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Subject: Training standard of the 1925 class recruits detailed for US-IFI Units.

1. Following the urgent request forwarded by the American HQ-Auxiliary Troops Command-dated 10/2/47, the Naples Military Territorial Command has had to include in units of the 2nd group of US-IFI Battalions, the contingent of recruits, who reported with the 2nd batch of 1925 class during last fortnight of January.

Consequently the recruits have not time to complete the training programme, the duration of which had been established as a period of 4 weeks.

2. It is therefore presumable that the above mentioned troops after only 1 week's training, cannot reliably carry out their duties, especially as guards, which will be their main task.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Replacements

TO: Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section, AFHQ G-3
Rome, Italy

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1. Attention is invited to our G-3 000.30, dated 14 January 1947, and your letter, subject as above, dated 22 January 1947.

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2. Information of US-ITF replacements was based upon a report by the Commanding Officer, Auxiliary Troops Command, and cleared with Commanding General, Prisoner Base Section, to a staff officer of HQ AFHQ as to the unsatisfactory quality of Italian replacements. This report included replacements received prior to the Inspector General's report of 13 December 1946, as well as those currently received. It was further stated that unsatisfactory replacements received were being gradually eliminated.

a. Additional information offered by Commanding Officer, Auxiliary Troops Command, indicates that the balance of unsatisfactory Italian replacements received in one group of 700 some months ago have been either eliminated or trained into satisfactory soldiers.

b. During the period 13 December to 30 January only a few replacements (estimated as 400) have been received. These have been mainly old soldiers who would have been eligible for release were it not for the fact their homes were in North Africa or other unreachably areas. In general these replacements were the worse of late thievery and irresponsibility than had been the case with the previous replacements. Some 350 of this group were found to be satisfactory but 50 were released without replacement.

c. With relation to some 550 replacements scheduled to arrive at Naples beginning 30 January, all had arrived on 2 February, for assignment in the 2nd Provisional Group. All are now in basic training and are reported to be new recruits, but reasonably promising following basic and "on-the-job" training.

3. In view of the above eliminations and replacements, it is considered that the status of Italian Army replacements is substantially in conformance

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with the conclusions drawn in the Lieutenant General's report dated 13 December 1946. In this connection it is hoped that the run-down of US-III troops will not necessitate further requests for replacements.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LSG.

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