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Subject : Discipline - Undesirable personnel at RTC.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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23 April 45.

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Refer your AQ/9A/258, dated 7th of April and General VEGNI's letter dated 31st of March, on the above subject.

1. This matter is being considered in relation to the overall problem of discipline in the Italian Army. Meanwhile, if you think it would be helpful, Col. PIDSLEY of this HQ will visit Cesano with a responsible officer from the SMRE to consider methods of dealing with the local situation.

2. If this suggestion is agreeable to you, will you please inform this HQ whether 11.30 hrs. on the 26th of April will be convenient, or, if not, suggest an alternative time and day.

P. Archer 25/4/45
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : SMRE (by hand Capt. PACINI)
ref. your I5562/Mob, dated
7th of April.

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SECRET.SUBJECT: Undesirable personnel in REC INF.

1st REG. INF. DIV.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.I.I.) HQS.

Ref: AG/DA/258

7 April 45.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG (M.I.I.).

1. The attached is a very rough translation of a letter addressed by General Vagel to S.M.I.I. on the subject of undesirable personnel in the Centre. I am in entire agreement with everything the General says and hope that when this matter is put before you by S.M.I.I. you will give them all the assistance in your power to enable the suggestions contained in the letter to be put into effect, so that the unsatisfactory state of affairs in the Recruit Regiment may be overcome as soon as possible.

[Signature]
Lieut-Col. R.C.

H.Q./M.I.

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ARMED SERVICES DIVISION
JAN 1950

Subject: Unimproved personnel in the Italian Armed Forces.

31 March 45.

For A.M.A.A.

Copy to: 1st JFM (see information).

With reference to the subject of the disciplinary situation in the regiments under my command, I would like to make an absolute distinction between the 1st and 2nd Infantry Regiments, the 1st Infantry (Majestic Regiment), and the Mountain Regiment, in view of the fact that there is a very notable difference between the first three and the last, in the composition of the personnel which comprises these regiments.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Regiments.

On the whole, these consist, in the majority, of good elements. They do not lack those who are sympathetic to the spirit of discipline, but there are not a large number of these. Even so there has been an increase in our capacity to discipline both the heads of the army and the officers in general, the spirit of discipline has inevitably sunk to a low level and, more or less, all the troops are aware of it.

Now the less, I am confident that the sense of discipline of the majority can be improved by dealing with the soldiers with persistence and firmness, and by subordinating the light officers and minor officers.

In these regiments there are some groups of partisans who, being infused with the idea which calls itself "new", and although it is necessary to know on them the importance of discipline in the new way, they are, however, serious men, come into the army with the intention of fighting, and hence it is possible to teach them to the fighting troops.

There are, however, among them, some dissident elements hostile to the officers and to discipline, but I do not think that their number is such as to give us, at any rate at present, serious worry as to the loyalty of the troops.

Finally, the partisans, there are various volunteers, moral elements, provided without understanding either the spirit of fighting or with the

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1st, 2nd and 3rd Regiments.

On the whole, these companies, in the majority, of good elements. They do not have those who are without mission to the point of discipline, but there are not a large number of them. After no more has happened in our company in distinction from the heads of the city and the officers in general, the spirit of discipline has inevitably sunk to a low level and, more or less, all the troops are aware of it.

From the time, I am convinced that the spirit of discipline of the majority can be improved by dealing with the soldiers with persistence and patience, and by collecting the right officers and under-officers.

In these companies there are some groups of persons who, being inspired with the idea which calls itself "new", and although it is necessary to improve on them the importance of discipline in the new army, they are, however, serious men, come into the army with the intention of fighting and because it is possible to trust them to the fighting troops.

There are, however, many others, some dissident elements hostile to the officers and to discipline, but I do not think that their number is such as to give us, at any time at present, serious worry as to the loyalty of the troops.

Besides, the persons, there are various volunteers, ideal elements, recruited without understanding either the spirit of fighting or the importance of discipline, their own position. These many troops there have been a number of accidents; some are physically unfit, and on account of their age (17 - 18 years) it could be of value to constitute a health unit which could eliminate the least active of them.

Another group comprises the members of the minority, and far from being good soldiers, the majority are not they are unfavourable, and have not the least desire to engage in fighting. In this group, which amounts to about 100, it would be advisable to make a selection and to transfer them to the least serious in fighting soldiers to the military forces.

The permanent troops, recalled soldiers to returned from hospital, with a few exceptions, are good soldiers with a good regard for discipline, tendency to military duties, although some wear a poor conduct in return to their homes after many years of military service.

In order to eliminate the defects which are present, as much as the level as in the physical sense, measures is made in the permanent companies in 1934. Letter 6/29/39 under 10.1.1. Letter 1300 of 7 March. In that time training centre should devote itself to gradually re-orienting the fighting troops, it is necessary to substitute a special system of level selection with regard to those who are deficient in fighting spirit, not suitable to discipline, or concerned of previous serious offences or of involvement in criminal matters. In the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Regiments, of which

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it have gotten, such cases are, fortunately, few, and the total probably does not exceed a few dozen.

A further useful classification would be those with chronic contagious diseases or physically debilitated, such personnel being transferred to convalescent homes. In the former instances this type does not exceed 5000 men in all.

In order not to worsen the situation of the prisoners, I am further of the opinion that the military judicial authorities should avoid referring to this center, after initial periods of detention, those with previous criminal records or those with organized resistance, who have already been convicted at least, desertion or other offenses. Moreover, those soldiers who have been sent back from the forward groups for unsuitability or lack of discipline should not be absorbed into this center.

The Moroccan Regiment.

On account of the question of recruiting and enlistment, this Regiment finds itself with elements of the most diverse origin and, moreover, has accumulated the refugees from other units, arriving as enemy personnel from various groups or other bodies, in which, the selection of troops to be sent may. The worst possible are chosen, who come to the Regiment in question and upon it. In addition, the Regiment has received a block of 500 recruits.

The loyalty of the Regiment is seriously compromised by the presence of these bad elements and the matter has been brought up by P. F. U., who expressed themselves to this Headquarters in the following terms.

"I have ascertained that the Regiment is seriously compromised by the presence of a number of soldiers with the worst possible records. Some of these have been in prison and have been sent to the Centre with the object of re-inhabilitating their character. I am of the opinion that in a training Centre as important as this one, with the responsibility which we have to the forward group, we should not be asked to undertake the moral regeneration of those who, I am convinced, it is not possible to convert, in the majority, into good soldiers".

I agree fully with this opinion and confirm that a rigorous selection is necessary.

On these elements comprising this Regiment, it is possible to sub-divide them into the following categories:-

Unsuitable (about 400), of whom about two-thirds show a case of chronic disease, moreover, are mixed with the desire to fight, the remaining one-third are composed of real cowards, sufferers of trouble, who endeavor to undermine

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forwarded to the Regent from other units, arriving at excess personnel from forward groups or other bodies. In making the selection of troops to be sent away. The most possible are chosen, who are in the regiment in position and sent it. In addition, the Regiment has received a block of 1000 recruits.

The loyalty of the Regiment is seriously compromised by the presence of these bad elements and the nation has been brought up by the R.I.U., who captured themselves to this disadvantage in the following words:

"I have ascertained that the Regiment is seriously compromised by the presence of a number of soldiers with the worst possible records. Some of these have been in prison and have been sent to the Centre with the object of re-habilitating their character. Some of the soldiers that in a previous Centre are important to this war, with the responsibility which we have to the forward group, we cannot not be asked to undertake the moral regeneration of those who, if we consider, it is not possible to convert, in the majority, into good soldiers."

I agree fully with this opinion and content that a rigorous selection is necessary.

Of these soldiers comprising this Regiment, it is possible to sub-divide them into the following categories:-

1. Volunteers (about 400), of which about two-thirds show a sense of discipline and, moreover, are kind with the desire to fight; the remaining one-third are comprised of real evildoers, products of trouble, who are never to return to order and discipline, then are during the war as actual blackguards. It is proposed that these should be freed from their engagement.

2. Men who have been in the forward group (about 300)

These are the soldiers from the forward group. The problem of clearing these groups has been solved by sending all undesirable elements to this Centre. It is essential to control the soldiers by sending them away voluntarily or transferring them to auxiliary troops or paid establishments. There are no obstacles to this.

3. Men who have been in the forward group (about 300)

The majority are fundamentally good and susceptible to improvement, dependent on the surroundings in which they live. There are, however, some men, convicted and either suspected of crime or cases of insanity, who are not the way to re-habilitate themselves.

These elements must not form part of the fighting group, as mentioned in the instructions 1/200 of 11.11.45. Dated 16/1/46, which prohibits the sending of men to additional units, those with previous great records.

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THIRD CORPS PRISON CAMP (about 1955)

The whole of these are not capable of improvement. They are the worst types in the camp.

REMARKS: (about 500)

They have given bad proof of discipline and the slightest physical punishment. About half of these are absent without leave or in hospital. Of the remaining 250 present, four-fifths are good types and are susceptible to improvement.

In order to put you in the picture I give the following figures of changes before the Military Tribunal for common crimes during the current month.

Per desertion,	first and removal of equipment	- 344.
Per theft		- 44
Per assault.		- 1

On the evening of the 20 I sent a whole platoon of these blackguards (21 soldiers) from the above mentioned regiment, attempted to absent themselves from the camp, with large packs containing boxes of equipment. I sent into his motor car, Major GILFILLAN accompanied them, led them back to the camp and arrested them. (About the motorists carried out some 35 boxes of blankets of Allied origin). I have consulted Major GILFILLAN.

The degree of control and of repression on the part of senior officers is not lacking, but amongst junior ranks there is some slackness and ineptitude, which should be eliminated, just in view of the particular set-up of this incident, besides the suggestions made by M.I.I., which should be put into force, it may be necessary and advantageous, in order to unselective elements to send away or transfer, in addition to sub-divisions, detached elements which, for various reasons, have found themselves in the same position.

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L. GILFILLAN (contd.)
(See Verdict). (contd.)

from the dog, with large packs containing pieces of equipment. Leaving into his motor car, Major CHERRYNO confronted them, led them back to the camp and arrested them. (Now, the materials carried out were 35 wooden barrels of Allied origin). I have contacted Major CHERRYNO.

The degree of control and of repression on the part of senior officers is not lacking, but amongst junior ranks there is some slackness and ineptitude, which should be eliminated, not in view of the particular set-up of this Regiment, besides the suggestions made by M.I.I., which should be put into force, it may be necessary and advantageous, in order to facilitate conditions, to send away or transfer, in addition to sub-divisions, disaffected elements which, for various reasons, have found themselves in the army now.

Dr. GERALD GREENHORN
(also Verid). (2nd.)

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of time systems, most common are, respectively, day, and the total probability does not exceed a few percent.

A student would understand how to draw with correct proportions and identify the elements of a drawing. The student would be able to draw a simple object with correct proportions and identify the elements of a drawing.

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the [ecology] department.

On account of the system of recording and classifying, this system works fairly smoothly in the most diverse and in all respects, has accumulated the registers from other cities, including an enormous amount of material from other bodies, in which the collection of books to be sent to the most valuable are shown, and over to the amount in question.

The quality of the argument is seriously diminished by the presence of statistical elements and the author has been driven up by the result, the statistical elements to make the argument in the following manner.

I have mentioned elsewhere in connection with the
 the fact that the Government has been very much
 in the hands of the people, and that the people
 have been very much in the hands of the
 Government. I am not at all sure that in a
 country like this, where the Government is so
 much in the hands of the people, it is not
 possible to convert the majority of the
 people into a minority.

James Gully et al. have proposed and outlined a "new paradigm" that is necessary to achieve the

As these authors suggested, this argument, if it provides the motivation for the following conclusion is-

concentrations (about 100), or within about two orders of magnitude (100 to 1000), are usually well within the limits of the existing non-fluorinated polymers, and are not as high as the values for the fluorinated polymers. The values for the fluorinated polymers are in the range of 1000 to 10000, and are usually well within the limits of the existing non-fluorinated polymers.

The most profitable are chosen, who give to the company in return
an equal share.

In addition, the company has received a block of 100 shares

The loyalty of the militants is naturally organized by the presence of ideas and changes in the order. It has been brought to by D. S. F., the membership has increased to 1000. The members in the collection have:

"I have ascertained that the request is completely answered by the presence of a million of soldiers with the most possible weapons. Can we then have been in error and have been sent to the Centre with the object of re-animating their character. I am of the opinion that in a position where we are placed as this day, when the responsibility which we have to the General Staff, we should not be asked to undertake the moral regeneration of those who, I am convinced, it is not possible to convert, in the majority, into real soldiers."

2. James Kelly was born in 1871 and died in 1944. He was a
 farmer.

On these dates, the following were present, in the order in which they were called to the stand:

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The motion is classified as undesirable relative to this factor.

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The majority are undoubtedly good and sympathetic to Government, dependent on the country in which they live. Others are neutral, siding with whichever side offers the best prospect of order or greater extension of their rights to participation in government.

These elements have not been part of a systematic study, in accordance with our definition of L.A. • Chinal 15/1/15, which provides a partial, limited and approximate view, based on previous oral reports.

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THESE ARE THE RESULTS (about 1950)

The results of these are not exactly of significance. They are the results of the work.

RESULTS (about 1950)

They have shown that there is a significant difference in the results of the work. About half of them are about the same as in hospital; of the remaining 50 percent, four-fifths are good types and are susceptible to improvement.

In order to get you in the picture I give the following picture of changes before the Military Medical for certain serious cases, the current results.

For death	-	-	-
For result	-	-	-

On the evening of the 30 August a radio picture of these hospitals (in solution) from the above mentioned hospital, attempted to convert themselves from the work, with large radio equipment, shown in equipment. They have been told some of the things described there, and then back to the work and improved them. (Now, the materials wanted out were 50 million pounds of liquid oxygen). I have concentrated on the work.

The source of central and of reproduction on the part of other scientists is not lacking, but without further work there is some discussion and investigation, which should be elaborated, but in that is the particular set-up of this equipment, because the equipment is not in the work, which should be put into force, it is to be necessary and necessary, in order to maintain equipment, to some way of transfer, in addition to the work, distributed elements which, the various means, have found themselves in the work.

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THE RESULTS OF THE WORK
(about 1950)

SEGNATO

COMANDO DIVISIONE "PIEMONTE"

C.A.C.I.I.C.

Ufficio Personale e Ordinamento

R. 03/2772/225. di prot. P. 5.92 - 31 Marzo 1945

Oggetto : - Personale indesiderabile nelle forze italiane di combattimento. =

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO - Uff. Org. e Mob. - Sez. Mob. -

e p.c. LT. COL. MACKAY - "F" 8 LU -

Referimento 13400 verb.

Nel riferire a codesto S.M. della situazione disciplinare dei reggimenti da me dipendenti, debbo fare subito una distinzione fra i reggimenti 1°, 2° complementi (fanteria), 3° complementi (art. e genio) e il reggimento campo raccolto attenduto essendovi fra i primi tre e l'ultimo notevolissima differenza nelle masse che compongono i reggimenti stessi. =

- 1°, 2° e 3° reggimento: Il complesso è composto di massima di buoni elementi. - Non mancano quelli che difettano di spirito di disciplina, anzi ce ne sono un buon numero; dopo quanto è avvenuto nella nostra Patria in materia di degradazione di capi dell'esercito e degli ufficiali in genere, lo spirito di disciplina è inevitabilmente assai sceso di livello e più o meno tutti i reparti ne risentono. =

Comunque confido che il senso della disciplina della massa può essere migliorato assistendo i militari con persuasione e fermezza, e selezionando i quadri, ufficiali e sottufficiali. =

Di questi reggimenti fanno parte alcuni gruppi di partigiani, i quali pur essendo pervasi di idee che chiamerò "nuove", ²³ ~~20~~ ³⁰ ~~25~~ ³⁵ ~~30~~ ⁴⁰ ~~35~~ ⁴⁵ ~~40 ⁵⁰ ~~45~~ ⁵⁵ ~~50~~ ⁶⁰ ~~55~~ ⁶⁵ ~~60 ⁷⁰ ~~65~~ ⁷⁵ ~~70~~ ⁸⁰ ~~75~~ ⁸⁵ ~~80~~ ⁹⁰ ~~85~~ ⁹⁵ ~~90~~ ¹⁰⁰ ~~95~~ ¹⁰⁵ ~~100~~ ¹¹⁰ ~~105~~ ¹¹⁵ ~~110~~ ¹²⁰ ~~115~~ ¹²⁵ ~~120~~ ¹³⁰ ~~125~~ ¹³⁵ ~~130~~ ¹⁴⁰ ~~135~~ ¹⁴⁵ ~~140~~ ¹⁵⁰ ~~145~~ ¹⁵⁵ ~~150~~ ¹⁶⁰ ~~155~~ ¹⁶⁵ ~~160~~ ¹⁷⁰ ~~165~~ ¹⁷⁵ ~~170~~ ¹⁸⁰ ~~175~~ ¹⁸⁵ ~~180~~ ¹⁹⁰ ~~185~~ ¹⁹⁵ ~~190~~ ²⁰⁰ ~~195~~ ²⁰⁵ ~~200~~ ²¹⁰ ~~205~~ ²¹⁵ ~~210~~ ²²⁰ ~~215~~ ²²⁵ ~~220~~ ²³⁰ ~~225~~ ²³⁵ ~~230~~ ²⁴⁰ ~~235~~ ²⁴⁵ ~~240~~ ²⁵⁰ ~~245~~ ²⁵⁵ ~~250~~ ²⁶⁰ ~~255~~ ²⁶⁵ ~~260~~ ²⁷⁰ ~~265~~ ²⁷⁵ ~~270~~ ²⁸⁰ ~~275~~ ²⁸⁵ ~~280~~ ²⁹⁰ ~~285~~ ²⁹⁵ ~~290~~ ³⁰⁰ ~~295~~ ³⁰⁵ ~~300~~ ³¹⁰ ~~305~~ ³¹⁵ ~~310~~ ³²⁰ ~~315~~ ³²⁵ ~~320~~ ³³⁰ ~~325~~ ³³⁵ ~~330~~ ³⁴⁰ ~~335~~ ³⁴⁵ ~~340~~ ³⁵⁰ ~~345~~ ³⁵⁵ ~~350~~ ³⁶⁰ ~~355~~ ³⁶⁵ ~~360~~ ³⁷⁰ ~~365~~ ³⁷⁵ ~~370~~ ³⁸⁰ ~~375~~ ³⁸⁵ ~~380~~ ³⁹⁰ ~~385~~ ³⁹⁵ ~~390~~ ⁴⁰⁰ ~~395~~ ⁴⁰⁵ 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plinare dei reggimenti da me appartenenti, 2° complementi (fanteria), 3° complementi (art. e genio) e il reggimento campo raccolto attenduto essendovi fra i primi tre e l'ultimo notevolissima differenza nelle masse che compongono i reggimenti stessi. =

- 1°, 2° e 3° reggimento: Il complesso è composto di massima di buoni elementi. - Non mancano quelli che difettano di spirito di disciplina, anzi ce ne sono un buon numero; dopo quanto è avvenuto nella nostra Fanteria in materia di demigrazione di capi dell'Esercito e degli ufficiali in genere, lo spirito di disciplina è inevitabilmente assai sceso di livello e più o meno tutti i reparti ne risentono. -

Comunque confido che il senso della disciplina della massa può essere migliorato esaltando i allievi con persuasione e fermezza, e selezionando i quadri, ufficiali e sottufficiali. =

Di questi reggimenti fanno parte alcuni gruppi di artigiani, i quali pur essendo parvasi di idee che chiamerò "nuove", 2° 3° zone dovrebbe essere intesa la disciplina di un nuovo esercito, sono però elementi seri, venuti alle armi con il proposito di combattere, e su i quali si può fare assegnamento in combattimento. -

Vi sono in mezzo alcuni elementi perturbatori, ostili agli ufficiali e alla disciplina, non ritengo però che il loro numero sia tale da destare, almeno per ora serie preoccupazione per la compagine dei reparti. =

Oltre ai partigiani vi sono volontari veri, elementi etogenei, arruolati non si comprende bene se per spirito di combattere o per salvare qualche situazione personale. - Vi sono state fra essi molte diserzioni, alcuni sono deficienti fisicamente anche per la loro giovane età (17-18 anni) sarebbe utile una revisione sanitaria, prosciogliendo i meno atti. -

Un altro gruppo è costituito dai reduci dalla Balcania, pur essendo buoni soldati, la massa è però stanca e sfiduciata e pochissimi manifestano il desiderio di tornare a combattere, in questo gruppo, che ascende a circa 400 unità, sarebbe opportuno fare una cernita e trasferire quelli che danno meno affidamento come combattenti, ai reparti ausiliari. =

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Gruppo permanente, richiamati, sbandati ^{irregolari} ~~ripartiti~~; salvo poche eccezioni sono buoni soldati per quanto riguarda disciplina, addestramento, sentimenti militari, sebbene alcuni manifestino vivo desiderio di tornare alle loro case dopo molti anni di servizio militare.-

Per eliminare le deficienze che si riscontrano sia dal lato morale che sanitario sono applicati i suggerimenti dati del foglio S/C/29/29 della M.M.I.A. allegato al foglio 13400 di codesto S.M. in data 7 corr., però in considerazione che questo Centro di Addestramento si debbono formare complementi da destinare ai gruppi di combattimento, è necessaria anche qualche selezione specialmente morale sia nei riguardi di elementi deficienti di spirito combattivo, insopportabile mentalità criminale.- Per gravi precedenti penali, e per incorreggibile mentalità criminale.- Nei reggimenti 1°, 2° e 3° di cui ho parlato, questi casi sono fortunatamente pochi e possono essere contenuti nell'ordine di grandezza di ~~quella~~ ^{dieci} ~~dieci~~ ^{dieci}.

Altra eliminazione sarebbe utile dal lato fisico per i militari cronici lussuosi e deficienti organicamente, che potrebbero essere trasferiti in appositi convalescenziari; per i tre reggimenti in parola tali militari ascendono a circa un centinaio.-

Per non peggiorare la situazione dei reggimenti ritengo inoltre che dovrebbe essere evitato da parte delle autorità giudiziarie militare di restituire a questo Centro, dopo breve periodo detenzione, i militari in attesa di procedimento penale oppure con pene sospese, già denunciati per reati di furto, diserzione o altro.

Così pure i militari allontanati per indegnità o per insufficienza di disciplina dai gruppi di combattimento, non dovrebbero affluire a questo centro di addestramento.

REGGIMENTO RACCOLTA ATTENDATO

Questo reggimento per il compito che ha di raccolta e smistamento si è trovato composto di elementi delle più disparate provenienze e purtroppo ha dovuto raccogliere i rifiuti di altri reparti, giunti come esuberanze di gruppi di combattimento, o di altri corpi; nel determinare le esuberanze è stato selezionato quanto di peggio si poteva allontanare e che è venuto riversarsi nel reggimento in parola.- Inoltre il reggimento ha ricevuto un blocco di 500 reclute.-

La compagine del reggimento è seriamente compromessa dalla presenza di pessimi elementi, ciò che è stato rilevato anche dal "P" B.L.U. di Cesano il quale si è espresso con questo Comando nei seguenti termini: "Ho accertato che nel campo reggimento raccolta vi è un considerevole numero di soldati aventi pessimi precedenti; alcuni di essi sono stati

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Così pure i militari allontanati per indegnità o per insufficienza di disciplina dai Gruppi di combattimento, non dovrebbero affluire a questo centro di addestramento.

REGGIMENTO RACCOMANDA ATTENDATO

Questo reggimento per il compito che ha di raccolta e smistamento, si è trovato composto di elementi delle più disparate provenienze e purtroppo ha dovuto raccogliere i rifiuti di altri reparti, giunti come esuberanze di gruppi di combattimento, o di altri corpi; nel determinare le esuberanze è stato selezionato quanto di peggio si poteva allontanare e che è venuto riversarsi nel reggimento in parole. - Inoltre il reggimento ha ricevuto un blocco di 500 reclute.

La compagine del reggimento è seriamente compromessa dalla presenza di pessimi elementi, ciò che è stato rilevato anche dal "P" B.L.U. di Cassano il quale si è espresso con questo Comando nel seguente termine: " Ho accertato che nel campo reggimento raccolto vi è un considerevole numero di soldati sventi pessimi precedenti; alcuni di essi sono stati in prigione e sono stati inviati nell'esercito col proposito di riabilitarli. - Non ritengo che ad un Centro di addestramento, importante come questo, con la responsabilità che esso ha verso i gruppi di combattimento possa essere chiesto di intraprendere la riqualificazione morale di costoro che, io ne sono assolutamente certo, non potranno diventare, nella maggioranza, buoni soldati. -"

Condivido pienamente il parere suddetto e ritengo necessaria una rigorosa selezione.

Ciò posto i militari che compongono il reggimento si possono suddividere nelle seguenti categorie:

BLOCCO DEI VOLONTARI (circa 400) circa 2/3 dimostra senso di disciplina sebbene intesa a modo loro e spirito combattivo; il rimanente terzo è composto di autentiche canaglie, istigatori e ~~robusti~~ ^{robusti} ferri, che tendono a sovvertire l'ordine e la disciplina, quando non si rivelano anche ladri. Si propone un provvedimento per proscioglierli dalla ferma. =

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PROVENIENTI DAI GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO (circa 130).--

Sono i rifiuti dei gruppi di combattimento; il problema della epurazione dei predetti gruppi è stato risolto avviando gli elementi indesiderabili a questo Centro.-- Occorre anche qui selezionare, congedando se volontari, o trasferendo a reparti assiliari o reparti di correzione gli aventi obbligo di leva.==

RICHIAMATI O TRASMISSE: (circa 900) La massa è fondamentalmente buona e suscettibile di miglioramento epurando l'ambiente in cui vivono.-- Vi sono però in mezzo condannati per i quali la pena è stata sospesa o collaquenti comuni venuti alle armi per riabilitarsi.--

Quanti elementi non dovrebbero far parte dei gruppi di combattimento a senso della circolare 12800 dello S.M.N.E. del 14/2/45 che proibisce di destinare militari con precedenti penali a reparti operanti.==

PROVENIENTI DALLA BASCANIA (circa 155) La quasi totalità non è suscettibile di ripresa.-- Sono di cattivo esempio al campo.==

ESCLUSE (560 circa) Hanno dato cattiva prova di disciplina e di scarsa resistenza fisica; circa la metà sono assenti arbitrari o ricoverati in luogo di cura; dei circa 250 presenti 4/5 sono buoni elementi, o suscettibili di miglioramento.==

A titolo di orientamento riporto le seguenti cifre relative a denunce al Tribunale Militare per reati comuni, fatte dal comandante del reggimento raccolte nel mese in corso:

- Per diserzione, furto, alienazione oggetti corredo	n° 344
- Per furto	" 44
- Per ferimento	" 4502

La sera del 20 corrente un vero plotone di ladri (21 militari) del suddetto reggimento, tentava di allontanarsi dal campo con grossi...

Questi elementi non dovrebbero far parte dei propri di combattimento a meno della circolare 12800 dello S.M.I. del 14/2/45 che proibisce di destinare militari con precedenti penali a reparti operanti.

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RECLUTE (560 circa) Hanno dato cattiva prova di disciplina e di scarsa resistenza fisica; circa la metà sono assenti arbitrari o ricollocati in luogo di cura; dei circa 250 presenti 4/5 sono buoni elementi, o suscettibili di miglioramento. =

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- Per diserzione, furto, alienazione oggetti corredo n° 344
- Per furto " 44
- Per ferimento " 2532

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L'azione di controllo e di repressione da parte degli ufficiali superiori non manca; se nei gradi inferiori c'è in qualcuno debolezza o inettitudine, sarà eliminato, ma data la particolare ~~enorme~~ configurazione di questo reggimento reputo che oltre i suggerimenti dati dalla I.M.I., e che saranno applicati, sia necessaria ed indispensabile una operazione con ricollocamenti in congedo e trasferimenti, anche per studiare questa massa di elementi deleteri che, per ragioni varie, sono ~~convenienti~~ a trovarsi riuniti nello stesso reggimento. =

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

(Mario Vegni)

Mario Vegni

COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO"

C.A.C.F.I.C.

Ufficio Personale e Ordinamento

Nr. 02/128 / Ord. di prov.

P.M. 92, 11 28 marzo 1945.-

O G G E T T O : Passaggio dipendenze ad unità ausiliarie.-

AL COMANDO 235° RGT. PIR. (1° RGT. RAO, E SEIST. COMI.)
 AL COMANDO 335° RGT. PIR. (2° RGT. COMPI. PANTERIA)
 AL COMANDO 152° RGT. ANI. (3° RGT. COMEL. NISIO)
 ALL'UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZIONE COMMISSARIATO = S E D E

e, per conoscenza:

AL "F" B.L.U. - *folia 2*
 (ref. A./94/125 del 24 marzo)

- Seguito f. 02/413/Ord. in data 21/2/1945 pari oggetto -

I militari segnalati per il passaggio ad unità ausiliarie perché non ritenuti impiegabili nei Gruppi di Combattimento, saranno presto trasferiti.-

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I reparti in indirizzo provvederanno all'atto del trasferimento al ritiro dell'uniforme di combattimento.-

La Sezione Commissariato del Centro previ diretti accordi con il D.A.D.O. - B.L.U. provvederà a fornire le uniformi prescritte nella misura richiesta dagli enti interessati.-

Assicurare.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE ff.
 (Ten. COL. V. Sivo)

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IL CAPO DI SMATO MAGGIORE FF.
(Ten. COL. V. Sivo)

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I am NOT repeat NOT supplying
Green Service uniforms. The camp or HQ.
to which Service troops are posted should do that.

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Subject: Italian Soldiers - Undesirables

SECRET

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
A/11/2

30 Mar 45.

C.C. F BLU RTS ICF, CMF ✓

Ref your A/9A/121 of 24 Mar 45

1. There is no machinery in the Italian Army by which undesirable soldiers may be demobilized on those grounds only; such an arrangement would provide an easy method of avoiding military service, and the general standard would be far lower than at present.
2. The only satisfactory method of dealing with this problem is to treat each case on its merits as indicated in the attached copy of a letter addressed to the Ministry of War in February of this year.
3. Will you please consider this problem on the lines suggested in the above mentioned letter.

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W. P. Parley
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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C O P YSECRET

SUBJECT: Undesirable personnel in
the Italian Fighting Forces.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)

5/6/29/29

23 February 45

TO : War Ministry.

Ref your letter 12394/Mob di prot dated 17 Feb 45.

1. The problem enunciated in your letter is not a new one and exists in varying degrees in most armies. There are many ways of dealing with men who are not good soldiers, the method selected should depend on the nature of each individual case. The one method which should never be adopted as a general rule (and very infrequently in particular cases) is to transfer the men from one unit to another.

2. In the present case it would be most unwise to transfer these elements in total to the Division suggested, although useful employment may be found for some in service or other units. It is suggested that Commanding officers should carefully consider each individual case with the man's immediate superior officer and ascertain what is the trouble and how it was caused.

3. It may be found that the man in question:

- (a) Has a real grievance which can be righted.
- (b) Is medically unfit (psychiatric or otherwise)
- (c) Is mentally deficient.
- (d) Is under some outside influence.
- (e) Lacks discipline.
- (f) Is criminally minded.

4. Each case should be disposed of according to its merits, and the solution of the problem might come under the following ranges:-

- (a) an improvement in the administration (or command) of the unit or sub unit.
- (b) hospital treatment or change of employment.
- (c) special treatment within the unit.
- (d) disciplinary action.
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5. It is considered that a large number of the cases in question are avoidable and would be satisfactorily cured if officers and NCOs took a greater interest in the men under their command. The alternative, if the problem becomes a serious one is to consider their discharge from the army or concentration in civil penal units which would appear to be most undesirable from every point of view.

6. Will you please cause this matter to be given serious consideration immediately and a further report made on this matter on 1 April 1945.

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SECRET.SUBJECT: Undesirable Soldiers.

'F' BLU. ETC. ICF.

Ref: A/9A/122

24 March 45.

To: H.Q.
M.T.C., I.C.F.

1. Reference the above subject, I have to-day spoken to Colonel Toschi, who expressed the opinion that the situation is very grave indeed, particularly in view of the shortage of good officers in the Reception Regiment.

2. Would you be good enough to prepare the Nominal Roll to which I refer, and in doing so I suggest a very rigid standard should be set as the number of good recruits now becoming available appears to be more or less unlimited.

Lieut-Col. R.A.

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Subject: Undesirable Soldiers.

FM. H.M. E.M.O. I.C.F.
c/o Land Forces Sg. Comm.
A.C. (M.M.A.) H.M.S.

Ref: A/PA/121.

24 March 1945.

To: H.M.
Land Forces Sg. Comm. A.C. (M.M.A.).

Copy to: H.M.
R.T.C., I.C.F.

1. Reference conversation Col. Piddley/Lieut-Col. Mackay recently, I have now ascertained that there are a number of soldiers in the Reception Regiment Camp who have definitely bad records, and some of these have actually been to prison and have been sent in the Army with a view to re-habilitating their characters. I do not feel that a Training Centre as important as this one, with its responsibilities to the forward Group, should be asked to undertake such regeneration, and I am quite confident that the majority of these undesirables will never make useful soldiers.

2. I have asked R.T.C., I.C.F. to prepare a nominal roll of all personnel in the Reception Regiment whose civilian record is such as to render them unlikely to make good soldiers, and I would be most grateful if you could inform me whether there is any machinery in existence whereby such soldiers can be discharged.

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Lieut-Col. R.A.

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SUBJECT: Personnel unsuitable for Service with Combat Groups.

'F' BLU. IRTG. ICF.

Ref: A/2A/126

24 March 45.

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To: H.Q.
R.T.C., I.C.F.

1. H.Q., M.M.I.A. inform this H.Q. that 77 men at R.T.C., I.C.F., found to be unsuitable for employment with Combat Groups, will be transferred to Service Units.
2. Please advise this H.Q. as to what steps will be taken to ensure that such personnel leave R.T.C., I.C.F. in British Service uniforms and not Combat uniforms.

And
Major R.A.
DAA & QHE.

MEG/ah.

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SUBJECT: Personnel unsuitable for a service
with Combat Groups.

LAND FORCE: SUB COM. A.C.
(N.E.I.A.)

SD/41
23 March 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: 1st Div. HQ 1st Div.

Reference your letter 13751/45 dated 6 March 1945.

1. It is agreed that the 77 men at present at RY 10F found to be unsuitable for employment with Combat Forces, but suitable for other military duties shall be transferred to service units.
2. You are requested to post these men direct to their new units and not to the AFRACOLA Training Camp as suggested in your letter. AFRACOLA Training Camp should be informed of the availability of these men and they should be posted to new units as through from AFRACOLA but without moving the men from the RY 10F to AFRACOLA Camp.
3. It is agreed that the further 30 men, should they be found unsuitable for any military duties, shall be discharged.
4. You should make arrangements for the men transferred vide para 1 to be despatched in BR-171 service unit clothing and equipment.

W. P. Shirley. Colonel
+ Major General
N.E.I.A. 2525

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