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REPATRIATION SCHEME, REPATRIATED ITALIAN
NATIONALS & POW
JUN-SEPT. 1945

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your approval
signature
information

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Noted by CL
for

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Executive Commissioner.

Ref your minute No. 196.

Public Safety states that LILBERT took over from Lt. Col. RYE when the latter came to this HQ and that it was necessary for him to remain with 5 Army to complete the work of transferring CO. 22 from 5 Army to the Regions. This is now finished and orders have already been sent for LILBERT to report to this HQ to replace WILSON, who is going to U.K. on LIAP.

7 Sept 45

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H'm:

RES L 7/2

J. A. J.

201

C.S.P. Louis 200 for information. *Res 10/4*

203

Maj Kennedy

200 seen - it has my initials

on it. hi 10/4.

Exclur
enter

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id is 200 shows problems outstanding for Dispers
CC. with work to do

hi 13/4.

Col Jones -

(194)

Sir,

1. It is regretted that Min 189 was passed direct to C.S.O. and not through you.

2. Min 193 - I am at fault with regard to Maj LIMBERT. Records showed this off as Patriots Offr Lombardis, but although assigned in Jun 45, he was apparently still with V Army, a fact of which I was unaware. He is now notified as available or on about 5 Sep.

3. Since my Min, Maj HAYNE has been re-assigned for temp duty with APO V Army. (SO 233 of 21 Aug 45) He is closing records and ~~is~~ due for release - Sp 13.

R.A. Stumil.
Capt
28/8/45

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Spec Com.

Minute 194 above is in
reply to your minute no 193.

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J.L.J.

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C.S.O. ① Mr METZGER is AHC working with

Lt Col SNEDEN at MERANO.

Mr Moore T. has been working with him whilst with Army & is now assigned Venezuela Region continuing as his Dir & G.D. asst.

② Two clerks (A) have also been assigned to

Lt Col SNEDEN as requested (P. 105)

③ The Br personnel left with AMG & Army, escape 1 Cpl Black who is closing records, then bringing them to archives. He is already assigned AMG Venezuela Division.

Admiral
21/12/16/18/105

Executive Commission 190

Please see minutes 186, 187, 188 & 189 & Folio 187
for information.

18/11/45.

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20/8 1945. 2.

Est Sec.

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Ref 189(2) / Why then is Capt. Lambert (B)

Admiral 21/12/16/18/105

Executive Commission

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Please see minutes 186, 187, 188 & 189 & folio 187
for information.

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20/8 1945. 2.

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Ref 189(2) / Why then is Capt Lambert (B)
indicated as Deputy Officer C.S. V Army for Army 20
in letter 7 sent at V Army HQ on 20/8?

Col Jones

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18/11/45

This is flabby. We all are engaged
out for Good & Thin Officer right and can
be stuck in V Army & ignored. Just flabby
work

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156 may interest.

14/7/45

Ed. 16/7

180C.S.O. For information folio 179. Disper. conference in Paris on 16 Aug.
P25K918182

C.S.O. folios 183, 182 & 181 for information. The pointer of a British driver with an American civilian is being investigated by G-4(B); however has in any case been posted to Venice-Berlin. The clues are almost certainly not available at the moment but G-4(B) will try.

P25K 10/8.

See section 15 Aug at 185

P25K 10/8

Ed. 11/8

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Are there any British Dispersed now with

C.S.O. For information folios 179. Dissem. conference in Paris on 16 Aug.
R5K918

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R5K1018

See action taken at 185
R5K1018

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Are there any British Despond now with
V Army A.D.C. If so they should be sent to
Ch Sneddale.

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Sir, Ref your minute 186 above - please see folio 187 from G.H.(B)

11/8

G. B

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1. What is the delay?

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2. What is the cause of this (186) above

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131 per info.

Is it intended to discuss refugees tomorrow.

26/6/45

(see Folio 131)

*Edh*148CSO

The movement of refugees over the Brenner + Swiss routes has been increased.

See 141.

5/7/45

M by for Do Com.

Edh

BU 10/7 N 100

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150CSO

Please see 148

Edh

12/7/45

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See 141.

5/7/45 PA by Ex. Comm.

[Signature]
BU 10/7 Nemo

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CSO

Please see 148

[Signature]

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12/7/45

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Executive Commissioner.

To see folios 141 and 149 and minute 142 re movement
of refugees over Brenner and Swiss routes.

12/7/45.

[Signature] CSO.

12/7/45

125SSO Executive Committee

Pl See Minutes of Bologna Conf on
 PW + displaced persons.
 Points of interest are marked.

22/6/63

Sh126There is nothing like

history about 5000 a day in
 Soni + Trema. Rates depending
 entirely on the provision of
 petrol and transport. You
 will recall Mr. Upjohn's remark
 the morning.

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I should like Estomlin to see these

minutes - under confidence. 178/26/6

2216 Executive Committee
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 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 AF 394
 DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/61/ADM

17 September 1945

12 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriates and Displaced Persons Situation in Northern Italy as at 9 September 1945, (last report circulated 2 August 1945).

TO : Those interested.

1. REMAINING PROBLEMS.

- (a) GERMANY - To repatriate some 100,000 Italians. Nearly 1/2 million have already been repatriated from Germany and Austria. At present repatriates are arriving via Brenner at an average of over 6,000 a day at FISSANTIN (VERONA), some 2,000 a day through Switzerland (COMO & DOMGROSSOLA), some 1,000 a day ex-Austria and Yugoslavia.
- (b) FRANCE - Practically all Italian refugees repatriated. Some 40,000 PWs in Labour Companies still to be dealt with when demobilised.
- (c) RUSSIAN ZONE - Some 23,000 Italians have already arrived in Germany and many of them have reached Italy. Some 15,000 have come through Austria. There is at present prospect of many more.
- (d) YUGOSLAVIA - Some thousands of Italians have arrived via Trieste - many in poor shape and many have had to be hospitalised.
- (e) SOUTHERN ITALIANS IN NORTHERN ITALY - At least 1,000 per week are being moved South from Lombardia. It is hoped to increase this figure shortly.
- (f) OTHER NATIONALS.
- (1) Northern Western Europeans.
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- (11) Greeks, Albanians, Mediterranean Nationals.

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(ii) Greeks, Albanians, Mediterranean Nationals.

The numbers desiring repatriation are few - but Greeks are still in transit from Germany.

(iii) Jews.

The total now in "Centres" number some 6,000 - infiltration from Germany and Central Europe still continues but large scale movement, it is hoped, has been finally stopped.

(iv) Disident Poles, Mixed Slavs.

The bulk are now housed - the remainder will be housed shortly. The number of Poles who desire to

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(Mrs Kensley)

Mr. J. J. J.

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so here is growing and is now about 1,400. Transportation to Poland is so far unaltered.

2. TRANSPORTATION.

(a) RAILWAYS - 17 trains per week South during the last few weeks has enabled the Southern Italians, coming from Germany, to be rapidly cleared.

(b) SHIPPING - a broken road - Genoa open for shipping and cruises etc., promised, all being required.

3. ROAD TRUCKS.

after a month of trouble, petrol, tyres, drivers etc. - most of the German trucks handed over to Civilian Trucking agencies, (with a first priority Refugees) are now functioning.

4. HOSPITALISATION.

In addition to the ambulance trains being run into Merano - a fair number of others have been hospitalised. Even with those coming from Russia and Yugoslavia the numbers are not nearly so great as anticipated.

5. FINALLY.

Unless the Brenner Route falls - all Italians (fit to travel) in Germany should be repatriated before 1st October. The numbers from Russia are still so uncertain that it is impossible to make a reliable forecast.

27-2-7
C.B. FINKLEY
Colonel,
Director.

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SEP 081800B

ROUTINE

From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGDM

To: ALCOM ROME

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Reference our FX 41596 of 7 September.

Would appreciate your confirmation that you can make necessary arrangements for reception representatives and holding of conference.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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FX 41596
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ROUTINE
SEP 8 1945

From: FREEDOM SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGDM

To: ACTION: USFET MAIN (FOR CDPX. USFET REAR. EXFOR. 12 ARMY GP.
FIRST FRENCH ARMY. ACAERIT. USFA. THIRD ARMY. 7TH ARMY. 15TH ARMY.
COMEZONE TSFET INFO ALCOM ROME

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1. The Joint Committee for inter theatre repatriation movements coordination will meet ROME AM 21 September;
2. Please advise numbers of reps attending and means of arrival when arrangements will be made to meet.
3. Items for Agenda are requested and should be advised by 14 September.

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Executive Commissioner
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SEP 20 1945
FX 743

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

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15 August 1945

AUG 10 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross Personnel to visit Germany.

TO : Office of the Chief Commissioner.

1. The question of Italian Red Cross Representatives being authorized to visit Camps in Germany was discussed at SHAEF on 7 July with G-5 and the Director of WMD & IPOW Sub-Commission.
2. Agreement in principal for 4 Representatives of Italian Red Cross to report to UNRRA at SHAEF for attachment was reached - subject to satisfactory completion of SHAEF Pro-Forma by Italian Red Cross.
3. Names of 4 Representatives submitted to SHAEF via AFHQ in our signal 1669 dated 12 July 45 were transmitted by AFHQ signal No. 22187 dated 13 July to SHAEF.
4. SHAEF replied 27 July stating that authority for travel for 4 Red Cross personnel was not given, but that one representative could report at once for 7 days to negotiate agreement with UNRRA. Essential that this representative submit details of method of operation, supplies, personnel available, transport, personnel equipment, etc.
5. The General Secretary of the Italian Red Cross, Marchese Ugo Theodoli, left Rome for Frankfurt by air on 13 August.
6. The delay in the departure of the Italian Red Cross Representative was due to some hold up in Military clearances.
7. The Italian Government and Red Cross have been kept fully in the picture since mid July.

J. A. Campbell
J. A. CAMPBELL Lt. Col.
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPOW S/C

(At KEDLEY) (Copy Passed For CC Files)

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APD 394
C-1 (B)

11. August 1945.

SUBJECT : Postings - O.Rs

TO : Executive Commissioner
(Attention Mr. J. KOSLEY)

Reference your letter 2216/185/EC dated 10 Aug 45.

1. No. T/12467089 Dvr. MOORE T. (RASC) has been assigned to VENEZIE Region for duty with Mr. BESTZGER.

2. At the moment no British Clerks are available, AC is nearly 260 under W.E. but C-4(A) have been approached, and are assigning 2 Clerks (A).

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

/p.

Copy to : Director, Public Health S.C.

J.C. HODGSON,
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (A)

(Hos. Krenner)

See 188.189 $\frac{5417}{790} \cdot 172$
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Tel: 735

Ref: 2216/185/NO.

10 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Personnel.

TO : G-1 (B)
(Attn: Captain Smith)

183 refers

1. With reference to our conversation this morning (Captain Smith - Major Kemsley) Lt. Col. Snedeker, who is organising at Merano, Bolzano Province, a Hospital Camp for returning Italian Repatriates who are sick, has made the following requests for personnel:

- a. T/4467089 Dvr. MOORE, T. (RASC) - to be posted to Bolzano to act as driver for Mr. Metzger (A.R.C.)
- b. Two good clerks and typewriter.

2. Brigadier Upjohn has recommended that if possible these postings should be made.

3. Will you give the matter your consideration, please.

✓ R. W. KEMSLEY
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Public Health S/C for info.

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Repatriation Italian Sick & Wounded 10 AUG 1945
TO : EAC (183) 9 Aug 1945

1. I attach an excellent report by C. F. Fivelle on his visit to Merano to organize the set up to receive Italian sick & wounded.

2. It is requested that this very reasonable request for personnel be granted & that Sgt See be instructed to make Dr. Moore & 2 clerks ~~be~~ available. We must remember 5415

C. F. Smedley has a responsible & difficult job & is entitled to reasonable assistance. G. R. L. ~~with~~

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub Commission

AG/3118/PH

8 August 1945

SUBJECT : - Report on visit to Merano concerning
Project for Hospitalisation of sick returning
Italian Repatriates.

TO : - V.P. C.A. Section.

Thursday August 2nd: Left Rome for Milan. In Milan visited the Secretary of the Italian Red Cross for the North. Impressed upon him the necessity of full support from the IRC in personnel. IRC is making every effort to supply all personnel required, in obtaining them from all towns in the North and is in addition commencing a large scale recruiting campaign. The Secretary - Dr. Bellenzaghi - was very cooperative and offered to send two representatives to Merano for conference on Saturday, 4th August.

Friday, August 3rd : Left Milan for HQ. AMG, 5th Army. Conferred with Lt. Col. Mickie and Mr. Metzger of the ARC. Many problems on rations, transport and personnel discussed. Arrived Bolzano Friday evening.

Saturday August 4th: Conference at Bolzano with Lt. Col. Snedeker and two IRC representatives. IRC was told that although AC/AMG would begin the project and offer all assistance as long as possible, the ultimate control of the hospitalisation project would have to be passed to IRC. Went to Lana, some miles from Bolzano, where there are two Italian Field Hospitals, ready to accept patients up to approximately 580. These Hospitals had already dealt with a train load which had arrived at Merano in mistake for Milano. Only a few of these patients now remain, the majority having been evacuated to Milano by road.

At Bolzano inspected with Col. Snedeker, the IRC representatives and a German General, the 21st paratrooper Hospital. This Hospital was to have supplied 1700 beds but a fire the previous night destroyed the top storey and half the storey underneath one block. Cause of the fire is suspected to be sabotage but this is unconfirmed. The remaining available beds are approximately 900-1000, ready for immediate occupation. The beds and domestic equipment are good while medical and surgical equipment has been stored and will be called forward as required.

Conferred with Major Latterhos, the local Army Surgeon, who was most cooperative. He stated that another 1000 bedded Hospital would be available by August 8th and that more accommodation would soon be free. He was willing to put all the local German transport, which is considerable, at the disposal of the project for as long as possible. He stated that domestic help - cleaners, cooks, etc. - was available from a large local population of displaced persons. The IRC delegates followed and participated in the discussion with the greatest interest.

Returned to 24 AMG Evacuation Camp, Bolzano, where there were 5 IRC Doctors, 14 Nurses and 20 ORs ready to proceed to Merano. Colonel Snedeker was to take them up the following day. Agreed with Col. Snedeker to ask DP & R S/C to let him have Capt. Battaglia's services part-time.

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p.t.o.

Dr. Bloch, of the Swiss Red Cross, was to arrive at Merano on August 6th with an advance party of Swiss personnel, the total party comprising eventually 15 doctors and 40 nurses. The move to be completed by 15th Aug.

Sunday August 5th :- Returned to HQ AMG 5th Army. Mr. Metzger proceeding to Merano on the 7th to be followed by another ARC worker on the 15th. Lt Col. Mickie stated that in addition to a CAO who was arriving at Merano on the 6th, he hopes to have several more officers free in a few days from Emilia Region and would send them up to reinforce Lt Col. Snedeker's team. This team should thus eventually consist of :-

Lt. Col. Snedeker	One CAO from Brunico
Major Long	At least two other Officers
Captain Brown	from AMG 5th Army if available
Mr. Metzger ARC	
Another ARC worker	

This gives - even without the possible assistance from Emilia Region through AMG 5th Army of 2 Officers - a team of six. It is thought that if required this Sub Commission could supply another MO while DP & R S/C will be asked for the part-time services of Capt. Battaglia. It is not felt that at present any more Officer strength is required.

As regards ORs, it is requested that an RASC driver T/4467089 Dvr. T Moore be sent from AMG 5th Army to Bolzano province to act as driver for Mr. Metzger. It is also requested that Lt. Col. Snedeker be afforded clerical assistance of at least two clerks with a typewriter.

Lt. Col. Snedeker has a good grasp of the immediate problems and is setting about them realistically. Capt. Blomfield of the DP & R S/C, who has been in Merano for some weeks and is now returning, has done excellent work in setting up the two Italian Field Hospitals and all the interested agencies are helpful and cooperative.

It is felt that now the Italian Government and the IRC should be brought into the picture as fully as possible so as to be completely cognisant of all that is going on and thus be able eventually to take over an increasing amount of responsibility in the running of the project.

At the moment, however, there is insufficient information as to the total number of patients to be expected, the E T A of the trains and the break down of the cases.

G. M. Frizelle
G.M. FRIZELLE
Colonel
Chief, Public Health Branch 5413

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COMEX SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE ETGEC

ACTION CINC 21 ARMY GP, CG 3 US ARMY, CG 7 US ARMY, OCOT MAIN,
FRENCH ZONE FOR DIP, PERSONS; EMGC, INFO: USFET MIS FRANCE FOR
G-5, AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER, ALCOM

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Repatriation conference between representatives this theatre and
AFHQ will be held in PARIS 17th August. Pre-conference being held 1600
hours 16th August, also in PARIS.

German refugee problem will be discussed in detail at the con-
ference on the 16th August, together with other DP problems. Request
Army representatives bring forward data on this subject. Forward
earliest name of one G-5 (Military Govt) and one transport represen-
tative for each Army.

Transport to PARIS will be arranged by Armies and on arrival to
report to Lt Col WITTE, USFET Mission FRANCE, CHASE Bank, Rue CAMBON.

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FX 31449
AUG 022041B

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AUG 031100
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AUG 3 1945

From: SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHODM

to: EXPCR INFO ALCON DERS USPT MAIN FOR BETI LO G-4 BOUQUENT OPS)
USPT REAR, ALCON, HQ AMB 5TH ARMY FOR COL PAHR, DERS ROME,
12 ARMY GROUP FOR OCOT (FWD) MOV DIV.

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Exchange of German and Italian sick.

Concur suggestion para 10 your QM-0203 dated 31 July calling
conference at FRANKFURT 4 August.

AFHQ representatives Lt Col BARSDORF G-1 (BR) Lt Col WILLIAMS MEDICAL
Lt Col BUDDABY TN (B) Major ELLIS G-4 (MOV and TN) depart NAPLES flight
218 030800B arrive FRANKFURT (HANAU) 031935B. Request you arrange
guides.

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ROUTINE
AUG 3 1945

From: EXFOR

10: AFHQ (FOR FHGDM), USFET MAIN, INFO OCOT A (DWDJP) MOV DIV C/O 12
ARMY GP, BRIT LO G-4 (CURRENT OPS) USFET MAIN, ALCON HQ AMG 5TH
ARMY (FOR COL PARK), FREEDONE CITE FIELD.

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Subject is exchange of German and Italian sick.

Med conference WIESBADEN on 2 July and ROME conference 20 July refers.

1. Situation most confused. Following is position as seen by 21
ARMY GROUP.

2. WIESBADEN conference. Target date for commencement of move
agreed as 1 August. 21 ARMY GROUP to supply 3 ambulance trains and AFHQ
2 ambulance trains this subject to confirmation by Q (M) would allow 2
trains each way each week.

3. 21 ARMY GROUP conference 23 July arising out of WIESBADEN
conference. 1 August agreed as target date also agreed that 21 ARMY GROUP
supply 4 ambulance trains and AFHQ 2 trains. Stated that A (WEHR) had
dispatched a signal to AFHQ requesting permission to dispatch 250 Italians
on 1 August 300 Italians 3 August and 300 Italians 6 August all to MERANO.
A (WEHR) 8124 of 211430B refers. Also agreed that all trains from ITALY
be accepted at BELSEN. N/R

4. ROME conference 20 July. Agreed by AFHQ USFET and 21 ARMY GROUP
G-4/MOV findings of the WIESBADEN conference were unacceptable 5410 the
large number of ambulance trains required. Agreed that the whole problem
of exchange of sick between GERMANY and ITALY should be reexamined.

5. Your unnumbered signal of 261555B in reply to A (WEHR) 8124 of
211430B reads as follows, N/R

"1st. 3 trains accepted destination MERANO in BOLZANO where
Italians will be detrained. Trains then proceed

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empty to PADUA and load sick PW for return GERMANY.

"2nd. Destination of LARPER unknown but assume we shall by then have received fresh proposals for disposal of German sick ex ITALY as agreed AFHQ-USPET ROME conference 20 July." *N/R*

6. EXFOR A (WEHR) 8128 of 272045B states "ref this Hq signal A (WEHR) 8124 of 211430B subject evacuation of German sick and wounded from ITALY.

1. Objections mentioned at conference in ROME 20 July not clear. Understand Italian authorities responsible for dispersal of cases after arrival at MERANO or PADUA.

2. Essential exchange should start earliest.

3. Please signal when you can receive and your proposals for acceptance." *N/R*

7. Q (N) EXFOR signal QM 9948 dated 282135B states "ref AFHQ un-numbered signal of 261555B in reply to A (WEHR) 8124 of 21 July. In view of the minutes of ROME meeting 20 July in which it was stated the proposal was not acceptable at present and would be rediscussed. Please say whether the arrangements detailed in AFHQ signal referred to above have (A) been agreed with you and (B) with USPET." *N/R*

8. AFHQ signal FX 29771 of 292100B states

"1st. Reference MED conference WIESBADEN exchange of sick and wounded PW. 5409

2nd. Propose dispatching first 3 GMP ambulance trains repatriating approx 1000 German sick and wounded PW on following schedule first train depart KLAGENFURT 3 August second train depart KLAGENFURT 6 August third train depart KLAGENFURT 9 August.

3rd. If agreed state destination these trains on basis AFHQ - USPET ROME conference 20 July and quote route.

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NEW SUBJECT

4th. Your A (WEHR) 8128 of 27 July not understood. A (WEHR) 8124 of 211430B is subject Italian sick and wounded from GERMANY. Request you connect our cable C 7752 of 26 July and confirm no further action this Hq".

9. In view of above request you state whether this matter has been rediscussed since ROME conference and agreed with USFET. If so state whether trains ex KLAGENFURT are part of WIESBADEN scheme and whether on arrival in 21 ARMY GP Area they should be worked back on the MERANO shuttle service. Or is KLAGENFURT a separate scheme.

10. Acceptance point 21 ARMY GP Area is BRUSEN and if scheme is on it is suggested that a conference is held this week between AFHQ-USFET and 21 ARMY GROUP in order to decide on an loop C through US Zone to incl watering points journey times etc. Suggest FRANKFURT 4 August.

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TO: AFHQ GEORGE FIVE SECTION

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS ARRIVAL OF HOSPITAL TRAIN FROM GERMANY AT BOLZANO PD
PAREN TO AFHQ GEORGE FIVE SECTION FROM ALCOM CITE ACCAS PAREN

PARA TWO PD ALCOM IS INFORMED THAT ONE HOSPITAL TRAIN HAS ARRIVED DESPITE
THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT DUE FOR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS PD THIS HAS CAUSED VERY
GREAT DIFFICULTIES PD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS AFTERNOON PAREN
MACNAMARA SLANT BOHEMIAN CAMPER PAREN IS CONFIRMED AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT
YOU PROTEST IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS AND ASK FOR ASSURANCE THAT
FOUR DAYS NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT
TRAINS PD

Internal Distribution:

Executive Commissioner,
Public Health Sub-Commission
Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/C

Civil Affairs Section,

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant.

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25 July 1945

SUBJECT : Conference for imports into Switzerland.
TO : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

JUL 27 1945

1. On 29th and 30th June 1945 a conference was held at Berne, Switzerland, between representatives of Allied Force Headquarters, and Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, and representatives of the Swiss Federal Council.

2. The subjects discussed were :-

- (a) Repatriation of displaced persons from and through Switzerland.
- (b) Allied Military movement through Switzerland
- (c) Resumption of Swiss import and export traffic through Italy and the ports of Genoa and Savona.

In addition, the Swiss authorities asked that urgent consideration be given by the Allies to the following points :-

- (a) The relaxation of the present ban on the movement of Swiss nationals by road and rail between Italy and Switzerland. The Swiss Government could not take the responsibility of admitting Allied military movement through Switzerland while the border remains closed for the passage of its own civilians.
- (b) The resumption of direct postal facilities between Switzerland and Italy.

3. Brigadier A.T. de Rhe Philipe, D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tn) represented A.F.H.Q. at this conference.

4. I understand that the question of resumption of essential imports into Switzerland through the ports of Genoa and Savona, thence by rail, has been raised by the Swiss Federal Council on the highest diplomatic level through the Foreign Office in London.

5. In order that satisfactory decisions may be reached on all questions, and as it is apparent that the decision must be a diplomatic one, it is requested that an early conference be called by you with diplomatic representatives of the Governments concerned. These representatives should be empowered to take final decisions at the proposed conference.

6. Will you please advise me of your decision in this matter.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner

Ref: DFR/709/MED.

20 July 1945.

JUL 20 1945

My dear Prunas:

Thank you for your letter of 9 July 1945 with which you enclosed a memorandum concerning the situation of Italian Prisoners of War and Internees now in Germany and Austria.

The position with regard to qualified Italians being sent into these countries is that my full proposals met with some opposition but I have obtained an acceptance in principle of a Mission from the Italian Red Cross. This Mission will consist of four members and will be attached to UNRRA at SHAMP Headquarters. The details for implementing this arrangement are already well in hand.

As you know, 32 Liaison Officers are already attached to the various Army Groups and I think it is unlikely that I shall be able to persuade the Allied authorities at SHAMP to accept anything more. It is confidently expected that the repatriation of Italians will proceed smoothly and that even the hospital cases will be returned to Italy well before the start of the winter.

That being so, I do not feel that I can press this matter any further.

I have also written to the Prime Minister, notifying him of the acceptance of the Italian Red Cross Mission.

Very truly yours,

Don Renato Prunas,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

ELDER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am glad to be able to tell you that further progress has been made with the arrangements to send an Italian Red Cross Mission to Germany.

As you know, some 30 Italian Officers are already attached to various Army Groups under SHAEF Command, and in view of that I met with some opposition to the dispatch of further representatives. I have, however, been able to get agreement in principle to sending an Italian Red Cross Mission of 4 members who will be attached to USFSA at SHAEF Headquarters. The detailed preparations for their departure are now well in hand and they will be able to leave within a few days.

I should add that the repatriation from Germany is proceeding well and there is every indication that the whole programme, which includes hospital cases, will be completed within four months.

Yours very truly,

Harry W. Stone

HARRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio PARRI,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government
ROME.

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FROM: ALEXANDER OTTE FRIDM

TO: USFET MAIN INFO ALCON ROME

JUL 18 1945



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Your 2-12640 of 16 July.

1. A conference will be held at 1030 hrs Friday 20 July in conference room ground floor HQ ALLIED COMMISSION ROME.
2. Representatives should report to HQ Commandant ALLIED COMMISSION via VENETO ROME for billeting arrangements.
3. Transport will meet USFET party at aerodrome.

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From: AFHQ SIGNED SACKED CITE PHGNG
 To: ALCON



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Following is paraphrase signal from 3RD US ARMY to USFET dated 14 July. Reference movement Italians SHAEF to AFHQ Area. Investigation in ITALY by officer this Hq shows that at V RONA reception could be raised to 4000 a day.

1. If higher priority on railways were given and gasoline released to quicken dispersal from PESCATINA.

2. If for movement Italians to places south of PO transportation priority be increased. At least 4000 people a day can be processed by this Hq. By local arrangements present quota of 3000 a day across BRENNER can be increased but SHAEF must give authority to exceed quota previously authorized. Redistribution of quota to give 7TH ARMY 2000 per day must be drawn from existing quota of 21 ARMY GROUP or increased quota authorized by AFHQ. Facilities in ITALY for dispersal should be increased urgently in order evacuate before snowfall all Italians over BRENNER. After snow operations very difficult. Shipments are present are in excess of 1000 authorized. This must be stopped.

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From: SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHEG

To: USPET MAIN INFO ALCON ROME, EMITMILAT BERNE, USMA BERNE

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1. See our FX 22188.
2. Can receive forthwith Via COMO at 2000 per day as follows:
 - (A) From SWITZERLAND 1000 per day.
 - (B) From SHAET zones through SWITZERLAND 1000 per day.

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FROM: USFET MAIN SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE GE

TO: AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER INFO AIGOM ROME, CG 6 ARMY GP, CG USFET REAR, CINC 21 ARMY GP, CG 21 ARMY GP, CG 3 US ARMY, CG 7 US ARMY, CG 5 A, CG COMZONE

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The reference is your EX 23064 dated 15 July 45.

Representation of G-5 and Movements, USFET, CCOT, SHAEF Mission FRANCE, UNFRA, and Armies, comprise 8 Colonels, 7 Lt Colonels, 5 Majors, 1 UNFRA, total 21. Leaving by air 1100 hours, 18 July 45. Early start scheduled in view of possible repetition of bad weather which delayed arrival at BOLZANO conference. Following are representatives of this HQ: Colonel LEBREZ (French Liaison Officer), Colonel LAUREN G-1, Lt Col REIGNER G-4, Major DE HAAS G-4, Lt Col CARNOLL G-5, Major WHEELER G-5, Major SHINKUS G-5 (WAC) Miss Phillips UNFRA. Items for Agenda:

- A. Possibility of increasing capacity of BRENNER route and opening of BREGENZ route at early date.
- B. Numbers awaiting repatriation via SWITZERLAND and BRENNER (all nationalities)
- C. Telephonic communications-control points.
- D. Hospital trains.
- E. Greek repatriation via ITALY.
- F. Yugoslav via JESENICA and possibility via TRIESTE.

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JUL 16 1945

From: SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FROM

To: USSET MAIN FOR CITE, 6 ARMY GP, USSET REAR, 12 ARMY GP, 21 ARMY GP, 1st FRENCH ARMY, 3 ARMY, 7 ARMY, 15 ARMY, COMZONE ETOUSA, INFO AICOM ROME

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1. The Joint Committee for Inter Theatre Repatriation Movement Co-Ordination will meet ROME AM 20 July.
2. Please advise numbers of reps attending and means of arrival when arrangements will be made to meet.
3. Items for Agenda should be also be advised by return.

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From: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PROEC
ACTION SHAFI MISSION FRANCE INFO 5TH ARMY, ALOOM

JUL 16 1945

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Reference our FX 20840.

5TH ARMY state no objection to use BUSA route. Request you regularise as suggested your MF 15000 and follow procedure per my FX 97026.

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JUL 15 1945

TO : SHAER MAIN, INFO: ALCOM, BRITISLAT BERNK, USMA BERNK.

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We are now receiving from SWITZERLAND at rate 7500 per 5 day week.

Hope to increase to 12500 per 5 day week by 21 July.

Can receive at 2000 per day (A) from approximately 1 August if increase per paragraph 2 above possible. (B) ~~from~~ approximately 8 August if increase per paragraph 2 above not possible.

Will confirm date of commencement as soon as possible.

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From: SHAFI MAIN SIGNED RISENOWER CITE SHGE
To: ACTION AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER INFO ALCON, 3RD ARMY, 7TH ARMY, 1ST PTN ARMY, C IN C
21 ARMY GP, CG 12 ARMY GP, MONTMILAT, BETUNE, USMA, BERNE

IN CLEAR.

We cable you in our S 95211 of 4 July 1945 and again in our S 96358 of 10 July 1945, emphasizing our anxiety to increase the outward flow of Italians. No reply has been received. We would advise that we are repatriating at present only a total of 3500 Italians daily, which is insufficient to cope with our problem here and will leave residue in GERMANY when winter sets in. Request early reply.



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From: G5 5 ARMY FOR HUMS CITE OUR P 282.

To: HQ ALCOM

JUL 14 1945

IN CLEAR.

Reference your signal 1572 dated 10 July.

As Colonel PARR, Senior Public Health Officer 5 ARMY AMG is now in GERMANY on ALCOM order we cannot perfect arrangements until his return. Use of facilities at MERANO most appropriate and will have our support and cooperation. Further information will be supplied later.

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FROM: AMER, STATED S AGUED CETS BRING
To: ALCON

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for your information SHAEF endeavouring move soonest 3000 north ~~displaced~~
displaced persons at present in PARIS Area through SWITZERLAND by rail



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APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel : 478704

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11 July 1945

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SUBJECT : Instructions for movement of Italian ex P.O.W. and Refugees from SHAEP to Italy and from Northern Italy to Southern destinations, also movement of other Nationals through Italy.

TO : Major P. Fry, AC Transportation Officer,
c/o Fifth Army (Transportation)
Major H.C. Talbot, Transportation Sub-Commission (Adv.Ech.)
c/o Lombardia Region
Major J.B. Black, S.R.O. G-5 AMG Fifth Army

1. Intention

Resulting from the decision taken at the Bolzano Conference it has been agreed that ex P.O.W. and Refugees of Italian nationality will be returned to Italy by two main Northern routes :-

(a) Via Brenner

(b) Through Switzerland via Como.

Other Nationals, i.e. Poles, Greeks and Russians, may have to be moved via the same routes to locations in Italy prior to repatriation, but it is agreed that such movements will not take place unless onward movement to final destination can be assured; in any event it is not anticipated that such movement will be great.

2. Method of Movement

(a) Italian Nationals, i.e. ex P.W. and Refugees

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- (iii) For Central, Southern Italy and Sicily will be moved by Rail; or in case of Sicily, so far as is possible, by Sea through Port of Piombino.

(b) Other Nationals for transit through Italy

Will be moved to Holding Camps selected, pending onward movement arrangements.

3. Staging

- (a) Returning ex P.W. and Refugees via the Swiss route will be staged at the Como Reception Camp (capacity 5,000) and Domo-dossola.

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- (b) Returning ex P.W. and Refugees via the Brenner route will be staged at Verona Reception Camp present capacity 3,750 to be increased to 10,000.
- (c) Ex P.W. and Refugees now located in North and North East Italy moving to Southern destinations will as far as possible be concentrated at Treviso, Modena, Bologna, Forlì and Florence.
- (d) Ex P.W. and Refugees now located in North West Italy moving to Southern destinations will as far as possible be concentrated on Milan and Lucca.
- (e) Ex P.W. and Refugees for Sicily will be cleared through the staging Camps Bologna, Florence and Lucca to Piombino for onward shipment.
- (f) Other Nationals in transit will be staged under special arrangements to be advised.

4. Coordination of Movement

- (a) Close liaison will be maintained at all times with Military Movements and Transportation Representatives in connection with all movements of ex P.W., Refugees and other Nationals.
- (b) Allied Commission have provided a Liaison Officer from Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission with location at Salò (Fifth Army HQ, Telephone No. Lightning 534).
- (c) All arrangements regarding movement
 - (i) from SHAEF via Switzerland to Italy will be handled by Transportation Sub-Commission (Adv.Ech.) Representative c/o Lombardia Region, Telephone No. Milan 12457;
 - (ii) from SHAEF via the Brenner route by AC Transportation Officer with Fifth Army (Transportation).
- (d) All movement arrangements north of a line following the Northern Boundaries of the Provinces of Ravenna, Florence, Pistoia, Lucca and Apuania will be made by Transportation Sub-Commission (Adv.Ech.) Representative at Milan and/or AC Transportation Officer with Fifth Army (Transportation)

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- (e) All movement arrangements south of the Boundary outlined in sub-para "d" above will be made by Transportation Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

5. Advices

When Refugees are sent to any destinations by Rail the despatching Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission Officer will signal the breakdown by the quickest possible means to the following :-

- (a) If for BARI or TARANTO, to No. 1 Transit Camp, Bari
- (b) If for ROME, to ALCOM cite ACDEP

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- (c) For all other destinations, to the Refugee Representative at the destination or nearest to the destination.

The Officer receiving the signal will arrange for the Refugees to be met : BARI arranging for TARANTO as applicable. All Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission Representatives will keep in touch with their local Movement Control HQ and AC Transportation Officers for latest information. They will continue to advise Movements HQs of breakdown by numbers and destinations immediately on departure of trains, and repeat all signals to ALCOM HQ Rome.

6. Communications

Arrangements are being made for direct telephone communication between :-

- (i) Verona and Munich
- (ii) Verona - Milan - Como Camp and Swiss Exchange point
- (iii) Milan - Berne
- (iv) Verona - A.F.H.Q.
- (v) Verona - AC HQ Rome

7. Conclusion

- (a) It will be the duty of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission Liaison Officer to ensure that Camps can handle numbers of persons despatched from SHAEF and those Displaced Persons emanating from Northern Italy, within the scheduled programme.
- (b) It will be the duty of the AC Transportation Officer (Adv. Ech.) at Milan and AC Transportation Officer with Fifth Army (Transportation) to work in close liaison on all transport problems, and to coordinate all decisions taken with Fifth Army, Eighth Army, Transportation P.B.S., Military Movements, Displaced Persons Representatives and any other persons who may be concerned.
- (c) (i) Sitrep as at 1800 hrs will be made available daily to AC Transportation Liaison Officer by Displaced Persons Liaison Officer Fifth Army giving the overall position at all Camps under the following headings :-

- (i) Verona and Munich
- (ii) Verona - Milan - Como Camp and Swiss Exchange point
- (iii) Milan - Berne
- (iv) Verona - A.F.H.Q.
- (v) Verona - AC HQ Rome

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(c) (i) Sitrep as at 1800 hrs will be made available daily to AC Transportation Liaison Officer by Displaced Persons Liaison Officer Fifth Army giving the overall position at all Camps under the following headings :-

No. Italians
No. Allied Nationals
No. Other Allied Nationals
No. Evacuated

(ii) Breakdown of numbers in Camps south of Verona for movement to Rome, Naples and South, and Sicily will be rendered as at present to Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Commission Rome, copy to Transportation Sub-Commission.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE

M. J. S. 67
M.J. SIEFF, Colonel

COPY TO :

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AMG Fifth Army (3)

AMG Eighth Army (3)

HQ 13 Corps

Fifth Army (Transportation) (3)

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Senior Transportation Officer, AC Ancona

Senior Transportation Officer, AC Florence

Senior Transportation Officer, AC Leghorn

AC Liaison Officer Piombino

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To: AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER INFO: ALCON, 1ST FRENCH ARMY, / BUTMILAT, BERNE
US MILITARY ATTACHE, BERNE.

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Reference our 895211 cite SHGE

We desire to commence the movement of Italian repatriates through SWITZERLAND from BERGEN as early as possible. Please confirm same we may commence.

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PARA ONE PD SHARP HAS INDICATED URGENT NECESSITY OF REPATRIATION OF SICK ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIANS AND HAS ASKED US TO ACCEPT FORTHWITH PD

PARA TWO, PD PLAN IN WHICH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND RED CROSS IS COOPERATING IS TO TAKE OVER HOSPITALS AT MERANO NOW USED BY GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR AS AND WHEN EVACUATED PD REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT CMA AND YOUR AUTHORITY TO RETAIN NOT ONLY BUILDINGS BUT ALL HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT AT PRESENT BEING USED BY GERMAN PD.

PARAEN TO FOR ACTION SCAG FIVE ARMY FOR INFO SURGEON FIVE ARMY CMA VENEZIE REGION CMA FREEDOM GEORGE FIVE FROM ALOOM CITE ACCAS PARAEN

PARA THREE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ITALIANS IS ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO PD ESTIMATED PERIOD OF RETENTION OF BUILDINGS CMA ETC IS FOUR MONTHS PD

PARA FOUR PD REQUEST ALSO YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT GERMAN ARE BEING EVACUATED AND INFORMATION AS TO APPROXIMATE RATE OF SUCH EVACUATION PD

PARA FIVE PD REQUEST CAPTAIN AND QUARTER MASTER ARNO FURNISH TO ALOOM ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO COVER ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO OVER THREE MONTHS PD

PARA SIX PD COLONEL PARR WILL REPORT TO YOU TOMORROW WITH FURTHER DETAILS OF SCHEME AND WILL THEN PROCEED TO CONFERENCE WITH SHARP ON ONE TWO JULY

INT DIST :-

Chief Comm PH S/C
Exec. Comm. TRANS S/C
DEAR S/C WMD &

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A. D. BONHAM CARTER Lt Col

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
GWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

(Mr. Johnson)

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Tel: 735

11 July 1945.

Ref: 2216/145/EC.

SUBJECT: Italian PW and Internees in GERMANY and AUSTRIA.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference is made to attached Memorandum from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs dated 9 July 1945, No. 6/2104/959, together with its covering letter from Dr. Prunas to the Chief Commissioner.

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2. This Memorandum is sent to you for action as the last and operative para particularises on the subject of "missions" to GERMANY on which you have already been in correspondence with the Italian Government.

3. You may, however, consider it desirable to consult War Material Disposal and Italian PW Sub-Commission with a view to producing a comprehensive reply. The reply should be prepared for signature by the Chief Commissioner.

G.H.
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

Copy to: War Material Disposal & IPW Sub-Commission

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting - 10 July 45.

Italian Red Cross.

IPW S/C reported that SHAF had now agreed to accept
four Italian Red Cross workers for Germany.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

6/2124/963

Rome, July 9th 1945

Dear Admiral,

I take pleasure in sending you, enclosed herewith, copy of the Memorandum concerning the question of the Italian P.O.W. and Internees now in Germany and Austria, which has been addressed to the Allied Commission. I venture to enlist your kind assistance on the matter which is of a deep concern to the Government.

As you remember, the President of the Council has had recently the occasion of acquainting you verbally with the subject.

With kindest regards, believe me, dear Admiral,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
ROME

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MINISTERO
DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

N. 6/2104/959

VERY URGENT

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian P.O.W. and Internees in Germany and Austria.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs have the honour to draw once again the kind attention of the Allied Commission on the grave question of the Italian P.O.W. and Internees in Germany and Austria.

The Allied Commission is aware of the steps which have already been taken since August 1944 in this connection, and on repeated various occasions for the purpose of securing from the A.A. authorization to send to these internees and prisoners some qualified persons chosen among those Italian Social Organizations associated with the welfare and assistance to prisoners of war. The Allied Commission is also aware of the fact that, unfortunately, all efforts toward this end have had no results to date, nor has any success been obtained in securing authorization to directly participate within the means at our disposal toward the assistance of our deportees in Germany and Austria.

Only recently has the Allied Commission requested that Italian officers be sent to Germany as interpreters. What exactly may be the duties that have been assigned to these officers numbering thirty and who have already left Italy, we have not yet been able to ascertain but it is supposed that they have been able to accomplish very little, judging from reports reaching from Germany advising us of the deep moral depression of our deportees as a result of their conviction that they have been abandoned by the Italian Government, both morally and materially. Many of these are ill and not easily moved by rapid means of transportation. None of them receive news of their families; the departure of prisoners of other nationalities from internment camps while they continue to remain, naturally tends to increase their dissatisfaction. On the other hand, the families in Italy, lacking news of their relatives, are well acquainted with the seriousness of the situation, as described by the press as well as the information brought back by the first repatriates.

They are naturally very apprehensive and desire to have their anxieties relieved. This preoccupation has created among them a state of mind that could have grave social as well as political repercussions.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs begs to refer to the Allied

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs begs to renew to the Allied Commission - drawing their particular attention to the above described situation - the request that the Italian Government be authorized to send its own missions to Germany and Austria for the purpose of visiting the Italian camps there and to bring to their nationals that material and moral support which they justly expect from their own Country. With this end in view the President of the Council has already verbally mentioned the matter to Admiral Stone.

Rome, July 9th 1945

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From TEDDER 12 AR GP CITE SHGE

JUL 8 1945

To: CG 12 ARMY GP, SHAEF MISSION FRANCE, CE COMZONE INFO: AFHQ FOR
ALEXANDER, C IN C 8 BRITISH ARMY CG, CG 15 US ARMY, CG 3 US ARMY,
HQ ALCOM ROME

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The ref is our S-94492 of 1 July, owing to unforeseen difficulties proposed movement of Germans ex FRANCE in returning 8 ARMY leave lorries is abandoned.

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Ref: DPM/709/MED.

6 July 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I welcome your letter of 30 June in which you propose to send representatives of the Red Cross into Central Europe to assist in the repatriation of sick Italians.

Negotiations are now at an advanced stage for transporting 600 persons weekly both into Milan and into Verona by hospital trains. The final approval of these plans is only awaiting the confirmation that the hospitals in the North can accept these numbers. For that reason I do not think that there will be any need of your plan to transport these persons by road.

Apart from that, however, I strongly support your proposal and I have given instructions for the negotiations which are already in hand to be pursued with all energy. I am sure that excellent work can be done at both ends of the train journey and on the train itself.

I hope that in a very few days I shall be able to tell you that the negotiations have been satisfactorily concluded.

Yours very truly,

ELIERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner,
Public Health.

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JUL 5 1945

From: SHAEF SIGNED TEDDER CITE SHOE

To: AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER; CG 12 ARMY GROUP; C IN C 21 ARMY GROUP; CG 6TH ARMY GROUP
REPEAT FOR INFO TO ALCON; CG 3RD US ARMY; CG 7 US ARMY; CG 15 US ARMY;
CG 1ST FRENCH ARMY; BRITMILAT BERNE; US MILITARY ATTACHE BERNE

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1. Repatriation of Italians through BRENNER PASS. AFHQ/SHAEF joint committee at meeting 2 July agreed increase flow through BRENNER above BOLZANO figure of 2500/3000 per day. Subject to local agreement of executive authorities 3rd US ARMY at MONTE and 5TH US ARMY at VERONA flow of up to 5000 per day is authorized. Actual daily flow to be controlled by state of reception camps VERONA and ability to disperse from VERONA.

2. Desirable to increase total flow through and out of SWITZERLAND via DOMODOSSOLA and COMO to 14000 per week. Of this approximately 7000 per week is now moving or will shortly be moving ex SWITZERLAND. Balance of 7000 DPE/PWS ex SHAEF territory from BREGENZ to start moving early as possible with target date 12 July. Actual date to be determined by AFHQ AC ITALY.

3. Agreed Brigadier PHILLIPS and Col FINDLAY.

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JUL 4 1945

FROM: SREAF SIGNED TIEDER CITE SHIN

TO: CG 6 ARMY GROUP, CG 12 ARMY GROUP, CINE 21 ARMY GROUP, CG 3rd US ARMY, CG 15 US ARMY, CG 7 US ARMY, CG 1st FRENCH ARMY INFO AMERICAN EMBASSY BERNE USAMA, CG COM ZONE FOR CCOT, AFHQ, FOR ALEXANDER

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Reference S 91805 to 3,000 Italians daily through the BRENNER Pass.

Allotment to be as follows: from 1 July to 6 July 2,000 per day EX 3 US ARMY area; 1,000 per day EX 15 US ARMY. From 7 to 9 July 2,000 per day EX 7 US ARMY, 1,000 per day EX 15 US ARMY. From 10 to 14 July 1000 per day EX 21 ARMY GROUP area, 1,000 per day from 3 US ARMY, 1,000 per day EX 15 US ARMY.

21 ARMY GROUP desire to dispatch train on 7 July from BRUNSWICK which will take approximately 3 days to arrive MUNICH, consequently first movement of Italians EX 21 ARMY GROUP through BRENNER Pass should not take place before 10 July.

3 US ARMY to call forward Italians from Arzies as mentioned in above quoted cable, para 4.

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To: CG 6 ARMY GP, CG 12 ARMY GP, C IN C 21 ARMY GP, CG 3rd ARMY, CG 7 ARMY, CG 15 ARMY, CG 1st FRENCH ARMY INFO: AMERICAN EMBASSY, BERNE FOR UNITED STATES MILITARY ATTACHE, CT COMZONE FOR OCOT, AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER

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1. At the BOLEANO conference it was agreed that the repatriation of Italians ex Germans (GERMANY?) and Germans from ITALY should commence 1 July 1945 at the rate of 3,000 per day each way over BRENNER route and 3,000 Italians per day over Swiss route. Movement of Germans through SWITZERLAND is not projected.

2. Third US and 1st French Army will establish reception-delivery camps at MUNICH and BREGENZ respectively.

3. SHAEP will circulate every fortnight an overall allocation covering movement of Italians to MUNICH and BREGENZ.

4. Within overall allocation laid down in para 3 above, Third Army and First French Army will call forward to MUNICH and BREGENZ respectively Italians from Seventh, 15th Armies and 21 Army Group in sufficient numbers to ensure continual flow of 3,000 per day over each of the BRENNER and Swiss routes.

5. Use of Swiss route and full details will be discussed at conference to be held at BERNE end of month and Army Groups will be advised.

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6. Arrangements for the dispersal of Germans arriving at MUNICH from ITALY is the responsibility of 3rd ARMY. 3rd ARMY will sort so far as possible by carloads by Army areas. Armies will accept in their areas Germans dispatched to them and will expedite transit of Germans passing through their areas. 3rd Army will notify all concerned including this Hq numbers, routes, and Etas of shipments originating ex MUNICH.

7. 3rd US Army and 1st French Army are requested to confirm that above plan is acceptable.

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From: 15 ARMY GROUP

To: AFHQ CITE PHGDM INFO 5 ARMY, ALCOM

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Subject is movement of refugees by BRENNER route. Conges-
tion is being caused in VERONA camp by SHAEP dispatching 6000 refu-
gees daily instead of a maximum of 3000 as agreed at BOLZANO confe-
rence. Request action be urgently taken to rectify meanwhile local
action being taken by direct link from VERONA.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

n. 531/8378

Rome, 30 June 1945
JUN 30 1945

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

R o m e

Dear Admiral,

one of the problems about which I am most concerned at the present moment is that which concerns the situation of interned Italians, civilians and military people, in Germany. From what we can gather from the numerous news we received, the solving of this problem seems to be most urgent and ought not to be delayed any longer.

The more general question of the repatriation of the masses of Italians who are interned in Germany is certainly most complex and I can easily realize the difficulties of a military and international character inherent to it, difficulties which it will take a certain time to overcome.

The question on which I want to draw your attention at the present moment is of a more restricted character and consists in examining the possibility of sending at once relief missions organized by the Italian Red Cross to the camps of interned Italians in Germany.

For the present time there might be three of these missions, everyone of them consisting in a column of vehicles loaded with clothing, medicines and feedstuffs, under the supervision of the sanitary personnel, and under the orders of a chief of mission who ought to be a Colonel of the Military Sanitation.

The personnel should be strictly limited to such people as would have directing functions, for doctors and nurses can be found among the interned Italians themselves, on the spot. Every mission would form, in the area allotted to it, a centre of the Italian Red Cross, from where all the relief work would start. As soon as the basis would have been constituted, the vehicles assigned to the missions might return to Italy with the sickest among the patients, and come back on the basis with new material. The three missions might be sent as follows: one to Austria, the second to Bavaria, and the third to the Center-East of Germany.

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To my knowledge, negotiations to this end have already taken place between the Italian and Allied Authorities. Brigadier Parkinson has also sent a request to SHAEF. Up to now, however, no definitive decision has been made, and the Italian Red Cross hasn't been able to realize its plan.

I beg you to examine the possibility of solving this problem without delay, and I want to draw your attention on the psychological and political repercussions which the fact that the Italian Government does nothing to bring relief to the prisoners might have on the mass of interned Italians in Germany; such repercussions have, unfortunately, taken place already, and are bad for the prestige of the Italian Government with these numerous unfortunate Italians.

As you well realize, leaving aside every superior reason of solidarity and human brotherhood, the motive which makes me consider this problem to be so urgent is the wish to have these Italians repatriated not as a disorderly mass of reckless people, but as a well organized, quiet troop of people, capable of participating from the start in the moral, material and political reconstruction of the country.

It would be a motive of great satisfaction and deep gratitude for all the Italian Government to be able to announce in a few days that this relief mission is leaving.

Yours sincerely,

S. Ferruccio Parri

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APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/1-8/ADM

Tel. 489081 Ext. 414

24 June 1945

SUBJECT : Movement of Refugees in Northern Italy.

JUN 29 1945

TO : Lombardia Region.

1. Reference your R/0206 of 19 June 1945.

2. Transport.

It is understood from 15 Army Group that they will undertake to supply sufficient Army transport to move refugees on request. (Copy of cable attached for information.)

3. Personnel.

Every endeavour is still being made to obtain the American quota of additional Officers and EM. (The British quota has already been supplied).

4. Col. Findlay is attending a Conference at SHAEF and will insist that not more than 1000 per day from COMO and 1000 per day from DOMODOSSOLA can be accepted until personnel are supplied and transport assured.

5. POL will have to be requested from Army and A.M.G. Sources in phase 2. The Regional Commissioners conference will show the difficulties.

C. Findlay
S.E. FINDLAY *for* *AWL*
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner.
Piemonte Region.

Director's Draft.

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ROUTINE.

15 ARMY GROUP

HQ ALCOM ROME CITE ACPT

INFO: AMG FIFTH ARMY, AMG IV CORPS, AMG 8th
ARMY, G-5 AFHQ, THE OFFICER LIGURIA, PIEMONTE BOMBARDIA, VENEZIA.

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1. Alcom 461 refers.

2. Do not concur last sentence paragraph 4. Agreed it is responsibility of armies to lift displaced persons during phase 1 on receipt firm bids from various camps. Must insist that method and manner of lift be left to discretion of armies. You maybe assured that refugees will receive high priority consistent with military commitments.

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From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGSG
To: ALCOM ROME INFO 15 ARMY GP, 5 ARMY

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1. Subject to MRS facilities reception and movement of 3000 displaced persons south through BRENNER is responsibility of 15 ARMY GP within their area during phrase one.
2. ALCOM is responsible for reception and movement of 3000 daily from BRENNER route in their area of control.
3. Subject to MRS facilities 15 ARMY GP will prepare for reception and movement of 3000 displaced persons daily via SWITZERLAND within their area.
4. ALCOM will prepare for reception and movement of 3000 displaced persons daily ex SWITZERLAND within their area.
5. Close liaison to be maintained between ALCOM and 15 ARMY GP to implement movement and prepare for phase two.
6. Starting date for Swiss move to be cabled later.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting - 22 June, 45.

JUL 4 1945

Bolzano - Displaced Persons.

Executive Commissioner stated that General Robertson was under the impression that Allied Commission were over-optimistic in its ability to handle five thousand refugees per day through the Brenner Pass and five thousand per day through Milan. Civil Affairs Section said we could handle the problem quite well provided we had the necessary staff and G.T. Companies. The local C.L.N. had been very helpful and had been handling two thousand people per day on the Brenner route.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Tel: 289

Ref: 2216/EG.

22 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Refugee movement from SWITZERLAND through Porto
CHIASSO, COMO and LOMBARDIA.

TO : Civil Affairs Section (For Displaced Persons & Repat. S/O)

1. Attached letter R/C206 of 19 June 45 from Regional Commissioner LOMBARDIA Region, subject as above, is passed to you for information and appropriate action.

2. Please send a copy of your reply to this office.

[Signature]
Chief Staff Officer,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

R/C206

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Refugee movement from Switzerland through Porte CHIASSO, COMO
and LOMBARDIA

TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. Approximately 40,000 internees now in Switzerland will enter Italy almost immediately, at the rate of 1,000 per day, through Como, and a similar amount through Domodossola.

Commencing July first it has been planned that in addition 5000 a day will be received in Como - refugees from south-western Germany - who will be passed through Switzerland in special trains.

2. Our organization in Lombardia Region of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission is quite inadequate in numbers of personnel, and transport, to compete with this increase in the size of the intake, and subsequent evacuation to the east, west and south.

3. We are informed that at the Bolzano Conference on the 15th June, it was minuted that the following additional staff and transport would be required to handle the refugee problem for North Italy:

Approximately 60 officers
100 EM's/CR's
6 Transport units of 100 trucks each.

Of this total we shall require at least one-third to supplement my D.P.R.S.C. group for Lombardia Region, as both Como and Milan camps will each be receiving and dispatching 5000 refugees per day for a considerable period. In other words, we in Lombardy will need 20 officers, 33 EM's/CR's and 2 transport units of 100 trucks each.

4. Estimating the consumption of petrol at 10 gallons per hundred miles, and the average daily trip at 100 miles, fuel requirements for the two transport units and the Italian civilian transport we will muster 260 vehicles and fuel requirements would be in the nature of:

P.O.L.	2000 gals per day
DERV.	500 " " "
ENGINE OIL	25 " " "

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5. We would be grateful if you will stress the urgent need of this implementation.

/sgd/ Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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Ref: 2216/EC

20 June 1945

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - BOLZANO Conference.

TO : Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

1. The GAO, AFTER discussed with me the results of the BOLZANO meeting which he understood to involve the movement of 5000 per diem through the Brenner pass and 5000 per diem through MILAN. General Robertson thought that the Allied Commission was optimistic as to the practicability of this move.

2. Regional Commissioner, Lombardia, said that he wanted his camp to be just South of Lake COMO in order that refugees can be delivered there by rail and then distributed again by rail further South.

3. I should be glad in due course to know the results, from the point of view of the Allied Commission, of this meeting.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JC.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Displaced Persons & Repatriation
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WMO & IFW Sub-Commission.

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REDISTRIBUTION AND DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR,
SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

MINUTES OF AHCQ - SHARP CONFERENCE

at BOLZANO - 14-15 JUN 45

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Commanding General,
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REBAPTISM AND DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR,
SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISCIPLINED PERSONS, ETC.

MINUTES OF ARHQ - SHARP CONFERENCE

at BOLZANO - 14-15 JUN 45

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SUMMARY OF MAIN CONCLUSIONS

The BOLZANO Conference held on 14/15 Jun 45 to determine the questions arising out of the proposed redistribution of prisoners of war, surrendered personnel and displaced persons between SHARP and AFHQ decided:

1. That dispatch to their native country of all considered disposable should take place commencing 1 Jul 45.
2. That a shuttle service be run on the following routes:

(a) BREMEN	-	(VERONA - MUNICH)	Capacity - 3,000 per day, each way.
(b) SWISS	-	(SCHAFHAUSEN or BASEL to COMO) or (ANTHEMASSE to COMO)	Capacity - 3,000 per day, each way.
3. That AFHQ and SHARP should control this move by a joint committee meeting fortnightly.

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2. That a shuttle service be run on the following routes:

(a) BERNER - (VERONA - MUNICH)

Capacity - 3,000 per day, each way.

(b) SWISS - (SCHAFHAUSEN or BREITZ to COMO) or
(LUGANO to COMO)

Capacity - 3,000 per day, each way.

3. That AFHQ and SWIFT should control this move by a joint committee meeting fortnightly.

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Detailed minutes amplifying the above are attached.

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1. Lieutenant General Sir Brian H. ROBERTSON (Chief Administrative Officer, AFHQ) opened the conference by explaining that the substance of the Agenda was as agreed by signal with SHAFF, although the order in which he proposed to take it had been altered.

Numbers Involved:

2. A sub-committee was formed, under the chairmanship of Colonel P.S. LAUREN (G.1. SHAFF) to determine the number, nationality and status of the personnel whose movement was the subject of discussion. A statement by this sub-committee is attached at Appendix 'A'.

Priority of Classes:

3. Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that he wished to discuss the question of priorities separately from the question of the method of control, which would be dealt with later (see para 8). He referred to the four Disarmament Directives issued by SHAFF and asked for suggestions as to how this question should be decided.

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Colonel W.A. BRUTER (G-5 12th Army Group) said that he considered that the priorities should be in accordance with SHAFF Directives already referred to. This was agreed.

Method of Transportation:

4. (a) Shipping:

Of the three usual methods of transportation, shipping could be ruled out, as none was available. This was agreed by G-4 (Mov & Trn) AFHQ and SHAFF.

- (b) Air:

Group Captain R.B. PACEHAM, (Chief of Plans, MAF) said that, as far as MAF was concerned, no aircraft was available at all. He could not speak for SHAFF, but he assumed that, although the United States Air Force would be largely employed on redeployment, some aircraft might well be available, in which case MAF was

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A representative from SHAFF said that he did not think that many aircraft would be available for anything other than special movements from time to time.

Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPPE (G-4 (Mov & Trn) AFHQ) queried the availability of 50 French planes, but MAAP said that their engines would be worn out by the end of the month.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON requested Group Captain PAKENHAM to proceed to SHAFF to explore further the feasibility of using air as a means of transportation.

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(c) Rail:

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that, at such a large conference as this, he did not propose to go into detail with regard to rail movements, but that he wished to settle some broad principles and to form a committee to make a more detailed report. There were three main routes - the BRENNER, the SWISS and the route coming out through EAST AUSTRIA - the latter could be ruled out for large scale movement as it was already committed and was not conveniently situated. The SWISS route was under consideration for use by military traffic (i.e. the movement of troops as opposed to the movement of displaced persons and enemy personnel).

Brigadier A.G. SALISBURY-JONES (C-5 SHAFER) said that the Swiss agreed to the use of the SWISS route and required a committee of three persons to go to BRENNER to discuss its use. He went on to stress the fact that he considered that maximum use should be made of every route, in order to accelerate the movement of the large numbers involved.

Brigadier A.T. de RHET (C-4 (NAV & TN) APTC) said that he would prefer not to move Germans and Austrians from ITALY to SHAFER by the SWISS route, but was anxious to concentrate on the BRENNER route as far as outward movement from ITALY was concerned.

Brigadier A.G. SALISBURY-JONES enquired why there were only 100,000 German prisoners of war and surrendered personnel to be moved from ITALY to GERMANY.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON explained that those held by the British were required for labour elsewhere, apart from those required for work in ITALY, and large numbers of those held by the United States were being employed in ITALY, but would become available later.

Colonel P.S. LAUREN (G-1, SHAFER) said that he understood that the 100,000 figure was an initial figure only, and represented those who were available now.

Brigadier A.G. SALISBURY-JONES stressed again his desire to speed up movement and suggested that Germans from ITALY should be dumped on the SOUTHERN borders of GERMANY, and allowed to make their own way home. This suggestion was not acceptable to Lt. Col. C.J. HACKETT (G-1, 12th Army Group), who said that chaos would be caused and he considered it essential that all personnel should be hauled by rail or by truck to as near to their homes as possible, and, in any event, not farther away from their homes than two days'

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Lieutenant General ROBERTSON summed up, said that there were two possible routes - the BRENNER and the SWISS. AFHQ preferred the BRENNER route as it would concentrate on the BRENNER and would work on that route, provided that the flow was satisfactory; that SHAFF did with the personnel, when they arrived in their area, was their concern, but AFHQ would segregate Austrians from Germans, in order to assist SHAFF when faced with the problem of moving them to their final destination. AFHQ would be prepared to accept personnel from SHAFF on both routes. With regard to the nationalities of the personnel, other than Italian coming to AFHQ territory, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that, due to difficulties of accommodation, he was anxious to accept in ITALY only those nationalities for whom movement to their final destination had actually been laid on.

Colonel W.A. RUMER (G-5 (2nd Army Group)) said that he hoped that French, Belgians and Dutch, now in ITALY, would be returned via SWITZERLAND on the SWISS route, and not through 12 Army Group area.

Colonel/

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Colonel C.T. NEWTON (G-4 6th Army Group) said that the French Army agreed that this would be the best route for such personnel.

Brigadier A.G. SALISBURY-JONES asked if AFHQ would confirm that they would take 10,000 Greeks as agreed. Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that what AFHQ had agreed, they had agreed.

Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPS was instructed to act as Chairman to a sub-committee to go into the whole question of movement by rail.

Staging:

5. Lieutenant General ROBERTSON suggested that camps should be set up at the frontier on each route, one AFHQ camp, one SHARP camp. On arriving at the frontier, personnel should detain and would then be handed over to the receiving Headquarters, who would take them over there and then, and arrange their reception and disposal.

Major General C.B. MCGURDER (Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 (A), AFHQ) said that he understood, from a practical point of view, that this was not acceptable, and that camps would be set up at somewhere like INNSBRUCK for SHARP and VERONA for AFHQ, and a shuttle service run between these camps. Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPS (G-4 (Mov & Tr) AFHQ) and Major A.H. de HAIS G-4 (Mov & Tr) SHARP agreed.

Major P. SCHUPPER (G-5 3rd United States Army) questioned the practicability of building a camp at INNSBRUCK and said that he would like the question of where the camp was to be built in the SHARP area to be left to SHARP.

Major General C.B. MCGURDER said that it was not acceptable to transportation to have camps at more than one place within the SHARP area.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON agreed and said that details would be decided by the Transportation Sub-Committee. Where SHARP chose to put their camp was up to them, provided that it fitted in with transportation arrangements.

Flow:

6. Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPS (G-4 (Mov & Tr) AFHQ) said that the rate of flow which Mov & Tr had hitherto quoted was 3,000 a day by the BRENNER route, plus an indefinite figure for movement through SWITZERLAND.

Then Lieutenant General ROBERTSON asked for views on the rate of acceptability, Colonel N.E. VISSE (Allied Commission) said that 5,000 restricted Italians a day could be received on all routes by AFHQ.

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When Lieutenant General ROBERTSON asked for views on the rate of accountability, Colonel N.E. FISKE (Allied Commission) said that 5,000 repatriated Italians a day could be received on all routes by AFHQ.

Lt. Col. C.J. HACKETT (G-1 12th Army Group) and Colonel W.L. BREWER (G-5 12th Army Group) said 5,000 to 10,000 a day prisoners of war and disarmed personnel, plus 5,000 a day displaced persons, could be accepted by SHAEP. **5360**

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said he would like the target to be 5,000 a day on both the SWISS and the BRENNER routes.

Target Date for Start:

7. Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPPE (G-4 (Mov & Tn) AFHQ) said it was possible to open the BRENNER route by 20 June and the SWISS route was open to traffic now.

Colonel E.M. CLARKE (G-4 Fifth United States Army) said that camps could be ready at VERONA within seven days.

Lt. Col. J.A. FIELD (G-4 (Q(Maint) AFHQ) said that it was not easy as for as the SWISS route was concerned, as all accommodation was fully committed.

Major/

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Major P. SCHAFER (G-5 Third United States Army) said that camps could be constructed within seven days at MUNICH and not INSERUC, which was not suitable.

Colonel P.S. LAUREN (G-1 SHARP) thought it unlikely that personnel would be available by 20 Jun, as no documentation had been done.

Colonel N.E. WISKE (Allied Commission) said that only nominal rolls were required of Italians coming to ITALY.

Colonel P.S. LAUREN said it was necessary to prepare, for prisoners of war and disarmed enemy forces, nominal rolls, two copies of the form P-1, and discharge certificate, if possible.

Colonel G.R. DAVIS (G-1 MUSA) said that, as the forms were not yet available in COM/ATO, it was unlikely that full documentation could be started before the end of June.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON decided that an endeavour should be made to start the flow on 25 Jun, full details being handled not before 1 Jul 45.

Method of Control of Movement and Control of Personnel:

8. After some discussion, it was agreed that a Joint SH-TP-APHO Committee should be formed, which would be responsible for the overall operation of repatriation between SHARP and APHO. The Joint chairman of this Committee would be the Senior Maj & Lt Colonel of the two Headquarters, and as far as possible representation would be identical between the two Headquarters. In this way, the APHO or SHARP part of the Committee could meet as required at its own Headquarters, and joint meetings could be arranged as considered necessary by the joint chairman. It was further agreed that the two parts of the Committee should be permitted to correspond direct between themselves on repatriation questions.

A small sub-committee was appointed, under the chairmanship of Lt. Col. F.L. CARROLL (G-5 SHARP), to agree the composition, terms of reference and other questions relating to this Committee.

Miscellaneous Points:

9. (a) Medical:

- Major O.S. WILLIAMS (APHO) was asked to produce a report as to the medical screening required. This is incorporated in the report for General MURPHY at Appendix 'B'.
- (b) Screening for War Criminals:

Major General MURPHY, MUSA, (Assistant Chief of Staff G-1

Method of Control of Movement and Landing Personnel:

8. After some discussion, it was agreed that a Joint SHIP-AMHQ Committee should be formed, which would be responsible for the overall operation of repatriation between SHIP and AMHQ. The Joint chairman of this Committee would be the Senior Mov & Tr Officers of the two Headquarters, and as far as possible representation would be identical between the two Headquarters. In this way, the AMHQ or SHIP part of the Committee could meet as required at its own Headquarters, and joint meetings could be arranged as considered necessary by the joint chairman. It was further agreed that the two parts of the Committee should be permitted to correspond direct between themselves on repatriation questions.

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Major G.S. WILLIAMS (Medical (ac) AMHQ) was asked to produce a report as to the medical screening required. This is incorporated in Brig. Gen. MATHIAS report at Appendix 'E'.
(b) Screening for War Criminals:

Major General M.A. MACLEOD (Assistant Chief of Staff G-1 (British) AMHQ) pointed out the difficulties, even on AMHQ point of view, of cross-checking against the latest POW lists personnel to be moved to SHIP. Furthermore, this AMHQ list, which he understood to contain 100,000 names of war criminals, was not in the possession of AMHQ.

Lt. Col. C.J. HADGWIN (G-1 12th Army Group) said that he thought the difficulties for repatriation as to names of a unit which had checked against 3,500 people a day, but he did concede that this unit was in possession of the list, against which the names were to be checked.

Colonel P.E. MAHER (G-1 SHIP) said that the list would be sent to AMHQ as soon as possible, and that General POTEMKIN said that it was apparent that a difficulty existed, and that AMHQ and SHIP would both have to do their best to overcome it.

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(c) Documentation.

As far as movement to SHAFF was concerned, it was stressed by Lt. Col. J.D. CANTLEY (CHQ 2nd Echelon, CMF) that it would not be possible to document everybody and then send selected categories to SHAFF, due to the time limit. It was necessary to select the bodies by the system of "all agricultural workers hands up and one pace forward" and then to document those selected.

Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAFF) agreed.

Lt. Col. H. FULTON (Displaced Persons, 21 Army Group) stressed that 21 Army Group was not prepared to accept personnel who were not domiciled in their area. This also applied to Eighth Army area, said Colonel C.L. RICH (Colonel V/Q Eighth Army), stating that the only Austrians he could accept both from ITALY and GERMANY were those domiciled in STYRIA and CARINTHIA.

As the place of domicile would appear on the documents accompanying personnel, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that it was up to SHAFF to see that they sent the right people to the right place.

Lt. Col. G. EYRES MONSELL (G-2 AFHQ) asked whether screening was being undertaken by SHAFF of Italians for ITALY. Colonel P.S. LAUBEN agreed that it would be undertaken.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON directed that a small sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Lt. Col. J.D. CANTLEY (CHQ 2nd Echelon, CMF), investigate the whole question of documentation.

(d) Disposal of Women of Prisoner of War and Surrendered Personnel Status.

It was agreed that this did not present any problem.

(e) Disposal of Long-term Sick:

After discussion, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON asked Brigadier General J.I. MARTIN (Surgeon, Fifth United States Army) to hold a small medical conference with representatives of SHAFF and AFHQ to assemble all the available data and make recommendations as to priority and method of movements.

(f) Guards:

It was decided that it was the responsibility of the Head-

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(f) Guards:

It was decided that it was the responsibility of the Headquarters through whose territory personnel were moving to solve this problem for themselves. It was stated that the Swiss had agreed to provide guards for movement through SWITZERLAND.

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(g) Jugoslavs:

Colonel W.A. BREWER (G.5. 12th Army Group) said that he was anxious to return to JUGOSLAVIA 25,000 Jugoslavs, who called themselves Montenegrins.

Major General C.B. MAGRUDER (Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4), AFHQ said that to return them to JUGOSLAVIA through NORTH EAST ITALY was not desirable for the time being due to the TITO - ITALIAN situation.

Major General M.W.M. MACLEOD (Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 (British) AFHQ) said that AFHQ were not prepared to accept in the SOUTH of ITALY, unless actual shipment to JUGOSLAVIA was in sight; furthermore/

furthermore, that only those who opted for TITO and lived EAST of the 1939 frontier, should be sent.

Major E. RUSSELL ROBERTS (Allied Commission for Austria) suggested that movement through AUSTRIA and into JUGOSLAVIA might be considered.

Colonel C.B. TIMPLAY (Allied Commission) asked if SHARP would ensure that, if Yugoslavs were to be returned to JUGOSLAVIA via ITALY, only those who wanted to go back would be sent to ITALY.

(h) Austrians:

Colonel C.A. RICH (Colonel A/O Eighth Army) again raised the point that Eighth Army could only accept Austrians domiciled in STYRIA or CARINTHIA. 65,000 were required. It was agreed that this would be taken care of by the very nature of the documentation.

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(b) Demobilisation of those Germans who live in Russian-controlled Germany:

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Colonel P.S. LAUREN (G-1 SHARP) said that none had left SHARP area yet, as no authority had been given for Germans to enter the Russian-controlled area. The problem, he said, was one to be decided by the Control Council of GERMANY, and the answer would apply equally to Germans coming from AFHQ.

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- 11. Lieutenant General ROBERTSON closed the meeting by saying that there would be a final session of the conference on 15 Jun, under the chairmanship of Brigadier A.T. de RUE PHILIPPE (G-4 (Mov & Tr) AFHQ) to go into any points not finally settled by the sub-committees.

Before the meeting was dispersed, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON thanked Fifth Army staff, and in particular Lt. Col. BARKIN, for the excellent arrangements made for the conference.

Brigadier A.G. SALISBURY-JONES (G-5 SHARP) apologised for the late arrival of the SHARP party.

Allied Force Headquarters,
TFB/s.

18 Jun 45.

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Major, D.A.A.C.,
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by allowing for 3,000 a day on both the SWISS and BRENNER routes.

- (iii) Rolling Stock: for the BRENNER route to be provided by AFHQ and SHAEP on a 50 - 50 basis as far as possible; for the SWISS route to be provided by the Swiss.
- (iv) The necessity for good signals communications between the two ends of both routes.
- (v) The 100,000 German prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel from ITALY to GERMANY to be concentrated on the BRENNER route.
- (vi) The BRENNER route to open 1 Jul 45, the date for the SWISS route to be decided at a meeting with the Swiss Authorities, to be held probably in the last week of June.
- (b) Colonel P.S. LAUREN (G.I. SHAEP) said that the movement of Austrians was confusing. After discussion Brigadier de RHE PHILIPPE agreed that, when the United States Zone in AUSTRIA became an AFHQ responsibility, AFHQ would then be responsible for the reception and disposal of all Austrians.

SHAEP - AFHQ Joint Disposal Committee:

- 3. (a) Lt. Col. F.L. CARROLL (Displaced Persons SHAEP) read out his report which is attached at Appendix 'C'.
- (b) Brigadier de RHE PHILIPPE said the date of the first meeting in FRANKFURT would probably be earlier than 5 Jul 45, as it would be convenient for the representatives attending the Swiss meeting at the end of June to go on to FRANKFURT.
- (c) As far as executive control at the AFHQ end was concerned, Brigadier de RHE PHILIPPE said that he proposed to use existing organisations to control movement into and out of ITALY on the British side. He suggested that officers of 15 Army Group might be given this responsibility in addition to their other duties. In addition, there was an Allied Commission organisation in VERONA.

Documentation Sub-Committee:

- L. (a) Lt. Col. J.D. CANTLEY (CHQ 2nd Echelon, CMF) read out his report - see Appendix 'D'.
- (b) Brigadier de RHE PHILIPPE/

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- (b) Brigadier de RHE PHILIPS asked if Allied Commission wished the parties from SHARP dispatched in batches according to geographical areas. Colonel C.B. FINDLY (Allied Commission) agreed that this would be a burden on SHARP and unnecessary.
- (c) Regarding the date of starting the flow, Colonel J.R. DAVIS (G-1 MTOUSA) stressed the fact that, not having seen the forms requested by SHARP, he could not guarantee that documentation would be sufficiently advanced to permit movement starting on 1 Jul 45.
- (d) Colonel W.A. BREWER (G-5 12 Army Group) referred to the screening required by G-2 of the Italians moving into ITALY, and asked where the Italian Security Officers were coming from.
- Lt. Col. H. FULTON (Military Government 24 Army Group) confirmed that there were no Italian Liaison Officers attached to 24 Army Group.
- Major D. BARNES (G-3 (CIS) AFHQ) said that 42 Italian Liaison Officers had already been provided for SHARP, and more could be provided on demand.
- (e) Lt. Col. R.E. HAINES (Deputy Chief of Staff PW Command) asked whether German prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel from ITALY could be segregated by domicile (British area or United States area) by cars and not by trains. This was agreed.
- (f) Lt. Col. R.E. HAINES (PW Command) said that 200,000 German prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel had already been documented on forms which were not P 4 forms. Was it essential that forms P 4 be filled up, or could these local forms be substituted? Colonel P.S. LAUREN (G-1 SHARP) said that it was essential that forms P 4 be used and a sufficient supply would be flown to ITALY. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the question could not be decided until both interested parties had seen each other's forms.
- (g) Brigadier A.C. SALISBURY-JONES (G-5 SHARP) asked that Austrians be allowed out of the train at DINSBROOK and not MUNICH. This was agreed.
- (h) Lt. Col. G. EYRES MONSIELL (G-2 AFHQ) asked G.1. (British) AFHQ to confirm that they were happy with regard to the screening for war criminals.

Major D. BARNES (G-3 (Org) AFHQ) said that L2 Italian Liaison Officers had already been provided for SHAFF, and more could be provided on demand.

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Lt. Col. A.S. BARSDEFF (G.1. (British) AFHQ) said that he understood the SHAFF list of wanted war criminals to contain somewhat like 17,000 names.

Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAFF) said that the correct figure was 5,000 required by SHAFF from all theatres.

It was agreed that AFHQ would endeavour to ensure that no person whose name appeared on this list (which AFHQ had not yet received) should go forward to SHAFF for discharge.

Medical Sub-Committee:

5. Brigadier General J.I. MARTIN (Surgeon Fifth United States Army) read out his report - see Appendix 'E' - and stressed that it could not be decided whether hospital trains would go to MUNICH or to final destination, until the medical meeting was held (see para 2 of Appendix 'E').

Miscellaneous:

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Miscellaneous Points:

6. (a) Colonel Q.R. DAVIS (G-1 MTOUSA) stressed the fact that, although the figure of 100,000 (see para 1 Appendix 'A') had been given as the number of German prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel to be moved from AMHQ to SHAEP, this was a figure representing the number immediately available. MTOUSA was holding a total of 291,000 prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel, all of whom would have to be disposed of eventually, as MTOUSA closed down.
- (b) Brigadier A.G. SALISBURY-JONES (G-5 SHAEP) asked when German prisoners of war or surrendered enemy personnel returning to GERMANY ceased to be soldiers.
- (c) Colonel P.S. LAUREN (G-1 SHAEP) said that, although D.2. Discharge Certificates would be made out, they would not be on the person of the individual himself, but would accompany each batch and not be given out until arrival at the final destination. Therefore, to all intents and purposes, they would travel as soldiers.
- (d) It was confirmed for Lt. Col. R.E. HAINES (PW Command) by Colonel Q.R. DAVIS (G-1 MTOUSA) that no Italians arriving in AMHQ theatre from SHAEP would be the responsibility of P W Command.
- (e) In response to a question from Lt. Col. R.M. HALL (Military Government, Eighth Army), Brigadier de RHE PHILIPPE stressed the fact that it was the responsibility of the SHAEP - AMHQ Joint Disposal Committee to collect information on the number and location of personnel of all nationalities awaiting movement and to decide how best to control such movement.
- (f) Lt. Col. F.L. CARROLL (Displaced Persons SHAEP) asked whether shipping was available to move 40,000 to 50,000 North Africans now in MARSEILLES.
- (g) Major A.H. de HAAS (G-4 (Mov & Tr) SHAEP) said that he understood that this movement was neither an AMHQ nor a SHAEP responsibility, but arrangements would be made by the French Government.
- (h) Brigadier de RHE PHILIPPE said that, with regard to the meeting in SWITZERLAND, G-1, G-5, Military Railways Service, and Mov & Tr should be represented. In addition, it was agreed that representatives from the First French Army, COOT COMZANE MTOUSA, and Allied Commission should attend, and that the United States Military Attache in PARIS should request representation by the French Government.
- (i) In response to a question by Lt. Col. R.E. HAINES (PW Command),

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(c) It was confirmed for Lt. Col. R.E. ELINES (PW Command) by Colonel G.R. DAVIS (G-1 MTOUSA) that no Italians arriving in AFHQ theatre from SHAEP would be the responsibility of PW Command.

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(g) In response to a question by Lt. Col. A.S. BARSDEPP (G-1 (British) AFHQ), it was confirmed by Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAEP) that the question of the disposal of Germans held by SHAEP and AFHQ, whose homes are in Russian-controlled territory, and conversely those held by the Russians whose homes were in SHAEP area, was being taken up with the Control Council.

(h) It was confirmed by Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAEP) that the figures given in Appendix 'A' were correct, subject to the proviso made by Colonel G.R. DAVIS (G-1 MTOUSA) that the figure of 100,000 given in para 1 was the initial figure only and that, as far as the United States holdings were concerned, a total of 291,000 would eventually be available for disposal.

7. No further points were raised and the meeting was closed at 1625 hours.

Allied Force Headquarters.

18 Jun 45
TFB/s.

T.F. RAYNTON,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
G-1 (British) A2.

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Appendix 1

NUMBERS INVOLVED

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Prisoners of War and Surrendered Personnel</u>	<u>Displaced Persons</u>	<u>Total Involved</u>
1. <u>ITALY to GERMANY</u>			
Germans	(a) 100,000		100,000
2. <u>SHAEP to ITALY</u>			
Italians		360,000	360,000
3. <u>SHAEP to AUSTRIA</u>			
Austrians	160,000	50,000	210,000
4. <u>SHAEP to AETHIO</u>			
Bulgarians		5,000	
Greeks		16,000	
Jugoslavs	(b)	55,000	56,000
5. <u>AETHIO to SHAEP</u>			
French	4,420	19,000	23,420
Czechs	14,590	4,500	19,090
Belgians	110	1,350	1,460
Dutch	200	2,250	2,450
Danes	180	200	380
Norwegians	120	400	520
Swedes		100	100
Austrians		10,000	10,000
Germans		6,300	6,300
Luxemburgers		120	120
Spanish	120		60
Others	60	5,900	6,100
6. <u>SWITZERLAND to AETHIO</u>			
Italians		30,200	
Jugoslavs		3,700	
Greeks		940	
Hungarians		1,210	
Austrians		200	
Jews for UNRRA (ITALY)		750	37,000

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5. <u>ATHQ to SHARE</u>					
Bulgarians				5,000	
Greeks				16,000	
Jugoslavs				35,000	56,000
(b)					
(c)					
French	4,420	19,000	23,420		
Czechs	14,590	4,500	19,090		
Belgians	110	1,350	1,460		
Dutch	200	2,250	2,450		
Danes	180	200	380		
Norwegians	120	400	520		
Swedes		100	100		
Austrians		10,000	10,000		
Germans		6,300	6,300		
Luxemburgers			120		
Spanish	120		60		
Others	200	5,900	6,100		70,000
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Greeks		940			
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Austrians		200			
Jews for UNRRA (ITALY)		750			37,000
7. <u>SWITZERLAND to SHARE</u>					
Germans		4,930			
French		1,370			
Dutch Jews		350			
Czech Jews		350			
				280,000	7,000
				560,000	940,000

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NOTES:

(a) This figure shows those immediately available, and will increase as and when approximately 180,000 used by the Americans and British in ITALY are no longer required.

(b) Southern Jugoslavs containing some Albanians - not to be dispatched until ATHQ can forward to destination.

(c) Includes 10,000 Czechs held and employed by British and Americans.

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Appendix 'B'REPATRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR,
SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
held at BOLZANO - 15 Jun 45

CHAIRMAN: Brigadier A.T. de RUE PHILIPPE, DONG Mov & Tr, AFHQ.

1. The following are the main conclusions of the sub-committee meeting on Movements and Transportation aspects of movement between SHAEF and AFHQ territory.

Routes:

2. The following routes should be used for controlled movement:

- (a) BRENNER Route.
- (b) Route through SWITZERLAND.

In assessing acceptance it was also necessary to take into account the southward flow of Italians along routes from AUSTRIA and NORTH EAST ITALY.

Types of Movement and Acceptance:

3. (a) Southbound:

Allied Commission ITALY can accept forthwith in ITALY 5,000 per day by controlled movement plus up to 2,500 per day that may enter ITALY by uncontrolled movement. The SHAEF - AFHQ Joint Disposal Committee should review this figure at intervals in order to increase it when possible. Allied Commission ITALY require additional personnel and about 5 GT Coys (720 trucks) in order to maintain and later increase these numbers.

- (b) Northbound:

- (i) Germans: SHAEF can accept forthwith German prisoners of war and surrendered personnel, but they should not be for the Russian Zone of GERMANY. All German personnel will move by BRENNER route.

- (ii) Other Nationalities: French, Belgian and Dutch personnel should be repatriated via SWITZERLAND or over the FRANCO-ITALIAN border. Central Europeans should move by the BRENNER route.

(b) Route through SWITZERLAND.

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(ii) Other Nationalities: French, Belgian and Dutch personnel should be repatriated via SWITZERLAND or over the FRANCO-ITALIAN border. Central Europeans should move by the BRENNER route.

Capacity:

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4. Routes should be developed initially to the following capacities:

- (a) BRENNER route: 5,000 per day each way.
(b) Via SWITZERLAND: 3,000 per day each way (personnel from inside SWITZERLAND, or in transit)

Rail Working:

5. (a) Swiss Route: Clearance has now been obtained from the Swiss Government and technical details will be discussed as soon as possible. The Swiss have offered locomotives and some rolling stock, and will be asked to provide all stock required. Proposed terminals to be examined are:

SHLEF - SCHUPPLAUSEN or BREGENZ, ANNEMASSE (for movement into FRANCE)
AFHQ - CHIASSO - COMO Area.

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- (b) IRENNER Route: There will be a shuttle service of which the main terminals will be SHARP - MUNICH area (INNSBRUCK for personnel to and from AUSTRIA) AHHQ - VERONA. It is estimated that about 400 box cars will be required which should be provided by AHHQ and SHARP on a 50 - 50 basis. DMS ITALY can provide 200 cars and SHARP will investigate whether they can provide the other 200. The estimated rate of flow is 2 - 3 trains per day. The provision of locomotives should not be difficult and will be agreed between MRS concerned.

Communications:

6. Good communications are essential between MUNICH and VERONA, between the terminals of the Swiss route and between HERN and Headquarters concerned with the Swiss route.

Relation to Overall Movement Programmes:

7. These shuttle services will have to be related to overall movement programmes both at SHARP and AHHQ and their working will depend on facilities at each end to redistribute personnel.

Starting Dates:

8. (a) IRENNER Route - 1 Jul 45
(b) SWISS Route - dependent on the meeting with Swiss Representatives.

Other Movement:

9. (a) Austrians from SHARP territory to AUSTRIA:

This is a matter for discussion between 12 Army Group, Eighth Army and Allied Commission AUSTRIA. Eighth Army are only willing to accept personnel for provinces of STYRIA and CARINTHIA.

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Covered Accommodation:

10. Allied Commission, ITALY will not require any military assistance in construction of winter accommodation for Italians or other personnel moving by these routes into ITALY. Any construction will be undertaken by Allied Commission under their own arrangements.

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REPARATION AND DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR,
SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

REPORT BY SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER
COMPOSITION, FUNCTION AND METHOD OF OPERATION
OF SHAEF - AFHQ JOINT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN: Lt. Col. F.L. CARROLL (G-4 (Mov & Tn) SHAEF)

Composition:

1.

SHAEF)	G-1
AFHQ)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)
	G-5 Displaced Persons
	Allied Commission
	CAJTOR - MAP

With powers to co-opt other experts from armies and groups also
known where necessary.

Function:

2. (a) To establish numbers of personnel to be moved by category
(so far as possible), northward and southward respectively.
- (b) To give guidance and direction to the respective HQ (SHAEF and
AFHQ) for feeding, reception, delivery, camps from a movements
point of view.
- (c) To establish other related policies (not details) of movements
inter-theatre.
- (d) To maintain, review and report on statistics of the program.
- (e) To facilitate the flow of nationals through intermediate
countries to their final destinations.

Method of Operation:

3. Committee will meet approx every fortnight. Meetings will be called
by AFHQ and SHAEF in turn. Next meeting will be called by SHAEF and will
be held FRANKFURT 5 Jul. SHAEF G-4 Mov & Tn will advise all concerned
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Method of Communication:

4. IRENNER ROUTE:

AFHQ SIDE:

Co-ordinating movement Committee

SWISS ROUTE:

AFHQ SIDE

Co-ordinating movement committee

SHAEP SIDE:

Third Army

SHAEP SIDE

Probably First French Army
 (this will be confirmed by
 SHAEP)

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REPATRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR,
SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DOCUMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
held at BOLZANO on 15 JUN 45

PRESENT:

It. Col.	J. D. CANTLEY (B)	CHQ 2nd Echelon, AFHQ.	<u>Chairman</u>
Colonel	F. S. LAUREN (A)	G-1 SHAF	
Colonel	C. R. DAVIS (A)	G-1 MTOUSA	
Colonel	T. R. MACDONALD (A)	G-2 Fifth Army	
It. Col.	H. FULTON (B)	Military Government, 21 Army Group.	
It. Col.	F. A. MCILTON (A)	Theatre Provost Marshal, ETOUSA.	
It. Col.	C. J. HACKETT (A)	G-1 12 Army Group	
It. Col.	F. D. STEPHENS (A)	US Group Control Commission, Austria.	
It. Col.	R. M. HALL (B)	Military Government, Austria.	
It. Col.	G. EYRES-MONSELL (B)	G-2 AFHQ	
It. Col.	F. W. LA MOTTE (A)	24 Command, MTOUSA.	
Major	W. G. M. SINCLAIR (B)	Eighth Army.	

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- (a) German Prisoners of War and Surrendered Personnel for transfer to SHAF will be made up of the following categories:

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Agricultural Workers
Transport Workers.

Persons of 50 years of age or over.

Any other trades, if necessary to make up the required numbers.

SHAF will also take any women.

The above will be moved in batches consisting of personnel all domiciled in one zone, either the American or the British Zone. SHAF will supply to AFHQ a list of REGIERUNGSSPERREN, showing the zone in which each lies.

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Any special details of the composition of batches to be transferred to AUSTRIA must be settled between the Control Commissions.

- (b) Displaced Persons: If AFHQ wishes Displaced Persons who are transferred from SHAF to ITALY to be moved in batches by any zones of domicile, AFHQ will supply to SHAF a list of the zones required.

2. DOCUMENTATION:

- (a) German prisoners of war or surrendered personnel transferred from ITALY to SHAF will be accompanied by:

- (i) Nominal rolls
- (ii) Form P 4 (two copies)
- (iii) Discharge Certificate D.2. (if possible).

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In addition, the W Form will be completed and sent to the Central Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects (CRWCSS) in respect of each person. The form will be endorsed "Discharged to Residence" with the date and place where it is made out.

All personnel transferred as above will be released to their homes by SHAEF.

Any German prisoners of war or surrendered personnel transferred from SHAEF to "SSTR" will be documented as above.

SHAEF will make the forms required for the above available for AFHQ as a matter of great urgency.

- (b) Displaced Persons transferred either from SHAEF or AFHQ will be accompanied by a nominal roll of each batch and every Displaced Person will carry the completed identity card DP 1.

3. SECURITY

- (a) German prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel

In addition to any screening required by AFHQ for its own domestic purposes, personnel transferred from AFHQ to SHAEF will be screened to exclude security suspects and persons on a SHAEF "Wanted" list of approximately 5,000 names. This list will be supplied by SHAEF to AFHQ.

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REPATRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR,
SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MEDICAL SUB-COMMITTEE
held at BOLZANO on 15 Jun 45.

PRESENT.

Brigadier General	J.I. MARTIN	Surgeon, Fifth United States Army.
Colonel	C.L. MILLER, Jr	12th Army Group.
Major	M.I. MAURER	Surgeon's Office, MTOUSA
Major	O.S. WILLIAMS	Medical (British), AFHQ.

1. From the information available there is no possibility of movement of sick and wounded between GERMANY and ITALY prior to 10 Jul 45. This is based on lack of available beds for the reception of German sick and wounded now in ITALY. It is believed that, by 10 Jul 45, some beds will be available and movement can commence on that approximate date.
2. Complete arrangements for the movement of sick and wounded between the two theatres will be completed at a recommended meeting of the medical staffs concerned. It is estimated that not more than 25,000 German sick and wounded will require movement to GERMANY as of 10 Jul. The number of Italian sick and wounded, now in GERMANY to be moved to ITALY, will be notified at a later date.
3. The following recommendations were agreed upon in regard to the movement of fit personnel.
 - (a) It is considered that all practical steps should be taken to control and prevent the movement of those suffering from or potential carriers of infectious diseases. Accordingly, it is recommended the following preventative measures be adopted both in regard to the movement of personnel out of and into LTHQ territory.
 - (i) That no personnel should be permitted to commence the journey if he or she shows any signs of symptoms of disease.
 - (ii) all personnel to be examined for infectious conditions within 24 hours of departure from point of origin;
 - (iii) all personnel to be dusted with DDT or some other antilouse preparation not more than three days prior to departure. It is to be noted that this is additional to the course of three dustings at weekly intervals which is routine for all prisoners of war and surrendered personnel in LTHQ.

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(iv) it is not considered necessary nor practical for all persons to be vaccinated, but in the event of an isolated case of smallpox occurring in the course of the journey, it will be necessary for all personnel taking part in the move to be isolated until such time as they can all be vaccinated. An isolation compound will, therefore, be required in each reception and dispatching camp.

(v) a certificate will accompany each party stating that all sanitary precautions as prescribed above have been complied with in regard to each individual in the party.

(b) In regard to the provision for medical care during the journey, it is proposed that on each train one coach be so adapted as to enable four to six lying patients to be looked after. Each train to have a permanent German and/or Italian medical staff.

(Signed) J.I. MARTIN

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Fifth Army Surgeon.

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