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DISBANDMENT OF CIVIL ORGANIZATIONS
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Chief of Public Safety Division

Attached hereto is a translation of a Royal Decree Law. The ACC has asked us to have it enacted in occupied territory if it meets with our approval. It is being recommended for adoption by AMG Rear.

An expression of your views concerning its utility in 15th Army Group areas would be appreciated.

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Major, AUS,
Chief Legal Officer

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6 th December 1943.

ROYAL DECREE OF LAW.

Dissolution of the Voluntary Militia for the
national Security and of the Special Militias.

VICTOR EMANUEL III.

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and successive amendments and additions.

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Art. 2.

The personnel not in permanent service of the voluntary militia

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For the national security and their special Corps and the personnel of the ages now conscripted in the army and of the ages of first line units for officers join the force in which they render service at this moment with the rank held in the previous army. The other personnel not in permanent service will be replaced on dismissal from the previous army with the rank held in this army.

Art. 3.

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It will be provided also for the not commissioned personnel in permanent service.

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Weapons equipments and materials of every kind of the legionary militia and their special Corps will be taken over by the units of the Royal army (of the "MILMART" by the Royal navy) which will be established by the respective General Staff.

The barracks and the localities belonging to the abovementioned militia will be consigned to the respective Military Authorities for that territory.

Part II.

The Railway Militia.

Art. 5.

The tasks carried out by the Railway Militia will be taken over

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by the Carabinieri Regali and by the Authorities of Public Safety according to the particular orders issued by Royal decree on the proposal of the ministries of Home, of Communications and agreed with the minister of war.

Art. 6.

The personnel belonging to the Railway Militia again take their ranks of civil personnel of the railway administration.

They will be judged conformable their ranks by the respective administration only.

For other personnel the orders in art. 2 and 3 apply.

Art. 7.

The weapons and military equipment will be consigned to the units of the Royal Army indicated by the respective General-Staff. The localities now occupied by the Railway Militia will be given back to the Railway administration together with accessories, materials and means of transport belonging to this administration.

Part III. Art. 8.

Post Telephone and Telegraph Militia.

The Post Telephone and Telegraph Militia is dissolved. Their tasks will be taken over by the organizations, which were already in charge.

Art. 9.

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The personnel belonging to the Post telephone and Telegraph Militia will again take their ranks of civil personnel of the Post Telephone and Telegraph Administration.

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Part 4. Street Militia.Art. 11.

The Street Militia is dissolved, their tasks will be taken over by the Carabinieri Reali and by other organisations which were already in charge.

Art. 12.

The personnel of the Street Militia in permanent service can demand to join the Carabinieri Reali in permanent service.

The acceptance is not dependant upon attaining the height for officers.

The minister of war only after hearing the Commander in Chief of the Carabinieri Reali can judge the acceptance and appointments for everyone's rank and age.

The acceptances of the army of the Carabinieri Reali will be used for the constitution of a special group, as enlargement for the Corps already planned in this army.

For the personnel not in permanent service the orders in art. 2 apply.

Art. 13.

The localities now occupied by the Street Militia have been given back to the administration which allowed them.
Because there is no other equal organisation existing the Carabinieri Reali have taken possession of those localities.
For the remainder the orders in art. 4. apply.

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The Forest Militia will form with their units the Royal Forest Corps to which is also trusted the guarding of the fishing in the interior waters and of the tratturi (Special term: Very large natural road made hundreds of years ago by cattle).

With Royal decree on proposal of the minister of agriculture and of the forests will be decided the regulation of the execution for the restoration of the Royal Forest Corps and the tasks and uniform assigned to this Corps.

Transient Rules.

The staff of the Legionary and Special Militia will be, under this decree, dismissed and available for the full use of their Military Districts and of the other units, encharged of the register of the dismissed soldiers in the case that the abovementioned units are in the King's Italy.

The staff belonging to Districts, situated in Territories which are freed from the German control or occupation will follow the rules issued for the staff of Armed Forces which are in the same conditions. Special provisions regarding their transient settlement will be issued for the enforcement of this decree.

Art. 19 Having taken into account the occasion and having given to the ministers of war and navy the power to provide ~~what~~ special decrees for the smallest limits of obtainment of Militia officers of the MACA and MILMART which do not have the rank of Army officers. This has effect so long as it will not be possible to substitute them.

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This decree will take effect the day after its publication in the special numbers of the "Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno" and will be presented to the legislative assembly for the conversion into law. The Chief of the Government is empowered for the presentation of the relative submission for law.

We order everyone to observe this decree and to make it observed as a State's law.

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From the supreme Comando, on the 6th December 1943.

Victor Emanuel

Badoglio-De Courten-Sandalli-Reale de Santis-Jung-orlando

De Caro-Sicilliani-Di Raimondo.

Seen: according to the Royal Decree, dated 30th October 1943 No. 1/B.

The Keeper of Seals: Badoglio

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