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Demobilisation - Italian

Opened May 15, 1945 - Closed Nov. 10, 1945

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REF FOLIO 272A FILE 50AS

53A

Subject: - Assistance to demobilised soldiers.

Infantry Division, MANTOVA
3 Section -- Soldiers Welfare
No 1960/B.S.

10 Nov 45.

ALL UNITS
2nd SECTION.

Extracts of orders No 09300/B.S. of 3rd inst in connection with assistance to soldiers who are demobilised is given effect for information.

Maintain under the colours those soldiers due for demobilisation whose residence is in territory not accessible (such as Colonies, foreign countries) and in Venezia Giulia bearing in mind instructions from the Army Chief of Staff.

by order
Chief of Staff f.f.
A. FIGA Major.

6348

15AS

File
SUBJECT: Demobilisation of 1920 Class.

52A
56 R.L.U.
20 AG

9 Nov 45.

RE: MANOVA Inf Div.

51A
Copy of letter A 017, dated 1 Nov 45, from Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C. (SMIA),
is forwarded herewith for information and any necessary action.

ABC/wjs.

[Signature]
for Lt-Col,
GS.

6347

COPYSUBJECT:- Demobilisation of 1920 Class.UNCLASSIFIEDLAND FORCES SUE COM, A.C.
(NMIA) R O M E
A 017
1 Nov 45To :- Ministry of War.

1. Authority is hereby given for the demobilisation of the 1920 Class between 15 November and 15 December. Personnel in depots or transit camps, or personnel of units in disbandment, will be released immediately.
2. The temporary provision vide A 1222 of 8 August whereby BR-ITI units could hold 20% surplus to W.E., is cancelled. Personnel will no longer be posted to BR-ITI units in excess of numbers required to complete W.E. or replace demobilisable personnel.

(Sgd) ? ? ? ? ?

Distribution : AFHQ, etc, etc.Major-General,
H.M.L.A.

6346

REF Folio 209A FILE 50A

SUBJECT :- Release of ORs Classes 1917 - 1918 - 1919.

HQ Combat Gp MANTOVA

01/5577

VARAZZE 5 Oct 45

To :- All Units

Copy to:- All Officers of HQ
56 BLU

1. SMRE has ordered the release of ORs of Classes 1917, (message 22760/Mob dated 15 Sep 45 refers), 1918 and 1919 (message 23268/Mob dated 28 Sep 45)

2. Previous substitution is not required.

3. Therefore I dispose that release will start as follows :-

15 Oct 45	Class 1917
1 Nov 45	: 1918
15 Nov 45	: 1919

4. Deficiencies will be replaced with reinforcements that will reach the unit at the end of this fortnight.

5. Personnel of classes 1916 and older if not already done will be released without replacement.

6. For personnel of VENEZIA GIULIA
..... for clothing, rations

7. It must be clearly understood that units will always keep such a posted strength that is required to fully ensure the fulfilling of their duties, strength that will never go under 90% of WE.

6345

(SGED) A. GUALANO Lt Col
Chief of Staff

File 49A
Subject:- Demobilisation of 1918 and 1919 Classes.

56 HLU
20 AG

2 Oct 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

47A
Appended copy of MIA letter A 017 dated 27 Sep 45, to Ministry of War, is forwarded for information and any necessary action.

" Reference MIA A 017 of 10 September. — 39A

1. Authority is hereby given for you to demobilize the 1918 class during October, and the 1919 class during November.
2. You will be responsible for ensuring that local commanders so phase the release of personnel and the provision of replacements that all units are kept up to efficient working strength at all times.
3. Personnel of the 1918 and 1919 classes in depots and personnel of the same classes from disbanded units, not immediately required as replacements, may be demobilized from now on at your discretion, in anticipation of the above dates. The object of the measure is to avoid holding men uselessly, or posting them to units when they would only remain a few weeks.

In The Field.
/mh.

McLore
Lt Col,
GS.

634*

REF Folio 195A FILE 50 PS

46A

SUBJECT :- Release of ORs of Class 1916.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

01/5374

P.M. 104 24 Sep 45

All UnitsCopy to :- All Officers of HQ
56 BLU

1. MMIA has authorised release of ORs of Class 1916 under the following conditions :-
 - (a) That units are kept to WE strength.
 - (b) That personnel released, if not over WE, is previously replaced with trained personnel.
2. As about 1,000 reinforcements are expected to join the Group, I propose that w.e.f. 1 Oct 1945, the gradual release of ORs Class 1916 is to take place, under conditions as in para 1 above.

Certified true copy
(SD) A. GUALANO Lt Col
Chief of Staff

GUIDO BOLOGNA
GOC Combat Group MANTOVA

6360

Lt *38 A*
SUBJECT :- Application of Lt GUTTIERS for Authority to
Return to TRIPOLITANIA

56 BLU
20 AG

11 Sep 45

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA *37-A*

Reference your 5226/2 dated 5 Sep 45.

1. Authority to return to TRIPOLI can only be given by A.M.G.
2. It is suggested that Lt GUTTIERS makes formal application to A.M.G. SAVONA.

In The Field,
PJD/a3w

(5)
for Lt Col,
GS.

6342

Ref Folio 178A file 50AB *37A*
SUBJECT :- Application by Lt GUTTIERES for authority to return to
TRIPOLITANIA.

56 BLU

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

5226/2 ris

P.M. 104 5 Sept 45

Following verbal conversation a/m officer, your HQ, please find attached application of Lt GUTTIERES for authority to return to TRIPOLI where he used to live and had his civil profession before the war.

See 38A
(SGD) A. GUALANO Lt Col,
Chief of Staff

6341

To: - HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

The undersigned, Lt MARIO GUTTIERES, taking for granted that he is going to be released from the army, asks to that HQ that application is done, through Military channels for authority to return to TRIPOLI (LYBIA) where he used to live until a short time before Allied occupation, carrying out his profession of lawyer and where he still has his home and interests.

(SGD) M. GUTTIERES Lt.

6340

file

SUBJECT :- Release of Officers.

32A

56 BLU
20 AG

29A

HQ Combat Group MARINOVA

26 Aug 45

Reference your 5239/2 RIS dated 20 Aug 45.

1. We have no objection to the release of the officers concerned.

In The Field,
RCN/ajw

hch

Lt Col,
GS.

6330

Ref. Folio 160A file 8013

29A

SUBJECT :- Release of Officers,

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

5239/2 RIS

56 BLUP.M. 104 20 Aug 45

1. Please kindly inform this HQ if the u/m Officers, whose Release has already been authorised by Italian War Ministry, can be released without waiting the arrival of other Interpreters that have been posted to take their place.

The Officers concerned are

Major GIAMMINOLA

Lieut GUTTIERES

2/Lieut GALIANO

(SGD) A. GUALANO Lt Col
Chief of Staff

see 32A

6338

SUBJECT :- Release of Class 1915.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

56 BLU
20 AG

23 Aug 45

Reference your letter 01/4820 dated 20 Aug 45.

1. We have no objection to the Release of the soldiers concerned.

In The Field,
RCN/ajw

Lt 0133
GS

*Ref Folio 159A file SPAG**25A*SUBJECT :- Release of class 1915.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

01/4820

20 Aug 45

56 BLU

Italian WD announced that soldiers born in 1915 would soon be released.

If you have no objections we will commence releasing men in this class on receipt of orders from Italian War Department.

300 Soldiers are concerned.

*see 28A**22 AUG 1945*

(SGD) A. GUALANO Lt Col
Chief of Staff

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File 1
21A
18A
Subject:- Release of Soldiers.

56 BLU
20 AG

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

16 Aug 45.

Reference your 8912/2 dated 2 Aug 45.

1. We have no objection to the release of the soldiers concerned.

In The Field.
RON/mh.

hch
Lt Col.
GS.

6235

Ref Lefio 180A file 50A9

SUBJECT :- Release of Soldiers of 2nd & 3rd Period of Four Months of 1914.

18A

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

8912/2

P.M. 104 2 Aug 45.

56 BLU

1. Italian WD with letter 19838 dated 15 July 45 has ordered that NCO's and Pts of 2nd and 3rd period of four months of 1914 should be released with your authority.

205 soldiers are concerned.

Will you please give the authority.

(SGD) A. FIGA Major
for Lt Col CHIEF OF STAFF.

see 21A

6334

20 AY

Ref Folio 143A file 50 pg

Subject:- Demobilisation of 1914 Class
and Order.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
No. 01/4550
P.M. 104 - 27 Jul 45

15A

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56 ELU

Reference your 20 AG dated 19 Jul 45.

- (a) Number of men of 1914 and older not yet demobilised.....230.
- (b) Reinforcements actually available. -
- (c) Reinforcements allotted but not yet arrived :-

About 100, we presume, of 'MAIELLA' Brigade.
About 120 of 223 Tpt Coy.
About 100 of 15 Coy, II Tpt Bn A.C.

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,
Chief of Staff.

6333

File *15A*
Subject:- Demobilisation of 1914 or older classes.

56 BLU
20 AG

19 July 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

1. The following information is urgently required:
 - (a) Number of men in 1914 or older classes not yet demobilised.
 - (b) Number of replacements physically available.
 - (c) Number of replacements which have been allotted but not yet actually arrived.
2. Please forward figures as soon as possible.

13A Refers
see 16A
In The Field,
AWG/mh.

[Signature]
Lt Col,
for GS.

6332

IMPORTANT

MEMO V LROF NR 7225 IMPORTANT

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FROM NMIA 178835B

TO 56 BLU : EIGHTH ARMY FOR NMIA LO : 51 BLU : 59 AREA FOR NMIA LO FOR
FOX : 52 BLU : FLORENCE CITY COMMAND FOR NMIA LO THRUFP : 53 BLU :
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OBTAIN FROM YOUR COMBAT GROUP OR ADM DIV HQ AND SIGNAL EARLIEST

(A) NUMBER OF MEN IN 1914 OR OLDER CLASSES NOT YET DEMOBILIZED

(B) NUMBER OF REPLACEMENTS PHYSICALLY AVAILABLE .

(C) NUMBER OF REPLACEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED BUT NOT YET
ACTUALLY ARRIVED .

T V O .

WHOLE OF 1914 CLASS WILL BE INCLUDED NMIA A817 OF 11 JULY REFERS

BT 178835B

SENT NR 7225

RD WBE AR AR

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see 17A see 15A

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10A

SUBJECT: Demobilisation of Older Classes.
-----LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
A 017
24 JUNE 45

TO : MMIA LO 56 BLU.

9A

Reference your AG/20 of 17 June.

1. It is not yet possible to evolve a plan forecasting future dates for the demobilisation of classes on similar lines to our Age Group releases, desirable though this is, because it is not yet known at what strength the Italian Army is to be maintained. We are doing our best to get a decision on this matter and will then publish dates for further demobilisation as far ahead as possible.
2. Meanwhile demands can be made on RTC ICF for personnel to replace all men of the first four months of the 1914 and older classes. MMIA signal A 1130 of 22 June refers. RTC ICF will be able to supply these in total numbers if not with men of exactly the same specialist qualifications.

for
Major General
*M.M.I.A.*Major General
M.M.I.A.

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File 9A

Subject: Demobilisation of Older Classes.

W.M.I.A. IO
56 BLU.

AG/20

17 June 45.

To: Land Forces Sub-Com A.C.
(W.M.I.A.)
ROME.

3A

With reference to your A 017 of 15 May 45:
In view of the conditions regarding the replacement of demobilisable personnel and particularly in regard to specialists, is it likely that a plan will be evolved forecasting future dates for the demobilisation of classes on similar lines to our Age Group release?

Such a forecast would enable bids to be submitted in advance to CEFALMO and other reinforcement centres for specialists and other personnel.

It is appreciated that the reinforcement problem is not an easy one and advance requirements would benefit those centres and at the same time avoid rush demands by the Group.

It would also obviate the necessity of holding men for long periods until their replacements arrive and lessen the tendency in such cases to desert.

JRM/

A.R. Monico
Major
W.M.I.A. IO

all 10A

To: Land Forces Sub-Com A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

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A.R. Morrisley
Major
M.M.I.A. 10

JRM/

all 10A

17 June 45.

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SUBJECT:- Demobilization of Older Classes.

56 BLW
20 AD

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HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

27 May 45.

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Reference our AG 20 of 25 May and MMIA AG17 of 15 May para 4. A copy of further instructions to Ministry of War is forwarded for your information.

" Reference our A 017 of 15 May, para 4.

5A

It must be clearly understood that Italian US-ITI and BR-ITI formation Commanders can only make minor modifications of the terms of para 2 of the above letter in agreement with the Commander of the employing Allied formation. This provision is included in the Ministry of War's signal ref SMRE M16870/MOB of 16 May, putting the above letter into effect, but is repeated for the information of all concerned. "

In The Field,
JHM/ajw

S. M. M. M. M.
Lt Col,
GS.

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File 1
SUBJECT:- Demobilisation - Older Classes.

4A
56 BLU
20 AG

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

3A
25 May 45.

The attached copy letter A 017 dated 15 May 45 received from Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C. (MILA) is forwarded for your information.

In The Field,
JRM/ajw

see 7A

R. Monicollay
Lt Col.
6321

CONFIDENTIAL 3A

SUBJECT: Demobilization of Older Classes.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
A 017
15 May 1945.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR,

1. You are authorized, subject to the conditions given below, to begin to demobilize soldiers of the first four months of the 1914 class and older classes whose homes are south of the River Piave, and not within 25 Kilometers of the Italian Frontier. Demobilization papers will be sufficient authority for movement.
2. For the present men will only be demobilized on the understanding that units are maintained at efficient working strength, and that replacements of the correct rank and specialist qualifications are available with the unit, in accordance with MIA A017 of 11 April, para 2.
3. It will not be possible to demobilize all men of the classes mentioned on the basis of prior replacement until more replacements have been made available. It will, therefore, be necessary to demobilize men gradually by phases.
4. It should, therefore, be made the responsibility of unit commanders to ensure that, where replacements are not available for all those awaiting demobilization, the men are despatched in accordance with the particular circumstances of the individual man, provided that the unit efficiency is not impaired. Details of this phasing are left to your discretion.
5. It is intended that on demobilization the men shall be dressed in black battledress, orders for the issue of which will be forwarded as soon as stocks are available; meanwhile men may be despatched in K.D. clothing.
6. Arrangements for rations and the reporting of numbers demobilized will be as detailed in MIA A017 of 11 April 45.
7. Further details of this demobilisation will be supplied as changing circumstances permit.

L.P. Harding
Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: AFHQ (3)
C.G. MTCUSA.
HQ 15 Army Group.
C.G. FIFTH ARMY
C.G. Fifth Army &
Eighth Army

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P. J. P. ...
Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: AFHQ (3)

C.G. MTCUSA.
HQ 15 Army Group.
C.G. FIFTH ARMY
C.G. Fifth Army for Br Iner.
Eighth Army
HQ 1 District
HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District
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