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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To: ✓ Army Sub-Commission, ACC.
Air Force Sub-Commission, ACC.

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Subject: Deserters from Italian Armed Forces and Civilian Labor
Corps in SICILY.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission 1st end. MSC/651 of 1 August 1944. — 3
(b) Navy Sub-Commission ltr MSC/828 of 9 September 1944. — 4
(c) Army Sub-Commission ltr A/216 of 2 July 1944. — 2
(d) FOGLI, Rome, ltr No. L. 36/a of 2 October 1944. — 5

Enclosure: (A) Copy FOTALI ltr No. T.A. 1140/33 of 17 August 1944.
(B) Copy ComNOB-PALERMO serial 2747 of 19 September 1944.
(C) Copy Sicily Rgn Hq. ltr RLE 013.21/EKM of 3 Oct. 1944.
(D) Copy Proclamation issued by Rear Admiral BOBBIESE, IRN.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission, ACC, in reference (a) summarized the situation in Sicily with respect to deserters from the Italian Armed Forces and Civilian Labor Corps. The recommendations therein were approved in enclosure (A), however, in view of the time which had elapsed since the first arrests of the Italian personnel were reported by the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, in July 1944, further comments were requested by that office in reference (b).

2. The Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, in enclosure (B), advises that exemptions are being obtained for civilian employees who were members of the Italian Armed Forces through the Army Sub-Commission, ACC. This procedure is in accordance with instructions issued by the Army Sub-Commission, ACC, in reference (c). It is further stated that no instructions have been issued to regularize the position of persons who were in Civilian Labor Corps under Military Control.

3. The Regional Legal Officer, Sicily Region Headquarters, in enclosure (C), reports a further arrest of STRULA, Luigi, a civilian employed at the U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO, and requests that steps be taken to prevent future arrests. The Italian Ministry of Marine has already been requested in reference (d) to issue a proclamation to regularize the position of absentees or deserters from Civilian Labor

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in SICILY.

Corps in SICILY similar to the proclamation issued by Rear Admiral BOBBIESE, IRN, to regularize the position of absentees or deserters from the Italian Navy in Sicily. It is requested that the Italian Ministry of War and the Ministry of Air be directed to issue similar proclamations as recommended in paragraph 4 and 8 of reference (a). A copy of the instructions issued by Rear Admiral BOBBIESE to regularize the status of absentees or deserters from the Italian Navy in SICILY is forwarded herewith as enclosure (D) for information.


H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to:
HQ. AAL.(Adm Ech)
Com8TH FLEET
FOTALI (Taranto)
ComNOB-PALERMO.
Hq. Sicily Rgn.

REGISTRATION OF FORMER ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL, SICILY.
(Naval Sub-Commission's No. NSC/651, dated 1st August, 1944)

II

No. T.A. 1140/33

SENIOR BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER, ROME.
DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION.
(Copy to each)

I fully concur with the remarks and proposals contained in minute I. Request Senior British Naval Officer, Rome, will take necessary action with the Minister of Marine, and the Deputy Chief of the Naval Sub-Commission with the Army and Air Force Sub-Commissions

/s/ C. MORGAN

TARANTO.
17th August, 1944.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

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U. S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
PALERMO, SICILY
Navy 157, C/o P.P.O. N.Y.C.

COPY

19 September 1944.

From: Commandant.
To : Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
Subject: Registration of Former Italian Naval Personnel,
Sicily and Arrest of Members of Inducted Civilian
Corps.
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/828 dated 9 Sept. 1944.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission First Enforcement NSC/651
dated 1 August 1944.

1. Requested exemptions of civilian employees who were members of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Corps have been granted by the Army Sub-Commission Allied Control Commission (AMCA) Liaison Officer, Sicily. No further trouble is anticipated on this particular question.

2. Though this office is not cognizant of any instructions which regularize the position of persons who were inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control, arrests have ceased for the time being.

3. I am in complete accordance with opinion as set forth in paragraph 7 of reference (b).

/s/ C. L. NICHOLS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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FILE: RLE 013.21/EKN

3 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Arrest and Detention of Civilians at N.O.B.

TO: Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C. HQ.

1. With further reference to my letter to you RLE 013.21/FLV of 1 July 1944 and your letter to N.C.B. reference NSC/742 of 21 August a further civilian employed at the N.O.B. named Sturla, Luigi, has now been arrested as an Italian Deserter on orders from the Italian Court Martial Authorities at Taranto. It is understood that many further arrests are again threatened.
2. As previously pointed out this matter is viewed with great concern by the Naval Authority here and might cause serious dislocation of essential work as most of the men affected are skilled technicians.
3. I have accordingly been able to arrange through the ACC Public Safety Division for the temporary release of the A/M man.
4. Will you be good enough to again approach the Army Sub-Commission and / or appropriate Italian Authorities with a view to final clarification of this matter. It is respectfully suggested for consideration that the warrant of arrest issued by the Italian Military Authority should contain an instruction to the arresting police that the warrant shall not be executed if the person concerned is found to be employed by the Allies on essential work as could be testified on the warrant by the signature of the employing agency.
5. Unless something on the above lines is effected this trouble will be continually occurring even in this area alone.

For the Regional Commissioner:

E. K. MATTHEWS, Captain,
Regional Legal Officer.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

Considering that:

(A) Following war and political events in Italy, since July 9, many Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, underheads and sailors of the R. Navy have found themselves in Sicily and in South Calabria without regular destination and consequently occupy illegal positions.

(B) It is necessary to regulate the position of this personnel so as to bring about an administrative readjustment.

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that all Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Underheads and sailors of the R. Navy who are now present in Sicily and South-Calabria between VICO VALENTIA (included) and PUNTA STILO who have not been regularly assigned by the Ministry of the R. Navy after Sept. 8, 1943, must present themselves to the Authorities of the R. Navy hereby specified within the time indicated by the following form:

R E G U L A T I O N S

(1) Appropriate Sub-commissions have been constituted at the seats of MESSINA, PALERMO, TRAPANI, PORTO EMPEDOCLE and AUGUSTA with orders to receive personnel of the R. Navy who must present themselves and take necessary steps to legalize their position.

(2) Personnel residing within the limits of cities in which a Sub-commission is located must present themselves at once.

Personnel residing outside of these limits must present themselves at the nearest CC.RR. station and leave their proper information, then return to their own residence and wait for word to present themselves at the Sub-commission to which they will be called. The RR.CC. stations will indicate to the Subcommission easiest to reach (considering travelling difficulties) the information of personnel of R. Navy which has presented itself and will address them there when they will be summoned by an appropriate card.

The Sub-Commission ordered to receive the personnel of Calabria is the MESSINA Sub-Commission. The personnel living in the area north of the boundary lines of the city of Villa S. Giovanni and south of the boundary lines of Reggio Calabria must consider itself in the same seat of Sub-Commission as Messina and must therefore present themselves there directly; the remaining personnel residing in localities outside of the Sub-commission seat must in the first place present itself at the RR.CC. station and later when called must present itself at the aforesaid. Sub-Commission.

The RR.CC. of Calabria will forward to the Sub-Commission of Messina the records of military men who have presented themselves and will send to same the aforesaid military men when these will be called by appropriate cards.

All the personnel coming from Calabria who must pass the Straits must go to the Ufficio Tappa of the R. Navy in Reggio Calabria for information.

3. The Sub-Commissions

- (a) will certify the registered positions of each and will take down all the necessary data for the eventual liquidation of all fees left unpaid.
- (b) will provide to have them registered at the nearest Navy Command so as to qualify for payments from the day of presentation at the Sub-Commission.
- (c) they will provide to send out all the personnel on indefinite leave pending further decision for the discharge of those who have terminated compulsory military service and for eventual utilisation of those who are still subject to this compulsory service.

4. The personnel must present itself

- (a) if living within the limits of the city in which the Sub-commission is located within five days from the date of this proclamation at the sub-commission.
- (b) if living outside of such limits at the nearest RR.CC station within 20 days from the date of this proclamation.
- (c) the successive presentation of personnel as per item (b) at the Sub-commission must be on the date as fixed on the appropriate card; eventual delay must be justified by documents issued by the CC.RR. Station.

5. In order to facilitate travelling for the military personnel who are not living in the same locality where there is a sub-commission the RR.CC Stations will provide to furnish them with documents and money and to help them to find a vehicle for said travel.

6. All the personnel who will go to present themselves must be provided with valid identification documents.

N.B. All military personnel of the R. Navy who are presently employed in Offices or Establishments directed by the Allied Authorities should present themselves at the Sub-Commission provided with documents proving their present work. Following presentation of said documents they will not be removed from their employment unless by special authorization of the Allied Authorities which will employ them.

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ADMIRAL OF DIVISION
COMANDANTE SUPERIORE DEI SERVIZI DELLA MARINA
IN SICILIA
(Antonio Bobbiese)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
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13 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.
Subject: Italian Civilian Labor Corps, Sicily - Exemption
from Arrest.

1. The Flag Officer Liaison Italy, Rome, in letter No. L. 36/2a of 2 October 1944, requested the Ministry of Marine to issue a proclamation providing for the registration of all persons in Sicily who are deserters or absentees from Civilian Labor Corps and to exempt such persons from punishment for desertion. A report has been received from Sicily Region Headquarters, ACC, dated 3 October 1944, that STRULA, Luigi, a civilian employed at the U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO, has been arrested for desertion on orders from the Italian Court Martial Authorities at Taranto. While a temporary release has been obtained for STRULA, it is stated that many further arrests are threatened.

2. It is not known whether the Italian Court Martial Authorities who ordered the arrest are under the Italian Ministry of Marine or some other agency of the Italian Government. If the authorities who ordered the arrest are under the Ministry of Marine, it is requested that they be instructed that no further arrests are to be made of persons charged with desertion if the person concerned is found to be employed by the Allies on essential work. All warrants issued by Italian military authorities should contain a provision to this effect. It is further desired that the promulgation of the proclamation referred to in FOLI, Rome, letter of 2 October 1944, be expedited.

H. S. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to:
ComMOB-PALERMO
ARMY SC, ACC.
AIR FORCE SC, ACC.
SICILY RGN. HQ.

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FLAC OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, ROME

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2 October 1944.

No. I. 36/2a

MINISTRY OF WARING,
ROME.

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REGISTRATION OF JERSEY ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN SICILY

A report was received from the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo in July 1944, that the following named employees of the base had been arrested by the carabinieri on 27 June 1944 and confined to jail:

ERRO, Rosario
CAPRINTI, Salvatore.

2. These men were part of a large group of technicians employed and transported to various shipyards in German controlled Italy prior to the Allied invasion of Sicily. Subsequent to the invasion they made their way back to Sicily and were employed by the U.S. Navy in Palermo. The orders for the arrest issued by the Italian Government in Taranto charged the men with desertion under Section 146 of the Maritime Penal Code. The arrests had serious implications as doubt was created as to the status of numerous essential workmen at the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo. Representations were therefore made by the Sicily Region Headquarters, ACC, to Italian Police authorities at Palermo and the men were released from arrest. Subsequently the following information was received in an extract from the Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Liaison Log with the Italian Ministry of War.

"It appears that the men, prior to the Armistice were destined to go on labour in Germany. The men in question, ERRO Rosario and CAPRINTI Salvatore, escaped and were immediately put down as deserters. After the Armistice the men escaped to Sicily and were taken on in the Naval Dockyards.

As the names of the men had been circulated throughout Italy, the Italian Authorities on discovering that they were employed by the Allies, arrested them for desertion.

As soon as their crime was found out, they were immediately released and are now free. The whole matter appears to have been a mistake".

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3. From the above review of the facts involved in the arrests of BERRIO and CAPRINTI, it would appear that the case is closed, nevertheless, it is considered highly important that the future position of men in a similar status who have rendered valuable services to the Allied Nations be regularized. This office is not cognizant of any instructions which have been issued to regularize the position of Italian Civilians who were inscribed or inducted in Civilian Corps under military control and who are either deserters or absentees from such service. Under Article 10 of the Italian Codice Penale Militare di Pace e di Guerra, the military penal law is applied to persons considered as military personnel and to persons inscribed or inducted in civilian groups under military control. Apparently, in accordance with this article, BERRIO and CAPRINTI were considered as deserters or absentees from Italian civil labor corps and subject to punishment for desertion under Article 146 of the Code.

4. Article 15 of the Code provides that for the purposes of the penal military law during war, the offenses committed by Italian Military personnel or by persons not included in the Armed Forces of the Italian State to the damage of military personnel or of the Armed Forces of an Allied State, shall be considered as having been committed to the damage of the military personnel or of the Armed Forces of the Italian State. If personnel of Italian civilian labor corps are subject to punishment under Italian law for offenses committed against an Allied Nation, it follows that they should receive the benefits which accrue for services rendered to Allied Nations. Therefore any man inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control, who left Italian employment in German controlled Italy and took employment under Allied authorities, should not be considered as deserters.

5. A copy of a proclamation issued by Rear Admiral Robbice, Commander, Royal Italian Navy in Sicily, with the approval of the Allied authorities is enclosed herewith. The proclamation provides for the registration of Italian Naval deserters or absentees in Sicily to regularize their position. Admiral Robbice further issued orders that deserters or absentees from the Italian Navy who are employed in establishments directed by Allied authorities are not to be taken away from their employment. A copy of these instructions dated 13 July 1944 is enclosed herewith. It is requested that similar instructions be issued to regularize the position of Italian civilians who were inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control and are subject to being charged with desertion. This readily can be accomplished under paragraph 2 of Article 146 of the code which provides that legitimate

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2 October 1944.

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absentees report within two days, unless there are good reasons to the contrary. The proclamation should be issued by the Ministry of Marine requiring all persons in Sicily who are deserters or absentees from Civilian corps to report for registration on a prescribed day or within a certain period thereafter. The instructions should provide that any persons who have been or are now employed by Allied authorities are declared to be exempt from punishment for desertion under Article 146 of the Code. It is requested that I may be informed when the instructions have been issued.

REAR ADMIRAL

Copy to:

HQ. AAI(ADM ECH)
COM 8TH FLEET
POTALI
COMNAVADV BASES
COMNOB-PALERMO
ARMY SC ACC
AIR-FORCE SC ACC
SICILY REGION HQ.

(refers Navy Sub-Com.
ltr MSC/828 of 9 Sept.
1944).

(Enclosed copy of ComNobPalermo
ltr. serial 2747 of 19 Sept. 1944)

PROCLAMATION

Considering that

(A) Following war and political events in Italy since July 9, many Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Underwards and sailors of the R. Navy have found themselves in Sicily and in South Calabria without regular destination and consequently occupy illegal positions.

(B) It is necessary to regulate the position of this personnel so as to bring about an administrative readjustment.

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REGULATION

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(2) Personnel residing within the limits of cities in which a Sub-Commission is located must present themselves at once.

Personnel residing outside of these limits must present themselves at the nearest G.M. station and leave their proper information, then return to their own residences and wait for word to present themselves at the Sub-Commission to which they will be called. The G.M. stations will indicate to the Sub-Commission easiest to reach (considering travelling difficulties) the information of personnel of R. Navy which has presented itself and will address them there when they will be summoned by an appropriate card.

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- (c) they will provide to send out all the personnel on indefinite leave pending further decision for the discharge of those who have terminated compulsory military service and for eventual utilization of those who are still subject to this compulsory service.

(4) The personnel must present itself:

- (a) if living within the limits of the city in which the Sub-Commission is located, within five days from the date of this proclamation at the Sub-Commission.
- (b) if living outside of such limits at the nearest M.O. station within 20 days from the date of this proclamation.
- (c) the successive presentation of personnel as per item (b) at the Sub-Commission must be on the date as fixed on the appropriate card; eventual delay must be justified by documents issued by the M.O. Station.

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(5) In order to facilitate travelling for the military personnel who are not living in the same locality where they is a Sub-Commission the MR,CC Stations will provide to furnish them with documents and money and to help them to find a vehicle for said travel.

(6) All the personnel who will go to present themselves must be provided with valid identification documents.

N. B. All military personnel of the R. Navy who are presently employed in Offices or Establishments directed by the Allied Authorities should present themselves at the Sub-Commission provided with documents proving their present work. Following presentation of said documents they will not be removed from their employment unless by special authorization of the Allied Authorities which will employ them.

MINISTRO DE DEFENSA

COMANDANTE EN JEFE FUERZAS ARMADAS DE LA REPUBLICA

EN ACCION

(Antonio Robbiano)

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Comando Superiore Dei Servizi
R. Marina in Sicilia

Messina July 13, 1944.

UFFICIO C.I.P.
Protocollo N. 2381

Subject: DESERTERS FROM THE R. NAVY EMPLOYED IN ESTABLISHMENTS
DIRECTED BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES IN SICILY.

(1) Owing to the fact that many military men have become deserters in Sicily since September 8, 1943, and are now being employed in Allied establishments and offices so that their immediate transfer to the Army Corps which they belong to would damage the activities of these establishments and offices, it is disposed that when such deserters can prove with valid documents their occupations, they should not be taken away from their employment, but instead signed to Headquarters with indication of the kind of work in which they are occupied and the assignment they had when in service; so that Headquarters can carry into effect with the Allied authorities the necessary measures for their timely substitution.

(2) With the present we pray the Legion Commanders of the M.O. in Sicily to give same dispositions to the dependent M.O. stations.

GENERAL OF DIVISIONS

Comandante Superiore Dei Servizi M.O.

in Sicilia

(Antonio Robbiato)

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U. S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
PALERMO, SICILY
Navy 157, c/o P.F.O., NYC.

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19 September 1944.

From:
To :

Commandant.
Navy Sub-Commission, Sq. ACC.

Subject:

Registration of Former Italian Naval Personnel,
Sicily and Arrest of Members of Inducted Civilian
Corps.

Reference:

- (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/828 dated 9 Sept. 1944.
- (b) Navy Sub-Commission First Enforcement NSC/651
dated 1 August 1944.

1. Requested exceptions of civilian employees who were members of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Corps have been granted by the Army Sub-Commission Allied Control Commission (AWIA) Liaison Officer, Sicily. No further trouble is anticipated on this particular question.

2. Though this office is not cognizant of any instructions which regularize the position of persons who were inducted or inducted in civilian corps under military control, arrests have ceased for the time being.

3. I am in complete accordance with opinion as set forth in paragraph 7 of reference (b).

/s/ C. L. NICHOLS.

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RSC/828

9 September 1944

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To: Commandant, Naval Operating Base, PALERMO.
Subject: Registration of Former Italian Naval Personnel, Sicily.
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Comm First Endorsement RSC/651 of 1 Aug 1944.
(b) Navy Sub-Comm. ltr RSC/773 of 28 August 1944.
(c) Navy Sub-Comm. ltr RSC/772 of 28 August 1944.
(d) HQ.AAI ltr. endorsement AAI. 420.2 - DCAC of 2 Sept. 1944.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (a).
(B) Copy of reference (b).

1. The Navy Sub-Commission in reference (a) summarized the situation in Sicily with respect to deserters from the Italian Armed Forces. The proposals made therein have been approved by the Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy. However, in view of the time which has elapsed and subsequent events, it is considered appropriate to review the situation to determine whether any further action is required at this time.

2. A copy of Administrative Instruction No. 52, the latest directive issued by Headquarters, AAI, for the employment of Italian Military personnel, was forwarded by reference (b) to the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo. A clarification of Administrative Instruction No. 52 was requested by reference (c) in view of paragraph 11, which stated that the directive is not applicable to Italian personnel employed by the U.S. Forces. Reference (c) further requested that the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, be added to the list of the exempting authorities. HQ. AAI. in reference (d) advises that while the details of Administrative Instruction No. 52 are applicable only to British Forces, the policy underlying the instructions are applicable to all services.

3. Therefore before any further action is taken in connection with reference (a), comments and recommendations are requested from the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo.

H. W. ZIRGLI,
Commander, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to:
HQ.AAI. (ADM ECH)
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COMNAVNAV BASES
NAVY SC. ACC.
AIR-FORCE SC. ACC.
LEGAL SC. ACC.
SICILY REGION HQ.
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First Reinforcement on
RQ. Hq. ltr NSC/045.7
of 14 July 1944.

TO: Chief Naval Sub-Commissioner, Taranto.

SUBJECT: Registration of Former Italian Naval Personnel, Sicily.

Reference: (a) Sicily Region, Hq. ltr. NSC/045.7 of 8 May 1944.
(b) NSC ACC secret ltr, serial 0035 of 4 July 1944.
(c) NSC ACC ltr serial 40 of 17 July 1944 to Hq. AAI.
(d) COMNSC-Palermo ltr. serial 2276 of 1 July 1944 to FOTALI.

1. Forwarded.

2. Sicily Region Headquarters, ACC, in reference (a) forwarded a proposed draft for reinstating Italian Naval deserters or absentees in Sicily. The Regional Commissioner recommended that Admiral Bobbiese submit the draft to the Italian Ministry of Marine for promulgation by the Minister after discussion and approval by the Naval Sub-Commission, ACC. It was further recommended that the proposed draft be extended to include the Italian Army and Air Force.

3. The basic correspondence forwards a BANSO which has been approved by Admiral Bobbiese for issue. The BANSO is a revision and modification of the proposed draft submitted in reference (a), and includes a provision that all Italian military personnel of the Royal Navy, employed by Allied authorities, will not be removed from their employment without special authorization. This provision is in accordance with Army Sub-Commission letter A/216 of 2 July 1944, copy enclosed, except that it is applicable only to Naval personnel. In enclosure 2 of the basic letter, Admiral Bobbiese issued instructions to Italian Naval authorities in Sicily that deserters from the Royal Navy who are employed in establishments directed by Allied authorities are not to be taken away from their employment.

4. As the instructions issued by Admiral Bobbiese in the basic correspondence apparently regularize the position of Italian Naval deserters or absentees in Sicily, it is re-

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commended that they be approved. It is further recommended that the Army Sub-Commission and Air Force Sub-Commission endeavor to have similar instructions issued by the respective Italian Ministries.

5. In addition to actual deserters from the Italian Navy, there are two other distinct classes of deserters, namely: technical deserters for failure to register for military service and desertions by persons inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control, who are considered as military personnel. Adequate instructions have been issued by Hq. AAI to exempt technical deserters from military service who are employed by Allied authorities in essential war work. The Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, was furnished with copies of these instructions by reference (b). In reference (c), Hq. AAI was advised that the threatened arrest of deserters in Sicily, who are employed by Allied authorities, has serious consequences and requested to take measures to prevent such action by Italian authorities in the future. It is considered that adequate measures have been taken with respect to actual deserters by the basic correspondence, and with respect to technical deserters by the references quoted in reference (b).

6. This office is not cognizant of any instructions which regularize the position of persons who were inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control and who are either deserters or absentees from such service. Apparently, paragraph 3 of reference (d), refers to deserters in this category. These men are reported to be part of a large group of technicians mobilized and transported to various shipyards in German-controlled Italy, prior to the Allied invasion of Sicily. Subsequent to the invasion, they made their way back to Sicily and were employed by the U. S. Navy in Palermo. Under Article 10 of the Italian Codice Penale Militare di Pace e di Guerra, the military penal law is applied to persons considered as military personnel and to persons inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control. Apparently, in accordance with this article, deserters or absentees from Italian civilian labor corps are subject to punishment for desertion under Article 140 of the code.

7. Article 16 of the code provides that, for the purposes of the penal military law, during war, the offenses committed by Italian military personnel, or by persons not included in the Armed Forces of the Italian State, to the damage

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of military personnel or of the Armed Forces of an Allied State, shall be considered as having been committed to the damage of the military personnel or of the Armed Forces of the Italian State. If personnel of Italian civilian labor corps are subject to punishment under Italian law for offenses committed against an Allied Nation, it follows that they should receive benefits which accrue for services rendered to Allied Nations. Therefore, any men inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control, who left Italian employment and took employment under Allied authorities, should not be considered as deserters.

8. Paragraph 2 of Article 146 of the code provides that legitimate absentees report within two days, unless there are good reasons to the contrary. It is recommended that the Minister of Marine issue instructions requiring all persons now in Sicily who are absentees from civilian corps under military control to report for registration on a prescribed day or within a certain period thereafter. The instructions should provide that any persons who have been or are now employed by Allied authorities are declared to be exempt from punishment under Article 146 of the code. It is further recommended that the Army Sub-Commission have similar instructions issued by the respective Italian Ministries.

COMMODORE

Copy to:
Hq AAI (Adm Ech USF)
ComNavNAF
ComNavAdvBases
~~Army SC, AGC~~
Air Force SC, AGC.
Legal SC, AGC.
Sicily RG Hq.

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SUBJECT: - Recall to Colours of
Civilian as employed in
Naval Dockyard PALERMO

Army Sub Commission MMIA (Adv)
R.O.B.E.

A/216

2 Jul 44

Lt Col Lester R. Albert
MMIA LO - PALERMO

Copy to: - HQ 3 District
MMIA Main HQ - LEQUILS
Naval Sub-Commission (Adv)

1. Civilians, now being recalled to Italian Armed Forces, are in certain instances essential workers in the Naval Operating Base PALERMO.
2. Request you arrange that under no circumstances is any man removed from the R.O.B. if he is essential to the Naval work.
3. R.O.B. will provide full list of the personnel concerned as early as possible. Arrange with 86 Area to obtain the correct exemption for these personnel.

(Sgd) Illigible
Lt Col.
A.A. & G.M.G.

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PROCLAMATION

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Taking into consideration that:-

(a) During the retreat from Tunis and its evacuation and following the occupation of Pantellaria and Lampedusa islands various R Marine personnel evacuated to Sicily and remained there with no fixed abode.

(b) During the occupation of Sicily various officers and ORs of the Navy who were sent on duty to Sicily did not make their way back to the mainland and are now at liberty on the island.

(c) During the occupation of Sicily and after the Armistice various officers and ORs of the R Navy who should have returned on duty to the mainland on board HM ships went to Sicily on leave or on private business and did not report back to their unit locations.

(d) It is necessary to legalize the position and to return to the proper administrative system for all the a/m personnel now in Sicily who were not sent there on duty by the Ministry of Marine after the Island was handed back to Italian Administration.

I hereby order

that all the a/m personnel report to the authorities specified below:-

1. As from special R Navy Sub Commissions responsible for receiving this personnel will be established in the following locations:-

Reggio Calabria, Messina, Palermo, Trapani, Porto Empedocle, Augusta.

2. Personnel residing in the locality of a Sub Comm will report to it direct. Those outside the province will report to the nearest Carabinieri HQ leaving their full identity and particulars and will return to their own house to await instructions to report to the Sub Commissions.

3. The Sub Commissions

(a) Will confirm the particulars of each one and will consolidate all these particulars for the eventual cancellation of back pay and allowances.

(b) Will see that they are taken on the strength of the nearest Naval HQ for pay as from the day on which they reported to the Sub Commission.

(c) Will make arrangements to send all personnel on indefinite leave pending further instructions in order to demobilise those who have completed their military service and to make use of those who are still subject to military service.

4. This personnel will report:-

(a) Within 5 days of the date on which the above Sub Commissions come into effect if they live in their vicinity.

(b) Within 20 days (if outside the jurisdiction of these Sub Commissions) to the nearest Carabinieri HQ.

(c) The date on which personnel in category (b) above are to report is fixed in the attached card; any delay will have to be justified by a document issued by the Carabinieri HQs.

5. In order to facilitate travel for military who live outside the Sub Commissions

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5. In order to facilitate travel for military who live outside the Sub Commission areas Carabinieri Stations will either see that documents and cash are provided for the journey or furnish some means of transport for them.

6. All personnel reporting will carry proper identity documents.

7. Port Captains will supply information on the locations of the Sub Commissions.

8. For the time being the following are exempt from this order:- Officers, MCO's,

Petty Officers and ratings who are at present in concentration camps, and those who have documents stating that they are prisoners on parole.

Date _____

Signature _____

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8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Recruiting for Italian Navy and Armed Forces

TO : Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.C. Section
A. C. C.

1. Discussions on the attached proposals on Italian naval recruiting have taken place between

- a. Ammiraglio Bobbiese and High Commissioner SICILY
- b. Ammiraglio Bobbiese and Regional Commissioner SICILY
- c. Generale Mariotti, Comd XII Corps has also participated in discussions.

2. Ammiraglio Bobbiese first suggested that the High Commissioner should issue a Bando; this was discouraged by Regional Commissioner, who also considered original draft controversial. This led to final draft which is attached.

3. At final discussion Regional Commissioner recommended that Ammiraglio Bobbiese submit a draft to his Ministry for discussion with Navy Sub-Commission prior to promulgation, and after prior agreement with Headquarters, A.C.C.

4. It was also recommended that such proclamation, if it be approved, be issued in the name of the Minister of Marine.

5. An extension of the proposals in accord with Italian Army and Air Authorities is inherent in the Italian Navy's proposals. It is strongly recommended that any approval that is given be inclusive of all services, and not in any way unilateral.

A. H. Hancock
A.H. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

Copies TO: Navy Sub-Commission
Army Sub-Commission
Interior Sub-Commission

Noted @ 17/5

*File
on 17/5/44*

C O P YE A N D O

Considerato che:

- a) - Durante la ritirata dalla Tunisia ed in seguito alla occupazione delle isole di Pantelleria e Lampedusa vari militari della R.Marina affluirono in Sicilia ed ivi rimasero senza destinazione;
- b) - Durante la occupazione della Sicilia vari Ufficiali e militari della R.Marina che avevano una destinazione in Sicilia non ripiegarono verso il continente e si trovano tuttora nell'isola allo stato libero;
- c) - Durante la occupazione della Sicilia e dopo l'armistizio vari Ufficiali e militari della R.Marina che avevano una destinazione in continente e a bordo di unita' navali affluirono in Sicilia in licenza e in missione e di propria iniziativa e non fecero ritorno alla loro destinazione;
- d) - E' necessario legalizzare la posizione ed anche addivinare alla sistemazione amministrativa di tutto il personale predetto comunque in Sicilia senza esservi state regolarmente destinato dal Ministero della Marina dopo la restituzione dell'isola all'amministrazione Italiana.

O R D I N O

CHE TUTTO IL PERSONALE SOPRA INDICATO SI PRESENTI ALL'E AUTOPITA'
appresso specificate:

M O D A L I T A':

- 1) - A decorrere dal giorno apposite Sottocommissioni della R.Marina incaricate di ricevere il personale funzioner-anno nelle seguenti località: Reggio Calabria, Messina, Palermo, Trapani, Porto Zupedocle, Augusta.
- 2) - Il personale residente nella stessa sede delle Sottocommissioni si presentera' ad esse direttamente; quello fuori di dette sedi si presentera' alla piu' vicina Stazione OC.MR. per lasciare le proprie generalita' e far ritorno alla propria residenza in attesa di comunicazioni per la presentazione alle Sottocommissioni.

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CHE TUTTO IL PERSONALE SOPRA INDICATO SI PRESENTI ALL'E AUTORTA'
appresso specificato:

M O D A L I T A' :

1) - A decorrere dal giorno apposite Sottocommissioni-
ni della R. Marina incaricate di ricevere il personale funzioner-
anno nelle seguenti località: Reggio Calabria, Messina, Palermo,
Trapani, Porto Camicia, Augusta.

2) - Il personale residente nella stessa sede delle Sottocommissioni
si presentera' ad esse direttamente; quello fuori di dette
sedi si presentera' alla piu' vicina Stazione C.C.R.R. per lascia-
re le proprie generalita' e far ritorno alla propria residenza
in attesa di comunicazioni per la presentazione alla sotto-
commissioni.

3) - Le Sottocommissioni:

a) - Accerteranno la posizione matricolare dei singoli e 7812
preleveranno tutti i dati necessari alla eventuale liquida-
zione di competenze arretrate;

b) - Provvederanno a farli prendere in forza dal piu' vicino
Comando Marina per la corresponsione delle competenze dal
giorno di presentazione alle Sottocommissioni;

c) - Provvederanno ad inviare tutto il personale in licenza
indeterminata con riserva di ulteriori determinazioni per il
collocamento in congedo di coloro che hanno ultimato gli
obblighi di servizio militare e per l'eventuale graduale
utilizzazione di coloro che ancora sono soggetti a detti obbli-
ghi.

4) - Il personale dovra' presentarsi:

a) - Se in sede di Sottocommissioni, entro 5 giorni dalla data
sopra indicata di funzionamento delle Sottocommissioni stesse
(v. n.2).

(1)

- 1) - Se non in sede di Sottocommissioni, alla Stazione più vicina dei CC.RR. entro 20 giorni dalla data del bando;
- c) - La successiva presentazione del personale di cui alla lettera b) alle Sottocommissioni dovrà avvenire nel giorno fissato nell'apposita cartolina; eventuali ritardi dovranno essere giustificati con documento rilasciato dal Comand. Stazione dei CC.RR.
- 5) - Allo scopo di facilitare il viaggio ai militari che non risiedono nella stessa località, dove hanno sede le Sottocommissioni le Stazioni dei CC.RR. provvederanno a fornire loro documenti e denari per il viaggio nonché a facilitare loro la utilizzazione di un mezzo per il viaggio stesso.
- 6) - Tutto il personale che si recherà a presentarsi dovrà essere munito di validi documenti di riconoscimento.
- 7) - Le Capitanerie di Porto forniranno le indicazioni sulla ubicazione degli Uffici delle Sottocommissioni.
- 8) - Sono esenti per ora dalla presentazione gli Ufficiali, i Sottufficiali, i S. Capitani e Comandi della R. Marina che si trovano prigionieri nei campi di concentramento e quelli che sono provvisti di un documento attestante la loro posizione di prigionieri liberi sulla parola.

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