

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

ACC

10000/120/697

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

10000/120/697

3 DLO /8/1 POLICY - RFTS
July 1944 - Nov. 1945

~~SECRET.~~

MMIA LO
6 NOV 1945
File
HQ-369-1111

1. Reference is made to MMIA G/7 of 8 November giving the arrangements to be made for the handover of the Italian Army to the control of the Italian Government, and for its future organization, training and administration. The object of this letter is to clarify the implications of that directive with regard to the provision of personnel.

2, As from 2359 hrs, 14 November 1945 the Ministry of War will be entirely responsible, through its own channels, for all matters connected with the posting of reinforcements to Italian units. In particular :

(a) No personnel deficiency or strength returns are required by MMIA from the Ministry of War, or from individual depots or formations. All personnel returns hitherto made to MMIA are therefore cancelled, except the monthly "Italian Army Strength State (including Order of Battle)" which will continue to be provided by the Ministry of War (see SD/92/3 of 8 Nov.). MMIA may, however, require information from time to time on specific matters vide MMIA G/7 of 8 Nov para 5 (b).

(b) The Ministry of War will make arrangements to obtain from formations such returns as it considers necessary in order to maintain units to strength, dispose of surplus personnel, etc. Such returns will be made through Italian channels of communication (see MMLI C/7 of 8 Nov para 10 (a)). If it is temporarily necessary to use Allied channels, this may be done by making appropriate arrangements with the nearest L O or B L U for the information required by the Ministry of War to be passed to them via MMLI. MMLI will, however, take no executive action.

(c) No further bids for rail movements of personnel will be made through MMIA. The Ministry of War will deal directly with the Italian State Railways.

3. The War Ministry will be responsible for keeping the Interim Italian Army and CO.RR. up to its approved strength plus US-ITI and ER-ITI Services. US-ITI and ER-ITI Service Units will have priority on available manpower. The temporary provision whereby ER-ITI units could hold 20 % surplus to W.I. is cancelled.

1. Reference is made to MMIA G/7 of 8 November giving the arrangements to be made for the handover of the Italian Army to the control of the Italian Government, and for its future organization, training and administration. The object of this letter is to clarify the implications of that directive with regard to the provision of personnel.

2. As from 2359 hrs, 14 November 1945 the Ministry of War will be entirely responsible, through its own channels, for all matters connected with the posting of reinforcements to Italian units. In particular :

(a) No personnel deficiency or strength returns are required by MMIA from the Ministry of War, or from individual depots or formations. All personnel returns hitherto made to MMIA are therefore cancelled, except the monthly "Italian Army Strength State (including Order of Battle)" which will continue to be provided by the Ministry of War (see SD/92/3 of 8 Nov.). MMIA may, however, require information from time to time on specific matters vide MMIA G/7 of 8 Nov para 5 (b).

(b) The Ministry of War will make arrangements to obtain from formations such returns as it considers necessary in order to maintain units to strength, dispose of surplus personnel, etc. Such returns will be made through Italian channels of communication (see MMIA G/7 of 8 Nov para 10 (a)). If it is temporarily necessary to use Allied channels, this may be done by making appropriate arrangements with the nearest L O or B L U for the information required by the Ministry of War to be passed to them via MMIA. MMIA will, however, take no executive action.

(c) No further bids for rail movements of personnel will be made through MMIA. The Ministry of War will deal directly with the Italian State Railways.

3. The War Ministry will be responsible for keeping the Interim Italian Army and CC.RR. up to its approved strength plus US-ITI and ER-ITI Services. US-ITI and ER-ITI Service Units will have priority on available manpower. The temporary provision whereby ER-ITI units could hold 20 % surplus to W.E. is cancelled.

4. The Ministry of War will be responsible for analysing the future availability of specialist personnel and anticipating deficiencies by arms and trades so that appropriate training arrangements may be made.

548

For Major General
M.M.I.A.

ref.

COPY TO : A.T.H.Q.
C.G. HQUSA
C.G. ALPSC/ATO
C.G. PBS
C.O. PENSOUTH
XIII CORPS
2 DISTRICT
3 DISTRICT
C.G. RMC
Executive Commissioner A.C.
G4 ER A.C.
H.Q. Train Guard Control
TP BTU IRTG
BR Cadre 807 Transit Camp
BR Cadre 802 Reorganisation Centre
All MILA LO's

INTERVAL : G (SD) (2)
G (TTE)
Q
Mov.

M M I A h o C / o
3 District-

SUBJECT :- Reinforcement Procedure

LO LAND FORCES SUB COMM
AC (MMIA) ROME
Baseball 2
Ref 3ILO/8

HQ 227 DIV

Copy to :- LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA) ROME

File *25 Sep 45*
81
Reference paragraph 3 of 3 District letter
764/8 of 22 Sep 45.

Owing to an unexpected congestion at CESANO
and ORVIETO until further notice it will be necessary
to consult me before despatching road parties to
ORVIETO and CESANO.

GPH/ell

Internal

G

ILO (227 DIV)

Evans
Maj
MMIA LO

SUBJECT :- Reinforcement Procedure

6
LO LAND FORCES SUB COMM
AG (MMIA) 3 DISTRICT
Baseball 2
Ref 3DLO/B

File
8/1

Sep 45

HQ 230 DIV

Copy to :- LAND FORCES SUB COMM AG (MMIA) ROHE

File
Reference paragraph 3 of 3 District letter
764/G of 22 Sep 45.

Owing to an unexpected congestion at CESSANO
all surplus personnel from Units under your command
will be sent to CORVIENTO until further notice.

GPH/ell

Internal

G
ILO (230 DIV)

Conrad
Maj
MMIA LO

SUBJECT: Reinforcement Procedure.

HQ 227 Div
HQ 230 Div

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MIA)
MIA LO c/o 54 Area
MIA LO c/o FLORENCE City Comd
MIA LO NAPLES
MOV NAPLES

A
C

MIA LO
ILO (227)
ILO (230)

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONNEL

1. Unassigned personnel resulting from the disbandment of units (including those temporarily transferred to Transit Camps), for which you do NOT anticipate an immediate requirement for reinforcing existing units, should be dealt with as in paras 2 and 3 below.

2. First offer should be made to:-

227 Div - 10 Terr HQ NAPLES
8 Terr HQ ROME (516 Regiment only).

230 Div - 7 Terr HQ FLORENCE

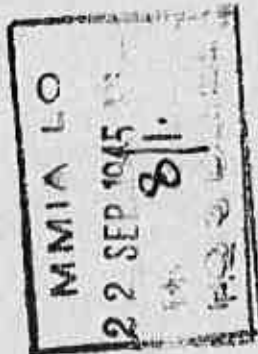
3. (a) Remainder should be despatched to:-

(Class 1919 and older) - 802 Re-org Centre, ORVIETO
(Class 1920 and younger) - RTC ICE, CESANO.

(b) A statement of personnel to be so despatched, showing numbers by trades and expected dates of arrival, should be forwarded to SME, copy to the depot concerned, and MIA LO 3 District so as to reach them at least four days ahead of the arrival of the personnel. Parties will be transported either by MT at your disposal or by rail. If by rail, bids for space should be placed through 'Delegazione Trasporti' at Terr HQ.

4. The above procedure supersedes paragraph 5(d) of 764/G of 12 Aug 45, addressed to 227 Div only.

3 District
BASEBALL Ext 5
764/G
22 Sep 45



see file 760.

IL0 (227)
IL0 (230)

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONNEL

1. Unassigned personnel resulting from the disbandment of units (including those temporarily transferred to Transit Camps), for which you do NOT anticipate an immediate requirement for reinforcing existing units, should be dealt with as in paras 2 and 3 below.

2. First offer should be made to:-

227 Div - 10 Terr HQ NAPLES
3 Terr HQ ROME (516 Regiment only).

230 Div - 7 Terr HQ FLORENCE

3. (a) Remainder should be despatched to:-

(Class 1919 and older) - 802 Re-org Centre, ORVIETO
(Class 1920 and younger) - RTC ICF, CESANO.

(b) A statement of personnel to be so despatched, showing numbers by trades and expected dates of arrival, should be forwarded to SME, copy to the depot concerned, and MIA IO 3 District so as to reach them at least four days ahead of the arrival of the personnel. Parties will be transported either by MT at your disposal or by rail. If by rail, bids for space should be placed through 'Delegazione Trasporti' at Terr HQ.

4. The above procedure supersedes paragraph 5(d) of 764/G of 12 Aug 45, addressed to 227 Div only.

DEMobilIZATION

5. For your information the following is the position regarding demobilization of Classes:-

(a) All personnel of Classes 1916 and over may be demobilized subject to replacement.

(b) Unassigned personnel of 1917 Class, including those in disbanding units, may be demobilized forthwith. All others may be demobilized, subject to replacement, as from 1 Oct 45.

STRENGTH OF UNITS

6. The authorisation to hold personnel 20% surplus to RE should be interpreted so that all units hold sufficient personnel, subject to a maximum of 20%, to replace all personnel of Classes 1919 and older when they come to be demobilized.

Declassified
347
Lt Col. GS.
W. H. R. R. R.

FILE?

MMIA LO
12 SEP 1945 ¹⁹⁴
File 8/1
HQ 3 District.

4

Subject:- Strength of Italian Units

3 District
Ext 5
764/G

11 Sep 45

52 Area
53 Area
54 Area
55 Area
56 Area
57 Area
58 Area
59 Area
60 Area
61 Area
62 Area
63 Area
64 Area
65 Area
66 Area
67 Area
68 Area
69 Area
70 Area
71 Area
72 Area
73 Area
74 Area
75 Area
76 Area
77 Area
78 Area
79 Area
80 Area
81 Area
82 Area
83 Area
84 Area
85 Area
86 Area
87 Area
88 Area
89 Area
90 Area
91 Area
92 Area
93 Area
94 Area
95 Area
96 Area
97 Area
98 Area
99 Area
100 Area

List B plus

MMIA LO
ILO (127)
ILO (130).

See also
file 27
for 52

1. Authority exists for Italian adn div HQs to reinforce Italian units to WE plus 20 per cent.
2. This is a temporary measure pending decision in near future on rate of release of various classes of the Italian Army, and is a means of dispersing the manpower made available from the many units now being disbanded, all of which cannot be accommodated in the very limited transit and reinforcement installations available.
3. You are requested to cooperate by accepting, wherever possible, such increases in strength of Italian units not due for disbandment.

Chas. H. Parks
(CF PARKS) Lt Col
CS.

SUBJECT: - Carriers of Arms by Italian Tps

CONFIDENTIAL

3 District
Ext 8
345/3

8 JUL 45

MMIA LO
9 JUL 1945
File 211
HQ 3 District

To all Concerned

1. The question has been raised whether Italian tps in this District are entitled to carry automatic weapons and hand grenades.
2. The answer is contained at para 5(c) of Annex 1 to 3 District Op Instr No. 24 dated 30 May 45. This states that where Allied or Italian tps are employed to quell civil disturbances "Only small arms will be borne.....Specifically prohibited are automatic weapons and grenades".
3. This instruction applies to all Italian tps when under British Comd; this will include any Italian tps who, though normally under comd a Territorial HQ, have passed in an emergency to under comd of a local Allied Commander. It does not apply to Italian tps (whatever their normal comd) when operating under a Territorial HQ.
4. This instruction as at present drafted carries the following implication; it might be necessary for a British Commander having under comd both Allied and Italian troops to deal by means of rifles alone with a disturbance which had been exacerbated by the previous use by Italian military of automatics and grenades. Such a possibility is accepted.
5. This instruction does NOT apply to GP patrols carrying out road checks nor to other tps assisting in such checks under GP Orders. Separate orders have been issued for these. This HQ 520/1 of 14 and 22 Jun 45 refers.

DISTRIBUTION

52 Area (2)
54 Area (your 177/4GS of 25 Jun refers)
56 Area
94 Sub Area
Brit Tps SICILY
227 Italian Div.

(GP BARS) Lt Col.
GS

3. This instruction applies to all Italian tps when under British Comd; this will include any Italian tps who, though normally under comd a Territorial HQ, have passed in an emergency to under comd of a local Allied Commander. It does not apply to Italian tps (whatever their normal comd) when operating under a Territorial HQ.

4. This instruction as at present drafted carries the following implication; it might be necessary for a British Commander having under comd both Allied and Italian troops to deal by means of rifles alone with a disturbance which had been exacerbated by the previous use by Italian military of automatics and grenades. Such a possibility is accepted.

5. This instruction does NOT apply to CIP patrols carrying out road checks nor to other tps assisting in such checks under CIP Orders. Separate orders have been issued for these. This HQ 520/4 of 14 and 22 Jun 45 refer.

(OF EARS) Lt Col.
GS

DISTRIBUTION

52 Area (2)
54 Area (your 177/4GS of 25 Jun refers)
56 Area
94 Sub Area
Exit Tps SICILY
227 Italian Div.

ROME Area
Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMA)
Territorial HQ NAPLES
Territorial HQ BARI
MMA LO BARI

MMA LO
ITALIAN LO

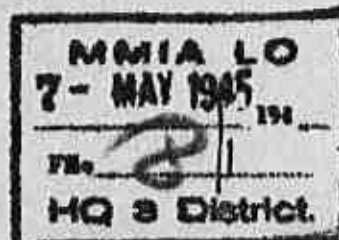
543

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject:- Employment of Italian Troops
outside ITALY

MMIA LOV

Attached copy of AMHQ letter AG 091.711/173 GCP-0
of 2 May 45, is forwarded for information



JP Watson
(JP WATSON) Major,
for Lt-Col,
G S

SECRET

3 District
Ext 5
750/G

7 May 45

37

/mlm AP 740
 : S E C R E T :
 : AUTH: SAC, MT :
 : Initials: *End* :
 : Date: 2 May 1945 :

2 May 1945

TO: President, Allied Commission
President, Allied Commission For: Land Forces Sub-Commission, 194A
Commanding General, 15th Army Group, APO 777
Headquarters Fifth Army British Increment *
Headquarters Eighth Army
General Officer Commanding, Number 1 District
General Officer Commanding, Number 2 District *
General Officer Commanding, Number 3 District

1. Reference is made to letter, TIA file C/6 dated 10 April 1945.
2. The following general policy has been established regarding the employment of Italian troops outside Italy:
 - a. Restraint will be observed in the use of Italian troops in VENEZIA GIULIA.
 - b. The following exceptions to the above policy will be authorized:
 - (1) Use of TRIESTE by Italian naval vessels and employment of Italian personnel at that port.
 - (2) Such other employment of Italian personnel in the immediate area of the Allied L of C into AUSTRIA as, for military reasons, might be unavoidable.
3. British Headquarters and units to which Italian troops are attached will shed such personnel at a suitable time before entry into AUSTRIA.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGC
Asst Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

- 3 - Each Addressee
(*) With copy of HMIA letter G/6 of 10 Apr 1955
- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - SACCS | 2 - G-3 (Org) Foreign |
| 1 - CAO | 1 - G-5 |
| 1 - G-1 (A) | 2 - AG Records |
| 1 - G-4 (A) | 1 - AG M&D |
| 1 - G-4 (B) | |
| 1 - G-1 (B) | |
| 1 - G-3 (Org-2) | |

542

SECRET

SUBJECT: - Italian Military Personnel From enemy occupied ITALY.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MIA

Polish

ROME.

G/19
23 Jul 44.

Ministry of War

Cop to: HQ AAI.
SME

HQ ACC

Army Sub Com LO:

Adv-HQ Army Sub Com-SABERN.

Army Sub Com LO IAFIS

" " " 5 Army.

" " " 6 Army.

A.C.C. Patriot Section.

Navy Sub Com. A.C.C.

Air Forces Sub Com. A.C.C.

1 District.

2 District.

3 District.

4 District.

5 Corp. HQ

1. Certain arrangements have been made, in agreement with the Patriots Branch at ACC, with a view to enlisting into the Italian Army at the earliest possible moment, Patriots encountered in newly-liberated areas the volunteer for such enlistment.

2. These arrangements which are in effect an extension of the provision of MIA letter, G/19 of 3 June (and are to be read as such) are as follows: -

- (a) The Ministry of War will at once send a Screening Agency (not exceeding 4 officers and 5 men) to join the AMG officer dealing with the re-settlement of Patriots at HQ of each 5th Army, 8th Army, and Polish Corps.
- (b) The Screening Agencies will interview volunteers as required by the AMG officer. They will decide whether these can be accepted within the number that the Ministry of War consider can be absorbed from time to time without detriment to the cohesion and efficiency of the existing Army.
- (c) Those accepted will be given a pass authorising them to be passed back (through refugee channels) to the nearest Italian enlistment centre for immediate enlistment.
- (d) The Agencies will travel and operate as required by the AMG officer concerned inside the Army areas concerned and within the terms given them by the Ministry of War.
- (e) These Agencies will move forward in accordance with the advance of the Armies concerned.

1. Certain arrangements have been made, in agreement with the Patriots Branch at ACC, with a view to enlisting into the Italian Army at the earliest possible moment, Patriots encountered in newly-liberated areas who volunteer for such enlistment.

2. These arrangements which are in effect an extension of the provision of MIA 1 letter, C/19 of 3 June (and are to be read as such) are as follows: -

- (a) The Ministry of War will at once send a Screening Agency (not exceeding 4 officers and 10 men) to join the AMG officer dealing with the re-settlement of Patriots at HQ of each 5th Army, 8th Army, and Polish Corps.
- (b) The Screening Agencies will interview volunteers as required by the AMG officer. They will decide whether these can be accepted within the number that the Ministry of War consider can be absorbed from time to time without detriment to the cohesion and efficiency of the existing Army.
- (c) Those accepted will be given a pass authorising them to be passed back (through refugee channels) to the nearest Italian enlistment centre for immediate enlistment.
- (d) The Agencies will travel and operate as required by the AMG officer concerned inside the Army areas concerned and within the towns given them by the Ministry of War.
- (e) These Agencies will move forward in accordance with the advance of the Army concerned.
- (f) In order to deal with Patriots who are still waiting in areas behind Army rear boundaries, the Ministry of War will detail and hold in readiness at ROBE three similar Agencies which will be available to visit centres and operate as required by the Patriot Branch of ACC. These Agencies will be disbanded as soon as the area has been "cleared" or the normal call-up Agency is established by proclamation.

3. Other men of military age, including Patriots and volunteers who have not been accepted for immediate enlistment, will remain as civilians until called upon to register (or re-register) for service in the ordinary way.

tve, WP.

V. d. Browning
Major General,
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

341

07911