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ITALIAN TROOPS, BALKANS
JAN. 1944 - NOV. 1945

PA/ 9 will take to AFHQ in Monday DS (13k)

119

Not taken to AFHQ.

Pending other action

PA. SEC. 16/10/1947

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ES.O.
→ Policy (A)
Policy (B) -

See. sec 124: an interesting clarification on an old subject. Would it be as well to draft a brief letter to the Italian Govt. on this subject?

126

Yes I think so. It was certainly

done in Embassy here a lot of work but we should be as fully informed as to what is going on.

Executive Commission.

At. J. H. H. H.

126

Agree with Gen. Hamilton's

statement in memorandum.

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Pse. see 124 : an interesting clarification
on an old subject. Would it be as
well to draft a brief letter to the
Italian Govt. on this subject ?

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Yes I will do. It will contain
1910

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issue but we want be as full
informed as to what is going on.

Executive Commission:

John

47/
 Agree with Gen. Vandenberg
 every retention & see no objection
 to passing them on to the Italian
 Govt. as a guide for future correspondence
 Moreland Jones
 Col. Ad. (Am) Oct. 31

Handwritten signature by same person, as ~~recorded~~ agreed by Toledo.
10-13-1947

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E.S.O.

I submit letter at 110 for
Ex. C's signature: ref conversation
E.S.O. - self 8 28/9.

W.D. 2/10

114

Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference memo opposite, 110, and memo 70 in file 8266 below, both submitted for your signature.
2. We are frequently being told by AMHQ that in matters of this nature the Italian Government should approach the Yugoslav member of the Allied Commission. This is all very well, but as you already know, the Yugoslav member of AC will have nothing to do with the Italian Government.
3. It is thought, therefore, that we should so inform AMHQ so that these matters can be dealt with through proper diplomatic channels. Letter opposite, therefore, and that in file 8266, are submitted for signature.

3 Oct. 45.

8266

F.W. O.S.O.

We want more facilities. Draft as attached by me

W.D.

W.D. 4/11

See also 8266/EC.

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Executive Commissioner.

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Executive Commissioner.

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3 Oct. 45.

C.S.O.

We want more precision. Draft as dictated by me

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W. H. H.

See also 8266/EC

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Executive Commissioner.

Reference your minute 115 above, at 112 opposite is letter submitted for signature.

4 Oct. 45.

M. H. H.

C.S.O.

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Ex Con

To see folio 69. re Movement schedule Garibaldi Div
1147 513 *[Signature]* 15 Mar.

90.

C.8.0.

Please see 88 & 89 for information

[Signature] 29/5/43.

91.

Director War Mater. / Pa. etc

88 for information.

[Signature] 30 Nov 43

[Signature] 11/11/43

CFO to London

[Signature] 29/11

[Signature] 29/11

94

Note.

Asked hand forces etc to send in future
Copy of return at 93 to WMD & IPW 1/63

DH 29/5/45

91

Quick Walter: 1 PM 5/c

88 for information

Bo Noreg

Sum 10/6/45

Should be

Copy to be

29/5

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note

Asked hand forces 5/c to send in future
Copy of return at 93 to WHD r 1PW 1/63

7/6/45

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WHD r 1PW 5/c

As requested by Lt Col Campbell, file is sent
to you for ref to return at 93. According to
H.F. 5/c this return is entirely Jugo Slav repatri-
except for 500 French.

Office 9EC
7/6/45

See 10/6/45 "Thurston may"

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Cox / 43-46 to see for information

1/5 5/1 5/1

11/2/71

4 59

RA Sec
C. A Sec

19. see 56, 57, 58

Signature
for

1/2

62

So to cc

cc 305 3 3/11 recb

Document C. Sec 1762

59

ADJ Sec
C. A. Sec

M. See 56, 57 and 58

St. Louis
p. 101

1/2

CC 305
3 4 5
REC'D

So to cc

Incurrence C. Sec 1762

Let. letter. Letter to ADJ & asking
them to forward the incurrence
to ADJ has been agreed to by.

(SIGNED SEE 59) Li 3/2

REC'D
CC 376

So to cc M. See 64. This is exactly what we
hoped to avoid - going through case of ADJ.

However - Li 1/2

Major Tallant. ADJ. 12/2

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8258/127/EC.

3 November 45.

SUBJECT: Channels to be used for Diplomatic Representation between Italy and Yugoslavia.

TO : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

1. Until diplomatic relations between Italy and Yugoslavia are reestablished Allied Force Headquarters have decided that there are three possible channels of communication between your Government and the Yugoslav Government. These are:

- (a) Italian Government/London and Washington/Belgrade.
- (b) Italian Government/Allied Commission/U.S. and British Embassies, Rome/London and Washington/Belgrade.
- (c) Italian Government/Allied Commission/G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters/Political Advisors, Allied Force Headquarters/London and Washington/Belgrade.

2. For your information course (c) should only be adopted when real military interests are involved. If they are not course (a) or course (b) should be followed.

3. You will appreciate that for questions arising between your Government and the Yugoslav Government have, any longer, a real military interest, and that course (a) is the normal channel of diplomatic representations.

Copy to: G-5 Section, AFHQ.
Polad (A)
Polad (B)
CA Section

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W. SAMPSON
OBS 5/11

PA 5/11

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Ex. Comm RALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

124

G-5: 312.3-1

17 October 1945

OCT 19 1945

SUBJECT: Channels to be used for diplomatic representation between Italy and Yugoslavia.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Further to AFHQ ltr 014.35-36 of 9 October subject: Repatriation of Italian Troops from Lissa.

1. AC letter 8268/112/EC of 5 October raised the question of the channel to be used when the Italian Government wishes to communicate matters to the Yugoslav Government. There are three possible courses.

- a. Italian Govt/London and Washington/ Belgrade.
- b. Italian Govt/ AC / US and Br Embassies Rome/ London and Washington/ Belgrade.
- c. Italian Govt/ AC/G-5 AFHQ/ Polads AFHQ/ London, Washington Belgrade.

2. Course (c) was selected by you in your paragraph 5 as being preferable to any other. There is no objection to this course provided that a real military interest is involved. When the matter is not of military interest either course (a) or course (b) should be followed.

3. You are therefore requested to regard course (a) as the normal channel of such diplomatic representation. Courses (b) and (c) are open to you, however, and the choice must be a matter for your discretion. It should be borne in mind that few questions arising between the Italian and Yugoslav Governments have, any longer, a military interest.

18 OCT 1945

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.G.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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To (CART BRIGADIER)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION .

DMW/mdp

8268 91

IPW/22/299

Ext. 484

16 October 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Troops - Balkans.

OCT 16 1945

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner.

1. Ref your 8268/EC of 12 Oct 45.

2. Attached herewith are copy letters 091.711.1 Italy dated 20 Sept 45 and IPW/22/292 dated 2 Oct 45.

3. Message Centre state that Allied Force Headquarters letter 014-33-71 of 28 Sept 45, subject: Italians in Jugoslavia, is held by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

James E. Regis

JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

P/A see footnote on p. 117.

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bro(c.s.o.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTER
G-5 Section
APO 512

122

G-5 091.711.1. Italy

20 September 1945

SUBJECT : Rations for the Italian Army Base at DUBROVNIC
(RAGUSA) Yugoslavia.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference letter no. 486637 dated 7 September from Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for War Veterans, to "S/C for Italian POW" a translation of which was left with this Section by Lt. Col. REGIS on 14 September.

2. It is desired that you furnish as soon as possible a statement showing the present position with regard to Italian Army personnel still remaining in Yugoslavia. You are asked to indicate numbers of personnel and names of regiments (or other formations) involved, existing machinery set up at Dubrovnik for their evacuation, steps taken (if any) by the Yugoslav Government to effect evacuation, and any other information which you consider useful in arriving at a satisfactory method of repatriating this personnel as quickly as possible.

3. In the meantime this Headquarters is considering the question of sending to Dubrovnik the supplies asked for in the Ministry of War letter under reference.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R. BARRETT
Lt. Colonel

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

(12)

IPW/22/292

2 October 1945

SUBJECT : Ration for Italian Army Base at Dubrovnik
(Ragusa, Yugoslavia)

TO : A.F.H.Q. - APO 512
Attn: G-5 Section

1. Reference your G-5: 091.711-1 Italy dated 20 Sept 45 and your R-22 dated 25 Sept subject as above.
2. The only statement available requested in paragraph 2 of your letter dated 20 Sept., is a translation copy of a letter from the Italian Ministry of War which gives us all the information as to number of personnel, name of formation, name of camps where personnel is interned, and requests that we secure from the Yugoslave Government permission for the repatriation of the personnel in question.
3. We have been notified on several occasions by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that it has been impossible to receive any satisfactory answer from the Yugoslave representative on the Advisory Council for Italy when they approached him to discuss the repatriation of Italian PW in Yugoslavia.
4. This matter was discussed by me with the American and British Political Advisors to the AC and with Mr. Halford of the British Embassy and later I sent a report to the Executive Commissioner, AC, asking him to take this matter up on higher levels.
5. I was informed this AM that a letter is being drafted by the Executive Commissioner on this subject and will be forwarded to your Section.

For the Chief Commissioner :

TO : A.F.H.Q. - APO 512
Attn: G-5 Section

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For the Chief Commissioner :

J.E. RECIS 1757
Lt. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

Incl. Letter from Ministry of War.

copy

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From : Office of the Executive Commissioner

File No. 8268/EC.

12 October 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Troops - Balkans.

TO : CA Section.
IPW Sub-Commission

Ref conversation, will you please let us have copies of the following from your file, or alternatively, lend us the file so that copies can be typed.

AFHQ letter 091.711.1 Italy dated 20 Sep 45 Subject: Rations for the Italian Army Base at Dubrovnik (Ragusa) Yugoslavia and your reply to that letter IPW/22/292/ of 2 Oct. 45.
AFHQ letter 014.33-71 of 28 Sep 45, subject: Italians in Jugosla-
via.

s/

MC CLEARY
Lt. Col.
C.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 596
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

HMH/td

IPW/55/67

12 October 1945

Subject : Repatriation of 1500 Italian Prisoners of War
from North Africa.

OCT 15 1945

To : - Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Ministry of War - Autonomous Office for W.Veterans and PW.
- Ministry of Post War Assistance.

1/. Reference is made to your letters 6/5745/1758 of 4 Oct 45 and
6/5756/1740 of 4 Oct 45.

2/. Application has been made to Higher Authority requesting that the
'MIRAGLIA' be used to repatriate the 1500 Prisoners of War from
North Africa. Their reply is awaited and you will be informed of
their decision.

3/. The matter of the repatriation of the remaining 40,000 prisoners of
war is under consideration by Navy S/O. It is hoped that Italian
ships may be available to complete this task.

H.W. Hamilton

H.W. HAMILTON
(in absence on duty of)

J.E. RHOIS
Lt. Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

Copy to: - Office of Executive Commissioner
- Navy S/O (Attn. Lt.)

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(Came BRANCH)

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Ex. Comm

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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MJC/ee

G-5: 014.33-36

9 October 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Troops from Lissa.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Att: Office of the Executive Commissioner).

Your 8268/112/EO of 5 October.

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1. The channels of communication proposed in your paragraph 5 are under consideration by the Political Advisers at AFHQ and you will be informed of the result in due course.

2. Your attention is invited to AFHQ letter 091.711-1 Italy of 20 September, subject: Rations for the Italian Army Base at Dubrovnik (Ragusa) Yugoslavia and your reply LPW/22/292 of 2 October. The channel to be used for the information in the latter must await the decision referred to in paragraph 1.

3. AFHQ letter, 014.33-71 of 28 September, subject: "Italians in Yugoslavia", is also of interest.

4. Since UNRRA (Yugoslavia) has sub-let its responsibilities for repatriation to a committee of the Yugoslav Government it is clear that AFHQ can, in the future, only be involved to the extent that Allied shipping may be necessary either for carrying Italian Government food to Italians in Yugoslavia or for the repatriation of such Italians. The provision of such shipping would be contingent not only upon its availability but upon the guarantee by the parties concerned that the cargoes in question would be ready for shipment when the time came.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

M. J. Glenn
Colonel

10 OCT 1945

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Noted Ret

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Ref: 8266/112/EC.

5 October 45.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Troops from Lissa.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Reference our LFW/22/24.6 of 9 August 45 and the Military Attache, British Embassy, Belgrade, letter BMA/61 of 31 August 45.
2. I think it would be as well to clarify for the information both of your own staff and the Military Attache at Belgrade the position of the Yugoslav Representatives in this country.
3. Dr. Smolaka is the Yugoslav representative on the Advisory Council for Italy. He is not accredited to the Italian Government, he does not have relations with the Italian Government nor do the Italian Government negotiate with him.
4. Dr. Smolaka has as part of his Mission a representative who is attached to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission. Again this gentleman does not negotiate with the Italian Government or vice versa.
5. When, therefore, the Italian Government wish to raise a problem - for instance, that of the Italian soldiers alleged to be employed as slave workers by the Yugoslav Partisans, it is not possible for the Italian Government to make representations to any Yugoslav representatives here and for this reason such requests are passed to you for communication through diplomatic channels. After discussion with the British and U.S. Political Advisors to the Commission it has been decided that it is preferable to do this rather than pass them through either of the Allied Embassies.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Polad (A)
Polad (B)
CA Section.

C. C. 8266/EC

See File 124

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8268/EC

4th October, 1945

To: AFHQ G-5(Section)

Reference our IPW/22/245 of 9 August 45 and the Military Attache, British Embassy, Belgrade, letter HMA/61 of 31 August 1945.

2 I think it would be as well to clarify for the information both of your own staff and the Military Attache at Belgrade the position of the Yugoslav Representatives in this country.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 8268/110/NO

October 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Troops from Lissa

TO : G-5, AFHQ

Reference our IPH/22/246 of 9 August 45 and the Military
Attache, British Embassy, Belgrade, letter BMA/61 of 31
August 1945.

1. It is pointed out that the Yugoslav member for the Advisory
Council is not the accredited representative of the Yugoslav Govern-
ment and that there is no accredited representative with which the
Italian Government can treat.

2. May the subject matter be taken up through diplomatic
channels, please.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Copy to: CA Sec
Fold A
Fold B

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

See 112

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Ref: 8268/109/20

28 September 1945

MEMORANDUM for Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Ref. memorandum 6/2538/1167 dated 2 August 1945.

A memorandum has been received from the British Embassy at Belgrade stating that they have no information upon this subject.

It is emphasized that, in this and similar matters, the Italian Government must approach the Yugoslav delegate to the Allied Council.

c. c. Italian Gov Div. 7 Ref. your
C A Section J. 100/22/283 of 20/9/45.

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M. R. FRAYNE, C. I. L. C.

PA 28/9

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/22/283

SEP 26 1945
26 Sep. '45

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Troops from LISSA
TO : The Office of Executive Commissioner.

1. With reference to our IPW 22/270 date 220 Sep. 1945 and to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Memo 6/2558/1167 of 2 Aug. '45.
2. Attached is copy of Memo received, through G5 Section A.F.M.Q., from the British Embassy BELGRADE.
3. May the Ministry of Foreign Affairs please be informed of the contents of this Memo.

Handwritten signature

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

See 109

Encl.: Memo fr Mil. Attaché's Office Brit. Embassy Belgrade,
dated 30th Aug. '45.

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(Handwritten note)

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Copy:

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Military Attaché's Office,
British Embassy,
BELGRADE.

30 Aug. '45

BMA/61

TO: A.F.H.Q.,
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C.M.F.

with reference to your letter 55:014.33-71 of 21st Aug. '45.

1. We have no information which would throw any light on the report contained in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Memorandum.
2. We suggest that if the Italian Government wishes this matter taken up, they should approach the Yugoslav member of the Control Commission.

/s/Robert Browning

Major
for Military Attache

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HWH/TS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/22/270

20 Sep. '45

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Troops from Lissa.

TO : Provost Marshall General
attention G 5 Sec.

SEP 21 1945

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1. Ref. our IPW 22/246 of 9 Aug. '45, and telephone conversation (WESTON-HAMILTON) of 18 Sep. '45.
2. Will you please expedite your reply as this matter is giving great concern to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For the Chief Commissioner

Hamilton
J. E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPWDiv.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner A.E. ✓
Telephone conversation of 20 Sep. '45
(LLEWELYN-HAMILTON) refers.

(Mrs Llewellyn)

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Noted
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IPW/22147

9 August 1945

AUG 21 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Troops from Lissa.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference to your memorandum N° 6/2538/167 dated August 2nd subject as above.
2. This matter has been referred to higher authority and we will inform you of their decision.

J. A. Campbell
J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Comm.

See 104
BU 1/9 m. 1/5
Executive Commissioner.

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IPW/22/45

9 August 1945

AUG 20 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Troops from Lissa.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512 U.S. ARMY
(Att. G-5 Section)

1. A memorandum has been received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stating that about 4000 Italian soldiers are still employed as slave workers by the partisans, who treat them with extreme harshness and severity and claim that it has been confirmed that several Italians at Lissa have recently been shot.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs warmly requests that these Italians be repatriated by means of Allied Vessels returning from the islands or from nearby Parts.

3. We will be pleased to be informed of any notion taken on this matter so that we may reply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Comm.

In reply received by 25/8. 1945
Sub-Comm. sending a letter to SV 10/9

AFHQ wrote to War Office 26/8/45
about this on 21/8/45. G.I. 8055/A2
copy MIA. No decision yet
reached. B/u 10/9.

(MISS LL)

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RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MIA)

A/122/9

8 AUG 45

TO : AFHQ (2)
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB COM, A.C.
P.O.W. & WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COM, A.C.
 AUG 9 1945

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 31 July 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ALERNS & TURNER CAMP
 Dispatched from Camp
 Remaining in Camp

63865
 61182
 2085

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	4264
To P.W. Camp	27
Demobilised	8803
Leave then CRUPPI	1550
To CRUPPI	734
Leave then TRAIL (ER-ITI)	11219
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITL)	10662
To TRAIL (ER-ITI)	7633
To AREZZO (ER-ITL)	512
To PAGO COFFE (ER-ITI)	9
To ASTRONI (US-ITL)	236
To VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	1973
Leave then VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	581
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (GC HR, RGF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	9271

2. Of the 63865 shown as received in Camp, 3794 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

63265
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Demobilized	6803
Leave Men GRUPPI	1580
To GRUPPI	254
Leave then TRANI (ER-ITI)	11219
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	10562
To TRANI (ER-ITI)	7653
To ARIZZO (ER-ITI)	512
To PASSO CORRESE (ER-ITI)	9
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MILA LO HENSOUTH
MILA LO 54 AREA

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For info only
for Major General Cox
MILA

(Attention Copy on 826400)

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

AUG 8 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Repatriation of Italian troops from Lissa.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum Number 6/1002/442 of April 10th, 1945.
2. According to the statements made by Italian sailors repatriated from Lissa, about 4000 Italian soldiers would still be employed as slave workers by the partisans, who treat them with extreme harshness and severity. The few Englishmen who have remained at Lissa help those who try to escape, some of which have returned by plane.

It has been confirmed that several Italians at Lissa have recently been shot.

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs therefore warmly request the Allied Commission to consider the possibility of repatriating the 4000 Italians at Lissa by means of Allied vessels returning from that island or from nearby ports.

Rome, August 2nd 1945



ACTION: WMD-110W

Have been to see Col. Repis each day after the last 3 days but he has always BU 12/8 11:2 (s/cor reply) out or away th. 14/8 B/a 14/8 PIP

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

AUG 8 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject : Repatriation of Italian troops from Lissa.

1. Reference is made to Memo. no. 6/678/288 of March 3rd and previous Memoranda on the subject.
2. According to some letters of Italian soldiers interned at Lissa, which have reached the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, it would appear that most of them have already been, or about to be, transferred to the mainland.

All the letters confirm previous information concerning the very distressing moral and physical conditions in which these men are compelled to live.

3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very grateful if the Allied Commission would kindly consider the possibility of implementing the repatriation of the Italian soldiers interned in the Island of Lissa and nearby islands, many of whom have been transferred to the towns on the coast (Spalato, Sebenico, Knin, Ragusa and Zara) contrarily to the agreements made between the Yugoslav Government and the p.o.w. Sub-Commission (letter No. IPW /28/41 of February 27th, 1945, addressed by Major Partridge to General Mannerini) which envisaged their release and repatriation.

E.D.B.

Rome, April 10th 1945.

RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Repatriation from Balkans and France

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (AMIA)

A/122/3

19 JULY 45

TO : AFHQ (2)
 EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)
 DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB COM, A.C.
 P.O.W. & WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COM, A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 15 July 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS & TOWER CAMP
 Dispatched from Camp
 Remaining in Camp

60061
 59385
 676

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital
 To P.W. Camp
 Demobilised
 Leave then GRUPPI
 To GRUPPI
 Leave then TRANI (HR-ITI)
 Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)
 To TRANI (HR-ITI)
 To AREZZO (HR-ITI)
 To PASSO CORRESE (HR-ITI)
 To ASTRONI (US-ITI)
 To VITERBO (GARIBOLDI DIV)
 Leave then VITERBO (GARIBOLDI DIV)
 Leave then Pack Transport Coy
 To Pack Transport Coy
 Deserted from Camp
 Various (CG HR, RCP, Air Force,
 Navy, Medical)

4155
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2. Of the 60061 shown as received in Camp, 3709 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 15 July 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALEARIS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS & TOWER CAMP
 Dispatched from Camp
 Remaining in Camp

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	4155
To F.W. Camp	27
Demobilised	8590
Leave then GRUPPI	1560
To CRUPPI	784
Leave then TRANI (HR-ITI)	10424
Leave then ASTROMI (US-ITI)	10662
To TRANI (HR-ITI)	7633
To ARELZO (HR-ITI)	512
To PASSO CORRE (HR-ITI)	9
To ASTROMI (US-ITI)	234
To VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	1969
Leave then VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	581
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2825
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (CO RP, RCP, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	8695

2. Of the 80061 shown as received in Camp, 3708 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (LINFIA)

L/122/9

5 JULY 45

TO : AFHQ (2) JUL 6 1945
 EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)
 DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB COM, A.C.
 P.O.W. & WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COM, A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 30 June 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS & TUNER CAMP 57971
 Dispatched from Camp 57169
 Remaining in Camp 802

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	3036
To P.W. Camp	27
Demobilised	8169
Leave then GRUPPI	1560
To GRUPPI	784
Leave then TRANI (IR-ITI)	10216
Leave then ASTRONI (VE-ITI)	10155
To TRANI (IR-ITI)	7633
To PASSO CORRESE (IR-ITI)	9
To ASTRONI (VE-ITI)	236
To VITERBO (CARITALDI DIV)	1969
Leave then VITERBO (CARITALDI DIV)	501
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2626
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (OC ER, RCF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	7834

2. Of the 57971 shown as received in camp, 3632 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 30 June 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS & TUGER CAMP 57971
 Dispatched from Camp 57169
 Remaining in Camp 802

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	3636
To P.W. Camp	27
Demobilized	8169
Leave then GRUFFI	1560
To GRUFFI	784
Leave then TRANI (ER-ITI)	10216
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	10155
To TRANI (ER-ITI)	7633
To PACEO CORSE (ER-ITI)	9
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	236
To VITENCO (CARITALDI DIV)	1969
Leave then VITENCO (CARITALDI DIV)	581
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (CC PR, RCF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	7834

2. Of the 57971 shown as received in camp, 3632 are personnel who have been resubmitted to Camp from Hospital. 1739

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Major General, Capt
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W. J. H.

(P. H. H.)

RETRACTEDSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (AMTA)

A/122/9

TO : AFHQ (2)
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COM, A.C.
19 June 45
JUN 21 1945

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 16 June 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TAPANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS & TUNER CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

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51645
3554

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	3302
To P.W. Camp	27
Demobilised	6486
Leave then GRUPPI	1550
To CRIVINI	784
Leave then TRANI (HR-ITI)	2450
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	8887
To TRANI (HR-ITI)	7611
To ADEZZO (HR-ITI)	512
To PASSO CORRESE (HR-ITI)	9
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	235
To VITERBO (CAPIBALDI DIV)	1969
Leave then VITERBO (CAPIBALDI DIV)	581
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	816
Various (CO HR, ECF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	7281

2. Of the 55599 shown as received in camp, 3583 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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Following 18 the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 16 June 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS & TUCKER CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

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3554

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	3602
To P.W. Camp	27
Demobilized	6486
Leave then GRUPPI	1550
To GRUPPI	754
Leave then TELMI (HR-ITI)	8450
Leave then ASTROGI (US-ITI)	8887
To TELMI (HR-ITI)	7611
To ALTEZZO (HR-ITI)	512
To PASSO CRESSE (HR-ITI)	9
To ASTROGI (US-ITI)	236
To VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	1969
Leave then VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	581
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (CG HR, RCF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	9281

2. Of the 55599 shown as received in camp, 3553 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Rome, 14 June 1945

JUN 20 1945

Dear Admiral,

I have received your letter IPW/22/167 dated 11 June 1945 and
I thank you sincerely for the kind steps you have taken in the matter of
repatriation of all Italian soldiers and ex-soldiers now in Yugoslavia.

Yours very truly,

/s/ R. Franas.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
H.Q. Allied Commission, Rome.

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Prepared by

IND & IPON H/O.

Ref: IP/12/167

11 June 1945

12 JUN 1945

My dear Mr. Frasca :

In reply to your letter 19/06720/24 dated 1 June 1945, I have referred the matter to higher authority with the request that everything possible be done to repatriate to Italy all Italian soldiers and ex-soldiers now in Yugoslavia.

As soon as a decision has been made you will, of course, be informed.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency the Senate President
Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government

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RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MIA)

A/122/9

June 45

JUN 5 1945

TO : AFHQ (2)
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COM, A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 31 May 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO or BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANTHEMS & TULER CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

46817 - 500
42306
4511

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	3194
To F.W. Camp	27
Demobilised	4066
Leave in GRUPPI	1360
To GRUPPI	784
Leave then TRANI (ER-ITI)	6155
Leave then STRANI (US-ITI)	6982
To TRANI (ER-ITI)	7211
To ARZJO (ER-ITI)	488
To RALJO COLISE (ER-ITI)	9
To ASTORI (US-ITI)	236
To VITERBO (CARBARDI DIV)	1960
Leave then VITERBO (CARBARDI DIV)	568
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2526
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (CO RR, ROF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	5415

2. Of the 46817 shown as received in camp, 3186 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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(a)	Received in ST ANTHEMS & TULER CAMP	45817 - 500
	Dispatched from Camp	45306
	Remaining in Camp	4511

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp 4 as follows (accumulated to 1):-

To Hospital	3124
To F.W. Camp	27
Demobilised	4055
Leave then GRUPEI	1560
To GRUPEI	784
Leave then TRANI (ER-ITI)	6158
Leave then ASTROMI (US-ITI)	6982
To TRANI (ER-ITI)	7211
To APPELO (ER-ITI)	488
To RAO CORSE (ER-ITI)	9
To ASTROMI (US-ITI)	236
To VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	1960
Leave then VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	568
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	815
Various (CG RR, ROF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	3415

2. Of the 46817 shown as received in camp, 3186 are personnel 735 who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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State Department

The Secretary General

19/08720/24

Rome, 1 June 1945

Dear Admiral,

I take the liberty of drawing your attention on two memorandums, n. 6/1509/690 and n. 6/1518/689 respectively of the 30th and 31st of May sent by the State Department to the Allied Commission in relation with the question of the repatriation of the Italian soldiers and ex-soldiers who are in Yugoslavia. From the news which we constantly receive, the situation of these people is getting worse and worse because of the inhuman way in which they are treated, and which will probably get worse because of the political situation which arose in the last few weeks.

I shall therefore be most grateful, my dear Admiral, for anything you can do to hasten the return to Italy of the said soldiers.

Yours very truly,

S. R. PRUSS

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Allied Commission
Rome

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Addressed to Foreign Office, telegram no. 855 of U.S.S.S.
repeated to Sofia, no. 3 and Belgrade no. 39.
Your telegram no. 192 of 19th April: Italian military
in Yugoslavia.

Revised your see in objection please pass the following
reply dated May 7th from Italian Ministry of Foreign Office to
the Italian Minister at Sofia:

Beginner: "Your wire via London. In connection our 7th April 1945.
You are authorized take proposed steps for sending
temporary mission Belgrade. Mission will consist of:
General, International Red Cross representative, and
local delegate U.S.S.S.S., both already requested to
deal with matters concerning our soldiers in Yugoslavia
and to support our proposal to send Belgrade Italian
Red Cross delegate." End.

Please repeat to Sofia and Belgrade as per telegrams
and 30 respectively.

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SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (RMIA)

A/152/9

17 May 45

TO : AFHQ (2)
 EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)
 DISPATCHED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COM, A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 16 May 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANTHONY'S & TUNER CAMP
 Dispatched from Camp 40804
 Remaining in Camp 39968
 236

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	3051
To P.W. Camp	27
Demobilized	3603
Leave then GROUP 1	1560
To GROUP 1	784
Leave then TRANS (ER-ITI)	2509
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	6321
To TRANS (ER-ITI)	7189
To ARZELLO (ER-ITI)	374
To PASSO CORRESE (ER-ITI)	9
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	236
To VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	1881
Leave then VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	558
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2926
Deported from Camp	818
Various (GC RE, ROF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	5120

2. Of the 40804 shown as received in camp, 3049 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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R.F. Puck

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 16 May 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TAKATO ex BUKLOS and FRANKS:-

(a) Received in ST. JEROME & TULER CAMP
 Dispatched from Camp
 Remaining in Camp

40804
 39966
 836

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	3091
To P.M. Camp	27
Exhumed	3623
Leave then CAMP	1560
To CAMP	784
Leave then TRAM (ER-ITI)	5609
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	5321
To TRAM (ER-ITI)	7189
To ARSICO (ER-ITI)	374
To PASSO GROSSE (ER-ITI)	9
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	236
To VIERREO (GALIBALDI DIV)	1881
Leave then VIERREO (GALIBALDI DIV)	356
Leave then Beck Transport Coy	4
To Beck Transport Coy	2896
Deserted from Camp	616
Various (OO HQ, HQ, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	5120

3. Of the 40804 shown as received in camp, 3049 are personnel who have been reclassified to Camp from Hospital.

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Ray E. Packer
 Major General
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Action Camp on 8266/22

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SUBJECT : TUKER Camp.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
Tel: 498081 Ext. 533
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10 May 45

TO : A.F.H.Q.

COPY TO : Chief Commissioner, A.C.
(your 826A/wh/80 of 24 Apr. refers)

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1. Your ref letter AG 091.711/049 684-0 subject Removal of Italian Personnel from Balkan Countries dated 21 April 1945.

2. The camp now being used for Italian Military personnel interned from the BALKANS is known as "TUKER Camp".

- (a) Telephone No. :- No direct trunk line
- (b) Telegraphic Address : TUKER Repatriates Camp
- (c) Mail Address:- c/o M.M.I.A. LO, 52 Area.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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See on 8264/EC.

CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MCLA)

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May 45

TO : ATHQ (2) EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2) DISPATCH PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COM, A.C. MAY 4 RTD

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 30 April 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived F.R.N.T.O. ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANNE'S & NIKER CAMP
 Dispatched from Camp 38326
 Remaining in Camp 37917
 609

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	2919
To P.W. Camp	23
Demobilised	3386
Leave then CRUPPI	1580
To CRUPPI	754
Leave then TRANI (R-ITI)	4981
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	6835
To TRANI (R-ITI)	6750
To ARZZO (R-ITI)	227
To P-590 CORSES (R-ITI)	9
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	236
To VITERBO (GALIBALDI DEV)	1881
Leave then VITERBO (GALIBALDI DEV)	539
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2326
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (CC HQ, IOP, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	4737

2. Of the 38326 shown as received in camp, 2890 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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R.F. Penick

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 30 April 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARNOW ex EJEANS and PRUMOR:-

(a) Received in ST HENRI'S & TOWER CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

33288
37717
609

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	2913
To P.M. Camp	23
Demobilised	3368
Leave then GROUP 1	1560
To GROUP 1	784
Leave then TRANS (IR-ITI)	4981
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	6035
To TRANS (IR-ITI)	5750
To ASTRONI (IR-ITI)	227
To PASSO OCHISE (IR-ITI)	2
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	235
To VITERBO (GAMBALDI DIV)	1891
Leave then VITERBO (GAMBALDI DIV)	539
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2886
Deserted from Camp	819
Various (CC HQ, HQF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	4737

2. Of the 33288 shown as received in camp, 2890 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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for Major General
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Copy for Mr. Helford.

N.Y. No. 121
95/7/45

APR 28 RECT

NOTE VERBALE

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to communicate the following note from the Italian Minister at Sofia, received by telegram from London.

" Your despatch no. 19/07496/7 of March 17th and my report by courier, no. 423/63 of March 2nd concerning conversation pending the receipt of instructions between Vinci and Montezemolo and Yugoslav representative here, about Italian ex-prisoners of war, in Yugoslavia.

Military Attaché showed me today his reports nos. 385 and 388 to which you refer.

General Popovich did not exactly invite Vinci and Montezemolo to go to Yugoslavia, but told them that should they receive authority, from the Italian Government to do so, he would be prepared to ask his own Government to accept and facilitate their mission.

Meanwhile local Soviet command has informed Military Attaché that an Italian military mission has arrived in Belgrade. This is not confirmed so far by people arriving here from Belgrade.

In these circumstances, and if no agreement has yet been reached to send a mission from Italy to Yugoslavia, immediately or in the near future, I submit that I should be officially instructed to send Military Attaché accompanied by Vinci or another civil officer from this Legation to Yugoslavia, where there are also many Italian civilians.

Their mission would only be to report on conditions of our people there and to lead them to support.

As you are aware, I have no means (e.g. financial) of helping our people.

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the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to communicate the following note from the Italian Minister at Sofia, received by telegram from London.

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Their mission would only be to report on conditions of our people there and to lend them moral support.

As you are aware, I have no means (e.g. financial) of helping our people in Yugoslavia.

Should evacuation from Balkan ports (which seem the most obvious) fail, and transit through Bulgaria become necessary, we would have to apply for authorisation to this Allied Control Commission. In this case preliminary steps should be taken in Moscow, London and Washington. Signed Mameli."

Rome.
25th April, 1945.

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(Same copy attached)

(Mrs Heloed)

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Ref: 8264/44/EO

24 April 45

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SUBJECT: Removal of Italian Military Personnel from Balkan Countries

TO : Land Forces Subcommittee (WMLA)

Reference AFHQ letter, file AS 091.711/049 GEG-O, subject as above, dated 21 April 45, copy of which was passed to you on 22 April.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the above-mentioned letter, will you kindly supply this office with the pertinent information called for therein for transmission to AFHQ?

Major L. W. STEARNS

NORMAN E. FISH

Colonel

Acting Executive Commissioner

Copy file 8268/EC.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512Ex-Comm (2)
AF 610

AG 091.711/049 GEG-O

21 April 1945
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SUBJECT: Removal of Italian Military Personnel from Balkan Countries

TO: All Concerned

1. Reference is made to letters, this headquarters, file AG 091.711/065 GEG-O, subject: "Removal of Italian troops from Greece", dated 1 November 1944 (as amended by letter dated 4 November 1944) and 6 December 1944.

2. The accommodation site mentioned in paragraph 7 of basic letter and specified in paragraph 2a of amendment letter is changed from St Andrews Prisoner of War ("S") Compound TARANTO to Divisional Area (52 Area).

3. St Andrews "S" Compound will be completely cleared of all personnel operating or being processed under the provisions of basic letter, by 26 April 1945 and the Compound handed over to Lieutenant Colonel W. S. Tanner, Commandant.

4. The British increment of the operating staff will transfer, as at present constituted, to the new location.

5. Arrangements for the move will be made between Allied Commission and 52 Area direct.

6. Allied Commission will send to this headquarters copies of all orders relating to the move and notify:

- a. Telephone number.
- b. Telegraphic address.
- c. Address for other communications.

7. Completion of move will be reported to this headquarters by cable.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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Asst Adjutant General

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MILIA)

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TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COM., A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 15 April 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS AND FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp36184
36178
306

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	2788
To P.W. Camp	23
Demobilised	5139
Leave then GRUPPI	1560
To GRUPPI	784
Leave then TRANI (BR-III)	4646
Leave then ASTRANI (US-III)	5677
To TRANI (BR-III)	6562
To ARIZZO (BR-III)	227
To PASSO CORTESE (AR-III)	9
To ASTRANI (US-III)	234
To VITERBO (GARIBOLDI DIV)	1881
Leave then VITERBO (GARIBOLDI DIV)	499
Leave then Back Transport Coy	4
To Back Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (CC RR, MCF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	
	14746

2. Of the 36184 shown as received in camp, 2713 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 15 April 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BELGIANS AND FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

36134
36178
306

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital
To P.W. Camp
Demobilized
Leave then GRIFF
To GRIFF
Leave then TRANI (ER-ITI)
Leave then ASTORI (US-ITI)
To TRANI (ER-ITI)
To AREZZO (ER-ITI)
To PARCO CORRE (ER-ITI)
To ASTORI (US-ITI)
To VITERBO (GARIBOLDI DIV)
Leave then VITERBO (GARIBOLDI DIV)
Leave then Pack Transport Coy
To Pack Transport Coy
Deserted from Camp
Various (GC RR, RCF, Air Force,
Navy, Medical)

2788
23
2189
1560
734
4646
5677
6562
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2826
818

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2. Of the 36134 shown as received in camp, 2718 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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See in 9266/EC.

Rep E. Pickley
Major General
MMIA

CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/41/3
3 April 45

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5

EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COM., A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 31 March 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

35161
33133
2023

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	2691
To P.W. Camp	23
Demobilised	3115
Leave then GRUPPI	1560
To GRUPPI	784
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	4328
Leave then ASTRANI (US-ITI)	5482
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	6273
To AREZZO (BR-ITI)	227
To PASSO CORSE (BR-ITI)	9
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	232
To VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	100
Leave then VITERBO (CARIBALDI DIV)	426
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (CC RR, RIF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	1625
	4235

2. Of the 35161 shown as received in camp, 2424 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 31 March 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP 35161
 Dispatched from Camp 33133
 Remaining in Camp 2028

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	2691
To P.W. Camp	23
Demobilised	3115
Leave then GRUPPI	1560
To GRUPPI	784
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	4328
Leave then ASTRENI (US-ITI)	5482
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	6273
To AREZZO (BR-ITI)	227
To PASSO CORSE (BR-ITI)	9
To ASTROHI (US-ITI)	232
To VITERBO (GARIBALDI DIV)	100
Leave then VITERBO (GARIBALDI DIV)	426
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (CC RR, MCF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	1125
	<u>4235</u>

2. Of the 35161 shown as received in camp, 2424 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

Ref F. Pickle
 Major General
 M. M. I. A.

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From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHOEN

To: ADV JUGAID INFO MAIN JUGAID ALGOM ROME

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MAR 29/0900

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MAR 29 1945

SECRET.

Rear COMD 3 dated 27th March 45.

Investigation nature requested is appropriate your relief and Displaced Persons organisation which is understood now to be in the hands of UNRRA. Confirmed action is required by you.

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Lan Forces Sub-Com, AC
(M. I.A.)

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Chief Clerk
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission

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MAR 28 1945

This Sub-commission letter S/O/31 dated 4 Jan 45, may
now be downgraded.

27 March 45

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Chief Clerk, MMIA

(Miss Sims)

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MAR 27 1700A

FROM: AMW JUGALD

ACTION: FREEDOM FOR BAIKALD INTO MAIN JUGALD ALCON ROME

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Your FI 45378 of 19. Italian military VIS. Reply by AAQ/3 of 15.

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Your PX 46378 or 19. Italian military VIS. Reply my AAC/3 of 15.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.

(M.N.I.A.)

File No. SD/41/3

22 March 45

TO

: AFHQ for G-3 (Org)

AFHQ for G-5

EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)

DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COM., A.C.

MAR 26 1945

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 21 March 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO or BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

34987

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4972

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital
To P.M. Camp
Demobilised
Leave then GROUP 1
To GRIFF
Leave then TRANI (HR-ITI)
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)
To TRANI (HR-ITI)
To ABRAC (HR-ITI)
To PASSO CORTE (HR-ITI)
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)
Leave then Pack Transport Coy
To Pack Transport Coy
Deserted from Camp
Various (CC HR, RCT, Air Force,
Navy, Medical)

2473

22

2794

1350

784

3897

5098

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2. Of the 34987 shown as received in camp, 2850 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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Roy E. P. Kelly

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 21 March 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TRAMATO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANTHONY'S CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	2473
To P.M. Camp	22
Demobilized	2794
Leave then GROUP-I	1380
To GROUP-II	784
Leave then IRANI (HR-ITI)	3897
Leave then ASTORI (US-ITI)	5098
To IRANI (HR-ITI)	5824
To AREA 20 (HR-ITI)	224
To AREA 20 (HR-ITI)	7
To AREA 20 (HR-ITI)	161
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2825
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (CC RR, RIF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	3719

2. Of the 34987 shown as received in camp, 2850 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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Ray E. Pinkley
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHSES

TO: ADV JUGAID INFO MAIN JUGAID REAR MAGNIS - ALCON ROBE

FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Your quoted reference, F-43856 undated, not known here.
Please clarify.

Reur AAQ 3 of 15 March 1945.

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Chief Commissioner

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10 MAR 1945

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: AAQ3
Date/Time of Origin: MAR 15/1908

Message Centre No: D/5139
Date/Time Recd: MAR 16/1945
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: ADV YUGAID

TO: FREEDOM, INFO: MAIN YUGAID, REAR MAGNIS, ALCOM ROME FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

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MAR 16 1945

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From COMMANDER.

Re your PX 43856 undated net to MAIN YUGAID nor REAR MAGNIS.

2. Action requested is not normal AL YUGOSLAV function. Confirm action is required by me(??)

(??) This last word has been queried by the originating ciphers. Please state to BR ciphers HOME AREA if you require it checking.

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FX 43326
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FROM: AMHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PH282

TO : JUGAID INFO ALOOM ROME FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Subject is Italian military personnel in V&IS.

Request earliest information numbers awaiting repatriation
V&IS and what notice required embarkation.

NOTE: YIS is on the Island of Korea
WMD & IPON have correspondence on
this subject.

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INFO - ACTION: WMD & IPON
INFO : Executive Commissioner
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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCELAND FORCES SUB-COM., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

File No. SD/41/3

13 March 45

MAR 14 1945

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)

AFHQ for G-5

EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)

DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COM., A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 11 March 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALIARIS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

30841
27907
2934

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To hospital	2261
To F.W. Camp	22
Demobilised	2543
Leave then GRUPPI	1110
To GRUPPI	784
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3860
Leave then ASTRANI (US-ITI)	4454
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	5444
To AREZZO (BR-ITI)	213
To PALSO CORRESE (BR-ITI)	7
To ASTRANI (US-ITI)	108
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	783
Various (CC RR, RCF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	3438

2. Of the 30841 shown as received in camp, 1894 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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D.P. R. R.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 11 March 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO or BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

30841
27907
2934

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To hospital	2261
To F.W. Camp	22
Demobilised	2543
Leave then GRUPPI	1110
To GRUPPI	784
Leave then TRANI (BP-ITI)	3960
Leave then ASTRANI (US-ITI)	4454
To TRANI (BP-ITI)	5444
To AREZZO (BP-ITI)	213
To PALSO CORESE (BP-ITI)	7
To ASTRANI (US-ITI)	108
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	783
Various (CC RB, RIF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	3488

2. Of the 30841 shown as received in camp, 1894 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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FX 38041
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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC

TO: MOVEIT/MMIA/37MILMIS/MOV BRINDISI/ MOV TARANTO/ AC / MMIA LO TARANTO
DISTHREE/ DISTHREE EAST/ 54 AREA/ 208 SUB AREA/ REAR MAGMIS/ 52 AREA

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1. Following are amendments to our FX 37183 of 3rd March.
2. Para 1: Eta 8th March. ✓
3. Para 2: Movement by rail from BRINDISI to ST ANDREWS through (?) TARANTO will be arranged by MOVEIT.
4. Para 4: Delete.

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Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
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From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE: FHGCT

To : (1) MOV EASTERN ITALY (2) MMIA (3) 37 MILITARY MISSION INFO:
(4) MOV BRINDISI (5) MOV TARANTO (6) ALLIED COMMISSION (7) MMIA
LO TARANTO (8) DISTHREE (9) DISTHREE EAST (10) 208 SUB AREA
(12) REAR MACNIS (13) 52 AREA.

MAR 4 1945

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1. Italian GARIBALDI Division will move by sea under arrangements 37 MILITARY MISSION at the rate of 1500 every 2 days from 6 March DUBROVNIK to BRINDISI Eta 1st party 8 March.

2. Upon arrival BRINDISI personnel will move by rail to B Compound ST ANDREWS Camp TARANTO now known as 5 PW Camp and every 2 days thereafter until entire division of approximately 6000 is completed.

3. ~~PERSONNEL BY RAIL FROM BRINDISI TO ST ANDREWS THROUGH TARANTO W.P. AS ARRANGED BY MOVEMENT.~~
Personnel will be immediately processed through camp and screened under arrangements MMIA.

4. MMIA will release 30 tons food at BRINDISI for immediate shipment DUBROVNIK.

5. 37 MISSION will arrange small party remain DUBROVNIK to collect stragglers.

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Info: A/PRESIDENT
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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

File No. SD/41/3

3 March 45

MAR 3 - 1945

TO : AFHQ for C-3 (ORG)
AFHQ for C-5

EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (E)

DISPLACED PERSONS & REPARATION SUB-COM., A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 28 Feb 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP 26596
 Dispatched from Camp 24242
 Remaining in Camp 2356

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	1667
To P.W. Camp	21
Demobilised	2152
Leave then GRUPPI	1084
To GRUPPI	783
Leave then TRANI (SR-ITI)	3856
Leave then ASTORI (US-ITI)	3011
To TRANI (SR-ITI)	4551
To ASTORI (US-ITI)	106
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	783
Various (CC HQ, MGF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	3086

2. Of the 26596 shown as received in camp, 1624 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

Rep F. P. H. L.
 Major General

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1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 28 Feb 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived ELRANTO or BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP 26598
 Dispatched from Camp 24242
 Remaining in Camp 2356

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	1867
To P.W. Camp	21
Demobilised	2162
Leave then GRUPPI	1034
To GRUPPI	783
Leave then TRANI (ER-ITI)	3855
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	3011
To TRANI (ER-ITI)	4551
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	108
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	783
Various (CC ER, RGT, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	3085

2. Of the 26598 shown as received in camp, 1624 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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Rep. F. P. R. H.
 Major General
 H. M. I. A.

28/2/45

SUBJECT: REPRODUCTION FROM BALLOONS AND RAINCOATS

LAND FORCES SUR-CK. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/41/5
17 Feb 68

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (CRS)
AFHQ For G-5
Chief of Staff, A.
Displaced Persons

FEB 18 1945

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 13 Dec 45 regarding equipment personnel arrived at Camp 2 and personnel released from the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 13 Dec 45

(a)	Received in ST AIDERS CAMP	29779
	Dispatched from Camp	2346
	Remaining in Camp	108

(c) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):—

To Hospital	1386
To PW Camp	21
De-mobilized	1100
Leave then OK/PHI	1071
To GRUPL	780
Leave then ERANI (BR-ITI)	3919
Leave then ASTONI (US-ITI)	2769
To ERANI (BR-ITI)	4500
To ASTONI (US-ITI)	75
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	5
To Pack Transport Coy	2296
Deserted from Camp	733
Various (CC BR, 20F, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	511

2. Of the 1352 shown as released in camp, 1273 are personnel released and 79 are personnel who had been admitted to camp from Hospital.

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1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 13 Feb 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived ARANTO or HALLS and DEATHS:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREW'S CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

(u) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital:	1586
To PW Camp:	21
Demobilized	2100
Leave then DEPART	1071
To GHQ/PI	780
Leave then IRANI (IR-ITI)	3819
Leave then ASTORI (US-ITI)	1762
To IRANI (IR-ITI)	4500
To ASTORI (US-ITI)	73
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	3
To Pack Transport Coy	2836
Deserted from Camp	133
Various (CC RR, ROF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2812

2. Of the 12572 shown as received in camp, 1035 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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Major General

COY TO: PHS

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 091.711-1 (Italy).

7 February 1945

SUBJECT: Garibaldi Division.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

FEB 9 1945

With reference to your 8268/60/COS of 3 February, the formal application by the Italian authorities has after consultation with the Political Advisors, been sent to G-3 this Headquarters with a request that the Chief of Staff this Headquarters be asked to send the application to Marshal Tito as a matter of urgency.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

D. S. JACKLING,
Lt. Colonel.

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/41/3
6 Feb 45.

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Chief of Staff, AC
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com; AC.

FEB 7 1945

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 3 Feb 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP 23396
 Dispatched from Camp 23266
 Remaining in Camp 130

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	1684
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	2093
Leave then GRUPPI	1066
To GRUPPI	775
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3761
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2752
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	4535
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	17741
Leave then Peck Transp Co	

FEB 5 1945

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)

AFHQ for G-5

Chief of Staff, AC

Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-ComdAC.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 3 Feb 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP 23396
 Dispatched from Camp 23256
 Remaining in Camp 130

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	1684
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	2093
Leave then GRUPPI	1066
To GRUPPI	775
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3781
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2752
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	4535
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	17741
Leave then Pack Transp Coy	3
To Pack Transp Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	781
Various (GO.RR., ROF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2895

2. Of the 23396 shown as received in camp, 1371 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

JW

Copy to: PBS. PENSOUTH. MIA LO PENSOUTH. MIA LO 52 AREA.

MIA LO 54 AREA.

Int: 2i/c.A/Q. Spec Sec. ST. Med. Lab. SD/42/3. SD/148.

(Copy on file 8266)

- Rex E. Pinkley

Major General, MIA

M. M. I. A.

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Ref: 8864/61/008.

3 February 1945.

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Your Excellency,

Thank you for your letter 202303/II of 27 January enclosing a message for Marshal Tito.

I have arranged to transmit this message and am hopeful that the Corbiolgi Division can now be repatriated.

See 57

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN,
Chief Commissioner.

Gen. Carlo Alessandro Casati,
Minister Secretary of State for War,
Italian Government.

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RECEIVED

Ref: 818/89/008.

3 February 1946.

Subject: Corbisoli Division.

To: O-5 Section,
ATC.

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I refer to your signal PL 66172 of 10 December, addressed to MIA, in which you stated that Marshal Tito's R would like to overtake the Corbisoli Division, but that they wished formal application to be made by the Italian authorities through the AG. This formal application has now been made, and the original, together with a translation, is enclosed.

I should be obliged if you could take very early steps to forward the message to Marshal Tito.

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J. S. M. M.
Major,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: RA to Acting Director
SO to Chief Commandant
Civil Affairs Section
MIA.

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Ref: 8268/58/008.

29 January 1945.

Subject: Return of Garibaldi Division.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA).

1. I enclose original and translation of:

(a) Letter from Italian Minister of War to the Chief Commissioner.

(b) Message from Italian Minister of War to Marshal Tito.

2. I refer you to AMHQ signal FX.66172 of 10 December 44 to you, in which AMHQ state that Tito's HQ would like to evacuate the Garibaldi Division, but that they wish formal application to be made by the Italian authorities through the AC. This formal application has now been made in the documents which are enclosed.

3. Will you please take the necessary action, with copy to the Chief of Staff and to the Staff Officer to the Chief Commissioner.

[Signature]
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to: S.O. to C.O.

*Active warranted.
G.M.M. H 1/2
(see 59 - 60)*

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[Signature]*

Translation

20230711

The Minister of War

Rome, 27 January 1945

SUBJECT: Message for Marshal Tito -

To Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner - A.C. Headquarters
R O M E

The Allied Authorities have communicated their deep interest, for which we are most grateful, about the repatriation of the Garibaldi Division, which fought for over a year, and in very difficult circumstances, at the side of the Yugoslav Army.

The Italian Government wants to stress to Marshal Tito the necessary decision of this repatriation.

I shall be most grateful if you will see that Marshal Tito gets the enclosed message

THE MINISTER

a. Alessandro Gosati

S.C.

See 59160

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JAN 29 1945

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Il Ministro per la Guerra

Roma, 27 gennaio 1945

O O C E T T O: Messaggio per il Maresciallo Tito.-

ALL'AMIRAGLIO E.M. STONE

Chief Commissioner A.C. Headquarters

= R O M A =

Le Autorità Alleate hanno fatto conoscere il loro vivo interessamento, del quale si è molto grati, per il rim patrio della Divisione "Garibaldi" che, in difficili situazioni, ha combattuto per oltre un anno a fianco del valoroso Esercito Jugoslavo.-

Il Governo Italiano desidera da parte sua rappresentare direttamente al Maresciallo TITO la necessaria decisione di tale rimpatrio.-

Sarò pertanto molto grato alla S.V. se vorrà compiacersi far rimettere al Maresciallo TITO l'accluso messaggio.-

1706

Roma, 27 gennaio 1945

O G G E T T O: Messaggio per il Maresciallo Tito.-

ALL'AMIRAGLIO E.M. STONE

Chief Commissioner A.C. Headquarters

= R O M A =

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Il Governo Italiano desidera da parte sua rappresentare direttamente al Maresciallo TITO la necessaria decisione di tale rimpatrio.-

Sarò pertanto molto grato alle S.V. se vorrà compiacersi far rimettere al Maresciallo TITO l'accluso messaggio.-

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IL MINISTRO

Ad. Mandra *Pres.*

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The Minister of War

Rome, 27 January 1945

To His Excellency Marshal Tito

In the name of the Italian Government, I ask your Excellency for the 'GARIBOLDI' Division, which fought for over a year at the side of the Yugoslav Army, to be gathered in an adequate locality of embarkation to make its transport to Italy possible.

We had to make this painful decision for the following reasons:

- 1) In the present circumstances, complete impossibility, also for the Allies to send adequate supplies to the division which has already suffered much and lost many men.
- 2) Greater facility for equipping the men even at home, and for finding new employment for the men of the Division on another front, always on the basis of the general war plans against the common enemy.

The ideals for which the fight was begun and conducted in the name of the liberty of nations remain unchanged in spite of the withdrawal of the Garibaldi Division; this is proved by the fact that new democratic Italy remains among her Yugoslav brothers in the fight against barbarity and oppression, through the 'Italia' brigade.

This new Italy feels secure that the blood shed together for redemption will bring forgetfulness upon a past which she denies, and open a new era of mutual comprehension, collaboration and fraternity for the Yugoslav and Italian people.

I ask your Excellency, to let me know when it will be possible for the transport of the Division to take place, so that I may have the necessary means in readiness, and be able to send some personality, entrusted with the repatriation operations, in case your Excellency should agree to this.

I take this opportunity to send you the expression of my very high consideration.

THE MINISTER OF WAR

G. Alessandro Casati

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT : Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

File No S/G/34/2

26 January 45

JAN 26 1945

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)

AFHQ for G-5

Chief of Staff AG.

Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com. A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 24 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE :-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP
Despatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

23219
23050
169

(b) Personnel has been despatched from Camp as follows :-

To Hospital
To PW Camp
Demobilised
Leave then GRUPPI
To GRUPPI
Leave then TRANI (ER-ITI)
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)
To TRANI (ER-ITI)
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)
Leave then Pack Transport Coy
To Pack Transport Coy
Deserted from Camp
Various (CO. RR, RGP, Air Force,
Navy, Medical)

1678
21
2074
1051
761
3652
2937
4480
68
3
2826
644
2855

2. Of the 23219 shown as received in camp, 1222 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

Copy to : PES
PERSOUTH
MIA LO 52 AREA

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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1. Following is the position from 14 Nov 44 thru 24 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE :-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP	23219
Despatched from Camp	23050
Remaining in Camp	169
(b) Personnel has been despatched from Camp as follows :-	
To Hospital	1678
To PW Camp	21
Decomobilised	2074
Leave then GRUPPI	1051
To GRUPPI	761
Leave then TRANI (ER-ITI)	3852
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2937
To TRANI (ER-ITI)	4480
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	63
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	3
To Pack Transport Coy	2326
Deserted from Camp	644
Various (CC-RR, RIF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2355

2. Of the 23219 shown as received in camp, 1222 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to : PBS
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MILA LO 54 AREA
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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

File No. S/G/31/2

20 January 45

TO : A3HQ for C-3 (Org)

A3HQ for C-5

Chief of Staff, AC

Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com. A.C.

JAN 21 1945

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 17 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREAS CAMP
 Dispatched from Camp
 Remaining in Camp

22945
 20945
 2050

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows:-

To Hospital	1669
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	1526
Leave then GRUPPI	1014
As GRUPPI.	609
Leave then TRANI (HR-III)	3561
Leave then ASIMONI (US-III)	2476
To TRANI (HR-III)	4271
To ASIMONI (US-III)	63
Leave then Pack Transp Coy	3
To Pack Transp Coy	2694
Various (CGR, RCF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2745

2. Of the 21945 shown as received in camp, 1061 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

1703

Rex E. Pinkley

Chief of Staff, AC
 Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com. A.C.

JAN 21 1945

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 17 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO or BOKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREW'S CAMP
 Dispatched from Camp
 Remaining in Camp

22945
 20445
 2030

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows:-

To Hospital
 To Pz Camp
 Demobilised
 Leave then ORPPI
 Re GRUPPI.
 Leave then ZRANI (ER-ITI)
 Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)
 To TRANI (ER-ITI)
 To ASTRONI (US-ITI)
 Leave then Pack Transp Coy
 To Pack Transp Coy
 Various (CORR, RIF, Air Force,
 Navy, Medical)

1689
 21
 1438
 1014
 609
 3561
 2478
 4271
 53
 3
 2584
 2745

2. Of the 12687 shown as received in camp, 1061 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

1703

Rex E. Pinkley
 Major General, USA
 for M. M. I. A.

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FROM: AMEQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHOEN

TO : (1) MIDEAST INFO (2) AOC BULGARIA (3) AOC ROUMANIA (BRIT DELEGATION)
(4) ALCOM (5) MIL ATTACHE ANKARA

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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Reference your AL/79518 January 16 not to AOC ALCOM. Subject is evacuation of Italian diplomatic personnel and Italian military personnel from BULGARIA and ROUMANIA.

1. At the present time evacuation is NOT possible via BLACK SEA ports.
2. The evacuation of military personnel will continue via RUPEL PASS - SALONIKA as soon as the situation permits.
3. The evacuation of diplomatic personnel (excluding those on priority who may travel by air) is desired via TURKEY and EGYPT at the earliest opportunity.
4. At present the limiting factor to 3 above is individual approval by this HQ which will be signalled as soon as full details are submitted by AOC.
5. AOC please expedite application forms.

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCELand Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)1/2 8/6/51/2
January 45

JAN 17 1945

TO : AMHQ for G-3 (Org)

AMHQ for G-5

Chief of Staff, AG

Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Com. A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 10 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANTHON'S CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

22635
20476
2357

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :-

To Hospital
To PW Camp
Dismobilized
Leave then GRIFFI
To GRIFFI
Leave then TRANT (SR-ITI)
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)
To TRANT (SR-ITI)
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)
Leave then Pack Transport Coy
To Pack Transport Coy
Various (OGER, RIF, Air Force,
Navy, Medical)

1596
21
1875
997
609
3494
2431
1168
60
2584
2643

2. Of the 22635 shown as received in camp, 920 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

AFHQ for G-5
Chief of Staff, AF
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Com. A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 10 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived EMERGO ex BALDASS and FRANK:

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP	22835
Discharged from Camp	20478
Remaining in Camp	2357
(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :-	
To Hospital	1598
To PW Camp	21
Discharged	1875
Leave then GRIFFI	987
To GRIFFI	609
Leave then TRANI (SP-121)	3494
Leave then ANTONI (US-121)	2431
To TRANI (SP-121)	4160
To ANTONI (US-121)	60
Leave then Pack Brigade Coy	3
To Pack Brigade Coy	2584
Various (CNR, RAR, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2645

2. Of the 22835 shown as received in camp, 920 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

PERSONAL DISB:

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W/L 10 54 AREA

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Res 470 Rinkley
Major General
H. M. L. L.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Inter Office Memo.

Ext. 300

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Ref: 8269/003.

12 January 1945.

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers
and PW from the Balkans.To: Lt. Col. J. A. CAMPBELL,
WHD & IPW Sub Commission.

1. This correspondence was handed me this morning by Mr. ROBINSON who wondered whether, when you sent off your letter of 8 January, (at the top of the papers) you had seen the rest of the correspondence here. There is nothing on the correspondence to show that you have actually seen it, but I am pretty certain that you are familiar with the points raised and especially with the proposed repatriation of the Garibaldi Brigade from Albania.

2. Can you please confirm to me that, in the light of this additional correspondence which the Political Section had produced, no alteration is required to your letter of 8 January.

3. Would you please let me have the papers back so that I can give them to Political Section.

J. W. Shipp

Lt. Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

Y. C.S.O.

Ref above. Have discussed the question with Political Sec and have returned the papers to them.

J. A. Campbell
Lt. Col.

WHD & IPW Sub C.

20 Jan '45

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Prepared by:

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

J.A. CAMPBELL

Office of the Chief of Staff

Lt. Col.

Tel: 478733

Ref: IPW/22/95

8 January 1944

JAN - 8 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers and Prisoners of War from the Balkans.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Attention: G-5 Section).

1. The Italian Government have again requested me to take steps to have their soldiers and Prisoners of War repatriated from the following countries in the Balkans:

Albania, Croatia, Bulgaria, Macedonia.

2. General Mannerini who now commands the Autonomous Office for Veteran Soldiers and Repatriated Prisoners of War points out that in these countries there are considerable numbers of Italian soldiers practically starving.

3. Attached are translations of letters on this subject received from the Italian War Ministry.

4. The Italian War Ministry states that if these Italian soldiers are repatriated at the earliest possible moment, a number of them can, after a short period of leave, be used as drafts for the Italian Combat units in Italy, for which reinforcements are now required.

5. In forwarding the requests of the Italian Government with regard to these soldiers and Prisoners of War in the Balkans, it has been noted that recently a small number of Italians have been arriving in Italy from these countries; these arrivals may denote the commencement of the repatriation of all Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War from the Balkan countries.

6. I shall be pleased if you can inform me if there is at present any policy regarding the repatriation of Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War from the Balkans, and if no definite policy has yet been formulated, if it is possible in any way to meet the requests of the Italian Government in this matter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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2. 40047/1000
3. 40041/1000

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001 Civil Affairs Section,
Land Forces Sub-Com. (AFSA)
Political Section.

C. H. S. (2) ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 478733

Ref: IPW/22/94

8 January 1945

JAN - 9 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation and return of Italian Soldiers
from the Balkans.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

Reference my letter No. IPW/22/81 dated 5 December,
1944 on the above subject to which an answer is still awaited.

1. The Autonomous Office for Veteran Soldiers and Repatriated Prisoners of War of the Italian War Ministry have again requested that urgent consideration be given to the question of a universal type of ration for all Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War who are being repatriated to Italy.

2. In my letter referred to above, a request was made that type 30 ration be made available to the Transit Camp at Bari which handles the repatriation of a considerable number of soldiers and Prisoners of War coming into Italy from the Balkans and the East.

3. General Mannerini who is in charge of the Autonomous Office for Veteran Soldiers and Repatriated Prisoners of War has now requested that type 30 rations be not only made available at Bari but also for camps at Lecce, Naples and a second camp at Taranto.

4. Now that instructions have been issued that Patriots coming through our lines will be afforded treatment similar to that accorded the Italian Army in respect of rations and clothing, it is for urgent consideration that those other Italians returning from the Balkans who have been fighting with the Patriots in these countries should have similar treatment. I would point out that those passing through the Bari, Lecce and the small Taranto Camp are small in number compared with those coming from Greece and the numbers likely to come through our lines from the North.

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5. It is very difficult to get the Italian Government to understand the necessity to issue civilian rations in one instance, and the higher scale of rations in the other, purely on account of the fact that soldiers or Prisoners of War arrive by different means and at different Ports.

6. It is strongly recommended that all camps receiving repatriated Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War be put on the same footing in respect of rations and clothing as the camp operating at Taranto.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Signature)

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

cc: Civil Affairs Section.
L and Forces Sub-Com. (MIA).
Food Sub-Commission.

C. I. S. (2) ✓

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CONFIDENTIALLAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.H.T.A.)S/C/31/2
JANUARY 45

JAN - 7 1945

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (GrG)
AFHQ for G-5

Chief of Staff, AC

Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Com., A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 4 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex GREECE and BALKANS:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP
Dispatched from Camp
Remaining in Camp

22088
18904
3124

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :-

To Hospital
To PW Camp
Demobilised
Leave then GRUPPI
To GRUPPI
Leave then TRANI (HR-ITI)
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)
To TRANI (HR-ITI)
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)
Leave then Pack Transp Coy
To Pack Transp Coy
Various (CCHP, RCF, Air Force,
Navy, Medical)

1480
21
1726
909
605
3072
2350
4048
59
3
2157
2470

2. Of the 22,088 shown as received in camp, 803 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

1696

T. E. P. R. R.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 4 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex GREECE and BALANAS:

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP 22038
Dispatched from Camp 18904
Remaining in Camp 3134

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows:-

To Hospital	1480
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	1726
Leave then GRIFF	909
To GRIFF	601
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3072
Leave then ASTROMI (US-JTT)	2350
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	4048
To ASTROMI (US-ITI)	59
Leave then Pack Transfer Coy	3
To Pack Transfer Coy	2157
Various (CCPR, RCF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2470

2. Of the 22,038 shown as received in camp, 803 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

1696

Ex E. Pinkley
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Report of Mr. William Jones.

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JAN - 5 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of GARIBALDI Division

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/81

4 Jan 45

TO : A.F.H.Q. for G 5

Your 091.711-1 ITALY of 1 Jan expresses M.M.I.A.'s
view completely.

No comments.

L. Brown

Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: H.Q. A.C.

see M.H. 71695

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G5 SECTION
APO 512.

Headquarters
Allied Commission
APO 394

091.711-1 ITALY

1 Jan 45

Subject: Repatriation of GARIBALDI Division

1. Reference enclosed paraphrased copy of signal MC in 24153 of 31 Dec 44 from Brig. MACLEAN.
2. Enclosed is a copy of an inter section memorandum sent to G5 this afternoon giving this Section's view, and if you have any further points you wish us to make in this matter with G5 please let us know as soon as possible. We will inform you of the eventual reply sent by G5 to Brig. MACLEAN.

D.S. JACKLING Lt Col
for Assistant Chief of Staff G5

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091.711-1 ITALY

Repatriation of GARIBOLDI Division.

1. G5 G8 1 Jan 1. Reference signal from Rear Macmis. MG in No. 24153 of 31 Dec 44.
2. It is the view of this Section that the request of the SAC made on behalf of the ITALIAN Government should be amply sufficient, and that it should not be necessary to take any further action.
3. With regard to para 3 of the subject signal. It is this Section's view that in no circumstances should the officers held for trial or enquiry remain behind but that they should be repatriated with the Division. It should be sufficient for this HQ to tell Partisan GHQ that the request of the ITALIAN Government made through SAC for the return of the Division includes the return of these officers. Partisan GHQ must be satisfied with the assurance of this HQ that the ITALIAN Government will be told that the officers are being removed without prejudice to their trial at some future date under properly constituted machinery.

D. S. JACKLIN Lt Col
for the Assistant Chief of Staff G 5

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PARAPHRASE OF KEAR LACNIS MESSAGE TO FREEDOM (MC IN 24153 31 DEC 44)

Subject: GARIBALDI DIVISION EVACUATION

Message from British Mission, BELGRADE

1. "Evacuation of entire personnel Garibaldi Division with the exception personnel under trial or investigation agreed by Partisan GHQ provided Italian Government make direct request to JANL HQ.

2. This is thought to be necessary to avoid future recriminations to the effect that JANL expelled Italian cobelligerents without ceremony.

3. As regards officers under trial or investigation. Partisans quote Moscow agreement as interpreted by them which states war criminals may be brought to trial in country where crimes committed. Partisans therefore intend to attempt punishment of all Italian officers accused of war crimes. However they are also willing to consider Italian Governments original proposal made to Partisan National Committee."

SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS.TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Cmp)
AFHQ for G-5
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Com., A.G.LAND FORCES SUB-COM., A.G.
(M.F.I.A.)3 5/10/31/2
JANUARY 44

JAN -4 1945

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Dispatched from Camp 17768
Remaining in Camp 3478

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To PW Camp	21
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To GROUPPI	609
Leave then TRANT (BR-ITI)	2025
Leave then ASTRONTI (US-ITI)	2248
To TRANT (BR-ITI)	3487
To ASTRONTI (US-ITI)	56
Leave then Pack Transp Coy	3
To Pack Transp Coy	2157
Various	2402

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JAN - 4 1943

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Orig)
AFHQ for G-5
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Com., A.C.

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EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 3 JANUARY .

JAN 10 1945

Rations for Returned POWs. WMD & LPW Sub-Commission were getting requests from the Italian Ministry of War to give repatriated Italians from the Balkans the same rations as those received by the inmates of Taranto camp. At present they were getting civilian rations. COS said this was a separate issue. The matter had been put up to ASHs about a month ago, and Lt. Col. Shipp was directed to check up on this. Pol Sec raised the question of the Garibaldi unit coming over. COS directed WMD & LPW Sub-Commission to put up a memorandum, and the matter would be taken up with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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From: AFM, SIGNED SACRED CITE FRICT
To: MMIS INFO TO AIDE

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Dated 12 November, our EX 52025.

1. TITC (X) WOULD LIKE GARDASIA DIV evacuated to mainland provided:
 - (a) The division wishes to return to ITALY.
 - (b) Formal application made to TITC by the Italian authorities.
2. TITC considers div has done well and he does not wish to appear ungrateful.
3. Division will be assembled at BURNONIK for shipment.
4. Suggest Italian authorities make formal application to TITC through yourselves and this is for evacuation of div to mainland. Arrangements for shipping and disposal will then be made.

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A/CC 091.711

7 November 1944

8 NOV Recd

Subject: Proposals for Alleviating the Situation of Italian Forces in Yugoslavia

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

Reference is made to memorandum, this Hq, dated 17 September 1944, reference A/CC 091.711, which was in compliance with your signal P-82845 of 11 August. It will be appreciated if an early reply can be given to this memorandum in order that details of the Italian Army mission to Yugoslavia, when approved, may be finalized as soon as possible.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to A/CC

cc: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMA)
Political Section

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A/CC 091.721

20 September 1944

Subject: Proposals for Alleviating the Situation of Italian Forces in Yugoslavia

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. Reference is made to memorandum of this Headquarters, A/CC 091.721, dated 17 September 1944, relative to above subject.

2. Detailed proposals from Italian High Command referred to in para 1 of memorandum are believed to have been erroneously omitted as an inclosure to the memorandum and are forwarded herewith.

J. A. QUARLE
Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

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Ltr 435/CC, 8 Sep 44,
fr Min. of War to HQIA

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A/CC 091.711

18 September 1944

Dear Dr. Prunas:

With reference to your letter 01471/8 of 12 September 1944, I am glad to be able to inform you that considerable advance has been made on this subject.

The Ministry for War has been asked to put forward detailed proposals for an Italian mission to Marshal Tito's Headquarters. These have been received and are now under consideration by the Allied Military Authorities. I hope and believe that they will shortly be put into effect.

I suggest, so as to avoid duplication, that the arrangements continue to be made as heretofore through the Ministry for War, who will undoubtedly supply to Your Excellency such correspondence as has already passed on this matter.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Don Renato Prunas,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

c.c. Political Section.

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17 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Allied Force Headquarters, AFHQ 312

1. As directed in your signal F-82845 of the 11th August detailed proposals for alleviating the situation of the Italian forces in Yugoslavia have been obtained from the Italian High Command, and these are attached.

2. It will be seen that the principal proposal put forward is that a small Italian mission should be sent, under a colonel, to Marshal Tito's headquarters to arrange for the evacuation, when possible, of Italian forces. From the point of view of the A.C.C. we would support this proposal and Major General Browning, whom I have consulted, has pointed out in particular that large areas in the Balkans may very shortly be freed by the junction of Russian forces with those of Marshal Tito. In this event we would recommend that the whole of the Italian forces in Yugoslavia and in Greece should be evacuated immediately to Italy so as to:

a. Prevent their getting mixed up in any civil war in these localities.

b. Save those unfortunate people (though they never should have been there) from death by starvation or exposure, on the grounds of common humanity.

c. Give an Allied gesture of goodwill after a period when we have been unable to do much to help alleviate the state of affairs there.

3. As regards the terms of reference proposed for the Italian mission to Tito in paragraph 3, we consider that they are in the main unobjectionable, but that it should be made clear that the mission has no competence to deal with any matters outside those specified.

4. As to other proposals contained in paragraphs 2 and 5 concerning supplies considered to be necessary for these forces while they remain in the Balkans, General Browning states that no clothing whatever can be supplied from the resources available to SHIA or the Italian Ministry of War.

5. As to paragraph 4, while we concur that the effort of these Italian troops should be considered as cooperation with Allied troops,

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they cannot, of course, be regarded as part of the Italian Army authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Immediately on their return to Italy they will therefore have to be demobilized and treated as if they had no military status.

WILEY M. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: IMMA
Political Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/C 091.711

13 September 1944

Subject: Italian Troops in the Balkans

To : Political Section

1. Attached are the detailed proposals asked for by AFHQ (their signal F 82545 of 11 Aug 44), which have now been obtained by NMIA from the Ministry for War.

2. Attached also are General Browning's recommendations in the event of an early liberation of the Balkans.

3. Before despatching the Italian proposals to AFHQ, please prepare a covering letter for my signature embodying your own suggestions in the light of enclosures 1 and 2 above.

Stone.

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as in para 1 & 2 above.

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C O P Y

ROUGH TRANSLATION

Rome, 12 sept., 1944

REF: 01471/S

Dear Admiral,

With reference to my letters No 00150/2 and No 15/00264 of the 31st July and 4th August respectively, I wish to draw once again your attention to the question of sending Italian Officers to the Supreme Command of the E.P.L.J.

The conditions of our troops fighting under the orders of Marshal Tito with the E.P.L.J. would be greatly improved by the presence of Italian officers with the resultant effect that the fighting against the common enemy would gain in efficiency.

On other hand, as I have already mentioned, the Italian Government is anxious to give these troops, who have heroically remained loyal to their oath, a tangible sign of their interest.

I should therefore, dear Admiral, be most grateful if you would give to this our wish your valuable support for which I thank you in advance.

Trusting to hear from you in due course,
Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

sgd. R.PRUNAS

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
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SUBJECT: Italian troops in the BALKANS.

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Army Sub Commission, MEMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME

T.S./9/31

9 Sept 44.

H.Q., A.C.C.
-----Ref Your A/CC 091.711 dated 28 Aug and in continuation of
my T.S./9/31 of same date:

1. Herewith translation of the proposals of M of W on the above matter.
2. Doubtless you will show to Political Section before forwarding to A.F.H.Q.
3. It seems that shortly the whole of the BALKANS should be freed by the junction of the RUSSIAN and Marshal TITO's forces.
4. In this event, I would recommend that the whole of the Italian forces in the BALKANS and GREECE be evacuated immediately to ITALY so as to:

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The effort would not be unduly great and the moral effect on the Italians would be considerable.

/s/ L. Browning
Major General

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/s/ L. Browning
Major General
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C. 1081

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MINISTRY OF WAR

13/8/41

To MILIA

Subject: Italian Armed Forces in the Balkans

In reply to your letter ref 13/8/41 dated 29 Aug 44. I beg to inform you that: -

1. The Italian Armed Forces in Yugoslavia come under two categories.

(a) "Garibaldi" Division, whose original strength has been reduced, under the command of its own Italian officers and which has been fighting since 8 Sept 43 with Tito's partisans against German Units and against local populace supporting them.

(b) Scattered Units which, at the time of the Armistices did not surrender to the Germans.

In order to ease the situation of the above mentioned forces the first essential is to provide for their repatriation, giving priority to those mentioned in sub para (b) - that is to say scattered and abandoned units.

Actually, the progressive repatriation of the forces mentioned at sub para (b) could be carried out chiefly with airplanes from emergency landing strips at the disposal of Tito's troops in the Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina areas and eventually in Serbia; or, for those units which are located in the vicinity of the coast, repatriation by sea in ships which will eventually make for ports along the Dalmatian Coast.

The troops of the Garibaldi Division, owing to their actual position, can be repatriated only by air. But the emergency landing strips available in Montenegro (particularly Berane and Negobugia) are not available because they have been occupied by the Germans during the last offensive in Montenegro.

As soon as the above mentioned landing strips will be once more controlled by Tito's partisans and by the "Garibaldi" Division repatriation will be carried out according to the means available giving priority to the wounded and the sick.

Should however the trend of operations, by a withdrawal or annihilation of the German Forces in the Balkans lead to the opening up of routes leading to the coast, it would be necessary to ensure an early repatriation of the bulk of the men who would be concentrated along the coast.

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2. While the scattered units or operating units remain in the Balkans, in order to ease their situation, it is necessary to carry on and intensify the supplies of food, clothing, medical stores, arms and ammunition by air as is actually being done by special forces of the Supreme Allied Command.

Amongst these supplies, boots and uniforms are of particular importance. As is known, this Ministry has no supply of boots which can be sent to Yugoslavia for the Italian Armed Forces dispersed there, and for this reason it is for the Allies to decide the degree of assistance to be given to Italian troops in order to enable them to carry on operations. Regarding uniforms, we suggest, subject MIA approval, sending uniforms in worst condition which could not be issued to the Italian troops in the mainland and the islands.

MIA is also sufficiently familiar with the ration and food situation in Italy to understand that the Ministry has to rely entirely on the initiative taken by the Supreme Allied authorities for the Italian troops fighting in the Balkans.

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In order to:-

- (a) settle the questions concerning the gradual repatriation of scattered military personnel and those belonging to the "Garibaldi" Division
- (b) assemble and forward the scattered military to the emergency landing strips or to the coast at the right time.
- (c) acquaint MIA with the supply requirements for the Italian Forces and control the supply and issue of items which will eventually be sent.

This Ministry agrees with the Allied authorities that it is vitally important to attach a small Italian Mission to Marshal Tito's GHQ.

The Head of this Mission, as requested by MIA, would be a Colonel who is fully in the picture as regards the local situation as he had been formerly attached to the "Garibaldi" Division and could therefore carry out good liaison with Marshal Tito's HQ (Strength of Mission 4 - 5 all ranks).

This Ministry will form a small mission which will be sent over to Marshal Tito's HQ when the Allied Authorities give authorization and arrange transport.

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This Ministry fully understands the matter contained in para (3) of your letter under reference, that is that MIA does not consider the "Garibaldi" Division as a part of the Italian Army officially authorized by the Allies. This Ministry wishes to point out that the "Garibaldi" Division is the old Italian Regular Division "Venetia" which was a part of the old Italian Army and which, at the time of the Armistices, obeyed the orders issued by H. E. Badoglio, at that time Head of the Government, joined Tito's partisans with all its units to fight the common German enemy and was given a new name on being reinforced with units of another regular Division of the old Italian Army - the "Taurinense" Division - which had already fought the common enemy. Operations have not been carried out by single units but by a higher formation which can be compared with the other higher formations in the mainland.

Therefore the activities of the "Garibaldi" Division in the Balkans in favour of the Allied cause are to be considered as part and parcel of the operation of Italian Units on the mainland alongside Allied Units.

The above is stated in order that the Allies may give it special consideration, so that, while in the Balkans the Division may receive regular supplies, and its effort and sacrifice may be considered as co-operation of Italians with Allied troops.

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5. Lastly, regarding Italian soldiers who are in Greece, as they are formed bodies and under the control of a British Mission, they may enter in other parts of Greece and particularly in Thessaly, verbal agreement has already been reached with Major Worrall in the presence of Major Beumann, MIIA. Briefly Major Worrall has put forward a proposal for this Ministry to send monthly to the Italian troops a maximum of 2 tons of mail, newspapers and magazines, clothing and material for the welfare of the troops.

With regard to clothing sub para 2 should be borne in mind -- that is, only clothing in bad repair and not serviceable for Italian troops on the mainland would be sent.

I would be grateful to MIIA if approval could be granted to the proposals as set out in this letter, and as soon as possible authority for the despatch of the Mission to Marshal Tito's HQ to establish the necessary contacts for implementing of the contents of this letter.

THE MINISTER
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28 August 1944

Dear General Browning:

This is in reference to your O/G of 15 August 44, subject: "Italian Troops in the Balkans", and SACHED message F 82845 of 11 Aug 44 which directs that the Italian High Command be requested to submit detailed proposals for dealing with Italian Forces in Yugoslavia. This message indicated that a request to send Italian officers on a temporary mission of investigation might receive favorable consideration. Please see message.

It would seem that yours is the proper organization to deal with the Italian High Command in this matter. SACHED recognizes these Italian soldiers as "Italian Forces" and I hesitate to hand the matter over to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for dealing with the Italian High Command.

In light of the above, would you please reconsider your position and deal with the matter as directed in message F 82845?

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ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Major General L. Browning,
Army Sub-Commission (AMIA)
Hq. Allied Control Commission.

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Mr. A. C. Sneyden
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Date: 28 Aug 1944
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By: [signature]

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Subject: Italian Troops in the Balkans

Army Sub Commission, MMIA

H.Q., A.C.C.

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H.Q., ACC.

Copy to: Political Section, ACC:

Ref your SI 800 dated 12 Aug. -

1. We have steadfastly refused to get drawn into affairs on the other side of the ADRIATIC and it has always been agreed that FORCE 266 deal with these, without interference by MMIA.
2. These Italian soldiers are NOT officially recognised by us. They are to all intents and purposes civilians. When they arrive in Italy, we do not feed or hospitalise them even.
3. MMIA, M of W and S.M.R.E. have their hands more than full with military matters on hand, and something military would suffer if we imposed this task on them.
4. In fact, the whole business is a civil responsibility (somewhat analogous to the patriots.)
5. I therefore consider it would be most unwise to take on this added responsibility, apart from the fact that it is NOT a function of MMIA.
6. I consider that this matter should and could best be handled by a civilian branch of A.C.C. e.g. Displaced Persons Sub Commission.

Colonel F. KERR

For and in absence of

Major General

Army Sub Comm, A. 9676

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YOUR MESSAGE 3297 IS REFERENCE.

IT IS DIRECTED THAT YOUR REQUEST THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND TO PUT FORWARD DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR ALLEVIATING THE SITUATION OF THE ITALIAN FORCES IN YUGOSLAVIA. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT AT THE SAME TIME THAT A REQUEST TO SEND ITALIAN OFFICERS ON A TEMPORARY MISSION OF INVESTIGATION TO MARSHAL TITO'S HEADQUARTERS MIGHT RECEIVE FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION BY THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES AND WOULD BE EXAMINED TOGETHER WITH THEIR DETAILED PROPOSALS.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PT SUB COMMISSION

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9 August 1944

Subject: Repatriation of sick and wounded of the "Garibaldi" Division.

To : His Excellency of Italy Mess. Chief of the Suprem General Staff.

Your Excellency:

I have been informed that it is not possible to confirm or refute the report that six Allied aircraft which landed at BERANE on the night of 17 June returned without taking a full load of wounded with them.

I have also been asked to inform you that from BERANE alone during June 313 Italians were evacuated. In the same period 900 Partisans were brought out BERANE all of whom were badly wounded whilst many of the Italian evacuees had not been injured in engagements with the enemy but were merely exhausted by the conditions under which they had been serving.

All concerned have been informed that the Italian Government is prepared to accept all Italian sick and wounded when it may be possible to evacuate.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director, W.M.D. & I.P.W. S.O.

Copy to : Secretary General
Army Sub-Commission, ACC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Major J. A. Quayle

SUBJECT: Italian Mission to Yugoslav Partisans

FILE No. 091.711

TO: Political Section (Att. Mr. Caccia)

3 August 1944

1. Attached is a letter from Visconti Venosta on the subject of an Italian Mission to the Yugoslavs.

2. Beyond Roger Makin's request that such a proposal be discouraged, we have no statement of A.F.H.Q. policy on this matter.

3. The A/CC requests that you discuss with General Browning and draft for his signature whatever letter or letters may be necessary. *NOTE BY Acc*

*NO - VV notified this day
CS request for mil mission -
1/2 agreed. File S.*

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
PA to A/C. C.

Hq. ACC - Sec'y Gen.
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Date - Time <i>3 Aug 1625</i>
Via <i>SG Mgr</i>
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TRANSLATION

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

00150/2

Rome, 31 July 1944

Dear Admiral,

You are aware of the difficult circumstances in which the Italian Forces found themselves in the Balkans at the time of the armistice, and of the readiness and determination with which they sided against Germany joining forces with the populations of the occupied territory.

In Jugoslavia these Italian forces have joined the partisan movement forming three units which are incorporated in the Yugoslav Partisans Army of Liberation and have often been mentioned in Marshal Tito's bulletins for their military exploits.

These Units, however, are isolated from their Country and many of their material and moral needs are unknown to the Italian military authorities who, for a long time, have been anxious to contact their officers and men who have remained loyal to their oath at the cost of so many sacrifices.

In order to contact these units with a view to gaining knowledge of the needs of our fighting troops and, in agreement with the partisan military authorities, satisfy them, and also with the aim of repatriating the wounded or sick, who can no longer contribute effectively to the fight, it would appear advisable to obtain that some Italian officers be enabled to proceed to the Supreme Command of the Yugoslav Partisans Army of Liberation.

The Italian troops who are fighting under Marshal Tito would thus feel that their Government appreciates their efforts and their sacrifices.

I shall be most grateful for your kind interest and an early reply on the matter.

With my best regards, believe me, dear Admiral,

Yours sincerely, 1672

/s/ Visconti Venosta

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
Rome.

cc: Political Section
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TOP SECRET
OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

36, Via Salvatore Cognetti,
BARI

22nd July, 1944.

SECRET

Subject: Repatriation Sick and Wounded
of Garibaldi Division.

To: Army Sub-Commission, Main Headquarters (MMIA),
Legnua (Lecce).

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I cannot confirm or refute the statement made by Marshal Messe about the six Allied aircraft which landed at Barano on the night of the 17th June.

It seems possible, however, that the Italian Supreme Command are not aware of the number of Italian soldiers who have been evacuated from Yugoslavia with Allied assistance, and, in this connection, I suggest that you might inform Marshal Messe that from Barano alone 313 Italians were evacuated during June. In the same period 380 Partisans were brought out from Barano, all of whom were badly wounded, whilst many of the Italian evacuees had not been injured in engagements with the enemy but were merely exhausted by the conditions under which they had been serving.

All concerned have been informed that the Italian Government are prepared to accept all Italian sick and wounded whom it may be possible to evacuate. Marshal Messe can be reassured on this point.

The question of the despatch of an Italian Military Mission to the Supreme Command of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation has been discussed by the Balkan Air Force Policy Committee, and I have referred the matter to Mr. Gaccia with the Allied Control Commission, Naples, to whom I am also sending a copy of this letter.

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A copy of my previous communication to Mr. Caccia is published for your information.

(sgd.) PHILIP BROAD

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AUTHENTICATED:

MILBY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

BARI

22nd July, 1944.

I have received your letter of the 18th July (marked 14/46/0) regarding a possible Italian military mission to Tito.

The trouble is that so many matters have arisen between the Yugoslavs and the Italians, that the normal machinery of liaison has been somewhat strained. If the Italian military authorities insist on a mission, we cannot in fact stop them from establishing one, as they have already some 16,000 troops with a headquarters staff in Yugoslavia, out of which a mission could be formed at any time.

The existence of these forces would also be a strong argument in any discussion which might arise with the French Committee of National Liberation.

No concrete approval, however, has in fact been given for the sending of an Italian mission, and I am writing to the military sub-commission of the Allied Control Commission to suggest that the idea be discouraged.

(Sgd) PHILIP BROAD

R. M. Makins, Esq., C.M.G.
Office of the Minister Resident
at Allied Force Headquarters.

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Pencil notes by Captain Stone.

Mr. Caccia.

Gen. Browning understands now the political aspects of such a mission. He agrees that a low level mission (colonel and 2 majors, say) would be O.K.

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Office of the British Resident
Minister at Allied Force Headquarters
Algiers

14/46/0.

18th July 1944

I have just seen your letter to Harold Gaccia of the 10th July about the proposal that an Italian military mission might be sent to the Supreme Command of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation.

2. I am rather disturbed that approval has been given to this idea, since the policy has been rather to hinder direct contact between Tito and other allied countries by means of missions in Yugoslavia. In particular we have successfully impeded the despatch of a mission from the French Committee of National Liberation. If now they learn that an Italian mission has been accepted there will be an outburst of rage.

3. I therefore suggest that any necessary liaison between the Italians and Tito should be affected in some other way, e.g. through the intermediary of the Control Commission or its military Sub-Commission.

4. I am sending a copy of this letter to the High Commissioner Rowe, the Foreign Office and Gaccia.

Roger Makins.

P. Broad Esq.

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OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

BARI

18th July, 1944

My dear Harold,

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You will probably have seen a copy of a minute sent by the Army Sub-Commission of Allied Control Commission to Force 399 on the 19th June (marked G/6/1) about Italian troops in Yugoslavia.

This question was discussed at a meeting of the new Policy Committee on the 28th June.

It was decided that there was no military objection to an Italian Military Mission being sent to the Supreme Command of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation, but it was pointed out that this was a matter for arrangements solely between the Italian Military authorities and Marshal Tito.

The meeting emphasized the great practical difficulties in the way of any large-scale evacuation in the present military situation and pointed out that Italian doctors had already been infiltrated into Yugoslavia and an increasing number of Italian wounded had been brought out.

Any communications which the Italians may wish to make to Marshal Tito should be addressed to the British Military Mission for onward transmission.

Yours ever,

/s/ Philip Broad

H. Caccia, Esq.,
Allied Control Commission,
NAPLES.

PS. I am sending copies of this letter to Sir Noel Charles, Naples; Resident Minister A.F.H.Q., and the Foreign Office.

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SUBJECT:- Italian troops Fighting in JUGOSLAVIA

Army Sub-Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
19 Jun 44

Forma 266

Adv HQ Army Sub Comm

1. Att is a translation of a letter received from Marshal HESSE.
2. Would you please state your reaction to his proposal, in order that a reply may be sent.

/s/ Illegible

Maj. Gen.
Army Sub-Comm. A.C.C.

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 Comando Supremo
 Units Operations Office
 Ref No: 13528/Op
 7 June 44

A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Garibaldi Division and Italian Soldiers Fighting in YUGOSLAVIA
 with Partisan Units.

This Comando Supremo has been able to ascertain that the following Italian forces are at present operating side by side with Partisan units of the Army of Liberation:-

The Garibaldi Division - under the II Corps
 The Garibaldi Battalion - under the I Proletarian Brigade
 The Matteotti Battalion - under the III Proletarian Brigade
 Numerous groups of military distributed among the various partisan units
 Numerous military isolated and dispersed, who have found refuge with various private individuals as workers.

The A.C.C. knows very well the difficult conditions to which Italian officers and soldiers at present in the Balkans are subjected to because of the deficiency of food, clothing, equipment, medicine, etc.

The heavy losses suffered in battle and the acute sufferings endured have influenced the physical status and morale of these men who, having given their oath, follow their Commander's orders, refusing to surrender to the Germans.

I believe it is absolutely necessary to provide in some way for these brave soldiers whose efforts, though for an individual character make up the contribution of the Italian armed forces to the Allied cause against the common enemy. It is indispensable that they hear the voice and the aid of the Fatherland, so that they remain unwavering in that faith which they have chosen voluntarily from the very beginning.

I am of the opinion that a good beginning for the solution of the problem would be to send an Italian Military Mission to the Supreme Command of the YUGOSLAV Partisan Army of Liberation (Marshal Tito).

The tasks of the Mission could, in general, be the following:-

examine the needs of our soldiers
 submit to and obtain from the Supreme Command of the J.P.A.L. (Partisan Army) all those measures of a material and moral nature which could be executed within the Partisan Army itself and in the interest of the individual soldier.
 suggest to the Italian Comando Supremo those measures which are apt to inform our soldiers that the Italian authorities follow their tidings, their life, appreciate their sacrifices and look after their material and spiritual needs.
 cooperate, in accordance with the Supreme Command of the Partisan Army, the procedure for the repatriation of those military needing medical care and rest, and who can no longer contribute effectively to the cause.

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concretise, in accordance with the Supreme Command of the Partisan Army, the procedure for the repatriation of those military needing medical care and rest, and who can no longer contribute effectively to the fight.

The Military Mission, headed by a colonel, would be composed of 4 or 5 officers and various mixed personnel for liaison services, and furnished with radio equipment to establish communications with the units deployed with the partisans, and with the Italian Supreme command.

I trust that the above proposal, submitted with the purpose of increasing to the maximum the Italian contribution to the fight against the Germans and of meeting the requirements, of a military, and above all, a spiritual nature of the many Italian soldiers scattered throughout YUGOSLAVIA, will find in the Commission the support necessary to surmount those difficulties which could come in the way of its practical application.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY

CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
Giovanni Messe.

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YMS/rj

16th. February, 1944.

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1. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Badoglio.
2. As regards his request that we should let him have some long-range fighters to help to supply the Garibaldi Division, I imagine that the answer will be in the negative. I have told Badoglio that I don't hold out much hope of his request being met.
3. As regards the alleged behaviour of the partisans towards Italian troops, I doubt if it will be possible to achieve anything but conceivably Maclean might be able to produce some slight reduction in the alleged offensive behaviour of the partisans.

NOEL MASON MACFAHLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Lt. Gen. James Gammel, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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16th. February, 1944.

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I have received your letter No. 427 of 6th. February regarding the Garibaldi Division and the relations between the partisan commands and the Italian forces.

2. I have forwarded your requests to my Commander-in-Chief and have asked him to do all that may be possible to meet them.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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File No. 427

6 February 1944

Office of the Chief of Government

To GENERAL MASON MAC FARLANE
Chief of A.C.C.
Headquarters

Dear General Mac Farlane:-

I receive direct information from which the sad material and moral conditions of the Soldiers of the "Garibaldi" Division and the men working in Montenegro become apparent in all their gravity.

I am aware that the question of supplies has been for months the subject of continuous negotiations between the Italian Supreme Command and General Forster. But, also in view of the fact that the Partisans occupy a more favourable starting position, as they find already in their own land aid and resources which our men lack, I think that this knotty situation might find its natural solution, if your Government, urged by you to help me, would consider my suggestion to urgently transfer to us 15-20 long range pursuit planes, of the Lightning class, which we would use, with our own pilots, for supply purposes.

In this way we could avoid nocturnal capapulting of planes, with uncertain results; we could increase the advantages of day missions and landings at Barane; return trips could be employed for evacuating Italian and Partisan wounded.

As to the moral side - the treatment of our soldiers by the Partisan Commands - I would be grateful to you, my dear General, if you would exert on them the proper pressure to have them included in their ranks.

It is not human for these Commands to continue to take away weapons from Italian soldiers, leaving them exposed, as disarmed workers, to all the reactions and plots of inimical elements.

It is unjust that they continue to be diffident, in spite of proven good will which officers and men who have remained there are giving continuously, and it would be advisable that, for the dignity and prestige of our officers, the placing of partisans, and even of boys, to keep a watch on them, be avoided.

Very cordially Yours

/s/ BAROGGIO

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

AL SIGNOR GENERALE MASON MAC FARLANE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI
CONTROLLOSEDE

CARO GENERALE MAC FARLANE,

MI GIUNGONO SEGNALAZIONI DIRETTE DALLE QUALI EMERGO_ NO IN TUTTA LA SUA GRAVITÀ LE TRISTI CONDIZIONI MATERIALI E MORALI DEI SOLDATI DELLA DIVISIONE "GARIBOLDI" E DEI LAVORA_ TORI CHE OPERANO NEL MONTENEGRO.

SO CHE LA QUESTIONE DEI RIFORMIMENTI È OGGETTO DA MESI DI CONTINUI POURPARLER FRA IL COMANDO SUPREMO ITALIANO E IL GENERALE FORSTER, MA IO RITENGO, ANCHE PERCHÈ I PARTI_ GIANI HANNO UNA POSIZIONE DI PARTENZA PIÙ FAVOREVOLE GIACCHÈ TROVANO NELLA PROPRIA TERRA AIUTI E RISORSE CHE I NOSTRI NON RICEVONO, CHE QUESTA SPINOSA SITUAZIONE POTREBBE TROVARE LA SUA SOLUZIONE NATURALE QUALORA IL SUO GOVERNO, INTERESSATO DA LEI A MIO NOME, VOLESSE ENTRARE NEL CONCETTO DI CEDERCI URGENTEMENTE 15 - 20 APPARECCHI DA CACCIA A GRANDE AUTONOMIA - TIPO LIGHTNING - CHE NOI USEREMMO, CON NOSTRI PILOTI, PER RIFORMIMENTI.

SI EVITEREBBERO ALLORA GLI AVIOLANCI NOTTURNI, DI RENDIMENTO INCERTO; SI DAREBBE SVILUPPO ALLE MISSIONI DIURNE E AGLI ATTERRAGGI A BERANE; SI POTREBBERO UTILIZZARE GLI AEREI DI RITORNO PER SGOMBERARE FERITI ITALIANI E PARTIGIANI.

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

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CIRCA IL LATO MORALE - TRATTAMENTO FATTO DAI COMAN-
DI PARTIGIANI AI NOSTRI SOLDATI - LE SAREI GRATO, CARO GENE-
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GAZZI, A CONTROLLARLI.

MOLTO CORDIALMENTE.

Barbagli

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