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Misc. Correspondence - Italian Personnel

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SUBJECT : Pigeon Lofts - Italian Personnel.

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

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30 May 45

TO : O.C., 21 HQ Section Carrier Pigeon, R.Signals, CME.

Reference your 92/17 of 3 May 45.

Application for the posting of Maresciallo
Di Luca as Titolare of the ROME lofts should be made
through the local Territorial HQ.



W. CALVELEY, Major,
S. C. R. Sigs,
M. M. I. A.

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Headquarters,
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(MMIA) C. M. F.
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1. Reference the reduction of the Italian Pigeon Service.
2. It is believed that the Titolare of the TARANTO Pigeon Loft, Maresciallo Maggiore Rosania, was offered the post of Titolare of the ROME Lofts, and it is known that he is unwilling to accept it.
3. In view of this it would be appreciated if the Titolare of the BRINDISI Loft, Maresciallo Di Luca, could be considered for the position.
4. Maresciallo Di Luca has proved most helpful in every way not only in regard to the pigeons and equipment at BRINDISI and FASANO but also by supplying useful and accurate information as to the other Italian Military Lofts particularly those in enemy occupied territory prior to liberation.
5. Since the ROME Lofts will be the sole remaining Italian staffed loft and the personnel transferred to Brit.-Itis. it would be appreciated if the Maresciallo i/c could be of our choosing with the consequent increase in cooperation and efficiency.

W.B. Dickson
Major, R. Signals,
Commanding,

C. M. F.
3 May '45.

21 H.Q. Section Carrier Pigeon, R.Sigs.

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21 Nov 44

C.C.,
21 HQ Section, Carrier Pigeon, R. Signals,
C. M. F.

Reference your S5/81 of 17 Nov 44.

1. There is no difference in pay between that of Italian soldiers working for the Allies, and those working for the Italian Government.
2. The only increments of pay are those made to Combat Troops and heavy manual labour troops.
3. The Italian troops in question do not, therefore, qualify for any higher rate of pay.

John B. Selkirk
Captain,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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On a recent visit to the Italian loft at Taranto the Maresciallo Maggiore i/c made the statement that Italian troops working for the Allies receive a higher rate of pay than those working for the Italian Army.

Since the Italian lofts are breeding solely for the Allied supply he claims that these lofts should qualify for this higher rate of pay. It has been pointed out that these lofts are still on Italian establishment and not directly controlled by the Allied forces and that this extra rate, if in issue, probably will not apply.

Could a ruling on this point please be given.

W.B. Hickson
Major, R. Signals,
Commanding,
21 H.Q. Section Carrier Pigeon, R. Signals.

C. M. F.
17 Nov '44.

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Subject: Italian Army Personnel - Documentation.

Land Forces Sub Commission
(A.C.) M.M.I.A. ROME.
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O.C., 16 L of C Signals,
C. M. F.

2 Nov 44

Ref your S.179/6790 of 14 Oct 44 addressed CHQ 2nd Echelon.

1. Your above quoted letter together with AFW.3011B dated 17 Oct has been forwarded to this HQ by CHQ 2nd Echelon.
2. The personnel of Italian Line Sections are Italian Army personnel (as opposed to PsW/Co-operators), and as such OZE do not handle their documentation and casualties.
3. The Italian Ministry of War has its own documentation system, and, therefore, all casualties etc affecting Italian Army personnel should be reported to the Ministry, through normal Italian channels (i.e. the local Italian Adm. HQ.)
4. OZE is only interested in casualties affecting PsW/Co-operators, and not in the Italian Army personnel.
5. This HQ, being a Mission to the Italian Army, does not require to receive casualties either of Italian Army personnel or PsW/Co-operators.

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