviccate.

Si fa quindi riserva di trasmettere i dati richiesti non appena perverranno dai Comandi interessati.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
F.to Col. Luigi Lombardi

P. C. C.
IL CAPO UFFICIO I
(Ten.Col.L.Picozzi)



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Subject:- Discipline.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref LO/GII

6 February 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

1. Following forwarded to you for transmission to appropriate Italian authorities for their prompt disposal action please.

2. Italian Marine MOSCA Evandro di Ronchi apprehended ANCONA 2/2/45 as absentee from CREM TARANTO. Held CC MR ANCONA.

Passed to Navy S.C. 10/2
[Signature] Capt.
MMIA 101, I District.

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Subject:- Desertions from Italian Army.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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M.P.H.3.

G.F.F.Refer G-5 251-1 of 13 Dec/44.

65/2 1st sheet

1. The following information in respect of deserters from the Italian Army is forwarded in accordance with para 3 of your above quoted letter.

2. It will be noticed that the Ministry of War have not forwarded this information in affidavit form, although it is reported that there is reason to believe that these soldiers deserted with the intention of enlisting in the Yugoslav Army.

3. Extract from Ministry of War report:-
"On 20 Jan/45 the undermentioned soldiers, natives of Venezia Giulia, and all belonging to 1st Bn of 60th Inf. Regt(+) whilst on guard at Cosenza Station Warehouse, deserted taking with them their weapons and blankets".

1. Pvt. GRUBINIC Michele, born at Adressa Isonzo on Oct/21/1904.
2. Pvt. PLESICAR Giovanni, born at S. Andrea di Sorisles on Sept/9/1907.
3. Pvt. NEVRETH Miroslavo, born at VERTOVINO Arch 27/1923.
4. Pvt. POZZARI Andrea, born at Castelluogghi on May 26/1923.
5. Pvt. RUDE Mario, born at Cerrate Istriano on Sept/15/1923.
6. Pvt. KENCIC Stanislao, born at Alussina on Sept/19/1921.
7. Pvt. PENARE Angelo, born at Abeschi on May/1/1913.
8. Pvt. SIDARI Antonio, born at Fontanellati on July/17/1920.
9. Pvt. PIRIK Giovanni, born at Lacavizza Canale on June/9/1911.

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- (+) U.S. 50th Inf. Regt in part of Calabria Division recently brought over from Sicily.


CLAYTON P. KERE, Col.
for Major General,
M.V.I.A.

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Subject:- Italian Army - Deserters and Defectors.

Land Forces Sub Comm. L.C.
(M.I.L.A.)

R.C.B.E.

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5 Feb 45.

Public Safety
Sub Comm.
L.C.

Sold. B. CIO Clinto
(3 and 4 Coy Cremona Combat Group)

1. It is reported that the above named soldier, deserter from the Italian Army, is at present employed as a driver by the Public Safety Division Perugia Province.

2. It is also reported that Perugia Military District have been instructed to attach the above named soldier CCH Group Perugia (see copy letter attached).

3. This action is unwarranted and contrary to regulations and it is requested that you will please instruct Officer i/c Perugia Public Safety Division to discharge Sold B. CIO forthwith and arrange for him to be returned to his Unit forthwith.

4. Please advise this R.C. when Sold B. CIO has been despatched to his Unit.

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CLAYTON P. KENN, Col.
for Major General,
M.I.L.A.

Copy to:- G.C. 51 B.I.U.
please advise this R.C. of
date when Sold. B. CIO rejoins
his Unit.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

SUBJECT:- Discipline - ITALIAN Troops.

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP, ⁽¹⁵⁴⁾

Tel:- FOXGLOVE 226,

3149/13/A(0),

5 Feb 45.

MMIA.

Further to this HQ letter of even number dated 27 Jan 45.

Attached nominal roll of absentees from FRIULI Group between 11 and 28 Jan 45 is forwarded for necessary action.

Passed to
Mof W 11/10/2

f. Brigadier,
DA & QMG.

See Folio 177

1st Ind to letter, Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC (A), file AQ/11/3,
dtd 30 Jan 45, subject: "Absentees Cremona Gruppo".

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AG 091.713/012 - O 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 4 February 1945

TO: Deputy President, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA)

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AQ/11/3 /wfb

1. Attached is letter, this headquarters, file as above, dated 2 February 1945, subject: "Deserter from Italian Army", reference absentee Antonio Tucci.

2. Attached also is copy of correspondence with reference to Dominico Anatreillo.

3. When reply is received to subject letter to Army Air Force Service Command, MTO, it will be forwarded to you.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

R.H. Freese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD. 44
Asst Adjutant General.

- 2 Incls
Incl 1 - Ltr, this hq, file
AG 091.713/012-O,
dtd 2 Feb 45.
Incl 2 - Ltr, this hq, file
AG 091.713/012 A-O,
dtd 3 Jan 45 w/4 Incls.

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1st Ind to letter, Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG (MIA), file AG/11/3,
dtd 30 Jan 45, subject: "Absentees Cremona Gruppo".

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Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Incl 1 - Ltr, this HQ, file
AG 091.713/012-O,
dtd 2 Feb 45.
Incl 2 - Ltr, this HQ, file
AG 091.713/012 A-O,
dtd 3 Jan 45 w/4 Incls.

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Subject:- Absentees Cremona Gruppo.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/11/3

30 Jan 45.

H.Q. MTCUSA
APO 512
U.S. Army.

Refer your 1st Ind AG091.713/012 A.O.

1. This H.Q. has been informed that as yet neither of the two absentees reported in our AQ/11/3 of 26 Dec/44 have rejoined their Units.
2. Request hastening action.


CLAYTON P. KERR, Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS S: 23 February 1945
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

AG 091.713/012 - 0

2 February 1945

SUBJECT: Deserter from Italian Army.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Force Service Command, MTO, APO 528.

1. Attached as Inclosure number 1 is copy of certificate of Employment of Antonio TUCCI, dated 7 November 1944, which states that he is employed by your command as of that date. Attached as Inclosure number 2 is copy of 2d Indorsement, your headquarters, dated 8 January 1945 stating subject individual left your employment in July 1944.

2. As this headquarters is attempting to locate Antonio TUCCI, it is desired that the situation outlined above be clarified and that this headquarters be informed of present status of individual.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

2 Incls
Incl #1 - Certificate of Employment
Incl #2 - 2d Ind, Hq AAFSC/MTO, dtd 8 Jan 45

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

AG 091.713/012 A-0

3 January 1945

SUBJECT: Deserter from Italian Army.

TO : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, (Main), APO 782.

1. Information has been received from 51st British Liaison Unit that Trooper Domenico Anatreillo, 21st Infantry Regiment, is employed by 117th Quartermaster Battalion, Mobile.

2. The status of this individual will be investigated, and if he is determined to be a deserter from the Italian Army, his employment will be terminated and the nearest Italian authorities notified.

3. Exemptions from military service will not be granted to serving Italian military personnel.

By command of Lieutenant General McFARNEY:

A. B. KING,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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019.713 BFSM (3 Jan 45) 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, U.S. Army, 11 Jan 45.

TO: Commanding Officer, 117th Quartermaster Bn, Mobile.

Forwarded for compliance with basic communication and return of report through this office.

By order of Colonel OXX:

/s/ E. B. Murphy
/t/ E. B. MURPHY
CWO, USA,
Asst Adj General.

019.713 BFSM (3 Jan 45) 2d Ind

HEADQUARTERS 117TH QM BN., MOBILE, APO 782, US ARMY, 16 January 1945.

TO: Hq Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army, APO 512.
(Thru: Hq P.B.S)

1. Records of this office indicate that domenico Anatreillo was employed by this organization from 28 October 1944, to 6 January 1945.
2. Information obtained from other employers are to the effect that above named returned to his unit. At time of employment it was not known that he was a member of the Italian Military Forces.
3. This office has not requested his exemption from Military Service.

/s/ Carl N. Mayo
/t/ CARL N. MAYO,
Lieutenant Colonel, Q.M.C.
Commanding.

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AG 019.713 3rd Ind. FVT/ahf
Headquarters, 8th Port of Embarkation, APO 780, 17 January 1945.

To: Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, U. S. Army.

Attention invited to preceding indorsement.

For the Commanding Officer:

PAUL V. TOOLIN
Lt. Col., AGD
Adjutant General.

091.713 BFSM (3 Jan 45) 4th Ind /eca
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, US Army, 24 January 1945

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army.

Attention invited to 2nd indorsement.

For the Commanding Officer:

L. J. ROBERTS,
Captain, AGD,
Ass't Adj. Gen.

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Subject: - Italian Army -
Absentees and Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(H.M.I.A.)

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3 Feb 45.

H.M. 15 Army Group.

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Refer your 3149/13/ (C) of 27 Jan/45

1. The nominal roll forwarded with your above quoted letter has been passed to the Ministry of War for action.
2. The Ministry of War report giving details action taken in respect of absentees and deserters from Friuli Group previously reported is now overdue and hastening action has been taken.
3. You will be informed as soon as the report is received.

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B.T. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
H.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Italian Army - Absentees
and Deserters.

Head Foreign Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. I.A.)

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3 Feb 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. The attached lists show particulars of Absentees and Deserters from Friuli Combat Group for the period 26 Dec/44 and 10 Jan/45 (total 343).
2. You are required to take strong and urgent measures to effect the apprehension of these men.
3. You will forward to this A.C. on 15 March/45 a return showing against each man's name whether or not he has been apprehended, and returned to his unit for disciplinary action to be taken.
4. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Public Safety Sub Commission A.C. as it is anticipated that active cooperation of GCHB will be required to effect the apprehension of these Absentees and Deserters.

JP Archw Cap

~~M. I. A.~~ Col. A.C.D.
for Major General,
M. I. A.

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Copy to:- Public Safety
Sub Comm. A.C.
3 Spec. Sec. M. I. A.

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Subject: Italian Army - Absentees
and Deserters.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/11/3

3 Feb/ 45.

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref this HQ letter ref AQ/ 11/3 dated 2 Jan 45.

Your reply to the above quoted letter is still awaited.
Please expedite.

P. Archibugi

~~DET. NO. 12356~~ Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Italian Military Personnel -
Absentees and Deserters.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/11/3

2 Feb/ 49.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref this HQ letter ref AQ/11/3 dated 23 Jan 49.

Your reply to the above quoted letter is still awaited.
Please expedite.

J. J. Noakes

~~E. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.~~
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Inter Office Memo

Ext. 300

Ref: 8252/56/COB.

1 February 1945.

Subject: Desertions in Italian Army.

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To: ~~General~~,
Land Forces Sub Commission (LSCIA).

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Reference para. 2(b) of your AQ/11/3 of 25 January stating that "leave is authorised for 7 days", the Chief Commissioner has made the following comment: "But leave is being given for longer than 7 days".

I should be grateful if you would give me your views on this.

Ernest Ryl
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Subject:- Discipline.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref LO/GII

1 February 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

I. For transmission to appropriate Italian Military
authorities for their prompt disposal action please.

MMIA
Capt.
MMIA LO., I District.

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Translation

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From Terr. H. H. Naples
To S. M. R. E.

AG 11/3

P. 6/881/1683/50.

Date 31 Jan 1945.

Subject: Corporal Lucciola Nicola, failing to
return to his unit from leave.

We forward herewith original statement released
by Allied H. Q. informing that military in ques-
tion was sent on extra special leave on the 20th of
March 1944 for 12 + 2 days, and since that date
he has not yet returned back to his unit.

(L. C. Arpanini.)

Sgt.
(ALDO BONELLI)

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Militare

COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI

UFFICIO Ord. e Personale

N° 6/881/1683/St

Napoli, 31 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO : Mancato rientro dalla licenza del caporale
Ciccio Nicola

Rif.f. 4879 dell'8 dicembre 1944

Allo Stato Maggiore R.E. - Missione di
Collegamento con il Comando Armate Al-
leate in Italia

(IBM - HO. AAI - CMF)

Si trasmette l'originale della dichiarazione
rilasciata dal Comando Alleato, comunicando che il mi-
litare in oggetto venne inviato in licenza straordina-
ria di giorni 12 + 2 il 20 maggio 1944 e che da detta
data non ha fatto più rientro al Corpo.

d'ordine

Il Capo di Stato Maggiore
Colonnello Aldo Bonelli

Nella

foglio e trasmette in allegato.

HEADQUARTERS 3RD BATTALION
1ST ORDNANCE DEPT REGIMENT (AVN)(PROV)
APO 320 U.S. ARMY

June 24 1964
(Date)

SUBJECT: Deferment of Italian Personnel.

TO : Commanding Officer, Allied Air Force Area Command, APO 650, U.S. Army.

1. It is requested that the following Italian Civilian employed by this organization be deferred from Military service:

- a. Applicant's full name: Nicola Giacalone
- b. Applicant's father's name: Giuseppe Giacalone (living)
(State whether living or deceased)
- c. Applicant's place of birth: Monte S. Angelo
- d. Applicant's date of birth: 2 Oct 1921
- e. Applicant's residence: Monte S. Angelo St. 40
(Town) (Street) (Number)
- f. Applicant's Identity Card Number: 5246
- g. Applicant's occupation in Allied employ: Assistant Quartermaster
- h. Name and address of organization: U.S. Army
- i. Applicant's date of employment with this organization: February 1964

2. Due to the shortage of military personnel in this theatre and the enormous amount of work assigned to this organization, it is imperative that civilian labor be used whenever possible.

For the Commanding Officer:

Charles E. Brown
CHARLES E. BROWN,
1st Lt., Ord. Dept.,
Adjutant.

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Subject:- Discipline.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., 1 District.
Ref LO/GII

31 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

1. Will you please transmit these to appropriate Italian Military authorities for their prompt disposal action.

2. I have no knowledge of their locations.

[Signature]
Capt.
MMIA LO., 1 District.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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AG 333.5 SPAGG-C

31 January 1945

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Employment of an Italian Soldier.

PBS. 4700

TO : Senior Officer, Military Mission, Italian Army.

1. Inclosed herewith for your information is one copy of report of investigation, office of the Inspector General, this Headquarters, dated 26 January 1945, file SPINE 333.5, subject: "Investigation of report of alleged unauthorized employment of an Italian soldier by 1st Lt. Gilbert H. Short."

2. With reference to par. 15 a of Recommendations, attached report, charges are being preferred against 1st Lt. Short for trial by court martial.

For the Commanding Officer:

F. F. Nichel
F. F. NICHOL
Lt. Col., A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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Report of Inv., Office
of the IG, dtd 26 Jan 45.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Inspector General
APO 782

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BPINS 333.5

26 January 1945

SUBJECT: Investigation of report of alleged unauthorized employment of an Italian soldier by First Lieutenant Gilbert H. Short.

TO : Commanding Officer, Headquarters Peninsular Base Section, A.P.O. No. 782, U. S. Army.
(THRU: Chief of Staff, Peninsular Base Section).

1. This investigation was conducted 21-23 January 1945, at Leghorn, Italy, by Colonel Herbert V. Scanlan, I.G.D., pursuant to instructions of the Chief of Staff, Peninsular Base Section, received 19 January 1945. (See Exhibit "A").

2. The subject matter investigated contained in radiogram No. 2023 received 18 January 1945 from the Military Mission Italian Army, to Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section is quoted herewith;

"CONFIDENTIAL. INFORMATION U.S. LT GILBERT H. SHORT OF PBS SIGNALS HAS TAKEN TO LEGHORN ITALIAN SOLDIER SORDU CELESTINO OF ITALIAN RTO NAPLES AFTER HAVING BEEN REFUSED PBS AUTHORITY AND OVER PROTEST OF ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. REQUEST INVESTIGATION AND RETURN OF SOLDIER TO PROPER STATION FROM WHICH HE IS NOW ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE." (See Exhibit "B").

3. First Lieutenant Gilbert H. Short, Signal Corps, 2686th Prisoner of War Administrative Company, is on detached service with the Provost Marshal, Peninsular Base Section. Among his duties are the maintenance of radios and batteries used by members of the Corps of Military Police. In the same building in Naples in which the shop was located was also an Italian Army installation. (Exhibit "C" - 3, 4, 5). 282

4. It appears that during May 1944, Private Sordu Celestino of the Italian Army came into Lieutenant Short's radio shop. He showed a liking for the American soldiers employed in the shop and asked if he could work there. Lieutenant Short arranged to put him on the employment payroll and Celestino was paid United States funds. (Exhibit "C" - 14, 79)(Exhibit "E" - 109, 114).

5. Celestino continued to work in the shop from May until the middle of December 1944. He started to perform menial tasks such as sweeping and cleaning out, but later on, due to his abilities, was performing more important and useful service in the shop. During this time Celestino was given a bed and was quartered with Lieutenant Short's detachment of American soldiers.

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Celestino was also permitted to daily consume American "B" rations, which are not authorized for Italian soldiers. (Exhibit "C" - 5, 6, 7, 14, 44, 45, 82)(Exhibit "D" - 92, 95)(Exhibit "E" - 118).

6. It appears that Lieutenant Short employed Celestino in his shop without asking any inquiry as to his status. It was not until six or seven months later that he discovered that Celestino was a member of the Italian Army. No effort was made by Lieutenant Short or anyone else to check Celestino's status from a military intelligence standpoint. (Exhibit "C" - 18, 20, 21, 25)(Exhibit "E" - 113).

7. In December 1944, Lieutenant Short's detachment was ordered to change station from Naples to Leghorn. Lieutenant Short was desirous of taking Celestino along with him. It was then that he discovered that the Italian was a soldier and belonged to the unit which was installed in the same building in which his shop was located in Naples. Lieutenant Short then asked Celestino's Commanding Officer if he might take Celestino to Leghorn. The Italian officer, whose name Lieutenant Short does not recall, stated that he could go provided a replacement was made available. He advised Lieutenant Short to submit a written request to take the soldier north. Before reply was received to this communication, Lieutenant Short moved his detachment and took Celestino with him to Leghorn. Lieutenant Short denies that he took Celestino away over the protests of the Italian authorities, because he claims he understood the Italian officer to state that the filing of the written request was sufficient to permit Celestino to go even though no replacement was obtained at the time. Lieutenant Short does not speak Italian and the Italian officer does not speak English. They carried on their conversation through the employment of an interpreter. Celestino stated, when asked if he had obtained permission from his Commanding Officer to go to Livorno, that his Commanding Officer said to wait two days and I will see. But, Celestino did not wait two days. He departed with the American Detachment. Celestino is a young man and appears to have been confused as to whether he should take orders from Lieutenant Short or his own Italian officers. Celestino stated that the colonel who was in command of his Italian Unit told him that he could not transfer to the American Detachment but he said one colonel who was in command at an earlier date told him that he could so transfer. (Exhibit "C" - 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35)(Exhibit "D" - 91, 104, 105, 107).

8. No firm evidence could be discovered to indicate that Lieutenant Short took Private Sordu Celestino away from Naples over the direct protests of Italian authorities. On the other hand, evidence does not indicate clearly that Lieutenant Short obtained definite permission to take the soldier north with him. Lieutenant Short took no steps to inform his immediate superior, the Provost Marshal, Peninsular Base Section, of his intention of taking Celestino to Leghorn. The Provost Marshal who had supervisory, administrative control over Lieutenant Short's detachment failed during these many months to appraise himself of the irregular contractual relationship involving Celestino, nor was he aware that Lieutenant Short had taken Celestino to Leghorn. (Exhibit "C" - 39, 89).

9. On or about 24 December 1944, Lieutenant Short received a directive from the Italian Liaison Officer, PENBASE SOUTH, that Celestino be re-

turned to his organization at Naples. Lieutenant Short failed to heed this directive. Celestino was not returned to his organization until 23 January 1945, and then only by direct action of the Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section. Lieutenant Short cited reasons for his failure to send Celestino back, among which was the fact that he was anticipating sending a weapons-carrier vehicle to Naples in the near future and then mechanical difficulties delayed the plan. Also, Lieutenant Short stated that he was at the time employing Celestino on some important work. (Exhibit "C" - 38, 39, 52, 58, 59, 60, 63, 64).

10. Celestino was issued by Lieutenant Short's detachment certain articles of uniform such as fatigue clothes and shoes, issued and intended for use by American troops only. There was no authority for such issues. (Exhibit "D" - 93)(Exhibit "E" - 119).

11. There appears to be no other motive involved in the taking of Celestino to Leghorn other than Lieutenant Short's desire to utilize his services in his shop. (Exhibit "C" - 76, 77, 78).

12. The Peninsular Base Section Labor Officer, Base Purchasing Agent Section, has no retained records of the employment of this Italian. Such records are not maintained of any such contracts of hire. The Labor Officer stated that the Base Labor Office did not check up or screen any applicants for work unless specifically requested to do so. Such check-up was then conducted by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, for security measures only. Later, all office workers were screened for security reasons. Otherwise applicants for common labor jobs such as is represented in this case, are hired without any check-up, and no record, other than payrolls are maintained for them. These payrolls are filed in the office of the official for whom the applicant works and in the office of the paying disbursing officer. Applicants are not asked by the Labor Officer if they are members of the Italian Army. Since 6 January 1945 that part of the PENBASE Labor Office operating in the Leghorn area have been, in cooperation with AMG, interviewing all applicants for work. No security check-up is undertaken of the applicants for labor jobs, other than office workers, in the Naples area.

13. Private Sordu Celestino, Italian Army, was returned to his organization 23 January 1945.

14. CONCLUSIONS. It is concluded -

a. That Lieutenant Gilbert H. Short, Signal Corps, 2686th Prisoner of War Administrative Company, failed to display the amount of common sense and judgement which might reasonably be expected of an officer of his grade and experience when he hired Private Sordu Celestino, member of the Italian Army, without making inquiry as to the man's status.

b. That Lieutenant Gilbert H. Short, Signal Corps, 2686th Prisoner of War Administrative Company, without authority did permit Private Sordu Celestino to partake of American rations over a period of months.

c. That Lieutenant Gilbert H. Short, Signal Corps, 2686th Prisoner of War Administrative Company, did without authority cause American Army articles of clothing to be issued and used by Private Sordu Celestino.

d. That Lieutenant Gilbert H. Short, Signal Corps, 2686th Prisoner of War Administrative Company, after having received lawful order to return Private Sordu Celestino to Naples, did without sufficient cause, fail to take proper measures to insure compliance, retaining Private Sordu Celestino in his detachment for some 29 days.

15. RECOMMENDATIONS. It is recommended -

a. That First Lieutenant Gilbert H. Short, O-4031484, Signal Corps, 2686th Prisoner of War Administrative Company, be tried by court martial.

b. That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Senior Officer, Military Mission Italian Army.

/s/ Herbert V. Scanlan
HERBERT V. SCANLAN
Colonel, I. C. D.
Inspector General, PBS

6 Incls:

- Incl. 1 - Routing slip fr C/S to IG dtd 18 Jan 45, marked Exhibit "A".
- Incl. 2 - Radiogram No. 2023, dtd 18 Jan 45, marked Exhibit "B".
- Incl. 3 - Sworn testimony of 1st Lt Gilbert H. Short, S.C., on D/S PM Section, PBS, marked Exhibit "C".
- Incl. 4 - Testimony of Sordu Celestino, Italian Army, marked Exhibit "D".
- Incl. 5 - Sworn testimony of Cpl Darrell E. Olsen, 139th MP Co.
- Incl. 6 - Ltr dtd 19 Jan 45 to PM fr Lt Gilbert H. Short, S.C., subject "Italian Soldier on Detached Service with the Communications Section", marked Exhibit "F".

APPROVED: 19 JANUARY 1945

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/s/ Francis H. Orr
FRANCIS H. ORR
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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(1) For investigation and report.

(2) Leaf is initiating steps to return ITI to his command.

(3) I have ack'd radio.

(4) Copy of report to be sent to NMIA

A TRUE COPY:

Edwin S. Martin
EDWIN S. MARTIN
Captain, I. G. D.

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18 JANUARY 1945

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CO PBS
(INFORMATION) : PENSOUTH
FROM : MMIA
DATE TIME SIGNED : 180930A
DATE TIME REC'D : 181146A
REFERENCE NR. : AQ-2583
CITE : NONE

CONFIDENTIAL. INFORMATION U.S. LT GILBERT H. SHORT OF PBS SIGNALS HAS TAKEN TO LEGHORN ITALIAN SOLDIER SOROU GELASTINO OF ITALIAN RTO NAPLES AFTER HAVING BEEN REFUSED PBS AUTHORITY AND OVER PROTEST OF ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. REQUEST INVESTIGATION AND RETURN OF SOLDIER TO PROPER STATION FROM WHICH HE IS NOW ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.

ACTION : SECY
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EDWIN S. MARTIN
Captain, I.O.D.

EXHIBIT "B"

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GILBERT H. SHORT, First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, ASN O-4031484, on Detached Service with Provost Marshal Section, Peninsular Base Section, Communications Officer, appeared before Colonel Herbert V. Scanlan, I.C.D., Inspector General, Peninsular Base Section, on 22 January 1945, was sworn and warned of his constitutional rights under the 24th Article of War and testified as follows:

1. Q. Do you know Italian soldier Sardu Celestino?
A. Yes sir.
2. Q. Where did you first see him?
A. In Naples.
3. Q. When?
A. About May 1944.
4. Q. What was the occasion of your meeting with him?
A. He was working in the American radio maintenance shop.
5. Q. What was he doing?
A. He was assisting the radio maintenance personnel on various odd jobs in the radio shop. At that time he was doing mostly menial tasks around the maintenance shop.
6. Q. Has he developed into a more useful employee since then?
A. Yes sir.
7. Q. What does he do now?
A. He has charge of all motors and batteries.
8. Q. How old a man is this soldier?
A. About 18 or 19.
9. Q. Is he married?
A. I don't believe so sir.
10. Q. Do you know?
A. I don't know, but he once said he had a girl in Sardinia.
11. Q. Where do his folks live?
A. Sardinia.

12. q. He came from Sardinia then?

a. Yes sir.

13. q. Is he a member of the regular Italian Army?

a. Yes sir.

14. q. How did he happen to work in the radio maintenance shop?

a. Sir, he was with the R.T.O. (Railway Transportation Office) which had their office right next door to our shop. He met all the men and became good friends with all of them. It seems that he didn't have many duties to perform next door so he was spending more time with us at this time than he was spending next door. As a matter of fact, he was not in uniform at the time. He was wearing civilian clothes and we needed a civilian helper to sweep up and keep the place clean and if possible to develop some abilities in him for helping around the shop so we kept him on and he slept with the maintenance personnel down about two doors away and we gave him fatigue clothes and quartered him.

15. q. Who was the commanding officer of this particular American unit referred to?

a. I was working with the Metropolitan Area, Naples, commanded by Brigadier General Immel.

16. q. Who were you working for?

a. I was working for him.

17. q. What were your duties around May 1944?

a. Signal Officer, Metropolitan Area, Naples.

18. q. Did you know at that time that by making proper application to proper authorities that you could get nearly all the civilian employees that you wanted who would be paid by the United States Government?

a. I had a vague notion that I could.

19. q. You stated before that this man was a soldier; that he was working next door and that you did not know whether he belonged to a unit or not. How does that happen?

a. That was simply because he was dressed in civilian clothes.

20. q. Weren't you moved to inquire as to how he got in your unit?

a. No sir.

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21. q. Weren't you moved to have the G-2 check up on him?
- a. No sir, at that time he had a book on Italian actives in driving the Germans from Naples and his name was included several times in the book and I felt that that alone was enough.
22. q. Did his commanding officer ever inquire as to where he was?
- a. No sir, his commanding officer never did.
23. q. How do you know that?
- a. When it came time to come up here he said that I would have to ask his commanding officer to get permission for him to come up here. That was when Headquarters Peninsular Base Section moved to Leghorn.
24. q. Did you move with Peninsular Base Section Headquarters to Leghorn?
- a. Yes sir.
25. q. Is this soldier in the regular Italian Army?
- a. I didn't know then that he was in the regular Italian Army. As far as I knew he was on Detached Service. At that time he said that he had to report to an army officer and get permission to move up here.
26. q. What date did you move up here?
- a. About 15 December 1944.
27. q. Then from the middle of May until the middle of December -- seven months -- this Sardu Celestino was employed by you in your radio maintenance shop on various duties and during that time you did not inquire as to his status in the Italian Army?
- a. No sir. I did ask him where his mother and father were and he told me Sarinina and he gave me their names and address.
28. q. Did you ever ask the American authorities, G-2, for a check up on this man?
- a. No sir.
29. q. It wasn't until December that you found out that the man was connected with an Italian unit and had to have permission to move to Leghorn, is that correct?
- a. Yes sir.

30. q. Did you ever talk to his commanding officer before the move up here?

a. Yes sir.

31. q. On how many occasions?

a. Twice.

32. q. Was the subject of your conversations Sardu Celestino?

a. Yes sir.

33. q. When did you first find out that this Italian soldier needed permission to move up here?

a. About the fifth of December Sardu told me that he had to have his commanding officers permission to move up here.

34. q. Were you surprised to find that he was a member of an Italian Army unit?

a. Yes sir.

35. q. So you spoke to his commanding officer, is that right?

a. Yes sir. He said that he would have to have a replacement for him and that the only way for him to get a replacement was for me to ask him to release Sardu and put it in writing so I wrote to his commanding officer asking permission for Sardu to go to Leghorn and he said that it would be all right to take Sardu. I don't know the exact date, I think it was about 27 December, I went back to Naples and after I returned the Liaison Officer, P.B.S., informed me that he had to be returned.

36. q. Why did he have to be returned?

a. He was in an Italian unit.

37. q. Why didn't his commanding officer tell you that?

a. I don't know.

38. q. After the Italian Captain gave you permission to take him to Leghorn you were informed by the Liaison Officer, P.B.S., that the soldier was not permitted to be taken up here, is that correct?

a. Yes sir.

39. q. Did you get authority from you immediate superior, the Provost Marshal, P.B.S., to take Sardu to Leghorn?

a. No sir.

40. q. Did you feel that it was necessary to do so?
- a. Yes sir. We had a hard time getting help and I wanted to get as many as possible from the shop to Leghorn as I knew there would be no radio maintenance up here.
41. q. Was there an order then from P.B.S. that no civilians would be taken North?
- a. Not to my knowledge.
42. q. Did you think that the Provost Marshal would not have approved of you taking this soldier up here?
- a. No sir, I think that he would have approved it.
43. q. But you didn't think it necessary to ask him, is that right?
- a. Yes sir.
44. q. What did Sardu eat?
- a. He ate American food with the American soldiers sir.
45. q. Did he sleep in the barracks or bivouac area with the detachment all the time you were in Naples?
- a. Yes sir.
46. q. How many American soldiers slept there?
- a. At the beginning there were three and later on one of them left that slept in the room and in addition there were two more who were billeted with their organization.
47. q. Who were the two men who slept near the maintenance shop?
- a. T/5 Olsen and Pfc. Bobinski.
48. q. Are they still with you up here?
- a. Yes sir.
49. q. Where did you sleep or billet while in Naples?
- a. Mostly at the Terminus Hotel and when I went on temporary duty I slept with the unit up in the Vomero.
49. q. Did you ever sleep down in the room near the maintenance shop?
- a. No sir.

50. q. Where do you sleep here?

a. At the junior officers' billet.

51. q. What was the approximate date that you found out that Sardu should not have been brought to Livorno?

a. About 23 December sir.

52. q. Who told you?

a. I received a buck slip from the Italian Liaison Officer, PENBASE South.

53. q. Who is that?

a. I don't know sir, I believe that it was only initialed.

54. q. What did it say?

a. It returned my request to the Italian commanding officer and said that my request was irregular and disapproved and that I was to return Sardu to his unit.

55. q. Had you requested authority from P.B.S. to bring Sardu up here?

a. No sir.

56. q. Did any person representing the Italian Army protest your taking him away from Naples?

a. No sir, only the protest of his commanding officer that I make a written request and after I had done that he said it was alright.

57. q. And you were not obliged to wait for a written reply to that request?

a. No sir.

58. q. On 24 December you received the buck slip. It is now 22 January, nearly 1 month's time and you have not yet complied with the directive contained in the buck slip, is that correct?

a. Yes sir.

59. q. What is the reason that you have not returned Sardu Celestino to his unit as yet?

a. There have been a number of reasons, among them lack of transportation. At this particular time we were given an important assignment that should have been finished shortly and on the strength of that and that the truck would be available pending the completion of this job at which time I thought I would be able to take him to Naples.

60. q. What transportation and what truck are you referring to?

60. q. (continued)

a. There is a truck on memorandum receipt to the Maintenance Section of the Communications Section of the Provost Marshals's Office.

61. q. What kind of a truck?

a. A three-quarter ton weapons-carrier.

62. q. That is assigned to your section, is that right?

a. Yes sir.

63. q. Is that the only way you could get this soldier back to Naples?

a. No sir.

64. q. Why?

a. Because there are many other vehicles other than my own making trips down south.

65. q. Could you have sent him down on some other vehicle?

a. Yes sir, I checked up but I found that at that time most vehicles were coming north to P.B.S., and very few were going down south.

66. q. Explain just what efforts you made to secure transportation other than your own weapons carrier?

a. Well sir, I kept my ears open for word of a vehicle going south.

67. q. Did you enter the Italian soldier's name with proper authority in higher headquarters requesting transportation as you should have done?

a. No sir.

68. q. Why not?

a. I felt that my vehicle would be ready to go down soon.

69. q. But it is a month later and the vehicle is still not free, is that right?

a. No sir.

70. q. When was it free?

a. Around the first of the month but I felt that it needed repair before making the trip.

71. q. Did anyone ever tell you to see that this soldier was returned?
- a. Yes sir, the Provost Marshal.
72. q. What did he say?
- a. He told me to see that the matter was taken care of.
73. q. Did it occur to you that this Italian soldier might be carried as a deserter from his unit?
- a. No sir, because I went to Naples around the 24, 25 or 26th of December and I told his commanding officer what the story was and that I had been directed to return him.
74. q. Did his commanding officer inform you that it was necessary to return the soldier?
- a. Yes sir.
75. q. Does Sardu speak English?
- a. Fairly well sir. He understands it better than he speaks it.
76. q. If Sardu had any sexual attraction for any man or if any man had sexual attraction for Sardu would you know it?
- a. I believe I would sir.
77. q. Is there any hint of such?
- a. Not to my knowledge. Down in Naples the men and he were merely very good friends, especially with one man who has since left for France and I don't believe that there was any thing like that between those two. He has been with us since then and he has become very good friends with other men in the organization and there isn't any femininity about it.
78. q. Then the great desire to have this man come up from Naples was the desire to have him continue on his work that he was doing?
- a. Yes sir. He had complete charge then of motors and batteries and it was a full time job.
79. q. Did the American government pay him for this work?
- a. Yes sir.
80. q. When was he first put on the payroll?
- a. I don't remember sir but another civilian in the shop started to work shortly after Sardu and he and Sardu were put on the payroll at the same time. I don't remember the date but Sardu got the lowest rate that the two got.

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81. Q. Did this other civilian also eat American rations with the soldiers?
- A. No sir. He tried the soup line for awhile but he didn't like it so he brought his own bread, meat etc.
82. Q. But Sardu continued to eat with American soldiers?
- A. Yes sir.
83. Q. There is an official communication here that states that you took Sardu over the protests of Italian authorities?
- A. They made no protest to me.
84. Q. This same document states also that you moved Sardu from Naples to Leghorn "after having been refused P.B.S. authority"?
- A. P.B.S. did not notify me until after Sardu was up here that it was disapproved.
85. Q. Can you offer any proof or evidence to substantiate these statements?
- A. I cannot offer no more proof than if I were asked for a deck of cards which was given me which I no longer have. I have no evidence from them. I have no proof that they made a request that I leave him there prior to my taking Sardu.
86. Q. Did Sardu's commanding officer at Naples speak English?
- A. No sir.
87. Q. Did you have an interpreter when you talked with him about taking Sardu to Livorno?
- A. Yes sir.
88. Q. Italian or American?
- A. American.
89. Q. Could there have been a misunderstanding as to what you wanted -- as to whether you could take the soldier before your letter was finally acted upon?
- A. Yes sir, there could have been.
90. Q. Is there anything further you wish to add to this testimony?
- A. Only that Sardu and the truck are ready to go and have been ready since yesterday.

SARDO CELESTINO, 39th Infantry Regiment, Italian Army, E.T.O., appeared before Colonel Herbert V. Scanlan, I.G.D., Inspector General, Peninsular Base Section, on 22 January 1945, and testified as follows:

91. q. Did you get permission from your commanding officer to come to Livorno?
- a. He said wait two days and I will see but I did not wait two days.
92. q. Did you eat American food the same as the American soldiers ate during the time you worked for Lieutenant Short?
- a. Yes.
93. q. Did you wear articles of the American uniform such as fatigue clothes and shoes?
- a. Yes sir.
94. q. Do you like your work with the Americans?
- a. Yes.
95. q. Do you sleep with American soldiers?
- a. Yes sir.
96. q. Which one American do you like the most?
- a. Corporal Olsen.
97. q. Was Lieutenant Short nice to you?
- a. Yes.
98. q. Did any American ever suggest any sexual immoral acts?
- a. No sir, they never did.
99. q. Are you married?
- a. No sir.
100. q. Do you have a sweetheart?
- a. Before but not now.
101. q. Do you like the girls?
- a. Not too much, there is too much venereal disease.

102. q. Did any of your Italian officers communicate with you since you have been here in Livorno?

a. No sir.

103. q. Did you think that you were deserting your regiment when you came away with the Americans to Livorno?

a. I didn't know that I was doing that.

104. q. In Naples if you received an order from your own Italian commander and also one from Lieutenant Short which one did you obey?

a. Lieutenant Short.

105. q. Were you transferred then from the Italian Army to the American Army in Naples?

a. No, I did not get transferred.

106. q. Did you ask you officer to be transferred?

a. The colonel who was in command then said no but the colonel who was there before told me that I could transfer.

107. q. Do you think you did wrong in coming up here and leaving your regiment?

a. I don't know.

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DARRELL E. OLSEN, Corporal, ASN 6824645, 139th Military Police Company, in charge of M.P. Radio Maintenance Shop, Provost Marshal's Section, PEBASE, appeared before Colonel Herbert V. Scanlan, I.G.D., Inspector General, PEBASE, on 22 January 1944, was sworn and warned of his constitutional rights under the 24th Article of War and testified as follows:

108. q. Do you know the Italian soldier Sardu Celestino?
a. I do.
109. q. Approximately how long have you known him?
a. Since about the latter part of May -- nearly eight months.
110. q. Has he been working with you during that time?
a. He has been on duty at my shop in charge of maintaining motors and batteries.
111. q. Is he a good worker?
a. Very good -- excellent.
112. q. How does it happen that you got an Italian soldier assigned to your command, can anyone do that?
a. Not to my knowledge.
113. q. Do you know how it was arranged that this soldier could come to work for you?
a. At that particular time I didn't know that he was a soldier as he was wearing civilian clothes. He asked for a job so we put him to work.
114. q. On the civilian pay scale?
a. Yes sir.
115. q. On what scale of pay?
a. Eighty cents a day.
116. q. How did you feed him?
a. He was drawing ration coupons.
117. q. Did he go that right along all the time?
a. Yes sir.
118. q. He didn't eat with your mess all the time?

118. q. (continued)
- a. No, very little, but since we have been in Leghorn he does not draw any ration coupons so he has been eating with out detachment mess.
119. q. Have you issued him any American Army clothing?
- a. We drew fatigues and one uniform for him.
120. q. That was approximately when?
- a. Very shortly after he begin working for us.
121. q. Shoes also?
- a. No sir, we took his shoes in for repair.
122. q. Did Sardu sleep with your detachment in the billet where they were supposed to sleep?
- a. Yes sir.
123. q. Has anything since you have known this soldier arisen which would cause you to suspect that this soldier might be engaging in acts of a perverted sexual nature?
- a. None whatever.
124. q. And he slept near you and you would know?
- a. Yes sir.
125. q. Why did you bring this Italian soldier up here from Naples when you moved?
- a. He asked the Lieutenant if he could come along and the Lieutenant submitted a request.
126. q. What about his connection with the Italian Army -- was that taken into consideration?
- a. There was a letter submitted requesting him.
127. q. Did you see it come back approved?
- a. No sir.
128. q. Did you know that he was a soldier in the Italian Army?
- a. No sir.

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129. Q. Do you know whether anybody in P.R.S. protested the taking of this Italian soldier from Naples to Leghorn?
- A. No sir.
130. Q. Did you ever hear of or know of any protest by the Italian authorities about taking him here?
- A. No sir.
131. Q. Is there anything further that you would like to add to your testimony?
- A. Not as far as I can see sir.

HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
Office of the Provost Marshal
APO 782

GHS/

19 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Italian Soldier on Detached Service with the Communications Section.

TO : Provost Marshal, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782.

1. Reference Sardu Celestino, following is the record in placing this man on Detached Service with the Communications Section and in retaining him after notification had been received that his services were unauthorized:
 - a. On 4 Dec 44 permission was requested in writing to and was granted verbally by his C.O., the Commanding Officer, Military Station, Italian R.T.O., Naples, placing Pvt. Celestino on Detached Service with the Communications Section, Provost Marshal Section, in Leghorn.
 - b. On 23 Dec 44 this request was returned to this Section disapproved by the PBS Liaison Section, wherein it was directed that Pvt. Celestino be returned to his unit in Naples.
 - c. On 24 Dec 44, motor transportation not being available, and in connection with my official duties, I flew by airplane to Naples, where I was informed directly by the PBS Liaison Section that Pvt. Celestino had to return to his unit.
 - d. Upon my return to Leghorn on 27 Dec 44, I found that the vehicle assigned this Section could not be spared for a trip to Naples at that time but would be available shortly.
 - e. On 11 Jan 45 the vehicle was available and orders were issued authorizing a trip to Naples on 13 Jan 45, but on that date the vehicle was found inoperative and the trip was delayed for repairs.
 - f. At this date the vehicle is back in service and available for the trip, and it is proposed to return Pvt. Celestino on or about 20 Jan 45.
2. This officer takes full responsibility for the means whereby Pvt. Celestino was placed on Detached Service and for the delay in returning him to his unit.
 - a. In explanation for the irregularities involved, Pvt. Celes-

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2. a. (cont'd)

tino had been eating, sleeping and working with personnel in the Communications Section for four months prior to the request that he be placed on Detached Service and, during that period, had made several trips to Rome and Leghorn with the Maintenance Section to assist them with their duties.

- b. On 27 Dec 44 this Section was given an urgent mission to perform and was ordered by the Provost Marshal to spare no efforts in fulfilling it; it was estimated that the task would take a week to complete; the actual time required was two weeks and, as the vehicle assigned this Section could not be spared during that period, it was decided to temporarily retain Pvt. Celestino, whose services were urgently required.

/s/ Gilbert H. Short
GILBERT H. SHORT
1st Lt., Sig. C.
Communications O.

A TRUE COPY:


EDWIN S. MARTIN
Captain, I.C.D.

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Subject:- Discipline.

M/Q 11/3
11/✓ Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
Ref LO/G11.

30 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
M. M. I. A. R.O M E.

1. Will you please transmit these to appropriate Italian Military authorities for their prompt disposal action.

2. I have no record of their locations.

M. Brown
Capt.
MMIA LO., 1 District.

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Translation

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From: H of W
To: HMIA

AG 11/3

Ref: 102 653/I
117.4.1

Date: 30 Jan. 1945

Subject: A.W.O.L.'s from TRANI Camp.

Re: AG 11/3 dated 2 inst. — 95 not fact

According to HMIA directives we have immediately taken measures for the military A.W.O.L. from the TRANI Camp.

This Ministry is unable, however, to submit the requested report to HMIA by the 31 inst, since the already difficult communications have been further hindered in the ABKV 221, in which zone most of the a/m deserters live, by the abundant snowfall.

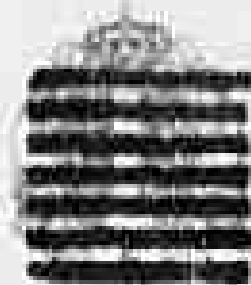
We shall therefore forward the requested data as soon as received from the Resp Hqs. —

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1a LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Numero 102653/I
Data 117-4-1

Ripetuto al f. del

OGGETTO Assenti arbitrari dal Campo di Trani.

Risp. AQ/11/3 data 2 corr.

In relazione a quanto segnalato da codesta Sottocommissione fu subito disposto per l'arresto dei militari assentatisi arbitrariamente dal Campo di Trani.

Però, questo Ministero non può rimettere a codesta Sottocommissione il rapporto richiesto per il 31 corrente, perchè le comunicazioni, già difficili, sono state grandemente ostacolate negli Abruzzi, zona in cui risiedono quasi tutti i disertori indianti, dalle abbondanti nevicate.

Si fa quindi riserva di trasmettere i dati richiesti non appena perverranno dai comandi interessati.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Subject:- Absentees Cremona Gruppo.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/11/3

30 Jan 45.

H.Q. MTCUSA
APO 512
U.S. Army.

Refer your 1st Ind AGO91.711/012 A.C.

1. This H.Q. has been informed that as yet neither of the two absentees reported in our AQ/11/3 of 26 Dec/44 have rejoined their Units.

2. Request hastening action.

82 1st packet.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SP/ab

See folio 195/1 2799

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Subject :- Absentees

To :-
ROMIA

51 British Liaison Unit

A 6/1

Ref your A 11/5 of 21 Nov 44.

Info is now to hand from CREMONA Gp which verifies
the unit as being

2255 R E F RASC
Via Ferdinando d'Aragona
Barletta

Field
28 Jan 45
WVH/RET

Major
DAA & QMG

Lee Folio 170
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From Min. of War

Ref. 102593/1

To MM44

Date Jan 20, 1948

Subject Desertion of St. Military

Ref. AQ/11/3 dated Dec. 16, 1944.

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1st fact AQ 11/3

I report, for the action that MM44 may care to take, that on Jan. 20 the following military, natives of VENEZIA GIULIA, and all belonging to the 1st Bn of 60th Inf. Regt., while on guard at the COSENZA nation's warehouse and COSENZA forage warehouse, deserted, taking along their weapons and blankets.

1. Pvt. GKURINCIO MICHELE, born at ADRSEA 150120 on Oct. 27, 1904.

2. Pvt. RIESNICAR GIOVANNI, born at S. ANDREA DI GORIZIA on Sept. 9, 1907. 2791

3. Pvt. NEVREEN MIRBSLAYO, born at RVERTODINO - March 27, 1925

4. Pvt. POZZARI ANDREA. born at CASTIVUECHI on May 24, 1925

5. Pvt. RUDZ MARIO born at CERRETO STRIANO on Sept 15, 1923

Calabria
or SardiniaH.F.H.O.
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6. Pvt KRECIE STANISLAW born at
ALDOSSIA on Sept 19, 1921
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at ABESCHI on May 1, 1913
8. Pvt. SIDARI ANTONIO born at
MONTMALLATI on July 17, 1920
9. Pvt. PIRIK GIOVANNI born at
LA CIVILIA CATTALU
on June 9, 1913.

We have reason to believe
that the military deserted
with the intent of enlisting
in the Yugoslav Army

cpl. V.B.


Sgt. CASATI

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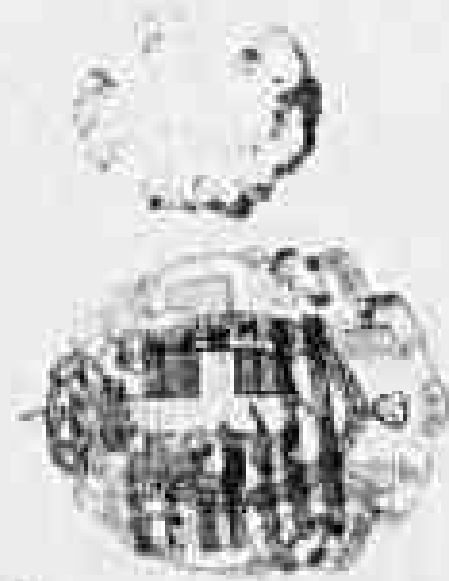
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Lgt CASATI

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Cabinetto

Cod. 102593

Allegato

Roma

28 GEN 1945

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OGGETTO

Divisione di militari italiani

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Divisione di Italiani

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUR COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

1944
 Rif. foglio 23/11/3 al 15 dicembre 1944 di questa sottocommissione

Segnalo, per l'azione che questa Sottocommissione vorrà svolgere, che il 20 settembre 1944, nativi della Venezia Giulia, tutti appartenenti al 1° battaglione del 60° Reggimento Fanteria, mentre erano di guerra al Magazzino viveri e al Magazzino Foraggio di Gosenza, si trovavano portando seco le armi e le coltette.

- 1°) - Fante GERRICIO Mionele fu Giovanni e fu S. LADRI MARCO e Rita, nato il 27.10.1906 in Adria sca isonzo;
- 2°) - Fante VESNICAR Giovanni di Giovanni e di MARIA ANNA nata il 16.5.1907 S. Andrea di Gorizia
- 3°) - Fante STEVANEL Miroslavo di Francesco e di EUSEBIAK viandina nato 27.3.1925 Verbania
- 4°) - Fante POLZANI Andrea di FRIMERY Maria nato 26.5.1924 Casale
- 5°) - Fante RUDZ Mario fu Giuseppe e di CESARE CAROLINA 27.9.1923 S. Pietro Isoriano

ALL THE LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.F.I.A.)

R O M A

1944
RIF. 20.11.10 AR/11/3 al 16 dicembre 1944 di solista sottocommissione

Segnalo, per l'azione che questa sottocommissione vorrà svolgere, che il 20 gennaio 1944, tutti appartenenti al 1° battaglione della Venezia Giulia, tutti appartenenti al 1° battaglione del 60° Reggimento Fanteria, mentre erano in guerra al Maresciallo Viviani e al Maresciallo Formaggio di Caranza, si battevano portavano seco le armi e le coorte.

- 1°) - Fante GEMINIO Michele di Giovanni e di LADARI Maria e Rita, nato il 27.10.1906 in Anzecca Leonzo;
- 2°) - Fante RIBENICAR Giovanni di Giovanni e di LADARI Anna nata il 16.5.1907 S. Anna di Ruzica;
- 3°) - Fante NEVNIK Miroslav di Francesco e di VERBODAK Ugo, nata il 27.3.1925 Verbodino;
- 4°) - Fante ROZZARI Andrea di PRINZI Maria nato 26.5.1925 Castiglione;
- 5°) - Fante RUDZ Mario di Ruzica e di CESARI Carolina nata il 15.9.1923 Cerreto Isuriano;
- 6°) - Fante ERASIO Stanislav di Bartolomeo e di CANTARA Maria nato 19.3.1921 Alghero;
- 7°) - Fante RIMARZ Angelo di Giuseppe e di VERBODAK Anna nata 1.5.1913 Agese;
- 8°) - Fante SIGARI Antonio di Giovanni e di CANTARA Santina nato 17.7.1920 Montebelluna;
- 9°) - Fante RIMARZ Giovanni di Giovanni e di RIVOLA Agnese nato 2.6.1913 Lucavizza Canale

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 27th January 1945
Ref. : AFSC/R/708/Pl

AX 11/3
27/1

AVIARE SCALTO MAROGNA FRANCESCO

Herewith report received from 200 Provost Company
C.M.P. Police, through MMIA on the above.

2. It is requested that this may be dealt with and
any award of punishment advised to this Sub Commission.



J.G. WHITE, P/IT,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Copy to :

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AVIERO SCALTO MARGNA FRANCESCO

Herewith report received from 200 Provost Company

C.M.P. Police, through MMIA on the above.

2. It is requested that this may be dealt with and any award of punishment advised to this Sub Commission.

[Signature]

J.G. WHITE, P/OT,

for AIR VICE-MARSHAL,

AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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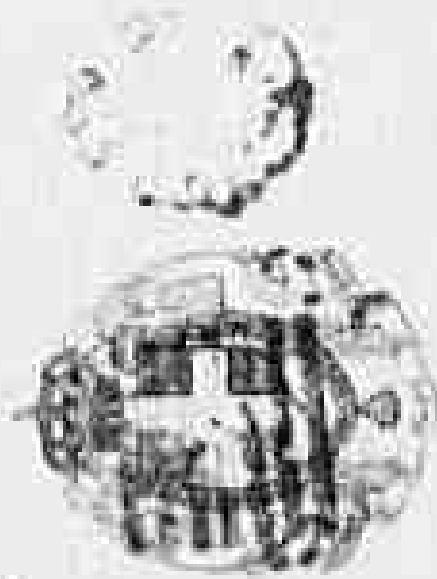
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Letter AQ/11/3 dated 25th Jan. refers

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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Aut. 102593 L. Allegato

Roma, 28 GEN 1945

Proposta al F. M.

Gen. 15

Oggetto: Direzione di militari italiani

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Divisione di Stato M. M.

Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.I.I.A.)

28/1745

ROMA

PIR. P. LIO AQ/11/3 al 16 dicembre 1944 Al codesta Sottocommissione

segnalo, per l'azione che codesta Sottocommissione vorrà svolgere, che il 20 36 40 i sottoposti militari, nativi della Venezia Giulia, tutti appartenenti al 1° battaglione del 60° Reggimento Fanteria, mentre erano di guerra al Magazzino Vivieri e al Magazzino Foraggio di Cadenza, disertavano portando seco le armi e le munizioni.

- 1°) - Fante GHERI LEO Michele fu Giovanni e fu S. DATA Mario e Rita, nato il 27.10.1906 in Aste 503 Leonzo;
- 2°) - Fante PIESNICKAR Giovanni fu Giovanni e di RADA Anna nata il 14.9.1907 S. Andrea di GORIZIA
- 3°) - Fante REVEREN Mircoelavo fu Francesco e di BESSENIAK Plutina nato 27.3.1925 Verbovino
- 4°) - Fante POZZANI Andrea di PREMIER Maria nato 26.5.1926 Caselle

50) - Fante PIERRE Mario fu PIERRE e di PIERRE Maria

Desertion of Italian 1141

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ALL THE LAKE FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.A.I.A.)

R O M A

MILITARY NO 142/11/3 al 16 dicembre 1944 ¹⁴⁴⁴ al conasta sottocommissione

Segnalo, per l'azione che codesta Sottocommissione vorrà svolgere, che il 20 gennaio i sottoposti militari, nativi della Venezia Giulia, tutti intervenuti al 1° settembre del 600 a Belmonte Venetia, mentre erano in guerra al fronte di Viveri e al Reggimento Foraggio di Genova, allearono portando seco le armi e le coltelle.

- 1°) - Pante GABRIELLO Michele di Giovanni e fu S. MARIA Maria e nica, nato il 27.10.1906 in Adria, con Leonzo;
- 2°) - Pante PIESNICK Giovanni di Giovanni e di MARIA Anna nato 16.9.1907 2. Area di Porzila
- 3°) - Pante ROVEREN Miroslavo di Francesco e di GIUSEPPE GIUSEPPE nato 27.3.1925 Vertovino
- 4°) - Pante POCILLI Andrea di FERRARI Maria nato 26.5.1926 Giallesini
- 5°) - Pante RUDZ Mario fu Giuseppe e di GEMMA Carolina 27.9.1923
- 6°) - Pante GREGIO Stanislao di Bartolomeo e di MARIA Maria nato 19.5.1924 Alussini
- 7°) - Pante LAMAZ Angelo di Giuseppe e di POCILLI Anna nato 1.5.1913 Avesini
- 8°) - Pante SIDARI Antonio di Giovanni e di LADRIE Santina nato 17.7.1920 Montebelluna
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Si ne motive di ritenere che i militari suddetti di-
scartato nell'incidente di arruolamento nell'esercito jugoslavo.-

IL MINISTRO

Alparan

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 27th January 1945
Ref. : AFSC/R/708/Pl

AVIERE GOLETO MARGNA FRANCESCO

Herewith report received from 200 Provost Company
C.M.P. Police, through MMIA on the above.

It is requested that this may be dealt with and
any award of punishment advised to this Sub Commission.



J.G. WHITE, P/LT,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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MMIA (Land Forces Sub Commission).
Letter AQ/11/3 dated 25th Jan. refers

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AVIERRE SCALTO MARGNA FRANCESCO

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Herewith report received from 300 Provost Company

C.M.P. Police, thro ph MMIA on the above.

2. It is requested that this may be dealt with and any award of punishment advised to this Sub Commission.



J.G. WHITE, F/4T,

for AIR VICESMAREAL,

AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Copy to :

MMIA (Land Forces Sub Commission).
Letter AQ/11/3 dated 25th Jan. refers

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian Military Personnel

201 Sub Area
Pro 47
27 Jan 45

Legione Territoriale (Italian Army) Roma

BA/1113

Soldato Gobbato Pietro

1. The attached report and copy of letter received from OC 75 Coy GAF (IG), is forwarded for your information and such action as considered necessary, please.

JCA/rch

[Signature]
Capt.
DAPI.
(J. G. Bitterford).

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Copy to:- Staff Capt "A" ISILA

SPF 1/2

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Subject:-

Discipline - Italian Military Personnel

D.A.P.M.
201 Sub Area.

75/20/17/3

Reference your Fro 17/424 dated 19.1.45, and further
to this office 75/20/17/3 dated 17.1.45.

The prisoner concerned was arrested and held in the
Carabinieri, Civita Castellana, and not Rieti. The action
taken was as a result of representation by the Marshal of
the Carabinieri, who stated that he could not keep this Italian
in custody indefinitely, without charges being preferred.

As the Field Security Section had moved out of Civita
Castellana without leaving their new location, the Company
Commander authorized the handing over of the Italian to the
proper authorities in Rome.

Field.
25.1.45.
hr/hd

75/20/17/3 Capt.
Cmdg 75 Coy. C.M.F. (I.C.).

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To Officer Commanding,
75 Coy, C.M.E. (S.C.).

Sir,

I have to report that on the 15.1.45. at about 1300 hrs I was informed by the Carabinieri, Civita Castellana, that they were holding an Italian Soldato Gobbato-Pietro, of the 45th Compagnia Bersaglieri, unit located Piedimonte D'Alife for the 14th F.S.S. As the 14th F.S.S. has since left the District I received the live body of Gobbato-Pietro from the Carabinieri and handed him over to the officer I/C of the Caserma Mucchi Rome, where a receipt was obtained for his live body.

Gobbato-Pietro states that he was picked up on the 20.12.44. as an absentee.

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Filed.
15.1.45.

(Signed) 502067 P.H. Biddle, Sgt.
75 Coy. C.M.E. (S.C.).

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SUBJECT:- Discipl. - Italian Troops.

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP. (141)

Tel:- FOXGLOVE 226,

3149/13/A(O),

27 Jan 45.

MMIA.

Copy to:- HQ No.1 District (Your 1D/11/21/A of
26 Jan 45 refers).

Further to this HQ letter of even number dated
29 Dec 44. — 25/11 int. fact.

1. Attached nominal rolls of absentees from FRIULI Group
between 26 Dec 44 and 10 Jan 45 are forwarded for necessary action.

2. May this HQ be informed of the result of the action
taken to apprehend the absentees previously notified.

for *[Signature]* Major
Brigadier,
DA & QMG.

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Subject:- Discipline - Absentees
and Deserters.

M.V.I.A.
L.S.
Naples;

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.V.I.A.)
R O R E
AQ/11/3

26 Jan 45

The attached C. F. report is passed to you
for your attention please.

P. M. M. M. M.

S. F. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.V.I.A.

SPA/ab

Subject:- Discipline - C.M.P. Reports

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
AQ/11/3

26 Jan 45.

MMIA 10 51 51U

1. The attached C.M.P. Reports are forwarded for onward transmission to the proper Authority in order that disciplinary action may be taken.
2. It is requested that any punishment awarded may be endorsed on the reverse and the report returned to this H.Q. for information.

SPA/ab

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Desertions in Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/11/3
25 January 1945

TO : Chief of Staff A.C.

1. I can assure you that through our L.O's full information has been available to MMIA for many months as regards desertion in the Italian Army. It is in fact MMIA's business to know this, as it affects manpower etc.

2. (a) I would point out that Italian troops in the forward area work through their own Administrative Divisional commander under the direct orders of Armies. The orders of AFHQ re leave are contained in para 11 of AFHQ letter AG 091.711/169 GCT-0 of 16 Nov. and cannot be altered.

(b) Leave is authorised for 7 days, exclusive of travelling time, once in 6 months.

(c) For your information, on 9 Jan:-

absent without leave	- 13 Corps	- 2 1/2 %
" " "	entire army	- 2 %
absent with leave	- 13 Corps	- 2 3/4 %
" " "	entire army	- 5 3/4 %

L.B.
Major General
M. M. I. A.

LB/ri

dp
26 Jan

See folio 126
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Subject:- Discipline - C.S.P. Reports.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.S.

(M.S.I.A.)

R O M E

AQ/6/3.

L.O. Naples.

25 Jan 45

1. The attached C. .P. Report/s are forwarded for onward transmission to the proper Authority in order that disciplinary action may be taken.

2. It is requested that any punishment awarded may be endorsed on the reverse and the report returned to this H.Q. for information.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
S.M.I.A.

UPA/ob

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Translation.

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From S.M. RE.
to M.M.H.

AQ 11/3

Ref No 215/TA
Date - 24 Jan 45

Italian deserter employed by Allies.

Infantry. Man BONCIO OLINDO son of GIOVANNI of the CREMONA combat group's transport and supplies coys. has failed to return to his unit on termination of his leave, granted for the town of PERUGIA. He is employed as driver by the local A.C. HQ.

A.C. HQ PERUGIA has sent the attached letter to the Italian Military Authorities.

We beg M.M.H. to intervene so as to obtain that this soldier be reported to his original unit.

SANTI.

From A.C. P.S.D. PERUGIA
to PERUGIA Military District.

The A.M. soldier is being employed by this HQ to fulfill the duties of driver. See Folio 108

As we are dealing with a soldier on leave, ~~we~~
Please inform his unit and give orders for his
attachment to C.C.R. group of PERUGIA

R. M. M. S. M. S.

MAJOR. BATTERSBY.

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Stato Maggiore R. Esercito
ISPETTORATO TRUPPE AUSILIARIE

P.M. 3800 li 24 gennaio 1945

T. H. R. ...
38/1

N. 215/T.A. di prot.

OGGETTO : Militare italiano disertore in servizio presso autorità alleate.-

All. 1:



ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

ROMA

e, per conoscenza :

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = Uff. C.A.

SEDE

Il fante BONCIO Olindo fu Giovanni della compagnia trasporti e rifornimenti del Comando Gruppo di Combattimento " Cremona " allo scadere della licenza di cui fruiva a Perugia non è rientrato al corpo per-
chè assunto quale autista presso il Comando locale del-
l'A.C.-

Quest'ultimo ha fatto alle autorità militari italiane la comunicazione allegata in copia .-

Si prega codesta Sottocommissione di voler cor-
tesemente intervenire perchè il militare anzidetto sia
restituito al reparto di provenienza .-

IL GENERALE ADEDETTO

-Alessandro Santi -

[Signature]

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C C P I A

Allegato al foglio 215/T.A. del 24-1
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ALLIED COMMISSION
Perugia Provincia

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Date 16/11/1944

Subject : autista Boncio Olindo fu Giovanni.

To :

AL DISTRETTO MILITARE DI PERUGIA

e, per conoscenza :

AL COMANDO GRUPPO CC.RR. DI PERUGIA

E' stato trattenuto in servizio di autista presso questo ufficio il militare in oggetto.

T Trattandosi di militare in licenza si prega darne comunicazione al di lui reparto passandolo in aggregazione al gruppo CC.RR. di Perugia.

A.W. BATTERSBY
Major
P. P. S. O.



P. C. C.

GEN. COL. CAPO UFFICIO
Vincenzo Pissonia -

[Handwritten signature]

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Subject:- Deserters.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MIA)
c/o HQ. I District.
Ref. 10/611.

24 January 45.

To:- 107 General Hospital.

1. I am informed that LOCENTE Carlo di Giovanni
Class 1922 has been employed by you since Nov 44.
2. He is a deserter from his unit.
3. Will you please hand him over forthwith to the
CORR and notify me when this action has been taken.

h h Brown 278.
Capt.
MIA HQ. I District.

Copy to:- HQ. 209 Division.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA).

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Subject:- Absentees.

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27/1

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref IO/GII.

24 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

1. Will you please pass this over to appropriate
Italian Military authorities for their disposal
action.

Sent to
M of W
GPA
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[Signature]
Capt.
MMIA LO., I District.

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Subject:- Italian Army Absentee

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201 Sub Area
Pro 17
24 Jan 1955

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1. The attached report is forwarded for your information please, and such action considered necessary.

JMS/fsh

John P. H. Ford
Capt.
JMS
(C. Witterford).

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Copy to:- Legione Territoriale (Italian Army) Rome

See Folio 139

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Subject: Italian Army - Deserters.

Land Forces HQ Comd. A.S.
(P.S.I.)
S. S. T.
A.S. T.

24 Jan 44.

MINISTER OF DEF.

Re: SPANACINI Gian.

67th fact

Further to this ... letter of 11/12/43
17 Dec (copy to you).

1. Information has been received that the above named Italian soldier is not employed by the ...
2. There is, however, a shopkeeper of the same name who supplies the ... of ... from time to time.
3. This shopkeeper, and a butcher's shop in Via ... in Rome, this may be the deserter reported to ... This man's identity should be checked to discover if he is the deserter reported in your letter 305153/G.S. of 11 Dec/44.

SPB/60
S.D. ... Capt.
For Major General,
M. I.

SPB/60

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Subject:- Italian Army - Absentees
and Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. I.C.
(M.I.A.)
R.O.C.
13/11/53

24 Jan 54.

D.O. 51 B.S.V.
C.S.S.

Tpr ANASTASIO Giuseppe
21 Inf Regt.

Ref your 1/5/53 of 10 Dec/53.

72/3 not fact.

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1. The attached copy letter from D.O. 3 sent in reply to this D.O. letter 13/11/53 of 31 Dec/53 is forwarded for information.

90 not fact.

2. If this soldier has not returned to his Unit, please request his Unit to forward particulars of his home address to CCHS in order that he may be traced and apprehended.

Arthur Capt.

S. S. ARTHUR, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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S.S./ab

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Subject:- Italian Military Personnel -
Absentees and Deserters.

URGENT

Land Forces Sub Comm. C.

(. . .)

P.O.

11/11/3

23 Jan 45.

URGENT

SI FRANCIS MARIANO

1. The above named soldier was arrested without leave
given by the Field Security Police, at Vercelli on Jan. 6/45.

2. This man claims to have deserted from Sebaste Division
Poligono Group, on 17 Dec/44, but before he is handed over to
the C. I. P. in accordance with normal procedure it is required
to have verification that he is in fact a deserter from Sebaste
Division Poligono Group.

3. The following are the available particulars of this
soldier:-

Name: SI FRANCIS MARIANO.

Military Class: 1933.

Born at: Castelbarco Sopra (Reggio Emilia)

Living at: Reggio Emilia - Via Balneario Taddei 334

Unit 134 Compagnia Artillery - Sebaste Gruppo di Logistica
elemento "Poligono" P. . . 146

4. Please treat as urgent and forward report as soon as
possible.

S. P. Ardu

S. P. ARDU, Capt.
for Major General,

Copy to:- S. I. P. C. I.

S. I. P. District

Your L.O/G.I. of 17 Jan refers

S. I. P.

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Subject:- FRANCIA Adriano.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref. IO/GII.

17 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

The attached papers have been passed on to me by
GS I, I District.

I am unable to take the necessary investigatory
action here. Will you please give it your attention
and return the results and documents to GS I, HQ.,
I District.

Copy to:- "G", I District.

W.B. Bourne
Capt.
MMIA, IO., I District.

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Translation

AA/11/3

From M.G.H.
To M.M.S.A.Ref No 101377/1
114-11-1

Date 23 January 1945.

Subject: Italian Military Absentees.

Reference letter AA/11/3 of the 6th October 1944.

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54 not factet

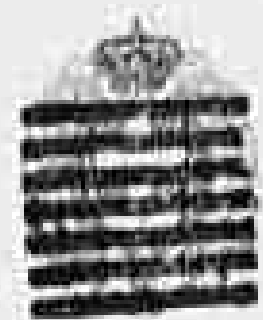
Further to letter 305977/2/C.A. dated 6th Dec 1944, we inform you that the 228th division command H.Q. - I.F.R. H.Q. have reported that "Fante" De Alessandris, Luciano died on 10th December 1944 in Foli, as a result of an Air Raid, and that "Fante" Trindelli Alfredo is admitted in the 291st Italian Field Hospital.

Sgd

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Noted
then reviewed
that of 5 absentees
reported above
35 Sept 44. (see memo)
(L. Capanni) 27/11/44

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Ministero della Guerra
GABINETTO

ARMY/LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSIONE A.S.(M.M.I.A.)
R. E. M. A.

Decreto
Art. 101377, 1 Allegato

117-4-1.

Oggetto

militari italiani assenti arbitrari.

Italian War Prisoners

Ad

24/1

Riferimento lettera A/11/3 del 6 ottobre c.e.

A seguito lettera 305977/2/C.A. in data
5 dicembre c.e. si comunica che il Comando
226^a Divisione - I.C.A. HQ - ha segnalato
che il Tente DA ALESSANDRIS Luciano è decess-
suto il 15 dicembre c.e. a Forlì, in se-
guito a bombardamento aereo e che il Tente
TIRABELLI Alfredo trovasi attualmente rico-
verato al 291^o ospedale da campo italiano.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

P. S. S. S.

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Subject: - Abandoned - APPO SEARCH

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Ref: 12/13/50 and 12/13/50 of 17 Jan 51.

It is reported that a copy of the report was received from the Department of the Army, which states that neither of the two persons have returned to their units.

PLD:R.
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for Pacific Sign (B) 12/29/50
MAJOR.
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CONFIDENTIAL PD ITALIAN SOLDIER SORDU ~~REDACTED~~ CELESTINO OF ITALIAN
 ROGER TARI OROE NAPLES IS SUBJECT ~~REDACTED~~ PENSOUTH-981 PD CITE SPING
 PD PENSOUTH TO WIAO FOR ACTION TO PENSOUTH FOR INFO ~~REDACTED~~ YOUR 117
 RADIO ABLE QUEEN DASH TWO FIVE ~~REDACTED~~ EIGHT THREE AND PENSOUTH RADIO EIGHT
 FOUR ONE REFER PD SOLDIER BEING RETURNED TO NAPLES ON PROVOST
 MARSHAL RADIO MAINTENANCE TRUCK ~~REDACTED~~ DEPARTING LECHORN TODAY 124
 STOPPING OVER IN ROME ON TWO FOUR JAN SENT EASY TARE ~~REDACTED~~ ABLE NAPLES
 TWO FIVE JAN PD SOLDIER TO BE DELIVERED TO HIS UNIT PD FOR PENSOUTH ;
 COLON HAVE LIAISON OFFICER INFORM SOLDIERS ORGANIZATION AND INSTRUCT
 PROVOST MARSHAL TO EFFECT RETURN TO SOLDIER TO HIS UNIT IMMEDIATELY
 UPON ARRIVAL BT 231337A

SENT NR2 23/1437A ES AR N

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Subject:- Enticement to Desertion -
Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/11/3

22 Jan 45.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
54 Area
C.M.P.

Ref your LO/5/AQ of 13 Jan/45
addressed H.Q. 54 Area.

Will you please forward further details in respect of
this incident including:-

- a) The purpose for which the MOLINI encampment is used.
- b) The Italian Unit to which the four abstentees
belonged.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Military History of DI FRANCIA Adriano

15 Jan. 1942 - inducted and attached 3rd Fug. Regt., PAVIA.
 12 June " - volunteered for paratroops, sent to TARQUINIA for training.
 27 Sept. " - went with "NEMO" Div. to PIST.
 29 Dec. " - trnsf. with Coy. of Lt. ZEMME, to FLORENCE.
 Jan. 1943, " NUOVA LIGURE for volunteers' course, with Coy.
 March " of Lt. COLLE; at end of course returned to FLORENCE.
 March " with Coy. to CIVITAVECCHIA for mine laying course.
 of Capt. FABRIZIO CARLO.
 April " returned with Coy. to PIST.
 1 June " Trnsf. " to SARDINIA, remained there
 until May 1944.
 November " began working with his unit, for Allies at
~~USARV~~ ~~USARV~~ DIVUS NOVA, making ground,
 for three months.
 Feb. 1944, trnsf. with unit to BTRUINI.
 May " " " NAPLES.
 " " " Div. to 2nd Army, ORTONA front,
 following Army to URBINO.
 28 Aug. " admitted Div. Hospital for reconstruction
 after camp disbr., joined Coy. at MACERATA.
 12 Sept. " arrived PIEDIMONTE with Coy. 27th
 16 " " admitted ADDACONI Hosp. for typhus, then given

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April
 1 June
 November
 Feb. 1944
 May
 28 Aug.
 12 Sept.
 16 "
 18 Oct.

O/C Capt. FABRIZIO CARLO.
 returned with Coy. to P.Sgt.
 Transf. " " to SAKDINIA, Command there
 until May 1944.
 began working with his unit, for Allies at
 under ~~the~~ DOHUS NOVA, making gravel,
 for three winters.
 Transf. with unit to BTRUHINI.
 " " " NARCES.
 " " Div. to 2nd Army, ORTONA front,
 following Army to URBINO.
 admitted Div. Hospital for reconstruction.
 After 2 days discharge, joined Coy. at MCEKATI.
 received PIEDIMONTE with Coy. 27.
 admitted MONTICOMI Hosp. for typhus, then given
 no days convales. leave at P.G.M. Convales. Hosp.
 joined Coy.
 decided to leave service as he was tired of
 soldiering & wanted to make work outside. He
 wanted to join his parents or join as his
 home town of RORIO E. H. I. A. where he liberated.

17 Dec 1944

Aft went to CASTEL VENERE (CASERTA)
and went to FLORENCE to see family,

Maria, living at 22 Torre Rossa,
COLUMNATA section.

21 Dec.

arrived FLORENCE.

27 Dec.

Aft to look for work; went to TEST,
by train and interlinking.

31 Dec.

Arrived TEST, went to Rossi family, acquaintances
of his, living at SERRA DEI CONTI.

5 Jan 1945

Aft TEST to return to family in FLORENCE.

Was travelling on train, which stopped at

TERNI station the evening of the 6 Jan.

Was found on car of train by British

police about 2 a.m. of the 7 Jan. and

taken to G.R.R. barracks at TERNI.

"I had on me a brand name, 'BRERA'"

type, which had remained in my pocket over

since I returned from the front. Since I

had not be charged with it, I kept it to make

a cigarette case out of it."

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Subject:- Discipline.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref LO/GII.

21 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M. E. I. A. R O M E.

1. Attached CMP reports forwarded to you for transmission to appropriate Italian authorities.
2. I have not got the locations.

J.H. Brown
Snot.
MMIA., LO., I District.

(1000) 150700

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See folio 171

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Inter Office Memo.

Ref: S252/50/COS.

Subject: Desertions in Italian Army.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission (10AIA).

20 January 1945.

The following is an extract from a memorandum of the Chief Commissioner, arising out of an AMG Fifth Army conference which he attended on 13 January.

" Land Forces Sub Commission. Attention was drawn to the high rate of desertions in the Italian Army in the forward areas - particularly in the 13th Corps. Representations will be made through normal channels, but it is thought that General Browning should be apprised. It was felt that furloughs in the Italian Army amongst troops in the frontline areas should not exceed seven days. Apparently, much more extended leave has been given. "

I should be grateful for your views so that I can pass them on to the Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: SO to CC.

Chief of Staff.

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Subject:- Discipline.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref LO/GII.

20 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

1. Attached CMP reports forwarded to you for disposal to appropriate Italian authorities please.
2. I have no knowledge of their locations.

Reports sent to HQ for dissemination.
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PA 11/3 22/1
HH Brune
Capt.
MMIA., I.D., I District.

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TO MMIA *(Action) MMIA.*
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CONFIDENTIAL PD REFERENCE YOUR RADIO NUMBER ABLE QUEEN DASH TWO
 FIVE EIGHT THREE DATED ONE ¹⁸EIGHT JANUARY IN CONNECTION ITALIAN
 SOLDIER SORDU CELESTINO OF ITALIAN RTO NAPLES PAREN PENSOUTH-841
PD CITE BPLMO PD PENSOUTH TO MMIA FOR ACTION TO PENSOUTH FOR INFO PAREN
 SOLDIER IS IN LEGHORN AND IS BEING DETAINED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS
 PENDING COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT PD SOLDIER WILL
 PROBABLY BE RELEASED TOMORROW OR NEXT DAY AND RETURNED TO ORGANIZA-
 TION PD THIS INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED YOU TO ENABLE YOU TO PROPERLY
 RECORD STATUS OF SOLDIER ON YOUR RECORDS

BT 201034A

Copy *MMIA*
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Subject:- Deserters.

Aa 11/3

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (EMIA)
c/o HQ. I District.
Ref 10/311.

18 January 45.

To:- 727 Bomber Bn (451 Bomber Group) U.S. unit.

1. I am informed that you are employing GERARD Antonio as Messing.
2. This soldier is a deserter from his unit 520 Bn.
3. Will you please hand him over forthwith to the CORB and notify me when this is done.

Chess

M. A. C.

[Signature]
Capt.
EMIA, HQ. I District.

Copy to:- HQ., 209 Division.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (EMIA).

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Subject:- Discipline.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref. LO/GII.

18 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

1. Attached CMP report forwarded to you for transmission to appropriate Italian authorities for prompt disposal action.

2. I am not aware of the location of this unit.

MMBourne
Capt.
MMIA, LO., I District.

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Subject Italian Army - Absentees &
Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) Rome.

3 District.

Ext 17.

354/1A

18 Jan 45.

Tpr AMANIERA GIUSEPPE.
21 Inf Regt.

Reference your AQ/11/3 of 31 Dec 44.

1. The above named Deserter was discharged from his employment with 16 Base Workshops REME at his own request on 22 Dec 44 as he expressed an intention of joining the Italian Army.

2. His home address is given as Via di Ufarinis 101, POGGION.

EHS/AFR.

Maj Gen
Comd

Lucifolio 13722

Subject:- Discipline.

20 11/3
21/1
Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref. LO/GII.

18 January 45.

To:- REME, NOLPETTA.

1. I am informed that MAICO Giuseppe fu Vincenzo is employed by you in your workshop. His class is 1923.
2. This soldier is a deserter from his unit 1004 G.T. Coy.
3. Will you please hand him over forthwith to the CORR and notify me when this has been done.

M. Bourne
Capt.
MMIA., HQ., I District.

Copy to:- HQ., 209 Division.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. —

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Subject:- Discipline.

11/3 Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.O. (NMIA).
c/o HQ. I District
Ref LC/II.

18 January 45.

To:- "B" Pln., 235 Coy., M.R.E.F.C. (T.C.)

1. I am informed that MUSCHIO Giovanni di Nicolo is employed by you as a driver.
2. This soldier is a deserter from his unit 1004 G.T. Coy.
3. Will you please hand him over forthwith to the GORR and notify me when this is done.

M. Bourne
Capt.
NMIA., I.D., I District.

Copy to:- 209 Division.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.O. (NMIA).

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FROM MJAQ 18100A
TO LRKE
GR 55 ET

DA/11/3.

Andreas

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CONFIDENTIAL PD ACTION NOW BEING INITIATED CMA IN RESPONSE TO YOUR

ABLE QUEEN DASH TWO FIVE EIGHT THREE CMA TO LOCATE SORBU AND RETURN HIM
TO HIS COMMAND PD PAREN PENSEASE 737 PD CITE EPCOS PD PENSEASE TO MMIA
PAREN INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT WILL BE MADE PD YOU WILL BE INFORMED
LATER WHEN SOLDIER RETURNED AND RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION BT 181600A

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INFORMATION U.S. LT COLBERT H. SHORT OF PBS SIGNALS
 HAS TAKEN TO BOMBORN ITALIAN SOLDIER SOMES CELESTINO
 OF ITALIAN RTO NAPLES AFTER HAVING BEEN REFUSED PBS
 AUTHORITY AND OVER PROTEST OF ITALIAN AUTHORITIES (.)
 REQUEST INVESTIGATION AND RETURN OF SOLDIER TO PROPER
 STATION FROM WHICH HE IS NOW ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE

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translation.

The Chief of Naples Delegazione informs me that the British lieutenant GILBERT M. SHORE (officer in charge of signals by the station of Naples) on the 4th. Dec. of last year, notwithstanding Ten. Col. VIGILANTE's protestations, wanted to take with him to Leghorn the Italian soldier SORDU CRISTIANO for electrical works. Ten. Col. VIGILANTE has notified PPS and on the 5th. inst repeated the same office re soldier ~~XXXXXXXX~~ SORDU's return; but till now with negative result.

RTO -

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Subject: Absentees CREMONA GRUPPO

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AQ/11/3
January 1945

To : 51 BLU

1. No reply has been received to letter of 26 Dec 1944, above subject and file.
2. Request reply.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

CPK/lak

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SUBJECT: Italian Military -
Absentees.

Hq No 1 District
Pro 92
16 Jan 45

MMA DO
No 1 District

~~SOLDATO RAPINELLO SERENO~~
SOLDATO RESTELLI

1. The attached Military Police
Reports are forwarded for necessary action,
please.

CLP

Deputy Provost Marshal.

For transmission to
officers authorities
please to inform action
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Subject:- Deserters;

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMIA).
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref. LO/GII.

18/11
16 January 45.

To:- 269 Works Sec., R.E.

1. I am informed that you are employing:-
Fante DELL'AIRA Michele di Modesto.
2. This soldier is a deserter from his unit.
3. Will you therefore please hand him over forthwith to
the GERR and notify me when this is done.

J.P. Bourne
Capt.
MMIA., HQ., I District.

Copies to:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA). —
HQ., 209 Division.

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Subject:- Deserters.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (NMIA).
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref. LO/GII.

16 January 45.

To:- "A" Transit Camp.

1. I have been informed that you are employing:-
cap. magg. FRANCO Guisepe fu Gastone.
2. This soldier is a deserter from 520 Guard Bn.
3. Will you therefore please hand him over forthwith to the
OCRR and notify me when this is done.

HABonne
Capt.
NMIA., HQ., I District.

Copies to:- Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C. (NMIA). —
HQ., 209 Division.

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Subject:- Deserters.

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Lieut. Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMIA).
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref. LO/GII.

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18/1
11 January 45.

To:- 460 Bombing Group, U.S. Unit.

1. I am informed that you are employing:-
Sgt. CORONA Giuseppe di Pietro.
2. This soldier is a deserter from his unit.
3. Will you therefore please hand him over forthwith to
the CRR and notify me when this is done.

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Cant.
MMIA., LO., I District.

Copies to:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).
HQ., 209 Division.

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Subject:- Italian Army
absentees and deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(C.I.A.)
E.O. 11/3
16/11/3

16 Jan 45.

M.I.A. D.C.
Rear H.Q. 5 Army.

Ref Br. Iner.(Lab) letter 27/LAB of 26 Nov.
forwarded by your routing slip of 18 Dec/44.

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1st packet

1. The question of return to their Units of Italian Deserters who have been handed over to the C.I.A. has been taken up with Public Safety and Comm. A.C.
2. It is understood that it is the practice of the C.I.A. to hand over such Italian Deserters to the local Italian Military H.Q.s. for onward routing to their Units and there is no reason why use is not made of existing Allied transport for this purpose. (This is in fact being done in many instances).
3. The difficulty does arise, however in cases where the deserter has been absent for over 30 days and is therefore struck off the Italian Army Strength. He is then regarded as a civilian and there is no authority to carry civilians on Allied Military Transport.
4. Will you please pass this information to the Labour Branch Br. Increment 5 Army.

J.P. Archer Clegg

A.C. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.I.A.

Copy to:- M.I.A. D.C.
Br. Iner. Rear H.Q. 5 Army.

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Subject:- Italian Army - Absentees
and Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comd. I.C.
(S.F.I.)
R.O.
12/11/3

16 Jan 45.

THIRTY TWO.

Further to our 12/1/3 of 2 Jan/45.

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in fact

1. The attached list shows particulars of Absentees and Deserters from Priuli Combat Group for the periods. 1 Sept - 31 Oct/44 and 1 Nov - 30 Nov/44.

2. A similar report as called for in para 3 of the above quoted letter, is required in respect of Absentees and Deserters shown on the attached list. Please forward this report on 28 Feb/45.

P.J. [Signature], Col.
for Major General,
I.C.

Copy to:- Special Section
I.C.

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18 Jan

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SUBJECT : Allied Employment of Deserters and
Illegal Absentees from the Italian
Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/6005/G-1(Br)

15 Jan 45

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC
(MMIA)

871st packet

Reference your letter AQ/11/A dated 30 Dec 44.

1. A preliminary examination of this question reveals that there are great difficulties in devising a system which will satisfactorily ensure that deserters from the Italian Army do not find employment with the British or American forces.
2. Instructions have been issued to all British civil labour units that they will work out a system of checking civilians who are employed, with the local Italian authorities, and it had been thought that this instruction was producing satisfactory results.
3. The greatest difficulty, as you point out, is that civilian identity cards are not withdrawn from Italians on enlistment into the Italian Army, and it is suggested that this matter might be pursued further by you, with a view to withdrawal of all civilian identity cards and replacement by some form of military identity document. This would not get over the possibility of the use of forged civilian identity papers, but it would at least make it more difficult for deserters to escape detection.
4. A more detailed examination of the problem is now being undertaken in conjunction with the responsible American Section of this HQ, and the result will be notified to you as soon as possible.

BP/jam1.

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Penman
Major General,
DAG., G-1(Br).

Lee J. Lio 123/1
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Subject:- Absentees and Deserters.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (NMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref. IO/GII

14 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

Reference your AQ/II/3 of 11 January.

1. Numbers of deserters and absentees are being picked up almost daily by CMP in I District Area.

2. I am notified and become a central bureau for notifying the unit to take disposal action. It is not always easy to locate the unit as CMP reports are often incomplete.

3. I do not ask for results of punishment awarded to be returned to me as,

(a) I have already too much "G", "Q", "S" and "T" correspondence to deal with and am not keen on getting any more and,

(b) in cases of prolonged absence the man is automatically "denounced" and it will be a long time before he is tried and his sentence promulgated.

[Signature]
Capt.
NMIA., IO., I District.

[Handwritten: 26/1] *[Handwritten: 22/Jan]*

Subject. Enticement to Desertion - Italian Army.

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Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(MMIA) c/o 54 Area.
LG/6/AQ
13 Jan 45.

H.Q. 54 Area.

1. The following incident has been reported by the Italian O.C. TRANI Camp:

At 1600 hrs 7 Jan 45. a Yugoslav officer approached the "MOLINI" encampment, TRANI, and spoke with some soldiers.

The same evening the following FOUR Italian soldiers all of JUGOSLAV origin were reported absent.
IENCO Francesco fu Antonio e di Golika Antonia
Cl. 1322. TRIESTE
Troiar Francesco di Giovanni e di Clessi Anna.
Cl. 1913 UDINE
Roiz Giuseppe di Gius. e di Ursic Caterina.
Cl. 1920 TRIESTE
Concic Milano di Gius. e di Ursic Caterina.
Cl. 1920 Gorizia

Other members of their company alleged that they went at the invitation of the JUGOSLAV officer.

2. It is regretted that no further details are available, as such instances are regarded with the gravest concern. However, the above is forwarded for your information and such action as can be taken on the evidence available.

J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
c/o HQ 54 Area. 27.1

Copy to: HQ MMIA ROME.
Capt O'DONNELL, MMIA LO TRANI Camp.

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Ministero della Guerra
Gabinetto

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ALL LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Numero 100824
Int. 110.52
Oggetto Disertori

Risposta al f. del
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A7 11/3
13/1

Si trasmette, come da richiesta, una
copia delle disposizioni impartite da que-
sto ministero, in seguito alla lettera AQ/11/3
in data 30 dicembre 1944 di suddetta Sottocom-
missione.

We herewith forward, as requested, a copy of orders issued
by this Min. in conformity with letter AQ/11/3 dated 30 Dec. 1944
of H.M.A.

IL V. ORDINE
DEL CABINETTO
[Signature]

PA
17/11

OK 17/11/45

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Translation
Circular

From: M of W

To: All HQs (see address)

Ref: 100400/15
110.5.7

Date: 8 Jan. 1945

Subject: Denouncing of deserters.

OK

It has been learned that frequently military see and speak to individuals whom they know to be deserters, without making any attempt at denouncing them. From their conversations they are even ~~induced~~^{led} to think, ~~in view~~ seeing how many men AWOL from their units live with their families without fearing capture, that they too, could desert without running any grave risk of being arrested and sentenced.

Since it is necessary to eliminate the danger arising from a spreading of this conviction, I ask the addressed commands to ~~instigate~~ embark on an active propaganda campaign among the units under their control, reminding them that the military is obliged to denounce, and possibly to hand over, to the nearest C.R.R. or Military H.Q. any individual whom he knows or believes to be a deserter.

This collaboration between all members of the Army ~~will~~, besides ~~the~~ putting and aid to the near-safety from punishment now acquired by the deserters, will be a check on wavering military and will impart the feeling that the violators will be punished with all means.

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E.M. 3800, 8 gennaio 1945

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AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC. RR.
AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "T" dello S.L.R.E.
IL COMANDO ITALIANO 212
AL COMANDO CENTRO RACCOLTA E RIORGANIZZAZIONE
SETTORE ADRIATICO (C.E.R.S.A.)
AL COMANDO CENTRO RACCOLTA E RIORGANIZZAZIONE
SETTORE TIRRENICO (C.C.R.S.E.T.I.)
e, per conoscenza:
ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE DI
S.M. IL RE D'ITALIA.
ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE DI
S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
AL TRIBUNALE SUPREMO MILITARE
AL COMANDO GENERALE R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA
ALLE DIREZIONI GENERALI ED UFFICI AUTONOMI DEL

E' stato rilevato che sovente i militari vedono ed avvicina-
no individui che essi sanno essere disertori, senza effettuare al-
cuna segnalazione. Anzi, dai colloqui che hanno, rendendosi conto

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MINISTERO

Tale collaborazione da parte di tutti gli appartenenti allo Esercito, oltre che far cessare la quasi sicurezza ora acquisita dai disertori di rimanere impuniti, costituirà remora per tutti i militari tentennanti e darà la sensazione che i manchevoli vengono persoguiti con ogni mezzo.

F.to in. Deseti

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Subject: Italian Military Personnel -
Exemption.

GENIERE ESPOSITO
FIORVINE

To: H.A. 70 Sub Area:

Ref this HQ letter AQ/ 11/3 of 12 Nov/ 44.

May this HQ please be informed whether a reply may
now be given to the above quoted letter.

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B.F.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E

AQ/ 11/3
12 Jan/ 45

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St. Michel

~~R. J. NORMAN~~ Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT : Absentees

50 Brit Liaison Unit

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HQ MMIA

8 Jan 45

Attached please find nominal rolls of personnel absent without leave, covering the following periods :-

1 Sep - 31 Oct 44
10 Nov - 30 Nov 44

Under 15 Army Gp 3149/13/A(o) nominal rolls for periods 1 - 10 Nov 44 and 1 - 24 Dec was forwarded to you.

Nominal rolls for period 25 - 31 Dec 44 will be sent as soon as they are available.

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MF/SYB

Copy to : HQ 1 District

M. Fieldman Maj
for

Lt col
GS

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Translation

From. French Mil Hq. Rome Ref no 4461/CH.R. 2
to. Lt Col. NOAKES. MHIA. Date 8 Jan. 45.

SPARACIARI GINO. Deserter from the
Italian Army. 67th Inf. Sect.

Ref to yours. A Q/11/3 dated 15 Dec 44.

In this letter you informed me that
a certain SPARACIARI GINO who is a deserter from
the Italian Army might be employed at the
FRENCH officers mess of Rome.

I have the honour to inform you
that no member of the Italian personnel
employed by the French Military Command of
Rome, answers to this name.

I however point out that in the past,
the service of the messes have ^{from Rome to Rome} been in relations
with a shop keeper by the same name ^{with a butcher shop}
having a butcher shop at VIA. MANIN. ROME.

It is therefore ~~the~~ up to the Italian
Military authorities to, should they deem fit,
proceed to his arrest.

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General LECOUTEUR DE CAUMONT

R. Mansfield

See Folio 133

M. G. W.
24/1/45

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COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE FRANCAIS

DE ROME

ETAT-MAJOR = 2ème BUREAU

N° 4401 /CMR-2

P.C. le 8 Janvier 1944

Le Général Le COUTEUX de
Commandant Militaire Français

à Monsieur le Colonel F.J. NOAKS
Lord Forces Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

OBJET :

Déserteur de l'Armée
Italienne Autiere
SPARACIARI Gino.

REF.: Lettre H.Q. - R.A.A.C. - C.M.F. - A.Q./11/3
du 15 Décembre 1944.

Par la lettre précitée vous m'avez signalé
qu'un nommé SPARACIARI Gino - déserteur de l'Armée
Italienne - serait employé par le Mess des Officiers
Français de Rome.

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire connaître
qu'aucun employé italien répondant à ce nom ne figure
parmi le personnel embauché par le Commandement Militaire
Français de Rome.

Driver SPARACIARI Gino - Italian Army deserter / 67
1st fact

R O M E

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Déserteur de l'Armée
Italienne Autiere
SPARACIARI Gino.

Duvis- SPARACIARI Gino - Station Army deserteur - 67 1st factit

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parmi le personnel embauché par le Commandement Militaire
Français de Rome.

Toutefois je vous signale que le service
des Mess a été autrefois en relations avec un commerçant
du même nom ayant une boucherie rue Manin à Rome.

Il appartient donc à l'autorité Militaire
Italienne - si elle le juge utile- de procéder à son
arrestation.

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Subject:- Absentees - Italian Army

201 Sub Area
Pro 3 /295
7 Jan 45

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WTA

1. The attached reports (two) are forwarded for your information please, and such action as you may consider necessary.
2. The two men have been handed over to the 87 Regt., Friuli Div., (Rome) and body receipts are attached.

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[Signature]
Capt.
DAF.
(J. A. Butterford).

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for [unclear]
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Subject:- Italian Army Absentee

201 Sub AD
Pro 3/286
6 Jan 45

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MMIA

The attached report is forwarded for your information and such action as you may consider necessary, please.

JGR/can

John R. H. Ford
Capt.
DAPN.
(J. G. Watterford).

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Subject:- Absentees - Italian Army

201 Sub Area
Pro 3/275
6 Jan 45

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AG 11/3.

1. The attached reports (two) are forwarded for your information please, and such action as you may consider necessary.
2. The two men have been handed over to the 87 Regt, Friuli Div., and body receipts are attached.

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W. G. Sutherland
Capt.
DAPS.
(W. G. Sutherland).

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Subject:- Absentee - Italian Army

201 Sub Area
Pro 5/201
5 Jan 45

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WMA

1. The attached report is forwarded for your information please, and such action as you may consider necessary.

JCR/rah

John S. Rutterford
Capt.
DAF.
(J. G. Rutterford).

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Subject:- Absentee - Italian Army

201 Sub Area
Pro 3/267
2 Jan 45

AQ 11/3

Pizzaro Stefano

1. The attached report is forwarded for your information please, and such action as you may consider necessary.
2. The a/m was hauled over to the 57 Regiment, Friuli Division, body receipt attached.

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Sent to 57 Regt
for info
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John R. Bitterford
Capt.
DAF.
(J. R. Bitterford).

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