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Exemptions from Military Service.

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1. These are requests for exemptions from Military Service for civilians employed in 5th Army area. Am advised that it has been the policy of 5th Army in the past not to ask for any exemptions. If

that policy is continued, all employing organizations should be instructed to release the men when they are called to the Italian Army.

2. In a recent memorandum to me by my HQ, it was stated that H.Q. Allied Commission has appointed GI (A) as the Exempting Authority for that HQ. A Directive on the conditions and terms of exemption, and form of application has recently been issued by GI (A) H.Q. A.C.

3. The following are the main points of the Directive:

a. Exemption only can be granted when civilian job is of more vital operational importance than Military Service.

b. Applications to be submitted to GI (A) H.Q. A.C. in triplicate on special proforma.

c. Exemptions granted only valid for three months. "Renewal" applications to be submitted if required.

d. Upon release from employment for which exemption was granted GI (A) H.Q. A.C. to be informed and ex employee to report to local CCRR H.Q.

e. If exemption refused, employment may continue until called up.

f. Existing exemptions issued prior to Oct. 1st (without exception) to be re-submitted for confirmation or otherwise. No certificate dated prior to Oct. 1st, 44 will be valid unless endorsed.

g. Exemption will be refused if the application is not completed in the correct manner.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #464, U. S. ARMY

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Subject: Replacements; Call up of Italian Class, and plan for establishment of Reception Center.

To : G-4 Exec.

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My proposal is that I take my clerk and driver, and go to Viterbo as directed by Col. Kerr. In addition, I request that an American medical officer from 5th Army be sent to check on the physical examinations made by the Italian medico, and to reject any men who ought to be rejected. He should also take his own clerk and necessary equipment for such examinations as he may require. I also request an American cook be sent, for it will be necessary to establish an American mess for the American officers and men, no Allied mess being in that area. A supply NCO should also be sent along to look after any American property that may be there. It is further requested that transportation for the 6 day period be provided to consist of, 2 trucks to haul personnel from Viterbo to HQ 210 Division, Florence, where the men will be outfitted, and a weapons carrier to haul rations. In addition, a field range should be provided in order that the 210 Division representatives may cook for their men and the "call ups". 400 blankets will be necessary if the comforters don't arrive from Naples. 600 sets of mess equipment should be provided for the men being called up. A 20 man cooker is necessary for the American mess. Authority to draw American rations for the American officers and enlisted men present, should be approved. A telephone will be necessary, so that I may keep in touch with 5th Army Headquarters, a trunk line runs through Viterbo.

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