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Supply of Combat Force Personnel - 1st Coveo

Jan. May. 1945

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FROM FIVE ARMY 10:16G

TO FIVE

INFO 00 AFHQ

ON 02 BT

REF NRP731

CONFIDENTIAL PD DESIRE THAT ALL SHIPMENT OF REPLACEMENTS TO THE
 ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISION BE DISCONTINUED PD PAREN FROM FIVE ARMY
MIKE MIKE ITTM WILL FOR ACTION ONA TO CHARLIE GEORGE ARLE FOR NOW
QUEST FOR ~~FORWARD~~ INFORMATION PAREN PD SUGGEST THAT REPLACEMENT
NOW EMPLOYED FOR TWO ONE ZERO DIVISION BE RELEASED TO SUPPLY
 REPLACEMENTS FOR OTHER MAJOR COMMANDS

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13 June 28

Subject: Combat Rpts Orvieto to Cesano

851/60

1 May 45

The following details are passed to you for information:

 FROM MOVCENT 301245B
 TO MOV FOLIGNO RTC ORVieto MOV ROME ITAL RPT DEPOT ORVieto
 INFO FREEDOM CITE FHGDM DISTONE 71 SUB AREA MMIA 4F4 BLU
 CESANO MOVWIT

MOV 990 CONFIDENTIAL (.) AUTHY AFHQ FHGDM FX66657 OF 27 APRIL (.)
 500 ITAL COMBAT RPTS WILL MOVE BY RAIL ORVieto - CESANO 2 MAY (.)
 20 BOX CARS IN POSITION ORVieto AM 2 MAY DEP 1000 HRS ETA CESANO
 PM 2 MAY (.) 24 HRS RATIONS REQUIRED

 Copies to A

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 MMIA LO RTC ICF
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 File 900/20

W.A.A. Evans/
 Capt. RA.
 (W.A.A. EVANS)
Movements Liaison Officer

(2) 3/5
 5174

Subject: Combat Rpts Orvieto to Cesano

851/61

1 May 45

The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM MOVCENT 301815B
TO MOV FOLIGNO RTC ORVIETO MOV ROME ITAL RPTS DEPOT ORVIETO
INFO FREEDOM CITE FHGDM DISTONE 71 SUB AREA MMIA 'F'BLU CESANO
MOVWIT

MOV 993 CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF OUR MOV 890 OF 30 APR (.) 500 ITAL COMBAT
RPTS WILL NOW MOVE 5 MAY NOT REPEAT NOT 2 MAY (.) OTHER ARRANGEMENTS
STAND.

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SMRE
MMIA LC RTC ICF
Float
File 900/21

W.A.A. Evans

Capt. RA.

(W.A.A. EVANS)

Movements Liaison Officer

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SECRETSUBJECT: Supply of Personnel - RTC ICP, CESANO.
-----LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.) B O M E
TEL: 490081 Ext. 833
A 114

26 April 45

TO : Minister of War.
-----Copy to: 'P' BLM, RTC ICP
CC Mr Cadre 802 BND, CHIVITO
CC Mr Cadre 803 BND, RAYSCARINA
CC Mr Cadre 804 BND, TRANI

Ref BMA A 114 of 24 April 45 para 1.

1. Moves detailed at sub-para (a), (b) and (c) will now take place as follows :-

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Method of Tpt</u>	<u>Mailid</u>
(a)	7 to 13 May	803 BND	500	Rail	BMA A 1034 of 26 April serial 4
(b)	30 Apr - 6 May	802 BND	500	Rail	BMA A 1031 of 25 April
(c)	7 to 13 May	804 BND	500	Rail	BMA A 1034 of 26 April serial 3

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Major General
M.F.I.A.INTERNAL:
G(3D) (with copy of A 114
of 24 April 45.)

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SUBJECT: Supply of personnel for
ETO IOT USGARS

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/61/1

15 Apr 48

A114

TO : SENIOR MMIA LO E. ITALY
SENIOR MMIA LO SICILY
MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

1. We enclose for information one copy each of MMIA letter A 114 dated 24 April 48 and War Ministry 15098/MOB dated 9 April 48.
2. We understand that volunteers available ex PALERMO now number only 2/300 but it is thought that the balance may be made up by individual volunteers - see para 6 of our letter under reference.

[Signature]
Major General
MMIA

Internal: A

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C O P YTRANSLATION

FROM: S.M.R.E.

Ref.: 15098/MOB

TO : MMIA

Date: 9 April 45

SUBJECT: Volunteers

Further to letter 14864/MOB dated 2nd inst.

Please find hereunder further information regarding the enlistment of volunteers for the Army, received by this S.M.

- PALERMO Territorial HQ	One of whom is a patriot	1152
- NAPLES Territorial Command	One of whom is a patriot	19
- BARI Territorial HQ		5
- ROME Territorial HQ		58
	TOTAL	<u>1234</u>

We await your decision in the matter.

/s/ GIORGIO LIEZZI

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Supply of personnel for
RTC ICF CESANO.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Tel: 489081 Ext. 533
All4

21 April 45

TO : Ministry of War

COPY : 171 BLU RTC ICF
British Cadre 802 BRD ORVIETO
British Cadre 803 BRD RAVISCAVINA
British Cadre 804 BRD TRANI

1. The following intake of personnel into RTC ICF CESANO is authorized:

Social	Date	Source	Number	Method of transport
(a)	23-29 Apr	803 BRD	500	Road, under arrangements MHA
(b)	30 Apr-6 May	802 BRD	500	"
(c)	7 - 13 May	804 BRD	500	Rail
(d)	14 - 20 May	Volunteers (ex Sicily)	500	"
(e)	21 - 27 May	Volunteers (South of Italy)	500	"
(f)	See Below	Patriot Volunteers	500	
(g)	"	"	500	

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2. All the personnel indicated above will be reinforcements for

1. The following intake of personnel into RTC ICP CESANO is authorized:

Serial	Date	Source	Number	Method of transport
(a)	23-29 Apr	803 BRD	500	Road, under arrangements MIA
(b)	30 Apr-5 May	802 BRD	500	"
(c)	7-13 May	804 BRD	500	Mail
(d)	14-26 May	Volunteers (ex Sicily)	500	"
(e)	21-27 May	South of Italy	500	"
(f)	See Below	Patriot	500	
(g)	"	Volunteers	500	

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2. All the personnel indicated above will be reinforcements for infantry, mechanical or medical units.

3. Please make arrangements for the selection of suitable personnel under serials (a) (b) and (c) above. If possible officers from RTC ICP should assist in this task.

4. Serials (d) and (e), your 18093/MOB of 9 April refers. Please confirm to MIA if one thousand men are suitable as reinforcements for RTC ICP. If there is a balance of volunteers not suitable for combat but suitable for enrollment into service units, please advise numbers and they will be routed to IND PROSIMONT. State where these volunteers will be made available so that arrangements may be made.

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5. You are requested to confirm if 1,000 patriot volunteers are also available for serials (f) and (g). Suitable arrangements for the movement of such personnel into RHC will be made as soon as the necessary details are received from you.
6. In addition to the above, you are authorized, until further notice, to send to RHC IOP any individual volunteers for combat (infantry) from civilian life who present themselves to local Military H.Q.'s, and are considered by you to be in every way suitable. up to a maximum of 50 per week. Please report numbers taken in by this means.

W. P. Dickey, Colonel
 for Major General.
 M.H.I.A.

INTERNAL:
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SUBJECT: Rpts for RTC ICF.

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SECRET

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.F.L.A.)

A.114

April 45

TO : Ministry of War.

1. It is required to post the following personnel to RTC ICF CESSANO for training as Infantry reinforcements :-

(a) By 6 May	2,000
(b) 6 May - 31 May	2,000
(c) 31 May - 30 June	2,000

2. These will be provided as follows :-

(a) 500 volunteers to be enlisted into the Italian Army from those who present themselves to Territorial HQ's. Please arrange accordingly.

✓ If 500 men suitable as reinforcements for infantry units to be selected from each of 802, 803 and 804 BnD's. You are requested to make arrangements for the selection of these men immediately. Advise MIA of dates of readiness of the batches from 802 and 803 BnD's and arrangements will be made if possible for movement by road. A bid for rail transport for the 500 from 804 BnD is being made for the period 30 May to 6 June.

✓ (b) 1 Approximately 1,000 volunteers from SICILY as indicated in your 15038/Mob of 9 April. A bid for movement of these men is being

accordingly.

ii 500 men suitable as reinforcements for infantry units to be selected from each of 802, 803 and 804 BRD's. You are requested to make arrangements for the selection of these men immediately. Advise MIA of dates of readiness of the batches from 802 and 803 BRD's and arrangements will be made if possible for movement by road. A bid for rail transport for the 800 from 804 BRD is being made for the period 30 May to 5 June.

✓ (b) 1 Approximately 1,000 volunteers from SICILY as indicated in your 15028/Xos of 9 April. A bid for movement of these men is being made for the period 30 April to 5 May. Volunteers **3168** category considered by you as suitable for enrolment into the Italian Army but not as combat infantry may be routed to IRD PROSINONE as ITI-ITI reinforcements. Please advise final numbers for PROSINONE and GUSANO as soon as possible.

✓ ii 1,000 volunteers from mainland, e.g. Patriots. Please confirm that these are available, and propose suitable arrangements for sending them to GUSANO. Patriots should be accepted as individuals and not organised bands.

(c) i 1,000 to be posted from suitable men at 802, 803 and 804 BRD's. It is requested that you arrange the dates of these drafts to fit in with the requirements at HTO-107.

ii 1,000 volunteers from the mainland as in 2(b)(ii) above.

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3. CLOTHING.

Drafts from BRD's vide 2(a)(ii) will not be issued on arrival at RTC with khaki battle-dress, but will continue to wear dyed green until the issue of khaki drill summer uniform. It is anticipated that reinforcements vide 2(c)(i) will already have been issued with khaki drill at BRD's. Disposal instructions will be issued for the dyed green battle dress recovered at RTC.

Major General
M.B.L.A.

COPY TO: AFHQ for GI (Br)
HQ HIN, RTC ICF
British Cadre 802 BRD
British Cadre 803 BRD
British Cadre 804 BRD

INTERNAL:
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SUBJECT: Supply of personnel for
RTC ICF CESANO.

SECRET

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Tel: 489081 Ext. 533
All 4
24 April 45

TO : Ministry of War

COPY : 1st BUN RTC ICF
British Cadre 802 BRD ORVISTO
British Cadre 803 BRD NAVISCANIMA
British Cadre 804 BRD TRANI

1. The following intake of personnel into RTC ICF CESANO is authorized:

Serial	Date	Source	Number	Method of transport
(a)	23-29 Apr	803 BRD	500	Road, under arrangements MOTA
(b)	30 Apr-6 May	802 BRD	500	"
(c)	7-13 May	804 BRD	500	Rail
(d)	14-20 May	Volunteers (ex Sicily)	500	"
(e)	21-27 May	South of Italy	500	"
(f)	See below	Patriot Volunteers	500	
(g)	"	"	500	

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2. All the personnel indicated above will be reinforcements for infantry, mechanical or medical units.

3. Please make arrangements for the selection of suitable personnel to supply officers from RTC ICF

1. The following intake of personnel into RTC ICF SESANO is authorized:

Serial	Date	Source	Number	Method of transport
(a)	23-29 Apr	803 IHD	500	Road, under arrangements MOCA
(b)	30 Apr-6 May	802 IHD	500	"
(c)	7 - 13 May	804 IHD	500	Mail
(d)	14 - 20 May	(Volunteers (ex Sicily &	500	"
(e)	21 - 27 May	(South of Italy 800	500	"
(f)	See Below	Patriot	500	
(g)	"	Volunteers	500	

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2. All the personnel indicated above will be reinforcements for infantry, mechanical or medical units.
3. Please make arrangements for the selection of suitable personnel under serials (a) (b) and (c) above. If possible officers from RTC ICF should assist in this task.
4. Serials (d) and (e), your 18098/MPR of 9 April refers. Please confirm to MOCA if one thousand men are suitable as reinforcements for RTC ICF. If there is a balance of volunteers not suitable for combat but suitable for enrollment into service units, please advise numbers and they will be routed to THE PROSINONE State where these volunteers will be made available so that arrangements may be made.

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5. You are requested to confirm if 1,000 patriot volunteers are also available for serifs (f) and (g). Suitable arrangements for the movement of such personnel into RTC will be made as soon as the necessary details are received from you.

6. In addition to the above, you are authorized, until further notice, to send to RTC IOP any individual volunteers for combat (infantry) from civilian life who present themselves to local Military B.Q.'s, and are considered by you to be in every way suitable, up to a maximum of 50 per week. Please report numbers taken in by this means.

W. P. Osley, Colonel
for. Major General.
N.H.I.A.

INTERNAL:

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DRAFTSECRETSUBJECT: RTAs for RTC ICF.LAND FORCES SUB COLL. A.C.
(M.A.I.A.)

A.114

April 45

TO : Ministry of War.

1. It is required to post the following personnel to RTC ICF CEGANO for training as Infantry reinforcements :-

(a) By 6 May	2,000
(b) 6 May - 31 May	2,000
(c) 31 May - 30 June	2,000

2. These will be provided as follows :-

(a) 1 500 volunteers to be enlisted into the Italian Army from those

who present themselves to Territorial HQ's. Please arrange

accordingly.

✓ 11 500 men suitable as reinforcements for infantry units to be selected from each of 802, 803 and 804 BRD's. You are requested to make arrangements for the selection of these men immediately. Advise MILA of dates of readiness of the batches from 802 and 803 BRD's and arrangements will be made if possible for movement by road. A bid for rail transport for the 500 from 804 BRD is being made for the period 30 May to 6 June.

✓ (b) 1 Approximately 1,000 volunteers from SICILY as indicated in your 18008/208 of 9 April. A bid for movement of these men is being made for the period 30 April to 6 May. Volunteers of 11th cate-

accordingly.

✓ ii. 500 men suitable as reinforcements for infantry units to be selected from each of 802, 803 and 804 BRD's. You are requested to make arrangements for the selection of these men immediately. Advise MIA of dates of readiness of the batches from 802 and 803 BRD's and arrangements will be made if possible for movement by road. A bid for rail transport for the 500 from 804 BRD is being made for the period 30 May to 6 June.

✓ (b) i. Approximately 1,000 volunteers from SICILY as indicated in your 15092/Doc of 9 April. A bid for movement of these men is being made for the period 30 April to 6 May. Volunteers ~~3108~~ ³¹⁰⁸ category considered by you as suitable for enrolment into the Italian Army but not as combat infantry may be routed to IRD PROSINONE as INI-IFI reinforcements. Please advise final numbers for PROSINONE and CESSANO as soon as possible.

✓ ii. 1,000 volunteers from mainland, e.g. patriots. Please confirm that these are available, and propose suitable arrangements for sending them to CESSANO. Patriots should be accepted as individuals and not organised bands.

(c) i. 1,000 to be posted from suitable men at 802, 803 and 804 BRD's. It is requested that you arrange the dates of these drafts to fit in with the requirements at RTC ICR.

ii. 1,000 volunteers from the mainland as in 2(b)(ii) above.

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3. CLOTHING.

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: ATRQ for G1 (Br)
"M" BLU, RTC ICY
British Cadre 802 BRD
British Cadre 803 BRD
British Cadre 804 BRD

INTERNAL:
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Appendix A

Strength of Station Control Team
as of 11 April 1965

Unit	All Arms		Infantry		Parent Strength
	W.E.	Parent Strength	W.E.	Parent Strength	
FRIGATE	8882	9620	5366	5740	4871
CEREMONIA	8882	9566	5366	5443	5187
LEGIONARIO	8882	9651	5366	5879	5408
FORGORE	8882	9680	5366	5695	5362
MANROSA	8882	9010	5366	5335	4668
AUXILIARY UNITS	2902	2887	—	—	—
TOTAL		50,414	26,830	28,092	25,496
NET RPTS	11,200	9548	8,350	5,953	5108 45

FOUR	8882	9680	9217	5386	5695	5362
MANOVA	8882	9010	8096	5316	5335	4668
AUXILIARY UNITS	2902	2887	2664	—	—	—
TOTAL		50,414	46,875	26,830	28,092	25,496
REF RFS	11,250	9548	6515	8,350	5953	5106
ICF (Pinned) REF	2308	3553	3175			45
TOTAL CENTRAL FORCE	62,700	63,515	56,565			

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SUBJECT:- Strengths (Reinforcements)

'H' BTI IRTC ICF

Ref: BTL/G.6/132

16 April 1945

Comd,
'F' BLU IRTC ICF

The Infantry situation is as follows (completed training):-

	<u>No.1 Regiment.</u>	<u>No.2 Regiment.</u>
1st week.	568	
2nd week.	30	
3rd week.	151	
4th week.	248	
5th week.	402	
6th week.	54	1259
TOTAL	1453	1259
Add men on courses.	195	111
TOTAL	1648	1370

FRU LID 300
Thantara 600

WLF/adj

ODD ME

Recd 17 Apr 45

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Major, GSO.II
Inf Training.

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SUBJECT: RTC, ICF CESANO

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/61/1

21 Apr 45

TO : 'A' BranchPeriod 23 Apr - 27 May. Intake 3500

The following intake of personnel is approved. This branch
will take action regarding serials 4 and 5.

Please arrange the remainder.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Action Branch</u>
1	23-29 Apr	803 BRD	500	A
2	30 Apr - 6 May	802 BRD	500	A
3	7-13 May	804 BRD	500	A
4	14-20 May	Volunteers ex-SICILY	500	G(SD)
5	21-27 May	Volunteers ex-SICILY	500	G(SD)
6	23 Apr-13 May	Patriot Volunteers	500	A
7	14 May-27 May	Patriot Volunteers	500	A

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SLH
Maj GS,
for Lt Col.
GS.

copy to: GSO 1
GSO 2 (L)
Q/G4
Q.1, Q.2.

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CIRCUIT No.		PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
NR	ROUTINE	QVR 1 6	
SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			
FROM (A) MMIA LO REAR 8 ARMY			DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN
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TO (FOR INFORMATION) Q MOVEMENTS REAR 8 ARMY 228 DIV 802 ITALIAN TRANSIR CAMP ORVIEITO			GR
X MMH IXX F BLU RTC ICF CESANO			

(REF. No.) MM482

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION)

SECRET

REF YOUR A1010?? DATED 12 APR. REQUEST ALL 258 AND 806 TRANSIT CAMPS BE ROUTED
TO FORLI WEF 23 APR. FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOW

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Strength Return HQ RTC ICF

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April 17

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15 Apr

To: HQ., 15 Army Group,
(for attention of 'A' Branch)

Copy to: HQ Land Forces Sub Com 10(MIA)

Reference M.H.A. letter S/9/29/24/16 dated 20 Feb. 45.

Attached hereto is weekly Strength Return of:-

- (a) HQ RTC ICF as at 1200 hrs 14 Apr. 45
- (b) Permanent Cadre as at 1200 hrs 14 Apr. 45

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Glenn Caporale
Lt. Col. RA

PERMANENT SITUATION OF ITALIAN COMBAT TROOPS AS AT 1 APR 1945
(Combat Groups and Auxiliary Units only are included)

ARM	TYPE		TESTED STRENGTH		SURPLUS OR DEFICIENCY		AVAILABLE RETS IN ITALY (1945)		CASUALTIES SINCE LAST RETURN				
									KILLED		WOUNDED		THIS MONTH
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Artillery	465	7165	519	7644	54	429	86	324					
Field Engineers	105	2787	117	2924	12	137	24	523					
Signals	38	1722	49	1931	11	209	28	171					
Infantry	1140	25780	1255	26929	145	1449	296	4473					
Supply & Transport	125	3234	136	3380	14	146	20	432					
Medical	222	2358	242	2610	20	52							
Technical Engineers	35	1395	44	1418	6	23	4	124					
Other	179	1420	201	1629	42	409	67	2526	✓	✓			✓
TOTAL	2309	45861	2580	48165	271	2304	525	9023	8	56			—

→ C.R.R. + 3. reception mixed bn. + TRENTO

→ LEO RTC in permanent state (Pictal strength 4880 3067 CRs)

1. SITUATION OF ITALIAN COMBAT TROOPS AS AT APRIL 9th 1945.
(Groups and Auxiliary Units only are included)

Y	AVAILABLE RETS IN ITALY (2524)		CASUALTIES SINCE LAST RETURN						NUMBERS IN HOSPITAL				REMARKS AT ON APRIL 9th
	FFra	ORs	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING		THUNDER		SICK AND WOUNDED		
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9	296	4473					1	1					
6	20	432					1	1					
32							1	1					
3	4	124					1	1					
9	067	2526	V	V			V	V			V	V	
4	525	9023	8	56			-	25			72	2545	

→ CC.RR + 3. reception mixed bn. + TREVIANO camp
(Total strength 1060 3027 ORs)

→ ATC 10F included

Appendix B.

Holdings of Reinforcements by Arms

14 April

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Arms	Arms' holding of reinforcements per 50 p.s./s of 9 March	Holding of Arms' P.T.C. per 50 p.s./s of 9 March	Holding of Arms' P.T.C. per 50 p.s./s of 9 March	Total Holding
Infantry	8350	5953	1262	7415
Artillery	1100	860	513	1373
Field Engineers	450	547	191	738
Signals	400	199	219	418
Reconnaissance Engineers	200	128	6	122
Supply & Transport	450	396	11	325
Medical	200	39	264	225
Communications	20	-	44	74
			5160	

Technical Expenses	200	128	- 6	173
Supply & Transport	400	396	- 11	325
Medical	200	39	- 264	- 225
Construction	20	-	+ 94	94
Administration	130	-	5100	
		3553 (10)	+ 192	1337
Unallocated	—	1362	-	1362
TOTAL	11,250			

Rem. 144 ETC. 440: 3553
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Tolgore	1635	505	390	378	331	10
Whitova	1595	533	384	302	357	
	8143	2635	1902	1766	1691	4
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353	359	346	84	313	173
374	365	324	94	307	186
390	378	331	108	287	198
384	302	357	94	259	171
1902	1766	1691	459	1449	910
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13	- 275	- 107	✓	✓	+ 7

STRENGTH - COMBAT FORCE 14 Apr. 49

Unit	WE	Rated Strength	Present Strength
FRIVLI	8882	9620	8652
CREMONA	8882	9566	9210
LEGnano	8882	9651	9056
FOLGORE	8882	9680	9217
MANTOVA	8882	9010	8076
AUXILIARY UNITS	2902	2887	2664
TOTAL		50.414	46.875
RTC			
ICF			
RTCS		9548	6515
ICF	2308	3553	3175

MANTOIA 8882 9010 8076

AUXILIARY
UNITS 2902 2887 2664

TOTAL 50.414 46.875

RTC } RFTS 6515

ICF } ^{Permanent} staff 3175TOTAL
COMBAT FORCE 62.700 63.515 5167

S I G N A L

A/114

FROM : M.F.I.A.

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TO : 50 DLU
INFO 'I' DLURESTRICTED.

REF: A.1010.

REFERENCE YOUR A.54 OF 13 APRIL (.) INFORMED BY S R M E
 1 CAPTAIN S T A 14 APRIL 5 SUBALTERNS 17 APRIL 6
 SUBALTERNS 19 APRIL (.) 7 OTHER INFANTRY SUBALTERNS
 LEFT B T G FOR F R I U L I 8 APRIL (.) PROVISION OF
 GOOD INFANTRY CAPTAIN DIFFICULT UNTIL ARRIVAL OF SE
 PRISONERS OF WAR NOW TO BE REPATRIATED (.) THESE ARE
 UNLIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE FORBOWNE BEFORE MID-DAY.

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANTAUTHENTICATED 121

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Subject : Reinforcements.

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
H.Q. M.M.I.A., Rome.

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

G/32

8 Apr 45.

Reference accompanying application from Legnano Group.

It is requested that high priority be given for the provision of these reinforcements, in order to complete establishments.

As it is traditional in the Italian Army for members of Alpini Regiments to be Alpini, and for members of Bersaglieri Regts to be Bersaglieri, it is requested and strongly recommended that the numbers asked for are supplied from the Reinforcement Depot if available.

Lt. Col. G.S.
Lt. Col.
G.S.

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LROF V LAEE NR 27 "P" (P)
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FROM 50 BLU 132050Z
TO M M I A
INFO F BLU (ROME)
GR --BT

A 94 . RESTRICTED . FRIULI I C G HAVE
SENT AN URGENT SIGNAL TO S M R E
FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFR RFTS .
CAPTS 3 SUBS 12 .
THESE ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED BY THE INF REGT .
WILL YOU PLEASE HASTEN THE
POSTING OF THESE RFTS
BT 132050Z
SENT NR 27 FW BB
RD NR 27 0320 JWR ARKK

Average sent
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5 days
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Translation

SD/45

From: SMRE

Ref. No. 14131/Mob.

T. : Addressee as per original letter
MMIA for info.

Date: March 28, 1943

Subject: Selection of personnel to be used in the
Italian combat forces.This is in pursuance of circular 12800/Mob. of February
14th and 14000/Mob. of March 12th.

- 1) I am mentioning a few of the irregularities which have occurred lately with units belonging to the Italian combat forces, in order that the respective Commands may be guided thereby and may prevent their recurrence:
- a) induction of personnel with bad moral antecedents and a bad Court record.
 - b) induction of military personnel who ~~deserted~~ deserted from forward units and who afterwards reported to recruiting units for the purpose of shirking their duty as combatants without exposing themselves to the punishment decreed for troops deserting under fire.
 - c) infiltration of individuals belonging to criminal gangs, who joined the Army for the purpose of stealing arms, motor transport and supplies.
 - d) black market organization reaching into Italian Army units - especially among driver personnel - for the purpose of stealing supplies or using motor transport for unauthorized purposes.
 - e) induction of personnel physically unfit, as a result of laxity in medical examinations at the recruiting organizations concerned.
 - f) arrival at the Cesano Training Camp of unauthorized personnel or of personnel lacking proper travel orders.

MMIA-45
FILE: SD/45
DATE: 6/4

2)

Many of these difficulties can be overcome at the source through strict enforcement of the rules governing the selection of personnel, which were already laid down by myself in circulars 12800/Mob. of February 14TH and 14000/Mob. of March 12TH. I am well aware of the difficulties some units are having because of a lack of facilities and personnel. Despite this, I hereby reaffirm the necessity of a strict and careful selection of personnel intended for military units in general and for combat organizations in particular.

Some of the other difficulties mentioned are inevitable since they are connected directly with the present situation of our Country; but their effects can be offset to a considerable extent by the persistent and wholehearted efforts of commanders of all ranks and especially those of the smaller units.

Signed: Ronco
Chief of Staff

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

P.M. 3800, 11 28 marzo 45

Nº 14131/Mob. di prot.

OGGETTO : scelta del personale destinato ad essere impiegato nelle
Forze Italiane di combattimento.

- AI COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI
- AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "VI" S.M. R.D.
- AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212
- AI COMANDI GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO
- AI COMANDI DI DIVISIONE AMMINISTRATIVE
- AL COMANDO DIV. "PICENO" (C.A.C.F.I.C.)

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e, per conoscenza:

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

ROMA

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

- Gabinetto
- Ufficio Coordinamento
- Direzione Personale Ufficiali
- Direzione Gen. Leva Sottuff. e Truppa
- Ufficio Autonomo Reduci Prigionia
- Ufficio Segreteria e Personale

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ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Segreteria e Personale
ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Trasporti

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Seguito circolare 14800/Mob. del 14 febbraio 1945 14000/Mob. del

e, per conoscenza.

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

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

- Gabinetto
- Ufficio Coordinamento
- Dirrez. Gen. Personale Ufficiali
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Seguito circolare 1200/Mob. del 14 febbraio 14000/Mob. del

16 marzo.

- 1) - Perché i comandi cui la presente è diretta ne abbiano norma e pos-  
sano prevenirli, cito alcuni inconvenienti verificatisi in questi  
ultimi tempi presso la unità facenti parte delle Forze Italiane  
di combattimento :
- a) - avviamento di personale di precedenti morali e penali non esi-  
sti,
  - b) - avviamento di militari che avevano disertato da reparti avve-  
zati, e che si erano ripresentati agli organi di reclutamento:  
con lo scopo di non fare il loro dovere di combattenti pur  
senza incorrere nelle sanzioni previste per i disertori in  
presenza del nemico;
  - c) - infiltrazioni di elementi appartenenti a bande di malfattori,  
presentatisi alle armi per cercare di sottrarre armi, auto-  
ri, materiali,

.. / ..



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- d) organizzazione per il mercato nero ramificato nei reparti, specie tra gli elementi autieri, con lo scopo di sottrarre materiali o di sfruttare gli automezzi per trasporti indebiti;
- e) avviamento di personale fisicamente non idoneo, conseguente ad un mancato rigoroso accertamento sanitario presso gli organi di reclutamento complementari;
- f) affluenza al Centro addetramento di CASSINO di elementi non autorizzati, o privi di documenti di viaggio.

2) -- Molti di questi inconvenienti sono evitabili in partenza attraverso una rigorosa applicazione delle norme per la scelta del personale, che ho già impartito con le circolari 1800/lob. del 14 febbraio e 1400/lob. del 12 marzo. Mi sono ben note le difficoltà, connesse con le deficienze di mezzi e le ristrettezze di organico di taluni enti. Siononostante ribadisco ancora una volta la necessità di una rigorosa ed oculata scelta del personale destinato ai reparti in genere, ed a quelli combattenti in particolare.

Altri degli inconvenienti citati sono inevitabili perché connessi con la situazione del nostro Paese: ma le loro conseguenze non devono essere grandemente ridotte attraverso la continua appassione opera dei comandanti di ogni grado, o specie di quelli dei minori reparti --

IL CAPO DI S.I. DELL'ESERCITO  
Rocco

in febbraio e 11000/feb. del 15 marzo. Mi sono ben note le difficoltà, connesse con le deficienze di mezzi e le ristrettezze di organico di taluni enti. Ciononostante ribadisco ancora una volta la necessità di una rigorosa ed oculata scelta del personale destinato ai reparti in genere, ed a quelli combattenti in particolare.

Altri degli inconvenienti citati sono inevitabili perché connessi con la situazione del nostro Paese: ma le loro conseguenze potranno essere grandemente ridotte attraverso la continua appassinata opera dei comandanti di ogni grado, e specie di quelli dei minori reparti.

IL CAPO DI B.I. DELL'ESERCITO  
FORO

P. C. U.  
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO  
(Guido Chievarino)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

SECRET

27 March 1945

27 March 1945

AG 370.092/001 GCT-C

SUBJECT: Holding of Surplus Rfts - PICHNO Italian  
Combat Force Rft Trg Centre - CESANOTO: President  
Allied Commission  
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MMA)Incl  
SD/45/1  
SD/45

1. Reference is made to 'F' British Liaison Unit letter G/1/1/6 dated 27 February 1945, a copy of which was left with this headquarters.
2. In paragraph 8, 'F' BLU asked that consideration be given to the formation of a CRU to hold surplus trained personnel who could not be absorbed into the Combat Groups.
3. No forward holding is necessary at the present time. If, when the battle moves forward, such a holding becomes necessary, it is considered that the Combat Transit Camp can be used for the purpose. This Camp has a holding capacity of over 2,000 and is split between the two Ls of C.
4. When trained rfts become available from the Training Centre, the anticipated weekly outflow from the Centre to the Combat Groups will be 1,000. You will regulate the intake of rfts to the Centre to correspond approximately with this anticipated outflow of 1,000. Should any surplus trained rfts become available it is considered preferable that they should be held at the Centre rather than in a CRU.
5. It is requested that this procedure be made clear to the Italian authorities concerned.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. PRESS  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

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(16)

A.I.

1. Folio 9. is NOT in accordance with anything agreed by me. If allowed it will completely flood R.F.C. & be detrimental to other categories and winter.
2. 16 is to be cancelled immediately and meanwhile get me a copy of the two previous letters referred to.
3. I think our instructions as to who we to be send to Casano - written about 3 weeks ago - are quite clear. - please B.F. and speak

SP.

28 Nov.

John 1/13 at 5/6/23/23

Col. P. B. B. B.

3. I think our instructions as to  
 send to Corano - written about 3 weeks ago - are quite  
 clear. - please B.F. and report

SP  
 28 Dec.

John 143 on 1/5/23/23

Col Pickering

Attached is a draft letter in reply to John 9.

14300/1106 of 12 March in Feb 160 in 1/5/22/27/2. 400

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you was 5 translated

We did not receive 12333/1106 of 17 Feb.

I stick to my original comments. There is no question of taking  
 away personnel already in 12/171 units.

29 March

SP

Major Doherty Draft letter expressed and  
 referred to you separately  
SP.



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I do not agree -

The numbers are not firm and cannot be made so. Our call up would be disturbed as these people would be sent to Cesano. Among others it is addressed to 212 -

It does not provide that replacement will be on hand - It is in direct violation of our instructions. It will result in an overstrength at RTE.

No men should be sent to Cesano until the overstrength is reduced and then only on our instructions. Please take action accordingly.

"A" Please see and please take action on undelivered portion. <sup>5141</sup> *SM [Signature]*

2 i/c.

Ref above.

I feel we should agree  
to this only when CESARNO  
is reduced to its authorized  
holding of \$ 11,250.

Shall we reply accordingly?

  
27th



~~W.D.H.~~

~~see photo 9,~~

~~I don't think you will like it.~~

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G.I.(32)

They were referred to Col. Potosky and agreed by him. There are very few instances of such personnel (not more than 40 per month) and it is considered that they would be a valuable disciplined element among the reinforcements, and not an embarrassment from the point of view of numbers.

20 March

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# Partito Fascista Repubblicano

## FASCIO ROMANO DI COMBATTIMENTO

Roma, li \_\_\_\_\_ 1943 XXI

I Camerata \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Firma \_\_\_\_\_

Domicilio \_\_\_\_\_

P. IL COMMISSARIO DEL FASCIO ROMANO  
(GINO BARDI)



TRANSLATION.

FROM: S.M.R.E.

REF: I4270/Mob.

TO: all addressees  
M.M.I.A. for info.

DATE: 17 March 1945.

MAILED  
FILE: 52/115  
DATE: 25 May

SUBJECT: personnel for the Italian Fighting Forces.

To the completion of circular I4537/Mob. of 17 February  
(not addressed to all) and further to circular I4000/Mob. of 12 March.

- 1) - In order to allow <sup>for</sup> the forming of reinforcement units of the various Infantry specialists at the CMBANO training centre for the Italian fighting forces, I order, in partial modification of paragraph 2 of the quoted circular I4000/Mob., that also the personnel belonging to the Grenadiers, Bersaglieri, Alpine Troops, Parachutists, Commandos, specialists, shall be sent directly to the CMBANO centre that:-
- become available because of the reduction of war establishments, or disbandments of H.Q.s or units;
  - report to recruiting departments following recall to the services;
  - that may escape from captivity or from other territory (following necessary written demand for employment in combat units).
- 2) - <sup>ex</sup> Those belonging to the above mentioned specialists must be previously ascertained from an examination of the service documents of those concerned.
- 3) - It remains understood that the above mentioned personnel must always be:-
- unconditionally fit from the physical point of view;
  - of the 1915 Class or younger; or if older, prepared to put in writing their willingness to consider themselves as of the 1915 Class and request to be placed in a combat unit;
  - morally fit, uncompromised penally and politically.
- 4) - The H.Q.s addressed are requested to issue the consequent instructions.

O. DANIN Cpl.

sgd. RORCO

Gen.

UN

STATO MAGGIORE ARMO Esercito  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

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13

no 1470/Mob. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 11 17 marzo 1945

OCCORRENZA : personale per le forze italiane di combattimento.

A TUTTI I COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI

E DI REGIONE

AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "T" S.A.R.E.

AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212

A TUTTI I COMANDI DIVISIONE DI SICUREZZA INTERNA

A TUTTI I COMANDI DI DIVISIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

Per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.R.I.A.) R O N A  
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

- Gabinetto  
- Ufficio Coordinamento  
- Direz. Gen. Personale Ufficiali  
- Direz. Gen. Leva Sottuff. e Truppa  
- Ufficio Autonomo Reduci Frigioni  
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE  
AI COMANDI GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO  
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO" (C.A.Q.F.I.S.)  
ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Operazioni e Addestramento SEDE  
ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Segreteria e Personale SEDE

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LORO SEDI  
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A completamento della circolare 15597/1945. del 17 febbraio 1945



Per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCE COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R.O.M.A.  
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

- Gabinetto  
- Ufficio Coordinamento  
- Dirz. Gen. Personale Ufficiali  
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È completamento della circolare 12507/12. del 17 febbraio
ad a seguito della circolare 14000/Mor. del 12
mezzo.

1)- Allo scopo di consentire la costituzione presso il Centro auto-
stramento forze italiane di combattimento di CIGLIO dei reparti
completamento delle varie specialità della Fanteria, dispone -
lice. - che al Centro del paragrafo 2 della citata circolare 14000/
personale (ufficiali, sottufficiali e truppa) appartenente allo
specialità granatieri, bersaglieri, alpini, paracadutisti, ar-
la che:

- a)- si renda disponibile per riduzioni di organico o selezione
to al comando e reparti;
- b)- si presentino agli organi di reclutamento a seguito di un ri-
chiamo alle armi;
- c)- sia riduce dalla prigionia o da altri territori (previa pre-
ventiva comando scritta di impiego in reparti combattenti).

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- 2)- L'appartenenza alle suddette specialità dovrà essere preventiva-
mente accertata con l'esame dei documenti matricolari degli inte-
ressati.
- 3)- Resta inteso che il personale suddetto deve sempre essere :
 - a)- incondizionatamente idoneo dal punto di vista fisico;
 - b)- appartenente a classi 1915 e più giovani; o che assuma per
iscritto l'impegno di seguire la parte della classe 1915 e
chieda di far parte di reparti combattenti, se più anziani;
 - c)- moralmente idoneo, penalmente e politicamente non compromes-
so.
- 4)- I comandi in indirizzo sono pregati di attuare le conseguenti di-
sposizioni.-

IL CAPO DI S.M. DELL'INTELLIGENZA
F.to : RENZO

P. C. C.
COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)



5143

RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Strength returns of Combat Groups.
-----LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

A/014

24 March 46

TO : 15 Army Group.
-----Copy to: AFHQ for C-1 (HR).

FILED: 50/45
DATE: 25 March

1. At present, in accordance with British Directive No. 13, para 6, Combat Groups send a weekly Strength State to the RUC ICF, SMRE and MIA. Reinforcements are sent forward on the basis of this return. It is a very detailed return, giving a complete picture of deficiencies of specialists in all units.

2. The Combat Group has to make a similar return to SMRE, in almost equal detail, referring to the 9th and 24th of each month, giving data for inclusion in SMRE's bi-monthly State of the Italian Army and the Order of Battle issued by MIA.

3. In order to save work, especially at Combat Group HQ, it is proposed that these two returns should be combined, and that the combined return should be made on the 9th and 24th of each month. Returns from Administrative Divisions to the BR-ITI Reinforcement Depots would be made on the same dates.

4. It is pointed out that

(a) this provision in no way affects any operational returns required from the Groups by their higher formations.

(b) reinforcements can always be requested by special signal or letter.

*for BR-ITI
Service
Units

2. The Combat Group has to make a similar return to SARE, in almost equal detail, referring to the 9th and 24th of each month, giving data for inclusion in SARE's bi-monthly State of the Italian Army and the Order of Battle issued by MIAA.

3. In order to save work, especially at Combat Group HQ, it is proposed that these two returns should be combined, and that the combined return should be made on the 9th and 24th of each month. Returns from Administrative Divisions to the BR-ITI Reinforcement Depots would be made on the same dates.

4. It is pointed out that

(a) this provision in no way affects any operational returns required from the Groups by their higher formations.

(b) reinforcements can always be requested by special signal or letter.

(c) A weekly return will continue to be obtained from RTC ICF and EOE, E03 E04 Base Reinforcement Depots showing the availability of reinforcements.

5. May your approval to para 3 please be given.

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W. P. de la Cruz

Major General
R.M.I.A.

INTERNAL:
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*for BR-ITI
Service
Units

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Appendix "B" to

STRENGTH RETURNS
as at 1200 hrs 24 Feb 1945

GRUPPO	POSTED STRENGTH	DEFICIENCY	FIGHTING STRENGTH	DEFICIENCY
FRIULI	468) 8699) 9167	167 Surplus	466) 8581) 9047	47 Surplus
CREMONA	491) 8547) 9038	38 Surplus	504) 8492) 8996	4
LEGNANO	501) 9147) 9658	658 Surplus	483) 8485) 8968	32
FOLGORE	501) 8998) 9499	499 Surplus	487) 8611) 9098	98 Surplus
MANTOVA	484) 8828) 9312	312 Surplus	434) 7543) 7977	1023
TOTAL RFTS HELD		TOTAL AVAILABLE		TOTAL UNAVAILABLE
RTC	391)	56)	336)	
ICF	10670) 11061	497) 553	10173) 10509	

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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AG 370.092/001 GCT-0

10 February 1945

SUBJECT: Transfer of Italian Army Personnel

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMIA)

1. Copies of letters received from Italian authorities by companies of 404 Italian Pioneer Regiment are forwarded.
2. You are requested to take strong action with the Italian Ministry of War to insure that all orders issued in this sense are immediately cancelled.
3. No Italian Army personnel will be withdrawn from existing Italian Army Units without prior replacement in the case of over-age men, or without express written authority of this headquarters in all other cases. You are requested to make this order known to all Italian authorities concerned so that no repetition of unilateral action in this matter will recur.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:


ALBERT W. KAHR,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

2 Incls

Incl 1 - Ltr Hq 1st Bn, 404
Ital Pion Regt, Ref
494/T.2, dtd 26 Jan
45, and ltr Hq 230
Div Ref 494/S.1, dtd
22 Jan 45.Incl 2 - Ltr Min of War, file
No. 12017/R protocollo,
dtd 3 Jan 45.

ALMIA	17/11/45
FILE REF	50/45.
Date Recd	11

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 370.092/001 OUT-0

20 February 1945

SUBJ: Transfer of Italian Army Personnel

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 370
FROM: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LSC)

1. Copies of letters received from Italian authorities by companies of 4th Italian Pioneer Regiment are forwarded.
2. You are requested to take strong action with the Italian Ministry of War to insure that all orders issued in this matter are immediately cancelled.
3. No Italian Army personnel will be withdrawn from existing Italian Army Units without prior replacement in the case of over-age men, or without express written authority of this headquarters in all other cases. You are requested to make this order known to all Italian authorities concerned so that no repetition of unilateral action in this matter will recur.

BY ORDER OF FIELD MARSHAL ALISTAIR


 ALBERT W. RISER,
 Captain, AGO,
 West Adjutant General.

2 Incls

- Incl 1 - Ltr HQ 1st Div, 4th
 Ital Div, Regt, Ref
 424/T.2, dtd 26 Jan
 45, and Ltr HQ 230
 Div Ref 424/T.1, dtd
 22 Jan 45.
- Incl 2 - Ltr Min of War, file
 No. 12217/0 protocols,
 dtd 3 Jan 45.

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C O P Y

H.Q. 1st. Bn. 404 Ital. Pion. Rgt.
 Ref. 494/T.2
 (Brindisi) Date: 26.1.45

To: all Units.

The attached letter is forwarded to get you to transfer immediately the men belonging to the 2' echelon 1924 class (born between May and December) to the Rfcts. Training Depot of Italian Fighting Forces at Cesano. Please enter in the transfer roll that their movement is effected under the Circular letter No. 12017/R dated 3.1.45.

The same applies roll for the soldiers of this Bn. to be entered in the Regimental Routine Order.

The present order is forwarded to the detached Coys. by special messenger, attaching the list of men to be transferred and to be entered in the regimental Routine Order.

All Coys. will please give notice, immediately after their departure, of the number of men transferred giving separate figures according to the rank and echelon. Have notice that the transfer must be effected before 30.1.45. The soldiers at present attached to other Units must be called back and transferred to the a/n Training Depot.

(signed) Pietro Macauda Lt. Col.
 Bn. O.C.

C O P Y

H.Q. 230 Division
 Ref. 494/S.1
 (Bari) Date: 22.1.45

Subject: Sargts & ORs. belonging to the 2' echelon of the class 1924.

To:..... addresses

The attached copy of Circular letter No. 12017/R is forwarded so that you may give immediate orders for all men belonging to the 2' echelon 1924 class

to be transferred to the Training Depot of Italian Fighting Forces at Cesano

(signed) Pietro Macauda Lt. Col.
Bn. O.C.

C O P Y

H.Q. 230 Division
Ref. 494/S.1
(Bari) Date: 22.1.45

Subject: Sargts & ORs. belonging to the 2nd echelon of the class 1924.

To:..... addresses

The attached copy of Circular letter No. 12017/R is forwarded so that you may give immediate orders for all men belonging to the 2nd echelon 1924 class to be transferred to the Training Depot of Italian Fighting Forces at Cesano before 30.1.45.

Please report this H.Q. as soon the transfer is effected.

(signed) Vincenzo Tusina Lt. Col.
Chief of Staff.

INCL. #1

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CONF

MINISTRY OF WAR

Sargts. & ORs. levy general direction.

No. 12617/R protocollo.

(Rome) Date: 3.1.1945

Subject: Sargts. & ORs. belonging to the 2' echelon of the class 1924.

To:.....addresses.....

With the Circular letter No. 2374/R/7/13 dated 3.12.44 was ordered that all men belonging to the 2' echelon of the class 1924 if not yet incorporated cannot be included in the call under Army of the classes 914-924 (1' echelon) considering that for want of Training Centres it was thought more convenient that the s/n soldiers fulfil their levy duties in the chance of the call under Army of the class 1925.

For what concerning the men of the said 2' echelon 1924 already incorporated, it is directed that their incorporation must be considered as effected in advance, and consequently these men will be considered volunteers of war enlisted under the proclamation No. 8 dated 28 Oct. 1943 of the Supreme H. L. and under the Circular letter No. 2004/R dated 18 Sept. 1944 of this Ministry.

The s/n H. Ls. will please issue the necessary orders so that all men actually in the Units, before 30.1.45, are gathered at the Reinforcement Training Depot of Italian Fighting Forces; after the prescribed period of training they will be transferred to the Fighting Groups.

The Record of Service's variations will be the following:

- a)-Reported to Unit.....actually at.....called in advance.
- b)-Transferred to the Rfcts. Training Depot of Italian Fighting Forces under the Circular Letter No.....(enter the s/n reference).
- c)-Owing to his call in advance he is considered volunteer of war under the Circular letter No.....(enter the s/n reference)-(the enlistment date must commence from the real incorporation's one).

The men of the 2' echelon 1924 already incorporated in the Fighting Groups will continue to stay in these and will be applicable the per. "3".

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For the Minister
(Signed) Generale di Div. U. Rotta' 5197

INCL. #2

MESSAGE FORM

From - 56 BLU MMIA LO for MALTOVA Combat Group
To - MMIA

09 0830

AG4

RESTRICTED

Following specialists were available end of February for first phase call up
SARDINIA (.) Drivers 269 motor mechanics 4 fitters 7 electricians 4
blacksmiths 12 varnishers 8 welders 9 carpenters 37 masons 35 cooks 16
cobblers 27 armourers 2 W/T operators 8 radio technicians 1 (.) Some
of these specialists will already have been shipped mainland but suggest balance
available be immediately assigned MALTOVA and despatched mainland soonest (.)
Total so assigned could be deducted quota (?) second phase call up 3 SARDINIA
allotted to Combat Groups (.) Immediate action in this matter would be
great assistance in reducing for each specialist deficient MALTOVA Combat Group
(.) 56 BLU and MALTOVA in complete agreement

IMMEDIATE

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(2)

S.O. a) I agree that in accordance with your parent 'policy' these call ups cannot be screened at call up centres. For this policy we are however liable to waste good specialist manpower by putting it to improper use.

b) For instance I believe senior units do not use W.T. operators a radio macks etc. nor do they have less technical equipment in proportion to combat groups do they need so many drivers, fitters, motor macks & armours.

c) We ought to devise some means of allowing S.17. R.E. to sort these chapos out through adan dics and exchange them for able bodied workers.

d) I propose to put up a scheme for this subsequently which are S.O. views on this!
 J.P. 10 March

ATA, GILQ, 3-16

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 446/09

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Sol. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

CIPHER SECRET

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FROM

(A)

Originator.

Date/Time of Origin.

56 BLD MMIA.LO

090830

For Action.

MMIA for MANTOVA

Combat GP

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions.

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Originator's No.

AG4

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Following specialists were available end of February for first phase call up SARDINIA:

Drivers 269 motor mechanics 4 Fitters 7

Electricians 4 Blacksmiths 12 Varnishers 8

Welders 9 Carpenters 37 Masons 35

Cooks 16 Coldlers 27 Announcers 2

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Office Date Stamp

Following specialists were available end of February for first phase call up SARDINIA:
 Drivers 269 motor mechanics 4 Fitters 7
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56 BLU are MANTOVA in complete agreement

This message may be sent AS WIRELESS by any means except

WIRELESS.

Signed

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Originator's Instructions.
Degree of Priority.

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IMMEDIATE

Time
TH or TOR
091100Z

Time Cleared

Time

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C O P Y

FROM:: 51 BLU

TO : MMIA
MAIN 8 ARMY
MAIN 5 CORPS

C51015A

A 23RESTRICTEDRETURN OF VOLUNTEERS WEEK ENDING 3 MAR (.) NO 127 (.) MAIN
ARMY SIGNAL A1 OF 02 REFERS

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MESSAGE FORM

CUB

Sgt. No.

CUB-44

Transmittal Instructions

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FROM

51 BLU

051015 A

TO

MMIA
Main 5 Corps

Main 8 Army.

(W) For Information (INFO)

Distribution No.

A23 0 RESTRICTED 0 return of volunteers week ending

3 Mar 0 No 127 0 main Army signal A1 of 02

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ARMY FORM C 1135 (Large)

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 14/07

Priority

Ser. No.

Transmission Instructions

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM
(N)

Originator

(8) ARMY

Free Action

Date-Time of Origin

061730A

Office Date Stamp

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SD 7/3

Message Instructions

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TO

M M I A ROME

(N) For Information (INFO)

AFHQ

CIG AFHQ, AB

Originator's No.

A2011 SECRET

Reg AFHQ FX 166009

30 Jan 0

Local sentiment

CAREMONA GRUPO morning 3rd

March 0 127

30 Jan 0 Read content
 CREMONA CARPOO week ending 8th
 March 0 127

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