

# ITALY GATHERING IN HER RESERVISTS

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August

SIX HUNDRED HERE

Registration Proceeding Apace  
at Vice-Consul-  
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By the end of August it is expected that Canada will have, in addition to her troops fighting with the British in Flanders, some six thousand men on the Italian front, in training in Italy, or on their way home to that country.

Over six hundred of this number will be from Toronto alone.

Already slightly over four hundred and fifty Italian reservists have registered at the local consulate as being prepared to return to their country to take up arms. Soon after the call was issued over half this number had registered. Then for a time registrations came more slowly. With the approach of the last registration date, however, they have begun once more to pour in, and are now arriving at the rate of twenty-five or thirty a day.

Three Weeks More.

August 19th is the last day open for reservists to offer themselves for service. Those whose names are not then on the rolls will be regarded as deserters, and treated accordingly, it was stated at the Italian Consulate to-day. This practically makes them exiles from their native land, as to return there would render them liable to a deserter's punishment.

Fifty men, Toronto's detachment in the first shipload of returning Italian reservists, will leave this city on the afternoon of August 9th. But that is only the beginning.

It is hoped to obtain reservations for at least a hundred on the next ship sailing for Italy, and further sailings will carry even larger numbers.

Want Them All by August 31.

The desire of the Italian Government is to have all reservists from the United States and Canada, in Italy by the end of August. Naturally there will be some who, for one reason or another, will not be able to leave in time to arrive by August 31. Each of these, however, will carry a letter from the Consulate at which he registers, explaining the cause of delay, and noting that the man registered within the stipulated period. This will relieve him from trouble with the military authorities.

The first fifty to leave this city have been chosen from those who are most anxious to fight. Notices are being sent to them to report at the Consulate on Wednesday of next week, when they will be given instructions, transportation, etc.

Single Men Go First.

Practically all of this number are single men. This rule is being followed as closely as possible, the married men, or others having dependants, being the last to leave.

Provision has been made, however, that the families of these shall not suffer. Not only is there an arrangement with the Canadian Patriotic Fund to the effect that families will be provided for on the same basis of soldiers with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, but the Italian Government, it is stated, is also expected to make some allowance to wives and families.