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POW'S, PRISONERS OF WAR, ITALIAN, RELEASES
APR. - JULY 1944

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- 1 ACC as such is not concerned in any way with applications for release on compassionate or medical grounds. In both these cases the decision as to whether the prisoner should or should not be released lies exclusively with the Army.
- 2 Some direction is needed as to what should be done by Regions in the event of their receiving, as they will, applications for release on compassionate or medical grounds.
- 3 Three courses appear to be open:
 - a They can accept the application and forward it to the Army holding the prisoner;
 - b They can accept the application and forward it to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War;
 - c They can refuse the application and instruct the applicant to whom he should submit it.
- 4 Of these courses, b seems to be preferable but a decision as to this is requested.
- 5 It is considered that the decision on this point should be embodied in a new para 2 of these instructions and that the present para 2 should be re-numbered and the words "whose services are required" should be inserted after the word "were" in line two.
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The DCC only has to consider each case once it might save a great deal of labor if that consideration took place before the investigation rather than after.

It is submitted that an officer having the police experience of the Director of Public Safety should be competent to deal with the security angle, but if the DCC desires to check the security reports as well as the other matter, this he could do when the request for release comes to him for signature.

For these reasons paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the original draft are preferred to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the new draft.

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10/5/44.

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STANDARDS.
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18/5/44.

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Re above. I agree with Col. White & explain that a PW Bramble was being brought in - after which the new PWs would be sent

18/7/44

from War Materials
Department

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- 1 You recently gave certain instructions as to the procedure to be followed in connection with the release of PWs.
- 2 Since then, Admin Sec has received a copy of AAI/3072/A (O) of 25 Apr 44. (col. 6a), which authorizes Commanders of Districts (in Italy) to release PWs on Medical or compassionate grounds; but, except in Sicily, for no other reason. In Sicily the District Commander has an additional power to release PWs if the service of such PWs are requested by HQ ACC.
- 3 Two points arise -
 - a Whether AAI should not be asked to extend generally the grounds of release to cover all cases where PWs services are necessary for the furtherance of the War Effort.
 - b Whether our instruction should be modified so as to cover release on Medical or compassionate grounds.
- 4 It is submitted that these grounds ^(in 23.1.44) are both personal to the prisoner and lie solely between the Army and the prisoner and that ACC is not and should not be concerned.
- 5 It is suggested therefore,
 - a that the Chief Commissioner should ask HQ AAI to authorize release in all cases where PWs services are required to further the War Effort ^{(i.e. in the event of an application for a release on medical or compassionate grounds being received the applicant should -}
 - b
 - i if the prisoner is in Italy, be referred to the District Commander.
 - ii if the prisoner is not in Italy, be referred to HQ NATOUSA.

Admin Sec.
5 May 44.

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VP ADM.

Attached herewith is proposed policy for the release of Prisoners of War. Please check and indicate any changes or additions you desire to make.

Medical or compassionate grounds.

4 It is submitted that these grounds ^{(see 27-1(2))} are both personal to the prisoner and lie solely between the Army and the prisoner and that ACC is not and should not be concerned.

5 It is suggested therefore,

a that the Chief Commissioner should ask HQ AAI to authorise release in all cases where PWs services are required to further the War Effort ^(i.e. in national security)

b that we should add to our instruction a clause that in the event of an application for a release on medical or compassionate grounds being received the application should -

i if the prisoner is in Italy, be referred to the District Commander.

ii if the prisoner is not in Italy, be referred to HQ NATOUSA.

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Admin Sec.
5 May 44.

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VP Admin.

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.

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17/5/44

S/ F.J. SLAUGHTER, Captain.
F. J. S.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

11/14/43

21 May 44

SUBJECT : Release of Italian POW.

TO : RC & M G Section.

- 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 AAI.
- 4 RC I no doubt appreciates that the policy affects the whole of ACG 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 require to be specified by the regulations now in draft.

H.R.
H.R. CRIPPS,
Lieut. Colonel,
CGO Admin Section.

Copy to DCC.

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

20 MAY 1944

Ref/9/111/CA

20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Release of Italian P.O.W.

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

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 ^{has been} ~~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.

Difficult White
for NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner
Major G.

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C O P Y

SUBJECT : Release of Italian Prisoners of War.

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1D/6/A

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, XIth Italian Army Corps has not been authorised 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 AAI, an extract from which is attached hereto.
4. It will be seen that the release of Italian PW in Sicily may be authorised 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 XIth 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 Italian PW as they consider best suited to the Allied cause.

/s/ C.A. Heydeman

/t/ Major General,
Commanding;

No 1 District.

C.M.F.
RAC/RML

C O P Y

SUBJECT : Release of Italian Prisoners of War.

1. Authority to release Italian POW on strong medical or compassionate grounds is hereby delegated to Commanders of Districts.
2. Applications will not be considered unless they are accompanied by strong supporting evidence to justify release.
3. Authority will not be given until GS.I's approval has been obtained.
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:-
 - (a) HQ Allied Control Commission, OR
 - (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.
6. POW on release will be handed over to the Italian Military Authorities.
7. 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 in fact employed in the particular duties for which their release from POW status was granted.

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Precedence of AAI/3372/A(O) dated 25 Apr. 44.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE: RO/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 3/86/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.M.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 PRICLO.

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 NATCUSA conditions governing I.B.S. and release or employment of P.W. are somewhat different, being interpreted in a strict sense.

A.M. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

Copies to:

1 DISTRICT
Liaison Officer Italian Authorities.

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RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF WAR

The following policy for the release of prisoners of War is submitted for consideration by AAI and AFHQ, with a view to establishing a standardized system of release applicable to all prisoners of war regardless of location:

"1. Prisoners of War, other than those required by the Italian Military Authorities, will be released only for reason of illness, strong compassionate grounds and where their services are required for the furtherance of the War Effort.

2. The authority for initiating a request for the release of a Prisoner of War will be the Sub-Commission responsible for the class of work which the prisoner is particularly ~~substantive~~ ^{qualified} to perform.

3. On being satisfied the services of a prisoner are necessary the Sub-Commission will forward their request, together with a short statement of the reasons for their decision to the Deputy Chief Commissioner, through the Public Safety Sub-Commission, who will investigate and report on the prisoner's local reputation and party history, etc.

4. The deputy Chief Commissioner will review the case, and if approved, will return the application to the Sub-Commission concerned for the preparation of the formal request for release.

5. The formal request will contain the following information:

a. Such particulars of the prisoner and his location as will enable him to be identified.

3. On being satisfied the services of a prisoner are necessary the Sub-Commission will forward their request, together with a short statement of the reasons for their decision to the Deputy Chief Commissioner, through the Public Safety Sub-Commission, who will investigate and report on the prisoner's local reputation and party history, etc.

4. The deputy Chief Commissioner will review the case, and if approved, will return the application to the Sub-Commission concerned for the preparation of the formal request for release.

5. The formal request will contain the following information:

a. Such particulars of the prisoner and his location as will enable him to be identified.

b. The capacity in which it is proposed that ~~in~~ he will be employed, and a short summary of the reasons that his services are necessary.

c. A statement that his services are necessary for the furtherance of the War Effort.

d. A statement that the necessary investigation has been made, and that his release is satisfactory ~~for~~ from a security point of view. from the Italian Army Authorities

e. A statement/that he will be released from the army immediately upon release from a prisoner of war status.

6. The above request will be addressed to the commander of the Army by whom the prisoner is held, and prepared for the signature of the Deputy Chief Commissioner.

7. Any application for the release of a prisoner which originates outside of Allied Control Commission Headquarters will be forwarded to the Sub-Commission, who will deal with the case as outlined above.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

File 7

4/19E/AS

8 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 Econ 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. Chipp
R.R. CHIPPS,
Lieut. Colonel,
for VP Admin Section.

Copy to: DCC refce 383.6.
Econ Sec refce E3 7
Interior refce 5/A/INT
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for a factor
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Ref 154/34/ea
Ret mg Auth
10 May

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1 May 1944

SUBJECT: Release of PW.

TO : Administrative Sec., Navy Sub-Commission.

Reference attached copy letter No. AAI/3072/A(c)
of 25 April.

It is to be noted that policy for PW in ITALY has now been issued by A.A.I. Apart from medical and compassionate cases, it gives GOC No. 1 District power to authorize discharge or leave for PW in SICILY only. It appears therefore that no special case will be necessary to obtain officials who are PW in SICILY beyond a normal application which this office can deal with if it is passed to us. The A.A.I. letter does not appear to legislate for PW other than those in ITALY. Although it is believed that the same provision is being observed in A.F.B.Q. in regard to release on medical grounds, it follows that the release of PW, ex-ITALY can only be obtained as heretofore have special application by the Chief Commissioner.

L.L. Lt. Col.

Copy to:

Army Sub-Comm. A.C.C. Main HQ.
(MIA) LEGATE (LECCE), for info.

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SUBJECT: Release of Italian Prisoners of War.

HQ 1 District
HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
AAI/3072/A(a).
15 Apr 44.

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 PW will be so informed.
2. The authority to release Italian PW 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 G.C.A.'s approval has been obtained.
3. The power to grant release will be exercised in such a way that Italian PW are not afforded more favourable treatment than British and American soldiers, serving in the theater, receive under parallel circumstances.
4. The release of Italian PW in SICILY may be authorized by Commander 1 District where the services of the PW 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, BNAF.
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. PW 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.,

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 in fact employed on the particular duties for which their release from PW status was granted.

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Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to G1 Br, AFHQ.
GHQ 2nd Echelon.
HQ Allied Control Commission.
Army Sub-Commission/ACC
G1 (b) HQ AAI.
G1 (American).
G.C., P.B.C.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

File 5A

11/1A/49

15 April 1944

SUBJECT: Release of Prisoners of War.

TO : All Admin Sub-Coms. ✓

Attached for your information and compliance ~~on~~ instructions of the procedure to be followed when it is desired to obtain release of a prisoner of war.

S.H. WHITE,
Major
for ~~USO~~ Adm Sec.

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PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDATION OF

RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF WAR

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- 1 Prisoners of War will be released most exceptionally on request and then only if their services are necessary for the furtherance of the War effort.
- 2 The authority for initiating a request for the release of a prisoner will be the Sub Commission responsible for the class of work which the prisoner is particularly suited to do.
- 3 On being satisfied the services of a prisoner are necessary the Sub Commission will forward their request together with a short statement of the reasons for their decision to the Deputy Chief Commissioner, "
- 4 The papers relating to prisoners as to whom the request for release is approved by the DCC. will be submitted by him to the Public Safety Sub Commission who will investigate and report on the prisoner's local reputation and party history, returning the papers with their report to the initiating Sub Commission.
- 5 If this report is that the prisoner is suitable for repatriation the initiating Sub Commission will prepare the formal request for release of the prisoner for signature by the DCC.
- 6 The formal request will be addressed to the GC. the Army by whom the prisoner is held and will contain :
 - a. such particulars of the prisoner and his location as will enable him to be identified,
 - b. The capacity in which it is proposed that he shall be employed and a short summary of the reasons that his services are required.
 - c. A statement that his services are necessary for the furtherance of the War effort.
 - d. A statement that his local reputation and party history have been investigated and are satisfactory.
 - e. A request that he be released.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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14 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Release of Prisoners of War.

TO : Administrative Section. ✓

1. Ref your 11/1A/AS dated 11 Apr 44, this section is in agreement with the contents of the two letters attached thereto.

D. S. Adams
D. S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.,
Executive Officer,
Economic Section.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.C. 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

File
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11/14/43

11 Apr 44

SUBJECT : Release of Prisoners of War.
(ACC 383.6 of 10 Apr (copy to you, refers).)

TO : Economic Section, HQ ACC APO 394.

1 Enclosed is a copy of the instructions I am proposing to issue to Adm Sec Sub Commissions on the above subject and the draft of a letter to RMAC asking them to circulate these instructions to Regions.

2 Will you please let me have any comments which you may wish to make on either.

[Signature]
S. N. WHITE,
Major
for VP Adm Sec.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.O. 394
ADMINISTRATION SECTION

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11/1.4/44.

11 Apr 44

SUBJECT : Release of Prisoners of War.

TO : RCMG Sec.

- 1 I recently submitted to the JOC a request for instructions as to the procedure to be followed in order to obtain the release of a Prisoner of War.
- 2 The attached is a copy of the instruction which I have issued to Adm Sub Commissions to put into effect the instructions received by me in answer to my request.
- 3 Will you please circulate these instructions to Regions so that they may know the procedure to be adopted for obtaining the release of a prisoner of war whose services are required, or how applications made to them should be dealt with
- 4 Regions will of course supply with any request they may forward, the information necessary to enable the formal request referred to in para 6 of the attached to be written.
- 5 The Economic Sub-Commission has been consulted on this matter and concurs with this request.

STANSGATE,
VP Adm Sec.

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PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDATION OF
RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

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10 APR 1944

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HQ. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner

A. P. O. 394

ETW/hjp

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.

Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Vice President,
Economic Section
with instructions to note and comply.

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10 APR 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 334
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

11/1A/AS

5 Apr 44

SUBJECT : Prisoners of War, Releasees.

TO : 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 decide 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 Units and for forwarding the request 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 person 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.

When an application is received for release of the Sub Comm responsible for the release of work which the prisoner is unable to do, the decision whether or not his services are required.

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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 person in every case should be sent to Public Safety who would then properly 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 prisoner's services are required, the papers would then be forwarded 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.

S/Amstrong
STANSGATE,
VP Adm Sec.

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