

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

ACC

10000/105/658

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

0/105/658

POW'S, REQUESTS FOR RELEASES
APR. - AUG. 1944

SECRET

A. MN

3442

24

ACC

18/20

AFIR BIRSD SACED

FX 05040

AUG 7

HEADQUARTERS
20 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

SECRET

ROUTINE

CITE: PRAB

20 AUG 1944

400 ITALIANS NOW AWAIT REPATRIATION FROM US. CAN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPT

List

Action - CABR

Info - A/CC

Admin Sec

WMD & POW SE

IT REF BR

FILE (2)

FRONT

4919

SECRET

AUGUST 20/1945

707

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 735016

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

File Copy

11/1.1/AS

6 May 44

SUBJECT : Release of Pps.

TO : VP Economic Section.

With reference to the agreed procedure as to releases of Pps (our 11/1A/AS dated 11 Apr 44 and your 22/7 of 14 Apr refer). Enclosed are 4 cases of recommendations for release forwarded by HQ 1. Will you please take such action as may be appropriate.

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

Copy to HQ & MB.

4918

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 735016

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

File 814

11/1.1/44

6 May 44

SUBJECT: Release of PPs.

TO : Interior; Education; Public Safety.

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

R.R.C.
R.R. CRIPP, Jr.
OSO Adm Sec.

Copy to: SC & MI Sec. (Total number of recommendations 12).

COPY

COPY

IPW 2351

FROM: BATTAGLIA, Francesco
Sottotenente, 81-I-50716
PW Camp 124.

TO: BATTAGLIA, Rosa
Via Navarre, Bresmes 44
Gela Caltanissetta
Sicilia.

28 December 1943 (Date of Letter)

26 January 1944 (Date of Submission)

Passed (P)

C O M M E N T

Distribution

PMG, NATOUSA

C.O. Camp 124

Italian PW (Sottotenente) writes:

ITALIAN OFFICER PW SEEKS REPATRIATION THROUGH PATRONAGE

Copies to:

MID, Wash, D.C.

G-2, NATOUSA

"It is being noised about here that the families of prisoners, on proper application to the occupying Military Authorities of Sicily, can seek the repatriation of their people. Inquire about this, and if the opportunity presents itself, take the appropriate steps to enlist the aid of Toti Aldisio or of other persons looked upon favorably by the Americans. Among these might be Monsignor Di Leo and Cardinal Lavitrano of Palermo who have already obtained the repatriation of their own nephews. Let us hope at least that thus can be shortened the period of my separation from you.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

ITALIAN OFFICER PW SEEKS REPATRIATION THROUGH PATHONAGE

PMG, NATOUSA

C.O. Camp 134

Italian PW (Sottotenente) writes:

Copies to:

MID, Wash, D.C.

G-2, NATOUSA

"It is being noised about here that the families of prisoners, on proper application to the occupying Military Authorities of Sicily, can seek the repatriation of their people. Inquire about this, and if the opportunity presents itself, take the appropriate steps to enlist the aid of Toti Aldisio or of other persons looked upon favorably by the Americans. Among these might be Monsignor Di Leo and Cardinal Lavitrano of Palermo who have already obtained the repatriation of their own nephews. Let us hope at least that thus can be shortened the period of my separation from you.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

4917

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

Army S.C.
(Rear HQ)

0-4946

FILE : RPS 383.6.

RL/575/CPS/JTM.

19/4/44.

SUBJECT : Release of Prisoners of War.

TO : Provost Marshal General, NATOUSA. —

THRU : Secretary General, H.Q.s Allied Control Commission.

4796

79404

1. Attached is a list of prisoners of war whose repatriation to Sicily is recommended for the reasons shown.
2. It is requested that, if possible, arrangements be made for the return of the individuals named, or alternatively, that this Office be informed if such action cannot be taken.
3. Referring to your observations on the case of PATTAGLIA, Francesco, made in your 235.92 (SSPMG) dated 24th March, 1944, concerning comment sheet No. IPW 2351 PWCD - having considered this matter further - it is felt that this does not afford a sufficiently strong reason for refusing the application, which is still recommended by this Headquarters.

100-1418

[Signature]
Major

A. N. HANCOCK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

BATTAGLIA, Francesco, made in your 235.92 (SSPNI) dated 24th March, 1944, concerning comment sheet No. IPW 2351 PWCE - having considered this matter further - it is felt that this does not afford a sufficiently strong reason for refusing the application, which is still recommended by this Headquarters.

100-1112

[Signature]
Major

A. N. MANCOCK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

Enclosure : List of Prisoners of War together with
recommendations for release.

(A)

8032

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

4910

QS352

1 May 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of PW.

TO : Administrative Section.

I am forwarding herewith 2 lots of documents "A" and "B". The latter have been dealt with and the former have not. Both are detailed lists of PW from Region 1. As stated recently in a note to you, all this office can do is to pass them to the High Commissary for PW who in turn are able to make a selection and pass these to the Comando Supremo who provide priority lists (25 at a time) in succession, for the C.C. to consider and pass to A.F.H.Q. So far the first 25 have been partially authorized by A.F.H.Q. The C.C. has forwarded a second list of 25.

As you know the general policy for the return of PW has not been clearly set out. In Jan. a liberal policy was recommended by A.F.H.Q. but in Feb. this was rescinded for reasons not given and A.F.H.Q. later added that the Italian Government were "to be discouraged" from submitting further cases. The C.C. however decided to submit certain urgent cases on the lists mentioned above. No general let-up on the retention policy has so far been visible except that irregular shipments of disabled and medical cases seems to have been agreed upon (over 2,000 have now arrived in ITALY).

As far as PW in ITALY and Islands are concerned, AAI have just issued a policy which I have had a copy made out and sent to you today. This gives no general release except those in SICILY. It does however clarify the matter as far as this country is concerned.

X With regard to the lots of documents attached, you will see that "B" were communicated as a list without any attempt to give priority. "B" is therefore passed to you for either retention or be returned to this office. If you retain, I suggest that the lists be examined by Sub-Comms. concerned as suggested for "A" hereunder. If this is done it is necessary to note that the Italian authorities should be informed that these are not new names but those already forwarded on the 8th of April.

With regard to lot "A" ~~on~~ the demands, as you can see, are based on the "civil value" of prisoners. You may think it best to get some sort of priority set against each individual. The lists should then be coordinated and divided possibly into 2 parts:

- a. Those of sufficient importance to be recommended to C.C. for special application.
- b. Those to be forwarded to the H.C.P.W. for record.

I should be glad to act as a channel of communication with the H.C.P.W. with whom I am in direct touch.

Incls "A" & "B"

Lt. 64910

X B. papers returned as suggested - 6 MAY 1944

2001

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Date

To From

To From

Dep. Pres.

Labor

Chief of Staff

Education

A.D.C.

Interior

Secretary

Public Health

P.R.O.

Public Safety

Mil. Sec.

Public Utilities

Comm. Sec.

Agriculture

Pol. Sec.

AG

Econ. & Admin. Sec.

Hq. Comdt.

Fin. Sub-Sec.

Transportation O.

Legal Sub-Sec.

Supply Officer

G-2

Billeting O.

Army

Stenographic Section

Navy

File Section

Air

P/W

War Material Disposal

Displaced Persons

Industry

Approved

For your information

For comment

Contents noted

For necessary action

For necessary action & return

For compliance

For file

(initials)

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

ACC/14601/6/PS

26 April 1944

SUBJECT : Requests for Release of POWs

TO : Admin. Section

1. Requests have been made for the three undermentioned
CCRR officers who are at present held as Prisoners of War.

a) General Leonetto TADDEI, POW in India.

On 14th April 1944 Lieut. Gen. Noel Mason MacFarlane
wrote to HQ AAI asking for immediate steps to be taken
to repatriate General Taddei. No reply has so far been
received from AAI via RC & MG Section.

b) Major Vittorio CARTA) Prisoners of War in North Africa.
Major Angelo CAPPOTTI)

On 31 March 1944 AFHQ (MGS) wrote saying that the authorities
were prepared to release these two CCRR officers. On 6 April
1944 a letter was sent from ACC to AFHQ (MGS) stating that
the two CCRR officers should be directed to report to General
Picche, CCRR HQ at CAVA di Tirreni, near Salerno. The officers
have not yet arrived.

PAW/hg3

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

5 MAY 1944 4914
1991

Q3278

19 April 1944

SUBJECT: Deputy State Attorney Landi Guido.
TO : Administrative Section.

Reference the attached application for the return of a PW who although only a Lt. in the Army, is a Deputy State Attorney.

If you agree with the principle outlined in my memo Q3274 of 19 April, I suggest this man's name be included in the list of PW to be submitted through your Section.

On the other hand, I am prepared to put the matter up in the ordinary way for inclusion in the lists to be prepared by Comando Supremo.

L. Annunzio

Lt. Col.

1 Incl. as above.

4915

200.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 735016

TRANSLATION No. 192

Mr. Romano

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MIN. FERS CABINET
FILE NO. 3028 Salerno, 8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Deputy State Attorney Landi Guido.

Note to the A.C.C., Salerno.

The Deputy State Attorney Landi Guido, taken prisoner on 29th July 1943 at Carini (Province of Palermo) where he was rendering service in courts of war, is at present a military prisoner in Africa.

His address is:

Lt. Landi Guido 81-1-50586 (H.M. Forges).
NATOUSA - POW Camp 131 Oran (Algiers)

Since the Law Courts have resumed their regular activities, the presence of the above named functionary is necessary. We therefore beg this Commission to fulfill its own interests in obtaining his repatriation.

The UnderSecretary of State.

QS274

19 April 1944

TO: Administrative Section.

Reference attached translation of a letter from the Italian Comando Supremo:

"TRANSLATION No. 222 R. Romano 13 April 1944

Supreme Command
Office of Operations
File No. 12389

TO: Lt. Col. G. W. QUIN-SMITH
Army Sub-Comm. of the A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian prisoners of war.

We have examined the lists of Italian prisoners of war that you sent us with letters QS209 and QS222 of the 8th April from which to make our applications.

As you know, the number of Italian PW whose repatriation the Allied authorities are at present disposed to allow is about 150. These would be allowed to return in groups of 25; this we gather from the note of the A.C.C. MS 383.6 of the 14th of February.

Until these conditions are changed and while the number of prisoners to return remains so small, we must consider principally the necessity of reorganising the Italian Armed Forces and cannot therefore include in the lists those whose repatriation would be useful for other requirements (Military Justice, civil administration, private agencies, etc.), as for example the one for which you sent us the names. Hence these other necessities can be given thought only when the repatriation of a greater number of Prisoners can be allowed by the Allied authorities.

I would be grateful therefore if you would inform the proper Allied authorities of my wish to repatriate for the present only those prisoners included in the lists given by the Supreme Command who have been carefully chosen in view of the necessity of reorganising the Italian Armed Forces. Should any Sub-Commission deem indispensable any other personnel for various requirements (for example Military Justice), such personnel should not be included in the lists presented by the Supreme Command but returned separately.

Second in Chief of General Staff
(General Adolfo Infante)"

Main points in the matter are:-

a. The Chief Commissioner has made in February last a special effort to get the A.F.H.Q. ban on a general repatriation of PW., rescinded. Out of the thousands of Italian PW held by the Allies, we have so far succeeded in getting only a first list of 25 officers considered and of these only 2 are definitely on the way home.

491~

b. Comando Supremo are primarily concerned with Armed Forces but they realise that other State Depts. may have equally important calls on trained officials who are held as officers or other ranks of Army, Navy etc. Thus, while they say their priority lists must have, in view of the active duties now imposed on the Italian Armed Forces, a strong "Services" flavour, they suggest other Depts. might be encouraged to represent their views.

c. This means that Ministries (such as Interior, "Giustizia Militare" etc.*) might, through their own Depts. of A.C.C., submit a list of PW they require, supported by location and details of rank etc..

d. All such questions are dealt with executively by the Italian High Commissary for PW (Cava dei Tirreni) who should, of course, correlate lists to see there is no duplication.

e. If you agree, I suggest the Vice President might see what the Chief Commissioner thinks about the matter.

J. B. Smith

Lt. Col.

* A case in point is list supplied by the Legal Sub-Commission which was forwarded to Comando Supremo on the 8th of April for inclusion in their lists. No doubt this will be done but it was pointed out that a large majority of these men were junior officers and hence may not receive the same priority as would be given were they required for Service Commands and Staff.

49

