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REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS, GENERAL
OCT. 1945 - SEPT. 1946

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Executive Commissioner

Ref. Fo. 214. 4 minutes 215 and 218.

1. We are not in possession of figures covering Italian internees in countries other than East Africa.
2. The latest figures (Sept 2) of Italian evacuees (male) awaiting shipment to Italy from E.A. are as follows:

S. Rhodesia	4.300
Kenia	6.700
Tanganyika	2.700

Total	13.700
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3. Of these 1.500 do not want to return to Italy. Their breakdown is as follows:

Desiring to go to British Territories	700
" " " Ethiopia	140
" " " Erytrea	140
" " " Somalia	50
" " " other Foreign Countires	470

1300

1648

4. 400 Hospital cases are included in the total given in para 2 above. It is hoped that 150 from Kenya will be embarked on the "Oxfordshire" shortly.
5. It is hoped that 1000 civilians will be repatriated on the S.S. "Alcantara" at the end of September.
6. 900 Italians from Somalia will be repatriated on the S.S. TOSCANA at the end of September.
7. 400 Italian Civilians in April and 900 in July are the only repatriations from E.A. and S. Rhodesia.
8. The use of the "VULCANIA" and "SATURNIA" would solve the East African problem of repatriating Italian Civilians in two flights.

G. Hartman

G. HARTMAN, Major
Emigration & Advisory Officer

10 Sept. 46
Ext. 239

Mr. 10/5.

10/10/4

207

P206. CD Digi D-Feet

12/24/6

16.6.

Sir. Ref. your minute 207 at 6.6's minute (this 207)
Opposite is letter submitted by 180 Div for your
approval. If I approve, I will return for signature by CC.
16.6.

211

Enc. Comm.

Please see folio 210 in reply to 208.

207

CSO

14.215

Disfer for comment.

1647

Mr (3/5)

DPR spc.

216

May we have your comment on
folio 214 please.

24.000 2/5/9.

188.

CSO. Ex Comm.

folio 187 for info. I have asked
 1 PW to submit letter to Italian persons

for signature by Ex Comm. *ADB. H. 1515*

Ex Comm.

189.

To CSO.

1 PW Sec have marked ch Italian

part. noted: A copy of their letter has
 been asked for (now at 190) *ADB. H. 1715*

14/5

CSO. H. 516

195

Please see folio 194 for info. *ADB. 4/6*

CSO Ex Comm.

199.

Please see folios 197 & 8 for info. *ADB. H. 1416 13/6*

TW (14/6)

CSO. Ex Comm.

200

1645

Please see folio 200 for info. It will

be noticed that approx 2,500 have

190 Sec have made
 part. send: A copy of this letter for
 been asked for (now at 190)
 14/5 - J.H. 195.

CSO J.H. 5/6

195

Please see folios 194 for info. Aut 4/6

CSO Ex Comm.

199.

Please see folios 197 & 8 for info. Aut 4/6
 J.H. 19/6

CSO Ex Comm.

200

1645

Please see folios 200 for info. It will

be noted that approx 2,500 h.o.w.

were repatriated between 2-9 June.

Chief movement: first place from U.K. (6600900)
 East Africa (800) + M. East (2100). Aut 17/6
 J.H. 17/6

195/196

The Italian request at 153 might well fall into this latter category and consequently I would suggest that you forward copies to U.S. & U.K. Embassies for forwarding to their govt. and then immediately at Belgrade was I.P.O.W. Division's letter of Apr. 15 (Jagis 154) gone forward? It should, however, be coordinated with Polads in light of new procedure.

Wesley Jones
U.S. Polads - Feb 23/46

161.

C.S.O.

I agree with Mr. Wesley Jones as regards

action at f. 153.

As regards f. 154, I think it is to be very useful if C.R. Regis is to go to Yugoslavia. I have no opinion as to whether it should be granted. We shall have to wait until it is directly approaching us before we can take any action. I am sure that the matter is up.

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25/5/46.

Wesley Jones
U.S. Polads (P.O.)

Has I.P.O.W. Division's letter of 1 Apr. 15 (pages 154) gone forward? It should, I am convinced with Polads in light of new procedure.

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U.S. Polad - Feb 23/46

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25/2/46.

Polad (H) T h a p e r s 162.170

Let your minute at 160 - letter mentioned was never forwarded to Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 169 sent instead to Embassies.

172

W 53.

Ref 134: UNRRA should contact me tomorrow - 80 10/3 if nothing further 165 8/3

FEB 28 1946

133

See Comm

See 132 & 131 for info
 EJS 26/11

135

de See send action copy of 134 to Duper. this CA Done
 EJS 27/11

136

133-CE is correct. There are 40,000 B.W. PW are
 writing a letter connecting this statement.

B. 1/2

C.S.D. 1-12/12

Ref min 133 - The letter is at 137

135

Polad &
 Blad 6

would be grateful to your comments on 134.
 AT-40 have told PW that the matter of some
 Italian PW held by the Yaporians should
 be taken up through directly by the
 U.S. a Ing. group. No direct change of
 course exist. In minute 46 Arch. Polad &
 in August said there would be little use
 referring such matters to Dr. Smolaha,
 & the position really remains

of the said action copy of 134 to D-10. This CA

2/25/74

100

138-CC is correct. There are 40,000 B.W. PW are writing a letter concerning this statement.

8/12

C.S.D. 1/10/74

Ref mine 138 - The letter is at 137

135

2/25/74

would be grateful to your comments on 134. We have told PW that the matter of some Italian PW held by the Yugoslavs should be taken up through directly by the course exist. No direct channels of in August said there would be little use referring such matters to Dr. Smolalala the position really remains unchanged. As the embassies therefore prepared to take up this matter through these channels?

8/12

C.S.D.

160

The U.S. view on these questions is that AC should refer all Italian problems with Yugoslavians direct to Yugoslav Representative on ACI (Smolalala) except in cases involving these specific Allied commitment (Venetia Giulia) or for humanitarian reasons. (See U.S. Ambassador's letter of Dec. 3/15/74) Chief Commissioner on Yugoslav. Reissue of Italian fishing boats

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Ref 110 - a meeting was held between Capt. Stanley indicated parties a Saturday. PW are coping. ~~also~~

60 1/4.

med 12/11

2/6/6m.

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117 a 116 for info only.
11/16/6 12/9/4.

10/4 mod. 2

50/c.c

124

Please see 119 in answer to 110. Supposed me
infant ~~to C.C.~~ about this - ~~rebelly~~ -

11/11/6 12/1/4

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1.P.W.

Ref conversation Major Hamilton (Miss Sampson,
herewith letter at 124. ~~because~~ you will
be able to give some sort of reply! based.

127

See 12/11/6 12/1/4

1. 125 in answer to 115. S.O. C.C. may be interested
to know this.

2. Ref C.C.'s minutes on 124 - a PW. were meant to go
under L/P S.C. v.e.f. 25 October. Unfortunately

SO/C.C.

124

Please see 119 in answer to 112. Suggest me
 Your P. 101 refer.

~~119 to C.C. a lot this - whether~~

119 13/4

13/4

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L.P.W.

ref conversation Major Hamilton (Pico Simpson,

herewith letter at 122. ~~119~~ you will

be able to give some sort of reply. I expect.

119 24/10

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See 119 24/10

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 under L/P S.C. w.e.f 25 October. Unfortunately
 established. See. were implemented this ruling of AFHQS.
 A/V/P CA. See. wrote to them on 23/11, asking for them
 to take action. Date will probably be 1 December.
 3. ~~that~~ Ref 124. There are about 40,000 P.W. in
 N. Africa. 19,500 are being repatriated by ship;
 repatriation is continuing now. Remainder will
 be repatriated when they can be replaced by
 German K.W. This was always agreed. P.W.
 replying to letter in this strain.

BU to 119 S. 26/11 24/10

119 24/11. 119

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To note

my

BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

175/102/46

Answered
by 10/11/46
214

31st August, 1946.

My dear Admiral,

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In my letter to you of the 9th July (175/80/46) I promised to pass on to you any information which I might obtain about the repatriation of prisoners of war from India and Australia. I am now able to say that the majority of the Italia Redenta - the pioneer corps in India formed from co-operating Italian prisoners of war - have been repatriated to Italy.

The present position is that there now remain some 85,000 prisoners of war and 37,000 Italian civilian internees from the Middle East, East and South Africa, India and Australia. You will be aware from the weekly returns of your Land Forces Sub-Commission that repatriation of prisoners of war is proceeding at the rate of some 10,000 per week. It is therefore to be hoped that in some nine weeks the main body of prisoners of war will have been repatriated.

In anticipation of this I have been instructed, as I informed you verbally, to obtain the agreement of the Italian Government to the repatriation of 10,000 able-bodied Italian civilian internees from East Africa and of 20,000 Italian civilians from Eritrea where there is a large surplus European population. I am told unofficially that we hope to have repatriated all Italians from East Africa by March 1947, with the exception of those who are granted special permission to remain.

For your own information, I understand that the suggestion has been made by His Majesty's Government to the United States Government that

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, K.B.E.,

U.S.N.R.,

Chief Commissioner,

Allied Commission,

ROME.

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see D-216, 217

(J.R. Mac.)

12/10/46

the Italian liners 'Saturnia' and 'Vulcania', now in the United States service but no longer required by the United States for any particularly useful purpose, might be made available for the repatriation of Italian civilians and prisoners of war. The suggestion has been sympathetically received and is to be further examined in Washington. If this proposal is adopted it should considerably accelerate the return to Italy of all classes of Italians at present exiled as a result of the war.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

Yours very sincerely,

Nord Charles

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F.C.

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To note

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

175/80/46

9th July, 1946.

My dear Admiral,

I write to acknowledge your letter of the 27th June concerning the delay in repatriation of Italian prisoners of war from India and Australia. I have asked the Foreign Office for any information available on future prospects, which I shall be happy to pass on to you when received.

2. I share your anxiety concerning the delay in repatriation and trust I shall be able to give you favourable news in the near future.

Very truly yours,

W. L. G. Charles

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, K.B.E.,
Rear Admiral USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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26 July 1946.

JUL 27 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Since I wrote you on 27 June about the Italian Prisoners of War in Australia, information has been received that two ships will leave FREMANTLE at the beginning of August, repatriating some 1100 Italian Prisoners of War.

I am grateful for your interest in this matter and happy that a start has at last been made.

However, the number embarking in August constitutes a very small percentage of the prisoners of war held in Australia and if the rate is not increased, the repatriation programme will not be completed for a very long time.

May I ask for your further intervention in this matter? If more shipping cannot be obtained immediately, knowledge of the intentions of the appropriate authorities, or better still, the publication of a planned programme, would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG, MC,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
Via XX Settembre 84,
Rome.

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cc- Exo. Comr.
Land Forces S/C MSHA.

(CAPT K)

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
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9th July, 1946.

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JUL 13 1946

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Very truly yours,

(Sgd) NOEL CHARLES.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, KBE,
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

See Min 211

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See list 1638

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION
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8 July 1946 JUL 9 1946

SUBJECT : Repatriation on compassionate Grounds -
PW. ME/90349 CAMILLETTI, Ugo

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Cabinet
Liaison Office with A.C.

Reference your memorandum dated 8th of March 46,
addressed to Liaison Division, A.C., dealing with
your request for the repatriation on compassionate
grounds of PW. ME/90349 CAMILLETTI, Ugo.

1. The result of the investigation re family of the
above mentioned PW, is forwarded.

[Signature]
JAMES S. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div. *[Signature]*

1 Encl: Translation copy of letter from M.P.W.A.

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Copy to: HQ., A.C.

Office of the Executive Commissioner
Liaison Division (your letter 8266/175/EC dated
15 March 46 refers)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 3974

27 June 1946.

JUN 28 1946

My Dear Sir Noel:

Although the repatriation of the Italian Prisoners of War is being effected with ever-increasing speed from most parts of the world, considerable anxiety is being felt regarding the position in Australia and India.

Some 15,000 Italian POW out of 33,000 have now been repatriated from India; a hospital ship and a ship carrying 2,000 are reported to be arriving in early July, but no planned programme for mass repatriation from India has yet been received.

In Australia the position is even worse: 633 Italian POW have returned out of a total of 17,000. Representation by the IPW Division of this Commission has not been successful, although War Office, London, has stated that efforts are being made to obtain the necessary shipping.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for this matter to be represented to the British Foreign Office in order to speed up the repatriation of these prisoners.

Very truly yours,

ELDER W. Stone

ELDER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG, KC,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
ROME.

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Copy to C. Com.
to Com ✓

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(CAPT K)

9/1/46

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

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MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

21 June 1946.

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JUN 22 1946

From the attached memorandum from the IPW Division of Land Forces S/C, it looks as though additional pressure, probably through political channels, will have to be made to secure a suitable allocation of shipping from Australia and India.

Without interfering with any other arrangements being made through military channels, I should like you to draft a note from me to the British Ambassador asking for Foreign Office assistance.

Such a channel is now in order, I think, because of the commitment given by the four foreign ministers in the proposed revised armistice.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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CC: Land Forces S/C

See in 207 + 208

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21 June 1946.

Report on Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War as of 9 June 1946

1. United Kingdom. Progress has been maintained. 83% or 131,718 have now been repatriated and an additional 4% are expected to arrive in Naples during June. The remaining 20,000 out of the initial number of 158,029 will be repatriated overland via Calais-Verona commencing 19 June, with successive arrivals on alternative days. Under the scheme 9,000 per month are expected.
2. North Africa (British held). 40,074 have been repatriated as of 9 June, which includes all prisoners, with the exception of a few isolated cases.
3. East Africa. 21,023 have been repatriated out of an initial number of 42,504. Colonel Regis, Chief of the IPW Division, has a program to visit there as soon as necessary permission is obtained so as to deal directly with commands in Kenya and accelerate repatriations from that area.
4. West Africa. All 1,485 prisoners have been repatriated.
5. South Africa. There is no actual program from this base but repatriation is regular with transshipment generally in the Middle East. Of an initial number of 40,794, 27,323 are still to be repatriated. Colonel Regis intends visiting these camps on his trip to Kenya.
6. Middle East. After Colonel Regis's visit in the Middle East, a program was carried out by which it is expected that all PW's will have returned by August; in June it is expected to give a lift to 13,400 and in July to 14,900. As of 9 June only 34,170 PW's remain out of the initial number of 70,091.
7. India. The largest scale of repatriation was obtained in April when 48% of the PW's were returned. Out of the total of 33,302, 15,748 have been repatriated. Representation has been made for a hospital ship to be made available. It is hoped that all sick PW's in India will be repatriated by late July.
8. Australia. Out of the initial number of 17,657, only 633 have returned. Few passages should be available for the Middle East for repatriation of approximately 120 priority cases. The War Office is endeavoring to arrange allocation of shipping when available.
9. Gibraltar. Original number of 541 is now reduced to 15. 1634
10. Persia. Of the initial number of 2,000, none have yet returned.

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11. United States. All of the initial number of 51,136 were repatriated by April 1946.
12. France (U.S. held). 41,181 PW's have been repatriated, or all with the exception of a few isolated cases.
13. North Africa (U.S. held). All of the initial number of 9,751 have been repatriated.
14. French North Africa. All of the initial number of 37,402 have been repatriated. On 25 November there were still 32,662 and a program was planned to exchange 12,000 German PW's for these Italian PW's. The number was reduced first to 6,500, later to 4,250, and further negotiation with French representatives has cancelled completely this base of exchange.
15. Russia. The Russian Ambassador in Rome states that there are no more Italian PW's in Russia, while the Italian Government maintains that there should be 8,374 remaining in Russian of the initial number of 20,000.
16. Germany. All 630,869 Italian PW's have been repatriated.
17. France (4th Army). All 30,234 have been repatriated with the exception of a few isolated cases remaining.
18. Balkans. Of the initial number of 100,000, as of 9 June only 11,034 remain to be repatriated. The "G" Assembly Center in Trieste has been handling repatriation of Italian PW's for many months and ample arrangements have always been made in Trieste for quick transit to their homes. On the 27th May, 800 were reported to have arrived and a thousand are expected by 15 June. Program was in embryo for the Chief of the Italian PW Division to visit the Yugoslav camps as the Italian Government was in great concern as to the welfare of these prisoners, but consent was not granted.
19. Totals. The total number of Italian PW's in all hands as of 15 May 1945 was approximately 1,285,121. Total repatriations to date amount to 1,181,764, which leaves a balance to be repatriated of approximately 103,357.

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21 June 1946.

My dear Signora Maffei:

This will confirm our conversation on 18 June in which I gave you certain statistics as to the return of Italian prisoners of war. Since you called on me I have received an additional week's figures which show an additional 9,515 prisoners returned -- making a total of 1,181,764 already returned, with the remaining 165,286 still to be returned.

I am making renewed efforts to see if we can improve the situation with respect to the return of prisoners from Australia, where a lack of shipping has been the problem, and also from India, where it appears that the use of a hospital ship will be needed.

Very truly yours,

7s/ Ellery W. Stone,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Signora Maffei,
Rome.

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TRANSLATION

No. 68390/10909.48/19.5

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 7 May 1946.

Dear Admiral,

My attention has been very particularly drawn to the case of a prisoner of war, 2nd Lt Mario CRISTIANO (Serial Nr 363389, Camp 306, Egypt) who was captured at El Alamein and transferred since several months to the abovementioned camp, as Camp 303 where he was before had been demobilized.

His conditions of physical decline and of nervous breakdown are seriously worrying his family which has already been recently suffering from other misfortunes.

I should be most grateful if you would kindly examine with special consideration the case of 2nd Lt Cristiano as well as the possibility of hastening as much as possible his repatriation.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

very respectfully yours,

/s/ G. Arpesani

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

E.C. DIST - 18 June

Action: I POW 3/C

Info: C.C.

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(CAPT X) *[Signature]*

[Signature]
E.C.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

M.M.I.A.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/ADM/12/2/62

15 June 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian IPW

JUN 15 1946

TO: G.O.C. Land Forces S/O MMIA

GHQ C.M.F. (Infm G-5)

British Embassy Rome (Infm Mr. Wilson)

1. The following table showing position of repatriation of IPW as at 9 June 1946 is forwarded for information.

COUNTRY of ORIGIN	No of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No of repatriations at 9 June 46 during week	No of repatriations	Still to be repatriated
ENGLAND & SCOTLAND	158,029	131,718	6,608	26,311
NORTH AFRICA	43,152	40,074	-	-
EAST AFRICA	42,504	21,023	747	21,481
WEST AFRICA	1,000 (1)	1,485	-	-
SOUTH AFRICA	40,794	13,471	-	27,323
MIDDLE EAST	70,091	35,921	2,149	34,170
INDIA	33,302	15,748	-	17,554
AUSTRALIA	17,657	633	-	17,024
IBERIAN	541	526	-	15
PERSIA	2,000	-	-	2,000
U.S.	51,000 (1)	51,136	-	1)
FRANCE (Coop U.S.)	43,000	41,181	-	1)
ITALY (" U.S.)	20,000	20,000	-	-
NORTH AFRICA (U.S.)	9,751	9,751	-	-
FRENCH N.AFRICA	37,300 (1)	37,402	-	7
RUSSIA	20,000	11,626	-	8,374
FRANCE (4th Army)	35,000	30,234	-	1)
BALKANS	100,000	88,956	11	16,24
GERMANY & SWITZERLAND	560,000 (1)	630,869	-	1)

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GRAND TOTAL :	1,285,121	1,181,764	9,515	165,286

(1) all repatriated with the exception of isolated cases.

(1) Estimated figure only.

Copy to : F.O.L.I. (Lt. Godsell, H.N.V.R.)
 " : Russian Representative to A.C.
 " : GSO II

Major

JAMES B. REGIS
 Lieut. Colonel
 Chief
 I.P.W. Div.

for M. 201

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/ADM/12/2/60

8/6/46

SUBJECT: Repatriation of IPW

JUN 12 1946

TO: Chief Commissioner A.C.

" : G.H.Q., CMP (inf. 0-5)
" : G.O.C. Land Forces S/C. MMIA
" : British Embassy - Rome - (Inf. Mr. Wilson)

1. Attention is invited to the following information received from the Ministry of War, as to date, pertaining to repatriation of IPW from all countries.

2. This is a correct report that should be attached to IPW/53/321, dtd 7 June (net to all).

COUNTRY of ORIGIN	No of IPW at beginning of repatr.	No of repatriation as at 2/6/46	No of repatr. during week 27/5-2/6/46	Still to be repatriated
ENGLAND & SCOT- Land	158.029	125.110	5.040	32.919
NORTH AFRICA	43.152	40.074	-	-
EAST AFRICA	42.504*	20.276	945	22.228
WEST AFRICA	1.000*	1.485	-	-
SOUTH AFRICA	40.794	13.471	2	27.323
MIDDLE EAST	70.091	33.772	1.418	36.319
INDIA	33.302	15.748	10	17.554
AUSTRALIA	17.657	633	-	17.024
BIBALTAR	541	526	-	15
PERSIA	2.000	-	-	2.000
U.S.	51.000*	51.136	-	-
FRANCE (Coop.) U.S.)	43.000	41.087	-	-
ITALY (" U.S.)	20.000	20.000	-	-
NORTH AFRICA(U.S.)	9.751	9.751	-	-
FRENCH N. AFRICA	37.300	37.402	-	-
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1. Attention is invited to the following information received from the Ministry of War, as to date, pertaining to repatriation of IPW from all countries.

2. This is a correct report that should be attached to IPW/53/321, dtd 7 June (not to all).

COUNTRY of ORIGIN	No of IPW at beginning of repatr.	No of repatriation as at 2/6/46	No of repatr. during week 27/5-2/6/46	Still to be repatriated
ENGLAND & SCOT- Land	158.029	125.110	5.040	32.919
NORTH AFRICA	43.152	40.074	-	-
EAST AFRICA	42.504*	20.275	345	22.228
WEST AFRICA	1.000*	1.485	-	-
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NORTH AFRICA (U.S.)	9.751	9.751	-	-
FRENCH N. AFRICA	37.300	37.402	3.733	?
RUSSIA	20.000	11.626	-	8.374
FRANCE (4th Army)	35.000	30.194	-	?
BALKANS	100.000	88.955	655	11.045
GERMANY & SWITZER- LAND	560.000*	630.000	-	?
GRAND TOTAL:	1.285.121	1.172.053	11.803	174.801

(1) Prepared to have all

repatriated Some 3000 still held in camp in Italy.

(2) all repatriated for

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lated cases.

Estimated figures only.

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J. S. REGIS, Lt. Col.
Chief IPW Div.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION /-C.

M.M.I.A.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/321

7 June 1946

SUBJECT : Report of repatriation of IPW

TO : Chief Commissioner, A.C.

Herewith report on activities re repatriation of IPW as to June 2nd '46.

1) U.K.: Progress has been maintained; 75% have now been repatriated; 12% are expected to arrive in Naples during June; remaining 20,000 out of 156,129, initial number, will be repatriated over-land Via Calais-Verona commencing 19 June, with successive arrivals on alternative days; under the scheme 9,000 per month are expected.

2) N. Africa (Br. held) : 43,152 have been repatriated as to June 2nd.

3) East Africa : 22,228 have been repatriated out of 42,504 initial number. Colonel Regis, Chief of IPA Division, has in programme a visit there, as soon as necessary permission is obtained, so as to deal directly with command in Kenya and accelerate repatriation from that area.

4) West Africa : All 1,485 IPW have been repatriated.

5) South Africa : There is no actual programme from this base but repatriation is regular, with transhipment generally in Middle East: of initial number, of IPW, 40,794, 27,329 are still to be repatriated, and Colonel Regis intends visiting these camps on his trip to Kenya.

6) Middle East : After Colonel Regis's visit in Middle East, a programme was carried out by which it is expected that all IPW will have returned by August; in June it is prospecting to give a lift to 12,400 and in July to 14,900. There are as to June 2nd only 36,219 IPW remaining out of the initial number 70,091. %?

7) India : The largest scale of repatriation was obtained in April when 48 of 1-4 were returned. Out of the total of 23,302 IPW, 15,748 have been repatriated. Representation has been made for a hospital ship to be made available. It is hoped that all sick IPW in India will be repatriated late July.

8) Australia : Out of initial number 17,657 only 6,13 have returned. Few passages should be available for M.E. for repatriation of approx. 120 priority cases. Troopfers in endeavouring to arrange allocation of shipping when available.

9) Gibraltar : Initial number of 541 is reduced to 15.

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- 1) U.K.: Progress has been maintained; 753 have now been repatriated; 123 are expected to arrive in Naples during June; remaining 20,000 out of 158,029, initial number, will be repatriated over-land Via Calais-Verona commencing 19 June, with successive arrivals on alternative days; under the scheme 9,000 per month are expected.
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- 9) Gibraltar: Initial number of 541 is reduced to 15.
- 10) Perals: Initial number 2,000 none returned as yet.
- 11) U.S.: Initial number 51,136, all of these had been repatriated by April 46.
- 12) France: (U.S. held): Initial number 43,000 all repatriated with the exception of a few isolated cases.
- 13) North Africa: (U.S. held): Initial number 9,751, all repatriated.
- 14) French N. Africa: Repatriation from French N. Africa is at an end. Initial number

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was 37,300. On November 25 there still were 32,622. In origin there was in programme an exchange for 12,000 Germans for those IPW; number was reduced to 6,500 later to 4,250, till further negotiation with the French Representative

15) Russia : Russian Ambassador in Rome states that there are no more IPW in Russia whilst Italian Government sustains there should be 8,774 still of the 20,000 initial number.

16) Germany : All 560,000 have repatriated.

17) France (4th Army) : 35,000 all repatriated.

18) Belgium : Initial number 100,000 as to June 2nd only 11,045. *C* Assembly Centre in Trieste has been handling repatriation of IPW for many months and ample arrangements have always been made in Trieste for quick transit to their homes. On the 27th May 46, 800 were reported to have arrived and a thousands are expected by 15th of June. Programme was in great concern as to the welfare of these prisoners, but consent was not granted.

19) Initial number of IPW in all hands as of May 15/45 : 1,285,121 approx.
Repatriation to date : 1,093,619 approx.
Balance, to be repatriated as of 6/7/46 : 186,502 approx.

Ref. General Commanding
M.M.I.A.

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Please inform appropriate Italian Authorities that :

1. The first train of Italian IAS from England at Verona 19 June with successive arrivals on alternate days. Total of 20,000 IAS to be repatriated under this scheme. Programme at rate of 9,000 per month.
2. Further details may be obtained direct from AQMS (M) Movements Liaison Officer, 1st building Rome.

Ref our F-66155, 13 May, EA 66361, 17 May, and F-66175, 20 May.

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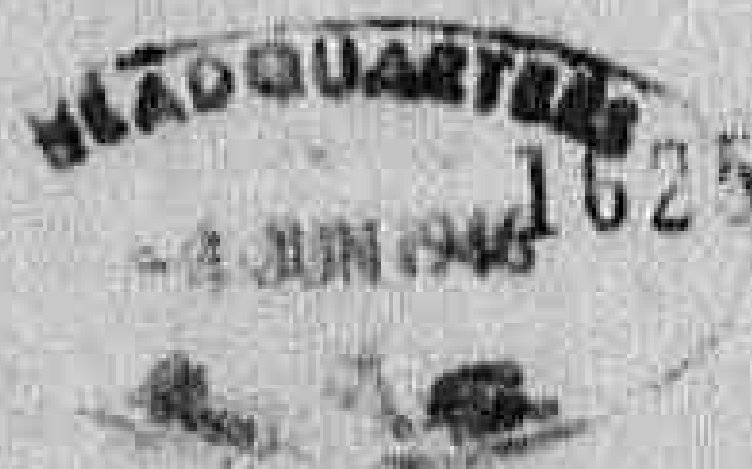
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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
Italian Prisoners of War Division

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IPB/53/310

MAY 27 1946
22nd May 46

SUBJECT: Repatriation of IPW from U.K. over land
TO : Autonomous Office for Repatriated IPW.

Reference conversation even date with
General MANNERINI, and further to this
Division letter IPB/53/285 dtd 15.5.46.

It is now improbable that any IPW from
England will arrive in the Verona Area prior to
19.6.46.
This amends the date notified previously, i.e.
1.6.46.

W. Phillips Major

J. E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel, C.A.C.,
Chief
IPW Division

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner Office,
Attn: Capt. KNISELEY.

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Please inform Italian Government not now probable that any Italian
Pws from England will arrive Verona Area aprior to 19 June.

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1. REFERENCE OUR F 66155 OF 13 MAY. FOR ALLIED COMMITMENT ESSENTIAL WE USE FOLLOWING BARRACKS AT VERONA FOR TRANSIT CAMPS.
 - (A). DISTRETTO MILITARE IN VIA TANTARANE.
 - (B). CAMPO FIORI IN PIAZZO DARNI.
2. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR MMIA TO WARN MINISTRY OF WAR THAT THESE MUST BE RESERVED FOR THIS PURPOSE. ARRANGEMENTS ON GROUND WILL BE MADE BY HQ 217 AREA.
3. REALISE THIS MAY ENTAIL ITALIAN PW DISPERSAL CAMP BEING ESTABLISHED SOME WAY FROM VERONA.
4. FOR DISTANCE. F 66155 OF 13 MAY NOT TO YOU.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/63/295

15/5/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW from U.K. by land

TO : Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

Ref. conversation even date Gen. Mannerini-Maj. Philine

1. There is a proposal under consideration to run a train from Galais to Verona area daily, commencing June 1st, for the repatriation of IPW from England.

2. The information is notified at this stage in order that you may begin preliminary planning for the reception and dispersal of 700 PW daily, over a period of several months.

Details of the plan will be conveyed to you as soon as they are known.

M.R. Philine
Major

J.E. REGIS
Lt. Col.
Chief
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Copy to: Executive Commissioner's Office
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Proposal under consideration to run 1 train Calais to Verona area daily commencing 1 June for repatriation Italian PWs from England. Please inform Italian Government and ask them to commence preliminary planning for reception and dispersal of 6/700 pws daily over period of several months. For your own information only, Verona is necessary for Allied Movement reasons. Details of plan will be conveyed to you as soon as they are known.

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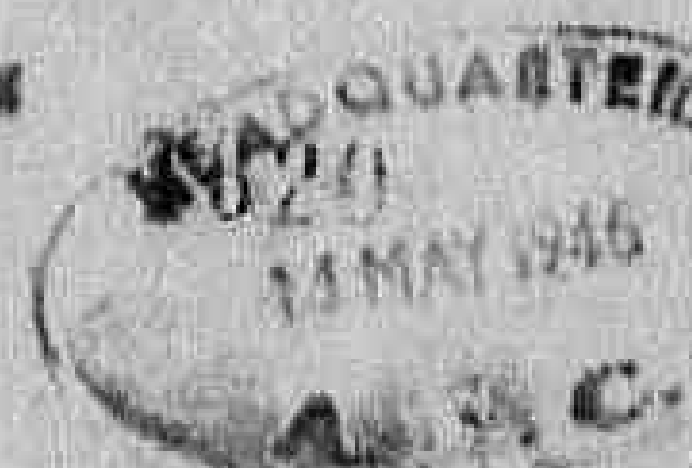
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Ref: 8266/186/20

30 April 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Italian PW - 2nd Lt. Gualtieri Gualtieri.

TO : Signor Ignazio Gualtieri
Via Luigi Alemanni 23
Florence

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1. In reply to your letter of 26 December 1945 requesting the repatriation of your son, S. Tenente Gualtieri di Ignazio, No 47245 at Camp no. 5, Murtleford Group, Australia.

2. Italian Prisoners of War Division of M.M.I.A., Land Forces Sub Commission, A.O. has replied as follows: 184

"a) As the case of the Subject PW does not conform with the categories agreed upon by Allied Authorities for the repatriation of Italian PW, he cannot, unfortunately, be considered for repatriation on Compassionate Grounds.

b) It is to be hoped that all Prisoners of War will be repatriated very soon in the normal course of events.

3. It is greatly regretted that a more favourable answer was not possible.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 6266/185/ED

30 April 1946

Dear Monsseigneur Mc Carough,

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In reply to Monsseigneur Carroll's letter no 113121/3A of 21 January 1946 concerning the release of Bischi Giulio, Lt. (B-961877), "B" Camp Taranto.

Italian Prisoners of War Division, M.S.I.A., Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC informs as follows:

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" You are advised that GHQ GMP authorized the release of subject PW from "B" Camp Taranto, pursuant to recommendation by the Italian Ministry of War Screening Commission which recently visited the camp.

Authority for release was dated 15 April 46, so that it is quite probable Lt. Bischi is already at liberty."

Sincerely

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
E.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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25 April 1946

SUBJECT : Release of Italian PW -
2nd Lt. GUALTIERI Gualtiero

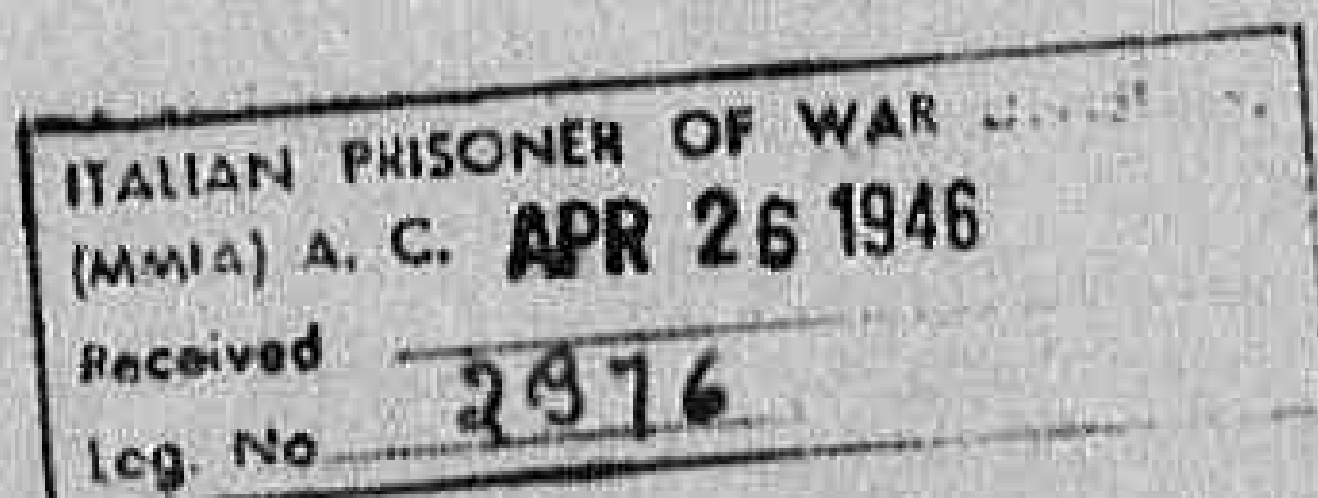
TO : Sig. Ignazio GUALTIERI
Via Luigi Alamanni 23 - Firenze

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Reference your letter dated 26 Dec 45

1. As the case of the Subject PW does not conform with the categories agreed upon by Allied Authorities for the repatriation of Italian PW, it cannot, unfortunately, be considered for repatriation on Compassionate Grounds.

2. It is to be hoped all PW will be repatriated very soon in the normal course of events.



Major
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

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Copy to : British Embassy
Rome, (your letter IC4/2/46 dated 15th Jan 46 refers)

✓ Copy to : Liaison Division
Office of the Executive Commissioner
(Attn. Capt. Cav. Victor L. Oddi - Officer in Charge.)
(Yours dated 7 Jan. 46 refers)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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26 April 1946

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SUBJECT: BISCHI Giulio, Lt (B-961877), 'S' Camp TARANTO

TO : Liaison Division, Allied Commission (Room 22, 3rd Floor)

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1. Ref your 8266/182/EC of 11 Apr 46 and your 8266/147/EC of 1 Feb 46, you are advised that GHQ CMF authorized the release of subject PW from 'S' Camp TARANTO, pursuant to recommendation by the Italian Ministry of War Screening Commission which recently visited that camp.

2. Authority for release was dated 15 Apr 46, so that it is quite probable Lt BISCHI is already at liberty.

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H. ARMAND de MASL,
Capt., Spec. Rec. AUS

For Major
Chief
IPW Division

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(M.M.I.A.) A. C.	
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Ref. 8266/192/83

//April 1946

SUBJECT: Release of BISCHT Giulio
prisoner of war at Afragola.

TO : I.F.W.
Land Forces Sub-Commission

Reference our letter 8266/147/83 of 1 February 46.

May this office be informed of what action has been
taken in this case.

D. H. TURNAGE

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
Italian Mission

UNRRA/1P-9/G-II (IT)

5 March 1946

TO : Ministero degli Affari Esteri
FROM : R.W. Roth, Chief Repatriation Officer
By : Mrs. Mannoek *RM*
SUBJECT : Hospital train to Germany.

1. Reference is made to your 6/801/381 dated 16 February 1946 which has been passed to this office by Liaison Office, HQ Allied Commission.

2. You are advised to refer the proposal contained in your memorandum to Major TONKS, "Q" Movements AFHQ Liaison Officer, at the Ministry of Communications, 2nd Floor, Room No. 33.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSION
AND FOR
DISPATCH TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

DATE: 15 March 1946

SUBJECT: Military of Demobilized Germans still
under arms due to their residence in
non-reclaimable territory.

TO : Lord Forster Sub-Commission,
(M.A.Y.E.)
Paris.

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1. Reference your A.O.17 dated 25 November 1945 on the above
subject, policy in resolving which was due to a clerical error, is regretted.

2. The answer to your queries are as follows :

(a) Albania, Belgium, Lithuania and Luxembourg (Lans).
The present policy is that no Italian are to be permitted to return to
these countries. It is not known when, and if, this policy will be modified.

(b) France: Each individual case would have to be
submitted to the French Consular Authority in Italy. For your information,
the French are very anxious at allowing Italians to return to their former
homes in North Africa.

(c) France: Each individual case would have to be submitted
to the French Consular Authority. A. cultural workers and coal miners
of alien origin are being encouraged to return to France. Deciding whether
for such moves, however, is a lengthy process involving several checks in
France of an applicant's political and criminal antecedents.

(d) Albania : All Italians are being expelled from Albania
and their belongings requisitioned.

(e) Belgium and Luxembourg: Same policy as for France, but
applicant must be in possession of a Belgian Belgian passport's identity
card valid on 10 May 1940 and not removed since 1940.

(f) Belgium and Luxembourg: Individual applications should be
submitted to the Vice Government, British Embassy, Bonn.

(g) Belgium and Luxembourg : It is not possible to arrange for

1. Reference your A-567 dated 25 November 1945 on the above subject. Delay in replying which was due to a clerical error, is regretted.

2. The answer to your queries are as follows:

(a) Italy: Italian, Albanian and Yugoslavian (Germans). The present policy is that no Italian are to be permitted to return to these countries. It is not known when, and if, this policy will be modified.

(b) Yugoslavia: Each individual case would have to be submitted to the French Consul or Ambassy in Italy. For your information, the French are very opposed at allowing Italians to return to their former homes in North Africa.

(c) Albania: Each individual case would have to be submitted to the French Consular authorities. For cultural reasons and social reasons of alien origin are being encouraged to return to France. Obtaining authority for such moves, however, is a lengthy process involving careful checks in France of an applicant's political and criminal antecedents.

(d) Albania: All Italians are being expelled from Albania and their belongings requisitioned.

(e) Belgium and Luxembourg: Same policy as for France, but applicant must be in possession of a Belgian or Luxembourg's Identity Card valid on 10 May 1940 and not renewed after that date.

(f) U.S. and Canada: Individual applications should be submitted to the Vice Consul or British Embassy, Boston.

(g) Germany and Denmark: It is not possible to arrange for the return of foreigners to these countries at present.

(h) Italy of America, Switzerland, Spain, Australia, Latin America: Individual applications should be made to the respective Consular representatives, who usually consider such cases on its individual merits. Brazil, in particular, recently announced a new immigration policy with a quota of 25,000 allotted to Italy.

(i) France: Policy towards Italians very similar to that of Spain, though less drastic. Application should be made to the French Embassy in London in 1944, though it is doubtful if applicants would get admission.

For the Director:

C. Eastman
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Copy to:
Executive Commissioner, A.C.
Immigration Branch.

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Ref: 3266/179/AC

15 March 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian sick and wounded in Germany

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Reference your 6/501/381 dated 16 February 1946 which this office passed on to USMRA Repatriation Office for action.

USMRA advised in their reply that the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs should refer the proposal contained in their memorandum to Major Tonks, "G" Movement AFHQ Liaison Officer, at the Ministry of Communications, 2nd Floor, Room No. 33.

It is regretted that the reply did not reach you sooner.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 8266/178/ED

15 March 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Italian Prisoners of War on compassionate grounds
TO : I.P.W.

Reference the attached letter of 8 March 1946 from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the request for release of one or both of sons of a Signora Maria Senthia Camilletti.

It is kindly requested that the application be forwarded thru proper channels for action.

May it be emphasized that the application is based on compassionate grounds.

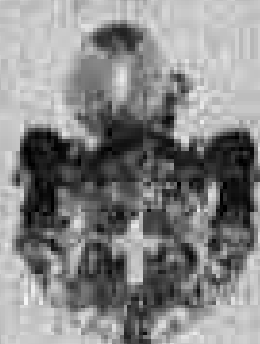
Early action is desired since it is evident that the widowed mother is faring very badly in her attempt to assume the paternal responsibilities of the family.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encls: 3 copies of ltr fr DOWA of 8 March 1946
" " " " " Sig. Maria Senthia Camilletti of 7 March 1946
" " " translation

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Rome, March 8th, 19

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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con ^{GABINETTO} ~~il~~

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION
(Liaison Division)

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1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to recommend to the kind attention of the Allied Commission the enclosed letter addressed to the Chief Commissioner by Mrs. Maria SANTHIA CAMILLETTI.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs deem that the request is worthy of special consideration - on compassionate grounds - because of the particularly difficult situation of the Camilletti family. *BN*

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Chiarissimo Signor Ammiraglio

Pietro Stone

R O M A

La sottoscritta Maria SANTHIA' ved. di Angelo CAMILLETTI - morto in Addis Ababa - profuga dall'Etiopia nell'agosto 1942 assieme alle figlie Liliana e Marisa, lasciando i figli Ugo e Carlo prigionieri in Africa, trovandosi - dall'epoca del rimpatrio priva di aiuto - in pessime condizioni economiche, è costretta - malgrado la sua avanzata età (56 anni) e le sue precarie condizioni di salute (con la necessità di subire una operazione chirurgica) a sottomersi ai più umilianti lavori per poter ricavare quello stretto necessario per il mantenimento delle figliole Liliana e Marisa, quest'ultima anche malata e bisognosa di cure -

C H I E D E :

che siano rimpatriati dalla prigionia i suoi unici due figli maschi Ugo e Carlo che attualmente si trovano:

Aviere CAMILLETTI Ugo - Campo 351 Matric. 90340 East Africa Comand (Chenia)

Civile CAMILLETTI Carlo - 5 Internment Camp - Matric. 26651 Forte Vittoria - Sud Rhodesia.

Fiduciosa che questo disperato appello sia preso in considerazione ringrazia ed ossequia.

Roma, li 7 Marzo 1946

fto

Maria SANTHIA' ved. CAMILLETTI
Via Ezio 1609 Roma

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Dear Admiral Stone

ROME

The undersigned Maria BANTHIA' - widow of Angelo CAMILLETTI who died in Addis Ababa - fled from Ethiopia in August 1942 with her two daughters Lilliana and Maria, leaving her sons Ugo and Carlo prisoners in Africa. She finds herself - since her repatriation - deprived of aid, in the worst of financial conditions; and despite her advanced age (56 years old) and her precarious condition of health (which necessitates a surgical operation) she is forced to employ herself in the most humiliating tasks in order to be able to make the bare living necessary for the maintenance of her daughters Lilliana and Maria, the latter is also in ill health and in need of medical care.

The undersigned kindly requests that her only two sons Ugo and Carlo be released and repatriated - who are at present located as follows:

- a) (Aviator) Ugo CAMILLETTI
Matric.: 90340
Camp : 391
East Africa Command (Kenya)
- b) (Civilian) Carlo CAMILLETTI
Matric.: 26651
Internment Camp 5
Porte Vittoria - Rhodesia - South Africa

Confident that this desperate appeal will be taken into favorable consideration, thanks and best wishes.

Rome, 7 March 1946

Signed: MARIA BANTHIA' CAMILLETTI
Via Esio, 12, Rome

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HR/eb

Ref: 8266/17/31

12 March 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian sick and wounded in Germany

TO : USIA - Repatriation Branch -
Via Sabria (DIA Bldg)
Rome.

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Reference our letter 8266/157/31 of 23 February 1946 with attached memorandum 6/24/381 dated 16 February 1946 of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

No reply has been received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to this memorandum. An early definition of the matter is personally requested by Prime Minister Dr. De Gasperi.

Please advise this office of what action has been taken as soon as possible.

FOR THE CHIEF OF CONSUL

P. H. TUNNARD

✓
Assistant
Executive Coordinator

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TRANSLATION

URGENT

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rome, 4 March 1946.

NOTE FOR CONSUL ROMANETTI DE VETTOR

SUBJECT: Hospital train for Germany. 163

We beg you to solicit kindly the Allied Commission to verify memorandum NO 6/801/381, of 16 February, concerning the above subject.

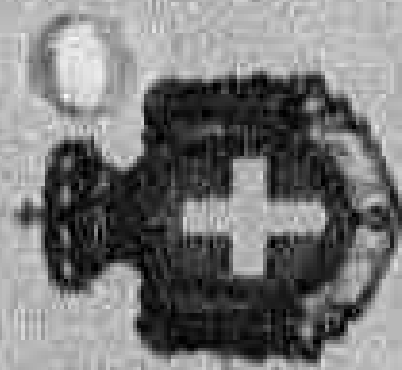
We inform you, at the same time, that an early definition of the matter is personally requested by Prime Minister Dr. De Gasperi.

/s/ Alessandrini

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Ufficio Collegamento

URGENTISSIMO

APPUNTO PER IL CONSOLE G. BOMBASSEI DE VETTOR

Oggetto: Treno-ospedale per la Germania.

Si prega di voler cortesemente sollecitare la Commissione Alleata a riscontrare il memorandum n. 6/801/381, del 16 febbraio u.s., concernente l'argomento in oggetto. Al riguardo si fa presente che una rapida definizione della questione trattata nell'appunto sopracitato ~~de~~ personalmente a cuore al Ministro De Gasperi.

Roma, 11 4 marzo 1945

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See #70.
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Oggetto: Treno-ospedale per la Germania.

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Roma, 11 4 marzo 1945

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION S.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

HWR/tb

IPW/64/128

26 February 1946

Subject : Release from Yugoslav Concentration Camp.

To : U.S. Embassy, Rome.

To : British Embassy, Rome.

- 1/. The w/m Italians who were captured in Serbia by the Germans and later collaborated with Tito's partisans, are at present detained in the Italian Prisoners Camp at BCR, Yugoslavia.

Giuseppe CASARINI
Egisto MARCINI
Leopoldo BOSSOLINI
Giovanni FABBRI

- 2/. They are holders of documents proving their collaboration with Tito's partisan forces.
- 3/. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have asked the Allied Commission to approach the appropriate authorities to secure their speedy release and repatriation.
- 4/. It would be appreciated if you would take up this matter with your Governments and missions in Belgrade.
- 5/. Will you please inform this office of any action you may take.

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J.E. REHIS, Lt.Col.
Chief
IPW Division

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
(your 8266/20/154 refers)

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VLD/ab

Ref: 8266/166/20

4 March 1946

Dear Mameigneur Carroll,

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In reply to your letter No. 109545/3A of 30 November 1945 recommending the release of Demicheli Elie, a prisoner of war at Segry - Indre - France.

A search of the files of Prisoner of War Information Bureau TUPH disclosed that there is no record on Demicheli, Elie, as being a Prisoner of War in United States custody.

It is suggested that further inquiry be made to the French Military Authority: Generale des Prisonniers de Guerre de l'Arm, 12 Avenue de Breteuil, Paris 16, France. The French Embassy should surely prove useful in forwarding any further official inquiry you may wish to forward.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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VLD/cdr

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Ref: 9236/W

4 March 1948

SUBJECT: Release of 2/Lt. Gualtiero GUALTIERI

TO : AFHQ
A-3 Branch

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1. Attached is a letter from Signor Ignazio Gualtieri, Florence whose son Second Lieutenant Gualtiero Gualtieri, prisoner of war No. 47345 at Camp No. 5 Myrtleford in Australia, has been a prisoner of war since February 1941.

2. Signor Gualtieri and his wife request that the boy's repatriation be executed as soon as possible in order that he may enroll at the Florence University for the coming semester to continue his long interrupted studies.

3. Their plea is that as each month goes by with their son still in a prisoner of war camp it means an additional month's delay in his returning to his studies and a greater danger of his being too old to continue his Chemistry studies.

4. May this letter please be forwarded to proper Australian authorities for action.

VICTOR L. ODDI

✓
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Encl: Original letter

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Ref: 505/GU/EC(L)

7 January 1945

SUBJECT: Release of 2/Lt. Gualtiero Gualtieri

TO : British Embassy
Rome

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1. Attached is a letter from Signor Ignazio Gualtieri, Florence whose son Second Lieutenant Gualtiero Gualtieri, prisoner of war no. 47245 at Camp No. 5 Myrtleford in Australia, has been a prisoner of war since February 1941.

2. Signor Gualtieri and his wife request that the boy's repatriation be executed as soon as possible in order that he may enroll at the Florence University for the coming semester to continue his long interrupted studies.

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4. May this letter please be forwarded to proper Australian authorities for action.

VICTOR L. ODDI

VICTOR L. ODDI
Captain, Cav
Officer in Charge

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C O P Y

Firenze, 26 Dicembre 1945

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Onorevole
ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Executive Commission
Liaison Division

See 166-165

R O M A

Il S.Tenente Gualtieri Gualtiero di Ignazio, prigioniero di guerra
No 47245 al Campo No. 5 Group di Myrtleford in Australia

e prigioniero dal Febbraio 1941.

Nato il 20 Febbruo 1917 a Firenze, nel Febbraio 1946 compira il 28
anno di eta.

Interruppe gli studi nel 1939 perche chiamato al servizio militare
e cosi non pote iscriversi alla Facolta di Chimica della R. Universita di
Firenze come sarebbe stato suo desiderio.

Il padre del detto prigioniero di guerra si rivolge con la presente
e Codesta Onorevole Commissione perche si degni interporre il suo valido
appoggio presso l' Alleato Inglese sollecitandone il rimpatrio. A tale scopo
osserva che ogni mese di prolungata assenza, aggrava e rende piu difficile
la ripresa degli studi ambiti.

Confidando nella comprensione e nell' aiuto di Codesta Onore-vole
Commissione, ringrazia ed ossequia.

s/ Ignazio Gualtieri
Via Luigi Alamanni 23- Firenze

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Ref: 8266/157/ED

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23 February 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian sick and wounded in Germany.

TO : U.N.R.R.A. for Repatriation Branch
Via Umbria (INA Bldg)
Rome

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1. The attached memorandum 6/301/381, dated 16 February 1946, of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is forwarded for your action.
2. Please answer direct to the Italian Ministero degli Affari Esteri.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl: Memo 6/301/381 of 16 Feb 46 fr DAFA

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Hospital-train to Germany.

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1. Father Rino CELATO of the Order of the Camillian Fathers, has been the organizer of 5 Hospital-trains which have been used for the dispersal of sick and wounded soldiers from the assembling points of Northern Italy and from the harbours of Southern Italy.

2. He has been working under the auspices of the Pontifical Commission for Refugees which has also defrayed all the expenses.

3. Father Celato is well known to the Allied Authorities, especially by Captain Miller who is stationed at Bolzano and by Captain Woodcock of Milan, who have issued to him appropriate testimonials.

4. The Pontifical Commission for Refugees is now desirous to extend its activities to Germany to collect and repatriate the Italian sick and wounded who are known to still be scattered in that Country and in the adjoining regions, according to reports of the Commission's information centers abroad.

5. The train is composed of 13 coaches with a bedding capacity for 120 persons and accommodation for the medical and administrative staff, numbering 30.

6. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs should be exceedingly grateful to the Allied Commission if they would kindly obtain permission for the entry into Germany, through the Brenner Pass, of the above-mentioned train and of its staff. 1598

7. It would also be appreciated if an Allied escort could travel on the train, both to supervise and to guarantee the proper

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7. It would also be appreciated if an Allied escort could travel on the train, both to supervise and to guarantee the proper functioning of the humanitarian mission which is not of private nature but of national importance. The President of the Council, Signor De Gasperi, is personally keenly interested in the initiative.

8. The train ought to possibly service also the German districts occupied by the Russian forces.

9. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank in advance the

P.T.O.

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Allied Commission for the courtesy of an early reply. A

Ministry of Health - Rome, February 16th, 1946

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SUBJECT : Military of Demobilised Classes still under Arms
due to their residence in non accessible Territory.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489081 Ext: 380.
A. 017
25 Feb, 46.

FEB 24 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner (2) ✓
A.C.

May a reply to our A. 017 dated 25 November 1945 please be
expedited.

*File D.P. a k sle -
contacted Lt. Col.
Gilmore. Matter
being investigated.*

B. Wilson Capt.
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS
THEATER SERVICE FORCES
EUROPEAN THEATER
Office of the Theater Provost Marshal
Liaison Section

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APC 887
29 December 1945

FEB 20 1946

SUBJECT: Requested Information.

TO : Director, Allied Commission, APO 394, MTOUSA, US Army.

1. A search in the files of Prisoner of War Information Bureau TEFET disclosed that there is no record on DEMICHELII, Elio, as being a Prisoner of War in United States custody.

2. We suggest to inquire further at a French Military Authority: Generale des Prisonniers de Guerre de l'Axe, 12 Avenue de Breteuil, Paris 8c. France.

For the Theater Provost, Marshal:

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G. W. REEDY
Maj. CMC. *MLL*
Chief, PW Division.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Committee

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It is required that

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1st Ind to Ltr, Hq Allied Commission, Office of the Executive Commissioner,
Liaison Division, APO 394, dated 10 December. Subject: Release of Gemicheli
Elio - Prisoner of War at Segry.

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1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS MPOUSA, APO 512, 14 December 1945

TO: Commanding General, United States Forces, European Theater, APO 287
ATTENTION: PWIB

1. Forwarded for such action as is considered necessary.
2. Request that Allied Commission be notified of action taken.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



Edmund R. Shugart
EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

1 Incl
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Executive Commissioner

LIAISON DIVISION

APO 394

VO/mof

Ref: 243/EO(L)

10 December 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Demicheli Elio - Prisoner of War at Segry

TO : Prisoner of War Branch, Allied Force Headquarters

1. Attached is copy of letter from the Secretariat of State of the Vatican requesting the liberation of Elio Demicheli, a prisoner of war at Segry - Indre - France.

2. It will be greatly appreciated if this office be advised as to the nature of the reply that should be made to the Secretariat of State.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Ductor S. Ladd
Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division
Capt *Car*

Encl: Ltr 109545/BA of 30 Nov. 45

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C O P Y

No. 109545/SA

30 November 1945

Dear Captain Riggio:

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness takes the liberty to recommend to the kind consideration of the competent Allied Authorities the request of Pallavicino Giuseppe, Alessandria, for the liberation of Demicheli Elio, a prisoner of war at Segry - Indre - France.

The request states that Demicheli Elio, son of Giulio and Pallavicino Palmira, born in Bosca Marengo November 3, 1926, was arrested by an officer of the Republican Army as a member of the Italian underground. He was imprisoned in Alessandria, then taken to a concentration camp at Monza and finally deported to Germany where he remained until the days of liberation. He was later transferred to other concentration camps and at present is in Segry - Indre - France.

Thanking you for any consideration you may deem to give this request, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ WALTER CARROLL

Captain Riggio
Liaison Division
AC Headquarters
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.E.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/64/126

15 February 1946

FEB 16 1946

SUBJECT : Release from Yugoslav Concentration Camp

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Ref your memo 6/703/344 dated 11 Feb 1945.
2. This matter has been referred to GHQ who state that they are not competent to deal with Yugoslavia through their Channels and suggest that this should be dealt with directly by the Italian Government to the Yugoslav Government.
3. Permission has been requested for the Chief of this division to visit Yugoslavia in the interests of IPW detained in that country. If this permission is granted he will take up the matter direct.

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See M.155
JAMES B. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

Copy to Executive Comm.
(Attn. Miss. B. Sampson).

Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
HQ. AC. APG 304
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FEB 12 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Release from Yugoslav Concentration Camp.

1. The u/m Italians, who were captured in Serbia by the Germans and did later collaborate with Tito's partisans, are at present detained in the Italian prisoners' Camp of Ber, Yugoslavia:

Giuseppe CASARMI

Egisto MANCINI

Leopoldo BOSCHOLINI

Giovanni PAGANI.

2. They are holders of documents evidencing their collaboration with Tito's partisans forces.

3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs should be exceedingly grateful to the Allied Commission if they would kindly ask the competent Authorities to bring pressure to bear to secure their release and their early repatriation.

4. It would be very much appreciated if the matter could be treated as urgent. *A*

Rome, February 11th, 1946

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(Original passed to IPONWS/c for action)

Subject: Release from Yugoslav Concentration Camp.

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Rome, February 11th, 1945

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Translation

The Minister of the Royal Household

Rome, 6 February 1946

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FEB 8 1946

Dear Admiral,

According to the intention of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm, and for the information of the Commission, I hereby forward a request sent to His Royal Highness by Mr. Vito Brosca, father of Lt Lieutenant Mario Brosca.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

S. F. Lucifero

(Minister of the Royal Household)

Admiral Eliezer W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

e/c

G.C. DIST - 8 Feb

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Translation

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To His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of
the Realm

Your Highness, I appeal to you, trusting you will
grant my request.

I am 76, and I suffer from arteriosclerosis, and I
am depressed by the many misfortunes brought about by war.
My only consolation is my only son, 1st Lt. Mario Brosca
who has been in the army ever since 1941. After the de-
feat of Sicily, he went to Mantova where the depot of
his regiment was, and from there, he was deported to Poland,
where he remained for nine months. While he was there, he
sent me news.

After a long silence, I have now been informed that
he is now a prisoner of the British in a concentration
camp at Grottaglie, near Taranto.

I beg Your Royal Highness to intervene in favour of
my son. I am very old and before I die, I want to see
my only son once more.

Trusting in your kindness, I remain,

S. Brosca Vito

Marogliano 20/12/915

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FEB 8 1946

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MY 84811 15 NOVEMBER.

1. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT PRIORITY IN REPATRIATION WILL BE ACCORDED TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF ITALIAN PW PROVIDED NOTHING DEROGATORY IS KNOWN AGAINST THEM (A) PW WHOSE RELATIVES IN ITALY RENDERED ASSISTANCE TO BRITISH ESCAPERS AND EVADERS DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION (B) PW WHOSE RELATIVES IN ITALY RENDERED ASSISTANCE TO BRITISH ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE RESISTANCE PERIOD.
2. NAMES OF PW IN CATEGORY (A) ABOVE WILL BE NOTIFIED TO COMMANDS CONCERNED BY WAR OFFICE (PW1).
3. NAMES OF PW IN CATEGORY (B) WILL BE NOTIFIED TO COMMANDS CONCERNED BY CHQ CMF. THIS AMENDS PARAGRAPH 2 OF MY 87368 PW2 4 DECEMBER TO CHQ CMF ONLY.
4. CINC INDIA ONLY REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM 379183/PW1B 31 JANUARY.

NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON NAMES RECEIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN PW1 AND CHQ CMF. NAME SUPPLIED BY BRIGADIER EX PW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO CHQ CMF WITH FULL REPORT.

(CAPT G) WJG/r

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This message will not be distributed outside British or Commonwealth Departments or Headquarters. It is transmitted even in Ciphor without being paraphrased. (Messages marked D.T.P. need not be paraphrased).

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AGRICULTURAL CONCERN

BARONE CARLO CATALDI

SAN GIORGIO DI PIANO. (Bologna)

FEB 5 1946

S. Giorgio di Piano, Jan. 28, 1946

To: - ADMIRAL HENRY W. STONE

ALLIED COMMISSION

ROME.

On November 9, 1945 the Italian Government sent the Allied Commission a list of technicians, officials, and professional workers indispensable to the reconstruction of our country. Among these was

LT. RAMPONI RICCARDO (P.O.W. 358199 - No. 2630 Italian Pioneer Company - Postal Section - M.E.F.) Doctor in Agriculture, technician of our agricultural concern, required by us since August 1945.

Now, with the approach of spring, and the total re-establishment of agricultural work, we are in urgent need of the above-mentioned officer.

Thanking you in anticipation, we remain,

Yours truly,

AGRICULTURAL CONCERN "BARONE CARLO CATALDI"

(s) Carlo Cataldi).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Liaison Division
APO 394

1 February 1946

Ref: 8266/148/20

Dear Monsignor:

Reference your 113121 letter dated 21 January 1946, subject: 146
Release of Bischi Giulio.

Your letter has been forwarded for consideration to I.P.W. 147
Sub-Commission to A.C. and necessary action will be taken.

Sincerely yours,

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Monsignore Walter S. Carroll
Secretariat of State
Vatican City

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[Signature]

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Ref: 3266/147/30

1 February 1946

SUBJECT: Release of BIGNI GIULIO, a prisoner of war at Afragola (Naples).

TO : I.P.O.W. Sub-Commission

1. The attached communication from His Holiness the Pope's Secretariat of State is forwarded for your information and action.

2. May this office please be informed of the action taken in this case.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Ref: Lar 113121/3A of 21 Jan 46 fr Vatican

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C O P Y

SEGRETERIA DI STATO
DI SUA SANTITA'

Vatican City January 21, 1946

No. 113121/SA

Dear Captain Oddi:

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness takes the liberty to request that you recommend to the attention of the competent Allied Authorities the petition of the Very Reverend Antonino Silli, Provincial of the Dominican Fathers, Piazza della Minerva 42, Rome, for the liberation of BISCHI GIULIO a prisoner of war at Afragola (Naples), Camp POW No. 209-B-961877.

In his request Father Silli states that Bischi Giulio is the only support of his seventy year old parents; another son, a member of the Dominican Order, was killed during the bombardment of Tivoli. The parents cannot provide for themselves on account of their advanced age and weakness.

In view of the humanitarian aspect of this appeal and because the Vatican has recently had assurance that release would be granted in cases of such extreme need, the Secretariat of State of His Holiness warmly recommends the above request.

With assurance of my appreciation of your kind cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Walter Carroll

Captain Victor Oddi
Liaison Division
AC HQ
Via Veneto

The original was sent To I.P.W.
S/C see 147, 148, 185 1583

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/29/125

17/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW in EGYPT

JAN 19 1946

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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- 1./ Reference your memo 6/5365/3323 dtd 2/Dec/45
- 2./ This matter has been taken up with GHQ, Central Mediterranean Forces, who have in turn communicated with the Commander in Chief, Middle East Forces.
- 3./ We will inform you at once of any decision reached by the latter.

JEA
J. E. A. G. I. O.
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
HQ AC APO 394
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/1/18A/15

1/1 Jan/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW in Australia

JAN 18 1946

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

NR

- 1./ Reference your memo 6/5153/3237 dtd 14/Dec/45
- 2./ GHQ, Central Mediterranean Forces inform us that they have communicated on this subject with the Under Secretary of State, The War Office, London.
- 3./ Any decision reached by the latter will be communicated to you as soon as received.

J. B. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner

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IPW/29/123

7 January 1946

JAN 8 1946

SUBJECT : IPW in Egypt

TO : G-1 Br
GHQ
ONP.

1. Further to our IPW29/III dated 25 Sept 1945 and your 3055/A 2 dated 3 Oct 45, copy to us. The answer to the enquiries contained in GHQ M.E.F. letter 83981/AG5 dated 10 Oct 1945 was forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. The attached reply has now been received from the Ministry and is forwarded to you for such action as you may deem necessary.

James E. Regis

JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission

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Copy to Executive Commissioner

Encl: Ministry of Foreign Affairs memo 6/5365/3323 dated 27 Dec 45

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MINISTERO DEI AFFARI ESTERI

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject : Italian ex-soldiers P.O.W. in Egypt.

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1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank the Allied Commission for their kind communication contained in note IPW/29/118 of 14 November 1945.

2. However, on the subject the Ministry for Foreign Affairs believe that a misunderstanding of some kind might have arisen in the matter. It is known that 8 of the Italian soldiers referred to in paragraph n.3 of the a/m. note are now held in Egypt as co-operators.

3. It cannot be stressed enough that said Italian soldiers enrolled in the Italian Army of Liberation after the signature of the armistice. They never bore arms against the Allies : on the contrary, whilst they avoided military service during the duration of the war, they asked to fight against the Germans when Italy lined up as co-belligerent of the Allied Powers.

4. It is obvious that in the light of the above considerations, such Italian soldiers - in accordance with their request - ought to have been sent to Italy and they should never have been detained in the Middle East and recorded as Prisoners of War, even if they were granted the status of co-operators.

5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs therefore will appreciate it greatly if the Allied Commission will draw the attention of the proper Authorities to the circumstances outlined above and request them to consider the possibility of presently releasing the soldiers in question. It is believed that, should they so desire, they ought to be allowed to proceed to Turkey, where their main interests are located, instead of repatriating them to Italy.

6. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be grateful to the Allied Authorities if they will consider the matter as being very urgent and thank them for the interest they will display in the case.

Rome, December 27th, 1945

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/7MEP/1673

14/Dec/45

DEC 17 1945

SUBJECT : S/Ten. DE ROSA, Luciano

TO : C.S.O.
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

115.

- 1./ Ref. your 8266/Es dated 8 Nov. 45
- 2./ G.H.Q. Middle East informs us that the a/n IPW will be examined by the next panel of medical officers.

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AS.

Handwritten signature
J. E. REGIS
Lieut. Col
Chief
IPW Div.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/7MKP/1673

14/Dec/45

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Autonomous
J. E. REGIS
Lieut. Col
Chief
IPW Div.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/119

10/Dec/45

DEC 11 1945

SUBJECT: IPW from North AFRICA

TO : Florentine Committee of the
Families of PW
Italian Republican Party
Via Pandolfini N° 17
Florence

- 1./ Ref. Our IPW/53/112 dated 26/11/45
- 2./ The figure 400.000 referred to in para 2 of a/quoted
letter should read 40.000
The error is regretted

New Hamilton
J.E. MEUIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner A.C.
" " Ministry of War: Autonomous Office
for War Vet. & Repatr. PW

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Italian Prisoners of War Commission

HQ 201 Avenue de la Libération

Cherbourg

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53./112

26 November 1945.

NOV 29 1945

Subject : Italian P.W. in N.Africa

To : Florentine Committee of the
Families of P.O.W.
Italian Republican Party
Via Pandolfini N° 17,
Florence.

EC

Surely this is
40,000
up. E.H.B.
cc

R.H.

1. Further to your letter dated 5 November 1945 without reference, addressed to Admiral Stone.

2. The present position of these P.W. is as follows, there are approximately 400,000 in French North Africa of whom 1,500 are known to be sick and wounded. An Italian cruiser sailed from Naples on 23rd. November to pick up 750 of these individuals and should arrive in Italy before the end of the month. A second voyage will be made immediately to repatriate the other 750. The chief of this Division has sailed on this vessel to ascertain the treatment accorded to these P.W. and to make arrangements to expedite their repatriation.

3. The French authorities have agreed to the release of a further 18,000 and it is hoped that the above mentioned ship may continue this work of repatriation.

4. The French are not willing to release the remaining Italian P.W. in their hands unless they are replaced by German P.W. When shipping becomes available this movement will commence.

5. You will realise the difficulties involved in repatriating these individuals, negotiations are constantly carried

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out with the French authorities, and every effort is being made to secure the necessary shipping.

6. Will you please address any further correspondence on this matter to the Autonomous Office of Post War Veterans and Repatriated P.W. Ministry of War, with whom this office is in constant liaison.

Hamilton
J.E. HAMILTON
Lt. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Division.

Copy to : Executive Commissioner A.C.
Autonomous Office of Post War Veterans
and Repatriated P.W.
Ministry of War.

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SUBJECT : Military of Disabled Classes still under arms due to their residence in non accessible Territory.

LAND FORCES SUP COM, A.C.
(M.H.I.A.) R O M E .
A 017
25 Nov. 49

TO : Executive Commissioner (2)
A.C.

1. The Italian Ministry of War has raised the question of the repatriation of disabled Italian soldiers whose homes and families are overseas.

2. These men have no relatives residing in Italy to whom they can go for assistance. Until some arrangements can be made for their repatriation they are, ~~therefore~~, remaining on the strength of their respective Units. The Ministry urges however that instructions be issued as early as possible as the delay is having a detrimental effect on these men's morale.

3. The whole matter was referred to A.P.H.C. who said that it should be dealt with through Allied Commission, as the soldiers on demobilization became normal Italian civilians.

4. For your information I append a list of the numbers of men and of the countries involved. In the meantime a nominal roll is also being prepared.

Libya	43	Eritrea	2	Ethiopia	2
Tunisia	63	France	20	Switzerland	6
Germany	4	Luxembourg	2	Greece	1
Egypt	1	Syria	11	Portugal	1
Spain	3	Argentina	1	Chile	1
America	1	Brazil	1	Belgium	5
Rumania	1	Albania	1	England	1

Not stated 4
TOTAL 181 (Besides 56 from Venezia Giulia)

These nos. apply to the classes already demobilised including that of 1919.

5. Please let us know if the necessary arrangements can be made so that we can pass the information on to the Ministry of War.

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EC. Dist - 27 Nov. 49.

ACTION - C.A. Sec (for D.R. R/c)
INFO - E.C.

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M.H.I.A. L. for

For Major General
M.H.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
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Rome, 20 November 1945

NOV 26 1945

N. 2719

TO : Director of I.P.O.W. Section

Subject : Repatriation of Italian prisoners of war interned in
French North Africa.

I beg to send, enclosed herewith, a copy of a note,
addressed to the Italian Foreign Office by the French Embassy,
regarding the repatriation of the Italian prisoners of war inter-
ned in North Africa.

I would appreciate if you could inform me of the
action you would deem proper to take in respect of said repatria-
tion.

Signed : Mouillec

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DIPLOMATIC MESSAGE N. 2452

FROM : FRENCH EMBASSY - ROME
TO : ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE - ROME

Reference to letter N.1055 Seg Pol. of the It Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The French Embassy has the honor to bring to the attention of the Italian Foreign Office the following decisions which have been taken by the French Government in respect of the repatriation of Italian prisoners of war at present interned in North Africa:

1) - The French Authorities have no objection to the arrival of an Italian cruiser to Oran, the 26th of November, by which the 1500 Italian prisoners of war, whose repatriation was forecast some weeks ago, would be transported to Italy.

2) - As for the others prisoners of war already liberated, who are working at present in North Africa and consisting of approximately 12.000 men, they will be, all, replaced by German prisoners of war interned in France.

The repatriation in question can be effected immediately provided the Italian Government had the facilities to employ one of its merchant ships to transport the corresponding number of German prisoners of war to North Africa.

In the case of the Italian Govt not being able to use an Italian merchant ship for the purpose, the French Authorities concerned would take into examination a way to employ - at conditions and at a later date to be arranged - a French merchant ship. It is to be observed, however, that owing to the slow rhythm in which transports by French ships are being performed, it cannot be expected to obtain a French ship before the first part of January.

As for the remaining Italian prisoners of war - those not included in the first group of 1500, nor those belonging to the workers' group, there is no objection to their transportation by the Italian cruiser being allocated to the Italian Govt, which movement will be limited to a route from an Italian port to a North African port.

The above has been communicated to the Allied Commission for the action the AC Authorities would ^{deem proper to} take in respect of the movement of the ships in question.

Rome, 19 November 1945 ¹⁵⁷²

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

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Rome, le 20 Novembre 1945

N° 2719

À M. le Directeur
de la Sous-Commission des
Prisonniers de Guerre.

O B J E T : Rapatriement des prisonniers de
guerre italiens présents en
Afrique du Nord Française.

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser ci-joint la
copie d'une note verbale de l'Ambassade de France au
Ministère italien des Affaires Etrangères au sujet du
rapatriement des prisonniers italiens d'Afrique du
Nord.

Je vous demande de bien vouloir me tenir au
courant des décisions qui pourront être prises pour ce
rapatriement.

Moulin

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NOTE VERBALE

Se référant à la note n° 1055 Seg. Pol. du Ministère des Affaires Etrangères en date du 12 de ce mois, l'Ambassade de France a l'honneur de lui faire part ci-après des dispositions qui ont été arrêtées par le Gouvernement Français en ce qui concerne le rapatriement des prisonniers de guerre italiens se trouvant actuellement en Afrique du Nord:

1°) - Les autorités françaises ne font pas d'objections à ce qu'un croiseur italien se rende directement à Oran le 26 Novembre en vue de convoyer les 1.500 prisonniers dont le retour est prévu depuis plusieurs semaines.

2°) - En ce qui concerne les prisonniers italiens libérés qui sont au travail en Afrique du Nord et qui représentent environ 12.000 hommes, ils seront remplacés nombre pour nombre par des prisonniers allemands se trouvant actuellement en France.

Le rapatriement des prisonniers dont il s'agit pourrait avoir lieu dès maintenant si le gouvernement italien était à même d'obtenir l'affectation à ce voyage d'un de ses navires de commerce, lequel aurait au préalable à transporter en Afrique du Nord les prisonniers allemands correspondants.

Dans le cas où il ne serait pas possible de débloquer un navire italien de commerce, les services français compétents seraient prêts à examiner dans quelques

conditions et à quelle date un navire de commerce français pourrait être chargé de ce mouvement. Il y a lieu toutefois de noter que le rythme des transports sous pavillon français ne permettrait sans doute pas de prévoir avant le mois de Janvier prochain le déblocage d'un navire de commerce.

3°) - Quant aux autres prisonniers italiens, c'est à dire ceux qui n'appartiennent pas au premier groupe des 1.500, ni à celui des travailleurs, il n'y aurait aucun inconvénient à ce qu'ils fussent transportés par tel croiseur italien qui serait mis à la disposition du gouvernement italien et dont les déplacements seraient limités d'un port italien à un port de l'Afrique du Nord.

Les indications qui précèdent ont été portées par l'Ambassade de France à la connaissance de la Commission Alliée en vue des dispositions à prendre en ce qui concerne les mouvements des navires en cause.

Rome, le 19 Novembre 1945

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/7MEP/1587

10 Nov. '45

SUBJECT : S/Tent. DE ROSA, Luciano

NOV 23 1945

TO : C.S.O.

EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

115.

1. Ref. your 8266/Es dated 8 Nov. '45
2. A copy of letter from GHQ CMF to Commander in Chief MEF, has been received in this division requesting that the a/n be afforded a medical examination and that a report be sent to GHQ CMF.

J. E. Regis
J.E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
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Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

Rome

NOV 19 1945

The undersigned are related to the Italians who are prisoners of the French in North Africa. France decided to released the said prisoners in August, stating that transport was to be supplied by Italy. It was officially announced that repatriation was to start in September and would be over before Christmas, but up to now, none of the prisoners have yet been repatriated. By official communications we know that the Italian Government asked the Allied Commission to be allowed to use our steamers for this service. We beg your Excellency to help us. No time must be lost; winter has begun, and many of the thirty eight thousand prisoners have reached the limit of their physical and moral strength; many have been ill for years and couldn't be repatriated because of the complete lack of a mixed commission. Another winter in prison might be fatal to them.

We trust that your Excellency won't reject our request, thus allowing many families to spend Christmas with those who are dear to them. We shall be ever so grateful to you and your country which you so worthily represent in Italy.

Believe us,

Sincerely,

FLORENTINE COMMITTEE OF THE FAMILIES OF P.O.W.s
(Italian Republican Party - Via Pandolfini, 17)

G. Rag. Emilio Rugiadini

Florence, 5 November 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

(123)

IPW/20/111814 NOV. '45

SUBJECT : Italian ex soldiers POW in EGYPT

NOV 14 1945

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Reference is made to your memo 6/5260/1543 dated 10 Sept. '45

2. This matter was passed to Higher Authority, and a reply has now been received.

3. The cases of the 9 Italian referred to have been investigated.

G.H.Q., M.E.F. holds records of the following IPW:

1. DO2E 9473 Sold. CITTONI, Giuseppe 2710 It. Coy (ex TURKEY)
2. DO2E 9471 " FRANCO, Giacomo, 305 PW Camp. (ex TURKEY ex Coop.; downgraded for disciplinary reasons)
3. DO2E 9474 Sold. DEL PINO, Giorgio, 216 Group Pwr Corps, (ex TURKEY)
4. DO2E 9475 Sold. COSENTINO, Flavio, 305 PW Camp (ex TURKEY, ex Coop. downgraded for disciplinary reasons)
5. DO2E 12111 Sold. LANZA, Carlo, 216 Group HQ Pwr Corps (ex TURKEY)
6. DO2E 12110 Sold. DE MARCHI, Osvaldo, 12 Gen. Hosp. (ex TURKEY)
7. DO2E 13086 Sold. PAGANO, Giorgio 305 PW Camp
8. DO2E 12256 " PAGANO, Fortunato 216 Group HQ Pwr Corps (ex Cuneo & Palestine)
9. DO2E 13565 Sold. PARDO, Medin, repatriated Italy 10/5/45
10. DO2E 8793 Sold. ROSSI, Carlo 216 Group HQ Pwr Corps. (ex Cuneo & Palestine).

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These men have been given military status.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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10. D02E 8793 Sold. ROSSI, Carlo 216 Group HQ Pzr Corps. (ex Cuneo & Palestine).

4. These men have been given military status and will continue to serve as cooperators.

5. For your inf., plans have been made for the mass release of IPW in British hands & members of CUNEO Div. will be given high priority.

Copy to: Office of Executive Commissioner

J. E. REGIS
Ident. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/1/7MEP/1568

14 Nov. '45

SUBJECT : 2nd Lt. DE ROSA, Luciano, 710353

NOV 16 1945

TO : C.S.O.
To Executive Commissioner

1. Ref. your 8266/EC, dated 8 Nov. '45
2. A copy of our letter n° IPW/1/7MEP/1555 dated 8 Nov. '45 is attached.
3. No reply to this letter has yet been received.

*P/A till
answer
comes.
AS.*

J
J. E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission
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Encl.: Letter as above

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/7MEP/1535

8 Nov. '45

SUBJECT : M.M.C. = 2nd Lt. L. DE ROSA, No 410353.

TO : GHQ, G1 (Br)
C.M.F.

- 1./ A request has been received in this office from A.C. Lucca Prov., asking that the a/n may be afforded an examination by a Mixed Medical Commission.
- 2./ It is believed that 2nd Lt. DE ROSA is suffering from pleurisy and sinovitis. May it please be ascertained if his condition warrants accelerated repatriation on medical grounds.
- 3./ Further particulars are as follows:
DE ROSA, Lucian di Emanuele, 2nd Lt. of Artillery
serial n° 410353, POW Camp 304, Egypt.
Born at ROSSANO 14 Apr. '21
Captured in Sicily, July '43.
Family address: Palazzo del Governo, LUCCA.

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J. E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief IPW Div.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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9 November 1945

NOV 13 1945

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian PW -
3/Ten. SCAPPARONE Giuseppe

TO : Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri - Roma

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Reference your letter N. 50499/10477.4/19.5.
dated 30 Oct 45

1. Due to the fact that the mass repatriation of
Italian PW from the United States is now in effect, no
special action may be taken on any individual case.

It is assumed that subject PW will be repatria-
ted automatically before any special action could be com-
pleted.

JAMES E. RIGGS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

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✓ Copy to - Chief Staff Officer
to the Executive Commissioner
(your letter 8266/100/50 dated 31 10 45 refers)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 334
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

Ref : DW/1/7/Sal/1530

Tel. No. 489084
Ext. 311Subject: Registration of Italian Military
Personnel from Germany.

7 November, 1945.

NOV 9 1945

To : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference is made to your 6/2302/1995 dated 2 November 1945.
2. The question of the registration of sick and wounded PW from Czechoslovakia and Poland has been submitted to this office by
 - a) Ministry of Post War Assistance - their 3706/C-45 of 13 Oct 45.
 - b) Italian Red Cross - their 13817/5 of 10 Oct 45.
 - c) Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW - their 415875 of 19 Oct 45.
3. Speedy action has been taken on these requests and the matter has been passed to higher authority. Every effort is being made to repatriate these individuals in the shortest possible time. This Division has recommended that these sick personnel should be transported by hospital train.
4. In view of the obvious duplication of work as shown by para 2, will you please co-ordinate all future requests and suggestions through the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW. General Hammerlind of this office is in daily liaison with the undersigned.

For : J. E. Regier
S. A. Regier, Lt. Colonel
Chief, 1/10
PW Division.

Copy to General Hammerlind -
Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW
Italian Red Cross
Office of the Executive Commissioner,
Ministry of Post War Assistance.

(APT BRAYBROOK)

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 HEAD NATIONAL ALLIED COMMISSION
 CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
 ITALIAN RECOVERY OF THE DIVISION

Ref : KMG/45/28

Subject: IWM in French Tunisia in
 North Africa.

To : Ministry of War's War Administration.

Ref. No. 409384
 Ref. No. 544

7 November, 1945
 NOV 9 1945

1. Reference your 204/13-6 dated 26 October 1945.

2. The question of reuniting IWM from overseas is dealt by this Division solely with the necessary action for War Veterans and Repatriated PW. General Marzetti of this office is in daily liaison with the undersigned.

3. To avoid the constant duplication of work with your Division co-ordinates your future requests and communications with the Administrative Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW who in turn will enable them to this Division.

4. It should be noted that General Marzetti has kept this office fully informed of the history and condition of the IWM referred to in your above quoted letter.

5. For your information the present position is as follows. The French Government has agreed to release the IWM in their hands in North Africa on condition that a) they be repatriated by sea, b) that the transport of both Italian and German PW be provided by the Italian Government. In view of this it will be realized that the matter is not as simple as suggested in your above quoted letter.

6. Negotiations are being carried out with the French authorities and every effort is being made to expedite the speedy return of these IWM.

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1. Referring your 303/3-6 dated 25 October 1963.
2. The question of suspending the free movement is dealt by the Italian solely with the autonomous offices for War Veterans and Impaired W. General Management of this office is in daily liaison with the undersigned.
3. In view of this constant designation of work will you please coordinate our future requests and suggestions with the autonomous office for War Veterans and Impaired W. who in turn will submit them to this Division.
4. It should be noted that General Management has kept this office daily informed of the history and condition of the free movement to its your above quoted letter.
5. For your information the present position is as follows. The French Government has agreed to release the PW in Italy under its North African obligation that a) they be released by October 30, b) that the transport of such Italian and German PW be provided by the Italian Government. In view of this it will be realized that the matter is not as simple as suggested in your above quoted letter.
6. Negotiations are being carried out with the French authorities and every effort is being made to accomplish the speedy return of these PW.

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[Signature]
 J. J. [illegible]
 Chief,
 PW Division.

Copy to General Manager - Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Impaired W.
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 Office of the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 8266/HD

8 November 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of IPWs

TO : IPW Subcommittee

1. Reference attached letter.
2. The Chief Commissioner is most interested in this case and wishes it to be investigated promptly. Will you please keep this office informed of your progress.

W. SANDERSON

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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To the Allied Commission

R O M E

I beg your kindness to have an interest on sending to Italy as soon as possible my son L. tenent DE ROSA LUCIANO, N° 410.353 at present prisoner of war on the English camp n° 304 in Egypt.

My son is not well and I am very worried for him.

Dott. De Rosa Emanuele

Prefect of L u c c a

Dr Emanuele De Rosa

Prisoner of war: S. Tenente De Rosa Luciano

Sottotenente di Artiglieria

Numero di matricola 410.353

Campo N. 304 (Egitto)

Nato a Rossano il 14-4-1921

Catturato in Sicilia nel luglio 1943

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Indirizzo attuale della famiglia: Lucca-Palazzo del
Governo

Appartiene a famiglia benestante. E' unico figlio
maschio del Prefetto di Lucca; è laureando in legge
ed, al suo ritorno, mentre completerà gli studi, verrà
assunto quale impiegato di concetto presso la Camera
di Commercio di Lucca.

Soffrì in passato una pleurite ed una sinovite. At-
tualmente ha un'aritmia cardiaca. Pertanto la vita
del campo è di grave pregiudizio alla sua salute. =

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

31 October 1945

IPW/53/k9

SUBJECT: Repatriation of IPW from North Africa NOV 6 1945

TO: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (your 5/3756/1740 dated 4 Oct 45 Refers)

FROM: Ministry of Post War Assistance (Your 3952/63 dated 27 Oct 45 Refers)

1. The question of repatriating of the IPW in North Africa is being dealt with, and has been dealt with from the start, by the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and repatriated PW and this division.

2. General Mannerini keeps this office fully informed of the situation and daily confers with the undersigned.

The difficulties are fully understood and negotiations are being conducted with the French representative and arrangements are being made to provide transport. In fact, every effort is being made for the speedy repatriation of these individuals.

3. This office has not the facilities to deal with this question from three different Italian Ministries thus duplicating work. In the near future will you please coordinate your suggestions and requests for information to reach this division through the Autonomous office for War Veterans and repatriated IPW.

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J. M. Mannerini
Lieut. Colonel 1558

Chief

IPW Div.

Copy to : Autonomous Office for War Veterans (General Mannerini)
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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 8266/112/00

2 November 1945

SUBJECT: 2nd Lt. Giuseppe Scamparone

TO : Civil Affairs Section (for IPW Subcommittee)

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1. Reference letter 50499/10477.4/19.5 of 25 October 1945 from the Council of Ministers on the above subject.

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2. Please find attached copy of minute from the Chief Commissioner's Office, and act accordingly.

15/ B. SAMPSON

for Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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Rome, 30 October 1945

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FROM : Capt. MOUILLE
French Rep. to Allied Commission

To : Director of Displaced Persons and Repatriation s/c

Subject : Repatriation of Italian prisoners of war interned in France and in North Africa.

- 1) As you know, the French Government has decided to release all Italian prisoners of war.
- 2) Execution of such decision is already started in France. In fact a first train loaded with prisoners coming from a concentration camp in the Bordeaux area was to arrive at Menton the 26th of October. Italian Red Cross trucks were to come to that locality to effect the transport of liberated prisoners to Italy. in North Africa
- 3)- For what the Italian prisoners of war are concerned, their liberation is submitted to two conditions:
 - A - Transport by Italian ships from French ports to North African ports of German prisoners of war who should replace the workmanship performed until now by the Italian prisoners of war
 - B) Transport by same Italian ships from North African ports to Italian ports of the prisoners in question.
- 4) The Italian Government of course, has informed the Allied Commission about those conditions, so I would like to know the decisions which might have been taken in that respect.

Signed MOUILLE

To:
P O W s/c

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(Miss Sampson)

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No. 2707

Rome le 30 Octobre 1945

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Representant Français à la Commission Alliés
à
M. le Directeur de la Sous-Commission
des Prisonniers de Guerre.

Objet: Rapatriement des prisonniers de guerre italiens internés en
France et en Afrique du Nord.

- 1) Comme vous le savez, le Gouvernement Français a décidé de libérer les prisonniers de guerre italiens.
- 2) Cette décision a reçu un commencement d'exécution en France. Un premier train de prisonniers provenant d'un camp de la région de Bordeaux a dû arriver le 26 Octobre à Menton. Des camions de la Croix Rouge Italienne devaient venir dans cette localité pour effectuer ensuite le transport des prisonniers libérés en Italie.
- 3) En ce qui concerne les prisonniers italiens en Afrique du Nord, leur libération a été soumise à deux conditions:
 - a) Transport par navires italiens de port français à port nord-africain, de prisonniers allemands destinés à remplacer la main d'œuvre jusqu'ici fournie par les prisonniers italiens.
 - b) Transport par ces mêmes navires italiens, de port nord-africain à port italien, des prisonniers italiens libérés.
- 4) Le Gouvernement Italien a dû informer la Commission Alliée de ces conditions. Je serais heureux de connaître les dispositions qui ont pu être prises pour leur réalisation.

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Ref: 656/103/10

31 October 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian PW

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Reference communication from Chief of Cabinet of the Council of Ministers (50492/103774/19.5 dated 25 October 1945) addressed to Marchese Gian Gaspare Citterio, subject: Repatriation and Lt Giuseppe SCARFARINO, PW in the United States, referred to Civil Affairs Section for action. 100

2. The Chief Commissioner requests that this case be properly followed and that he be informed of the action taken to secure SCARFARINO's return. 101

/s/ E. M. White

Chief Staff Officer
to the Executive Commissioner

Letter on sent to Ex Com.
for signature yesterday
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No. 2707

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOUTON
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

M. le Directeur de la Sous-Commission
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à port italien, des prisonniers italiens libérés.

4) Le Gouvernement Italien a été informé la Commission Allée de ces
conditions. Le service allemand de communication des renseignements
ont pu être prises pour leur réalisation.

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