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# RECRUITING CONFERENCE IN TEL AVIV

## JEWISH SOLDIERS FREE VICTIMS OF NAZISM

TEL AVIV, Saturday. -- A Palestinian Jewish corporal in one of the five Jewish companies serving in Italy had the thrilling experience of helping to liberate his sister from an enemy concentration camp, Mr. M. Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, told the audience at a National Recruiting Conference in the Ohel Hall on Thursday night.

The joy of the 1,400 prisoners upon seeing Jewish officers and men drive up to their camp in a lorry bearing the Shield of David was described in a letter from the corporal which also referred to the relief measures organized by the soldiers and the eagerness of the liberated Jews to proceed to Palestine.

An American Jewish soldier had met his father and there had been many meetings between the inmates of the concentration camp and Jewish soldiers serving with all of the United Nations armies.

### Filling the Ranks

The R.A.S.C. companies in Italy required additional men and the departure of other units for Italy was delayed because their complements were not filled, continued the speaker who called for increased various causes.

Mentioning that the number of commissioned Army officers had reached 280 men and 40 women, besides numerous commissioned Medical officers, and that some 10 Palestinian Jews had been commissioned in the Royal Navy, Mr. Shertok revealed that the first commission in the R.A.F. had now been given to a Palestinian Jew promoted from the ranks.

Turning to aid for soldiers' families and the rehabilitation of demobilized soldiers, he anticipated an announcement of special war service grants for needy families and stated that the Jewish Agency was preparing to mobilize resources for the post-war absorption of ex-servicemen.

### Defend and Avenge

The Ohel Hall was decorated with the Zionist colours and recruiting emblems when the conference was opened on Thursday afternoon by Mr. L. Ben Zvi, Chairman of the General Council (Vaad Leumi) of Palestine Jews, who recalled that the motive forces behind Jewish recruiting had been the desire to defend the homeland and to avenge the victims of Nazism in the ghettos and con-

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