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REPATRIATION (POLICY)
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COMANDO SUPREMO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

Feltrin
P.M.151, 3 gennaio 1944

AL SIGNOR GENERALE PRESIDENTE DELLA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

N.° 10912 /Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Ufficio italiano di collegamento presso A.C.C.

Riferimento foglio 201 - Colonnello Rossi del 2 febbraio.

Ho preso atto della comunicazione relativa al Colonnello Rossi e disposto in conseguenza.

Dato l'interesse che presenta il buon funzionamento dell'ufficio italiano di collegamento per lo svolgersi dei rapporti fra i comandi italiani e codesta Commissione, sono del parere che convenga sostituire il Colonnello Rossi con altro ufficiale che dia pieno affidamento di assolvere bene questo delicato incarico.

Sarebbe molto indicato il Colonnello di S.M. Ruggeri Laderchi, già addetto militare italiano a Londra, ottimo conoscitore della lingua inglese, attualmente prigioniero di guerra in Inghilterra - campo n° 4.

Sarei perciò grato a V.S. se volesse sollecitare il rimpatrio, già più volte richiesto, del suddetto ufficiale.

IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

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42) DEC 014.33	CPT. STONE	18 MAY. 44.	GEN. DAPINO	RE FOWO #13. ACN. RECEIPT OF GEN. GAZZERA'S LETTER. PROPOSALS ARE RECEIVING CONSIDERATION.
43) CC 014.33	GEN. MACFARLANE	22 MAY. 44.	LT. GEN. GAMMELL	ENGL'S TRANS. OF MEMO FOWO #36. PROPOSAL FOR RELEASE BASED ON ART. 72. (GEN. CONVI.).
44) CC/G/327	GEN. MACFARLANE	23 MAY. 44	AFHQ (ATT. G.S.)	1 AM SORRY REQUEST TO RT FOWO #39 IS SO SMALL. AM ARRANGING FOR REMOVAL FROM E. AFRICA.
45) F 50856	AFHQ.	26 MAY. 44.	ACC FOR PARAGRAMS	APPROVE PROPOSAL RE FOWO #44 STATE PREREQUISITES IN ADVANCE
46) —	GEN. GAMMELL	2 JUNE 44.	GEN. MACFARLANE	RE FOWO #43. THIS HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO ATT. DE C. O. J. OF STAGE.
47) CC/G/390	GEN. MACFARLANE	12 JUNE 44.	H. COMPTON FOR. P.O. V.	RE FOWO #36. INFORMS ITAL. GOV. THAT THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN PASSED TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES.
48) G.S. 383.6	ASST. C. O. F. S. G.S.	14 JUNE 44	HQ. ACC.	RE FOWO #41/0128.
49) DEC 014.33.	CPT. STONE.	17 JUNE. 44.	MMAS. MEISE.	FURTHER RELEASES APPROVED.
50) 399/REL/1-4/184	GAZZERA.	18 JUNE 44	HQ. ACC.	RE FOWO #41. FORWARDS INFORMATION TO ITAL. GOVERNMENT RE. POW OFFICERS APPEARING ON 2ND LIST.
51) A/CC 014.33.	CPT. STONE.	24 JUNE 44	PARAGRAM MEISE.	RE FOWO #47. I AM NOT DECISION OF HIGHER NAMED OFFICERS.
52) 13663/OP/MOT.	ADOLFO INFANTE.	25 JUNE 44	CAPT. STONE.	FORWARDED FURTHER OF 4 OFF. NOW REQUESTED. IT IS NOT UNDERSTOOD WHY OFFICER ADOLFO IN U.S.A. CANNOT BE RELEASED.
53) 1140/mil/C-2.	H. COMPTON FOR. P.O. W'S.	29 JUNE 44	ACC.	REQUESTS PERMISS. TO PRESENT LIST OF P.O.W. WAGENTS RETURNED FOR CIVIL PARADES.
54) A/CC 014.33	CAPT. STONE	30 JUNE. 44	GEN. INFANTE	REPT TO FOWO #52. I CANNOT FURTHER ELUCIDATE WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO YOU. RE. FOWO #49.
55) A/CC 014.33	CAPT. STONE.	30 JUNE. 44.	AFHQ.	PRESENTS 3RD LIST OF P.O.W. FOR REPT. SEEKS REASON FOR DEPT.
56) —	COL. SHORFORD (G.S.)	6 JULY. 44.	HQ. ACC.	THIS HQ. IS REQUESTED TO RELEASE POW'S OF HIGH CIVIL ABILITY.
57) 305'6	AFHQ	9 JULY. 44.	ACC REPAR.	GEN. TRAINA'S MISSION CANCELLED. PROPOSE TO SEND MISSION ON BEHALF OF

DATE	TO	FROM	REMARKS
42) DEC 014-33	GEN. DAPINO	CAT. STONE	RE FOLIO #10, ACK. RECEIPT OF GEN. GAZZERA'S LETTER, APPROVALS ONE RECEIVING CONSIDERATION.
43) CC 014-33	LT. GEN. GAMMELL	GEN. MACFARLANE	EXCEL TRAVE. OF MEAD FOLIO #36, PROPOSAL FOR RELEASE BASED ON ART. 72 (GEN. CONN.).
44) CC 014-33	AFHQ (ATT. G.S.)	GEN. MACFARLANE	I AM SORRY REMIND TO YOU FOLIO #39 IS TO SMALL. AM ARRANGING FOR REMITT. FROM E. AFRICA.
45) F 50856	ACC FOR FARM 8181	AFHQ	APPROVE PROPOSAL RE FOLIO #44 STATE REQUIREMENTS IN ADVANCE
46) -	GEN. GAMMELL	GEN. GAMMELL	RE FOLIO #43, THIS HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO ATT. DE C.C. OF STAFF
47) CC 014-33	H. COM. FOR. A.S.O.W.	GEN. MACFARLANE	RE FOLIO #36, INFORMS ITAL. GEN. THAT THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES.
48) G.S. 383-6	HQ. ACC.	ASS. C.O.F.S. G.S.	RE FOLIO #44, 10/10/20. FURTHER RELEASES APPROVED
49) DEC 014-33	MARS. MESE.	CAT. STONE	RE FOLIO #44, FORWARDS INFORMATION TO ITAL. GOVERNMENT RE. POW OFFICERS APPEARING ON 2ND LIST.
50) 399/201-4/189	HQ. ACC.	GAZZERA	RE FOLIO #47, 10/10/20. SECTION OF MINDED NAMES REMAINS.
51) ACC 014-33	NATIONAL DESSE	CAT. STONE	FORWARDS FURTHER OF 4 OFF. POW. REQUESTED. IT IS NOT UNDERSTOOD WHY OFFICER REMAINS IN U.S. A CANNOT BE RELEASED.
52) 13863/OP/MOT.	CAPT. STONE	ADDIO INFANTE	REQUESTS PERMISS. TO PRESENT LIST OF P.O.W. URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR CIVIL PURPOSES.
53) 1146/MI/C.2.	H. COM. FOR. A.S.O.W.	H. COM. FOR. A.S.O.W.	HEART TO FOLIO #51. I CANNOT FURTHER ELUCIDATE WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO YOU. RE. FOLIO #49.
54) ACC 014-33	GEN. INFANTE	CAT. STONE	PRESENTS 3RD LIST OF P.O.W. FOR REMITT. SEEKS REASON FOR DELAY.
55) ACC 014-33	AFHQ.	CAT. STONE	THIS MR. IS PREPARED TO RELEASE NAME'S OF HIGH CIVIL ABILITY.
56) -	HQ. ACC.	COL. SPURFORD (G.S.)	GEN. TRAMPA'S MISSION CAPABILITIES. PROPOSE TO SEND MISSION ON BEHALF OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE.
57) 3056	ACC REPR.	AFHQ	POWS IN ARMED OCCUPIED PORTIONS OF ITALY MAY BE REPARATED OR MEDICAL, COMPASSIONATE & AGE CONSIDERATIONS
58) -	GEN. GAMMELL, C.O.F.S.	GEN. GAMMELL, C.O.F.S.	FORWARDS LIST OF POW'S WITH SPECIAL ITALIAN BIRTH SERVICE QUALIFICATIONS. CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN FOR REPARATION OF POW'S FROM GERMANY.
59) ACC 014-33	GEN. GAMMELL, C.O.F.S.	GEN. GAMMELL, C.O.F.S.	EXCLUDE LIST OF NAMES SUBJECTS TO FULL JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION.
60) ACC 014-33	ACC REPR.	ACC REPR.	RE. FOLIO #51, ENHANCING VERTICALLY.
61) F 74792	ACC REPR.	ACC REPR.	RE #61, NO ADMIN. DIFFICULTIES PRESENT.
62) 1617/M/C.	GEN. GAMMELL, C.O.F.S.	GEN. GAMMELL, C.O.F.S.	
63) 1138	ACC.	ACC.	
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22) 11/19/45.	LOD STANSGATE	5 APR. 44	DEP. CH. COMM.	REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE OF POWS SHOULD BE MADE.
23) 383-6	CAPT. STONE	10 APR. 44	V.P. ADMIN. SECT.	REF #12. STATES POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED.
24) NO 13 MIL.	GEN. GAZZERA.	14 APR. 44.	ACC.	CH. PIAZZA'S RELEASE REQUESTED. ENCL'S LIST OF MUTILATED P.W.
25) 65-16-1943	G. PIERRE	15 APR. 44	MIN. OF WAR.	COMMENTS ON FUTURE NEED FOR REBAPTISM. P.O.W.'S FOR AFMA.
26) ACC/1401/5.PS.	COL. KIRK	18 APR. 44.	VICE PRES. ADMIN. SECT.	ENCL'S #23; STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF RELEASE OF CCAR P'S. W.O. NEED OF EQUIPMENT.
27) 12517/00	INFANTE, C.D.E.S.	19 APR. 44.	TOP.	GENERAL VASIOTREZZANI. RELEASE APPLIED FOR BY MAR. MESSE.
28) CC/6/222.	GEN. MACFARLANE	22 APR. 44.	AFHQ.	ENCL'S 2-PART OF ITAL. OFF. P.O.W.'S WHOSE REBAPTISM IS REQUESTED.
29) QS-298	LT. COL. GUNSMITH	23 APR. 44.	SECT. GEN.	ENCL'S #24. OF 27. ASKS FOR POLICY RE. P.O.W.'S PERMANENTLY DISABLED.
30) CC/6/225	GEN. MACFARLANE	23 APR. 44	AFHQ	ENCL'S #25 FROM GEN. PIERRE. STRONGLY RECOMMENDS REBAPTISM OF CCAR. P.O.W.'S.
31) 001/302/1A(0)	CH. ADMIN. OFF.	25 APR. 44.	ACC.	STATES POLICY FOR RELEASE OF P.O.W.'S.
32) 014-33.	CAPT. STONE.	25 APR. 44.	MAR. MESSE.	GEN. MACF. HAS FORWARDED 2-PART OF AFHQ. TO AFHQ.
33) CC/6/233	GEN. MACFARLANE	26 APR. 44.	GEN. DOWNING.	RE #27. GEN. MACF. SEEKS ADVICE AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD PRESS FOR RELEASE OF VASIOTREZZANI.
34) CC/6/234	GEN. MACFARLANE	26 APR. 44.	AFHQ (ATTN: G.S.)	RE #24. 1. MAY I AGREE TO RELEASE OF THESE WOUNDED 2. MAY I AUTHORISE RELEASE ON MY OWN RESPONSIBILITIES ON SIMILAR CASES.
35) CC/6/235	GEN. MACFARLANE	26 APR. 44	COL. GAIN-SMITH.	RE #29. 1. HAVE ASKED ADVICE OF GEN. DOWNING 2. HAVE SUBMITTED TO AFHQ, AND ASKED FOR DEFINITE POLICY.
36) NO 123 POL.	ACC. SALEMAN.	2 MAY. 44.	GEN. GAZZERA.	4THS THAT ART. 72. GENEVA CONVENTION COULD BE APPLIED TO P.O.W.'S

23) 383.0	CAPT. STONE	10 APR. 44	V.P. ADMIN. SECT.	RE #12. STATES POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED.
24) NO 13 MIL.	GEN. GAZZERA.	14 APR. 44	ACC.	COL. PIAZZA'S RELEASE REQUESTED. ENCL'S LIST OF MUTILATED P.W.
25) 65/16-1943	G. PIECHE	15 APR. 44	MIN. OF WAR.	COMMENTS ON FUTURE NEED FOR REPATAM. OF P.W.'S FOR AFMA.
26) ACC/1401/8 P.3.	COL. NIKK	18 APR. 44	VIC. PRES. ADMIN. SECT.	ENCL'S #23. STATES NECESSITY OF RELEASE OF CCR P.W.'S. WHO NEED OF EQUIPMENT.
27) 12517/00	INFANTE, COE S.	19 APR. 44	TOP.	GENERAL NIKK STREZZANI. RELEASE APPLIED FOR BY MAAR. MESE.
28) CC/6/222.	GEN. MACFARLANE	22 APR. 44	AFHQ.	ENCL'S 2 P.D. LIST OF ITAL. OFF. P.O.W.'S WHOSE REPATAM. IS REQUESTED.
29) QS. 298	L.T. COL. QUINSMITH.	23 APR. 44	SECT. GEN.	ENCL'S #24. OF 27. ASKS FOR POLICY RE. P.O.W.'S PERMANENTLY DISABLED.
30) CC/6/225	GEN. MACFARLANE	23 APR. 44	AFHQ.	ENCL'S #25. FROM GEN. PIECHE. STRONGLY RECOMMENDS REPATAM. OF CCR. P.O.W.'S.
31) 111/3072/100	CH. ADMIN. OFF.	25 APR. 44	ACC.	STATES POLICY FOR RELEASE OF P.O.W.'S.
32) 014.33.	CAPT. STONE.	25 APR. 44	MAAR. MESE.	GEN. MACF. HAS FORWARDED INDULIST OF P.O.W. TO AFHQ.
33) CC/6/233	GEN. MACFARLANE	26 APR. 44	GEN. DAWSON.	RE #27. GEN. MACF. SEEKS ADVICE AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD PRESS FOR RELEASE OF NIKK & STREZZANI.
34) CC/6/234	GEN. MACFARLANE	26 APR. 44	AFHQ (ATTN: G.S.)	RE #24. 1. THAT I AGREE TO RELEASE OF THESE WOUNDED 2. THAT I AUTHORIZE RELEASE ON MY OWN RESPONSIBILITIES ON SIMILAR CASES.
35) CC/6/235	GEN. MACFARLANE	26 APR. 44	COL. QUIN-SMITH.	RE #29. 1. HAVE ASKED ADVICE OF GEN. DAWSON 2. HAVE SUBMITTED TO AFHQ, AND ASKED FOR DEFINITE POLICY.
36) NO 121 POL.	ACC. SALERNO.	2 MAY. 44	GEN. GAZZERA.	THIS THAT ART. 72. GENEVA CONVENTION COULD BE APPLIED TO P.O.W.'S
37) QS. 396	COL. QUIN-SMITH	6 MAY. 44	SECT. GEN.	WILL SEE P.C. ABOUT SUBMISSION OF NAMES OF P.W. BEING FORWARDED THROUGH ADMIN. & ECON. SECT'S.
38) 61/6/2102/12.	DAV. G. (SR) AFHQ	9 MAY. 44	CH. COMM.	NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF LIST FORWARDED RE. FOLIO #34.
39) 1163 014.12.	CH. SAFFORD.	11 MAY. 44	NO. ACC	RE. FOLIO 30. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS. 2 OFF. & 30 O.D.S. REINTEGRATED.
40) M. 197	GEN. MACFARLANE.	11 MAY. 44	A.F.H.Q.	SUGGEST SENDING GEN. TRAINA TO SEEK REINFORCEMENTS FOR 600. JUDICIAL.
41) MGS 386.3	ASS. CH. OF STAFF.	14 MAY. 44	HQ. ACC.	RESULT OF INVESTIGATIONS RE FOLIO NO 28.

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1) 30217	FREEDOM.	17 JAN.	AFI AND FATIMA.	DISPOSAL OF ITALIAN ARMY—FURTHER PARTICULARS REQUIRED FROM AFI.
2) 42781	FREEDOM	25 JAN.	MR. ARCE AND FATIMA	RELEASE OF PW'S IN SERVICE UNITS IMPRACTICABLE. REQUESTS FROM ITAL. GOV'T. SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.
3) —	LT. COL. QUIN-SMITH.	25 JAN. 44.	CH. DE STAPE.	P.O.W. LIST. — 1ST CATEGORY DE PRIORITY.
4) —	CAPT. E. STONE.	26 JAN. 44.	GEN. MACFARLANE	RE #2. IF PW ARE PLANNING TO GO TO AUSTRIA IT WOULD BE WISE TO ASK FOR A LESS STIMULANT RALE.
5) FARGO 581	FARGO	26 JAN. 44	FREEDOM.	MESSE URGES RELEASE OF LIMITED NUMBER OF P.O.W OFFICERS. AM SHORTLY SUBMITTING LIST BY NAME.
6) DP/6/32	GEN. MACFARLANE.	31 JAN. 44	CAPT. STONE.	RE #3. LIST TOO LONG. INFORM DRIG. BARNES TO HAVE MESSE PREPARE SHORT LIST OF NO MORE THAN 25 NAMES.
7) MS 383.6	DRIG. DUCHESNE	4 FEB. 44.	MARSHAL MESSE.	FORWARDS GEN. MACFARLANE'S SUGGESTION. (RE #4).
8) 47235	FREEDOM.	4 FEB. 44.	FARGO AND PAGMA.	SUCH REQUESTS FROM ITALIAN GOV'T. SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.
9) QS. 7.	CAPT. STONE.	17 FEB. 44.	MARSHAL MESSE	PLEASE EXPEDITE YOUR FIRST LIST. RE #7.
10) 77/3/CA.	GEN. MACFARLANE	20 FEB. 44.	CINC. APHQ.	ASKS FOR REESTIMATION OF CIVIL REACTIONARY SPECIALISTS—AGE GROUP PRIOR TO 1910.
11) DEC 014-33	CAPT. STONE.	25 FEB. 44.	GEN. MACFARLANE	EMUL'S FIRST LIST OF 25 NAMES. REMAINS 5 UNITS UNTIL FAVORABLE ACTION HAS BEEN SECURED.
12) CC/P/105	GEN. MACFARLANE	26 FEB. 44.	C. OF S. AFHQ.	EMUL'S PRIORITY LIST OF 25 NAMES. IS THERE ANY PROSPECT OF REPARATION AT EARLY DATE?
13) 11463.	MARSHAL MESSE	28 FEB. 44.	A C C.	FORWARDS LIST OF P.O.W'S WILLING TO TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST GERMANY. COULD A.C.C. AROUSE INTEREST OF ALLIED STATES?
14) QS. 100	LT. COL. QUIN-SMITH.	7 MAR. 44.	DEP. A.C.	GEN. FRUSCI O GEN. PITAGSI-MANUELLO. FORWARDS M. MESSE'S AARBA ON MEDICAL GROUNDS FOR REPARATION OF AARBE.
15) DEC-014-33	CAPT. STONE.	7 MAR. 44.	MARSHAL MESSE.	RE #13. NO CHANGE IN POLICY INDICATED. RE #7. NO HIBBAL PHARBE SERVED BY FORWARDING NAMES UNTIL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN.

3)	—	LT. COL. QUINN-SMITH.	23 JAN. 44.	MR. ACNE AFHQ, FATIMA	RELEASE OF P.W.'S IN SERVICE UNITS INMEDIATELY. REQUESTS FROM ITAL GOV'T. SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.
4)	—	CAPT. E. STONE.	25 JAN. 44.	CH. OF STAFF.	P.O.W. NO. 127. - 1ST CATEGORY DEPRIVITY.
5)	FARGO 581	FARGO	28 JAN. 44.	GEN. MACFARLANE	RE #2. IF P.W. ARE PLANNING TO GO TO ALGERIA IT WOULD BE WISE TO ASK FOR A LESS STIMULANT RATE.
6)	20/1/32	GEN. MACFARLANE.	31 JAN. 44.	CAPT. STONE.	MESSIE REQUESTS RELEASE OF LIMITED NUMBER OF P.O.W. OFFICERS. AM INCOMPLETELY SUBMITTING LIST BY NAME.
7)	MS 303.6	BRIG. DUCHESNE	4 FEB. 44.	MARSHAL MESSE.	RE #3. LIST TOO LONG. INFORM BRIG. DUCHESNE TO HAVE MESSE ADVANCE SHIRT LISTS OF NO MORE THAN 25 NAMES.
8)	47235	FREEDOM.	4 FEB. 44.	FARGO AND FATIMA.	FORWARDS GEN. MACFARLANE'S SUGGESTION (RE #4).
9)	QS. 7.	CAPT. STONE.	17 FEB. 44.	MARSHAL MESSE.	SUCH REQUESTS FROM ITALIAN GOV'T. SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.
10)	77/2/CA.	GEN. MACFARLANE	20 FEB. 44.	CINC. AFHQ.	PLEASE EXPEDITE YOUR FIRST LIST. RE #7.
11)	DEC 014.33	CAPT. STONE.	25 FEB. 44.	GEN. MACFARLANE	ASKS FOR REAFFIRMATION OF CIVIL PRACTITIONARY SPECIALISTS - AGE GROUP PRIOR TO 1940.
12)	CC/P/105	GEN. MACFARLANE	26 FEB. 44.	C.O.F.S. AFHQ.	ENCL'S FIRST LIST OF 25 NAMES. REMAINS 5 LISTS UNTIL FAVORABLE ACTION HAS BEEN SECURED.
13)	11453.	MARSHAL MESSE	28 FEB. 44.	A.C.C.	ENCL'S PRIORITY LIST OF 25 NAMES. IS THERE ANY PROSPECT OF REAFFIRMATION AT EARLY DATE?
14)	QS. 100	LT. COL. QUINN-SMITH.	7 MAR. 44.	DEP.C.C.	FORWARDS LIST OF P.O.W.'S WILLING TO TAKE NO ARMS AGAINST GERMANY. GOV'T. A.C.C. ADVISE INTEREST OF ALLIED NATIONS.
15)	DEC-014.33	CAPT. STONE.	7 MAR. 44.	MARSHAL MESSE.	GEN. FRASCI & GEN. PITASSI-MANUELLA. FORWARDS M. MESSE'S REQUEST ON MEDICAL GROUNDS FOR REAFFIRMATION OF ABOVE.
16)	ICE 04.33	CAPT. STONE	12 MAR. 44.	MAR. MESSE.	RE #13. NO CHANGE IN POLICY INDICATED. RE #7. NO HESITANT PURPOSE SERVED BY FORWARDING NAMES UNTIL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN.
17)	DEC 014.33	CAPT. STONE	24 MAR. 44.	AFHQ.	RETURNS FIVE LISTS SHOWING ALTERATION BE MADE TO INCLUDE BADDEQUO'S CHOICE.
18)	DEC 014.33	CAPT. STONE	24 MAR. 44.	MAR. MESSE.	GEN'S FRASCI & PITASSI-MANUELLA. APPROVE FOR REAFFIRMATION FORWARDED.
19)	—	GEN. GAMMELL.	25 MAR. 44.	GEN. MACFARLANE.	GEN'S FRASCI & PITASSI-MANUELLA. NOTIFIED THAT APPROV. WAS FORWARDED TO AFHQ.
20)	6205	CAPT. STONE	28 MAR. 44.	FREEDOM.	RE #12. LT. COL. MARTINANGO & LUCIA REPR. IMMEDIATELY. CAPT. MURARO IN ARMY PRISON. RE #17. PLEASE EXPEDITE FAVORABLE ACTION.

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THE CHIEF OF STAFF

P.M. 151, 20 September 1944

n. 15297

Dear Captain Stone,

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Rec'd 20 Sept 1700
WHR

On the return of General Mancinelli, I had recent news of the prisoners of war who were with me in camp 4 in England.

This General has drawn my attention on a letter sent to him on August 18th last, from Leconfield, by Brigadier General H.R. Crockett: in this letter, the Brigadier writes among other things that he is doing all he can to facilitate the return to Italy of the remaining Italian prisoners in Camp n. 4, but that unfortunately, the final decision 'is not General Cepp's or mine (Crockett's), but depends on a request which must be made by the Italian authorities in Rome'.

It would mean the repatriation of:

- Ammiraglio di divisione	PAVARI	Igino
- Generale di Brigata	MORIERINI	Alberto
- " "	FIGARI	Cino
- Contammiraglio	LEONARDI	Priamo
- G.M. Colonello	SUGGERI LAMERONI	Cesare
- Capitano di vascello	FRANCHI	Carlo
- " "	BERARDINI	Orsilio
- Capitano di fr. (reserve)	COLOMBO	Francesco

all of them in n. 4 P.O.W. CAMP (AIREUX).

Brigadier General Crockett's words make me ask you to examine the possibility of repatriating these officers.

Nevertheless, I don't deem it advisable to put them of the lists of the 25 elements to be repatriated, so that the few possibilities of requesting repatriation which these lists offer should be kept for really special cases.

I should be most grateful to you if you could repatriate these officers by extraordinary procedure (i.e. besides those who are repatriated by the mentioned lists).

Trusting in your kind interest, I remain,

Yours truly,

MARSHAL OF ITALY

Chief of Staff
(Giovanni Messe)

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30th August, 1944

SUBJECT: Maltese Students

TO : His Honour the Lieut. Governor of Malta

1. I regret that the notes which you forwarded with your letter regarding Richard Giacomotto and Carmel Casuar do not constitute a sufficiently strong case to justify a precedent. I am most reluctant to give a loop-hole to people to enter this country at this time unless their visit can be considered to be of direct benefit to the war effort.

2. I regret, therefore, that it will not be possible to allow these students to return to Italy at the present time to continue their studies.

Ha ACC - Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
On 31 AUG 1944
via 1034
Initials *W*

HILARY W. STONE
Captain, RMG
Acting Chief Commissioner

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G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

cc: RCY MG Sec.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

DMR/SS

G-5 : 014.33-27

14 August 1944

SUBJECT : Repatriation.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

Reference your DCC 091.711 dated 4 June, the following information has been requested by the Commander in Chief, Middle East Forces.

1. There is no record of Alessandro Zantonelli or Francesco Besio in Middle east, but there is of D028 7155 Artig., Francesco Besio and D028 7167 Lanc. Alessandro Zantonetti. Are these the soldiers in question?

2. In view of the distance and transportation involved, are there any special circumstances which warrant these Italians being repatriated to Italy?

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

B.M. REITON
Jnr/Comd

Note :

Original was sent to
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PW S/C on 18 Aug. 44

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 014.33

BMR/seb
15 August 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation.

TP : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
(Office of the Chief Commissioner)
APO 394.

Reference your A/CC (LDD/drr) of 16 July:
H.M. Consul-General, Tangier has been informed
by the British Resident Minister of the contents
of your above mentioned letter and it may be
assumed that Col. Vitali will now make arrange-
ments to return.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

BR
B. M. REPTON
Jr. Comdr.

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 BEGIN FOR SOME MONTHS AND SHIPMENTS ARE LIMITED TO RELATIVELY SMALL QUANTITIES
 AT A TIME PD WE CONCUR

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ELERY W. STONE, Captain, USM,
 Acting Chief Commissioner

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REFERENCE YOUR F SEVEN FOUR SEVEN NINE TWO OF TWENTY FOUR JULY SUBJECT REPATRIATION
 ITALIANS FROM ERITREA OUR FIRST IMPRESSION IS THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL BUT
 ENQUIRIES CONTINUING. AND WILL REPLY FURTHER EARLIEST PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GIERGE
FIVE FROM ACC HQ PAREN PD

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L.T. MONTANT, JR.
 1st Lt. AGD
 Adjutant

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APO 394HQ A
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Rec'd 26 July 1944
By BRK

ASO/1/X/12

26 July 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, G-5, APO 512.Subject: Repatriation of Italian PW with special qualifications.

- 1/. Reference para 8, of letter A/CC 091.1 of 17 July, 1944.
- 2/. I enclose list of names of PW suitable to fill judicial appointments.
- 3/. As I have pointed out the necessity of making judges available to the Italian Government is one of urgency and I request that early action be taken with a view to accelerating the repatriation of the PW asked for.
- 4/. I shall be pleased if you will inform me should any of the PW asked for be unavailable.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J. A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

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HIGH COMMISSIONER *JR PW ROME 22 July 194
File No. 1617/Mil./C-1

Dear Colonel Campbell,

I thank you for your kind letter of the 19th D/O/ASO/
1/11/9 referring to the list of the Staff of Military
Justice actually PW and to be repatriated.

To clear the situation I join the list of the Staff
for which I beg for repatriation, this being the list, which
definitely substitutes the one General Infante sent you
(14132/OP) on July 11th and also the one sent by me on
June 29th (1114/Mil./C-1).

With kind regards.

/s/ THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
GENERAL PIETRO GAZZERA

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**List of personnel of Military Justice
actually detained as prisoners of which is
requested their repatriation**

No.	Ord	Grade	Name	Prison Camp No.
1.		Captain	PERRELLA Gioacchino	Kenya
2.		"	SEGALLA Mario	Kenya
3.		Major	BALIVA Fulvio	Kenya
4.		"	ARCIDIACONO Giuseppe	Kenya
5.		"	CAPONETTI Paolo	Kenya
6.		Captain	FOSCOLO Ugo	Kenya
7.		"	LOIZZI Pasquale	Kenya
8.		"	GAMBARDELLA Oreste	Kenya
9.		"	BRANCATI Giuseppe	India (camp of Yol)
10.		Lt.	MARANITTI Carlo	Kenya
11.		Captain	FILIPPI Mario	Kenya
12.		"	NOBILE Ettore	No. 132 Oran
13.		"	SCUDERI Giuseppe	" 132 Oran
14.		"	VEUTRO Vittorio	" 132 Oran
15.		"	LUCCHESI Giuseppe	
16.		Major ftr.	SALVATI Geo	No. 132 Oran
17.		Capt. ftr.	SCIBILIA Salvatore	" " "
18.		" "	SPADARO Giacomo	" " "
19.		Lt.Col.	CANNIZZO Giovanni	" " "
20.		Capt. ftr.	PELLIGONI Bruno	" " "
21.		" comm.	TOLOMEO Paolo	" " "
22.		" Suss.	CANNATA Francesco	" " "
23.		Lt.	OCCELLO Ignazio	" 6814
24.		Lt.	RANDI Michale	" " "

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ROUTINE
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REPORTED FROM LONDON THAT CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF REPATRIATING ITALIANS FROM ERITREA IN ORDER TO RELIEVE ACUTE UNEMPLOYMENT THERE STATED THAT IT COULD BE ON VOLUNTARY BASIS. NUMBERS ARE UNCERTAIN BUT NOT RPT NOT LIKELY EXCEED 5000 AND COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED FOR SOME MONTHS.

PARA. LONDON HAVE REQUESTED VIEWS AS TO AVAILABILITY OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH REPATRIATES AND SO TO WHETHER IN EVENT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTING PROPOSAL AND LATER PROVEING UNABLE TO FEED AND ADMINISTER THEM ACC COULD UNDERTAKE THE COMMITMENT.

PARA. REQUEST YOU CONSULT GOVERNMENT AND SUBMIT YOUR VIEWS HERE SOONEST.

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17 JUL 1944

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A/OS 091.1

17 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian prisoners of war with special qualifications.

TO: G-2 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO-SIC

1. Reference is made to your letter on same subject of 5 July 1944.

2. Your offer to repatriate specially qualified prisoners of war is particularly welcome since great difficulty is being met in finding suitable men to fill appointments in the various civil ministries and state agencies. Sufficient men are simply not available in Italy.

3. Rather than send a special mission to North Africa to select suitable men - a method which would probably be clumsy in practice - it is now considered that quicker results could be obtained by the submission of lists of men who are known to be suitable for such posts.

4. In conjunction with the Italian High Commission for prisoners of war we are now compiling three lists of two hundred names each. These lists would include civil servants of all grades down to class 5 or 6. They will shortly be forwarded, and your assistance is most earnestly requested to facilitate their speedy repatriation - or, alternatively, to inform us quickly of those names which prove impracticable.

5. In the meantime a shorter list is being forwarded giving the names of prisoners suitable to fill judicial appointments. Owing to the number of cases which we are now handing over to be dealt with by the civil courts, it is essential that a further large number of judges be made available to the Italian Government.

For this list, therefore, we ask your particular attention.

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cc: G-2 Section (Army 5/0)
Administrative Section

HENRY E. TOLK
Captain, USA
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Office of the Chief of Staff

HQ ACC. APO 334

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13 Jul 44

Dear Mason MacFarlane,

folio #43

With further reference to your CC 014.33 of 22 May, and my reply of 2 Jun, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have ruled that the following policy shall be adopted.

1. Subject to the availability of shipping, Italian prisoners of war who reside in Allied-occupied portions of ITALY should be repatriated, if found eligible on medical grounds by the competent authority of the detaining power either for direct repatriation under the provisions of Article 68 of the Geneva Convention on Prisoners of War, or for hospitalisation in a neutral country under the provisions of the Model Agreement annexed to the Convention.

2. Subject to the availability of shipping and security considerations, Italian prisoners of war who reside in Allied-occupied portions of ITALY:

- (a) should be repatriated if they are 60 years of age or over, or are between 50 and 60 years of age and have completed 2 years of internment.
- (b) may be repatriated if it is determined by the competent authority of the detaining power that they are entitled thereto on compassionate grounds.

In conveying this information to the Italian Government, it should be emphasised that release on compassionate grounds will be granted sparingly, with each case being considered on its merits and with approval granted only when the grounds are such that an Allied soldier under similar circumstances would be repatriated to his own country.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre:

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/s/ J. A. H. Gammell
/t/ J. A. H. GAMMELL
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

Lietenant General Sir. F. N. Mason MacFarlane, CB, DSO, MC,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

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NECESSARY BEFORE MISSION COME HERE THAT SURVEY BE MADE AND LIST PREPARED FOR
INTERVIEW OF PERSONS HAVING APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS. REFERENCE YOUR 3056 OF 6
JULY. YOU WILL BE INFORMED SOONEST WHEN MISSION CAN PROCEED. REQUEST HOWEVER YOU
LOOK AT G-5 LETTER OF 6 JULY CONCERNING REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PW HAVING SPECIAL
QUALIFICATIONS. IN VIEW OF THIS DO YOU DESIRE ALTER COMPOSITION OF MISSION.

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REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGES FIVE ZERO EIGHT FIVE SIX OF TWO SIX MAY PD
 OWING TO CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES GENERAL TRAINA APOSTROPHE S MISSION
 TO NORTH AFRICA HAS BEEN CANCELLED ID TO AFHQ FROM ACC REAR CHIEF
LEGAL OFFICER SIGNED STONE PD WE PROPOSE HOWEVER TO SEND A MISSION
 ON BEHALF OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE PD HIS REQUIREMENTS ARE SIX
 COUNSELLORS OF APPEAL OR EQUIVALENT PAREN GRADE FIVE PAREN CMA TWO
 FIVE JUDGES PAREN GRADES EIGHT CMA SEVEN AND SIX PAREN CMA ONE FIVE
 ASSISTANT JUDGES CMA ONE FIVE REGISTRARS AND SECRETARIES PAREN GRADES
 EIGHT AND SEVEN PAREN AND TWO FIVE JUDICIAL CLERKS PAREN GRADES ONE
 ONE CMA ONE ZERO AND NINE PAREN PD MISSION WILL CONSIST OF SIGNOR
 TARTAGLIA WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY CAPT BUCKLEY CMA AN OFFICER OF
 THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION PD PLEASE SIGNAL IF MISSION CAN PROCEED
 IMMEDIATELY

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AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. CHIOCCA
 CWO, USA
 Adjutant

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

CME/CF/JJR

6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War Having
Special Qualifications.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

folio # 40

folio # 45

Attention is drawn to your cablegram # 197 of 13 May 1944, proposing the release of selected Italian prisoners of war found suitable for judicial office, and to the favorable reply conveyed in our F 50856 of 26 May. This Headquarters is prepared similarly to repatriate such Italian prisoners of war as may, by reason of Civil Service, Treasury, or banking experience, be found particularly useful at this time to the effective functioning of the Italian State. You are therefore requested to consider this proposal in the light of anticipated needs and, if it seems desirable, to include in the party which you propose to send to this Headquarters a representative of the Italian Government qualified to make a discriminating selection of such personnel. It is of course to be understood that each case will be considered on its merits, and that a prisoner of war would be released only if he was found to have outstanding ability for the public service. This Headquarters, moreover, would not be prepared to release any prisoner of war holding a key position in a P of S Service unit.

CHARLES H. GIFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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RWS/dfe

1 JUL 1944

A/cc 014.33

30 June 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Italian POW

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(Attention: Chief of Staff)

1. Reference is made to ACC letters CC/P/105 of 26 February and CC/G/222 of 22 April, each containing the names of 25 Italian officer PW for repatriation.

2. Of these 50 officers only the following have so far arrived in Italy:

Brig. Gen.	SCAPPINI
Lt. Col.	MARTINENGO (Inf.)
Maj.	LUCIA (Arty)
Capt.	MURERO (Arty)
Lt. R.N.	DURAND DE LA PENNE
Maj.	VIGNOLO

3. I understand the impracticability of releasing some of these officers and the delay implied in the release of others. At the same time the interval since the first list was submitted is such that I find it increasingly difficult to answer the questions of the Italian government regarding the progress which is being made.

4. A further list of 25 names has now been prepared and I forward it with the hope that some quicker means of repatriation may be found.

5. I presume that it will be in order for the Italian Government to submit other names to replace those whom we have been categorically informed cannot be repatriated.

6. In the meantime I should be grateful of any further information you can give me regarding progress with the first two lists, which I can pass on to the Comando Supremo.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Army Sub-Commission
(Colonel Campbell)

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ALLEGATO al n. Mil. in data
6. 6. 1944 dell'Alto Commissario per
i prigionieri di guerra.

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10) - Colonnello ftr.	HETTINAU Ettore	- Weingarten Missouri (U.S.A.)
2) - Colonnello cav.	LEQUIO Tommaso	- Algeria - Campo Saïda VI
3) - Colonnello art.(S.M.)	ROSTAGNO Carlo	- Bombay - campo -26/1.
4) - Colonnello ftr.	ROLLE Ottavio	- Kenya - " ?
5) - Colonnello ftr.	MARTINELLI Fortunato	- Est Africa - campo 365.
6) - Colonnello art.	PACIETTI Ercolo	- Inghilterra - campo - ?
7) - Ten. col. genio.	SARZANA Francesco	- Algeri - campo 136.
8) - Maggiore ftr.	TAVERNA Antonio	- Egitto - " ?
9) - Tenente Arty.	GORDERO di Monzemolo	- ottavio Egypt - campo 304.
10) - Maggiore ftr.	REALE Domenico	- U.S.A. " ?
11) - Maggiore paras.	MAUTINO Carlo	- Egitto - campo 304.
12) - Capitano genio.	DE LORENZO Luigi	- Egitto - " 304.
13) - Capitano art.	OZZOLA Giulio	- Algeria - " 132.
14) - Capitano ftr.	FABERI Umberto	- Algeria - " 132.
15) - Capitano ftr.	CAMPANELLA Gino	- Bombay - " 24/4
16) - S.Ten. Genio.	Gentiloni Enrico	- Algeria - " 132.
17) - Colonnello di S.M.	D'AMICO Augusto	- Est Africa Command - IDW 76201 - camp 356/A
18) - Maggiore di S.M.	GASPARO Pasquale	- Est Africa Command.
19) - Tenente col. Alpini. (già in serv. di S.M.)	CALIGURI Matteo	- U.S.A. - campo di Monticello.. (Arkansas)
20) - Tenente	DEZZA Stefano	- Egypt - campo 304.
21) - Capitano fregata.	PUGLIESE Stefano	- India - campo ?
22) - Tenente di vascello.	DE BERNARDO Vittorio	- Bombay - campo 26.

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23) - Ten. Col. Comm.R.M.	BELLIUCCI Luigi	- Bombay - campo 26.
24) - Capitano Comm.R.M.	MERSICO Pasquale	- Orano - campo 132.
25) - Ten. Comm. R.M.	GUZZARI Adolfo	- Orano - campo 132.

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EWS/drr

WCC 014.33

30 June 1944

Dear General Infante:

folio #49
folio #52

In reply to your letter no. 13863/OP of 25 June 1944, the reason why some officers can and others cannot be repatriated by the United States is given in my letter on this subject of 17 June: - "... in view of their location their repatriation is not feasible", nor can I further elucidate this without more information than is readily at my disposal.

I believe the best method is the one we are now employing - namely the submission of lists of twenty-five.

Your third list is now at hand and I will press for the earliest and fullest possible action on the matter.

EDWARD W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Major-General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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Translation No. 919

The High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Cava dei Tirreni

File No. 1146/mil/C.2

29 June 1944

TO: A.C.C. Salerno.

SUBJECT: Request for employees of various State Administrations who are at present POW.

1. The Royal Government has need of a certain number of soldiers at present POW, who were formerly employees enrolled in the various Civil Ministries and State Agencies, and who are indispensable for the re-organization and operation not only of the ministries themselves but also of all such administrations as Prefectures, Municipal Councils, Schools, Hospitals, technical offices of the Civil Engineers, Law-Courts and Preture, Railways, Post & Telegraph Offices, forestry and mining, sanitary and veterinary services in the various provinces, bank institutes, labour offices, itinerant agricultural officials, etc.

The present situation is indeed difficult because the number of official at present available is far below the actual necessities of the territories liberated, owing to the fact that many were interned by the Germans. This situation, which is already harmful, will gradually grow worse as other territories are released from German hands.

2. In the name of the Royal Government I therefore beg the A.C.C. to authorise me to present a list of requests for repatriation of prisoners of war, for civil requirements, as is being done now to meet military requirements.

3. I would be grateful if, should this proposal be accepted, the A.C.C. would let me know as soon as possible the manner regarding the number of lists which I can present for these civilian requirements, the number of prisoners which may be contained in each list, etc.

I thank you in advance.

The High Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND

Section I -- Operations Office

No. 13863/OP of Prot.

P.M. 135, 25 June 1944

Dear Captain Stone,

folio #49

Thank you for the information furnished in your letter DCC 014.33 concerning several officer prisoners of war whose repatriation was requested in the second list of requests.

It is not understood, however, why officers detained in the United States can not be repatriated, seeing that other officers have heretofore returned from the United States (among others H.E. General Gazzera, General Guasco, and General Brunetti).

I therefore beg of you to be kind enough to inform me of the zones from which it is possible to obtain the repatriation of prisoners of war, with the purpose of avoiding time lost in submitting to the Allied authorities requests which cannot be granted.

Cordially,

/s/ A. Infante

ADOLFO INFANTE
MAJOR GENERAL, FGS

To: Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lws

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A/CC 014.33

24 June 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

folio #49

see folio #48

In continuation of my letter of 17 June 1944, information has now being received that approval has been given to the release of the undermentioned Italian POW officers in British custody.

TONNINO Mario
MARTINETTI Mario
SANTINI Waldo
FOLLO Secondo

Applications in respect of the remaining POW are being considered by the Commands concerned.

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ELLERY W. STONE *ES*
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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Date - Time	24 June 1730
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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

DSH 1476
2 JUL 1944 AN/ma

No. 399/Pol/I-4 of Prot.

Cava dei Tirreni, 18 June 1944

Subject: Memorandum

To: Hq Allied Control Commission
Office of the Chief Commissioner

folio # 47

With reference to letter CC/G/390 dated 12 June 1944.

I thank you for the communication made to me regarding the memorandum about repatriation for humanitarian reasons.

I await the decisions that the higher Allied authorities will take in this matter.

/s/ P. Gazzera

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
(General Pietro Gazzera)

Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lws

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EWS/hjp

DCC 014.33

17 June 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

20 JUN 1944

The Commission is in receipt of the following information relative to certain Italian POW officers appearing on your second list of 25 for which request for release was made.

"Enquiries have been completed so far as the PWs called for are in American custody and the following is the result of the enquiries made.

a. The following officers are in U.S. custody in the United States and in view of their location their repatriation is not feasible.

Colonello bersagi	<u>RAMARDI</u> Alfredo
Ten. Col. paracadut.	<u>BARBICOVICH</u> Mario
Ten. Col. artigl.	<u>DEVOTO</u> Giovanni
Maggiore fanteria	<u>BAGLIO</u> Pasquale
Maggiore artigl.	<u>FISCICELLI</u> Odesio
Maggiore artigl.	<u>MULAS</u> Grissanto
Capitano autom.	<u>MIJNO</u> Aldo
Tenente di vascello	<u>STAGI</u> Angelo

b. Capitano de LORENZO is not available for release as he is occupying an important position in direct support of US Army activities in this Theater.

c. Action is being taken for release of Lt. Col. DEPOLITO, Armando, when security screening carried out.

d. Maggiore Commis. VIGNOLA, Umberto, was repatriated from North Africa 24 Feb 44.

"Enquiries concerning the other PWs referred to in your letter are being made through British sources."

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ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

cc: Army Sub-Commission

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1170ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.6

14 June 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian PW.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

1. Reference your CC/G/222 of 22 April and paragraph 3 of MCS: 386.3 of 14 May, G.I.(B) now report that the release of the undermentioned has been approved.

2nd list
TOMMING Mario #21
MARINETTI Mario #22
SANTINI Waldo #23
FOLIO Secondo #24

APO 394

15 June 1944
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2. G.I.(B) further state that applications in respect of the remaining prisoners of war have been forwarded to the Commands concerned.

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For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN

Major

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Ref. CC/G/390.

12th. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: High Commissioner for Prisoners of War,
Italian Government,
Salerno.

Folio #36

Reference your letter No. 123 POL of 2 May.

1. This question affects prisoners of war in both American and British care throughout the world and it has, therefore, been necessary to refer it to higher authority. I will inform you in due course when I receive a decision.
2. I would add that the number of Italian prisoners of war over 50 years of age in North Africa is small and the release of some of them has already been effected.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Office of the Chief of Staff

HQ ACC, APO 324
Sgt. Gen.
Rec'd 7 June 1944
By JAG

2 June 1944

My dear Noel.

Thank you for your CC 014.33 of 22 May.

As this matter affects not only British-owned prisoners of war in this theatre, but American and British-owned throughout the world, the matter has been referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

I would add that the number of Italian prisoners of war over 50 years of age here is small, and the release of some of these has already been effected.

J. A. H. Gamell
J. A. H. GAMELL
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

Sir
Lieutenant General F.N. Mason Macfarlane, CB, DSO, MC,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

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Approve proposal in your M 197 of 13 May, limited however to those not required for present P/W service units. Suggest that, to screen for professional attainments and attachment to United Nations, party might include civil judicial officer in addition to General Truina and a discriminating representative of Allied control commission.

Desirable you communicate in advance statement of prerequisites, in order that G-1 may make survey and complete list of persons available.

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Ref. CC/G/327.

23rd. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM,

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: G.5.)

folio #39

1. Your No.MGS 014.12 of 11th. May.
2. I am sorry that the response to my request for repatriation of Carabinieri P.W. looks like being so small.
3. I would again emphasise the fact that the value of these men in Italy is infinitely greater than it can be elsewhere. They are practically irreplaceable here whereas elsewhere their duties could probably be performed equally well by other personnel.
4. I am now endeavouring to arrange for the repatriation of Carabinieri P.W. from East Africa and will keep you informed of developments.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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CC 014.33

22 May 1944

1. Enclosed is a translation of a memorandum from the Italian Government making certain proposals, for humanitarian reasons, for the repatriation (a) of all Italian prisoners of war over the age of sixty and (b) of those over the age of fifty as soon as they have completed two years as prisoners of war.

2. This proposal is based upon Article 72 of the Geneva Convention and attention is drawn to an arrangement made in 1918 between the French and German Governments whereby POW's and soldiers who had been prisoners for eighteen months and were more than forty-eight years old were released.

3. According to the Italian authorities there are only some forty prisoners of more than sixty years of age, and the enclosed memorandum suggests that prisoners over fifty should be repatriated at the rate of 250 a month. This latter proposal has been made in order to place as little a burden as possible upon transport facilities and, subject to this consideration, there is no doubt of the good political effect in Italy should it be possible to meet this Italian request in whole or even in part. As I have previously reported, the existence of a very large body of prisoners of war outside Italy is a matter of pressing concern to the Italian Government and people, and any measure taken to alleviate this situation must have wide repercussions both in the Army itself and in the public at large. At a time when we are proceeding, without the agreement of the Italian Government, to organize Italian prisoners of war for work not authorized by the Geneva Convention it would be particularly helpful if some such measure as the one now proposed by the Italian Government could be carried out.

4. It will be noted that this proposal has nothing to do with the plan whereby lists of 25 officers are forwarded from time to time (see our memoranda CC/P/105 and CC/P/222 of the 25th February and the 22nd of April) for release for employment with the Italian forces.

5. Copies are enclosed for the offices of the British Resident Minister and the American Political Adviser. Copies have been forwarded to Sir Noel Guinness and Mr. Alexander Kirk.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE 6822
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General James A. H. Gammell, CB, DSO, MC
Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

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DCC 014.33

18 May 1944

Dear General Dapino:

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It has just come to my attention that acknowledgement was not made of General Gazzera's letter N. 123 Pol of 2 May 1944 relative to the repatriation of prisoners of war for humanitarian reasons. The delay was due to the fact that the officer representing the Army Sub-Commission at this headquarters has been assigned to another status and a new officer has taken over.

The proposals contained in the letter are receiving consideration.

Yours truly,

See for further reply

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Vincenzo Dapino *for the*
The High Commissioner for PW
Cava Dei Tirreni

cc: Army Sub-Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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S-2957

14 May 1944

MGS: 386.3

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian PW.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

21 May 1945
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for #78

1. Reference is made to your CC/G/222 of 22 April.
2. Enquiries have been completed so far as the PWs called for are in American custody and the following is the result of the enquiries made.

a) The following officers are in U.S. custody in the United States and in view of their location their repatriation is not feasible.

Colonello bersagl.
Ten. Col. paracadut.
Ten. Col. artigl.
Maggiore fanteria
Maggiore artigl.
Maggiore artigl.
Capitano autom.
Tenente di vascello

RAMONDI Alfredo
ZANNINGVICH Mario
DEVOTO Giovanni
BAGLIVO Pasquale
PISCICELLI Oderisio
MULAS Crissanto
MIJNC Aldo
STAGI Angelo

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b) Capitano de LORENZO is not available for release as he is occupying an important position in direct support of US Army activities in this Theater.

c) Action is being taken for release of Lt. Col. IPPOLITO, Armando, when security screening carried out.

d) Maggiore Commiss. VIGNOLA, Umberto was repatriated from North Africa 24 Feb 44.

3. Enquiries concerning the other PWs referred to in your letter are being made through British sources.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman 6826

T. B. JACKMAN
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GEN MACFARLANE

A.F.H.Q.

AS YOU KNOW CMA ONE OF MY PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE JUDICIAL FIELD LIES IN THE INADEQUATE SUPPLY OF ITALIAN JUDGES AND LEGAL OFFICERS PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MGS FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN I UNDERSTAND THAT A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER COULD BE FOUND IN THE RANKS OF PRISONERS OF WAR HELD BY US PD PARA TWO PD IF YOU CAN OBTAIN SANCTION I WOULD LIKE TO SEND GENERAL TRAINA CMA WHO IS APPROXIMATELY JAG OF ITALIAN ARMY CMA TO NORTH AFRICA IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO SEE WHAT PERSONNEL IS AVAILABLE PD HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICER OF ACC PD PARA THREE PD GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW EARLIEST POSSIBLE YOUR REACTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL PD IT IS VERY NECESSARY TO EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBILITY OF FINDING REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE ITALIAN JUDICIARY AS THE PROBLEM WILL INEVITABLY BECOME ACUTER THE MORE TERRITORY WE TRANSFER TO ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Military Government Section

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AFPO 394

Sec. 1710

14 May 1944

11 May 1944

MCS: 014.12

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Carabinieri Personnel

TO : H.Q., Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference is made to the Chief Commissioner's letter of 23 April enclosing copy of a memorandum from General Pieche who commands the Carabinieri.

2. The letter above referred to has been brought to the attention of the Chief Administrative Officer who caused investigation to be made with a view to seeing what officers and men of the Carabinieri held in North Africa could be made available for repatriation. The results of these investigations appear below in paragraphs 3 and 4.

3. So far as Carabinieri Officers are concerned it is stated that 6 in all have been handed back by the British and that so far as is known there are no others in British custody. On the American side 16 were originally registered by them but except in the case of two whose repatriation is being arranged it is not possible to repatriate any more either because of the key positions they are holding or because of their pronounced Fascist views.

4. In the case of Carabinieri other ranks it is not possible to spare more than 50 for repatriation as the balance held are being used for essential duties here but the 50 have been assembled and are now awaiting orders to embark to Italy.

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief of Section.

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14 MAY 1944
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SUBJECT :-

Application for release of wounded
Italian Prisoners of War.

Secy General
 HQ ACC, APO 30
 Sec'y Gen.
 Rec'd 14 May 1130
 By DFE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1/B/2192/A2.9 May 44.

Chief Commissioner,
 Allied Control Commission.

folio #34

Reference your CC/G/234 dated 26 Apr 44.

1. There is no objection to the release of the Italian prisoners of war whose names are given in the nominal roll attached to your letter.
2. This headquarters should please be advised of the expected times and points of departure and arrival of these released PW in order that the concerned Port Security Officers may be informed.
3. In view of the inquiries which have to be made here before any prisoners of war can be released, it is regretted that authority for release cannot be delegated by this Headquarters, which, however, would always welcome your advice on any case which is submitted.

A.L. Elsworth 6817

A.L. ELSWORTHY, Brigadier,
 for Major General,
 DAG, G-1(British).

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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6 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Repatriation of PW.

TO : Secretary General, Main HQ. A.C.C., NAIRES.

Reference Chief Commissioner's letter No. CC/G/235 of 26 April.

Para 3.

I will see the Chief Commissioner about the submission of names of PW required for civil departments of State, being forwarded by Admin. and Econ. Sections, rather than through this office.

Para 2.

It is noted that the question of policy has been submitted to A.F.H.Q. Please inform the Chief Commissioner that as far as the specific case is concerned i.e. the repatriation of the 11 disabled men in CATANIA, these men can be now repatriated without reference to A.F.H.Q. on account of A.A.I. letter No. AAI/3072/A(o) dated 25 April. Application has accordingly been forwarded to GSI(b), A.A.I. If they agree, No. 1 District, will be asked to repatriate the men forthwith.

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G. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

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TRANSMISSIONTHE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
PRISONERS OF WAR

Cava dei Tirreni, 2 May 1944

No. 123 Pol.

SUBJECT: Repatriation for humanitarian reasons.

TO : A.D.C. BALEMBO.

1. The Royal Government is receiving requests from families here in Italy and from the camps of prisoners of war in Allied hands, that for elderly prisoners, prisoners long held in detention, or in particularly serious family conditions, the regulations of Article 72 of the Geneva Convention of 27 July 1929, might be applied; which reads as follows: "During the continuance of hostilities, and for humanitarian reasons, belligerents may conclude agreements with a view to the direct repatriation or accommodation in a neutral country of prisoners of war in good health who have been in captivity for a long time."

The Royal Government has also received the memorandum addressed to the Government of the belligerent states of the 15th of February 1944, from the International Red Cross Committee which on page 3 states:

"On the other hand on the month of August 1943 the International Committee permitted itself to draw the attention of the belligerent states who are most interested of the means offered by Article 72 of the Convention of 1929, to conclude arrangements with the prospect of repatriation or hospitalization in neutral countries of prisoners of war who had been long in captivity. In this respect a note was taken of the agreement of 13 March 1943 between the German and French Governments stipulating the repatriation of MGs and soldiers who had been in captivity for 18 months and aged more than 45 years and of the hospitalization in Switzerland of officers corresponding to the same conditions."

2. The Allied powers doubtless feel, as does the Royal Italian Government, the full importance of this appeal made by the International Committee, appreciating the strong humanitarian reasons which call as to take heed of the pitiful voices of the families and of the prisoners of war themselves, and understand surely the particular conditions of Italy, who in making every effort to bring all its help possible to the battle line and behind the line, even far behind, towards the common victory.

The Royal Government therefore, earnestly hopes and begs that the Allied authorities might come to an agreement with it to gradually repatriate the prisoners of war which come under the conditions of Article 72 of the

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3. Our proposals, offered here below, must take into consideration the following points, if they are to remain a practical possibility:

- a. The large number of soldiers at present in British hands
- b. The fact that about half of them have been prisoners more than two years.
- c. The distinct places to where most of them have been taken, and the difficulty of sea or air transport required for repatriation.

It is, of course, needless to consider the solution of sending to neutral countries the soldiers who could enjoy the dispositions of Article 72; the fact of our co-belligerency puts this measure in an absurd light, assuming and not permitting it to be practically feasible.

For the same reason we make no distinction between officers, NCOs and troops, as was made in 1918, though under entirely different circumstances.

(No. 123 Pol, 2 May 1944, fr Gen Canziani).

The Italian authorities do not dispute, at present, or the statistical data which was collected at Rome regarding prisoners of war, and it is not possible to supply more than very approximate figures, useful nevertheless, to carry forward the argument.

Lastly, we wish to point out that we consider the message No. DOG 044.33 sent on 7 March by the A.C.G. (which states that prisoners of war may only be repatriated on presentation of lists of 25 at a time by the Italian authorities) as referring to requests occasioned by the needs of the Italian armed forces, and not to other repatriations for humanitarian reasons.

4. This agreed, we calculate the number of soldiers detained in Allied prisoners of war camps who are beyond 60 years of age or reach 60 years during 1944, is not more than 40, dispersed throughout a few camps in U.S.A., India, East Africa, North Africa, Middle East, and perhaps a few in Russia. They are nearly all Generals and superior officers; there are very few cases of lower grade.

We propose that they all be repatriated unconditionally, regardless of the length of time they have been prisoners. Most of them, however, are prisoners since the first or second year of war, that is they have been in captivity at least two years.

The fact that they are dispersed in various parts of the world seems to render possible their repatriations and in short time, even with the scarcity of available opportunities.

5. We calculate too that the prisoners of war detained in Allied camps who are older than 50 years or reach 50 years of age during 1944 do not number more than 2500. They are mostly officers; a few are NCOs and privates.

They are dispersed in a greater number of countries than those indicated in No. 4.

It is probably that about half of them, i.e. 1200, will, from the 1st of June, be prisoners since not less than 2 years and that another 2500 will complete their two years of imprisonment during 1944.

We suggest that these soldiers who are not less than 50 years of age, be repatriated gradually according as they complete their two years as prisoners of war, at a total monthly rate of 250.

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6. In order to take into account the prisoners whose families are in particularly piteous conditions, whom the Commissioner for Prisoners of War would point out one by one, giving the humanitarian reasons for repatriation, we suggest that altogether 500 others monthly might be allowed to be repatriated.

7. Thus, assuming beyond the few repatriations suggested in No. 6, other 500 monthly might be permitted to repatriated by sea or by air, ending from many directions, in order to accomplish this highly humanitarian duty. It would have a most favourable effect on the whole Italian population, who would be very grateful to the Allied powers. The Italian effort of co-operation would be greatly increased, especially from the spiritual point of view.

8. The above conditions should not, of course, influence the repatriations already taking place, of the wounded, sick and invalids following the proposals of the mixed medical commissions established by article 69 of the Geneva Convention.

9. The proposals given here above, referring only to elderly soldiers or piteous cases, do not interfere with the agreement which it is hoped may be established with the Allied powers regarding total and free employment for all soldiers still stationed as prisoners of war.

(No. 123 Pol., 2 May 1944 fr Gen Gatzert).

However, when the Allied Powers agree to our proposals, which we hope, we would add a few directions to ensure that wherever there are prisoners of war there will be a few officers of high grade capable of organizing the prisoners for the fulfillment of the agreement.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
(Sd) General Pietro GAZZERA

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TRANSLATION NO. 378

R. ROMANO

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW
No. 123 Pol.

CAVA DEI TIRRENTI, 2ND MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation for humanitarian reasons.

TO : A.C.C. SALERNO.

1. The Royal Government is receiving requests from families here in ITALY and from the camps of prisoners of war in Allied hands, that

follows: "During the continuance of hostilities, and for humanitarian reasons, belligerent may conclude agreements with a view to the direct repatriation or accommodation in a neutral country of prisoners of war in good health who have been in captivity for a long time."

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repatriate the prisoners of war which come under the conditions of Article 72 of the Geneva Convention.

3. Our proposals, offered here below, must take into consideration the following points, if they are to remain a practical possibility:

- The large number of soldiers at present in British hands.
- The fact that about half of them have been prisoners for more than two years.
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It is, of course, needless to consider the solution of sending to neutral countries the soldiers who could enjoy the dispositions of Article 72: the fact of our co-belligerency puts this measure in an absurd light, assuming and not permitting it to be practically feasible.

For the same reason we make no distinction between officers, N.C.Os and troopers, as was made in 1918, though under entirely different circumstances.

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8. The above conditions should not - of course - influence the repatriations already taking place of the wounded, sick and invalids following the proposals of the mixed medical commissions established by Article 69 of the Geneva Convention.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER 6813
7s/ General Pietro GAZZERA

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Ref. CC/G/235.

26th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Lieut-Colonel G.W. Quin-Smith,
Army Sub-Commission, Salerno.

follow #29

1. Your No. 98298 of 23rd. April.
2. Your Para 1. I have asked General Browning if he agrees to my pressing this with A.F.H.Q..
3. Your Para. 2.. I have submitted the question to A.F.H.Q. and have asked for a ruling in this specific case and also on the question of policy.
4. Your Para 3.. I do not follow this. Please speak to me about this next time we meet.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Ref. CC/G/234.

26th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM;

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: M.G.S.)

*for info # 24
file # 13 - 61444*

1. The following is an extract from a memorandum just received from General GAZZERA, High Commissioner for Italian P.O.W....
2. "For humanitarian motives I ask the Commission for the release and return to their families of the Italian P.W. listed in the attached form. These soldiers are all mutilated and are at present in the P.W. hospital, Santa Marta, in Catania. They have been visited recently by His Excellency, Marshal Badoglio, who has expressed the desire to see them released as soon as possible".
3. The list referred to is enclosed.
4. Will you please inform me whether -
 - (a) I may agree to the release of these badly wounded P.W. and
 - (b) If you agree, whether in similar cases I may authorise release on my own responsibility after taking medical advice.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief-Commissioner.

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Ref. CC/O/233.

26th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Major-General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC.
Director, Army Sub-Commission.

12517/OP (plus #27)

1. I enclose herewith copy of a letter from General INFANTE which has been sent to me by Quin-Smith.
2. Please let me know if you agree to my pressing A.F.H.Q. to secure the repatriation of these officers.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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In reply refer to:
DCC 014.33

25 April 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

For your information, General MacFarlane has forwarded the second list of Prisoners of War to Allied Force Headquarters with a strong recommendation for their early repatriation.

Yours faithfully,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

cc: Army Sub-Commission

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: Release of Italian Prisoners of War.

W.O. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
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HQ 1 District
HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District

1. Application for release of individual Italian Prisoners of War on other than strong medical or compassionate grounds will no longer be considered, except in SICILY (see para 4 below). All POW will be so informed.
2. The authority to release Italian POW on strong medical or compassionate grounds is hereby delegated to Commanders of Districts. Applications will not be considered unless they are accompanied by strong supporting evidence to justify release. Authority will not be given until C.S.I.'s approval has been obtained.
3. The power to grant release will be exercised in such a way that Italian POW are not afforded more favourable treatment than British and American soldiers, serving in the theatre, receive under parallel circumstances.
4. The release of Italian POW in SICILY may be authorized by Commander 1 District where the services of the POW concerned are specifically asked for by HQ Allied Control Commission, or the Allied or Italian Military Authorities.
5. In all cases where release is authorized, a copy of the authorization will be despatched to GHQ 2nd Echelon, DMAP.
6. A nominal return of releases during the previous month will be forwarded to reach this Headquarters by the 4th day of the month following.
7. POW on release, revert to the status of Italian soldiers. They must therefore, upon release, be handed over to the Italian Military Authorities. In cases of release on compassionate grounds or on account of ill-health, Italian Military Authorities will take such action as is necessary as regards leave, discharge, etc.

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In cases where release is granted at request of HQ Allied Control Commission or Allied Military Authority, the authority requesting release will be responsible for arranging with Italian Military Authorities for discharge, and will ensure that personnel so discharged are informed, employed on the particular duties for which their release from POW status was granted.

(Signed) (Lt. Col.)

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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(For)

- Copy to G1 HQ, AFHQ.
- GIC 2nd Echelon.
- HQ Allied Control Commission.
- Army Sub-Commission/ACC
- GSI (b) HQ AAI.
- G1 (American)
- C.O., P.F.S.

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23rd. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.

- filed #25
1. I enclose a copy of a memorandum from General Picche, Commanding the Carabinieri.
 2. I am in agreement with practically everything that he says.
 3. The Carabinieri have proved invaluable to us on the public safety side and it is in my opinion most necessary to do everything we can to ensure an adequate supply of Carabinieri to meet the situation as and when we advance further into Italy. It is impossible to increase the Carabinieri by untrained intakes as their value lies largely in their special training, esprit de corps, and good discipline.
 4. I have already taken up the question of clothing, equipment and arms locally, and am continuing to do so. If I require any more help in this direction I will let you know.
 5. In the meantime I can only say that I would warmly welcome and strongly recommend the repatriation of as many Carabinieri personnel held by us as Prisoners of War at the earliest possible date.
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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE 6804
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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QS298

23 April 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of PW.

TO : Secretary General, Main HQ. A.C.C., Naples.

Reference attached letter No. 12517/OP dated 19 April, from General INFANTE.

1. As the matter appears urgent, the Chief Commissioner may agree to consider this matter over and above the list of 25 names forwarded by the Deputy Chief Commissioner on 21 April (014.33). As the Generals concerned are in U.S.A. and KENYA, it is suggested a cable might be sent.

2. Reference attached letter from the High Commissary for PW, para 3. No. 13 Mil. dated 14 April. These men appear to be all disabled for life. From recent signals it appears that 170 sick PW are about to arrive in Italy. It thus appears that the principle of repatriation of non-active PW has been accepted, but in default of a policy, it is not known if they are to be limited to cases who are permanently disabled. For this reason it is suggested that the matter be represented to A.F.H.Q. and that a policy be asked for.

3. Reference attached letter from the High Commissary for PW, para 2, No. 13 Mil. dated 14 April. This matter is being represented at my request by the Naval Sub-Commission. It appears that many PW who have a high "civil" value but who (usually) hold comparatively low Army rank, would best be represented by Sub-Commission dealing with other Ministries than the Armed Forces. A fairer priority demand in regard to A.C.C. activities would then be secured, than if the names were submitted to the Comando Supremo whose lists naturally tend to have a high "Services" flavour. I have also represented this point to the Administrative Section.

G. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

Copy to:
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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22nd. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.

folio #12

Reference my No. CC/G/105 of 26th. February.

1. I enclose herewith copy of a second list of Italian Officer P.O.W.s. received from Marshal Messe.
2. This is the second list giving the names of Italian Officer P.O.W.s. whose repatriation is earnestly requested by the Comando Supremo for duty with the armed forces in Italy.
3. I recommend that these Officers be repatriated as soon as can be conveniently arranged and that their repatriation should not pend the repatriation of all the Officers in List One as some of the latter were situated in very distant camps.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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4°) " fanteria	NATALE Pasquale	- Bombay campo 26
X 5°) Ten.Col. paracadut.	ZANNINOVICH Mario	- Egitto campo 304
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7°) " " "	AVALLONE Vincenzo	- U.S.A.
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X 14°) " "	MULAS Griassanto	- Campo Hereford -U.S.A.
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✓ 22°) " "	MARTINETTI Mario	- Campo 204 - Algeri
✓ 23°) Tenente genio navale	SANTINI Waldo	- Campo 204 - Algeri
✓ 24°) " " "	FOLLO Secondo	- Campo 204 - Algeri
✓ 25°) Maggiore Commiss.R.M.	VIGNOLO Uberto	- Orano campo 132

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Translation No. 259 - Sgt. Sorisi - 19 April 1944

SUPREME COMMAND
OFFICE OF OPERATIONS.

File No. 12517/OP

As two Generals shortly are to be relieved of their high commands, H.E. the Marshal Messe would like at the earliest possible moment, and over and above regular officers' repatriation list already sent on file 12406/OP of 14 April, to ask for repatriation,-

- (1) The Army General NASI (presently in KENYA).
- (2) Acting General TREZZANI (presently at Monticello, Arkansas, U.S.A).

I would be very grateful if you use your good offices in interesting higher Allied authorities.

(sgd) ADOLFO INFANTE
Deputy Chief of General Staff.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Additional Personnel and Equipment
for CC.RR.

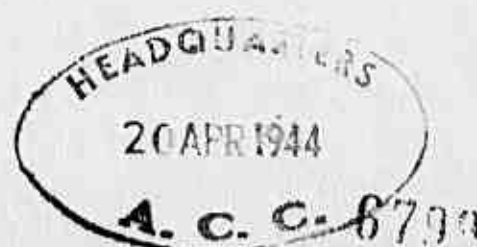
TO : Vice President ACC, Administrative Section.

1. Herewith is a translation of a SECRET communication from General Pieche, Commanding General of the Carabinieri Reali to the Minister of War and the Minister of the Interior.

2. It is submitted that Gen. Pieche properly states the problem, accurately portrays the existing conditions, and pointedly indicates the feasible remedy.

3. The Chief Commissioner has from the beginning evinced his interest in the repatriation of Carabinieri who are prisoners of war. Pursuant to a request from the Executive Commissioner a list of fifty-six officers whose services were especially desired, was furnished, supplementing a shorter list submitted on Feb. 7. Included in the March list was Gen. Taddei, reported to be a prisoner of war in India, whose qualifications were set forth in particular. The bulk of the personnel, both commissioned and enlisted are said to be in East Africa. Thus far as of March 31, AFHQ have been able to assure us that two majors will be released.

4. Insofar as uniforms and equipment are concerned, all that this sub-commission can do has already been done. The Army Sub-Commission has been so advised, since the source of supplies is Italian Military Stores. As of March 28, information was received that 3000 sets of re-dyed British type clothing had been allocated. This however, has not as yet been received, and when received will meet only part of the immediate urgent needs. This office is not aware of what plans there may be for the tactical employment of the units of the Italian Army, or upon what basis priorities have been determined by the War Ministry for the issuance of clothing and equipment. It does seem, however, that recognition must be given to the fact that the Carabinieri will have an important and continuing mission of operational significance to perform in any event, and recognition should be given to the fact that the Carabinieri are the first Arm of the Italian Army.



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5. It is recommended that the Chief Commissioner be informed of the classified letter sent by Gen. Pieche and that the Italian War Ministry be again impressed with the urgent need for clothing and equipment, and renewed efforts be made to bring about the repatriation of CCRR who are prisoners of war as soon as possible. ✓

Paul G. Kirk

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

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The Chief Commissioner:

*I can add nothing to this clear
statement of the case.*

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Translation

15 April 1944

HQ CORR LIBERATED ITALY - Recruiting Office

Nº 65/16-1943

SUBJECT: Provision for Employment by Arma of Additional
Personnel in Territory yet to be occupied -
Personnel of Arma Prisoners of War.

TO : Minister of War
Minister of Interior

Copy to Gen. GAZZERA - High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Departing from the axiomatic principle that the war will be won by the Allied Nations, the moment will consequently arrive when Anglo-American troops will occupy all of Italy.

The populations under the Fascist regime will be at least tainted, if not permeated with fascism which must be erased as quickly as possible.

To re-establish order will require a strong police force.

Do the Allied Nations have such police forces available to be able by themselves to control and screen the rest of Italian territory? I do not believe so, judging from the numbers now available in the liberated territories and which appear to be few in comparison with the job at hand. Therefore, it will require the collaboration of the Italian police forces, which, with its better psychic insight of the Italian peoples, could render itself very useful.

Judging from the numerous testimonials of praise which I have received and am receiving from Allied officers of all ranks and branches, I believe that the collaboration of the Arma is appreciated and esteemed.

Hence, it may be assumed that the Arma will be entrusted with new territories in collaboration with Allied troops and police in the maintenance of public order.

But for this force to be able to handle the exigencies of the morrow, enlarging its sphere of action and diluting its forces, it will be necessary to start preparing now for conditions of perfect efficiency to be achieved.

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It is foreseen that the occupation of the rest of Italy may be very rapid if, as we all hope, Germany suddenly collapses.

And if this should suddenly happen, how can we confront it? The Arma itself has undertaken duties of war and of occupation. It is getting back, but good intentions alone are not enough to reacquire its old prestige and efficiency.

Uniforms are still lacking although we have had promises for months; shoes are lacking; weapons are defective; the number of officers and troops is lacking.

It is true that it may be presumed that many carabinieri who have disbanded so as not serve in the republican guard will return to the Arma; but under what conditions? In civilian clothes, without arms, emaciated from the long period under the strain. And we must clothe them with uniforms which we do not have, arm them with defective weapons, feed them with a dwindling food supply, organize them under officers who are lacking or of dubious conduct which will have to do.

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They are problems which must be considered seriously and with positive conclusions, otherwise we will be forced through sheer necessity at the earlier moments to use the Fascist Republican Guard, to be screened at a later moment.

I do not have sufficient officers even for the present needs, those borrowed from other branches of military service will be of help, but will hardly be sufficient to plug the more urgent leaks.

The enrollment of troops is progressing badly; the leftist parties are spreading contrary propaganda. In spite of high wages offered by the Allies to whomsoever works for them, low spirits and the major risks and doubts of an unclear future for the police, have resulted in that of eight thousand recruits requested, hardly 2000 have been enrolled.

With the present force, we can handle Rome inclusive, but beyond Rome, it will be necessary to remove numerous Carabinieri from Liberated Italy, and which does not seem to me to be a wise move in view of the present confused conditions, (politics, food situation, etc.).

One prime and efficacious aid, the one immediate efficacious aid in solving the more urgent problems is the liberation of officers and troops of the Arma who are prisoners. There are amongst them the better elements, the younger, the more physically adept, almost all in the regular service.

To have them, clothe them, and give back to them a little something would be a question of but a month at the most and they would be ready for their new job with certain confidence in performing it well.

But all pleas, requests, promises, have to-date remained fruitless. Only one officer has been repatriated (except those of the S.I.M who remained with it) and he, strange as it may seem, was a "squadrista".

I am permitting myself to insist because from now on we must look to the future and come to a decision that will be timely, definite, and practicable.

The police problem in the occupation of the rest of Italy is an important matter with us and for the Allied with whom the Arma would like to be in a position so that it may collaborate properly and honorably.

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THE COMMANDING GENERAL
(Sgd) Giuseppe Pieche.

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TRANSLATION No. 238 ^{COM} Bonanni April 18, 1944

High Commissioner for PW Cava dei Tirreni
File No. 13 Mil. TO: ACC SALERNO, APO 394
April 14, 1944.

SUBJECT: Requests for the repatriation of prisoners.

With reference to your letter QSL74 dated 2nd April 1944 with the subject "Italian PW".

1. I wish to thank you for your kind communication regarding the repatriation of Italian officers in groups of 25.

On this matter I wish to inform you that, on the basis of the tasks entrusted to me by His Majesty's Government, from now on this office will send the Commission the requests for repatriation.

2. As regards the reply to my letter file No. 1/M of March 28 on the return of Col. PIAZZA, who is a PW in Sicily, I again make the request for his release, since this officer is already in Italy and therefore no great difficulties whether of transport or any other nature, hinder his release.

3. For the same reasons and for humanitarian motives, I ask the Commission for the release and return to their families of the Italian PW listed in the attached form. These soldiers are all mutilated and are at present in the PW hospital, Santa Marta, in Catania. They have been visited recently by His Excellency Marshal Badoglio who has expressed the desire to see them released as soon as possible.

High Commissioner
Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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Form attached to letter file No. 13 M11.

MUTILATED ITALIAN PW HOSPITALISED IN SANTA MARTA HOSPITAL IN CATANIA

NO.	RANK	NAME AND SURNAME	DIAGNOSIS	HCM
1.	Lt.	Paola FRANZA	Amputation in mid section of right arm.	Noto
2.	Private	Salvatore BONANNO	External fracture of right leg. Leg shortened.	Pate
3.	Private	Giuseppe ZAPPALA	External fracture with loss of bone in right leg with a lateral deviation of same.	Calta
4.	Private	Antonino DI MARCO	Amputation of mid section of left leg.	Mee
5.	Private	Francesco GUERCI	Paralysis of right cubital.	Ogl Mar
6.	Private	Gioachino NAPOLITANO	Amputation of lower right limb, and section of thigh.	Pag (Sa
7.	Private	Marco LUCIANI	Loss of right eye.	Sir
8.	Private	Raffaele FUSCO	Fracture of right leg. Badly joined, shortening of leg.	S.L Mag (B
	Private	Giovanni CARIO	Amputation of right forearm,	Noz esi zar
10.	Lance Cpl.	Cataldo LEONE	Loss of right eye.	Bar
11.	Private	Pietro BOVA	Loss of left eye.	Sov Mar (Ca

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Form attached to letter file No. 13 Mil. Apr 14 44

POW HOSPITALISED IN SANTA MARTA HOSPITAL IN CATANIA

NAME AND SURNAME	DIAGNOSIS	HOME TOWN
FRANZA	Amputation in mid section of right arm.	Noto (Siracusa)
more BONANNO	External fracture of right leg. Leg shortened.	Paterno (Catania)
ope ZAPPALA	External fracture with loss of bone in right leg with a lateral deviation of same.	Caltanissetta.
ino DI MARCO	Amputation of mid section of left leg.	Messina
esco GUERCI	Paralysis of right cubital.	Ogliastro Marina (Salerno)
ino NAPOLITANO	Amputation of lower right limb, and section of thigh.	Pagani (Salerno)
LUCIANI	Loss of right eye.	Siret (Tripoli)
le PUSCO	Fracture of right leg. Badly joined, shortening of leg.	S. Lorenzo Maggiore (Benevento)
ni CARIO	Amputation of right forearm,	Nocera Tiren- esi (Catanzaro)
o LEONE	Loss of right eye.	Bari
BOVA	Loss of left eye.	Soveria Mannelli (Catanzaro)

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10 APR 1944

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In reply refer to:
DCC 383.6

10 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prisoner of War, Releases

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section, Rear Hq ACC

1. Referring to your letter of 5 April. The following policy will apply:
- a. Sub-commissions should only request the return of Prisoners of War in the most exceptional cases.
 - b. All such requests shall be cleared through this office.
 - c. Requests which have been approved by this office will then be forwarded to Public Safety for vetting as recommended in your para 7. If the POW is approved by Public Safety for repatriation, the necessary application papers will be prepared for the signature of the DCC.
2. Will you kindly advise all Sub-Commissions in your section.

MELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394
 ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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5 Apr 44

SUBJECT: Prisoners of War. Releases.

A. : Deputy Chief Commissioner.

1. This is a request for instructions as to how applications for the release of individual prisoners of war should be dealt with. It does not deal with any larger question of general release.
2. The present policy as to the release of POW's is that they will only be released on grounds of health or where their services can be used to further the war effort.
3. When an application is received the views of the Sub-Comm responsible for the class of work which the prisoner is capable of doing decides whether or not his services are required.
4. The decision as to whether or not a release will be made in accordance with the recommendation is the function of the Army Commander holding the prisoner.
5. No precise ruling has been given as to who shall be responsible for co-ordinating the recommendations of Sub-Comms and for forwarding the requests to the Army.
6. There has been an interim decision that Interior should handle this as at that time they were interested in the release of some local government officers, but they do not seem the logical body to deal with the general question.
7. It would seem that before any recommendation is forwarded it would be desirable that some enquiry should be made as to the man's local reputation and party history. If so, the papers in every case should be sent to Public Safety who would thus probably become the most convenient co-ordinating and forwarding authority as all applications will channel to them.
8. The procedure would then be that applications would be submitted to the "using" Sub Comm to say whether or not a prisoners services are required, the papers would then be forward to Public Safety to certify that the man's background has been investigated and is satisfactory and his release is requested. Public Safety would then forward the request to the appropriate Army authority. (All correspondence being conducted on the file of the originating Sub Comm).
9. May a decision as to the procedure to be followed be made please and circulated to all concerned.

STANBATE,
 VP Adm Sec.

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2 APR 1944

MS/hjp

In reply refer to:
DCC 383.6

1 April 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Prisoners of War

Dear General Infante:

You are familiar with the procedure agreed upon with Marshal Messe in seeking repatriation of Prisoners of War whereunder the first list of 25 names has been forwarded to AFHQ and on which some progress has been made as I telephoned you this morning.

We have now received from the Ministry of War through the Army Sub-Commission a new list of 25 names which appears to be made up of selections from all six lists, whereas the first list forwarded was supposed to include the 25 officers whose return was most urgently needed.

If the attached list is intended to be a revised list No. 2, it should not of course include the first nine names already forwarded on list No. 1.

I should be grateful if you can straighten out this matter for us which seems to be a little confused.

Yours very truly,

MILROY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Comando Supremo

cc: Army Sub-Commission

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5)- " " "	RODA	-U.S.A.
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7)- " fanteria	POLLINI	-U.S.A.
8)-Ten. Colonn. S.M.	TRAMONTANO	-Bombay (Fven Nagar)
9)-Cappellano militare padre	SALZA	-Inghilterra campo 4
10)-Colonnello artiglieria	POSTICIONE	-Sudan (Erba)
11)-Ten. Colonn. S.S.M.	CALPA	-U.S.A.
12)- " " "	AVALLONE	-U.S.A.
13)-Capitano cc.rr.	C. SANO	-Egitto campo 304 (Helouan)
14)- " autom.	BIJNO	-Algeria
15)-Colonnello fanteria	PETTERAU	-Reingorten Missouri (USA)
16)- " cavalleria	LEQUIO	-Inghilterra o U.S.A.
17)-Ten. Colonn. artiglieria	TERLIZI	-U.S.A.
18)-Generale di brigata	MANNERINI	-Inghilterra campo 4
19)-Ten. Colonn. artiglieria	PERRONE	-Algeria campo 132
20)-Maggiore fanteria	BAGLIO	-Algeria campo 132
21)-Tenente artiglieria	CORDERO DI MONTESICOLI	-Egitto campo 304 (Helouan)
22)-Colonnello bersaglieri	CHEMARDINI	-Inghilterra 67/9 U.S.A.
23)-Maggiore fanteria	POLITI	-Inghilterra o U.S.A.
24)-Colonnello fanteria	SECHI	-catt. Tunisia maggio 43
25)-Colonnello fanteria	QUIRICO	-catt. Tunisia maggio 43

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GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD EXPEDITE FAVORABLE ACTION ON MY LETTER TWO SIX
FEBRUARY PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM FATIMA PERSONAL FROM
MACFARLANE PAREN FORWARDING LIST OF NAMES OF TWENTY FIVE ITALIAN
PRISONER OF WAR OFFICERS WHOSE REPATRIATION IS URGENTLY REQUESTED

AUTHENTICATED:

ELBERT W. SAUER
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 30 Mar 1944
By 876

25 March 1944

Lieutenant General Noel Mason MacFarlane
Allied Control Commission
A.P.O. 394, U. S. Army

Dear General MacFarlane:

Reference is made to your letter of 26th February requesting information as to prospects of early repatriation of certain Italian P.W. Officers as desired by Marshal Messe.

As some delay has been encountered, I wish to advise you that three of subject officers are in U.S. custody in North Africa. Two of these (Lt Col Martinengo and Maggiore Lucia) will be repatriated immediately and the third (Capt Murero) in the near future.

Three of subject officers (Maggiore alpini Pistotti; Maggiore alpini Bianchi, and Tenente A.A.Pil. Castoldi) are in French custody in North Africa. Separate action is being taken to endeavour to obtain French assent to their release.

Inquiries concerning the remainder of subject officers are being pressed and you will be advised further. Meanwhile you might wish to advise Marshal Messe of progress in this matter to date.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. H. GAMMELL,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

ORIGINAL SENT TO BRIG DUCHESNE TOGETHER WITH COPY OF OUR CC/p/105, 26 February.

"Brig. Duchesne; For communication to Italian Gen. Staff as and if you think desirable. FNMM, 31/3. "

Copy: SF
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DS 171
25 MAR 1944

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In reply refer to:
DCC 014.33

24 March 1944

Subject: Gen. Prusci and Gen. Pitassi-Mannella

Dear Marshal Messe:

With reference to your letter of 7 March 1944, N. 11642, on the above subject, we have taken up with Allied authorities the matter of making exceptions in the case of prisoners of war who are precariously ill and we shall advise you further in this matter.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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25 MAR 1944

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In reply refer to:
DCC 014.33

24 March 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Officer Prisoners of War

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

file #14

1. Marshal Messe, Chief of the Supreme General Staff, has requested the repatriation of Lt. Gen. Luigi Frusci and Maj. Gen. Amic Pitagali-Mannella, both held as prisoners in Camp Monticello, Arkansas, U.S.A., who are stated to be precariously ill.

2. While it is appreciated that the policy is not to return prisoners of war normally from North Africa, exceptions have been appeared to be made in the case of prisoners of war who are seriously ill.

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ELDERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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13 MAR 1944In reply refer to:
DCC 014.33

12 March 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

With reference to your letter of 11 February forwarding six lists of 25 names each of P.O.W. officers for whom repatriation is desired, the first list was forwarded to AFHQ by General MacFarlane in accordance with his understanding with you. Since that time, Marshal Badoglio has requested the repatriation of certain other officers, but in order not to have any conflict in the program agreed upon with you, we have suggested, and Colonel Valenzano has concurred, that such additional names should be included in your subsequent lists. Accordingly, I am returning to you the five additional lists which we were holding pending favorable action on your first list. In this way, the subsequent lists may be kept currently revised to include any names in which Marshal Badoglio is particularly interested.

Colonel Valenzano informs me that you have been advised on the foregoing.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Col Valenzano

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Commando Supremo

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8 MAR 1944

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In reply refer to:
DGC-014.33

7 March 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

With reference to your letter 11463 of 28 February, it is regretted that the Commission is in possession of no information which would indicate a change in the policy which has been indicated to you in previous letters.

As stated in our letter of the 4th February, number 383.6, the matter of the first list of 25 suggested names for repatriation is being prosecuted. If and when it is confirmed that the officers in this list will be returned to Italy, steps will be taken to present a further list for similar action. Until such time, therefore, as this has come about, it is regretted that no useful purpose will be served in presenting further names.

The list forwarded with your letter is being retained. It is, however, suggested that as fresh names come to Your Excellency's notice, that they be embodied in the series of priority lists of 25 so that when the next is called for, they can be included as you consider desirable.

Yours very truly,

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe,
Chief of the Supreme General Staff,
Italian Government.

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Commando Supreme
Office of Operations
No. 11642

March 7, 1944

To: Allied Control Commission

SUBJECT: Gen. FRUSCI and Gen. PITASSI * MANNELLA

I should be grateful to the Commission if it would urge the proper Allied authorities for the repatriation of Lt. Gen. LUIGI FRUSCI and Maj. Gen. EMIO PITASSI - MANNELLA, both held prisoners in Camp Monticello, ARKANSAS, U.S.A., who are precariously ill.

Marshal of Italy
Chief of Staff
Giovanni Messe

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To: Deputy Chief Commissioner

14 March 1944

Reference repatriation of Prisoners of War.

Reference the attached letter from Marshal Messe translation above. It is realised that the repatriation of POW from North Africa in particular has been stopped by order of AFHQ; also that the Chief Commissioner has submitted a list of 25 important prisoners in case AFHQ will relent to this extent.

I am unaware of any AGWAR policy in regard to repatriation of POW generally. Unless therefore, the AFHQ decision rests on a general policy of cutting down repatriation, it seems reasonable that we should be able to forward cases where return is asked for on medical grounds. Some justification for this can be found in the fact that wounded POW are being regularly returned to Italy, although possibly not from North Africa. If we could get a declaration of high level with regard to medical cases suitable for repatriation held in India, U.S.A., Great Britain etc., it would facilitate dealing with individual applications such as that attached.

A similar case was received recently where medical authorities in West Africa recommended the return of a consumptive prisoner. This was actually forwarded by AFHQ asking to what place in Italy the man should be sent.

/s/ G. W. Quinsmith
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

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SUPREME COMMAND

Office of Operations

No. 11463

28 Feb 44

SUBJECT: Requests for Repatriation of Italian Prisoners

TO : A C C

Recently numerous requests have come to Marshal Badoglio from Italian soldiers and officers of all ranks, now Prisoners, who wish to be repatriated and to be assigned to units fighting the Germans.

Due to the high spirit which animates these soldiers and which has spurred them to make the specific request to fight; and because of the moral influence that their repatriation would have on War Prisoners, as well as on the Italian population, I am of the opinion that it would be timely to welcome their requests.

I should therefore be grateful to the Commission if it would arouse the favorable interest of the proper Allied authorities.

For this purpose I am attaching a list of the soldiers and officers to be repatriated, which should be considered besides those that were requested with letter 11113 of 4 Feb 44.

Marshal of Italy
Chief of Staff

Giovanni Messe

(List referred to can be located in DSG Files:
014.33 - Repatriation of POW (Special), Folio No. 16A)

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Ref. CC/P/105

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FNMM/rj

26th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. I enclose herewith a priority list of Italian P.W. Officers the return of whom is urgently requested by the Italian Comando Supremo.
2. This list cancels any previous similar lists which you may have received.
3. Some of the Italian army officer material especially in the higher ranks is extremely weak and Marshal Messe is most anxious to get these officers back to help him to put the Italian army on its legs again. Marshal Messe's request for the return of the officers on this list is strongly supported by Brigadier Duchesne and myself. I am out of touch at the moment with Admiral McGregor but I am reasonably certain that he would be equally in favour of the return of the four Naval officers involved.
4. I would be grateful if you could let me know as early as possible whether there is any prospect of these officers being repatriated at a fairly early date.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

EWS/hjp

APO 394

DCC 014.33

25 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

1. Marshal Messe has submitted six lists of 25 names each, in order of priority, of officers whom the Comando Supremo are most anxious to have repatriated. The first list is forwarded herewith to be sent on with a covering letter from you to AFHQ.

2. The remaining five lists will be held here in accordance with your plan not to submit subsequent lists until favorable action has been secured.

Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
List No. 1
Italian POW

Mr. Folio #12 { I have forwarded the list with a strong recommendation to Col. A.H.P.

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By *DR*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394. Regional Control and Military Government Section. *NF*Ref: 77/3/CA.

20th February 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Prisoners of War - Medical.

To : Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. The Chief of the Army Sub-Commission has represented to me that there is a shortage of medical officers in the Italian Army and a serious shortage of civil practitioners and specialists. The Italian General Staff has asked that a considerable number of medical officers who are now prisoners of war in North Africa and other theatres should be released and repatriated. Men of age groups prior to 1910 have been asked for and I consider that these needs should be met at once. Their repatriation will benefit both the Italian Army and the civil population and at the same time it will fulfil Allied obligations under Articles 9 and 12 of the Geneva Convention. The matter, in my opinion, should be dealt with quite separately from that of the normal P.O.W. procedure in view of the Geneva Convention.

2. The immediate requirements are as follows:

Surgeons	50
Internes	50
Oculists	20
Nose, ear and throat specialists	20
Neurologists	20
Dermatologists	15
Dentists	15
Hygienists	20
Children's doctors	20
X-Ray Specialists	20

3. I should be glad if early consideration could be given to this matter for the dearth of medical officers, both military and civil, may have a very serious effect both on the Army and the civil population of this country.

Seen by Maj MacFarlane
af

NORMAN MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to: Army Sub-Commission.

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18 FEB 1944

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In reply refer to: Q37

17 February 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe,
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

Your Excellency,

With reference to Allied Control Commission letter MS 383.6 of 4 February, it would be appreciated if you would forward as soon as possible your first selection of 25 officers urgently required, in order that representations for their return may be made without further delay.

For the Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission:

ELDERY S. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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FOR DUCHESNE FOR INFORMATION

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Ref your PBS 6663 of 29 Jan. Policy stated our 42781 of 25 Jan not to
Penthase (Fargo) remains in effect. Such requests from Italian Government
should be discouraged.

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In reply refer to: MS 383.6

4 February 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War.

TO: His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe,
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

Your Excellency:

The Commission has been investigating the possibility of an early return of certain Italian Prisoners of War.

From the last list forwarded by General Rossi on 25 January, the names in the first category have been examined. It is however, regretted that this list contains too many names for immediate action to be taken. Will you please, therefore, select about 25 names of officers urgently required for duty in Italy, Sicily or Sardinia and forward the list as soon as possible.

In order that further representations may be made, a series of lists of similar length should be prepared covering the remaining officers in the first category. It is considered you might like to take this opportunity of revising the names previously submitted.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Brig.

(C. C. DUCHESNE)

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31st. January, 1944.

To: Captain Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
BRINDISI.

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- folio 3*
1. Reference the list of Italian P.O.W. Officers in the first category of priority to be returned to Italy, (forwarded to you by Lieut-Colonel Quin Smith and sent on by you to me). This list is altogether too long for me to hope to press with success for the immediate return to Italy of the Officers named in it.
 2. I suggest that Brigadier Duchesne should ask Marshal Messe to let him have to start with a list of approximately 25 Officers in order of priority definitely and urgently required by Marshal Messe for duty in Italy, Sicily or Sardinia with the Italian army. I think that with any luck I will be able to get most, if not all, of a short list of this size returned to Italy reasonably quickly. Having succeeded with one short list I would then be prepared to submit another one. If, therefore, Marshal Messe likes to give me three or four similar short lists in every case in order of priority I would automatically set to work to do my best to get them repatriated list by list.
 3. Please ask Brigadier Duchesne to get on with this right away.

Lieutenant-General,
Deputy President.

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WITH REFERENCE YOUR FOUR TWO SEVEN EIGHT ONE FROST PD
 MATERIAL SERVICE HAS AGAIN URGED VERY STRONGLY THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF ITALIAN
 OFFICERS PERFER WILLIAM MIGHT BE RETURNED TO ITALY AS HE REQUIRES THEM VERY
 BADLY TO REPLACE CERTAIN UNSATISFACTORY COMMANDERS AND STAFF OFFICERS PD PERHAPS
 PAREN FARGO PAREN TO AFHQ FOR ACTION RPTD HQ ACME CMA FLAMBO CMA FATIMA FOR
 JOCHINE FOR INFO PD CITE FARGO FIVE EIGHT ONE PD IN MY OPINION THE PROVISION
 OF A SELECTED FEW ITALIAN PATER WILLIAM OFFICERS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HELP
 CONSIDERABLY IN THE REORGANISATION OF THE ITALIAN ARMY PD I PROPOSE SHORTLY
 TO SUBMIT A FRESH APPLICATION FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF ITALIAN PERFER WILLIAM
 OFFICERS BY NAME AND HOPE THAT IT MAY BECOME POSSIBLE TO RELEASE THEM.

Lm

 L.F. NICKEL,
 Lt. Col. AGO
 Adjutant 67764

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APO 394

EWS/afe

26 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

In anticipation of your return today I have been holding the attached papers.

Re Freedom's 42781 on the subject of release of Italian PW officers, I think if you plan to go to Algiers before returning here, it would be wise to ask for a less stringent rule. One of the important factors in reorganizing the Italian Army to enable them to perform some of the jobs expected of them is to get rid of some of the existing "dead wood" officer material left behind on the mainland, which I understand Messe wants to do. Moreover, the attached message goes contrary to the position which I understand that you took at the meeting with Marshal Messe in Lecce this week.

With reference to the attached communication from Admiral McGrigor on the subject of the Italian battleships, will you handle this with the Marshal or shall I reply that "there is no question of the decisions already communicated to the Minister of Marine concerning the battleships being reversed"?

We are sending to Colonel Upjohn copies of recent messages from MGS on the subject of Vatican property.

I signed for you the two letters which you dictated to AFHQ and am enclosing copies.

In connection with the document relating to the King's political intentions, we have received a reply which I am enclosing. Will you want its contents communicated to the King through Acquarone or Montanari by me?

I am enclosing a letter prepared by Brigadier Duchesne for your signature, summarizing the points covered at the Lecce meeting.

When I talked to Montanari this afternoon he said that he was quite certain that the Marshal would be prepared to discuss the PW agreement with you since he had a conference with Prunas on the subject. This evening, however, he telephoned that he was afraid the Marshal might not be ready. However I am enclosing the documents. I think you have the carbon copy with you.

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It would be appreciated if you will return any of the papers for
our files which you do not need.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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Chief of Staff:

The attached list of P.O.W. gives the names of all officers submitted by the Italian Supreme Command in the 1st category of Priority. (There are 2 others).

The name of Colonel Manno came in the day after the main list was received.

J. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)

1 Incl - List of P.O.W.

Gen. MacFarlane -
Submitted pursuant
To your personal msg.

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Answered

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a) - NEL NORD AFRICA FRANCESE

- R. Esercito :

Ten. Col. Fanteria	MARTINENGO	- campo 101
" " "	STRUFFI	- campo 132
" " Artigl.	ROMANO	- campo "
" " Genio	IPPOLITO	- " "
Maggiore Fanteria	BASSANETTI	- " "
" Artigl.	LUCIA	- " "
" "	BONELLI	- " "
Capitano Fanteria	SCULLI	- " 132
" "	ROTA	- " "
" Carristi	INGHILLERI	- 58 D.O.P.C.S.
" Artigl.	DE LORENZO	- campo 101
" "	OZZOLA	- " 142
" "	MURERO	- " "
" Genio	AGOSTONI	- " 132
Tenente "	CALAMANI	- " 101

R^e Marina :

Cap. di Vascello	VIGLIERI	- Osp. 99 Algeri
Ten. Col. Medico	LENZA	-
Maggiore Commissario	VIGNOLA	- campo 132
" Porto	TRINGALI	- Orano
Capitano G.N.	ROSATI	- campo 204
Tenente G.N.	SANTINI	- " "
" "	FOLLO	- " "
Guardiamarina	TONNINI	- " "

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b) - IN EGITTO

- R. Esercito :

Ten. Col. s.S.M.	VERANDO	- campo 304	Helouan
" " Paracad.	ZANNINOVICH	- " "	
" " "	CAMOSSO	- " "	
Maggiore "	MAUTINO	- " "	
Capitano CC.RR.	CASANO	- " "	
" Genio Parac.	DI LORENZO	- " "	
Tenente Artiglieria	CORDERO DI MONTEZEMOLO	- " "	

- R. Aeronautica :

Tenente pilota	CASTOLDI
Serg. Magg. "	BOTTAZZI

c) - IN INGHILTERRA

- R. Esercito :

Generale di Brigata	MANCINELLI	- campo n. 4
" "	MANNERINI	- " " "
" "	SCATTINI	- " " "
Colonnello S.M.	RUGGERI LADERCHI	" " "
" Artigl.	PACETTI	-
Maggiore Bersagl.	NANI	-
" Medico	GAGLIARDI	- campo n. 77
Cappellano Padre	SALZA	- " " 4

d) - NEGLI STATI UNITI D'AMERICA

- R. Esercito :

Generale d'Armata	NASI
" di divisione	BELLUCCI
" "	BRUNETTI
" "	FRATTINI
" di brigata	COSTA

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Generale di brigata	DE VINCENTIS
" " "	BIGNAMI-RICCARDI
" " "	RODA

Colonnello Fanteria	PETTINAU	- Weingarten (Missouri)
" "	FOLLINI	

Ten. Col. Artigl.	DEVOTO	- Weingarten (Missouri)
" " " (s.s.m.)	AVALLONE	
" " " "	CAMPA	
" " " "	TERLIZZI	

Maggiore Fanteria	BIANCHI
" "	PISTOLLI
" "	TROISI

Maggiore Artigl.	PISCICELLI
" "	PECA
" "	SANTANGELO
" "	MULAS
" "	TARASCA

- R. Marina:

Tenente Vascello	STASI	- Como (Missisipi)
S.Ten. Art. Mar.	FOSCARI	

e) - IN AFRICA ORIENTALE- R. Esercito:

Generale di brigata	BERANDO DI PRALORMO	- Kenya
Colonnello Artiglier.	POSTIGIONE	- Erba (Sudan)
Ten. Col. "	GONELLA PACCHIOTTI	- campo 356 Nairobi
Maggiore Alpini	STENICO	- " " "

- R. Marina:

Capitano A.N.	GAMBARDELLA	- campo 337 Sudan
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- R. Aeronautica:

Capitano pilota	TAIT	- campo 356 Nairobi
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f) - IN INDIA

R. Esercito:

Generale di Divisione	DE GIORGIS	
Ten. Colonnello S.M.	TRAMONTANO	- Bombay (Prem Nager)

R. Marina:

Ammiraglio	MANFREDI	
Cep. di Fregata	GUIDA	
" " "	MORETTI DEGLI ADIMARI	
" " "	PUGLIESE	
Ten. Col. Commissario	BELLUCCI	- campo 26 Bombay
Ten. di Vascello	DE BERNARDO	- " " "

R. Aeronautica:

Tenente pilota	PALLOTTI	
Serg. Magg. Pilota	ANASTASIA	- campo n. 16 Bombay

g) - IN SICILIA

R. Marina:

Maggiore Medico	JOVANE
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h) - LOCALITA' DI PRIGIONIA IGNOTA

R. Esercito:

Colonnello Cavalierie	LEQUIC	- catt. in Tunisia maggio 1943
" Fanteria	SECHI	- " " " " "
" Medico	CARPENTERI	- " " " " "
Maggiore Fanteria	TAVERNA	- " " "Egitto novembre 1942
" "	COLLIVA	- " " "Tunisia maggio 1943
" "	DE CECCO	- " " " " "
" "	DE VALLE	- " " " " "
" "	POLITI	- " " " " "
" "	TENCA	- " " " " "
" Medico	ALVISE ELMO	- " " " " "
" "	AZZINI	- " " " " "

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Maggiore Medico	MAURO	- catt. in Tunisia maggio 1943
" "	SPADAFORA	- " " " "
Capitano Alpini	CIELO	- " " Libia gennaio 1942
" Artigl.	LAZZI	- " " Tunisia maggio 1943
" "	VOGHERA	- " " Libia gennaio 1942
" Autom.	MIJNO	- " " Tunisia maggio 1943
Tenente Artigl.	SERRA	- " " " "
S. Ten. Cavall.	PIRZIO-BIROLI	- " " " "
Tenente Artigl.	FE' D'OSTIANI	- " " " "

R' Marina :

Cap. di Corvetta	BARONI
" " "	POUCHAIN
Maggiore Medico	SPEZIALE
" "	GANDOLFO
Ten. di Vascello	FLORES
" " "	FLORES GHERARDELLI
" " "	BELLINI
" " "	ZANI
Capitano G.N.	FONTANESI
" "	SIENA
" A.N.	SALSA
" Medico	SANTE'
" "	DEL TRONO
" "	DE PIRRO
" "	CARETTA
" "	ROMANO
" Commiss.	CAPRIS
" di porto	CAPASSO
" " "	NIGINO
" C.R.E.M.	PIEVE
S.Ten. Vascello	LAPANYE
" "	GIUNCHI
Tenente G.N.	CONIGLIONE
" Medico	ILLUMINATI
" "	LUCCHI

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Tenente Commiss.	MIRK
" C.R.E.M.	CRISTIANI
Guardiamarina	ALBENGA
Aspirante	BAUSI
"	RAUGIER

- Mezzi speciali R' Marina :

Ten. di Vascello	BIRINDELLI-	- catt. a Gibilterra
" "	COSTA	- " " Malta
" "	DURAND DE	
" "	LA PENNE	- " " Alessandria
" "	FAGGIONI	- " " Suda
" "	VISENTIN	- " " Gibilterra
Capitano G.N.	MARCEGLIA	- " " Alessandria
" " "	TOSCHI	- " " Gibilterra
" A.N.	MARTELOTTA	- " " Alessandria
Tenente D.M.S.	FELTRINELLI	- " " "
" Medico	SPACCARELLI	- " " "
Guardiamarina	REGGIOLI	- " " "
"	MANESIO	- " " Gibilterra

- R' Aeronautica :

Capitano pilota	LONDEI	- catt. in Egitto
" "	MARCOVICH	- " " "
Serg. Magg. "	LEOBARDI	- " " Tunisia maggio '43

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Staff Colonel Antonio MANNO (304 Helouan Camp)

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Refer to our 30217 of 17 Jan and para 9 of Letter AG 400-1 (Italy) GCT-ANG subject "Disposal of Italian Army" dated 2 Jan. As a matter of policy it is impractical to release any Italian PW, either officers or men, now in service units, and such requests from the Italian Government should be discouraged. Above letter should be amended accordingly. Instructions have been issued to hold all Italian prisoners not formed into service units now in order that their formation into such units may be considered. The above is due to manpower shortage necessitating the utilization of these PW to replace US and British Service Units for the duration of the war in this Theatre.

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Purpose of letter (AG 400-1 (Italy) GCT-ACM subject: "Disposal of Italian Army" dated 2 January was to make available to AFI, with certain restrictions, the entire Italian Army. In order that directive may accomplish its purpose request you in agreement with ACC submit revision to this headquarters for final approval. (Points raised AFI SD 1131 of 16 Jan not to Flambo should be incorporated) Following should be considered in revision: (a) Dapino Brig will not be part of Mountain Div although it may be included in either of other two divisions. (b) Nembo Div must be moved out of Sardinia. (c) Battalion of Nembo Div may be brought from Sardinia ~~and~~ in place of Arditi Battalion. (d) Figure of 225,000 in para ten may be revised to suit your requirements but figure to be included in para eight will be determined by this headquarters based on your para ten any overall maintenance program.

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