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ITALIAN ARMY, "STRAGGLERS" & DESERTERS
NOV. 1943 - AUG. 1944

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Italian Army = "Stragglers" - ~~merits~~

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Italian Army - "Stragglers" - ¹⁰⁰⁰⁰ ~~10000~~

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Subject:-

Co-operators - A.W.O.L.

HQ., ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY.

Main HQ EIGHTH Army
 HQ 1 District
 HQ 2 District
 HQ 3 District
 A.G.C.

AM/5074/20/A(0)

6 Aug 44

1. The undermentioned Italian PW Co-operators are absent without leave from 674 Italian Pioneer Coy:-

47299 S/Ten CARLO CARLO - Aged 24 NOK not known
 T/21692 Cpl. TROSTORI DOMENICO - Aged 30 NOK not known
 21434 Pte DEBENTINO GASTANO
 (Nat. Angelo) - NOK wife - TROSTORI GESUALDO
 Aged 22. SAN LEO PIERA

T/21670 Pte MARSHALL ANTONIO - Aged 23 NOK not known
 T/22270 Pte BUTTIZI EUSTILIO - Aged 23 - NOK
 BUTTIZI VINCENZO
 VIA PALESTRA
 SERRAVALLE ANCONA

2. Please cause enquiries to be made with a view to their arrest as they have evaded evacuation to U.K.

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COPY TO: PRO

Brigadier,
 EAC.

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9/8/44
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STAFF SERE. ACC
MIA

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JUNE 22/1800

FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. FIRST. ANY FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY PICKED UP AS RESULT OF THE ADVANCE OF THE ALLIED ARMIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A MEMBER OF THE ACTIVE ITALIAN ARMY UNTIL HE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY ITALIAN ARMY COMMANDING. SECOND. ANY INDIVIDUAL FOR AND RETURNED TO DUTY WITH AN ACTIVE UNIT OF THE ITALIAN ARMY. THIRD. ANY INDIVIDUAL NOT RETURNED TO FULL DUTY IS NOT NOT NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A MEMBER OF THE ACTIVE ITALIAN ARMY AND WILL NOT NOT BE PICKED UP OR ITALIAN ARMY COMMANDING RETURNED FOR ANY REASON AND THEREFORE REMAINS IN SAME STATUS AS CIVILIAN. FOURTH. IF ANY OF INDIVIDUALS RETURNED IN SUCH ARE TO BE CONFINED FOR TRIAL FOR ANY CRIME COMMITTED THEY MUST BE CONFINED IN CIVIL PRISONS. FIFTH. ITALIAN ARMY STAGECARS ARE FOR CONFINEMENT OF MEMBERS OF ACTIVE ARMY ONLY. SIXTH. NO ITALIAN ARMY STAGECARS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN ROME AREA EXCEPT BY COMMANDERS OF ITALIAN TROOPS UNDER ALLIED COMMAND AND THEN ONLY FOR CONFINEMENT OF SOLDIERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED MEMBERS OF HIGH UNITS

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Info - Army HQ (2) 2387
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JUNE 23/1825

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

2 June 1944. *7A*

ACC/14058/PS

SUBJECT: Desertion of LENTINI Giuseppe.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, MIA, Lequille.

1. The following correspondence is enclosed:

Translation of letter dated 16 May 1944 from War Ministry to MIA;
Signal dated 27 May 1944 from ACC Rear HQ to MIA;
Memorandum dated 3 May 1944 from Italian Liaison Section to ACC HQ.

2. This correspondence shows that Giovanni LENTINI, a driver employed at this HQ, is not identical with Giuseppe LENTINI, a deserter from 155 Rgt. Artillery, Italian Army.

Handwritten signature
A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT: Deserters Italian PW PW Coy

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Hq No. 2 District CMB
30 A 29 Feb 44

Allied Central Commission
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The att 10/6/13/A of 18 Feb 44 from No 1 District and nominal
rolls are forwarded for action as necessary.

For Colonel,
Col 1/c 3dm

1st IHD.

ACC/14058/PB.

TO

: Regional Commissioner Region II

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For necessary attention as requested in basic communication
1E/6/13/A.

Paul G. Kirk
PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Deserters from PW Pioneer Coys.

ID/6/13/A

18 Feb 44.

Headquarters,
No 2 District.

1. There have been a large number of desertions from Italian Pioneer Coys.
2. In all cases the deserters are domiciled on the mainland of Italy as all Sicilian PW have already been released.
3. Attached hereto are nominal rolls of deserters, with their places of residence, divided into Provinces all of which are in territory occupied by the Allied Forces.
4. It is requested that these lists may be passed to the civil authorities of the Provinces concerned, in order that those men who can be located may be returned to the Coys, from which they have deserted.
5. It is hoped that if a certain number of men are returned in this way, that it may act as a deterrent to the other PW.

MAJOR GENERAL
Commanding.
No 1 District.C.M.F.
AKC/RM

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 PARTICULARS OF ABSENTEES FROM ITALIAN PIONEERCOYS LIVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF ITALY DIVIDED

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 CALABRIA

UNIT	Number	Rank	Name	Date of absence	Age	Height	
672 Coy	223731	Soldato	MAIOLINO Salvatore	9-Jan.1944	-	5'5"	b
673 Coy	216958	Cap.Magg.	POLIMENI Giuseppe	29-Jan.1944	-	5'6"	d
673 Coy	214924	Sergente	LUSTRI Giuseppe	5-Jan.1944	-	5'0"	b
673 Coy	218083	Soldato	LONGOBUCCO Augusto	12-Jan.1944	-	5'8"	m
673 Coy	218100	Soldato	ROSSANO Eugenio	12-Jan.1944	-	5'4"	b
673 Coy	218076	Soldato	TORCHIA Serafino	30-Jan.1944	-	5'8"	b
673 Coy	214998	Soldato	AGOSTINO Giuseppe	30-Jan.1944	-	5'6"	b
673 Coy	214977	Cap.Magg.	CASTELLANO Serafino	30-Jan.1944	-	5'11"	d
673 Coy	214903	Caporale	CASILE Bruno	30-Jan.1944	-	5'6"	d
677 Coy	215630	Soldato	DE ROSA Giuseppe	2-Feb.1944	21	Medium	b
677 Coy	215768	Soldato	CROCCO Inigi	2-Feb.1944	30	Medium	b
677 Coy	215771	Soldato	ESPOSITO Antonio	2-Feb.1944	21	Medium	b

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FROM ITALIAN PIONEERBOYS LIVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF ITALY DIVIDED FOR REGIONS AND COUNTRIES

C A L A B R I A

Name	Date of absence	Age	Height	Eyes	Hair	Clean shaven	Home address or that of Next of Kin
MAIOLINO Salvatore	9-Jan.1944	-	5'5"	black	dark	yes	Poppasitera(Cosenza)
POLLINI Giuseppe	29-Jan.1944	-	5'8"	dark	dark	dark beard	Casa Popolari-Acciarello-Villa S. Giovanni (Reggio Calabria)
LUSTRI Giuseppe	5-Jan.1944	-	5'0"	brown	brown	beard	Via Garibaldi-Cittanova(Reggio Calabria)
LONGOBARDI Augusto	12-Jan.1944	-	5'8"	brown	dark	yes	Scala Coeli(Cosenza)
ROSSANO Eugenio	12-Jan.1944	-	5'4"	brown	brown	yes	S. Nicola de L'Alto (Catanzaro)
TORCHIA Serafino	30-Jan.1944	-	5'8"	blue	blonds	yes	Panettiere(Cosenza)
AGOSTINO Giuseppe	30-Jan.1944	-	5'6"	brown	black	yes	Arena (Catanzaro)
CASTELLANO Serafino	30-Jan.1944	-	5'11"	dark	black	yes	San Fili (Cosenza)
CASILE Bruno	30-Jan.1944	-	5'6"	dark	dark	yes	Via Cavalli 11 Bova Superiore(Reggio-Calabria)
DE ROSA Giuseppe	2-Feb.1944	21	Medium	black	black	Matche	Motta S. Lucia/Cosenza)
CROCCO Luigi	2-Feb.1944	30	Medium	black	black	Matche	V. Revocati/20/Cosenza)
ESPOSITO Antonio	2-Feb.1944	21	Medium	blue	black	yes	V. Marcaurelio 46 Cosenza

PARTICULARS OF ABSENTEES FROM ITALIAN PIONEER COYS LIVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF ITALY DIVISION

PUGLIE

Unit	Number	Rank	Name	Date of absence	age	hieght	eyes	hair
671 Coy	474574	Soldato	BERNUZZI Roberto	4-Feb.1944	27	5'4"	dark	black
671 Coy	219049	Soldato	PRIESTE Santo	4-Feb.1944	22	5'3"	dark	brown
671 Coy	219448	Soldato	MANGIA Angelo	4-Feb.1944	21	5'2"	dark	fair
671 Coy	472197	Soldato	COTARDO Vito	4-Feb.1944	32	5'3"	dark	black
673 Coy	T216953	Soldato	D'ALBA Nicolo	29-Jan.1944	-	5'10"	brown	brown
673 Coy	214983	Soldato	TURTURO Gaetano	29-Jan.1944	-	5'8"	bleu	dark
673 Coy	218009	Soldato	MARCELLO, Nicola	12 Jan.1944	-	5'5"	dark	dark
673 Coy	216972	Soldato	TODISCO, Gioacchino	18 Jan.1944	-	5'5"	blue	dark
674 Coy	216960	Soldato	LOBASCIO Ignazio	18-Jan.1944	-	5'4"	brown	black
674 Coy	T220852	Soldato	VEGERA Luciano	3-Feb.1944	-	5'7"	bleu	black
676 Coy	219876	Soldato	GIANNONE Nicola	5-Feb.1944	-	5'4"	bleu	brown
677 Coy	215927	Sergente	DEMITRI Giuseppe	10-Feb.1944	28	Medium	black	black
677 Coy	215758	Soldato	DIRUTIGLIANO Franco	10-Jan.1944	30	Medium	brown	black
677 Coy	215797	Soldato	FANICLIUO Luigi	10-Jan.1944	34	5'11"	black	black
677 Coy	215989	Cap. Magg.	CASABURI Lodovico	20-Jan.1944	38	Medium	bleu	black
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677 Coy	215745	Soldato	PALOMBEIA Domenico	30-Jan.1944	23	-	black	black
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FROM ITALIAN PIONEER COYS LIVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF ITALY DIVIDED FOR REGIONS AND COUNTRIES

PUGLIE

Name	Date of absence	age	hieght	eyes	hair	clean shaven	Home address or that of Next of Kin
BENNUZZI Roberto	4-Feb.1944	27	5'4"	dark	black	yes	V. Cesare Battisti 137 Vignola (Lecce)
PRIETE Santo	4-Feb.1944	22	5'3"	dark	brown	yes	V.9 Maggio-Paulisano (Lecce)
MANGIA Angelo	4-Feb.1944	21	5'2"	dark	fair	yes	Vignale 17 Glatina (Lecce)
COTARDO Vito	4-Feb.1944	32	5'3"	dark	black	yes	V. Iassita 47-Cursi (Lecce)
D'ALBA Nicola	29-Jan.1944	-	5'10"	brown	brown	yes	V. Umberto I-No 27 Bari
TURTURO Gaetano	29-Jan.1944	-	5'8"	bleu	dark	yes	V.G. Marconi 728 Bari
MARCELLO, Nicola	12 Jan.1944	-	5'5"	dark	dark	yes	Anzano di Puglia (Foggia)
TODISCO, Gioacchino	18 Jan.1944	-	5'5"	blue	dark	yes	Via Cusano, 11 Bisceglie (Bari)
LOBASCIO Ignazio	18-Jan.1944	-	5'4"	brown	black	yes	V. Iansoris, 174 Bari
VECIERA Luciano	3-Feb.1944	-	5'7"	bleu	black	yes	V. degli Orti, 8-Peschici (Foggia)
GIANNONE Nicola	5-Feb.1944	-	5'4"	bleu	brown	yes	V. Novella, 58-Gravina (Bari)
DIMITRI Giuseppe	10-Feb.1944	28	Medium	black	black	yes	V. Carmelo-Seleovane 25 Avetrana (Taranto)
DIRUTIGILIANO Franco	10-Jan.1944	30	Medium	brown	black	yes	Turi (Bari)
FANIGLIULO Luigi	10-Jan.1944	34	5'11"	black	black	yes	V. dei Giardini, 25 Gravina (Bari)
CASABURI Lodovico	20-Jan.1944	38	Medium	bleu	black	yes	Gravina di Puglia (Bari)
PAIOMBELLA Domenico	30-Jan.1944	23	-	black	black	yes	Molfetta (Bari)

PARTICULARS OF ABSENTEES FROM ITALIAN PIONEER COYS LIVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF ITALY DIVIDED 5

BASILICATA

Unit	Number	Rank	Name	Date of absence	Age	height	eyes	hair	color
672 Coy	219881	Soldato	OLIVETTI Antonio	16-Jan.1944	-	5'7"	black	black	
673 Coy	218018	Caporale	MASCIARELLI Nicola	29-Jan.1944	-	5'8"	brown	blonde	
673 Coy	218082	Soldato	LANNI Biagio	27-Jan.1944	-	5'7"	-	blonde	
673 Coy	218040	Cap.Magg.	LANNITO Ambrogio	3-Feb.1944	-	5'6"	dark	blonde	
677 Coy	215757	Soldato	COLABUONO Clemente	20-Jan.1944	22	Medium	blue	brown	
677 Coy	215753	Soldato	DI GERONIMO Pietro	20-Jan.1944	23	medium	black	black	
677 Coy	215691	Soldato	CARLOZZI Giuseppe	20-Jan.1944	36	medium	black	black	
677 Coy	215942	Soldato	TIMPERIO Adamo	20-Jan.1944	-	medium	brown	black	
677 Coy	215956	Soldato	MORETTI Mario	30-Jan.1944	28	medium	blue	black	

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ITALIAN PIONEER BOYS LIVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF ITALY DIVIDED FOR REGIONS AND COUNTRIES

BASILICATA

	Date of absence	Age	height	eyes	hair	clean shaven	Home address or that of Next of Kin
VERFI Antonio	16-Jan.1944	-	5'7"	black	black	yes	V. Falascoso-Viggianello(Potenza)
CIARELLI Nicola	29-Jan.1944	-	5'8"	brown	blonde	yes	V. Iana dei Feligni-Chieti
NI Biagio	27-Jan.1944	-	5'7"	-	blonde	yes	Prato Sannite (Campobasso)
NITO Ambrogio	3-Feb.1944	-	5'6"	dark	blonde	yes	Vastogirardi-Campobasso
ABUONO Clemente	20-Jan.1944	22	Medium	blue	brown	yes	Chianci (Campobasso)
GERONIMO Pietro	20-Jan.1944	23	medium	black	black	yes	S.Elia Appianese (Campobasso)
IOZZI Giuseppe	20-Jan.1944	36	medium	black	black	yes	Campodi Pietra (Campobasso)
PERIO Adamo	20-Jan.1944	-	medium	brown	black	yes	S.Giovanni F. (Potenza)
ETTI Mario	30-Jan.1944	28	medium	blue	black	mstchs	Erindisi di Montagno (Potenza)

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SUBJECT: Deserters Italian PW PW Boy

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HQ No. 2 District CMB
30 A 29 Feb 44

Allied Central Commission

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The att 10/6/13/A of 18 Feb 44 from No 1 District and nominal
cells are forwarded for action as necessary.

For Colonel,
Col i/c Adm

1st IND.

ACC/14058/PB

TO: Regional Commissioner Region III

In
For necessary attention as requested by communication
10/6/13/A.

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Paul G. Kirk
PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Deserters from PW Pioneer Coys.

18/6/13/A

18 Feb 44.

Headquarters,
No 2 District.

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5. It is hoped that if a certain number of men are returned in this way, that it may act as a deterrent to the other PW.

MAJOR GENERAL
Commanding.
No 1 District.

C.M.F.
ARC/RML

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Reg III
C A M P A N N A

Unit	Number	Rank	Name	Date of absence	age	height
672 Coy	218356	Soldato	PISCOPO Pasquale	9-Jan.1944	-	5'7"
673 Coy	214919	Soldato	TEPEDINO Michele	14-Jan.1944	-	5'11"
673 Coy	218078	Cap.Magg.	RAZZA Costantino	21-Jan.1944	-	5'7"
673 Coy	216941	Soldato	LATTONE Giuseppe	21-Jan.1944	-	5'6"
673 Coy	216967	Cap.Magg.	ATTERRATO Michele	3-Feb.1944	-	5'8"
673 Coy	218041	Cap.Magg.	^{CC} RISICIO Francesco	3-Feb.1944	-	5'72
677 Coy	215747	Soldato	DEMINO Francesco	30-Jan.1944	33	medium
677 Coy	215739	Soldato	DI IEO Francesco	30-Jan.1944	23	medium

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ITALIAN PIONEER COYS LIVING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF ITALY DIVIDED FOR REGIONS AND COUNTRIES

C A M P A N I A

Name	Date of absence	age	height	eyes	hair	clean shaven	Home address or that of Next of Kin
PISCOPO Pasquale	9-Jan.1944	-	5'7"	black	brown	yes	V.Zanapoelli 77 Arzano(Napoli)
TEPEDINO Michele	14-Jan.1944	-	5'11"	brown	black	yes	V.Gabino Buonabitacolo(Salerno)
RAZZA Costantino	21-Jan.1944	-	5'7"	brown	black	yes	Caricola(Napoli)
LATTONE Giuseppe	21-Jan.1944	-	5'6"	brown	black	yes	V.Maioise-Casse Sparse (Salerno)
ATTERRATO Michele	3-Feb.1944	-	5'8"	black	black	yes	V.S. Paolo 18 Caslamato(Salerno)
^{CC} RISIO Francesco	3-Feb.1944	-	5'72	black	black	matches	Tortorella-Salerno
DE NINO Francesco	30-Jan.1944	33	medium	bleu	black	matches	V.Masaniello 7 Ferrantina(Matera)
DI LEO Francesco	30-Jan.1944	23	medium	blue	black	yes	Frigento(Avellino)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division

11 January 1944.

AMG/14058/23

MEMO TO: Admin. Directorate.

REFERENCE: Trial of Italian Soldiers for Desertion by Italian Army
Courts Martial.

I am of the opinion that the question is of such basic importance that it should, as GOC 15 Army Group says, be determined finally by C-in-C. While the point of view of the Italian War Ministry is readily understood, the fact is that these men, whether prompted by our propaganda or not, deserted to us, and made the advance of our forces so much the easier. Now then can we condone their trial? It is our government here still, and for that government to permit men to be tried for doing what we wished them to do, and tried to induce them to do, would be strange indeed. Is the position of the Italian soldier much different, if at all, from that of Marshal Badoglio himself?

While clemency after conviction is a consideration, I am not greatly impressed by it. It is not inconceivable that the record of conviction, even if followed by clemency, would be used against the soldier in his civil life, as for example, denying him the right to hold any office, however humble, under the Italian government hereafter.

Consideration should also be given to the effect upon future operations of permitting these trials. If we seek by propaganda to induce the German soldier to desert or lay down his arms, Herr Goebbels will have a fine stroke of counter-propaganda in threatening them that should they do so, they will stand trial by German Military Courts for desertion, even if the Allies win, because Italians who deserted are standing trial for the same act with the acquiescence of Allied Military Government!

NOTE

These are comments on a cable from 15 Army Group (R452) of 7 Jan 44 re Trial of Italian Deserters (returned to Admin. Directorate). *JH*

PAUL G. FIRM,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Division.

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Public Safety Division

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Enclos. for Information

C.P.S. *PH*

C.C.P.S. *MPH 4/23*

Civil Police

Special Police

Fire & CD

Prisons

Regn. & Licenses

Adm. Officer *H*

Remarks :

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30 NOVEMBER, 1943
ACC/18/9SUBJECT: REFUGEES CROSSING TO
SICILY - STRAGGLERS POST.TO -----H.Q. A.M.G.
PALERMO.FROM -----CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
ADVANCED COMMAND POST
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

NOT TO PSD.

On 18 Oct '43 under AMG/26/93 copy to you, AMGOT
15 ARMY GROUP requested us to take up with the Italian
Military Authorities the question of establishing a
STRAGGLERS POST in the vicinity of the STRAITS OF MESSINA
where deserters could be collected prior to return under
escort.

Attached is a copy of memo No/250 M.I. of 26 Nov
'43 of Italian Ministry of Interior outlining what has been
done.

You will see that they stress once again the
urgent need of re-establishing Postal Communications.

(sgd) ???????

Lt. Col.
Chief Liaison Officer
Advanced Command Post
Allied Control Commission

See note on 3B
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Nov 26, 1943

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To the Allied Control Commission

Subject: Refugees (Deserters) which are found in Sicily.

With reference to the letters of the Commission dated October 26 and November 16, relative to the question, there is hereby presented the intention of the Italian Supreme Command.

A. From the first days of last October, there were already instituted posts on the part of the XXXI Army Corps along the Straits of Messina and along the principal routes of Calabria (particularly along the route from Bagnara to Reggio of Calabria) for the purpose of halting and redirecting to their proper units those military personnel who may have arbitrarily deserted.

B. Following the request of this Commission, dated October 28, in order to integrate the provisions, there were instituted in the zone of the Straits two command posts and between these two posts there was instituted a rigorous vigilance by means of a mobile night patrol.

The military personnel halted by the blockades and by the mobile unit were assembled at the two posts to be returned under escort to their original units.

The Supreme Command has made it known that one of the principal causes of the arbitrary desertion of military personnel from their units is the lack of communication with their families, a cause which might be eliminated with the reestablishment of postal communications with Sicily.

The interest of this Commission upon this particularly urgent question is requested as per contents of letter No. 2485 A.C. of Nov. 9th last.

The Under Secretary
(Vito Reale)

Note: Original correspondence returned by buck slip to Adm. Director, with following remarks:
"Interesting enough; but if action is desired or recommended upon regarding postal communications, bear in mind that it is a subject over which this Sub-Com. has no jurisdiction."

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AMG/14058/PS

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Copy of Minutes between DC of S (O & SI), Adm.
Directorate and CPS.

1. From DC of S (O & SI) to (1) Adm Directorate
(2) Public Safety

" Will you please report, from knowledge, on any existing organizations for dealing with "vagrant Italian soldiers", such as Stragglers Posts, reporting posts and so on. It is proposed to ask 15 Army Group after receipt of your report. "

2. To P.S. from Adm. Dir.

" Request comments on what has been done and also a draft of proposed letter to AFHQ. "

- 3: To Adm. Dir. from P.S.

" This office has no knowledge of existing plans for straggler collection by the Italian Army. Such knowledge is a condition precedent to the preparation of any plan by us. When contact can be had with Italian military authorities, mutually supporting plans can be devised, if required. Meantime, as stated in basic letter; 15 Army Group should be best source of information.

P/G/ KIRK

Col. Inf.

P.S. "

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The ban on the issue of licences for sporting guns is being relaxed and it is estimated that as a result of this, in the Province of Palermo alone, one million lire will be collected.

General Order No. 9 which deals with the circulation of motor vehicles has already been issued and the collection of motor vehicle taxes has been started.

IMMUEL I. BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Public Safety DivisionRouting Slip

Enclos.

For action/information

C.P.S. *Post*R.C.P.S. *In 100 12/1/63*

Civil Police

Special Police

Fire & CD

Prisons

Regn. & Licensing *df*Adm. Officer *df*

Remarks :

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CC Basic letter to be
typed for our file

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Military Government Section

J/DW/33r

27 November, 1943

MGS - 321 - 12

SUBJECT: Italian Army - Stragglers.

TO : HQ, AMG, CMF.

Reference our MGS 387.4-1 of 28 October, and a memorandum from A/Chief of Staff to the Deputy Chief MGS dated 8 November.

1. The question of vagrant Italian ex-soldiers in Italy has been taken up by this Section with G3 and other authorities at this Headquarters, and the following ruling obtained.

2. Allied military responsibility for former members of the Italian Army ceased as of the moment of the Armistice, and that responsibility, as apart from PW captured prior to the Armistice, rests with the Italian Government.

3. In view of the fact that the problem may develop in such a way as to embarrass the military effort, it is suggested that the views of 15 Army Group should be obtained and the necessary directions thereafter issued to the Italian Government through Allied Control Commission.

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