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July 2, 1945 - Aug. 23, 1945

Subject:- Co-operators.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
H.W. Italy,
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13988.

231/2.

23rd. August, 1945.

To:- HQ, 231 Division.

Copy to:- Camp Commandant, 60 Sub Area.
M.M.I.A. L.O., GENOA.

1. Information has been received from the Camp Commandant, 60 Sub Area, that the administration of the ex co-operators attached to this HQ, is not running smoothly.

2. The following points must be attended to forthwith.

(a) An officer or a senior experienced M.O.O. must be attached to this group of personnel who is capable of dealing with the drawing of rations - pay - discipline - issue of clothing etc.

(b) Personnel due for demobilization including 1915 class must be replaced.

3. It would appear that HQ, 319 Guard Bn do not understand their responsibilities regarding ex co-operators and this has been reported to you previously in my 231/2 dated 7 August. You are therefore requested to send a further representative to GENOA to obtain first hand knowledge of the problems so that they can be corrected and put right once.

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Recd. 25.8.45
GOF/GB

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Capt
H.W. Italy

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Subject:- Ex Co-operators, Italian.

M.M.I.A. LO.,
GENOA,

AG/5
20 August 1945

To:- Camp Commandant, Hq. 60 Sub Area.

Copy to:- Senior MMIA LO., N.W. Italy, c/o 59 Sub Area.

1. Reference your letter Co/4/CC of 14 August 1945.
2. Per telephone conversation Major Bird, Senior MMIA LO., NW Italy.
3. The attachment of the 15 Ex Co-operators increment to 60 Sub Area is entirely a British responsibility.
4. They are included in the Italian Army Strength State.
5. They can be rationed as a separate unit drawing rations from Italian D.I.D. or from any BR-ITI unit to which they may be attached by you.
6. Senior MMIA LO., NW Italy is advising 251 Division to pick up for Administration.

C.P. BENATTI,
Captain, QMC.

CPB/gc

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Subject: Ex - Italian Co-operators.

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Camp Commandant,
HQ. 60 Sub Area.
C.M.F.
Ref. Co/4/CG.

14 Aug 45.

Capt. Burnett,
L.O. M.M.I.A.,
Casalini Bdg,
GENOA.

Reference telephone conversation Capt Burnett - Camp Commandant
re Ex Co-operators.

Last March instructions were received from AFHQ that the W.E.
of this H.Q. would be diluted by 15 Italian Co-operators, comprising:

- 3 Drivers.
- 3 Cooks.
- 9 General Duty Personnel.

A like number of British personnel being posted away. This change
was completed by the end of March.

From March until June 31 these Italians were included in the weekly
Field Returns submitted by this H.Q.

On 1 July 45 on AFHQ instructions these personnel were released
from Co-operator status and absorbed within the Italian Army.

All their documents were forwarded in accordance with AFHQ letter
AG 387.4/097/GOT-O dated 15 June 45.

On approximately 15 July 45 an Italian Colonel and several other
officers from Rome visited my office to interview these Ex-Co-operators and
give details of administration.

It was understood from this delegation that the whole of the
administration of these Ex-Co-operators passed into the hands of the Italian
Military Authorities and that the Co-operators were in fact posted to a local
Italian unit for all administration inclusive of pay, rations, clothing and
discipline, and that the Italian Unit would supply this H.Q. with 15 personnel
daily.

In order to avoid loss of working time in transit it was agreed that
the existing personnel should be accommodated and rationed at this H.Q. and the
local Italian Unit would carry out the rest of the necessary administration.

It was further understood that the local Italian Unit would replace
all personnel due for release under age group and medical grounds.

Since the above, the following points have arisen:

(a) Replacements for personnel due for release have not been forthcoming. **851**

(b) Considerable difficulty has been experienced in drawing rations, in fact
since the Italian D.I.D. has taken over no rations have been drawn for the
Italian personnel from that source. A letter was forwarded to the local Italian
Unit (519 Brit. Gds. Btn) requesting that they draw the rations for these Italian
personnel and that this unit collect them in bulk from their store, to which no
answer has been received.

(c) Unofficially it is understood that 519 Brit. Gds. Btn. are vacating
this Area, in this event who will be responsible for the administration of

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[Signature]
Lieut.
Camp Comdt.

[Handwritten notes:]
MMIA L.O.
NW. Italy

[Handwritten notes:]
JAG. will call
personnel
from as
soon as
possible
be any

MEBW V MAAZ NR 200139
FROM MMIA LO MILAN 0170B
TO MMIA LO GENOA

QSH GR 24 BT

231/138 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) YOUR AG/5 OF 1A AUG REFERS (.)
UNIT SHOULD BE ^{ARMED} ~~ARMED~~ (.) ARMS STORED UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS
AND ISSUED ONLY TO PERSONEL ON GUARD

BT

SENT NR 200139 RAL 1920 AF K TKS

RD HGW 20 1920 AR TK U

Recd 21.8.4.

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ARMY FORM C-16 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

MMIA LO GENOA, 8/8 60 SUB AREA 141200

TO MMIA LO NW ITALY 8/8 59 SUB AREA

(X) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

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SECRET

877 EX CO-OPERATOR ARTISAN WAS 60 RE (.) SHOULD THIS UNIT
BE ARMED QUERYTHIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

WIRELESS

SIGNED

C.P. Benatti
C.P. BENATTI,

Cepa QMC.

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FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
GENOA o/o 60 SUB AREA

21 July, 1945

SUBJECT: 4 Co-operator Naval Coy.

TO : LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) APO 394 U.S. Army

1. Ref. A 105/2 dated 11 July 1945. Subject: Demobilization of co-operators, etc. .
2. Para 2 checked for action.
3. 4 Co-operator Naval Coy. administrated by 231 Div. .

C.P. Benatti
Capt. QMC
M.M.I.A., Genoa

GPB/lr

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FILE: 1.9 CO-OPERATORS

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Demobilisation of ex-cooperators
4 Cooperator Naval Coy, LEGHORN.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.) R O M E
 Tel: 489081 Ext 535
 A 105/2
 11 July 48

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. Attached is a nominal roll of personnel of 4 Cooperator Naval Coy who are of demobilizable age. It is agreed by the employing unit that all these men be demobilised immediately without replacement.
2. It appears that this unit has not yet been handed over to Italian administration. Please arrange for 230 Division to take over its administration and to discharge demobilizable men.

*gt along Via Pisa
 left on Via Filova 1 1/2 miles east
 for Major General
 M.M.I.A.*

COPY TO: 91 Group, Pioneer Corps
 (your 916/21a/1 of 7 July refers)
 MMIA LO FLORENCE
 (check action on para 2)

58 3847

MMIA LO 60 Sub Area

*The a/n unit has moved from
 LEGHORN to GENOA.*

Recd. 26.7.48

FILE: I.O. CO-OPERATORS

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC.
M.M.I.A. LO. Genoa
c/o 60 Sub Area

13 July 1945

SUBJECT: Hospitalization etc.

AG/5

TO : Commanding General
No.2 TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS, GENOA

1. Ref. Signal Q 36 MMIA.LO. N.W. Italy, Milan.
2. Co-operator patients in British Military Hospitals will be transferred to Italian Military Hospital soon as possible.
3. Ex-partisans are civilians. Ex-partisans will be transferred from Italian Military to Civilian Hospitals.
4. No, repeat no further ex-partisans to be accepted.

G.P. Benatti
Capt. QMC
MMIA.LO. Genoa

CPE/lr

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FILE: I.A. ex-partisans

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(15)

TEW V MAAZ NR110104 IMPORTANT
FROM MMIA NW ITALY 111700B

TO 60 SUB AREA

QGX GR60 BT

AG/5

31/111. RESTRICTED. FOR MMIA LO. REQUEST

YOU CONTACT CAPT ~~REDACTED~~ F E A R BRITISH LO HQ 1 ITALIAN
GUARD REGT SOONEST ~~INFORM~~ INFORM HIM THAT COOPERATOR UNITS

M U S T BE HANDED OVER WITH CLOTHING EQUIPMENT AND

NECESSARIES TO ITALIAN ARMY SCALE. AUTHORITY PARA 13

FHQ LETTER G-1(BR)/3001/1/A-2 OF JUNE 45. HQ 1

HARD REGT SHOULD KNOW ITALIAN ARMY CLOTHING SCALE.

INFORM ME OF ANY DIFFICULTIES

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THI 1847

ENT NR110104 AT 11/2123 EAD B1 K

RECD NR 104 AT 2128 HIRD AR. K

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MEBW V MAAZ NR110055
 NROM MMIA LO N W ITALY 111400B
 TO MMIA LO GENOA C/O 60 SUB AREA
 QOX GR 68 OT

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A G / J

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231/109 (.) RESTRICTD (.) RE TIFT OF COOPERATORS AND YOUR SIGNAL
 NO REFERENCE DATED 9 JULY (.) ITALIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES
 RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF ALL COOPERATOR UNITS
 W E F 1 JULY (.) IF INCIDENT TOOK PLACE AFTER THIS DATE
 CASE MUST BE DEALT WITH THROUGH 231 ITALIAN ADMIN
 DIV (.)

COL BONELLI OF 231 DIV VISITING ALL COOPERATOR UNITS NOW (.)
 IN UNABLE CONTACT HIM FORWARD ALL INFO TO ME FOR ONWARD
 TRANSMISSION 231 DIV

BT THI 1540

SENT NR110055 BW AT 11-1802B 03 K

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MEBW V MAAZ NR110055

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MESSAGE FORM

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY				
FROM (A)	Originator	Date - Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp	
MIA. IO. GENOA c/o GO Sub Area				
For Action			Message Instructions GR	
TO	MIA. IO. N.E. Italy 5 Piazza Cavour MILAN			
	(W) For Information (INFO)			
AC/5				
Originator's No.				

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 (3.) three CO-OPERATORS (.) 151 FIVE FIGHTING CO (.),
 INVOLVED IN THEFT OF PISTOL (.) AND TOOK PLACE ON OR
 ABOUT 3 - 7 - 45 (.) DISCIPLINARY ACTION BRITISH
 RESPONSIBILITY OR ITALIAN (.) ITALIANS HAVE NOT
 AS TO DATE BEEN INFORMED BY WAR MINISTRY (.)

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

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G.P. Benatti
 G.P. Benatti
 Capt. QMC

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GENIA IO GENOA c/o 60 SUB AREA

For Action

TO

GENIA IO 5 PIAZZA CARANARO, MILAN

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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SECRET

877 CO-OPERATOR ARTY WS COMPANY R.E. MOVED FLORENCE TO GENOA
 FIRST JUNE (.) IS THIS CORRECT AND IN ORDER JUNE WHEN WILL
 THEY BECOME BR-IT'S JUNE WITNESSING OF HIT AND SOURCE FROM
 WHICH THESE ITALIAN EX CO-OPERATORS CAN OBTAIN REPLACEMENTS TO
 BRING UP TO BR-IT'S CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT SCALE QUANTITY

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C. P. Benatti

C. P. BENATTI

CAPTAIN, C.I.C.

SIGNED

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151 Fire Fighting Company. (9)

60 Sub Area. C.M.F.

5 July 45.

151/11/113.

SUBJECT: De-mobilisation of
Ex-Cooperators.

TO : NMIA
GENOA.

Reference AFHQ letter, ASD/921 dated 23 June 45.

The attached list of Italian Personnel is forwarded in accordance with the request in the a/q letter para 3 (b), being the names of personnel of 1914 Class and older who may be released after replacement by trained personnel certified as satisfactory by the employing HQ.

R. Carrington Lt.
for Capt.
O.C. 151 Fire Fighting Coy.

RC/ABC

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ITALIAN PERSONNEL OF 1914 CLASSOR OLDER

Number.	Rank.	Name	Date of Birth.
NA/T/37187	Tenente	MENICANTI S.	31.7.10
T/79922	Maresc.	DELFINO R.	14.9.12
T/193316	PTE.	BARBARO V.	19.7.10
T/193034	"	CAIROLI L.	28.11.12
T/193308	"	COLLA A.	8.4.12
T/211514	"	COSLOVITCH M.	26.10.11
NA/T/32735	"	FASSIO C.	24.12.12
T/200585	"	MAZZANTI D.	7.11.10
104937	"	BALLARIN V.	27.2.11
T/187917	"	BIANCHI U.	21.10.14
T/187285	"	FACCENDI G.	16.1.12
T/180146	"	GERARDI A.	11.7.07 (AWOL)
T/36062	"	ORIANDELLI E.	23.10.11
NA/T/68496	"	BISIO N.	2.8.14
NA/T/12994	"	BRANDOLINI A.	31.12.13
213025	"	DIDATO V.	31.5.14
T/183254	"	GIGANTE N.	20.9.07
T/183225	"	ROGGERO A.	19.8.10
T/96141	"	SEGHI B.	24.2.11
T/215646	"	SPAGNOLI G.	6.11.10
T/201749	"	ALPI P.	13.1.08
T/193312	"	BALLA G.	8.3.14
NA/T/28297	"	CAMPAGNONI M.	20.8.09
T/193395	"	PERINI C.	25.9.12
T/188321	"	PISONI L.	21.6.14
T/193314	"	POZZO G.	4.5.10

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Subject:- Italian Co-operators.

Copy
(8)
Headquarters,
60 Sub Area,
C.M.F.
Tel No: 56305
60/2/A
5 Jul 45.

HQ MMIA (2)

Copy to:- Camp.

4135 S/M. BONCHETTI, M.

Reference AFHQ letter HSD/921 dated 23 Jun 45.

1. It is requested that the a/n soldier be retained under para 3(a) of the above quoted letter and that at a future date he be demobilized direct and re-employed by this HQ as a clerk/interpreter, in accordance with your SD/131 dated 21 Jun 45 para 2 (b).
2. He is an extremely capable clerk/interpreter and this HQ does not wish to lose his services.

For Colonel,
Commander.
/s/ Capt Illegible

JS.

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Subject:- Demobilization of Ex-Co-operators.

Headquarters,
60 Sub Area,
C.M.F.
Tel No: 56305
60/2/A (1)
5 Jul 45.

HQ MMIA.

Reference AFHQ letter
ASD/921 dated 23 Jun 45.

1. Herewith nominal roll
received from 98 Coy RASC (GT)
in accordance with para 3 (c)
of the above quoted AFHQ letter.

For Colonel,
Commander.
/s/ Capt Illegible

JS.

Subject:- Demobilization of Ex-Co-operators.

SECRET.
98 Coy RASC (GT)
Tel Nos 62953 62955
98/A/5
2 Jul 45.

DAA & QMG 60 Sub Area. (2)

1. Reference your 60/2/A (1) dated 1 Jul and AFHQ letter ASD/921 dated 23 Jun.
2. Herewith nominal roll under para 3 (c) of the above AFHQ letter.

RT. 184298	Sold.	Ruggerone A.
RT. 191255	Cap.Mag.	Cavanna G.
RT. 178528	Cap.Mag.	Montauti M.
RT. 178591	Cap.	Triossi G.
RT. 178541	Cap.	Broggi G.

LZH/VH

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For Major RASC
Commanding
/s/ Capt H.N. ?

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