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Terr. H.Q. Palermo.

20. Dec. 45.

Ref. 10332/02

Subject: Absent strength.

To: S.I. "AOSTA" Div., and etc.  
(for info)

Sanitary Directorate and etc.  
*(other administrative also 17/50)*

Following letter No. 9106/02 dated 26. Oct. 45. for onward transmission, as per law regulations, herewith attached circular from War Ministry-General Directorate, Recruiting, Non-Commissioned officers and troops No. 40049 dated 2. Dec. 45., that substitutes the instructions contained in the previous circular, of even reference dated 13. Oct. 45.

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2. Dec. 45.

RAF. MINISTRY

Div. Troop

File 40049

Subject: Absent strength

Owing to a probable disbandment of the 802 Re-organization Center, Orvieto the 807 transit camp of Faviacena and also the transit camps of all the administrative divisions, the instructions contained in the circular 40049 dated 18-10-45 and in the others will be amended as follows:-

- 1) All the militars who are in Units strength, and who for any reason (temporary exempt - on leave of any kind, including sick leaves superior to 14 days - absentees without leave. Who for some reasons have not yet been reported, the unit interested being always obliged to report them to the competent Authority - and for other reasons) are absent from their effective duty for a period superior to 30 days, must be passed from the effective strength of the same Units to the absent strength of the relative recruiting centers (normal and subsidiary) of the Military Districts of residence.

Exactly:

- a) In the absent strength of the recruiting centers, the militars pertaining to units under territorial H.Q., Infantry Divisions, Central Military Schools Command, I.S. Divisions, units under the Ministry of War,

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With the exception only of:

University students allowed to have a three month leave subject to renewal; according to circular 12025/R dated 30-7-45, who have to be taken in the absent strength of the relative district at the time of leave.

The admitted in hospitals or convalescent-homes (see para 5).

- b) In the absent strength of the residence district all the others (Administrative Divisions and units already under disbanded Divisions 209-210-228, railways groups, reorganization camp at Orvieto and Units under the disbanded Italian Command 212, notifying the recruiting center for onward transmission to the interested District of records duly vided, (the militars pertaining to the a/n units at present in the absent strength of the Recruiting Centers will soon be taken in the absent strength of the relative districts).

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2) The militarys mentioned in para a), after 90 days permanence in the "Absent Strength" of the recruiting center, same remaining the absence, will also be passed, from the interested recruiting center, to the "Absent Strength" of the residence district, where will also be forwarded the relative records duly vised.

3) When militarys listed in the "Absent Strength" both of the recruiting center and residence district - must be on duty again, - except those from Sardinia (see para 3) - they have to see:

a) if they were attached to units under the residence districts which the disbanded Italian Command 212 or (will assigne them in accordance Administrative Divisions (including ) to the relative Military Terr. those ones under disbanded Divisions (H.Q. 209-210-228 and re-organisation camp, Orvieto, railways groups) (

b) if attached to units under territorial Mil. H.Q. Infantry Divisions, Central Military Schools, I.S. Divisions, units under the Ministry of War.

( the corps or units to which they were attached before ~~they~~ were taken in the "Absent Strength" of the recruiting centers or residence districts if taken by them after 90 day absence, or because they were university students or admitted in hospitals. Except the militars of Sardinian Units living in the Mainland, who will go to their residence districts.

In the meanwhile:

For the militars mentioned in the above para a):

The residence districts:

Will forward to their Territorial Mil. H.Q. by the 1st, 10th and 20th of each month, statements (with necessary data: year of birth, rank, unit, classification etc.) of the militars who will cease to be in "Absent Strength" in the next ten days.

Successively they will confirm to the said command that the militars who have called in have been sent to their destination.

The Territorial Military H.Q. Which will use the said militars as a replacement of organic deficiencies to the units under its jurisdiction, - will take care of the preventive assignment of the noted militars, informing immediately the districts, so that these will be able to send the militars, at the time of their calling in, to the limits to which they have been assigned;

Will notify the General Staff the eventual exuberances.

The arbitrary absences, in any way recuperated, will soon be notified by the territorial Mil. H.Q. for the prompt assignment to the units; in the meanwhile will temporary stay at the districts and will be administrated by the temporary Unit and supplied with rations for transit personnel for duty purposes.

The militars, notified by the General Staff as not needed by the territorial H.Q., will remain in the absent strength and left at their residence until their assignment is communicated.

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For the military mentioned at para b):

The H.Q. of big Units are authorized to do equal distribution in their competence every time, with the recovery of the absent strength, the organics of the dependent units date exceeded; will notify the General Staff the eventual exuberances not engageable.

The same military, passed in the absent strength, living in Sardinia, and those considered cured after more than 60 days in hospitals in Sardinia, ceasing from absent strength, instead of calling in at the prevention corps, if displaced in the mainland, will be engaged to replace the organic deficiencies of Units on the same island, in accordance with territorial office, Sardinia.

The direction of the hospital or convalescent home will inform the recruiting center or interested district, for subsequent records movements, the unit and the place on the island where the military has been sent.

Militars living in the Mainland, taken in the absent strength of the recruiting centers and districts (excluding the arbitrary absentees who must go to their provenience units.) from units displaced in Sardinia, will not go back to their provenience unit at the time of the ceasing of the absent strength. They will, on the contrary engaged by the Terr. Mil. H.S., as stated in para 3.a)

It is absolutely indispensable that:

The recruiting centers or military districts interested take care of notifying at once, through RECRUISON COMMANDE or U.C.M.R. STATIONNEMENT to all the Militars go must go back to duty, where they must call in.

It is also necessary that orders and units specify on leave warrants or other documents, given to the Militars who are absent, the recruiting center and U.M. by which the militar's unit depends.

4) The residence districts and recruiting centers will notify at once the destination of each militar.

- To the Unit to which he is assigned,
- To the recruiting center of the assigned Unit, transmitting them the records duly vised.

5) Militars admitted in hospital or convalescent-homes will be kept in the effective strength of their Units for the first 60 days, including eventual sick leave of 14 days - see para II No. 3 circular 220500/II Gabinetto - dated 14 Sept. 45 -. Afterwards Units will take them in the "Absent Strength" of the Military district where the militar is admitted, and to his recruiting center so that it provides to the onward transmission of records, vised, to the district.

The hospital direction or military convalescent home, which after 60 days, takes the militar in the hospital or convalescent home as a civilian, is obliged to inform the military districts in which absent strength the militar has been taken.

The military who must be on duty after 60 days in hospital will be sent by the hospital which has judged him to be in good health: to the residence district, if the militar pertains to the category mentioned in Para 3 a) (those who are in hospital in Sardinia will be, on the contrary, assigned to units on the island, in accordance with the territorial office); to the provenience units if the militar pertains to the category mentioned in para 3. b), informing - for the relative records - the military district in which absent strength the militar was taken (with exception to the Militars, pertaining to units detached in Sardinia, admitted in hospitals of the Mainland or living on the same mainland, who will be sent to the residence district and engaged by the territorial Mil. H.S.).



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For explanation of what is said in the mentioned Gabinetto circular about leaves for the Italian Military personnel (No. 220500 para II No. 3) it is specified that the granting of a long sick leave, superior to 14 days, causes the ceasing of the unit effective strength and the taking over in the absent strength of respective residence district to start from the date of beginning the same leave, when between sick leave and permanence in hospital are spent more than 30 days of absence of the military from the unit.

6) Military mobilized or kept in, mentioned in the above paragraphs, if recognized by the competent military authorities, permanently fit for conditioned or limited service or will be in future judged fit only for sedentary service and are or must be taken in the absent strength, instead of this position must be, according to

Cases, by units, hospitals, recruiting centers or districts, released because unfit without displacing the person, settling by correspondence eventual matters, with the recruiting center or military court to specify the military position.

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" The branch that deals with the discharge, will notify the recruiting centers for onward transmission, with up to date registered documents to the authorized districts.

It is reminded that :

- a) The soldiers on convalescent leave, for illness caused while on duty cannot be released if the legal medical intercourses is not completed;
- b) The soldiers conscripted or held on the absent strength that were recognized classified for a certain period, temporarily suitable, cease from the absent strength and being still on the ability period, must be sent on convalescent leave, until the period expires.
- c) Those that are still detailed with, military duties that were classified temporarily or permanently, suitable to conditional or restricted duties, or will only be suitable in the future as graded men, will have to return to the position of temporarily released (liable to be called) with restitution of registered documents, equalled at the recruiting centers, in care of the branch that has them on strength.
- 7) Soldiers from the absent strength must not be sent to corps or units, belonging to release age groups or in course of release.

The branches that have these soldiers on their absent strength or military districts of residence must provide to their release in their country.

- 8) Those soldiers also on special nominal rolls of the "Absent Strength" marked separately as in No. 1) must not be shown in the periodical effective strength of the recruiting center or districts, making exception for the 3 monthly situation of the effective strength in which the mentioned soldiers must be distinguished separately.
- 9) For those soldiers on special nominal rolls "Absent Strength" who are entitled to economic treatment will be kept in separate bookkeeping records and pay sheets by the same recruiting centers or military districts that has them in nominal rolls. It is understood that these soldiers are not entitled to food rations.

10) To the registered soldiers concerned, after the regarding changes, to the position he is in (extraordinary leave) without...

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10) To the registered soldiers concerned, after the regarding changes, to the position he is in (extraordinary leave without pay, convalescent leave, 6 months discharge, desertation, etc.) will be applied the following changes:

Those in the "Absent Strength" of Recruiting Centers, or Military Districts of.....dated..... mention this circular.....

When the special situation ceased (because the leave has expired and no further renovation is allowed or because the legal medical position has been settled at the check visit, or because withdrawn or not renovated by the AA authority, the 6 month discharge, or because settled following the desertation denounce etc.) after the regarding changes the following changes must be, registered:

"Ceased from the Absent Strength (Recruiting Centers or Military Districts of .....(circular.....(mentioned this circular)

and going to the military district of.....or else past to  
 the release strength of the military district of.....(if  
 must continue or cease from his duties.  
 Reference to circular.....(mention this circular)dated ●  
 .....

"Assigned to (Corps or Unit by which have been assigned by the  
 military district residence recruiting centers) dated....."

11) The summary of movement statement "Absent Strength" is attached  
 to facilitate the exact application of this circular.

12) The addressees will urgently provide to the distribution of this  
 circular and ensure that the instructions it contains are carefully  
 observed and well understood.

The Commandere of units, districts and recruiting centers are held  
 responsible for the correct appliauce.

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Proceeding to determine the... 11/20/45

DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT MATTER

- a) Description of soldiers who were taken for obvious reasons from military custody
- b) Description of soldiers who were taken from the hospital from the various reasons
- c) Description of soldiers who were taken from the hospital from the reasons stated in their respective reports
- d) Description of soldiers coming from the hospital who are mentioned by WFF, H.Q.
- e) Description of soldiers cured and dismissed after 60 days from hospital, who were assigned by WFF of the Directorate of the hospital, in conformity of description in a).

DESCRIPTION

Soldiers from recruiting centers that belong to the following units pass into the absent strength:

- Regiments departing from Terr. H.Q.
- Units of Infantry
- Units of S.M. H.Q.
- Central military school commander
- Units depending of War Ministry

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Notes: After 30 days the soldiers from the units, absent permanent, are transferred from the recruiting centers, into the absent strength of their respective district of residence.

RECOMMENDATION

The soldiers that belong to the units mentioned in the above strength of the Directorate of Residence

- Units of Terr. H.Q. shall exercise of already mentioned units in the recruiting centers
- Units mentioned in the above strength of the Directorate of Residence shall be transferred into the recruiting centers of their respective district of residence

e) Description of soldiers cured and dismissed after 60 days from hospital, are assigned by care of the Directorate of the hospital, in conformity of description c/e 1).

DESCRIPTION A)

Soldiers from recruiting centers that belong to the following units pass into the absent strength:

- <sup>branches</sup> departments depending from Terr. H.Q.;
- units of inf.div.;
- units of S.I. div.;
- central military school commands;
- units depending of War Ministry;

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N.B. - After 90 days the soldiers from the u/m units, absent permanently are transferred from the recruiting centers, into the absent strength of their respective district of residence.

DESCRIPTION B)

The soldiers that belong to the u/m units pass into the absent strength of the district of residence:

- units of adm. div. still existing or already disbanded;
- units of 2<sup>nd</sup> It. Command disbanded;
- units detached in Sardinia, residing in the mainland;
- unit of railway groups,
- University students sent on three months leave renewable (circular n. of 30 July 1945.);
- Those sent on convalescent leave of 14 days duration and pass a period of 30 days at the hospital;
- being in the hospital over 60 days;
- already 90 days on the absent strength from recruiting centers;

DESCRIPTION C)

Coming from the absent strength the soldiers return to their pertaining units as in list a).

Exceptions are made:

- Those that already belong to the detached units in Mainland and reside in Sardinia (will go to their district of residence and will be assigned as instructed in description a):-
  - those already belonging to units and detached in the mainland which reside in Sardinia (will go to the Sardinia districts and will be assigned upon determination of the Terr. offices of Sardinia).
  - those dismissed and cured after 60 days that have been in the hospitals in Sardinia (will be assigned directly by the Directorate of the Hospital upon determination of Terr. offices in Sardinia).
- Description                      B)
- Cases from the absent strength they must go to their district of residence, which will assign them to detached units in the Terr. jurisdiction by determination of the same Terr. command;
  - those already belonging to sim. div. units still existing or already disbanded;
  - those belonging to railway groups;
  - those belonging to the disbanded Italian command 212;
  - those belonging to Sardinia units residing in the mainland;
  - those belonging to units as in description c) residing in Sardinia;

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Description                      3)

- The soldiers dismissed and cured after 60 that have been in hospitals:
- Will be sent directly by care of the Directorate of the hospital to their pertaining units or corps if belonging to units of description c)
  - With the exceptions foreseen for soldiers in Sardinia hospitals;
  - all the others will be sent to their district of residence.

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FROM: TERRITORIAL HQ  
[073/01  
9 MAR. 46

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Reference your PAL/A/3 Dated 4 MAR 46

After the false alarm at the barracks "De Maria" a severe reprimand has been conducted and the following punishments have been inflicted:

- (a) CASSENTI A, duty officer at the barracks = the maximum of discipline punishment, he will be released after he finishes his punishment.
- (b) Sgt. AMATO, S. commanding the guard = the maximum of discipline punishment.
- (c) All the personnel who fired (including the duty officer and the guard commander): payment of all the ammunition used.

It has also been ordered the substitution of the guard and instructions in regard of arms, so that no other mistake will be made again.

SEE 43<sup>2153</sup>  
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VERY URGENT (12A)

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref: PAL/a/2

4 March 1946.

Subject :- Discharge of Small-Arms.

To :- Comando Territoriale, Palermo.

1. It is understood that during the Bandit-attack on Palermo Radio Station on the night of 1 March 46, the sentries at the Autocentro were ordered to fire "in the direction of Radio Station" by Ten. CASSENTI (officer of the day).
2. The Radio Station is situated approx 1 Km. from the Autocentro.
3. As you are no doubt aware, such unauthorised action is completely contrary to Article 254 of "NORME per il SERVIZIO DI PRESIDIO". 152
4. In ordering these sentries to fire this Officer was endangering the lives of some hundreds of civilians living in that area.
5. As it is, this particular incident had a very bad effect on the morale of the people of Palermo, and caused a great deal of alarm and despondency amongst them.
6. It is therefore requested that (a) severe disciplinary action be taken against this officer for ordering this indiscriminate shooting. (b) All C. & C. Units are issued with new "Standing-Orders for Sentries", - including an order clearly laying-down when fire-arms will be discharged.
7. Please inform this Unit (for onward transmission to H.Q. M.M.I.A.) what disciplinary action is taken against the officer concerned.

*W.H.*  
R.E. HECTOR, Major  
G.S.C. II.,  
11 B.L.U.

Copies:- H.Q. M.M.I.A.  
H.Q. 3 District.

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