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Demobilisation

Ineffective personnel domiciled
in GERMAN Occupied ITALY

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MMIA LO
16 MAR 1945
File 832/1
HQ 3 District.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. 1- A/17
17 March 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. There is a considerable number of Italian Soldiers, whose homes are in GERMAN occupied ITALY, who by disability or other causes cannot be considered effective members of the Italian Army. They are still, however, retained in the Italian Army in Depots, Camps or by irregular attachment to other units.
2. It is fully appreciated that such personnel cannot be made civilians, unless a concrete policy is adopted by the Italian Government for their maintenance until such time as they can return to their homes. But it is equally clear that they cannot continue to be held on the strength of the Italian Army as they are to all intents and purposes "ineffective".
3. The problem of how to dispose of these men is not so much a Ministry of War problem, as one for the Civil Government. The Army policy is precise and definite that no ineffective personnel will remain in the Army. It is therefore for the Ministry of War to approach the appropriate Government Department in order to formulate immediate plans for their maintenance.
4. Will you please treat this matter as urgent, and inform this HQ of the scheme to be adopted.
5. After 1 April no ineffective personnel, even if their homes are in the North, will continue to be held on the Army Strength, and disciplinary action will be taken against Senior Commanders contravening this order.

A. Brown
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Senior LO SICILY
Senior LO NAPLES
Senior LO Rear 8 ARMY
Senior LO 54 AREA

LO TRANI Camp
LO 5 District NAPLES
LO Rear 5 ARMY
LO ST ANDREWS Camp, TARANTO
LO RTC IOF CESSANO
LO AFHQ
LO Rear 5 ARMY (Br Iner)
LO 1 District

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FROM : NMIA

TO : FIFTH ARMY FOR NMIA LO
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REF NO : SD RXX 2269

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SUBJECT: Demobilization of 1914 Class

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/45
4 Feb 45

TO : SENIOR MMIA LO FIFTH ARMY
" " EIGHTH ARMY
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1 DISTRICT
3 DISTRICT ←

Attached at Appx "A" is copy of letter from Italian War Ministry
and at Appx "B" is copy of MMIA's reply.

You are required NOT to give this matter more publicity than necessary and only to agree to demobilization in exceptional cases after permission has been obtained from HQ MMIA. The views of the employing Allied Unit should first be obtained.

S.M. Ingledew
Major General
M. M. I. A.
H. Col

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Appendix "A" to NMIA letter
SD/45 of February 1945

FROM: GMRK

Ref: 11704/Mob

TO : NMIA

Date: 29 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Rfts units Strength

Deleg "T" of this office pointed out that rfts assigned to dependent units are exclusively used, as instructed by Allied Branches, to fill up vacancies in the prescribed W/E. Compliance to such instructions implies that the discharge of soldiers having right to be discharged and who live in liberated ITALY is postponed for an indefinite period on the grounds that these men can only be replaced when the W/E of their unit is up to strength.

In order to avoid such inconveniences which entail discontent and increase absenteeism, I shall be grateful if you will consider also these discharges in assigning rfts.

(Sgd) A. SANTI

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Appendix "B" to MMIA letter
SD/45 of February 1945

SUBJECT: Reinforcements - Demobilization

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/45
4 Feb 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref SARE letter 11904/Seb dated 29 Jan 45.

1. The Italian Army is at present understrength and in principle this deficiency should be made up, or a large portion of it, before any demobilization can take place.
2. It is requested therefore that the point raised by Del "T" be deferred and discussed again in two months time.
3. If in the meantime there are certain specified cases of hardship, they should be raised locally with the MMIA IO concerned.

L.M.B. Lt-Col
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Subject:- CAVALIERE GREGORI ALONE.

To:-

H.Q., M.H.I.A.
NAPLES.

812/BRD/12.
31 Jan '45.

Copy to:-

M.H.I.A. Liaison officer
No. 3 District
C.R.F.

The a/sold soldier is the son of ANTONIO GREGORI. He is at present serving with No. 628 Italian Increment attached to 812 Base Remount Depot at Palermo. He was born in 1920 and his home is in DIODORO in the province of FIRENZE in the military district of FIRENZE.

His home has been destroyed by enemy action and most of his family killed and he is endeavouring to obtain his discharge.

We understand from Capt. de Marco, C.O. 628 Italian Inc. that the necessary papers have been in the hands of M.H.I.A. Naples for over a month. Could their return and any necessary action please be expedited.

It is also pointed out that this Unit has no objection to his discharge.

*Is this one of the letters sent to the
papers Base by records? - Came
through 227 Div*

C.R.F.

Ensign M.A. 102
Major., 16.67.0
Commanding 812 Base Remount Depot RAVG.

Subject:- Compassionate Demobilization.

3DLO/32/DO
13 Jan 45.

Dear *P*

I consider that, if it is possible, an exception to the rule should be made in this very tragic case.

Would you take the matter up and let me have the decision which I shall pass to H.Q. 227 Div.

Yours,

P
Capt. S.P. Archer,
M.M.I.A.

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