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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

AC/14601/29/PS

21 March 1944

SUBJECT : Capt. Meola of CC.RR. at Sulmona

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission MMIA

Reference your SD/53 of 22nd Dec, 1944.

1. The allegations against Capt. Gustavo MEOLA former commander of the Sulmona Company of CC.RR. have now been investigated by the Commanding General of the CC.RR.

2. The Italian civilian Loreto MARCONI referred to in your letter as conducting propaganda against the military call-up was not arrested (there being no power of arrest under Italian law as he was not found in the act of committing the offence) but he was questioned and proceeded against by summons in the proper manner.

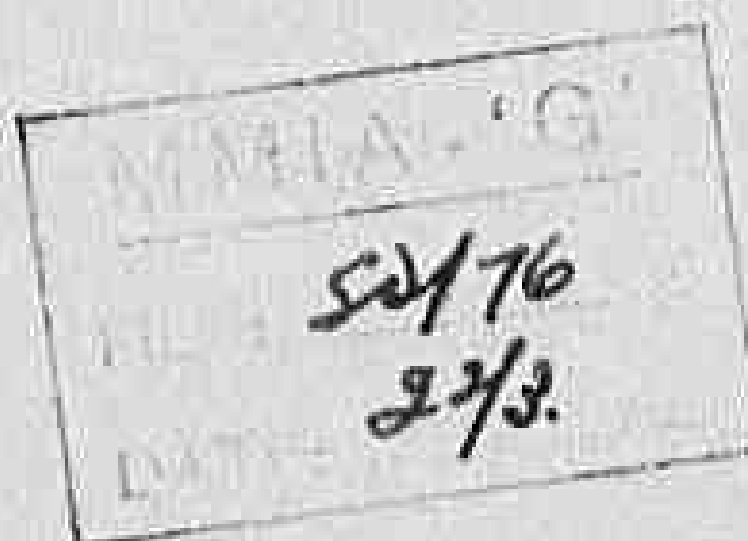
3. Meola's failure to co-operate with the Italian Military Authorities has not been confirmed by the investigation, but it has been revealed that the Italian Military District Commander entertained a personal dislike for Capt. Meola, unconnected with official duties.

4. In these circumstances Capt. Meola has been transferred to a different district.

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

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14601/29/FS

Tel. 489081 - 365
17 March 1945

SUBJECT : Capt Meola of CC.RR. at Sulmona.
TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, MIA.

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1. Reference your SD/76 dated 13 March, 1945.
2. As a result of our letter of 27 February, 1945, a reply dated 5 March, 1945 has been received from Commanding General CC.RR. stating that the result of the investigation concerning Capt Meola is not yet known.
3. This matter will be followed up, and information forwarded to you as soon as available.

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

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MIA - "G"	
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DATE:	18/3.

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Copy Translation

CC. RR. Gen. Hq.

5th March, 1945
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Reply to AC/14601/29 dated 27/2/1945

Subject : Captain s.p. MEOLA Gustavo

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission-Rome

With reference to a/m letter, it is reported that the result of the investigation arranged in regard to the CC.RR. Captain MEOLA Gustavo, former Commander of the Sulmona Company, are not yet known.

Information in this regard will be forwarded, as soon as possible.

Commanding General
sgd Taddeo Orlando

MMIA-G
FILE: 52/76
DATE: 18/3

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SUBJECT: Captain Meola of the CO.RR at Sulmona

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
SD/76
13 March 1945

TO : Public Safety Sub Commission, ALCOM

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With further reference to your AC/14601/29/PS
of 27 February 1945.

1. Request information as to the result of disciplinary
inquiry.

(R)

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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Tel : 489081 - 365

27 February, 1945.

AC/14601/29/FS

SUBJECT : Capt. Meola, CC.RR. Salmona.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

Reference your SD/53 of 26 February 1945.

1. A reply to your original letter of 22 Dec. 1944 was sent to you on 28 January 1945. A copy is attached for your information.
2. The result of the disciplinary enquiry is not yet known.

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

AFW/G.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel : 489081 - 365

27 February, 1945.

AC/14601/29/PS

SUBJECT : Capt. Meola, Sulmona.

TO : ~~Commanding~~ General CC.RR.

With reference to your letter 23/5 of 21st Jan.
1945, may we please be informed if the disciplinary enquiries
in connection with the complaint against Captain Gustavo
MEOLA have been completed.

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

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Copy to - NYIA. ✓

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Subject: Captain Meola of the CC.EE at Sulmona

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rome
SD/53 (76) NEW FILE

25 February 1945

To : Public Safety Sub Commission, ALCON

1. No reply has been received to letter of 22 Dec 1944,
above subject and file.

2. Request reply.

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14601/29/PS

28 January 1945

SUBJECT : Captain Meola, CC.RR. Sulmona.

TO : Director Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. Reference is made to your letters SD/53 dated 22 December, 1944, and 15 and 26 January 1945.

2. Information has been received from the Commanding General CC.RR. that while the inquiry into this matter has not been completed, facts disclosed so far, have warranted the removal of Captain Meola from his command at Sulmona.

3. You will be informed of the result of the inquiry as soon as it is to hand.

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

CRD/jwf

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Subject :- Rfts.

To HQ. MMIA.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Com
A.C. MMIA.
c/o H Q I District.
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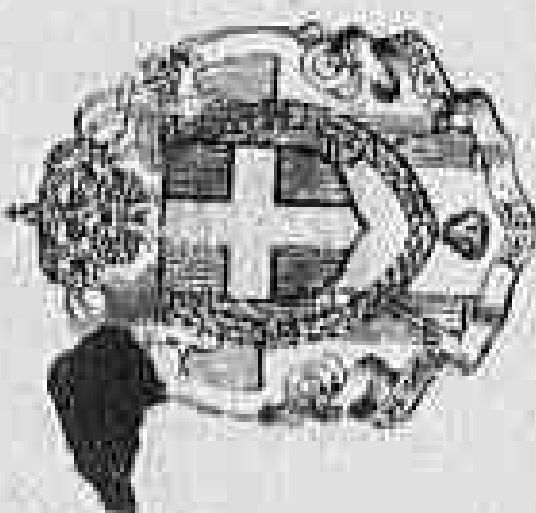
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1. Ref phone conversation Maxwell - Bourne.
 2. 400 Iti Iti rfts were alleged to be at Teramo for collection. 50 have been collected for 520 Gd Bn and 28 for 515 Gd Bn. 50 more are being collected by 209 Div. They 70 were collected by 19 Pioneer Group and allotted to 413 IPL Regt. 209 Div are warning the remaining 200 to assemble and stand by for me to arrange collection.
 3. 89 Bri Iti were assigned at Aquila. Of these, 51 were collected by 19 Pioneer Group and allotted to 413 IPL Regt. 209 Div are arranging to collect the other 38.
 4. Then in addition 209 Div inform me that 236 were assigned at Afragola. 232 have been collected and allotted to 400 IPL Regt.
 5. 209 Div are maintaining contact with Teramo and Aquila and the remaining bodies will be collected in due course when transport and weather permit.

(R)
JH Bourne
Capt
L.O. M.M.I.A.

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URGENTE

Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

5/76.

P.M. 3800 - 25 gennaio 1945~

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FONOGRAFIA A MANO URGENTE



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

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO-Uff.Ord.e Mob.-

P.M. 3800

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GUERRAGABINETTO NR. 201902/II ALT COMANDO TERRITORIALE ROMA
COMUNICA CHE SONO IN SOSTA PRESSO DISTRETTO TERAMO ET L'AQUILA
RISPETTIVAMENTE NR. 129 ET 34 RICHIAMATI ALT PREGASI INTERES-
SARE PRIMO DISTRETTO INGLESE PER RITIRO MILITARI ALT D'ORDINE
CAPOGABINETTO LOMBARDI

Recall up.

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Have Forward 114 informed the other...

FONOGRAMMA A MANO URGENTE

S/P

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

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO-Uff.Ord.e Mob.- P.M. 3800

GUERRAGABINETTO NR. 201902/II ALT COMANDO TERRITORIALE ROMA
COMUNICA CHE SONO IN COSTA PRESSO DISTRETTO TERAMO ET L'AQUILA
RISPETTIVAMENTE NR. 129 ET 54 RICHIAMATI ALT PREGASI INTERES-
SARE PRIMO DISTRETTO INGLESE PER RITIRO MILITARI ALT D'ORDINE
CAPOGABINETTO LOMBARDI

Re. call up.

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Santh

*Rome Territorial HQ informed this office that
129 and 54 call ups are in transit respectively at
Teramo & Aquila Districts CD Please inform 9121 District
(Br) for collection of men concerned CD*

(Sgt) The chief of District

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units

Land Forces Sub Com. A.S.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/SA
26 Jan 46

TO : S District

Copy to: WMIA LG S District
For Ministry

WM Italian 3rd Gen Stores Coy

1. Formation of the above unit under your supervision was authorized in WMIA letter SD/13 of 9 November 1944.
2. Will you please advise this HQ as to progress of formation of this unit.

Internal:
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Spec Sec
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[Signature]
Major General
M.M.I.A. C/S
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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SWS.
Tel : 489081 - 365

15 January, 1945.

AC/14601/29/PS

SUBJECT : Capt. Merle CC.RR. Sulmona. 17/1
TO : Director Land Forces Sub-Commission
(MMIA). ✓

1. Reference your SD/53 dated 22 December 1944 and
15 January 1945. -49

2. No reply has yet been received on this subject from
Commanding General CC.RR. A reminder has been sent, and you 120
will be informed of the result.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission. 18 Jan

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Subject: Captain Neola of the CC.RR at Sulmona.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/53
5 January 1945

To : Public Safety Sub Commission, ALCOM

1. No reply has been received to letter of 22 Dec 1944, above subject and file.
2. Request reply.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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27 December 1944

SUBJECT : Abruzzi Call-Up.

TO : Commanding General, Co. RR.

SD 27/12

1. Attached is a copy letter from Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA) requesting that special arrangements be made to deal with the apprehension of men who have not reported for the military call-up in Abruzzi which has been in effect since 1 Dec 44.
2. Particular emphasis should be placed on the Sulmona District because of the unsatisfactory results obtained there.
3. For your information and necessary action please.

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

FJW/jwf

Copy to:

R.C. Abruzzi-Marche Region
(Attn: R.P.S.O.).
Land Forces Sub-Commission ✓
(Your letter SD/53 dated 22 Dec 44 refers).

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SUBJECT:- Call-up Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C.
(MMIA)
SD/53/1
27 Dec 44

AFHQ

Further to my signal SD1948 of 17 Dec copy of which is att for easy reference.

1. The method of maintaining the Italian Army in strength has not been good lately and the Minister for War is personally examining alterations in the exemption laws with the object of fulfilling Allied demands.
2. Att at Appx "A" is a chart showing Italian Army Call-up situation. Recently the limiting factor has been the lack of equipment. It is however understood that sufficient equipment is available to equip 10,000 per month for the next four or five months.
3. The last column on the chart shows a recommendation for calling up the latter half of the 1924 class and the 1925 class complete, the figures of which are the difference between actual receipts or anticipated receipts and the monthly figure of 10,000 personnel.
4. Will you please say if you agree when I will take strong measures with the Ministry of War to see that the figures are adhered to.
5. Will you please notify me when the equipment situation is likely to improve so that steps may be taken to increase the manpower to the authorised ceiling.

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signed

L. BROWNING

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Major General
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Copy to:- AQ

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APPENDIX "A" to MMIA letter
SD/53/1 of 27 Dec 44

ITALIAN PERSONNEL STRENGTHS

Month	Target	Received	Anticipated	Proposed call-up of 1924/25 Class
1944				
Nov	6000 ex ABRUZZI	2000		8000
Dec	8000 ex SICILY	1500		8500
1945				
Jan	12000 ex SICILY		8000	2000
Feb	10000 ex SARDINIA		6000	4000
Mar	10000 ex SARDINIA		6000	4000
				26500

This amended to read as below by
MMIA SD2020 of 29 Dec

say 20,000 by 31 Jan
say 10,000 by 31 Mar

say 20,000 by 28 Feb

say 10,000 more by 31 Mar

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SUBJECT: Carabinieri for Abruzzi Region

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SI/53
22 Dec 44

TO: Public Safety Sub Commission A.C. (2)

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1. This Sub Commission has been verbally assured by the Italian War Ministry that as of 26 December the Carabinieri in the Abruzzi Region will begin rounding up all the men who have not reported for the military call-up which has been in effect since 1 December.
2. Because of the size of the undertaking and due to the fact that the present Carabinieri personnel will not be sufficient for the successful conclusion of the task, it is requested that necessary arrangements be made with the Comando Generale di Carabinieri for providing the required personnel. Transportation for these mobile Carabinieri units is to be found at the District Military Headquarters of Aquila, Chieti, Teramo and Sulmona.

217P. Capt
Major General
M.M.I.A.
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Subject: Captain Meola of the CC.RR at Sulmona.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/53
December 1944

To : Public Safety Sub Commission, ALCOM

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1. Our US Army Liaison Officer who observed the operation of the call-up of the Italian Army in the Abruzzi Region has advised us that Captain Meola of the CC.RR in Sulmona would not cooperate with the Italian Army authorities who were attempting to make the call-up effective. An Italian civilian was arrested while engaged in propaganda work aimed at opposing the call-up, and Captain Meola released the man, stating that he had no grounds for holding him. A similar case occurred in Chieti where five men are being held by the CC.RR on the same charge. The US Officer reports that Captain Meola is weak and ineffective and should be replaced. The results of the call-up in his district verify this.

2. It is suggested that this officer be investigated with a view to removal of ineffective, non-cooperative and inefficient personnel

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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SUBJECT: ABRUZZI Call-up

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/53 ← *12/12*
21 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. MMIA LO BARI reports that 450 personnel ex ABRUZZI Call-up entrained at ORTONA on 17 Dec. Of these, 399 personnel arrived at TRANI Camp. All 399 drew their blankets but 200 immediately deserted.
2. Will you please cause an enquiry to be made as soon as possible and have steps taken for the deserters to be recovered.
3. The figures for the ABRUZZI Call-up are below 30% of the anticipated target and the fnn of units for the Allied programme is being seriously jeopardised.

COPY TO MMIA LO 54 AREA

L.M.T. St. Col
Major General
M. M. I. A. *112*

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SUBJECT: Aburzzi Call-up

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/53
21 Dec 44

TO : Ministry of War

Reference your letter 307170/1/CA of 19 December 1944.

1. The extension of the call-up period to 5 January as requested in paragraph 2 (d) is not agreed to, but it is agreed that present tpt may remain until that date. However, between 24 December and 5 January every effort will be exerted to reach the quota established of 6,000 men by having the Carabinieri within each Military District Headquarters, reinforced by the number deemed necessary, arrest all those who have arbitrarily not reported for the call-up. This rounding up should start no later than 26 December. Particular emphasis should be placed on the Sulmona District because of the unsatisfactory results thus far obtained there.
2. Arrangements for the removal of the men from the Military District Headquarters have been made and are progressing rapidly.

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Major General
M.M.I.A. 112

Copy to:

Public Safety Sub Com.
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FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP MAIN CITE FHGAB

TO : AFHQ

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INFO: MMIA

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FIRST (.) Deficiencies in Italian Labour units in
operational zone causing concern (.) Deficiency
as at 9 Dec is 3150 (.) SECOND (.) of 1000 Rfts
expected from ABRUZZI Callup only 250 have materialised
(.) THIRD (.) Request estimated numbers rfts which can be
provided for labour units and dates availability

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FROM: MMIA LO TRANI

TO : MMIA ROME

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INFO: MMIA LO 54 AREA

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717 out of total 800 from AERUZZI Call-up arrived TRANI (.)

Position now as follows (.) FIRST (.) Present in Camp 571,

volunteers for Combat Groups 37, deserters 109 (.) Am forwarding

by letter nominal roll of deserters

SECOND (.) Have closed down on further volunteers ex AERUZZI

as understand Groups now low priority and suspect intentions

of these volunteers (.) Do you agree query

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Translation.

From Ministry of War
To MMHQ

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Ref 307170
318-1-0

Date Dec. 19, 1944

Subject Calling up of mil. in Abruzzi

Ref SD/53 dated 9th inst.

1) M.I. Hq. LAZIO, UMBRIA, and ABRUZZI has reported that by order of the Allies the ending of the calling up of mil. in ABRUZZI will be extended till 24th inst.

2) The same Hq. reported the following in regard to what was reported by MMHQ.

a) Owing to the lack of civilian vehicles, one lorry has been employed for each district in order to assure the supplying of straw, wood, foodstuffs for the improvement of the mess, and wine, which are necessary and which cannot be found at the District Hqs.

b) The commander of the Carabinieri Co. at Sulmona has been ordered to carry out more activities.

It appears that the other Carabinieri Hqs have shown activities and zeal.

c. The plan for the transport of personnel was studied and ordered on the basis of a minimum availability of 50 lorries.

Instead, only 18 were assigned; owing to this it was necessary to use the vehicles for the collection of the call-ups from the communes which were furthest away.

The Mil Hq LAZIO, UMBRIA, ABRUZZI concludes by reporting the possibility of obtaining better results if:

d) the calling up is extended till Jan 5
e) the sending of the call ups to the employment zones is speeded up, thus eliminating the supposition on the part of the call ups, when they do not see those who ~~are already~~ ^{have} already been recruited leave, that they still have time to report.

3) We report the above for the decisions which MMSEA may care to make in regard to letters d) and e).

An investigation is being made in order to ascertain ^{who was} ~~the responsibility of~~ responsible for the delayed shipment of part of the assigned vehicles.

Cpl. VC.

(sgd)

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C O P Y

FROM: 54 AREA

TO : MIA ROME

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INFO: MIA LO 54 AREA

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FIRST FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL RPTS (.) 49 LOW CATEGORY
PERSONNEL, 129 LABOUR, 20 FOR SERIAL 110 (.) SECOND (.)
23 TRAINED LINESMEN ARRIVED FROM FRANCAVILLA SIGNALS
SCHOOL (.) REQUEST DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS (.) THIRD (.)
16 PERSONNEL IN BATTLE ORDER EX TARANTO AA ALSO HERE (.)
FOURTH (.) 500 MULETEERS ALREADY SIGNALLED AVAILABLE FOR
ORVIETO CAMP (.) FIFTH (.) 450 EX CALL-UP IN ABRUZZI
ARRIVED NIGHT 17 DEC (.) HAS FINAL DESTINATION BEEN DECIDED
QUERX

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

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SUBJECT: ARMED Call-up

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.D.
(M.A.I.A.)
File No. SI/23
17 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: HQ 15 ARMY GP
C3 FIFTH ARMY (Brit Incr) for MIA LO
Rear EIGHTH ARMY for MIA LO

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1. From personnel assembled during the period 1 - 14 Dec. the following were allotted as reinforcements to 228 and 251 Dives:-

At TERAMO	150	for 228 Div
At AQUILA	82	for 251 Div

2. 23 15 Army Gp have found it necessary to adjust this allotment and have now made the following arrangements:-

(a) 80 men are being collected from TERAMO by EIGHTH ARMY for 228 Div.

(b) The balance of approx 70 at TERAMO, and the 82 men at AQUILA are being collected by 1 District to reinforce 251 Div.

TO : MINISTRY OF DEF.

Copy to: HQ 15 ARMY CP
CG FIFTH ARMY (Brit Incr) for MELA 10
Near NIGITH ARMY for MELA 10

1. From personnel assembled during the period 1 - 14 Dec, the following were allotted as reinforcements to 228 and 231 Divs:-

AT TERAMO	150	for 228 Div
AT AQUILA	62	for 231 Div

2. HQ 15 Army Cp have found it necessary to adjust this allotment and have now made the following arrangements:-

(a) 80 men are being collected from TERAMO by EIGHTH ARMY for 228 Div.

(b) The balance of approx 70 at TERAMO, and the 82 men at AQUILA are being collected by 1 District to reinforce 1st Div under comd 1 District.

3. It has been stressed to HQ 15 Army Cp that these **102** men should be completed by 20 Dec.

4. As further men assemble under the categories previously allotted to 228 and 231 Divs, numbers will be notified by this HQ to HQ 15 Army Cp, who will issue instructions for their allotment and collection.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Sig Office ABLETTA

D4 ARIA FOR MAIA LO 56 NLU MIN OF WAR. HILTHOM
DISSEMIN FOR MAIA LO
HISSEME EASTERN MAT

ED 1940
FOR O'DONNELL (.)

CONFIDENTIAL

800 men at ASHMO-I call-up are moving by rail ORTMA to HANI as follows (.) 17 Dec 400 (.) 19 Dec 400 (.) ETA train 1750 hrs (.) Proposed allotment this 500 was (a) 200 MB-III rfts (B) 500 to REMOVED for MANTOVA (.) The proposed allotment may require adjustment to provide 800 for ORVLETO by 22 Dec vide MAIA 00 1908 copy to 04 ARIA for MAIA LO para SUPPLD which is priority commitment

Sig Office BAHAMAS

D4 AREA FOR MELA LC 56 MIN OF WAR. EL. TUNER
DISTANCE FOR MELA LC
DISTANCE EASTING 1847

SD 1940

For O'DONNELL (.)

CONFIDENTIAL

800 men ex ARKUNCI call-up are moving by rail ONYMA to TRAMI as follows (.) 17 Dec 400 (.) 19 Dec 400 (.) RTA train 1750 hrs (.) Proposed allotment this 800 was (a) 800 M2-IV rfts (b) 600 to DERIVED for MARIQUA (.) The proposed allotment may require adjustment to provide 800 for GAVIHO by 25 Dec vide MELA SD 1908 copy to D4 AREA for MELA 10 para SERNED which is priority commitment

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MESSAGE FORM.

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From : MMIA
To (Action) : Eighth Army
To (Info) : Rear Eighth Army for MMIA LO
Min of War
Ref No : SD 1835

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124 men for IESI ex ABRUZZI call up now ready at TRIAMO (*) Request
you collect soonest (*) Further men will continue to assemble until
24 Dec (*) MMIA SD 1835 of 8 added MMIA LO refers

IMPORTANT.

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Translation.

From: - Hq Lajo V.A.

Ref: 2882/10 M.

To: - MM 17.

Date: - 17/12/44.

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Phonogram.

Statement of calling up men in Abuzzi District as
at 16th inst:-

Aquila District.

Reported	116	R.P.
Unfit	3	
Exempted	90	
Reported not examined	15	
Enlisted for Combat Group	7	
" " 231 Div.	11	
" " Guard Bn.	5	
Awaiting transfer to Combat Group	138	
" " 231 Div.	105	
" " Guard Bn.	33	276

Teramo District.

Reported	238
Unfit	27
Exempted	128
Reported not examined	34
Enlisted for 228 Div.	20
" " Guard Bn.	21
" " Combat Group	42
Awaiting transfer to 228 Div.	206
" " Guard Bn.	270
" " Combat Group	226
Sent to Chieti for onward transmission to Ortona	280

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Chieti District.

Reported	30
Unfit	16
Exempted	47
Enlisted for Train Camp	8
" " Combat Group	9
Awaiting transfer to Train Camp	157
" " Combat Group	210

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P.T.O.

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Sulmona District

Reported	31	
Unfit	6	
Exempted	16	
Enlisted for Train Camp	5	16 P 480
Awaiting transfer to Train Camp	81	
1. Combat Group	58	144

(Sgt) BUONERRO

Sgt. FIDORE

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abruzzo Call up

Subject: Personnel ex TARANTO etc. for Muleteers.

Copy to : G (2)
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FROM MOV FOGGIA 141530A
TO (1) MOV BARLETTE (2) MOVEIT (3) DISTHREE (EAST) (4) 54 AREA
(5) ROO BARI (6) RTO ORTONA (7) MMIA

MOV/Q/506. CONFIDENTIAL. 800 ITALIANS CALLED TO COLOURS WILL MOVE BY
RAIL ORTONA - TRANI 17 AND 19 DEC. 400 EACH DAY ON TARANTO MILITARY
PASSENGER TRAIN DEP ORTONA 0919 ETA TRAIN 170 1750. AUTH MOVEIT VERBAL.

[Signature]
Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury) 103
Movements Liaison Officer

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LRQ V MEDY NR 221

IMMEDIATE

QVR -6

FROM 209 SUB AREA 160900 A

TO 'Q' (BY HAND) INFO:- DPJEAUXOE EAST - RIO ORIONA -

ADV HQ 209 SUB AREA - AC CHIEF - M M 1 A

QQA GR 47 B1

SI 1201 . RESTRICTED . REF YOUR QG 305 OF 14 NOT TO ALL .

24 X 2 TON VEHICLES WILL REPORT TO VITTORIO EMANUELE BARRACKS

CHIEF AT 0615 OURS 17 DEC AND 24 X 2 TON VEHICLES SAME PLACE

0615 HOURS 19 DEC 44 TO CONVEY TWO PARTIES CIVILIANS TO ORIONA .

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160900 A

CIN WA VITTORIO EMANUELE

KFS B1

RD NR 221 " D LON " (1505) (K)

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Translation 37

from: MOW
to: MM1Aref. 306668/MAC
3181-10 15 Dec 44Subject: Exemption from & dispensation
from military service. - 55/38With reference to letter 50/38 dated 16
13th inst. -On receiving MM1A's letter 50/38 dated
Nov. 21st, we issued orders to the
technical branches of this Ministry
to study the possibility of revising
the actual regulations concerning exem-
ption & dispensation from military ser-
vice. - 17 DecThe matter has already been studied
& is actually examined by SMRE
P.T.O.This
was my
own response
to callup
Compania

1944

(2) 14/12

As soon as the matter will be defined
we shall inform in detail AMMA

Col. DEMICHELE

felix

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Subject: Call - up ABERUZZI

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/38 *D. 246.*
13 December 1944

Minister for War

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May a reply please be given to this HQ letter SD/38
of 21 November, a copy of which is attached for easy reference.

LM. m. cl

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

1 Incl:
MMIA Ltr, SD/38, 21 Nov 44.

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URGENT

Subject: - Lorries for Abruzzi Call-up

SI/1024/45

13 Dec 44.

Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA).
ROME.

tel: Rome LB9081 EXT 526.

To: SMRE, Ufficio Servizi,
Sezione Automobilismo.

Copy: 6(SD) MIA HQ. ←

1. Confirming telephone 13 Dec 44 Major Pinto - Major Papinenu.
2. Please arrange for 5 x 3 ton lorries from Autogrupo at Caserma Macao to be sent tomorrow 14 Dec 44, to report to Comando Presidio VERANO.
3. These lorries are to be additional to those previously sent.
4. The lorries and drivers should be made ready to remain on detached service for at least 8 days.
5. POL should draw from Comando Lasio and taken on the journey sufficient for the journey and thereafter eight days at one hundred miles per day.

delapinenu
(O.O. PAPINENU).
Major RASG.
for Lt. Col.

OCF/JMD

ADST, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA).

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SUBJECT: Call-up in ABH221.

Ministry of War (2).

LAND FORCES DIVISION, A.C.
(M.P.T.A.)

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SP/53
Dec 44

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Ref this HQ letter SD/38 of 21 Nov 44.

It is reported that up to pm 8 Dec only 685 personnel had been accepted for the ABH221 call-up. You will note that 24,000 are being called-up in order that 6,000 may be available for enlistment into the Army. This low figure of 685 is attributable, among other things, to the following:-

1. Tpt ordered in this HQ letter SD/38 of 14 Nov 44 was late in arriving in the ABH221 Area. The last four vehicles only arrived 7 Dec.
2. Tpt is being utilized for local purchase of food for Mil Dist HQ contrary to para 3 of MIA letter SD/38 of 14 Nov 44.
3. Mechanics on the part of certain G.C.Ns. On one occasion a vehicle spent a whole day and only brought in one run.

Ref this HQ letter SD/31 of 21 Nov 44.

It is reported that up to pm 8 Dec only 685 personnel had been accepted for the AMBULANCE call-up. You will note that 24,000 are being called-up in order that 6,000 may be available for enlistment into the Army. This low figure of 685 is attributable, among other things, to the following:

1. Tpt ordered in this HQ letter SD/28 of 14 Nov 44 was late in arriving in the AMBULANCE area. The last four vehicles only arrived 7 Dec.
2. Tpt is being utilized for local purchase of food for Mil Dist HQ contrary to para 3 of MILA letter SD/38 of 14 Nov 44.
3. Backlogs on the part of certain (C. M.). On one occasion a vehicle spent 6 whole days and only brought in one man.
4. Lack of proper planned system to bring in personnel.

As this call-up does not finish until 15 Dec there is still time, with energetic action, to enlist a large No. of personnel.

It is pointed out that the figure of 6,000 is a definite requirement and Allied plans have been made accordingly.

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SMI Dec

Major General
H. J. A.

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SUBJECT: Rfts for 228 Div.

LAND FORCES DIVISION, A. C.
(M.V.I.A.)

SD/53 ←
8 Dec 44

Ministry of War.

Copy to: MIA LG Rear Eighth Army.

Ref MIA SD/53 of 30 Nov 44 para 7(h).

1. Transport arrangements for men destined for 228 Div will be amended.
2. The men will now be collected by Eighth Army transport in batches of 80. This HQ will advise MIA LG Eighth Army as soon as each batch is ready for collection.

W. H. B. Jones
Major General
M.V.I.A.

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File 31

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MMIA

OB 1600 A

REAR EIGHTH ARMY for MMIA LO

R 9/12.

SD 1893

Your MM 277 of 7 (.) Agreed (.) This HQ will
signal when first batch of 80 available

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IMB RTAAT.

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W. H. H. H. H.

Translation

From: Hq, Laos, U.A.

To: M of W and SMKE.

Ref: 2542/0 AM

Date: 8 Dec 44. 30

Phonogram

SD/53

Calling up statement in Hkong District

as at 74 Dec 44.

Equila District

Reported

Unfil

Exempted

Reported and not examined

Enlisted for Combat Groups

" for 231 Div

" for Guard Bn

Awaiting transfer to Combat Groups

" to 231 Div

" to Guard Bn

Torans District

Reported

Unfil

Reported and not examined

Enlisted for 228 Div

" for Guard Bn

" for Combat Groups

Awaiting transfer to 228 Div

" to Guard Bn

" to Combat Groups

Salmona District

Reported

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Exempted 21
 Reported and not examined 3
 Excluded for Combat Groups 5
 " for 231 Div. 4
 " for Guard Bn 28
 " for Guard Bn 30
 Awaiting transfer to Combat Groups 11
 to 231 Div. 89
 to Guard Bn 100
 " 17
 " 153
 " 11
 " 15
 " 57
 " 15
 Awaiting transfer to 231 Div. 66
 to Guard Bn 98
 to Combat Groups 162
 " 331
 " 331

Teramo District.
 Reported 89
 Unfit 100
 Reported and not examined 17
 Excluded for 228 Div. 153
 " for Guard Bn 11
 " for Combat Groups 15
 Awaiting transfer to 231 Div. 66
 " to Guard Bn 98
 " to Combat Groups 162
 " 331
 " 331

Salmona District

Reported 26
 Unfit 1
 Exempted 2
 Reported and not examined 5
 Excluded for Trami Camp 15
 " Combat Groups 8
 Awaiting transfer to Trami Camp 33
 " to Combat Group 32
 " 93
 " 543

Data in respect of Chicks Excluded
 be forwarded as soon as telephone communications be
 reactivated

(Sgt) T. Col. BUCHNER.

Sgt. CHORE

28/12

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RRK V LRAR 3556 **IMPORTANT**
FROM MMIA REAR EIGHTH ARMY 071205 A
TQOX **MMIA ROME**

MM/277 RESTRICTED . REF YOUR SD/53 OF 30 NOV PARA 7B .
ARMY FEEL THAT COLLECTION SCHEM// SCHEME AS PROPOSED WILL
CAUSE DELAY STRAIN TPT AND CONGET TRANSIT CAMP .
WOULD PFER TO LIFT IN BATCHES OF 80 AS RECRUITS BECOE // BECOME
AVAILABLE . DO YOU AGREE

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SUBJECT: ABRUZZI Call-up

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/53 _____
4 Dec 44

TO : MMIA LO 54 AREA

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A copy of MMIA SD/53 of 30 November is fwd
for information.

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Walter G. G. G.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

C O P Y

FROM: MAIN AAI

TO : AFHQ

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INFO: DISTHREE
MMIA
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Q 2224

RESTRICTED

ONE (.) Ref your FX 61038 FHGDQ 1 Dec not to DISTONE
agree ABRUZZI Call-up go to TERAMO AQUILA CHIETI
SULMONA (.) TWO (.) In view tpt problems involved
consider essential all future call-ups in OP Zone be
concentrated CRVIETO and MMIA prepare accordingly (.)
Our Q 2214 of 1 Dec not to DISTHREE refers (.) THREE (.)
FOSOMBRONE now being developed as Muleteer rft Tg Depot
and not therefore available as Depot for Basic Trg of
Rfts (.) FOUR (.) Request your agreement (.) Agreed SD
and A

WB

Dist: SD/53
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Original Seen by GTE (P)
and now with ACP
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SUBJECT: Call-up in ABRUZZI Region

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/53
2 Dec 44 ←

TO : HQ 3 DISTRICT R²

Ref your 7530 of 25 Nov 44.

A copy of MMIA letter SD/53 of 1 December is
attached for information.

[Signature]
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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FROM DISTHREE 41
TO MMIA
INFO DISTHREE EAST

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SD 481

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Ref your SD/49 of 29 Nov and SD/53 of 30 Nov (.)

Request in future you fwd copies of correspondence

on call up arrangements as follows (.) 3 District

4 copies (.) MMIA EO 3 District 1 copy (.) 3 District

Eastern Det 3 copies

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FRODQ

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TO DISTHRE

INFO MAIN AAI, MMIA

FX 61030

R E S T R I C T E D

Accommodation for ABRUZZI call-up and Briti rft Depots is
subject (.). As agreed with MMIA ABRUZZI call-up will be
accommodated at TERAIR AQUILA CRISTI SULMONA (.). BRITI
Rft Depots are at present AFRAGOLA and TRANI (.). Understand
additional depot FUSCONIBRONE will be established later AAI
Q1621 of 26 Nov refers.

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Ref 8/12

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Our SD/53 of 1 (.) Make following addition
to distribution (.) quote (.) Copy to 3 District
ref your 735/3 of 25 Nov (.) Unquote

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IMPORTANT

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TranslationVery Urgent

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From: M of W
To: MMIA

Ref: 305552/1/24

NT Date: 30 Nov 44.

Subject: Employment of selected personnel. SD/53.

Ref. 9602/mab. dated 27 Nov. 44

R²/₁₂

As it may be noted, the rolling up in the districts of Aquila, Chieti, Salerno and Teramo will begin on 1st Dec. 44.

In accordance with agreements taken, MMIA and SMRE should agree on the employment to be given to the recruits.

May please your own point of view in respect of this employment be known so as SMRE may issued the relative instructions in time.

(Sgt) Gen. G. OXILIA.

Sgt. FAURE

See our folio 20 also of 30 Nov

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SUBJECT:- Call-up in ABRUZZI Region

Land Forces Sub Com A.O.
(2571A)
SD/53

AFHQ (2)

(Dec 44

Ref MMIA SD/53 of 30 Nov.

1. The call up in the ABRUZZI Region has brought about certain demands for road transport. These are :-
 - (a) The collection of personnel from outlying districts to the recruiting centres.
 - (b) Transportation^{of} men being assembled at the correct centre for despatch.
 - (c) Transportation of men destined for TRANI camp, i.e. from CHIETI to the railway station at ORTONA.
2. The requirement at (a) above can be met from Italian resources, and these resources can just be extended to include (b). The requirement at (c) is however quite beyond the capacity of the Italian transport available.
3. In all 2,200 men will be drafted through CHIETI centre to TRANI. 800 men are expected to be assembled at CHIETI by 11 Dec, and a bus for rail tpt has already been made by 'phone for these men. It is understood that one train will be available for this purpose at a date between 11 and 17 Dec. (Request you confirm). It should be noted that these men cannot be held at ORTONA, since they are required to travel without blankets or equipment, and since there are no staging facilities there. It is therefore requested that a minimum of 26 vehs be provided to lift the men from CHIETI to ORTONA at a time to coincide with the railway arrangements.
4. It is further requested that rail transportation for a second 800 men be made available between 17 and 22 Dec, and that the necessary road transport be provided to coincide with the above..

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Internal copy to:- A/Q
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Major General
MMIA

SUBJECT: ARUZZI Call-up

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/53
30 Nov 44

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20 : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref MATA SD/38 of 14 Nov.

1. Further arrangements for the recall of military personnel of 1914 to 1924 classes inclusive, in ARUZZI are as detailed below.

2. INTAKE REQUIRED

TERAMO	1,500
CHIETI	1,500
SULMONA	1,500
AQUILA	1,500
TOTAL	6,000

3. DATE

The recall will start at each of the above recruiting centres on 1 Dec and will be completed by 15 Dec.

4. DESTINATIONS

<u>Destination</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Found from</u>
IESI	228 Div for BR-ITI	400	TERAMO
AREZZO	231 Div for BR-ITI	600	AQUILA
TRANI	BR-ITI	2,200	CHIETI and SULMONA

2,200 CHIETI and SULMONA 95

2. INTAKE REQUIRED

TERAMO	1,500
CHIETI	1,500
SULMONA	1,500
AQUILA	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>6,000</u>

3. DATE

The recall will start at each of the above recruiting centres on 1 Dec and will be completed by 15 Dec.

4. DESTINATIONS

<u>Destination</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Found from</u>
TESI	228 Div for HR-ITI	400	TERAMO
AREZZO	231 Div for HR-ITI	800	AQUILA
TRANI	HR-ITI	2,200	CHIETI and SULMONA 85
GUARD BNS	ITI-ITI	800	TERAMO and AQUILA
TEANO	Combat Group Rft	2,000	ALL CENTRES

(Note- priority will be given to Guard Bns in forward areas)

5. REINFORCEMENTS FOR COMBAT GROUPS

The following specialists required for combat Gps may be selected on a first priority at all recruiting centres.

MT Drivers and Mechanics

MT Operators and Mechanics

ALPINI

BERSAGLIERI

GRANATIERI

Cavalry

The balance of 2,000 rfts for Combat Gps will be non-specialists.

5. ACCOMMODATION

It has not been possible to establish a central receiving depot within the calling area; therefore personnel awaiting transport by road or rail to their final destination will have to be accommodated at the recruiting centres.

7. ALL/OTHER AND TRANSPORT

(a) In addition to the specialists detailed in para 5 (estimated approx 400) each recruiting centre will find 600 men for the combat groups. These men will be selected from the younger classes recalled. Men for Combat Groups will be retained until collected under arrangements to be made by the Combat Group Reinforcement Depot TRANO.

(b) Men for 200 Div will be found at TERRACI, men for 201 Div at AQUILA. These men will remain at the centres until the full number are assembled then they will be collected by FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies. MGA will notify availability to AAI.

(c) All men recruited at CHIETI and SULMONA (other than specialists for the Gruppi) are destined for TRANI and will move by rail from ORTONA. Men from SULMONA will be concentrated at CHIETI for this purpose and will be called forward from SULMONA under Italian arrangements as accommodation becomes available at CHIETI. Any men for TRANI from the other centres will be concentrated at CHIETI under Italian arrangements in the same way. ARAQ has been requested to arrange vehicle transportation from CHIETI to ORTONA and rail transportation from ORTONA to TRANI.

(d) ITALIAN Category men for Guard Battalions etc will be found from those recruited at TERRACI and AQUILA and will be moved to forward areas under arrangements to be made by the Ministry of War.

8. REPORTS

Ministry of War will arrange for daily reports from each District as follows:-

(a) Total number of men reporting.

(b) Number of men exempted on medical grounds.

at Aquila. These men will remain at the centres until the full number are assembled then they will be collected by Fifth and Eighth Armies. MIA will notify availability to AAI.

(c) All men recruited at CHIETI and SULMONA (other than specialists for the Grappi) are destined for TRANI and will move by rail from CORTONA. Men from SULMONA will be concentrated at CHIETI for this purpose and will be called forward from SULMONA under Italian arrangements as accommodation becomes available at CHIETI. Any men for TRANI from the other centres will be concentrated at CHIETI under Italian arrangements in the same way. AFHQ has been requested to arrange vehicle transportation from CHIETI to CORTONA and rail transportation from CORTONA to TRANI.

(d) ITALIAN Category men for Guard Battalions etc will be moved from those recruited at TERNI and AQUILA and will be moved to forward areas under arrangements to be made by the Ministry of War.

8. REPORTS

Ministry of War will arrange for daily reports from each District as follows:-

- (a) Total number of men reporting.
- (b) Number of men exempted on medical grounds.
- (c) Number exempted on other grounds.
- (d) Number awaiting examination.
- (e) Number enrolled, showing allotments for each destination.
- (f) Numbers awaiting despatch for each destination.
- (g) Numbers despatched to each destination.

9. ADMINISTRATION

- (a) Rations

Initial stock of rations, incl 2 days travel rations, has been ordered to be moved to the call-up centres.

- (b) Household stores incl blankets

Will be provided under arrangements already made. Mess kits may accompany personnel when moved; all other household equipment incl blankets will remain at the call-up centres.

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SITUATION 1914 - 1919 CLASS CALL-UP FROM 25 OCT TO 7 NOV INCL.

DISTRICTS REPORTED	NOT INCORPORATED				TOTAL	
	MEDICALLY UNFIT AND UNSUITABLE *	EXONERATED AS EMPLOYED BY ALLIED ARMIES	EXONERATED AS PER MINISTERIAL DECREES	IN HOSPITAL	EXEMPTIONS	
Naples	2040	699	232	447	200	1578
Polia	1430	417	161	400	197	1175
Aversa	838	88	---	259	208	545
Caserta	1145	343	37	403	138	921
Salerno	1713	672	3	425	115	1216
Avellino	1587	495	36	807	129	1467
Benevento	602	174	24	203	62	463
Total	9355	2888	433	2944	1049	7365
INCORPORATED						
212 DIV	RFT REGT	FRIULI	CREMONA	AFRAGOLA	TOTAL	
Total	1733	207	4	7	39	1990

* classified as "non idoneo"

George D. Smith, Jr.
 GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
 Major, Infantry
 Senior Liaison Officer.

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Partito Fascista Repubblicano

FASCIO ROMANO DI COMBATTIMENTO

Roma, li _____ 1943 XXI

I Camerafa _____

Paternità _____ Maternità _____

Data e luogo di nascita _____

Residente a _____ Via _____ n. _____

Telefono _____ professione _____

si è presentato oggi ed ha chiesto l'iscrizione al Partito Fascista Repubblicano.

p. IL COMMISSARIO DEL FASCIO ROMANO
(GINO BARDI)

Firma _____

Domicilio _____

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AQUILA	round trip in the day
TERAMO	8 hrs } each way -
SULMONA	9 hrs } ∴ two days for
CHIETI	11 hrs } round trip

AQUILA	day 3 vehs	} day 6 vehs each	total	21 vehs	
TERAMO					
SULMONA					
CHIETI					
			+	$\frac{3}{24}$	" per

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Translation.

From: M of N.
To: M MIA

Ref: 304111/CIA.
Date: 10 Nov 44.

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Subject: Recalling up men in Abruzzi

1) Ref. letter 5041 dated 7 Nov., I have informed of the necessary forms to be completed in respect of the recalling up of men belonging to 1914-24 classes in the Abruzzi.

2) To ensure a regular dispatch of men recalled by the districts to the various zones where they have to be employed, it is necessary that allied vehicles be stationed in advance at the districts. It is in fact to exclude, owing to communication difficulties, that transport be from time to time ordered as it is actually done at Lazio on daily demands of the districts.

3) It is emphasized that such transport has no relation to what shown in para. 3 of the a/pu letter which should be used to pick up men from various centres and transport them to the districts.

Even 413 0X121A

Lt. FARRA

G II (4)

18 Please give me some idea of how many vehicles will be required at each of the four sub-stations and to collect how many personnel between what dates.

G I

Average 100 men per day per district for period 1-15 Dec incl.
Assuming depot is at SPOLETO;

15 Nov.

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SUBJECT:- Recall of 1914-24 Classes - Abruzzi Region.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/62/3

Dires. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

17 Nov 44.

1. You are requested to lay down 4500 complete rations at each of the following four call up points.

Gieti
Aquila
Sulmona
Teramo.

This will provide 3 days rations for 1500 men at each point, thus ensuring personnel called up can be fed should they be necessarily detained at these points for more than a day.

2. In addition you are requested to lay down 3000 travel rations at each of the above four points to provide 2 days travel rations for the 1500 personnel to be called up at each place.

3. The whole of the foregoing rations are required to be at the call up points stated above prior to 1 December 1944. It will probably be necessary for you to employ road transport for the purpose of delivering the rations to the four places.

4. Required rations may be drawn from Depots at Rome and/or Bari as convenient.

Adequate precautions will be taken to ensure safe custody of these rations.

5. On completion of call up period all unconsumed rations will be returned into the Rome Depot.

6. Please acknowledge and forward copy of your instructions in the **08** after to this HQ.

B. L. Pennington
B.L. PENNINGTON
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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Copy to:- G(SD)
A/O
MMA LO Rome
MMA LO Bari.

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SUBJECT: Call-up in ABRUZZI

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/38
14 Nov 44

TO : WAR MINISTRY

In reply to your undated letter ref 5091/Tr.

1. This confirms the authority already given verbally on 12 Nov. to Lt. Col. TURRINI to proceed forthwith with the org. of the call-up in the ABRUZZI, which is to be done on 1 Dec. and be completed by 15 Dec.
2. The plans set out in the above letter are approved. It is understood that 10 trucks are being made available from SMH MT Pool for collecting men from outlying districts and this is agreed. A further 8 vehicles will be found by this HQ. It is regretted that the full number contemplated in your plan cannot be spared.
3. It is particularly requested that steps be taken to ensure that these vehicles are used solely for the purpose for which they are intended, and NOT for the transportation of unauthorized persons or stores. Each vehicle will be accompanied on all journeys by a member of the CC RR.
4. The target for ABRUZZI is 6,000 men and it is important that this figure is reached. Prompt and energetic action is needed to bring this about. It is pointed out that two weeks have already been taken up by the Ministry working out the plans and it is requested that some quicker method be devised for the future.
5. This HQ will inform the War Ministry in due course as regards
 - (a) A central Depot to receive the recruits from the Districts. This is being negotiated with Higher Allied Authorities.
 - (b) Method of tpt from Districts to Depot, which is accepted as an Allied Commitment.

S. M. Ingledew
for Major General M. M. I. A.

Subject: M.E. for Call-up In Abruzzi.

ST/1021/39

19 Nov 44.

Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MELA).
ROME.

Ref: Rom 489084 INT 526.

To: Italian War Ministry.

1. Further to SD/30 of 14 Nov 44 from this HQ para 2.
2. It results that War Ministry will be required to make a total of 18 Lorries available for this call-up operation. This job must be treated as priority, and if necessary vehicles must be withdrawn from other assignments. (Such transport must however NOT be withdrawn from Legnano or Folgore Divisions).
3. Please inform this HQ
 - (a) what arrangements you propose for provision of the vehicles required
 - (b) what arrangements will be made to ensure that POL are available when and where needed.
4. If any further vehicles arrive from Sardinia in time to be of use in connection with this job, this HQ will arrange with you accordingly.

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ADG, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MELA).

(O.C. RAPINAU).
Major RAGG.
for Lt. Col.

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Subject:- Call - up ABRUZZI

Land Forces Sub Com., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/38

21 Nov 44

Ministry of War

1. I notice that in the call-up in CAMPANIA authorised between 25 Oct and 7 Nov vide MMIA letter SD/44 of 12 Oct, 13,535 men were interviewed and 10,562 men were exempted. This means that under 25% of the total expected were actually made available for the Army.
2. Will you please state what steps you will take to alter the exemption regulations and control their application more strictly in order that, in future, a high proportion of those expected may be relied upon in the overall re-call programme.
3. Please treat as urgent.

d.B.
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- File SD/44.

Reminder sent 13 Dec
at F.35

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SUBJECT:- Recall of 1944 - 2d. Classes - Abruzzi Region.

Dires. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
SE/62/5

28 Nov 1944

Further to this HQ letter SE/62/5 of 17 Nov 1944.

1. You are requested to lay down an additional 1500 complete rations at each of the four call up points viz.

Chieti
Aquila
Sulmona
Tereni.

thus providing 6000 rations at each place instead of the 4500 ordered in this HQ letter under reference.

2. Please inform this HQ when the total number of rations detailed are actually in position at the places named.

B. L. PENEVAL

B. L. PENEVAL,
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADMT, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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MIA LO Rome
MIA LO Bari.

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MINIA

MINISTRY OF WAR

52 BLU FOR MINIA LG 3 DISTRICT AREA FOR (GND) AREA (AE)
54 BLU BPTD MINIA LG

SS 422

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2000 men may be expected to report to MID 105 from ABTOZEL call up
between Nov 5 and Dec 22 (.) essential therefore that MINIA
be made ^{up} earliest to 42 plus 5 per cent from reinforcements at
present in depot (.) Our SS 409 of 27 November met to all refer (.)
1000 another halves will be available in addition to present tonnage

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(o) Final equipment

Clothing and blankets to scale will be issued on arrival at final unit.

Distribution:

AFM 0-3 (Cdr) (2)
Adl for SD (2)
3 Dist.
MMA 10 3 Dist
3 Dist. Eastern Det
1 Dist
MMA 10 1 Dist
MMA 10 FIFTH ARMY 201 BR INOW
MMA 10 EIGHTH ARMY
MMA 10 13 CORPS
MMA 10 NAPLES

AFM 0-3 (2)
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L.M. Englehardt
Major General
M. M. I. A.
for

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those who must accompany the collection personnel to the outlying centers (2 for each party), estimated at 4-5 for each District.

6) In order to begin operations we await approval from MIA.

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S/OXILIA.

Notes at foot of Enclosure:

- 1) Proportion derived from results of recalls in LA210 and elsewhere.
- 2) To be assigned to Districts and Territorial Hq. for duration of operation, etc....
- 3) These vehicles are in addition to those estimated for the collection of troops as per (2). They should be distributed to the four Districts.

Start of operations: End of November, 1944
Duration of " : 15 days.—

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Notes in columns.

- 1) 5 carabinieri for each group of 100 men.
From districts to assignments.
- 2) 2 carabinieri for each outlying collection center.
- 3) Request made to C.C.R.R. Legion Hq.'s through
LAZIO-Umbria-ABRUZZI Hq.
- 4) According to agreements between Gen. Hq. Serv.
Commissariato and MMIA.
- 5) According to agreements between S.M.R.E.
and MMIA with transport furnished by
Allies. - Orders to be issued by S.M.R.E. in time.

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From: MofW
To: MMIA

TranslationURGENT

Ref: 5091/Tr

Date: 2 Nov. 1944

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Subject: Calling up of Military classes of 1914-24,
inclusive, in ABRUZZI.

Replying to letter SD/49 of 31 Oct. 1944, we
inform of the following:

- 1) It has been directed to recall, for the end
of November, the trained men of the classes
of 1914-24, who are eligible for service, of
the Districts of TERAMO - CHIETI - AQUILA and
SULMONA; a summary of the procedure is attached.
- 2) In order to facilitate operations, considering the
difficulties encountered in making the men arrive at
their respective Districts due to serious road-interruptions and the lack of transport-services in that
region, it was believed practical to create a greater
number of collection-centers in each District terri-
tory in order to reduce to a minimum the distance
which the men would have to travel with their
own means.

From these centers the men would be taken
to their respective districts on military transport,
where enlistment and ~~class~~ assignment procedure

would be taken care of.

3) In order to effect this collection - system, it will be necessary, for the duration of these operations, that MMIA make available: 10 trucks, 1 motor-cycle, with drivers and 4,000 liters of fuel for each district; 2 passenger cars, 10 trucks and 2 motorcycles with 4,000 liters of fuel for the Region Hq, in order to meet the needs of the District services, liaison, supervision and unforeseen requirements.

Total: 50 trucks, - 6 motorcycles - 20,000 liters of fuel and a proportionate amount of lubricant.

NOTE: The vehicles for Region Hq. should be assigned several days in advance.

4) There is, as usual, the need of reinforcing, for the duration of the operations, the military personnel of the four Districts up to a maximum of 5 officers and 30 noncoms and O/Rs. - Rations will be figured on the returns of the fed strength, & category - reinforcements -

5) As for the C.R.R., besides those needed for incorporation - services and escort of the groups shipping to assignments, we have taken into account also
(more)

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: Accommodation ABRUZZI Call-up

SD/49
LAND FORCES SUB-COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. AQ/12/2
7 Nov 44

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Draft by G.I.

TO : MAIN AAI (2)

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Confirming phone MC QUEEN - INGLEDEW and referring to para 2 MMIA letter SD/49 of 31 Oct and MMIA signal SD 1712 of 3 Nov.

1. Lt. Col. MORIARTY of MMIA accompanied by a senior officer of Italian Ministry of War inspected two barracks in SPOLETO this morning in order to suggest suitable accommodation for a BR-ITI depot to house the intake of the ABRUZZI call-up. As there are no tents available and as there is not thought to be roofed accommodation in the ANCONA area, SPOLETO is considered acceptable as a location for such a depot.

2. Of the two barracks in SPOLETO - i.e. MINERVINO Barracks (considered by Allies to house 1400 personnel) and Officers Cadet School (considered by Allies to house 1600 personnel), the latter is thought eminently suitable and further, the Italian Ministry of War stated that it would be capable, without alteration, of housing 3,000 Italians. Although the call-up is 6,000, it is felt that this building of 3,000 would be sufficient, as reinforcements to forward units or combat group depot could be speeded up accordingly.

It is learned however from 1 District that this barracks is earmarked for Allied Divs restings out of the line.

It is requested that if at all possible you allot this barracks as an Italian reinforcement Depot in order that arrangements for the call-up may proceed. If not, will you please nominate accommodation approx. ANCONA - PERUGIA - SPOLETO as soon as is practicable in order that the reinforcing and replacing of Italian personnel working for British formations may not be retarded.

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[Signature]
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Transmission Instructions

To:- "G" from AQ

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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT

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For Action

MMIA (ROME)

SD/49

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

G 15 (.) NO rpt NO Roofed accommodation exists ANCONA or IESI Area
for ABRUZZI call up (.) suggest CHIETI in 3 District
would be suitable

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT } WIRELESS

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FROM: NSA

TO : NSA

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SP 1712

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Ref NSA letter SP/49 of 31 Oct 44 (.). Request that
HISTORIC may be instructed to report what roofed
accommodation can be made available and how in ANCONA
- 1831 area as a BR-III Base Depot to handle 6000
ANCONA Region Italian call-up

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FROM: NGA
TO: DIVISION
SUBJECT: NGA TO REAR 8 ARMY
WAR DEPARTMENT
REMARKS
ED 1705

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Re NGA LO (.) Ref our ED 1701 of 1 NOV 1946 to all (.) REAR 8 ARMY
asking REAR (.) Request therefore in conjunction with Italians you
recess if suitable roofed accommodation exists ANKARA or REAR area
for use as RE-IT base depot to handle 6000 REAR 8 ARMY recall and NW (.)
After recess consult with REAR 8 ARMY re availability and report results

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FROM WIATO WIA 10 JEAR 8 AMXRPTD WIA 10 JEAR 8 AMX

SP. 1701

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Request you receive and report if suitable roofed accommodation exists ARCONA or 1801 area for use as NE ITI base depot to handle 6000 ARCONA call-up and 18V (.) No tents available for this purpose

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SECRET

Subject:- Call - up - Italian Army

Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E

SD/19
31 Oct 44

A.F.H.Q.

Copy to:- A.A.I.

Ref visit of Brig NAPIER to this H.Q. 31 Oct 44, it was agreed that A.F.H.Q. would shortly hold a meeting to discuss org of depots and transit camps to handle Italian call - ups (TS/O/4 of 22 Oct refers) but that in the meantime M.M.I.A. would

- (a) make arrangements with A.A.I. for call - up in ABRUZZI area in Nov 44 (approx intake 6,000) and would org temporary BR - ITI Base Depot to handle same
- (b) arrange for the call - up in SICILY in Dec 44, to a figure of approx 10,000
- (c) arrange for call - up in SICILY in Jan 45, to a figure of approx 10,000
- (d) org BR - ITI and ITI - ITI Base Depots in NAPLES/BAI area to handle (b) and (c) above.

The above low figures were agreed upon as a temporary expedient until additional clothing could be made available.

[Signature]
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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G.O.C. pre rec.

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SUBJECT:- Recall of the Italian Army of 1914
to 1924 classes in the ABRUZZI and SICILY

Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E
CD/49
31 Oct 44

War Ministry

1. It is requested that you submit as soon as possible your proposals regarding the recall machinery for recalls as follows:-

<u>A R E A</u>	<u>Date of Recall</u>	<u>Nos Required</u>
ABRUZZI and MOLISE Region	End of Nov 44	6,000
SICILY	Dec 44	10,000
"	Jan 45	10,000

2. Your proposals should state what you consider is required in the nature of a RI-ITI Base Depot near (say) ANCONA to handle the ABRUZZI Region re-call.

3. Please treat as urgent.

signed

S.R. INGLEDEN Lt Col

for

Major General
M M I A

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TRANSLATION

From: MEMO

To: MEMO

Ref 6570/400

Date 11.1.44

Subject: Recall to arms of military of the classes 1914/24 in the regions, Lazio, Umbria, Marche and Abruzzo areas

1. Census of military of the a/h classes made in Rome by "UNIFORMI" 3 was a total of about 29,000 men, of which about 4,000 specialists (drivers, mechanics, electricians etc.).

Of the total census about 8,000 men (27.5%) have so far been recalled by means of the usual call-up card, of which:-

2,710 (34.25%) have reported
2,220 (81%) have left for their units.

In other words, out of 8,000 men called up only 2,220 (27.7%) have been actually sent to their units.

II Should this percentage be maintained, the total yield of the census could be calculated on the basis of the following averages:-

Specialists 1,110
Non-specialists 4,700

The proportion of specialists is totally insufficient to cover requirements of the 6 combatant groups to be alerted (about 5000 specialists). The proportion of non-specialists on the other hand would cover requirements of the 6 combatant groups (about 3000 men) but would be very far below the figure required to cover replacement of casualties in units under allied control (about 8000 men) to make up losses in these units (about 4000 men). It will therefore be necessary to order the call up of men of the same classes belonging to the districts of areas recently liberated (Lazio, Umbria, Marche and Abruzzo) as well as Sicily. This method would also have the advantage of providing a wider selection ~~of~~.

III In this respect I wish to point out that:-

In the Rome area: Specialists would have to be sent direct to be combat groups being alerted, while the remainder could be used to make up deficiencies in the 209 Div (about 4000 men either to be released or lost).

The men would be called up by means of a proclamation published by the Puglia and Lucania Military Command and would report to Reggio already functioning in Puglia and Lucania, where they would be collected, sorted out and sent to the ~~units~~ ^{units} according to what is available. Estimated yield about 5000 men.

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2,710 (all 255) have reported
2,220 (815) have left for their units.

In other words, out of 3,000 men called up only 2,220 (27.7%) have been actually sent to their units.

III Should this percentage be maintained, the total yield of the Conzatti could be calculated on the basis of the following average:-

Specialists 1,110
Non-specialists 4,700

The proportion of specialists is totally insufficient to cover requirements of the 6 combatant groups to be alerted (about 5000 specialists). The proportion of non-specialists in the other hand would cover requirements of the 6 combatant groups (about 3000 men) but would be very far below the figure required to cover replacement of contingents in units under Allied control (about 8000 men). It will therefore be necessary to make up losses in these units (about 4000 men). It will therefore be necessary to order the call up of men of the same classes belonging to the divisions of Spain recently liberated (Lecio, Imbrin, Borroso and Harbo) as well as Algeria. This method would also have the advantage of providing a wider selection ~~scope~~.

III In this respect I wish to point out that:-

In the Spain area: Specialists would have to be sent direct to be combat groups being alerted, while the remainder could be used to make up deficiencies in the 209 Div (about 4000 men either to be released or lost).

The men would be called up by means of a proclamation published by the Spain and Lucania Military Command and would report to points already functioning in Spain and Lucania, where they would be collected, sorted out and sent to the various destinations according to the available. Estimated yield about 5000 men.

In the recently liberated areas: (Lecio, Imbrin, Borroso and Harbo): Specialists would have to be sent direct to the combat groups and the remainder as follows:-

One part would make up losses and releases from IVS (about 4000 men) and from HQ 6th Army Group (about 2000 men).

The remainder would be sent on renewable leave, pending further requirements. The call-up in this case would also be made by proclamation.

To carry this programme out it would be necessary to establish, at least temporarily, the recruiting offices listed on the attached schedule with a minimum of 100, each, of 30 men and 5 officers (total 60 officers, 360 men).

These recruiting centres would be placed under the control of the "2nd arm" Delegation which supervises and hastens the work of the centres and organizes the necessary propaganda among the civil population.

Detachments of "Caval" and "Mazzini" would act as mobile recruiting centres.

IV I wish your views on the above suggestions, to enable the necessary instructions to be issued.

(Sgt) Gen Imbrin

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