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RELEASE OF POW POLICY
DEC. 1943 - JUNE 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Deputy Secretary General FJS/drr
APO 394

18 June 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: RC & MG Section, Hq ACC, Naples.

18 JUN 1944

1. Attached herewith suggested Executive Memorandum to supersede Executive Memorandum No. 31, dated 1 March 1944.
2. The Army Sub-Commission and the Administrative Section, Rear Headquarters concurs. However, in view of the consolidation of the two headquarters in the near future, and thereby eliminating the Army Sub-Commission Liaison Section which operates at this headquarters, it is suggested that General Browning's views be obtained in connection with paragraph 2g.

For the Deputy Chief Commissioner:

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General

1 Incl: as above

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323.6 Return of form Policy

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: Release of Italian Prisoners of War.

U.S. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
AL/372/A(6).

25 Apr 44.

HQ 1 District
HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District

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5. In all cases where release is authorized, a copy of the authorization will be despatched to OPA 2nd Echelon, WHAF.

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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GCM/JLF

(Signed)

(Lt. Col. 5136

(Per)

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to G1 HQ, AFHQ.

GMAQ 2nd Echelon.

H. Allied Control Commission.

Army Sub-Commission/ACU

GdI (b) H. A.I.

G1 (American)

C.S.I., P.D.S.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400-1(Italy)GCT-AGM

2 January 1944

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian Army.

TO : General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group.
Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission (Maj. Gen. Joyce)
Acting Deputy Vice President, Military Section, A.C.C. (Major
General Middleton)

1. The following policy regarding the Italian Army and its resources is announced. So much of P/109 of 3 October, letter this headquarters, file AG 400.93-1 GCT-AGM, subject "Italian Equipment," dated 2 December 1943, and any other instructions as are in conflict herewith are rescinded. The Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, in collaboration with General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group will issue the detailed instructions necessary to implement this policy.

2. The Italians will assemble the following units:

a. One Mountain Division and the DAPINO Brigade now with the 15th Army Group. The Mountain Division is to be organized, equipped and placed in combat at the earliest possible moment to assist in operations. One ARDITI Battalion will be brought from SARDINIA to replace combat losses in the DAPINO Brigade.

b. Two additional Divisions (PICENO and MANTOVA Divisions) which are to be trained, armed and equipped for combat at a later date, depending on our own requirements and the general supply situation. Pending our decision to place them in combat in territories which may be turned over to Italian control, these two Divisions will be at the disposal of the Italian Government.

3. The Italian division now in SICILY (SARANTA Division) will remain intact and be equipped from Italian resources on a scale commensurate with its mission of internal security.

4. In order to meet the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the Italians may call forward the necessary uniforms and equipment from SARDINIA. Priorities of shipping bids will be established by 15th Army Group in the normal manner.

5. Captured Italian military resources in SICILY have been allocated

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4. In order to meet the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the Italians may call forward the necessary uniforms and equipment from SARDINIA. Priorities of shipping bids will be established by 15th Army Group in the normal manner.
5. Captured Italian military resources in SICILY have been allocated to the OSS/SOE and will not be available to the Italians except as declared excess by the OSS/SOE. **3135**
6. Italian military resources on the mainland will be reserved for use by Italian troops and released to the Italians forthwith. The Italians will inventory and keep the Allied Control Commission and 15th Army Group fully informed of the status of their resources.
7. The necessary equipment above and beyond Italian resources to accomplish 2 a above will be provided from Allied resources, subject to any restrictions imposed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. The provision of Allied equipment for the divisions mentioned in paragraph 2 b above will depend upon the effectiveness in combat of the troops in 2 a and future requirements for the two additional divisions. This decision will be announced at a later date.

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AG 400-1(Italy)GCT-AGM, 2 January '43 (cont'd).

8. The rationing of the Italian Army of not to exceed 225,000 will be accepted as an Allied responsibility.
9. In order to provide officers needed by the Italian High Command, a liberal policy will be pursued in bringing back prisoners of war, particularly from NORTH AFRICA.
10. Subject to the above, the labor requirements of CORSICA and the defense requirements of SARDINIA, the remainder of the Italian ration strength up to 225,000 total are at the disposal of the 15th Army Group.
11. The Military Mission with the Italian Army (MMIA) is designated as the agency for receiving and implementing, in accordance with the terms of this directive, all demands from 15th Army Group for Italian Army units and resources. The senior officer of MMIA is designated a member of the Allied Control Commission and will act as its representative with 15th Army Group.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

/s/ T. J. Davis
T. J. DAVIS
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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ACTION HQ ACIT, RMID PATINA, FLAMGO FOR INJ

Refer to our 30217 of 17 Jan and paragraph 9 of letter AS 400-1 (Italy) 907-AM, 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 Theater.

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Captain Stone

The attached is a
Proposed Ex. Memo for
distribution to the
field agencies of
ACC and contains
the basic Policy for
the release of P.O.W.'s
in Italy and Sicily,
as directed by AAI

The Army Sub-
Commission has
checked it and approves
looks ok to me for
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

11/LA/AS

21 May 44

SUBJECT : Release of Italian POW.

TO : RC & MG Section.

OSD 1207
18 JUN 1944

- 1 With reference to your 9/111CA of 20 May.
- 2 An Executive Memorandum based on the correspondence which has passed between Region I and District I will not be appropriate as the conditions in that Region are special and not of general application.
- 3 The new Executive Memorandum is already in draft and before the DCC for settling of certain minor points. It takes into consideration policy laid down by HQ AAL.
- 4 RC I no doubt appreciates that the policy affects the whole of AGC and cannot be settled between him and GOC Number I District but if there is any doubt on this point you will no doubt draw his attention to this.
- 5 The form drawn up for Executive Memorandum 31 is not appropriate
(a) it was drawn up for the limited purpose of applying only to Local Government Officials;
(b) it does not provide for points which required to be specified by the regulations now in draft.

H.H. GRIPPS,
Lieut. Colonel,
GSO Admin Section.

Copy to DCC. ✓

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353.6 Release from military

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/9/111/CA

20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Release of Italian P.O.W.

TO : Admin. Section (Copy for D.O.C.)
Army Sub-Commission

18 JUN 1944

1. Reference 11/1A/AS of 15 April 44 and enclosure, herewith are copies of letters received from Region I indicating the procedure laid down for P.O.W.

2. Executive Memorandum No. 31 is to be cancelled as requested. Its place will be taken by a memorandum based on the enclosure to above quoted letter.

3. It is suggested that the form drawn up for use under the procedure of Executive Memorandum No. 31 might be brought into use under the new procedure.

4. Would you please give this your consideration.

Walter W. Driffeld - White

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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SUBJECT : Release of Ital. Prisoners of War.

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8 May 1944

Regional Commissioners,
Allied Control Commission,
SICILY Region Headquarters,
Central Mediterranean Force.

Reference your RC/383.6 dated 2 May 1944.

1. As explained verbally to you by the A.A.G., the letter from the Italian High Commissioner discloses ignorance of the present situation and policy regarding Italian Prisoners of War.
2. The Commander, XIIIth Italian Army Corps has not been authorized to release any individuals nor has any PW been threatened with expulsion to North Africa.
3. The official policy of the Allied Governments is contained in a recent letter from HQ AAL, an extract from which is attached hereto.
4. It will be seen that the release of Italian PW in Sicily may be authorized by the District Commander where the services of the PW concerned are specifically asked for by you or by the Italian Military authorities. In the case of the Italian XIIIth Corps they have been invited to submit the name of any individual whose services and release are specifically required. Such individuals for whom application has been made have already been released.
5. As regards the remaining Italian PW these are now known as "Parolemen". Their particulars are registered with GHQ 2nd Echelon and they are posted by the HQ to such units who employ Italian PW as require reinforcements. Examples of such units are PW Pioneer Companies and PW General Transport Companies. Such units are posted by AFHQ to District where they are most urgently required.
6. The Allied Governments reserve absolutely the right to employ such Italian PW as they consider best suited to the Allied cause.

C.M.P.

RAC/RML

/s/ C.A. Heydeman

/t/ Major General, 5132
Commanding;
N° 1 District.

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2. Applications will not be considered unless they are accompanied by strong supporting evidence to justify release.
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4. The release of Italian POW in SICILY may be authorized by Commander N° 1 District where the services of the POW concerned are specifically asked for by:-
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 - (b) Allied or Italian Military Authorities.
5. A nominal return of releases during the previous month will be forwarded to reach HQ AAI by the 4th day of the month following.
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Precis of AAI/3072/A(O) dated 25 Apr. 44.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE: RC/383.6

8 May 1944

SUBJECT : ITALIAN P.W's in Region I.

TO : Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.G. Section
A.C.C.

Your 9/86/CA of 24 APR and copy of 66 Pol of 15 APR from Commissioner for P.W.

1. This question has been taken up with A.A.G.1 District who has explained the following army policy:

a. The policy given to G.O.C. 1 DISTRICT is that Italian P.W. may be released to the Italian Armed Forces on the request of the competent Italian commander, or also for civil employment on the request of the Regional Commissioner.

b. As regards remainder of Italian P.W., it is the intention that all be released on parole - that is, not confined in a P.W. camp but given employment in Allied Military Units as speedily as possible. Such men are known as "Parole Men". Their particulars are recorded at a special branch of G.H.Q. 2 ECH, and are posted from P.W. holding centres to such units as have an authorised W.E. including P.W.

c. The Allied Government are understood to reserve absolutely the right to employ such parole men in any way seen fit but of course within the terms of the Geneva convention.

d. Parole men are required to give an undertaking to carry out such orders as they may receive from representatives of the Allied Forces. In the event of refusal - and in SICILY there has been NO such case - they would be retained in custody as for P.W.

e. Existing arrangements do not provide for the issue of pay in cash to parole men. Working pay is however being credited to them and they are given facilities for obtaining canteen stores against this credit.

f. The only camp in 1 DISTRICT area is 222 P.W. reinforcement holding centre at PRIOLO. 5130

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2. 1 DISTRICT representative stated that no "conditional agreement" was demanded from P.W. except as in para d above where parole men sign the undertaking to carry out such orders as they may receive from representatives of Allied Forces.

3. It appears that the NATOUSA conditions governing I.B.S. and release or employment of P.W. are somewhat different, being interpreted in a strict sense.

A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

Copies to:

1 DISTRICT
Liaison Officer Italian Authorities.

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SUBJECT: Release of Prisoners of War.

NO	DATE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1	17/5/56	DSC	Adm. Sect.	Attached herewith is proposed policy for the release of Prisoners of War. Please check and indicate any changes or additions you desire to make, and return. F. J. S.

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383.6 Release of POW Policy

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Stone:

7 May 1944

1. Your letter of 10 April 1944 to Vice President Administrative Section (No. 34 in attached file) is superseded by letter AAI/3072/A (O), dated 25 April 1944, paragraph 1 of which reads as follows:

"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. Paragraph 7 of same letter states that:

"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."

3. The following information is extracted from pertinent records for ready reference:

Rank	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Capture	ASN	Present Location
Lt.	Mercurio	8/6/1899	16/7/43	81-1-48300	POW Camp No. 132 Algiers.

(Reason for Release:- Subject is a permanent Elementary School Teacher at Partinico, and release is strongly recommended by ACC on account of the present shortage of trained teachers)

Lt	Celano, Salvatore	2/2/1899	16/7/43	RE 48061	North Africa
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(Reason for Release:- Subject's release is requested by the Provveditore agli Studi of Palermo, and is strongly recommended by ACC to resume his duties as teacher in Elementary School.)

-	Pierandrei, Franco	30/10/1914	24/7/43	Unknown	POW Camp No. 155 Info. Bureau FMG. Washington 25D
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(Reason for Release:- Subject's release is requested by the Director of the Messina University, and is strongly recommended by ACC to resume duties as Professor of Civic Rights.)

Capt.	Mirelli, Giuseppe	24/6/1909	21/7/43	81-1-47915	POW Camp No. 134 Oran, Algeria.
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(Release requested by Provveditore agli Studi of Palermo and is strongly recommended by ACC. His duties consist of accountant

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Rank	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Capture	ASN	Present Location
Lt.	Marcuro	8/6/1899	16/7/43	81-1-48300	POW Camp No. 132 Algiers.
(Reason for Release:- Subject is a permanent Elementary School Teacher at Partinico, and release is strongly recommended by ACC on account of the present shortage of trained teachers)					
Lt	Celano, Salvatore	2/2/1899	16/7/43	RE 48061	North Africa
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(Release requested by Provveditore agli Studi of Palermo and is strongly recommended by ACC. His duties consist of accountant and bookkeeper to Administration of Schools)					
Capt.	Rivarola, Augusto.	15/8/1910	21/7/43	81-1-47916	North Africa
(Release recommended by Provveditore agli Studi of Palermo and is strongly recommended by ACC. His duties consist of Chief Secretary to the Administration of "Elementary Schools.")					

PJS.

HEADQUARTER
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET

March 1944

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Date _____

FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Deputy Chief Commissioner	✓
Secretary General	
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION	
Economic Section	
Immigration & N.G. Section	
Political Section	
Interior Sub-Commission	
Public Safety Sub-Commission	
Public Health Sub-Commission	
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Legal Sub-Commission	
Education Sub-Commission	✓
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 Labor Sub-Commission
 Education Sub-Commission
 Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives
 Navy Sub-Commission
 Land Forces Sub-Commission
 Air
 Telecommunications & Posts
 Mr. Michael Dioponel S.C.
 SAC
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 Finance Sub-Commission
 G-1
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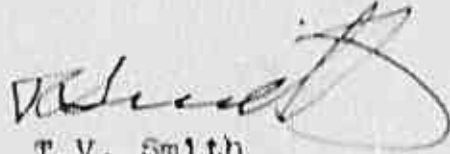
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

6 May 1944

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner
SUBJECT : Release of Five War Prisoners

1. The Education Subcommittee has the honor to transmit, with approval, recommendations from the Education Officer of Sicily for the release of five prisoners of war.

2. The names, dates of birth, dates of capture, army numbers (save one), present location of prisoners, and reasons for their release are presented graphically immediately hereunder, with further supporting documents.


T.V. Smith
Lt. Col. AUB
Director of Education

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

11/1.1/AS

6 May 44

SUBJECT : Release of PWs.

TO : Interior: Education: Public Safety. ✓

Attached are particulars with regard to 4 PWs whose release is requested by NC 1. Will you please take action as laid down in "Release of PWs" attached to 11/1.1/AS of 15 Apr 44.

J. H. Cripp
H. H. Cripp,
CSO Adm Sec.

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Copy to: AG & AD Sec. (Total number of recommendations 12).

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RAVA
Tenente

NAME
MERCURIO,
Pietro

DATE OF BIRTH
8/6/1899.

DATE OF CAPTURE
10/7/1943.

ARMY NUMBER
81-1-48300

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PRESENT LOCATION
POW Camp No. 132
Algeria.

REASONS FOR RELEASE.
Subject is a permanent Elementary School Teacher
at Partinico, and release is strongly recommended
by ACC on account of the present shortage of
trained teachers.

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RANK	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF CAPTURE	ARMY NUMBER
Lieut.	CELANO, Salvatore.	2/2/1899.	7/1943	R E 48061
-	PIERANDREI, Franco.	30/10/1914	24/7/1943	Unknown.
Captain	MIRELLI, Giuseppe.	24/6/1909	21/7/1943.	81-1-47915 5123
Captain	RIVAROLA, Augusto.	15/8/1910	21/7/1943.	81-1-47916

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PRESENT LOCATION.

North Africa.

REASONS FOR RELEASE.

Subject's release is requested by the Provveditore agli Studi of Palermo, and is strongly recommended by ACC to resume his duties as teacher in Elementary School.

Group 3

POW Camp No. 155
Information Bureau
PMG Washington 25D

Subject's release is requested by the Director of the Messina University, and is strongly recommended by ACC to resume duties as Professor of Civic Rights.

Group 14

POW Camp No. 134,
Oran, Algeria.

North Africa.

Release in these cases is requested by the Provveditore agli Studi of Palermo and is strongly recommended by ACC. Mirrelli's duties consist of accountant and Book-keeper of the Administration of Schools, and Rivarola's as Chief Secretary of the Administration of Elementary Schools.

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GROUP 3

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE:RED 160

6 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Release of Prisoner of War M^o CELANO Salvatore

TO : Civil Police Section,
ACC, Palermo
Attention: Captain Manuel

1. Reference to enclosed application for release of P.O.W. M^o CELANO Salvatore.
2. His release is recommended by this Department.

For Chief, Division
of Education

R.W. ORIENTON
R.W. ORIENTON, 2nd Lt.

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A. J. G. T.
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CIVIL POLICE SECTION
COMANDO LEGIONE CC.RR.

PROVVEDITORATO AGLI STUDI
PALERMO

Palermo, 29 Marzo

1944

Recaro O.E.
Proc. N. 1603 Allegati

AL COMMISSIONE CONTROLLO
ARMATA

Quartier Generale della Sicilia
APO 384 PALERMO

Risposta al 1° del 8-3-44 N. 10

OGGETTO Maestro CELANO Salvatore

Si comunicano a Detenta Commis-
sione di Controllo le seguenti informazioni ri-
chieste nel foglio sopraggiunto:

- a) Piastrina R.E. Matr. 48061
- b) Data di nascita 2-Febrero 1899
- c) Data di cattura 16-luglio 1943
- d) E' insegnante titolare nelle scuole elementari
- e) insegnante elementare
- f) di ruolo

IL PROVVEDITORE AGLI STUDI
(Ferdinando Albergiani)



Approved
for Chief, Division of Education
R. W. Crickton, 2nd Lt.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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FILE:RED 160

6 Aprile, 1944

SUBJECT: Prisoner of War Prof PIERANDREI

TO : Civil Police Section,
ACC Palermo
Attention Captain Manuel

1. Reference to enclosed application for release of P.O.W. Prof. PIERANDREI Franco.
2. His release is recommended by this Department.
3. The number of this prisoner is not known. He was born 30/10/1914. He was captured 24/7/43.

For Chief, Division
of Education

R. W. Brighton
R. W. BRIGHTON, 2nd Lt.

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8 APR 1944
A. M. G. O. T.
CIVIL POLICE SECTION
COMANDO REGIONE CG. RR.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

12 February '44

FILE:BED 312

SUBJECT: Rilascio di prigionieri di guerra.

TO: Il Rettore della Università di Messina.

1. La Sua lettera del 31 Gennaio '44 è stata ricevuta.
2. Per il rilascio del prigioniero di guerra Prof. PIETRANDREI Franco occorrono i seguenti dati:

- 1) Gli estremi della piastrina di riconoscimento.
- 2) Data di nascita.
- 3) Data della cattura.
- 4) Patti di sostegno della dichiarazione di assoluta necessità.
- 5) L'impiego che assumerà il prigioniero una volta rilasciato.

3. La informiamo che occorrono raccomandazioni molto forti giacchè non si accordano rilasci che solo in casi specialissimi.

X. Voglia rivolgersi al Maggiore Raffa, Political Intelligence Section, Via Maqueda 217, Palermo.

Per il
Capo, Reparto Educazione

RC
R.W. CRICHTON, 2nd Lt.

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UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA

OGGETTO: Prof. Pierandrei

31 Gennaio 1944

AL : Consigliere per l'Educazione
del Governo Militare Alleato.

La prego di volersi interessare per il ritorno dalla prigionia del Prof. Franco Pierandrei, prof. titolare straordinario di Istituzione di Diritto pubblico presso la Facoltà di giurisprudenza dell'Università di Messina.

Il Pierandrei, come tenente dell'Esercito italiano, era adetto alla delegazione trasporti di Palermo. E' stato fatto prigioniero in Palermo il 26 Luglio 1943.

Il suo attuale recapito è il seguente:

Ten. Franco PIERANDREI, Prisoner of war. Information Bureau. Office of the Provost Marshall General. War Department. Washington 25 D. P/W Comp. 155.

Per la regolare attività della Facoltà di Giurisprudenza e per l'interesse degli studi sarebbe molto utile il di lui rilascio.

IL RETTORE

G. Martino

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Lahore 31 March 1944-

Subject: MIRRELL Giuseppe, Captain of Infantry -GROUP

On account of service-necessity, I have been compelled for many times, to request the release of Captain MIRRELL Giuseppe, born on the 24th June 1909, H.S.N. 31-4-42715, who was made prisoner on the 21st July 1943. He is at present in the P.O. No. Group No 124 Camp (Lahore).

He is a good functionary very useful to this office, for his ability.

As it does not result from the papers of this office, that he has political reasons or Anti-Allied sentiments, we beg you, on the interest of our work, to return MIRRELL to this office.

The Superintendent of the
Education Department.

(For signature Alleguani)

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8 APR 1944

A.M.G.O.T.
CIVIL POLICE SECTION
COMANDO LEGIONE C.G.R.R.

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PROVVEDITORATO AGLI STUDI
PALERMO

Palermo, 31.3.1944

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Rapporto G.P.

" sig. Magg. KOOPMAN
Divisione Educazione
PALERMO

Prot. N. 73 R. Allegati

Risposta al 1.º del

N.

Oggetto: Capitano di Fanteria Giuseppe MIRELLI.

Spinto da impellenti necessità di servizio mi sono trovato, svariato volte, costretto a chiedere ~~perché~~ che venga richiamato dalla prigionia il Capitano Giuseppe MIRELLI di Antonino e di D'ALESSANDRO Giuseppa, nato a Palermo il 24.6.1909, consegnatosi il 21.7.1943 attualmente ad ORANO (Algeria) -Matricola n. 81-1-47915 Campo n. 134.

Il predetto è un ottimo funzionario molto prezioso a quest'Ufficio, sia per la sua specifica competenza, sia perchè i compiti a lui affidati quale ragioniere, necessitano, in modo assoluto, di tornare ad un normale svolgimento.

Poichè non risulta da alcuno degli elementi in possesso di quest'Ufficio che egli, oltre alla sua normale attività di impiegato ed alla sua incensurata figura di padre di famiglia, abbia precedenti politici o abbia comunque nutrito sentimenti contrari alle Autorità Alleate, mi torna a far voti -nell'esclusivo interesse del servizio - che sia cortesemente accolta la richiesta di quest'Ufficio di restituire il MIRELLI alla vita civile.

Ringrazio.

IL R. PROVVEDITORE A GLI STUDI
(Ferdinando Albergiani)

Approved
For Chief Department
P.W. Richter, 2-4-44

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LIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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FILE:RED 312

11 Gennaio 1944

SUBJECT: Release of P.O.W.
Rivarola, Augusto
Mirelli, Giuseppe

TO : Capt. Manuel

1. Am enclosing my approval of release of these prisoners of war.
2. Am asking Provveditore Albeggiani to bring you the necessary data on these cases.

By Order of Lt. Col. Charles Poletti.

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19 JAN 1944
A. M. G. O. T.
CIVIL POLICE SECTION
COMANDO LEGIONE CC.RR.

G.R. Koopman
G.R. KOOPMAN
Major AUS
Chief, Division of
Education.

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R. PROVVEDITORATO AGLI STUDI
PALERMO

Palermo, 15.12.1943 194 A.

COMANDO MILITARE ALLEATO

UFFICIO AFFARI CIVILI

PALERMO

Rapporto A.G.

Posto n.

Allegati

Risposta al n. del

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Oggetto:

Prego volere disporre sollecitamente il rientro già
chieste dei sottoindicati funzionari:

- NATO USA LIST*
- 1 - RIVAROLA Augusto: capitano di Fanteria nato a Palermo il 15 agosto 1910, di n. 81X-47916 di matricola, catturato il 21.7.1943 a Partanna di Trapani, che è indispensabile per quest'Ufficio, dov'egli è addetto come segretario capo regolante la scuola elementare;
 - 2 - MIRELLI Giuseppe: capitano di Fanteria, ragioniere addetto ai servizi della contabilità speciale, nato a Palermo il 24.6.1909, di n. 81-I-47915 di matricola, catturato il 21.7.1943.

Dato le cariche importanti e delicate coperte dai suddetti funzionari che sono stati costituiti, temporaneamente, con altri meno adatti e non di ruolo, quest'Ufficio ha assoluta necessità del loro ritorno e, pertanto, prego vivamente che siano lasciati liberi al più presto.

Posso assicurare che i loro sentimenti non erano ostili al Governo Alleato e che non furono mai pre-fascisti.

IL PROVVEDITORE AGLI STUDI
(Ferdinando Albergiani)

Approved

W. R. Thompson

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Chief Sec of Education

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ALLI MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

11 Gennaio 1944

FILE:RED 312

SUBJECT: Release of P.O.W.
Riverola, Augusto
Lirelli, Giuseppe

TO : Capt. Manuel

1. Am enclosing my approval of release of these prisoners of war.
2. Am asking Provveditore Albeggiani to bring you the necessary data on these cases.

By Order of Lt. Col. Charles Paletti.

G.E. KOOPMAN
Major AUS
Chief, Division of
Education.

(Enclosure)

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Coleruo Dec. 15th 1943

To: Chief Military Command
Civil Affairs Office
Coleruo.

I beg you to order ready the return, already
on hand, of the following functionaries:

1st Rivarola Augusto, Captain of Infantry, born in
Coleruo on August 15th 1910. 81-1-1-7916 Army Serial

Number - Captured on July 21st 1943 in Pastore
of Torapom - He is auxiliary to this Office, in the
charge of Chief Secretary for the Elementary School

2nd Miralla Guselle, Captain of Infantry - Accountant
Attached to Special accounts services, born in

Coleruo

Civil Affairs Officer Colaruso

If they you to order ready the return, already
asked, of the following functionaries:

1st Pivovola Augusto, Captain of Infantry, born in
Colaruso on August 18th 1910 - 81-1-47916 Army Serial

Number - Captured on July 21st 1943 in Portanova
of Trapani - He is necessary to his office, in his
charge of Chief Secretary for the Elementary Schools

2nd Mirrelli Giuseppe, Captain of Infantry - Accountant -
Attached to Special accounts' services, born in

Colaruso on June 24th 1909 - 81-1-47915 Army
Serial number, captured on July 21st 1943, 5111

Since the above mentioned officers have
and important offices, this Office has the

absolute necessity of their return and therefore
they to release them as soon as possible —
I can assure that their opinions were not
hostile towards the Allied Government and
that they ~~to~~ never were pro-fascists —

The Superintendent to the Swedish
Ferdinando Albergiani,

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 304

FILE: RED 160

March 31st, 1944

SUBJECT: Release of P.O.W. Tenente MERCURIO Pietro

TO: Capt. Manuel, Civil Police Section, Palermo

1. Reference to enclosed application for release of P.O.W. Tenente MERCURIO Pietro.
2. His release is recommended by this department.

For
Chief, Division of Education

P. W. Crichton
P. W. CRICHTON, 2nd Lt.

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3 APR 1944
A. M. G. O. T.
CIVIL POLICE SECTION
COMANDO LEGIONE CC. RR.

Crichton

PROVVEDITORATO AGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

Prot.N.844
Rep.O.S.

Palermo; 9 Febbraio 1944

Al Governo Militare Alleato
Ufficio Educazione

Palermo

Oggetto: M^{re} MERCURIO Pietro/

Prego eccelso Governo Militare
Alleato di volere benevolmente interessarsi per il
rilascio del Tenente MERCURIO Pietro, insegnante di
ruolo nelle scuole elementari di Partinico, in atto
trattenuto al P.W. N.81-I-48300 - Camp. 132 (Algeria)

Il Provveditore agli Studi
(F. Albeggiani)

Approved

Chief, Division of Education
P. W. Crichton, 1st Lt.



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27 MAR 1944

ore. n. 18 (giornata. 1944)

PROVVEDITORATO AGLI STUDI
PALERMO

Palermo, 21.3.44

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11a COMMISSIONE CONTROLLO

ALLEATO - QUARTIER REGIONALE

DELLA SICILIA

PALERMO

Reparto O.E.

Prot. N. 1731

Allegati

Risposta al l.º del 14.2.44

N. 10

OGGETTO: TENENTE MERCURIO Pietro - PRIGIONIERO DI GUERRA

Con riferimento alla nota sopra citata si forniscono le notizie richieste relative al prigioniero di cui in oggetto:

- 1) PIATRINA n. 81.1.43300 ;
- 2) DATA DI NASCITA 8.6.1899 - PARTINICO
- 3) DATA DI CATTURA 16.7.1943 - AGRIGENTO
- 4) IMPIEGO CHE ASSUMERA': INSEGNANTE DI RUOLO NELLE SCUOLE ELEMENTARI DI PARTINICO . -



IL R. PROVVEDITORATO AGLI STUDI

(Ferdinando Albeggiani)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

4/19E/AS

6 May 44

SUBJECT: Exec Memo 31 - Release of Prisoners of War.
TO : RC & MG Section.

- 1 It is requested that steps be taken to inform RC's and Sub-Coms forthwith that Exec Memo 31 is cancelled.
 - a Its policy is inconsistent with the direct instructions of the DCC.
 - b Its procedure is inconsistent with the procedure agreed between Eoon and Admin Sections which was forwarded to you for publication on 15 Apl.
 - c It will cause confusion.
- 2 The matter is one of some urgency as this Section has at the present moment 40 applications from one Region alone.
- 3 Immediate publication of the instruction sent to you on the 15 Apl is not requested as a recently received letter from HQ AAI necessitates certain minor amendments being made. This matter is now the subject of further co-ordination with Sub-Commissions and will be put before DCC at an early date.

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS,
Lieut. Colonel,
for VP Admin Section.

Copy to: DCC refce 383.6.
Eoon Sec refce E3 7
Interior refce 5/A/INT
11/18/AS

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OSH 1209
18 Jan 1944

To: Chief Commissioner:

1. The following comments on attached ~~memo~~ are submitted for your consideration:

a. Par. 1 - This situation can be eliminated by each sub-commission handling the administration pertaining to the release of POW's requested by them

b. Par. 2 - Same as Par. 1.

c. Par. 3 - No change recommended. This is now being handled by the Army Sub-Commission, and are those requested by the Comando Supremo.

d. Par. 4 - All legal matters should be routed to the Legal Sub-Commission. Other administrative matters could be handled by the DCC.

e. Par. 5 - If the procedure as outlined in Par. 1a above were in force, it would eliminate much of the details referred to in this Par.

f. Par. 6 - To my knowledge no definite policy has been published except for Italy and Sicily.

g. Par. 7 - No comment.

h. Par. 8 - I believe that a policy similar to the one referred to in this paragraph should be published covering all POW's regardless of locality.

i. Par. 9 - I do not agree with this recommendation as I do not believe that it will be necessary to set up a special officer if each sub-commission handles its own cases, and the Italian High Commissioner for POW's is informed of the procedure and requested to submit all cases to the proper sub-commission for action.

2. The draft of a proposed general policy will be forwarded in a few days for your comments.

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NB Repat. = re,atriation

7 May 1944

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Subject: Repatriation of PW.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner.

1. The amount of staff duties in connection with PW has now grown to an extent that I am unable to devote sufficient time to it, in view of my normal duties as the Adv. HQ. of the Army Sub-Comm.

2. In the past the complete closure put on PW Repat. cut down the correspondence with A.F.H.Q.: it did not however do much to reduce applications for return by interested authorities.

These are generally:

a. Application by Army authority for Repat. of key officers required in the reorganisation of the Italian Army.

b. Ditto for the Navy.

c. Application by other government departments (often acting through A.C.C.) for return of key civil officials.

d. Application by Regions for key civil officials.

e. Application by private individuals on compassionate grounds.

f. Application by A.F.H.Q. depts. for reception in ITALY of wounded and sick PW (Navy and Army).

g. Ditto for old and infirm PW (civil, Army and Navy).

h. Application by Allies in Italy for Repat. of individuals likely to assist their own branch of the Admin. Service.

3. In view of the paramount need to assist Allied operations on the mainland, C.C. decided some time ago to make special application to A.F.H.Q. for certain key officers under a. and b. above. A first list of 25 is being favourably considered and a further list of 25 has been forwarded. Four other lists are in preparation by Comando Supremo who have made themselves the sole authority to allot priority and compose the lists. Although they normally produce the lists from their own records, we have occasionally suggested names to them.

4. For general administration of all PW questions Italian Government have instituted the High Commissary for Prisoners of War under the direction of Gen. GAZZERA (Imperial Hotel, Cava dei Tirreni). This office deals with all applications (except those we send to Comando Supremo); these are mostly from civilians. It also prepares

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all records as all their previous records were left in ROME. From time to time they apply to this office for Repat. of certain individuals for whom they hold that very special reasons can be adduced. Apart from this the H.C.P.W. deals with the whole political aspect of PW in Allied countries and of detailed application of the Geneva Convention as applied to the camps all over the world. It appears however that their sole channel of communication is via my office. Examples of the latter activities are:

1. Legality of PW being held in occupied Italy.
- ii. " " " " formed into service units.
- iii. Administration of camps in AFRICA, INDIA and U.S.A.
- iv. Protests of treatment by the FRENCH.

5. Owing to difficulties of expression in Italian as translated into English, I have to visit the H.C.P.W. from time to time; alternatively one of the Generals on their staff comes to see me. Owing to their lack of interpreters some of our letters have to go forward in Italian. Finally, they put their statements in long letters of which I get on an average one or two a day. As Army Sub-Comm., Main HQ. do not consider PW questions within their terms of reference these are all dealt with in my office. On the other hand they all require staff duties some of which are considerably protracted.

6. Policy. No Repat. policy has yet been issued by A.F.H.Q. In January "a liberal policy" was mentioned as likely by A.F.H.Q. but in March this was rescinded by cable and later another cable stated that applications for Repat. by the Italian Government "were to be discouraged".

Since then some 2,500 wounded, incapacitated and infirmed PW have been sent to ITALY. Most of them do not require hospitalisation. All offers have so far been accepted by the Italian Government but an estimate from the DADMS, Army Sub-Comm. has given it that not more than 2,000 further cases for hospital treatment can be accepted under present conditions.

It therefore appears that a policy of Repat. of all PW unable to function in service units of the Armed Forces have been decided upon. It is not known if this applies to PW in NORTH AFRICA or further afield. The latter is suspected.

7. Key men for civil administration. It is natural that the lists of 25 mentioned in 3 above and composed by Comando Supremo tend to have a strong "services" flavour as Comando Supremo is responsible for the preparation of the Armed Forces used in ITALY by the Allies.

All PW, of course, have an Army rank but this often bears no relation to their civil value to the depts. of Government now trying to organise the country.

In the past when a name has been submitted by a government dept. other than that of the Armed Forces, the name has been forwarded to the Comando Supremo for the inclusion in their lists.

The original reason for holding PW - at least as far as NORTH AFRICA was concerned - appears to have been a decision to form service units from PW. This programme by now must be well under way and therefore a decision as to what PW are not required (and can hence be Repat.) may shortly be expected.

If and when a more liberal policy is commenced, it is considered essential that the question of applications be delegated to various depts. of State (as represented by A.C.C. Sub-Commissions) and not centralised through this office and the Comando Supremo as has been done in the past. The "civil value" of PW will therefore tend to operate with its full weight as regards priority.

8. As far as Italy and the Islands are concerned, A.A.I. have recently issued a policy letter which limits application to serious medical and compassionate cases with the exception of SICILY, where a general power of release of specific cases is delegated to the District Commander. As there are several PW camps in SICILY, this proviso alone is likely to result in a large number of applications for release. In fact, they have already started and include a general application for all agricultural workers by the H.C.P.W.. At present, all applications have first to be screened by GSI(b) before being submitted to Districts; it can thus be seen that nothing like a general release policy is yet in sight.

The A.A.I. letter also places on the authority who originates the application the responsibility for seeing that individual PW do, in fact, go to the work which formed the basis of the application. This in itself will require considerable staff work.

9. It is therefore recommended that a special bureau for PW be set up in A.C.C. to implement policies as they may be announced by A.A.I. and A.F.H.Q., to act in liaison with the H.C.P.W. and to deal with applications, priority, release machinery, hospitalisation, reception and distribution of PW on arrival in ITALY.

J. W. Amundson 5103

Lt. Col.

Copy to: Admin. Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
AFO 394

Ref/154/36/CA

10 May 1944

SUBJECT: Release of Prisoners of War.

TO : Distribution below.

Executive Memorandum No. 31

1. The above memorandum is shortly to be replaced by a memorandum now in draft embodying more recent instructions.
2. It should therefore be regarded as cancelled and any application for release in hand will be held until the publication of the new instructions.
3. Please inform all recipients.

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to D.H. 11421

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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383.1 Release of POW Prisoners

11 May 1944

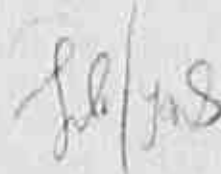
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18 JUN 1944

Captain Stone:

This is not in the exact form in which you mentioned but after reading this over again it is written in such a way that it is almost impossible to write up a general comment, so I thought it best to take it a paragraph at a time. However unless you wish this to go to the CC for action, I suggest that no further action be taken until we get a definite policy to work on. Then inform Lt. Col. Quin-Smith what the policy will be in the future.


 F.J.S.



No action. I have
 no formed separate POW organization
 make no need for
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363.6 Release of Prisoners of War

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