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ITALIAN POW INFORMATION
JULY 1944 - OCT. 1946

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Letter at folio 99 submitted for
signature please. Folios 97 & 98 repr.
G. McCall - 18/10. MS. 18/10

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Ex. Comm. QWB

Ref Min. 88 please see our letter
(on M.M.P.A file)
138 and draft att. M.V. Jan 7/8

C.S.O. Ex Comm. 92

Ref folios 84 and 84. Acts at folios
90-91 for signature please. (P.O. did not
taking up this matter direct. QWB 8/8 H.S. 9/8
93.

1. We must refer to the letter as "addressed
to Admiral Stour" Please redraft
2. Let me have copy of POW's letter &
tell Gen. Mannerini what we are doing.

DH 8/8

96.

C.S.O. Ex Comm.

1) Ref minus 92+3. Amended letter for
signature please.

2) Copy of 1 POW's letter to Gen. Mannerini
at folio 94.

QWB 11/8 H.S. 12/8

DH 12/8

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C.S.G. ex Comm.

Ref folios 19780, Letter at 8/12 for
signature, please.

AWK 18/77 H. 1817

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C.S.O.

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W.L.S.

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To (P.W. Sec. (M.A. 1A))

Ref folios 80 and 84. Will you please
obtain the additional slip etc, required. AWK 2/8

A. W. Knisely,
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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II Ex. Com. AWK

Action is being taken. W.L.S. 3/8 AWK

To (P.W. Sec. (M.A. 1A))

To 100. Sec. (MMA)

Ref folios 80 and 84. Will you please obtain the additional info. required. *AW* 2/8

A. W. Knisely

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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II Ex. Com. *AW*

Action is being taken. *AW* 3/8. *AW*

To 100 Sec. (MMA) 88

Ref min 85. please see also folio 87. Will you please either draft a letter to the International Red Cross or to M. J. W. instructing them to contact the International

Red X.

AW 6/8 A. W. Knisely

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

TO: Chief of Staff.

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1. At 4 are the instructions re I. POW communicated to Italian Government.

7th October, 1944

Spulst.
Major,
Office of C.O.S.

THU/x.

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him will want to see 5 (in particular para 2)

and 6.

Lt. 14/10.

In both cases 1 POW spec in a copy!
WJL/x

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Spulst.

action - follow 52, 54 for interest only

Postville

Sp 12/10

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and 6.
12/10.
In box came 1 PDR Spec in a copy.
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ciser - for 58 for info
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ciser - 12/14 for your info, please
Auth 9/4

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

102.

31st October, 1946.

Ref: 9002/EG

SUBJECT: Doctor Enrico Monardo.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Reference is made to your memorandum on this subject of
3rd September, 1946. 101

The Representative of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy has informed this Commission that your request has been forwarded to the competent authorities and that he will inform us of the result in due course.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J. V. VELIA

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

L. F. 101

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DELEGATION OF THE FEDERAL PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Br.1574/46

29 October 1946

OCT 30 1946

SUBJECT : Doctor Enrico MONZARDO
P.O.W. in Jugoslavia.

TO : H.Q.A.C.
Liaison Division.

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With reference to your letters No.9002/99/EC of 18 Oct.
and 5 Sep.1946 about the a/n, we have the honour to inform you that
the request has been forwarded to the competent authorities and
the reply will be transmitted to you as soon as we shall
receive it.

FOR THE JUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE :

Cedomil Veljacic

Cedomil Veljacic, Secretary

Lu F. 102

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and 5 Sep. 1948 about the R/N, we have the request to the competent authorities and the request has been forwarded to the competent authorities and the reply will be transmitted to you as soon as we shall receive it.

FOR THE JUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE :

Cedomil Veljacic

Cedomil Veljacic, Secretary

L. F. 102

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(Capt. V.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

99.

Ref. : 9002/99/EC

16 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Doctor Enrico Monsardo
P.O.W. in Yugoslavia

TO : The Representative of Yugoslavia
to the A.C.I.

1. I refer to this Headquarters letter 9002/98/EC dated 5 September 1946 and enclosure from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. An early reply would be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner:

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

See in 100

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See F-101

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

File 98

Ref. : 9002/98/EO

5 September 1946

SUBJECT: Doctor Enrico Mensardo
P.O.W. in Yugoslavia.

TO : The Acting Representative of Yugoslavia
to the A.C.I.

At the request of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
I enclose a copy of their memorandum no. 6/2863/1121 dated 8 August
1946 requesting information about the above named person.

The Allied Commission will be happy to forward your reply
to the Italian Government.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Kinsely,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Encls. as above.

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Lu 7-101

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

SEP 3 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Doctor Enrico MONZARDO - P.O.W. in
Yugoslavia - Request of informations.

1. Doctor Enrico MONZARDO, son of the late Gino, born at Montagnola on September 2nd, 1910, is held in custody as P.O.W. at Prizren of Kosovo, Yugoslavia.

2. According to informations received by his family, on September 1945, he was carried off to prison after having made an attempt to escape. Subsequently, on December 1945 he was accused of having established relations with the reactionary forces:

3. Previous to the above related facts, P.O.W. Monzardo had been employed, as a surgeon, in the military hospital at Prizren.

4. The members of the a/n's family have declared that they do not hear from him since December 1945.

5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be much obliged to the Allied Commission if they could approach the Yugoslav Delegation, Advisory Council for Italy, in order to ask for all the available informations concerning Doctor Monzardo. *A*

Rome, August 8th, 1946



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

IPW/64/140

10/8/46

AUG 12 1946

SUBJECT ; IPW in Jugoslavia

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans, M. of War

Ref our IPW/64/138, dtd 3 Aug. '46, para 2

1. It is desired to suggest that case under investigation be taken up direct with the International Red Cross, who have a representative in Jugoslavia, as it is felt that repatriation of subject PW can be accelerated through the above Delegate.
2. Information requested under para 3 of a/q letter is therefore not required.

see 1296

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

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copy for E.C.

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

IPW/64/138

3/Aug/46

SUBJECT : IPW in Procouplje (Yugoslavia)

AUG 12 1946

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans, Min.of War.

Ref your 12989/219/RPGR, dtd 8/7/46 — 79

1. It is not clear from your letter who may have captured these IPW, nor how they may have found their way in Yugoslavia.
2. In view of the length of time which has elapsed since their alleged capture, this Division would appreciate if the Ministry of War would investigate further the back-ground of the case, possibly calling upon the International Red Cross for assistance on this regard.
3. This information is urgently required by the Chief Commissioner for onward transmission to the authorities concerned.

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

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File 91

Ref. : 9002/94/SC

13. August 1946.

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Thank you for your letter of 29 July 1946 addressed to Admiral Stone on the Subject of Italian Prisoners of War in Yugoslavia.

This matter is being referred to the International Red Cross.

M S LUSH

David McK. Roy Esq.,
US Charge d'Affaires a.i.,
US Embassy,
Rome.

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[Handwritten signature]

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File

Ref. : 9002/90/80

13. August 1946.

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Thank you for your letter No. 332/12/46 dated 31 July 46 addressed to Admiral Stone, on the subject of Italian Prisoners of War in Yugoslavia.

This matter is being referred to the International Red Cross.

M. S. LUSH

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

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

332/12/46

31st July, 1946.

AUG 3 1946

My dear Admiral

Thank you for your letter No. 9002/82/EC of the 22nd July about Italian prisoners of war at Procuplje in Yugoslavia.

I am afraid I cannot see my way to asking our Ambassador at Belgrade to intervene. We have never had any success with such representations in the past and it becomes increasingly embarrassing to have to waste powder and shot in a hopeless cause.

But surely prisoners-of-war and their welfare are par excellence the business of the International Red Cross who have a representative in Yugoslavia. It is to them that the Italians should apply.

81. As I presume you also wrote to the United States Embassy about this case, I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Key.

*Believe me
Yours very sincerely
H. J. Charles*

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

See 90. m 92

EC DIST - 2 Aug
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INFO - CC

P.A. 9/8/46

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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AUG 1 1946
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Rome, Italy,
July 29, 1946
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My dear Admiral Stone:

I have your letter of July 22, 1946 (Ref: 9002/81/EC) regarding the report you have received from the Italian Ministry of War of the presence in Procuplje, Yugoslavia of about 100 members of the 37th Battalion of Italian Prisoners of War, who were captured in Albania 5 years ago.

It is not clear from your letter who may have captured these Italians, nor how they may have found their way into Yugoslavia. In view of the length of time which has elapsed since their alleged capture, I should be inclined to suggest that the Italian Ministry of War investigate further the background of the case, possibly calling upon the International Red Cross for assistance in this regard. I feel that in view of the present status of the problem of Italian Prisoners of War, it would be desirable to have as full information as possible before considering any representations to the Yugoslav Government.

Sincerely yours,

See M-85. 86.
David McK. Key
David McK. Key
Charge d'Affaires ad interim

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

EC DIST - 2 Aug

ACTION - EC

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See 491 - 1192

6/8/46
P.A.
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(CAPT K)

Ref: 9002/82/83.

22 July 1946.

My dear Sir Noel:

I have been informed by the Italian Ministry of War that the 37th Battalion of Italian Prisoners of War, with a strength of about 100, is at PROCEPLJE (Yugoslavia). I have been further informed that the existence of this Battalion was, until recently, unknown.

These Prisoners of War were captured in Albania five years ago and were living under very bad conditions, being housed in caves and with poor food and clothing.

I should be grateful if you would ask your Ambassador in Belgrade to take up this matter with the Yugoslav Government with a view to having these prisoners repatriated to Italy.

Yours very sincerely,

W. S. Stone Stone

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCB, MC,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
ROME.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Land Forces S/C (IPW Section).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS. I
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A P O 794

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Ref: 9002/81/82

2-2 July 1946

My dear Mr. Key,

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I should be grateful if you could ask your Ambassador in Belgrade to take up this matter with the Yugoslav Government with a view to having these prisoners repatriated to Italy.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

David M. Key, Esq.,
U.S. Charge d'Affaires ad interim,
U.S. Embassy,
RMR.

See in 83

Copy to: G. E. W.
IPW Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

C.A. SECTION

IPW. DIVISION

Date 13 July 46.

JUL 15 1946

	TO	FROM	TO
Staff Officer to CC			Transportation
Executive Commissioners Office	✓		Political Advisors
Message Center			Establishment Section
Liaison Division			Executive Officer (A)
Civil Affairs Section			Executive Officer (B)
Dis.Pers. & Repat.			G-1 (A)
Local Govt			G-1 (L) Civilian Emp.
Patriots Branch			G-1 (B)
Public Safety			G-4 (A)
Security Division			G-4 (B)
Public Health			2675th Regt
Legal			Headquarters Commandant
Education			Allied Civ.Pers. Director
Monuments & Fine Arts			Adjutant Allied Commission
Economic Section			Navy
Requisition Branch			Land Forces (MPLA)
Agriculture			Air
Commerce			Communications
Coal Div			Civil Censorship Group
Finance			W.M.D.
Property Control Div			Motor Transport Group
Food			Public Relations Branch
Industry			Information Div
Mining Div			Archivist
Labor			U.N.R.R.A.
Public Works & Utilities			I.C.C.R.
Shipping		✓	I.P.W. Div

Public Health		2675th Regt
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Public Works & Utilities		I.G.C.R.
Shipping	✓	I.P.W. Div

Signature _____
Remarks & Recommendations _____
Information _____
Approval/Disposal _____
Appropriate Action please _____
Investigation & Report _____
Dispatch _____

Remarks : For representation to Belgrade, through

Diplomatic channels.

W.D. Jones Majors



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Rome, July 1946.

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for
War Veterans and Repatriated
PWS

Prot.n.12989/219/RPCR

TO : LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ROME

SUBJECT : It.POW in Procuplje (Yugoslavia)

1°) This office has been informed that the 37th Work Battaglione of It.POW, counting 100 men all told, whose existence up to date was unknown, are in Procuplje (Serbia).

2°) According to said information, these prisoners were captured in Albania five years ago, were sent to work in the forest in a very poor condition such as to clothes, badly nourished and were obliged to live in caves.

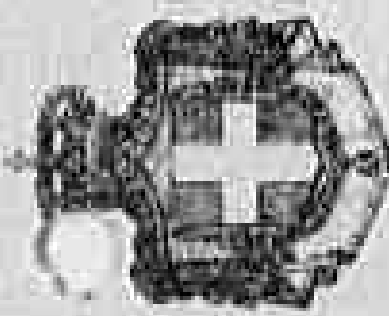
3°) We beg your office to intervene in their behalf and examine the possibility of having these people freed, whose families have heard nothing from them for years.

The Carabinieri Warrant Officer, "Maresciallo" ACQUISTUCCI Evaristo is in this group.

signed/ GEN.A.MANNERINI

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Ministero della Guerra
Uff. Aut. Reduci Prigionieri di
Guerra e Rimproverati

Divisione 12989
Post. 12989
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OGGETTO Prigionieri di guerra italiani a Procuplje
(Jugoslavia).

1°) E' stato segnalato a questo Ufficio che a Procuplje (Serbia) in Jugoslavia esiste il 37° Battaglione lavoratori prigionieri di guerra italiani, composto di circa 100 prigionieri, la cui presenza era sino ad ora ignorata.

2°) Secondo le informazioni pervenute detti prigionieri catturati in Albania cinque anni fa, sono adibiti a lavori boschivi, in pessime condizioni di vestiario, malnutriti e costretti a vivere in caverne.

3°) Si prega vivamente la cortesia di codesto Ufficio perche' voglia esaminare la possibilita' di un efficace suo interessamento al fine di ottenere la liberazione di detti prigionieri dei quali da anni le famiglie non hanno alcuna notizia.

Fra tali prigionieri si troverebbe il Maresciallo del 4° 182 binie

Transit PW. 8

Luglio 1946

THE LAND FORCES AND COMMISSION
A.C. (EMIA) ITALIAN PRISONERS OF
WAR DIVISION CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC-
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Risposta al Foglio del
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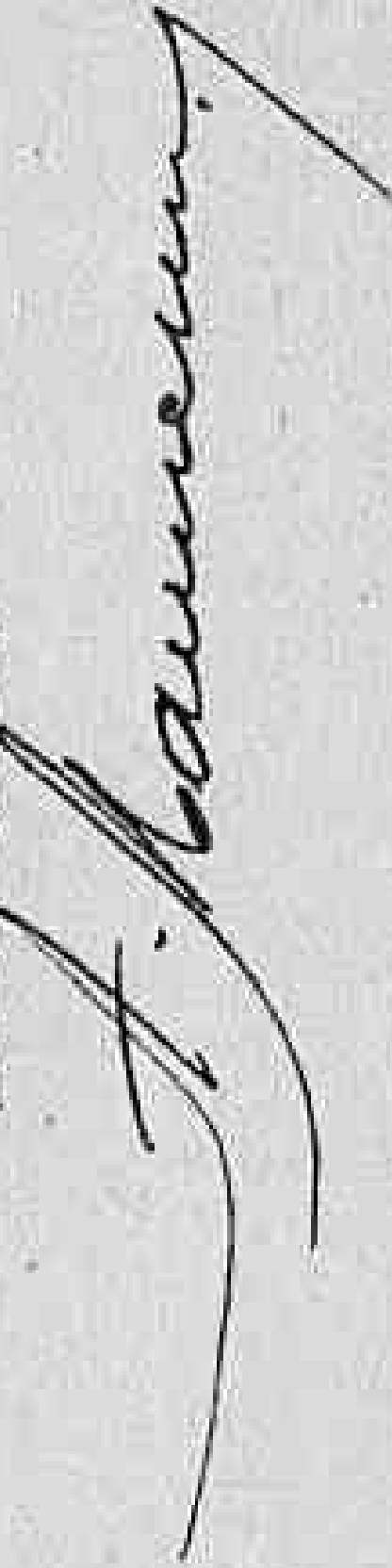
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Fra tali prigionieri si troverebbe il Maresciallo del 4°⁸² binie, di ACQUISTUCCI ENRICO.

IL GENERALE
CAPO DELL'UFFICIO AUTONOMO
(A. Mennerini)



9002 *ad*

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Translation

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Gabinetto

Rome, 1 June 1946

No. 70704/43620.1.1/1.1.26

TO : Console Giorgio Bombassei de Vettor
Italian Liaison Office to A.C.

JUN 4 1946

SUBJECT : Re-employment of Italian PWs.

Having received a communication from the Ministry of Post War Assistance on the same lines, we beg you to draw the attention of the competent Allied authorities to the desirability that AMG should allow the provision in favour of the reduci to be extended to the provinces not yet handed back to Italian administration, in order to permit of a just uniformity in the treatment of this category of citizens.

The measures which concern this matter are the following:

D.L.L. 4-3-1945, n. 453

" 11-2-1946, n. 27

" 16-2-1946, n. 28

" 5-3-1946, n. 81

16-3-1946, n. 138

Action taken by

As of 6 June 1946

It would be appreciated if you would inform us of the result of your efforts.

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3-2-46

IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO

E.C. DIST. 4 June

Action: CA Sec. (1000/6)

Info: C.C.

E.C.

Land Forces S/C

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Translation

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EC 76

APR 16 1946

FROM : D ROMA DA LUPARA 11 24 14 1150
TO : D ADMIRAL STONE CHIEF COMMISSIONER A.C.
R O M E

FAMILIES OF THE PRISONERS AND THE CITIZENS ALL
EXPRESS DECISIVE PURPOSE TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATELY THE
RETURN OF THEIR DEAR ONES STOP

COMITTEE FAMILIE PRIGIONIERI

Il Capitano Addetto
10/ Caveni

*Phillips - Kinsely
Spoke - 16/4 - 1 PM
we taking action
Auth*

TRASM 1 FROM ROMA CENTRO TO ACC HRS 1735 COSTANZO 4

RG- 30D *** JELPING ***

E.C. DIST 16 Apr

Action: I POW s/c

Info: c.c.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Political Adviser (A)

April 5, 1946

APR 8 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Italian Prisoner of War Section

SUBJECT : Release from Yugoslav Concentration
Camp of Four Italians

With reference to your memorandum of February 26, 1946, addressed to the American and British Embassies in Rome, the American Embassy forwarded the request of the Foreign Office to the American Embassy in Belgrade for consideration and appropriate action, in view of the humanitarian aspects of the case.

The American Embassy in Belgrade has replied that in its view, any approach to the Yugoslav Government on behalf of the four Italians interned at Bor would serve no useful purpose in the circumstances and that consequently, no action is being taken in Belgrade. It is reported that the British Embassy in Belgrade agrees with this position. The American Embassy in Belgrade points out that despite the humanitarian aspects of these cases they are probably no more deserving than thousands of other Italians interned in Yugoslavia.

The above is for your confidential information and to complete the records of this case and is not to be communicated to the Italian authorities.

J. Wesley Jones
Political Adviser (A)

CC: Executive Commissioner
Polad (E)

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See Memo 75.

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TRANSLATION

INCOMING MESSAGE

CANFUBAPSO 410 51 26 1620

THE FAMILIES OF THE PRISONERS OF MOLISE ADHERE TO THE REQUEST MADE BY
FERDINAND ROMANO AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE REPATRIATION
OF THE PRISONERS, AND BEG YOU TO INTERVENE WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR
THE SPEEDY RETURN OF THEIR DEAR ONES, MANY OF WHOM HAVE BEEN PRISONERS NOW
FOR OVER FIVE YEARS. THANKING YOU.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE COLONEL GIUSEPPE ORRILI.

27 MARCH, 1946.

ADMIRAL STONE

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

ALLIED COMMISSION

ROME.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

Tel: 66629

Ref: 32A1/W

22 Mar 46

MAR 26 1946

Subject: PW/SEP

Distribution "B" British

1. A return is urgently required by this HQ of all PW/SEP, who are domiciled in the Russian zone and who are not employed within German Service Units, showing their Army traces.
2. This return will be telephoned to G.1 (Br) this HQ (Tel: 66629) between the hours of 1400 and 1500 hours Tuesday 26 Mar 46.

AFG.

T. HETN,
Major,
DAG,
for Lt Col,
AA & JAG.

C.C.

To. Message Centre

These are not for
this branch Remitt.

NA PA
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ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
(MMIA) A. C.
Received 25 MAR 1946
Log. No.

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Ref: 9002/33

11 March 1946

SUBJECT: Rudolf Michael Mohr - P.O.W. -

TO : Danish Legation
Via Meggio 14
Rome

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In reply to your letter J. No. G.U.12. of 6 March 1946 the tracing of previous correspondence showed that the I.P.W. Division of the Allied Commission has not yet received an answer to their inquiry addressed to G-4 (Dr), G.H.Q. U.S.F.

A reminder is being forwarded and as soon as a reply is received you will be informed.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

VICTOR L. ODDI

Lt. Colonel
Executive Commissioner

~~BU 21/3~~

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L. no.*

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LÉGATION DE DANEMARK
ROME

March 6, 1946.

J.No. 6.U.12.

Captain Victor L. ODDI,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Room 23 - Via Veneto,
R o m e .

Dear Sir: ⁶³

Referring to conversation over the telephone I hereby
././ beg to send you copy of the note from the Legation, dated
././ December 3, 1945, together with a copy of your answer, dated
Jan. 10, 1946, hoping this will allow you to trace the matter.

Sincerely yours

⁶⁷
Isabella Smith

Secretary.

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Ref: 505/MO/EC(1.)

10 January 1945

Dear Mr. Tage Bull:

Reference your letter J. No. 6.U.12 of December 3, 1945.

A copy of the above letter has been sent by the Allied Commission Civilian Affairs Section, Italian Prisoners of War Division, to G-1 (Br.), G.H.Q., at Naples for action.

As soon as reply is received you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

VICTOR L. ORDI
Captain, CAV
Officer-in-Charge

Tage Bull, Esquire
Counsellor of the Danish Legation
Via Maggio, 14
ROME

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Telephone:
489081
Ext 368 66

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

IPW/1/13/312

5 January 1946

SUBJECT: Request for release of Italian PW SENNI Livio (AA 049517)
US PWE 326, AVERSA (NAPLES) and of Danish PW Rudolf M. MOHR

TO : Officer-in-Charge, Liaison Division, Allied Commission

1. Ref your 243/EC/(L) of 27 Dec 45, attached herewith
is copy of letter this Division is sending to GI(Br), GHQ, CMF,
with respect to Danish subject PW Rudolf Michael MOHR (AA 04737.

2. As soon as a reply is received, you will be advised.

3. with respect to Monsignor CARROLL's request regarding
Italian PW SENNI, you are informed that this Division also has
received a parallel request from the American Embassy in behalf
of the same prisoner.

4. Attached herewith are copies of the documents in this
case, and you will note that G-2, MTOUSA, in replying to the
memorandum forwarded by the United States Political Adviser,
states, in the last paragraph of its comment: "It is not con-
sidered that subject is releasable at present."

5. You will also note that present address of PW SENNI
is PWE 326, AVERSA.

Handwritten signature: H. Adelman

ARMAND de MASI,
Capt., Spec. Res., AUS
for
J. E. REGIS
Lt. Col., CAC
Chief
IPW Division

Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Committee

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

IPW/1/13/306

5 January 1946

SUBJECT: Request for release PW Rudolf Michael MOHR, Danish-subject
(AA 04737), "U" PW Camp, NAPLES

TO : G1(Br), GHQ, CMF

1. This Division has received a request from the Danish Legation in ROME, through the Liaison Division, Allied Commission, requesting the release of subject PW.

2. According to the Legation, MOHR's wife is Swedish-born, his father was a Danish subject, and his mother Austrian-born. The Legation's letter goes on to say:

"... as a professional teacher of German language and literature, first at the German Academy, ROME, and (since 1943) at the Associazione Italo-Germanica at VERONA, his activities in this province have always been strictly limited to philological and cultural matters, and has has, according to Mrs. MOHR's statement, never belonged to any National-Socialist organization here or elsewhere (a fact by which he has incurred the particular displeasure of the Nazis). He was nevertheless imprisoned on June 6, 1945 (A.A. 04737 U. POW Camp NAPLES) on charge of collaboration with the Gestapo, and it appears that he has since his incarceration never been given an opportunity to exonerate himself.

"As moreover this Danish subject is suffering severely from a chronic inflammation of the ear (for which complaint he has recently undergone an operation) and as the general state of his health is deteriorating in the prison, the Danish Legation ventures to recommend his case to the benevolent attention of the competent Allied authorities."

3. This Division has no record of a "U" PW Camp now existing at NAPLES. It is possible subject PW was interned in "U" Camp, ANCONA, now disbanded. May this office be advised, please, as to his present whereabouts?

4. For your consideration and action.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

E. ARMAND, Capt.
Capt., Spec. Rep., AGS

H. Adelmann
For

J. E. REGIS
Lt. Col., GAC
Chief, IPW Division

copy to:

Liaison Officer. ALCOM

Ref: 505/40/20(L)

6 December 1945

SUBJECT: Mr. Rudolf Michael MOHR - Prisoner of War

TO : Prisoner of War Branch, Allied Force Headquarters

1. Attached herewith is copy of letter from the Danish Legation in Rome, requesting the release of Mr. Rudolf Michael MOHR, a prisoner of war now detained in POW Camp at Naples.

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

For the Chief Commissioner:

Officer-in-charge
Liaison Division

Encls: as stated above

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LÉGATION DE DANEMARK
ROME

J. No. 0. U. 12.

The Danish Legation presents its compliments to the Liaison Division and begs to state, that the (Swedish born) wife of Rudolf Michael MOHR, a Danish subject, born at Meran on April 19, 1903, has applied to the Legation in order to obtain that her husband's case be examined by the proper quarters and his release granted. MOHR's father was a Danish subject, his mother Austrian born; as a professional teacher of German language and literature, first at the German Academy, Rome, and (since 1943) at the Associazione italo-germanica at Verona, his activities in this province have always been strictly limited to philological and cultural matters, and he has, according to Mrs. Mohr's statement, never belonged to any national-socialistic organization here or elsewhere (a fact, by which he has incurred the particular displeasure of the Nazis). He was nevertheless imprisoned on June 6, 1945 (A.A. 047437 U. POW Camp Naples) on the charge of collaboration with the Gestapo, and it appears, that he has, since his incarceration, never been given an opportunity to exonerate himself.

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Rome, December 3, 1945.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO : Executive Commissioner.

→ 9002/EO ←
/ March 46.

1. The ex-POW that are seen in Via Veneto are those returned from AMERICA.

2. If the Reception Centre succeeds in finding them work they are given a suit of clothes in exchange for the POW uniform: if, on the other hand, they are not successful, the ex-POWs are entitled to keep the uniform. These uniforms have already been "paid for" by the Italian Government in Lease-Lend.

L. B. Smith
by R.A.

Chief Staff Officer.

Thank you.

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M. W. HIND-SMITH

Chief Staff Officer.

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

Ref: 243/EC(L)

21 December 1945

SUBJECT: Request release of Prisoners of War.

TO : The Personal Representative of the President of the USA to the Pope
Secretariat of State of the Vatican
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Ministry of Interior
British Legation to the Holy See

1. In order to clarify the Allied policy on the release of prisoners of war for the purpose of avoiding useless correspondence urging release under conditions contrary to that policy set down by the competent Allied Authorities the following excerpts from previous replies are hereby quoted for information and future guidance:

a) "Under an agreement with the Italian Government GERMAN POWS, NOT PREVIOUSLY DOMICILED IN ITALY, WILL NOT BE RELEASED IN THIS COUNTRY. This policy has been announced in letter this headquarters, file AG 383.6/056 PMG-O dated 30 September 1945, subject: "Release of German P/W and SEP in Italy. It is suggested that since the XXXXX apparently desires the release of this individual, the correspondence be referred to the Italian Government for comment before final answer is given to XXXXX."

Ref: AG 383.6/056 ^{A-0} MTOUSA
1 Jan 45

b) "In this connection it is desired to invite your attention to Ltr AFHQ dated 10 October 1945, File AG 383.6 subject: "Mass Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War", copy attached. With respect to the GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR whose liberation is requested, only those persons WHO CAN OFFER PROOF OF ITALIAN NATIONALITY PRIOR TO THE WAR AND WHO ARE ACCEPTED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE IN ITALY."

Ref: AG 383.6 EPATC PBS

Concerning Italian Prisoners of War:-

c) "Italian Prisoners of War are being returned to Italy from the United States, North Africa, and parts of Europe as rapidly as transportation becomes available. IN VIEW THEREOF, THE PROCESSING OF INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS FOR REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR WILL MORE THAN LIKELY FIND INDIVIDUALS ALREADY BEING PROCESSED FOR REPATRIATION BEFORE CLEARANCE CAN BE MADE FOR THEIR RELEASE. Request the Italian Government be informed to refrain from submitting

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Further requests for repatriation of Italian prisoners of war."

Ref: AG 383.6 PMG-O AFHQ

2. In view of the above in the future any REQUEST submitted to this office urging the RELEASE of a GERMAN PRISONER OF WAR IN ITALY must be accompanied by (attached thereto) the following two documents from the office of IL MINISTERO DEGLI INTERNI:-

a) AN ITALIAN SECURITY SCREEN APPROVAL;

b) A letter from the Italian Government establishing proof of PRISONER'S ITALIAN DOMICILE or ITALIAN NATIONALITY PRIOR TO THE WAR and/or the Italian Government's APPROVAL OF THE GERMAN PRISONER'S RELEASE IN ITALY.

Victor L. Oddi

VICTOR L. ODDI
Captain, CAV
Officer-in-Charge

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JAN 23 1946

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OUR EX 58054 OF 7 JANUARY NOT TO ALL.

1. EMPHASIZED THAT ALL ITALIAN NON-CO-OPERATORS AND NEO FASCIST P- EX EXTRA ARRIVING IN TARANTO ON STRATHANS WILL BE MOVED TO 'S' P- CAMP TARANTO AND NOT HANDLED OVER TO THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. MOVE FROM DOCK TO CAMP UNDER ARRANGEMENTS 52 AREA

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HEADQUARTERS

23 JAN 1946

CIPHER TELEGRAM

This message will not be distributed outside British or U.S. Government Departments or Headquarters or red transmitted even in cipher without being paraphrased. (Messages marked O.T.P. need not be paraphrased).

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

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IPW/1/18A/11

4 January 1946

SUBJECT : IPW in Australia.

JAN 8 1946

TO : G-1 (Br)
GHQ. CMF

1. The attached memorandum has been received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is forwarded to you for such action as you may deem necessary.

2. Will you please notify this office of any action you may take.

James E. Regis
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IP.W. Div.

Copy to Office of Executive Commissioner

Incl: Memo : 6/5153/3237 dated 14 Dec 1945.

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Italian Prisoners of War Civil Commission
HQ AC 400 244
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject : Message of Italian prisoners of war in Australia to the Italian Premier.

1. The President of the Council of Ministers has received the following message from the Mirtleford Camp in Australia:

"Officers, soldiers and personnel of the Italian Merchant Marine, some of whom seriously ill, have been prisoners for five years and are longing for liberation ever since. Also their morale is badly depressed, on account of their departure having been agreed upon three months ago, starting with a first group of over 50-year-old seamen".

2. The Allied Commission is kindly requested to take note of the above message for those steps that they will see fit to take with the competent Allied Authorities to the end of an early repatriation of said Italian subjects.

Rome, December 14th, 1945

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The subject of this letter has nothing to do with your official functions, but, knowing you are well disposed towards the Navy officers who did their duty to their country, I hope you may intervene with the competent British authorities.

I was a P.O.W. for three years in Australia, and because of my bad health, I was sent home in April 1943, sailing from Sydney on the hospital ship 'Orange.'

I landed at Suez and was sent to Eluan (Egypt), where I stayed for a fortnight. Before leaving Eluan to proceed towards Smyrne where I was to find the Italian hospital ship, the British authorities of the camp took my typewriter (Underwood), which they needed. This typewriter was mine, I had brought it from Italy (as from the enclosed statement from the Messina harbourmaster). In Eluan, I was given a receipt, a copy of which I enclose. I left my address, but the typewriter for which I have now been waiting two years, hasn't been sent back to me, and I have lost all hope of ever getting it back, unless someone powerful intervenes.

I need it very badly, for it would enable one of my daughters to do some secretarial work, and thus help the family which is very hard up.

I beg you to intervene with the Authorities concerned to have my typewriter given back to me, or to have a similar one, in good state like mine, allotted to me.

Hoping you will forgive my writing to you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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& Hirsings. PA

s. Filippo Vanzini
Captain

Via del Felciaio
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(Livorno)

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/3/1158B

14 September 1945

SUBJECT : Anti-fascist Prisoners of War under Headquarters
East Africa Command -

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
Attn. Provost Marshal General -

Reference your letter G-5.383.6 dated 3 August
45.

1. Attached is the answer of Minister Lussu of the
Ministry of Post War Assistance, to be directed to General
Nasi through Headquarters East Africa Command.

For the Chief Commissioner

JAMES R. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

1 Encl. Letter m/a

Copy to : Executive Commissioner

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MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE

25 August 45

PROT. No. 3054 Pol.C.5

Colonel Cambell,

Following your letter No. IPW/1/3/1013B, dated 18 August 45, I take the pleasure in forwarding you the attached letter to be sent to General NASI, through the East Africa Command.

The Minister,
Lussu

Translation of above mentioned attached letter, addressed to General NASI.

General NASI,

The Allied Military Commission in Rome has informed me of the preoccupation of certain elements among our POW who after been captured by the Allies and before the Armistice helped the British in the war effort and against fascist activities.

It seems that they are now afraid to return to Italy in fear of reprisals.

I am astonished the anti-fascist POW can fear this democratic and anti-fascist Government, that was born in the insurrection against the fascist and the Germans.

I beg you to reassure these POW.

I take this occasion to send to you and to the POW who so anxiously await their repatriation, my greetings as an ex-soldier.

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The Minister
Lussu.

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SEPT 10

From: SIGNED EISENHOWER SITE HQAP

To: AFHQ INFO AICOM ROME FOR BRUNDEBANK

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SEP 11 1945

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Reference FX 39705, 30 August your HQ.

10 Italian general officers traveling by air transport command from BERLIN via PARIS, NARBONNE, will arrive MILAN approximately 0945 on 12 September. Officer to act as escort for 2 HUNTER women did not accompany Italian general officers. Desirable that transportation and officer to act as escort for delivery of HUNTER women to NUREMBERG be arranged by your HQ because of change in transportation plans. Advise if proposed arrangement can be made and estimated time of arrival.

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11 SEP 1945
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(R. K. Kinsler)

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10 SEP 1945 **IMPORTANT**

From: US GROUP CG BIRMINGHAM

101 ACTION US FORCES EUROPEAN THEATRE MAIN ATTN MAJOR HARDMAN INFO: ALISON ROME
FOR BRIDGEMAN AFHQ

SEP 10 1945

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As reference AFHQ, FHEG and FX 37705. 10 Italian General officers scheduled to depart TEMPLEHOF at 0900 hours Monday 10 September. Routed via ATC PARIS - MARSHALLS - ROME and MILAN Etc MILAN 0945 Wednesday 12 September

M/C NOTE:

Date of FX37705 is August 30

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AFHQ FOR INFORMATION HQ ALCOM ROME (PASS AFHQ) FOR BRIDEBANK,
US GROUP CONTROL COUNCIL (GERMANY)

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Your PX 39705 and F 39647 of 30 August are references.
It is not possible at this time to notify you of Ets.

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PRIORITY
AUG 31 1945

From: ALEXANDER CITE ENGEX

To: ACTION USFET MAIN FOR CDPX INFO ALCOM FOR BRUDENBANK US GROUP CONTROL COUNCIL
GERMANY

SECRET.

Reference S/19499 and S/20199 of 24 and 28 August.

Agree acceptance of 10 Italian General officers at FORLANINI airfield MILAN.

Guards not necessary but request you send 1 officer to act as escort for the
2 HEMMELH women returning same aircraft our F-39647 of 30 refers.

Request you notify Eta immediately to enable COMMANDO ITALIANO to meet generals
and also to facilitate handover of the 2 women.

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From: MIDEAST
To: AICOM INFO AFHQ.

AUG 30 1945

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Many Italian PW held in MIDEAST have impression that PW service as cooperators does not count towards reckonable service with Italian Army. Definite ruling urgently required to combat morale deterioration. Please obtain full statement upon effect of PW service on Italian Army service for pay promotion etc from Italian authorities for circulation to PW. Signal reply.



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IPW/1/3/1013B

18 August 1945

AUG 20 1945

SUBJECT: Anti-Fascist POW under HQ East Africa Command

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War

Folio 45 REFFERS

1. A letter has been received at this Headquarters from GOC in C, East Africa Command, stating that there is considerable anxiety among Italian POW under his command who after their capture by the Allies and before the Italian Armistice, assisted the British war effort by taking part in anti-fascist activities.

2. It is said that the anxiety is caused by fear that reprisals may be taken against them upon their return to Italy and it is suggested that the most effective way of quieting their anxiety would be by means of a letter from the Italian Government to General NASI through Headquarters East Africa Command.

3. It is felt that the matter should be referred to the Italian Government and that the issuance of the letter should be entirely at their option.

4. Your immediate reply is requested.

Spoke Col Reps etc
will send interim reply
to G-5's letter at 45.

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Noted

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel,
Director
WMD & IPOW S/C

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Noted

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Copy to Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission

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No. Remaining High Commission
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APO 512

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AG 383.6/221 GEG-O

9 August 1945

SUBJECT: Matters Pertaining to Italian Prisoners of War *AUG 11 1945*

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

In the future, Headquarters Allied Commission will communicate directly with Provost Marshal General and G-1 British of this headquarters on matters pertaining to Italian Prisoners of War. Communications on this subject will not be passed through G-5 Section, this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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C. W. CHRISTINBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.6

3 August 1945

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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3. It is felt that the matter should be referred to the Italian Government and that the issuance of the letter should be entirely at their option. If the letter is written, it should, however, be submitted to this headquarters for approval and onward transmission.

4. Your early reply is requested.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. G. A. PARSONS,
Colonel, G. S.

(ORIGINAL PASSED TO WHM 411000 5/10)

Went to see Col. Repis, 14/15/16
but he has always been out or
away. B/G 18/8. Dll

Saw Col. Repis who will take action on
this to-day. Send no copies of letters
B/G 20/8 if not received. Dll 18/8

BU 12 Aug 45

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Ref: IPW/18/333

2 June 1945

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My dear General Gazzera:

It was with regret that I received your letter telling me of your resignation.

Your association as High Commissioner for Italian Prisoners of War with this Headquarters through the Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission has been a long one, and your untiring efforts on behalf of your fellow countrymen held Prisoners of War throughout the world, always had my admiration.

In saying goodbye, I wish to express the thanks of Lieut.-Colonel Campbell and the Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission for your full co-operation, and wish you God speed.

Yours very truly,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Pietro Gazzera
110 Corso Vittorio Emanuele
Rome

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Crimes committed by Italian PW
dressed in American uniform in
Leghorn Area.
TO : The Office of the Executive
Commissioner.

FILE NO. IPW/45/9

6 May 1945
38 MAY 6 '45 RECD

- 1/. With reference to your letter 818/47/EC dated 16 Apr 45.
- 2/. This matter was referred to P.M.G. PENBASE and a report with any suggestions they might wish to make was requested.
- 3/. A copy of the reply received is forwarded for your information.

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C. D. Partridge
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J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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AG 363.6 BPSM

28 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian POWs in Livorno Area.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. The subject matter of your letter of 20 April, file IPA/45/7, has been investigated. From all information secured, it appears that the report of trouble is grossly exaggerated.

2. The Questura, Signore Livoti, when interviewed on the subject, states that he instigated the report which you quoted; that it was based upon some trouble he was having with ISU's who were getting too much drink in local bars. The Questura further states that he has had no occasion to arrest ISU's for violating curfew regulations, or for use of weapons against Italian police, or for being involved in the black market, or for molesting civilians or civilian property.

3. The Chief of the Carabinieri in Livorno, Capt. Lombardo, when interviewed, stated that he has had occasion to arrest only two ISU's. He has received reports of ISU's singing Fascist songs, but believes the songs were sung in a satirical sense, because when the ISU's first arrived they were embarrassed at being prisoners instead of free citizens. Capt. Lombardo further states that the ISU's are better disciplined than the free Italian troops.

4. Our own Military Police have reported a few incidents wherein ISU personnel and Italian military personnel threatened women with hair cutting for going out with American soldiers. On the whole, however, they report trouble with the Italian troops and ISU's as being very light.

5. ISU personnel are punished in accordance with regulation laid down by the War Department and the Geneva Convention. In many cases, their punishment for the same offenses is more severe than that meted to an American soldier. This Base operates the MTOUSA Prisoner of War Training Center for Italian Service Unit personnel. Italian military personnel are punished for infractions of discipline through their own command channels or by AMG as the case may be.

Ltr Hq. AC - Italian POWs in Livorno Area

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6. The Director of Public Safety, AMG, for Livorno, concurs in our belief that the discipline of both Italian Service personnel and Italian military troops in the Livorno area is quite satisfactory, and that none other than normal measures need be taken here.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

R. H. CHRISTIE
Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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25 April 1945

S. Gennaro Parris,
56 Via Bergamaschi,
Rome.

APR 26 REC'D

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Reference your letter dated 18 April 1945 addressed to Admiral Stone.

A request has gone forward asking that all information available concerning the liberation of Italian Nationals held prisoner by the Germans, be forwarded to this Headquarters by the quickest means possible.

The name of your nephew Renzo Gabos, and your request that he be repatriated to Rome, have been noted; on receipt of any news of him, your wishes regarding his repatriation will have attention.

J.A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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Translation

Rome, 18 April 1945

EXEC CommR ³⁹

To Admiral Stone
R O M E

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APR 21 REC'D

In September 1943, the Germans took the Italian soldiers doing service in the 'G. Sabelli' airport of Bolzano; among them was my nephew, RENZO GABOS 1 Aviere.

Through the channel of the Holy See, I sent His. E. the Apostolic Nuncio in Berlin, Mons. Cesare Orsenigo, two doctor's certificates issued in 1935 (time which could give rise to no suspicion) saying that young Gabos wasn't in good health. I therefore asked for his repatriation.

On June 24th, 1944, Mgr. Orsenigo wrote to me, saying he was very sorry not to be able to obtain the repatriation of Gabos, and telling me that the young man was interned in the following camp: M.-Stammalager IVD, Arb. - Kdo No 20 I - Merserburg.

This year, in March, I got a message from young Gabos through the Red Cross, (6.11.44), giving the following address:

Gemeinschaftslager Weissenfelsener Str 111 Merserburg/Saale

Now that the town of Merserburg (between Leipzig and Weimar) has been occupied, by the Americans, I very much hope that Gabos has finally been liberated.

I shall be most grateful if you will kindly take an interest in the fate of the young man, asking the American Authorities in Germany to repatriate him to Rome, where his Mother, who is staying with me, is waiting for him with great anxiety, for we are certain he will need to be taken care of after suffering for such a long time.

Hoping that you will grant this request, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

a. Gennaro Ferris

Rome, Via Bergamaschi, 36

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REF/818/47/EC.

Tel : 735

16 April 45

SUBJECT : Crimes committed by Italian Prisoners of War dressed in American Uniforms in LIVORNO Area.

TO : War Material Disposal and I.P.W. Sub-Comm.

The following extract from TOSCANA Region Monthly Report for March 1945 is sent to you for information :-

" The large number of Italian Prisoners of War in the LIVORNO Area present a grave problem. They roam the streets dressed in American uniforms and they cannot readily be distinguished from ordinary American soldiers, as the only distinguishing mark is a little detachable metal insignia. If this emblem is removed before a crime is committed, the blame is generally laid on American troops. They boast of being pro-Fascists. The Italian police are reluctant to interfere because they are told they are under Allied protection".

D. LLEWELLYN
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Translation

COMITATO NAZIONALE REDUCI DALLA PRIGIONIA
The President

8/4/1945

APR - 9 1945

To Admiral Hilary E. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission

As you know, this Women Committee, in full agreement with the Ecclesiastical and Civilian Superior Authorities, and in close collaboration with His Excellency the High Commissioner for Repatriated Soldiers, is organizing the WEEK OF THE REPATRIATED SOLDIER, from the 22nd to the 29th of April, to raise funds to give immediate relief to repatriated soldiers, and to organize the 'home of the repatriated soldier'. The neediest are those who have been repatriated from France and Albania, and above all those (soldiers or civilians) who will shortly be repatriated from Germany. An initiative which would certainly be successful, from the point of view of propaganda as well as from the financial point of view, would be to show for the first time, in the afternoon, one of the best American films, in one of the three most important picture houses which are at the disposal of the Allied troops: the Barberini, the Supercinema (best of all because it is the largest), and the Corso cinema. For this reason, in the name of the Committee which I have the honour of presiding, I appeal once more to your kindness and courtesy. Would it be possible for you to intervene, so that my wish may be granted and benefit to the cause I am working for. I do hope you will be able to help me. I shall be most grateful if you will let me have an answer in via IX Settembre, 1 (tel. 45594), which is the temporary seat of the Women Committee.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN COMMITTEE

S. Emma Piozzi

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 9 January 1945.

Italian POW in Russia. Pol Sec reported that for the first time the Russians had announced they would allow families of Italian POW to communicate through Red Cross and Moscow with their relatives in Russia.

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Ref: IPW/1/388

9 January 1945

JAN 4 1945

Dear Mr. Taylor,

With reference to the questions in the list attached to the Secretary of State to the Vatican letter No. 87034/6 dated 27 November 1944.

With regard to the availability of hospitals etc. for use by repatriated Italian Prisoners of War, it is pointed out that certain hospitals have already been made available and a number of beds are now being made available in military hospitals to meet future requirements. It is understood that for the present sufficient hospital accommodation is available.

Regarding the supply of uniforms, clothes, blankets etc. these were made available at a special camp at Taranto which was prepared for the repatriation of Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War returning from the Balkans. Out of the first 10,000 Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War passing through this camp it has only been necessary to issue clothing to approximately 1,000 and out of the 10,000 who passed through the camp 5,885 had one or more blankets and in certain cases two and three surplus blankets were brought back by some of the men who were repatriated. Sufficient blankets have been made available for all transit requirements.

On the question of transportation, as you know this is one of the most difficult problems in Italy to-day. The present arrangement with regard to the transportation of repatriated Prisoners of War to their homes is that the men are despatched to a central railhead in the district in which their homes are and while the men have to find their way on from the railhead, I understand that this method of movement is working satisfactorily and so far there have been no complaints.

With reference to the question of rations:- at the transit camp at Taranto, the ration scale is type 30 which is the high scale of ration practically the same and in certain items better than the Italian Army ration. There are two or three small transit camps which are not yet on the higher scale ration but representation has been made to put these camps on the same type of rations as that issued at the Taranto camp.

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All these questions in connection with repatriation of Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War to Italy are being studied daily at this Headquarters, and I shall be pleased if you will inform the Secretary of State to the Holy See that everything possible is being done to take care of any hardships that may crop up from time to time in connection with Italian Prisoners of War who have been repatriated.

Sincerely,

E. W. Stone

ELDER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Honorable Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
To His Holiness the Pope
2 Via Bon Compagni
Rome.

*Copy to G. of S. ✓
(9002/cos dated 23 Decr. 44)*

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Prepared by:

J. A. CAMPBELL

Lt. Col.

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Ref: IPW/1/348

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Dear Mr. Taylor,

Further to my letter of 21 December 1944.

In relation to Secretary of State to the Vatican letter 87031/3 dated 27 November 1944, the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War is proceeding in accordance with the availability of shipping.

In certain cases of repatriation on Compassionate Grounds and of specialists asked for to fill specific appointments in Italy, delay occurs owing to screening and the location of the Prisoners of War concerned.

Lists are at present being compiled in all British and American Prisoner of War Camps of those Italian Prisoners of War who are over 60 years of age and those over 50 years of age who have been prisoner for over 2 years; the repatriation of this class has started, and will continue automatically.

It is hoped that during the month of January 1945, the number of Italian Prisoners of War to be repatriated to Italy will increase, but it must always be borne in mind that the availability of shipping controls nearly all repatriation of Prisoners of War.

The present number of Italian Prisoners of War whose repatriation has been agreed to is 7062, excluding those in the age group referred to above.

In relation to Secretary of State to the Vatican letter 87033/3 dated 27 November 1944, the question has been up for consideration from time to time, and recently the Italian Government were asked to put forward a scheme showing how best the transfer from Prisoner of War status could take place without upsetting the war effort.

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The scheme submitted was not sufficiently complete, and the matter was discussed by the Director of the Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission, General Gazzera the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, and also General Mannerini of the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated Prisoners of War on the 23rd of this month, and the new plan on which a further study of the question can be made is awaited from the Italian Government.

Immediately upon receipt of this plan from the Italian Government, the matter shall again have attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honourable Myron C. Taylor,
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
To His Holiness the Pope,
2 Via Boncompagni,
Rome.

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Prepared by:

Lt. Col.
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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Ref: 588.

23 December 1944.

Ref: 9002/078

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Director, IIR Sub-Commission.

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1. The attached ~~notes~~ from the Secretary of State to His Holiness The Pope were forwarded to the Chief Commissioner by Mr. Myron Taylor.
2. The Chief Commissioner has sent an interim reply to Mr. Taylor to the effect that the matters contained in the notes will receive urgent attention and, after due consideration, replies will be forwarded.
3. The note which deals with the supply of clothing equipment in hospitals and billets at the ports of disembarkation is a matter for Land Forces Sub-Commission to handle, but I am forwarding it to you in the first instance so that you can be kept in the picture.
4. The note which states the approach of Christmas is a fitting time for accelerating the repatriation programme is a little naive, and I leave it to your ingenuity to provide a good answer.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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

IPW/39/82

18 December 1944

21 DEC 1944

To: Comando Supremo, Italian Government, Rome.

Subject: Italian soldiers of the Cuneo Division.

- 1/. Reference your letter No. 14005/OP dated 3 July 1944.
- 2/. G.H.Q., Middle East have reported the majority of the Cuneo Division have now been formed into companies, which are self contained, and, although they come into contact with co-operator companies in the course of their work, they retain separate identity.
- 3/. There is, however, a small number of skilled tradesmen from the Division who are being employed in their trades alongside co-operators. It would otherwise be impossible to make use of their skill, and no discontent appears to be caused by this measure.
- 4/. G.H.Q., MIDEAST, have recommended that no further segregation of personnel in para 3 above should be carried out.

J. A. Campbell

J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

cc: Political Section
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Chief Commissioner
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Reference No. IPW/L/287

30 November 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter No. 2708 dated 8th October 1944.

The Supreme Allied Commander was gratified to learn of the report made by General Dapino of his visit to Prisoners of War Units in Italy and of his satisfaction with the conditions which he found.

The objections raised to the maintenance of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy in British and American custody at this time are fully appreciated.

In order to make any change in their Status as Prisoners of War it has been necessary to refer the matter to the Allied Governments.

Meantime, I shall be glad to have any suggestions which you may wish to advance as to the manner in which the prisoners presently held in this theatre, and which it may be necessary to return to Italy, can be made available to service units under British and American control and under substantially similar conditions of service.

Yours very truly,

S.G.D. (Elery W. Stone)

ELERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers

8 DEC 1944

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

Proposals for alleviating the situation
of Italian Forces in
Yugoslavia

CC 091.711

21 Nov 4

Colonel Campbell, WAD & Italian POW Sub-Com. 22 NOV Recd

The attached letter from G-5 is in reply to our A/CC 091.711 of 17 and 20 September. Through a mistake in sending it out on our files the reply has come to this office, whereas it should have come to yours. Will you please now deal with it and pass it up to the Chief Commissioner through channels.

J. A. QUAYE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APQ 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

16 November 1944

Ref. IPW/1/260

17 NOV Recd

To : The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

I have been directed by the Chief Commissioner to
acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 2986 dated 9 Nov.
1944.

As stated in letter IPW/1/14/17 dated 12 November
1944, your suggestion that a conference be held to study
the whole question of Italian Prisoners of War, has been
forwarded to the Supreme Allied Commander.

Should the conference asked for be agreed to, all
controversial matters in connection with Italian Prisoners
of War can then be brought forward for consideration.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL

Lt. Colonel

Director WND & IPW Sub-Com.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. Campbell
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Lt. Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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Mr. L. P. S. reports

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Ext: 500

Ref: 9002/26/cos

11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Transfer of Italian P.O.W.
TO : Director,
K.M.D. & I.P.O.W. Sub-Commission, A.C.

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1. The enclosed original and translation of a letter No. 2986 dated 9 November 1944 from Prime Minister Bonomi to the Chief Commissioner is forwarded to you for your attention and any action which you may consider necessary.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff

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Copy to: Major Quayle.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

2986

Rome, 9 November 1944

Dear Admiral,

I have noted carefully the points of your communication about the transfer to Italy in the near future of about 3000 Italian prisoners of war, in working units to be employed in the rear of the ~~which are operating here~~.

This gives me great satisfaction, for it means that an important number of Italian soldiers are coming home, and will be able to contribute actively to the common victory.

Nevertheless I deeply regret - as I have often pointed out - that these Italian soldiers too, will fight in their country, near their free fellow combatants, for the same military and political aims, maybe not far from their families, remaining prisoners of war, submitted to a discipline, an authority, which though they are more than human, are not that of their own country. They would be far more efficient if they resumed their full military personality, and went back to the national army forces.

I hope that all the important problems connected with the Italian prisoners of war, which, to the great anxiety of the Italian nation, are still unsolved, will be resolved by the reunion of the representatives of the Governments, with resolute powers, the need of which I already pointed out several times.

I shall be most grateful for your help in this matter, and I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ L. Bonomi

Admiral Hilary W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
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H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/21/20

5 November 1944
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To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.
Subject: Killing of Italian Prisoners of War by Guards.

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Reference your letter No. 1903 dated 27 June 1944.

- 1/. The attached reports on the deaths of the under-mentioned Italian Prisoners of War are forwarded:

PW Sergeant DE FALCO, Antonio
PW Carabinieri BELLI, Angelo.

- 2/. It is requested that this information be brought to the attention of the President of the Council of Ministers.
- 3/. Information concerning other cases set out in your above-mentioned letter will be furnished and when received by this office.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

J.A. Campbell

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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C O P Y

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22 July 1944

1. The report of a Board of Officers which conducted an investigation into the shooting and death of Italian Prisoner of War Sergeant Antonio De Falco, No. 8431, Prisoner of War Camp, Camp Clark, Missouri was filed in this office in August 1943. A thorough and exhaustive investigation was conducted; 17 witnesses were examined requiring four days time.

2. It was reported that the fences between compounds at Camp Clark, Missouri, were so constructed that prisoners of war were able to visit back and forth. There was ill feeling between some Italian prisoners of war in Compound #3 and those in #1 and #2. A camp order had been issued and communicated to all prisoners of war warning them not to crawl through partition fences nor to go into other than their own compound. Despite the order the practice continued. The situation became dangerous after some prisoners of war from compound #3 threatened to beat up some members in compounds #1 and #2 and to burn their barracks. The Commanding Officer in order to enforce his orders caused a machine gun placed so that the field of fire was parallel with the fence between compounds #2 and #3. He issued an order and caused it to be communicated to all prisoners of war that they should not approach nearer than ten feet to the partition fence or they would be fired upon.

3. Commissioned officers directed the placing of the gun, and by means of stakes put in the ground limited the traverse field of fire to ten feet along the fence. Officers tested the limited field of fire by using tracer bullets after the gun was so emplaced. Many prisoners of war watched from a short distance the emplacing and testing of the gun and all were informed of the purpose and intent to use the gun to enforce the order to stay back from the fence and refrain from going to other compounds.

4. About 8:50 p.m. 25 July 1943 Sergeant De Falco, one of the belligerent group, deliberately walked into the restricted zone, looking and moving toward the gun.

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5. The Camp Spokesman in filing complaint with the Protecting Power claimed that the prisoner was endeavoring to retrieve a ball and that he had given a signal to the guard indicating his purpose. However at the time of the shooting there were three Privates and a Sergeant at the gun and Major Montgomery was right behind it and Captain Nealy was approaching the gun within forty feet of it. Therefore, six men observed the shooting and none of them observed the prisoner make any signal and none of them observed that he was endeavoring to retrieve a ball. He deliberately went directly toward the fence and was clearly within the limits of the zone where he had been instructed not to be. Pfc. John Govdyr, 36,618,027, 360 M.P.E.G. Co., posted as a guard and having been ordered to fire if any prisoner of war approached in the restricted zone, fired a burst of three shots at the prisoner who was hit and, although immediately taken to the hospital where he was given competent medical attention, he died at 6:20 a.m. 26 July 1943.

6. The stakes which limited the course of fire were checked after the shooting and it was found that they were in their original places and had not been moved.

For the Provost Marshal General:

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C O P Y

16 August 1944

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1. The shooting of prisoners of war by guards can be justified only when necessary for the maintenance of security, and then only as a measure of last resort. While commanders must be allowed considerable latitude in exercising discretion in enforcement of discipline, a rigid order to use machine-guns to enforce a "deadline" against prisoners of war cannot as a matter of international law be condoned in the absence of a showing that such an extreme measure was necessary. In this connection, attention is invited to the fact that such measures are now specifically prohibited in all cases by Prisoner of War Circular No. 4, War Department, 7 January 1944.

2. However, upon informal request by this office subsequent to receipt of the first indorsement, the PMGO (Capt. Pell Nxt. 79629) made a further check on the files in this case, revealing further evidence of the purely temporary nature of the mentioned installation, and of the serious provocations leading up to the incident in question. This additional information reveals that De Falco was one of two ringleaders in a company of prisoners who had been trouble makers even before arriving in the United States. Violation of the "no trespass" order was merely part of a general disobedience campaign and effort of Fascists to dominate the other prisoners. Efforts had been made to enforce the order by having the fence patrolled by guards armed only with clubs, but the prisoners threw rocks at the guards, taunted and bullied them, and continued violating the order, their baiting being aided by the length of the fence and by vegetation affording concealment.

3. In view of the special facts of this case, it cannot be said that the Camp Clark commander failed to act with proper discretion. Although the measure was extreme, so were the circumstances which induced the measure. The deliberate and impudent character of the deceased prisoner's conduct in the incident causing his death further forecloses payment of any indemnity.

For the Judge Advocate General:

C O P Y

26 July 1944

1. A board of inquiry consisting of U.S. Army officers was appointed on 31 July 1943, to investigate the facts and incidents leading to the death of Italian Prisoner of War Angelo Belli, subject of the attached complaint. The following is a summary of the findings of the board.

a. The facts discovered and found by the Board show that at about 0600 on 27 July 1943, the deceased, Angelo Belli, in company with two other prisoners of war, approached the fence of the enclosure in Prisoner of War Camp No. 100 North Africa at a point between Guard Tower 12 and 19 and were bartering with the guard in Tower No. 18 for cigarettes and soap. During this exchange of money for goods there was considerable movement of the prisoners and they went very near or actually to the fence which was posted with a sign written in Italian stating, "It is prohibited to pass this line. The one who passes is considered an attempt to escape and the guard will fire". The guard in Tower No. 19 from a position approximately 550 feet away, noting the prisoners near the fence ordered them to go back and endeavored to signal them by waving to get away from the fence, but the prisoners did not do this, whereupon the guard fired and instantly killed Angelo Belli.

b. The evidence further developed that at the time of the fatal shot the prisoners were engaged in conversation among themselves, dividing the cigarettes which they had secured from the other guard and it is entirely probable that they did not hear the orders of the guard or see him when he signaled them to retreat from the fence. There is no evidence that the prisoners were actually trying to escape; however, from a distance of 550 feet the guard could clearly see that they were at or against the fence which was a strict violation of instructions to the prisoners and all guards had also been instructed to keep the prisoners away from the wire fence.

c. After considering all the evidence the Board found that the deceased met his death as a result of his own misconduct and that the guard, even though he may have used bad judgement in shooting the deceased, his sole motive was the performance of his duty and he was acting in line of duty when he fired the fatal shot.

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WMD & IPW Sub-Commission.

31 OCT Recd

Italian Prisoners of War.

27 October 1944.

Brig. M.S. Lush,
Chief of Staff.

Reference attached.

I have discussed this matter with Mr Caccia, who for Political reasons is of opinion that the matter should be further studied by the A/CC, and the matter referred to Sir Noel Charles and Mr Alexander Kirk before a full reply is sent to Mr Bonomi.

I have however, as requested, drafted the only reply I think possible, together with a letter to AFHQ forwarding the translation of Mr Bonomi's letter.

J.C.B.
Lieut.-Colonel,
WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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27 October 1944

My Dear Mr Prime Minister,

I have studied carefully your letter of 8 October 1944 on the subject of the status of Italian Prisoners of War.

As you know, the matter has been referred to higher authority on previous occasions, but for operational and other reasons a decision to alter or remove Italian Prisoners of War from Prisoner of War status could not be given.

I have again forwarded for consideration the case you have now presented to me regarding the status of Italian Prisoners of War working in Italy.

I shall, in due course, notify you of any decision which is taken.

Yours very truly,

15/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government, Rome.

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Prepared by

Lieut.-Colonel,
WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

Copy to: Political Section.

WMD/228

27 October 1944

Subject: Status of Italian Prisoners of War.

To : Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

3708 of 8 Oct 44

1. The attached translation of a letter received from the Italian Prime Minister is forwarded.

2. The subject matter of this letter has been referred to you on a number of occasions in the past.

3. I have to request that a ruling be given, and that I receive instructions that will put me in a position to answer the points raised by the Italian Prime Minister, and if possible, close this question.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to:

G-5, Allied Force Headquarters.
Political Section, H.Q., A.C.C.

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Prepared by

Lieut.-Colonel,
Director, WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 8394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref. IPR 1/226

26 October 1944

26 OCT Recd

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have been directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to inform you that your letter of 8 October 1944 regarding Italian prisoners of war is being carefully studied and that the Acting Chief Commissioner will reply personally in the near future.

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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HQ. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SBB COMMISSION

19 October 1944
IPW/1/216

26 OCT Recd

TO: All Regional Commissioners.
SCAO's 5th and 8th Armies.

SUBJECT: Applications for Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War
who have not served with the Republican Army.

- 1/. Applications for repatriation of Italian PW fall into three categories:
 - (a) Those which originate in Italian sources and in which the local Allied Authorities have no particular interest.
 - (b) Those started by Italian Authorities and which Allied Officials strongly approve and recommend.
 - (c) Those which were started at the direction or suggestion of Allied Authorities, in order to return some one whom our Government officials think important for the furtherance of the war effort.
- 2/. In the first instance, category (a), the applications should be forwarded directly to the Alto Commissario per i Prigionieri di Guerra at No. 6 Piazza Indipendenza - Rome, for his action.
- 3/. In the second and third instances, categories (b) and (c), the applications should be either made out by your office, or forwarded by a covering letter of your office to this Sub-Commission at HQ ACC. The application or covering letter should include your recommendation. This latter method, for categories (b) and (c) applications, is important as it gives an Allied office the opportunity to follow up your recommendation or request and to see that it is not lost sight of amidst the thousands of applications now on file in the Office of the Alto Commissario per i Prigionieri di Guerra.

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The attached sheet shows the classes of Italian PW who, at the moment, subject to availability of shipping and security screening, are eligible for repatriation to Italy.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

A. Campbell
Lt. Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub-Comm.

2 Incls:

Incl 1. Classes IPA for repat.

Incl 2. Application form for compassionate cases.

Chief of Staff. for information.

Italian PW eligible for repatriation

Subject to - { (1) Security Screening by AFHQ and by Prison Camp Authorities.
(2) Availability of Shipping Space.

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A. Medical cases - These are approved by a Mixed Medical Commission now functioning in and for all Italian PW Camps. (These cases are handled automatically and need not be requested).

B. Specialists and Administrative Experts - to be returned to assist reconstruction of Italy. (Requests for these must be made by Italian Government officials or Allied Authorities. Over 350 of these have been requested so far and many already have been returned).

C. PW over 60 years of age and those over 50 with 2 years confinement.

(1) who have been in captivity for 2 years and are over 50 years of age.

(2) who are over 60 years of age (All class "c" groups (1) and (2) are now in process of being repatriated and do not have to be requested).

D. Compassionate cases (Liberated Italy)

(a) Mother or acting head of family dead and children needing care or support.

(b) Mother or acting head of family seriously ill or dying, and children needing care or support.

(c) Support needed for family in dire distress.

(Repatriation of individuals in this class have to be asked for, either by relative, local official or PW himself. Attached application form should be used).

It should be reiterated here that no Italian PW who has served with the Republic...

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CASI PIETOSI
(compassionate case)

Richiesta di rimpatrio di Prigionieri di Guerra Italiani
(Request for repatriation of Italian PW)

(da inoltrarsi in quadruplicato)
(to be forwarded in quadruplicate)

Date: _____
(Date)

Address: _____
(Indirizzo)

Al: Alto Commissario per i Prigionieri di Guerra
(to) Palazzo dei Marescialli 6 Piazza Indipendenza
ROMA.

Nome e cognome _____ Num. del Prig. no _____
(Prisoner's name in full) Stampatello (Print) (Serial number)

Campo di prig. di guerra _____
(Prisoner War Camp)

Nazione ove è il campo _____
(Country where camp located)

Il rimpatrio dei prigionieri sarà concesso se i medesimi si trovano in una delle seguenti condizioni:
(Only repatriation requests based on the following grounds will be received)

- Madre o capo famiglia deceduto - bambini rimasti bisognosi di cure
(Mother or head of family ^{of} dead - (children remaining need care)
- Madre o capo famiglia gravemente ammalato - bambini rimasti bisognosi di cure.
(Mother or head of family seriously ill) - (children remaining need care)

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(Country where camp located)

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(Mother or head of family dead - (children remaining need care)
- ☐ - Madre o capo famiglia gravemente ammalato - bambini rimasti bisognosi di cure.
(Mother or head of family seriously ill) - (children remain-
ing need care)
- ☐ - E' necessario il sostentamento per la famiglia in tali circostanze.
(Support needed for family in dire circumstances)

Mettere una "X" nell'apposite quadriglie se il vostro caso rientra in uno dei succennati.
(Put "X" in square applicable)

Se il vostro caso non rientra in uno dei succennati, la domanda di rimpatrio non sarà accettata.
(If your case does not fall within one of the three above classes, your application for repatriation will not be approved).

Ritornare agli italiani adulti solo nel caso che uno di essi, caso I, II o III si riferisca per voi.
(Fill in information below, only under that class, I, II or III which applies to you.)

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Lasciare libero lo spazio sottostante
se non si riferisce al vostro caso.
(Leave blank if not in this class)

Per il 1° caso
(for class I)

(a) Nome della madre o capo famiglia.
(Name of mother or head of family) Stampatello
(Print)

Io certifico che
(I certify that) Nome della madre o capo famiglia
(Fill in name of deceased mother or head
of family)

(b) deceduta il a Località
(died on Date (Fill in day and place)
oppure certificato di nato.
(or attach death certificate)

Firma del Sindaco
(Signature of Mayor)

(c) Elenco dei nomi ed età dei figli in cifre
(List names and age (in figures) of children)

<u>Età Nome</u> (Name Age)	<u>Età Nome</u> (Name Age)	<u>Età Nome</u> (Name Age)
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Firma del Sindaco
(Signature of Mayor)

(c) Elenco dei nomi ed età dei figli in cifre
(List names and age (in figures) of children)

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Lasciare libero lo spazio sotto-
stanto se non si riferisce al
vostro caso.
(Leave blank if not in this class)

Per il 1° caso

(for class II)

(a) Nome della madre o capo famiglia
(Name of mother or head of family)

Stampatello
(Print)

Io certifico che
(I certify that)

Nome della madre o capo
famiglia.

Grado parentela
del prigioniero
(Relationship to
PW)

(b)

(Fill in name of seriously ill
mother or of acting head of
family)

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malato ed ha
Stato della malattia (ill and has)
(State degree of illness)

Specificare malattia
(State name of malady)

che (egli)(ella) ha avuto per
(which (he) (she) has had (for)

Durata
(State time)

Nome, indirizzo e N. telefonico del
medico corrente.
(Doctor's name, address, telephone
number)

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che (egli)(ella) ha avuto per
(which (he) (she) has had (for)
Durata
(State time)

Nome, indirizzo e No. telefonico del
medico curante.
(Doctor's name, address, telephone
number) **4114**

(c)

Nome Età
(Name Age)

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(Name Age)

Nome Età
(Name Age)

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Lasciare libero lo spazio sottostante
se non si riferisce al vostro caso.
(Leave blank if not in this class)

Per il III° caso
(For class III°)

- (a) Nome della madre o capo famiglia
(Name of mother or acting head of family) Staupatello
(Print)
- (b) Elenco dei nomi ed età dei figli.
(List names and age of children)
- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Nome Età</u>
(Name Age) | <u>Nome Età</u>
(Name Age) | <u>Nome Età</u>
(Name Age) |
| <u>Nome Età</u>
(Name Age) | <u>Nome Età</u>
(Name Age) | <u>Nome Età</u>
(Name Age) |
- (c) Includere il certificato di povertà o stato finanziario di famiglia.
(Certificate of Poverty attached or state financial condition of family)

Introciti mensili in lire
(Monthly income from all sources in lire)

Valore approssimativo della proprietà
(Approximate family property and holdings in lire)

Dichiaro che quanto ho scritto risponde a verità, in caso contrario il
prigioniero per il quale domando il rimpatrio sarà l'ultimo ad essere
convogliato in Italia.

(I understand that if I have incorrect statements in the above applica-
tion, that the PW for whose return I am asking will be held over among
the last to be brought back to Italy)

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Firma
(Signature of applicant)

Introiti mensili in lire Valore approssimativo della proprietà
(Monthly income from all sources in (Approximate family property and
lire) holdings in lire)

Dichiaro che quanto ho scritto risponde a verità, in caso contrario il prigioniero per il quale domando il rimpatrio sarà l'ultimo ad essere convogliato in Italia.

(I understand that if I have incorrect statements in the above application, that the PW for whose return I am asking will be held over, along the last to be brought back to Italy)

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Firma
(Signature of applicant)

Non riempire lo spazio sottostante
(Do not fill in below this line)

ALTO COMMISSARIO PER I PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA

Data
(Date)

TO: HQ. Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army

OGGETTO: Rimpatrio di prigionieri Italiani in casi pietosi.
(Subject) (IPW compassionate case repatriation)

Le dichiarazioni su esposte sono state controllate e
(The facts shown above have been checked and are) rispondono (non) a verità
(correct) (incorrect)

ed in questo caso da elencarsi nei casi
(and as this case) (si) (no) Nessuno dei casi pre-
(does) (does not) visti (none of the
3 classes)

Io raccomando l'approvazione
(I) sì o no (recommend its approval)
(do) (do not) - 4 -

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18 OCT Recd

14/18 *John*
SECRET. Your 83610DAG (A) of 10 October. Italian Government now prepared to accept PAVESI and LEONARDI. Notify ETA.

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APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/

16 OCT Recd

16 October 1944

To: G-5 Section, ~~Allied~~ Force Headquarters, APO 512.
Subject: Newspaper article "Our Prisoners of War".

- 1/. The attached translation of an article entitled "Our Prisoners of War" from the newspaper "La Voce Repubblicana" dated 6 October 1944 is forwarded.
- 2/. The question of the conditions under which the Italian Prisoners of War live in the French Prisoner of War Camps in North Africa has been raised from time to time and it is suggested that the article be passed to G-1 for their information.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. Campbell

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

Encl. as in para 1.

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/9/32

15 October 1944

15 OCT Recd

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Release of Italian Prisoners of War in SICILY.

- 1/. With reference to the release of 65,000 Italians in Sicily from Prisoner of War Status. It has now been decided that if you so desire you may publish this fact.
- 2/. In order that there shall not be any misunderstanding regarding the general position of release of Prisoners of War the announcement should be made on the following lines:

"Some 65,000 Italian soldiers in SICILY who were never held in custody as Prisoners of War by the Allied forces, but who for many months past have been working on their own lands and farms without restriction under a parole given to their own officers, have received confirmation from the Allied authorities that they are not considered as Prisoners of War."

The announcement should be made through the official press channels.

J.A. Campbell

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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Chief of Staff (2) ✓
Political Section
Public Relations

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB-COMMISSION

IPW/30/10

13 October 1944

13 OCT Recd

To: Italian High Commissioner for PW.

Subject: Broadcasts of messages to PW not in Italy.

1. It has been agreed that broadcast messages may be made to the Italian PW in Germany, U.S.A. and Great Britain.
2. The messages to be broadcast must be submitted to a Committee at this Headquarters for approval, and messages to Italian prisoners in Britain will have to be on different lines from those to Italians in Germany.
3. It must, of course, be understood that all messages to Italian PW in America and Britain should encourage PW to co-operate in every way with the Allies for the benefit of the war effort.
4. Broadcasts can, for the present, only be made to PW in America, Britain and Germany, and not to those in India or the British Dominions. It is hoped that permission to broadcast to India and the British Dominions will be given at a later date.

J.A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

Copy to:

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Prepared by IPW Section

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8 October 1944

Subject: Repatriation of officials, to Italy. 13 OCT Read

Dear Marshall Messe,

With reference to your letter dated 20 September 1944, N.15257 subject "Repatriation of Senior Italian Officers" and reference our letter A/CC 014.33-1 dated 1 October 1944, subject "Repatriation of Senior Italian Officers" I am pleased to write you these developments.

The following Italian Officers are now being embarked at United Kingdom for return and repatriation to Italy: General Alberto Mannerina, General Gino Ficalbi, Captain Carlo Franchi, Captain Orazio Bernardini, Captain Francesco Colombo.

The exact time of arrival in Italy, as yet I do not know. However, as the cable received at this Headquarters stated that they were in the process of embarking, these Officers should again soon be in Italy.

Very truly yours,

W. J. B.
WILLIAM W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency
Marshall MESSE,
Chief of Italian General Staff,
Stato Maggiore Generale

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SECRET. Subject is Admirals PAVESI and LEONARDI. Paraphrase of THROOPERS signal follows:

"PAVESI and LEONARDI presently occupying accommodation urgently required for German officers of high rank and operational intelligence interest. Any steps you can take to persuade the Italian Government to accept them will be appreciated."

Please treat as urgent.

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13 OCT 1944
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 HEADQUARTERS
 9 OCT 1944
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SUBJECT: Release of Italian Prisoners of War for Service
 under the Italian Government.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OR/3824/G4(Br)

7 Oct 44

9 OCT Recd

Headquarters,
 Allied Control Commission.

1. The present procedure, under which applications come from several sources, has proved unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

- (a) Where a prisoner of war's services are requested by more than one authority, it is difficult to assess which request should have priority.
- (b) There have been allegations that prisoners of war released are not being employed on the tasks for which their release was requested.
- (c) Requests are now reaching this Headquarters from private industrial concerns in ITALY.

2. It has therefore been decided that no releases will be authorised by this Headquarters unless they have your prior approval.

3. Those requests coming from the Italian Naval Mission in ALGIERS may be regarded as somewhat exceptional, as they are often required to provide at short notice seamen to complete crews on ships working for the British Ministry of War Transport. A pool of suitable approved personnel is retained for release to them at short notice. Nominal rolls in duplicate of all such personnel will therefore be submitted to this Headquarters: one copy will be forwarded to you for prior approval. They will show besides name, rank, and number of each man, whose release is requested, particulars of trade qualifications and the job he is required to fill. To prevent any interruption in the present system of releases for urgent requirements at short notice, all such releases taking place within one calendar month from the date of this decision.

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Authorised by R.A.C.A.

A.S. BLESBORN, Lt. Col., A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.I.(Br).

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Copy to: Headquarters. North Africa District (2)
No. 2 District.
No. 3 District.

G.5.
Naval Liaison Officer (Italian) (3)
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
Air Force Sub-Commission.

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- Army S.C.

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RESTRICTEDIn reply refer to:
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5 October 1944

5007 Recd ;

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War - General Policy.

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

1. The following information with regard to the payment of Italian Prisoners of War Units under the control of United States and British authorities is forwarded for your information.

2. All Italian PW's under the control of U.S. authorities, who have volunteered for and are employed in Italian Service Units are paid at the rate of 80 cents a day for each day of work (40 cents a day while hospitalized in line of duty), plus 10 cents a day gratuitous allowance to enlisted men. From this total there is deducted the amount of post exchange items issued. The resulting net monthly total is deposited to the individual's credit in the U.S. Treasury Trust Fund and entered on the individual's service record. Against this credit, a monthly cash advance is actually paid during the period of internment, on the following scale:

Major & above	2600 Lire
Captain	2400 Lire
1st Lieutenant	2200 Lire
2nd Lieutenant	2000 Lire
Sgt & NCO's above Sgt	800 Lire
Pfc and NCO's below Sgt	600 Lire
Pvt.	500 Lire

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Upon the release or repatriation of a prisoner of war, a certificate is given him outlining the total amount of credit due to him. This certificate reads as follows:

'This is to certify that _____
Surname First Name Rank ISN
is a prisoner of war in custody of the United States Govern-
ment from _____ to _____
date of capture Date of release or closing of
has a credit balance of \$ _____
account

Amount in figures for the period stated, which has been deposited to his account in United States Treasury "Trust Fund 210916-Deposits, funds of civilian internees and prisoners of war", supported by approved payroll vouchers.'

In accordance with G.P.W., Art. 24, 28, 34, and 77, each liberated PW is thus furnished with the above certificate of credit. Actual deposits are being made in the United States Treasury Trust Fund. This Trust Fund cannot be expended for any other purpose than for which it was established. The credits and actual cash payments made as above are believed greater than corresponding ranks are paid in the Italian Army.

Since no wage scale has been fixed by agreement as noted in GPW, Art. 34, the wage scale of \$.80 daily for voluntary labor, (for supervisory labor by officers only), is considered a fair wage, compared to the wages of the Italian Army and the ratio of pay of civilian employees on the same or similar projects.

In accordance with G.P.W., Art. 23, and in addition to the pay scale outlined above, officers are paid the same amount as the Italian Government would pay them as officers in the Italian Army. All payments made on these conditions must be reimbursed at the end of hostilities by the Italian Government. Accordingly the accounts of Italian officers are credited in addition, as follows:

Major and above	\$40.00 per month
Captains	\$30.00 per month
Lieutenants	\$20.00 per month

Credits given to Italian PW's as wages for work are not reimbursable by the Italian Government and are not considered in the same light as "pay" as construed in this article. The monthly allowance of \$3.00 (10¢ per day) to each enlisted man is gratuitous and is, therefore, not reimbursable by the Italian Government.

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3. The conditions of employment of the U.S. authorities who have volunteered in Italian Service Units are equal to the conditions of employment of American Service troops. Italian PW's work six days a week, not more than 10 hours a day, on the same projects as our service troops, and their conditions of living are also exactly the same. Where facilities in the area are available, pyramidal tents and improvised cots are given to the Italian Service Unit personnel. A modified United States ration, more palatable to Italians (increased ration of starches), is furnished. Even with the shortage of critical items for recreation and athletics, is has been possible to issue sizeable quantities to Italian Service Units. Wherever possible and practicable passes have been issued.

4. Italian PW's under the control of the British authorities are paid as follows:

Credit Accounts are maintained for all PW's who receive the privilege of drawing a proportion of these credits in cash. There are facilities for the remittance of sums from credits to their dependants.

The following are the rates of pay in force for Combatant PW's 470.

COMBATANT OFFICERS

RANK	Monthly rate of pay to be credited	Maximum amount which may be expended from pay or iss. in cash for any one month
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(1)	(2)			(3)
	L	S.	d.	
Colonel	22	4	6	1
Lt. Colonel	19	3	11	1
Major	18	1	2	1
Captain	15	5	7	1
Lieutenant	13	3	11	1
2nd Lieut.	10	8	4	1
OTHER RANKS (Weekly)				

According to skill

COMBATANT OFFICERS

RANK Monthly rate of pay to be credited L B. d. L. s. d. Maximum amount which may be expended from pay or issue in cash for any one month

(1)

(2)

(3)

EQUIVALENT

Colonel	22	4	6	7	5	0	1
Lt. Colonel	19	3	11	6	15	0	1
Major	18	1	2	3	10	0	1
Captain	15	5	7	6	0	0	1
Lieutenant	13	3	11	5	10	0	1
2nd Lieut.	10	8	4	5	0	0	1

OTHER RANKS (Weekly)

RANK According to skill and proficiency

Warrant Officers	14/-	12/6
NCO's Sgt & above	12/- to 13/6	11/3
NCO's below rank of Sgt.	10/6 to 9/-	8/9
Privates	10/- to 7/6	7/6

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On release each PW is given a certificate of credit outstanding to his account. Under a War Office Instruction the payment of these credit balances will be the responsibility of the Italian Government. The Italian Government has agreed to immediate payment of some or all of these credits to dependents nominated by co-operators themselves (instead of to PW on release) and many have already taken advantage of this scheme.

5. Where Italian PW's are held by the British authorities their treatment is similar to that afforded British Troops, as far as possible, and in no case do working hours exceed those of British Troops. They are clothed in British uniforms and fed on a special ration scale. (The scale of the latter is not quite the same as the British Army Field Service Ration Scale, but compares more than favourably with that of the Italian Army). A free issue of cigarettes is included. Passes are granted permitting co-operators to leave quarters unescorted for recreational purposes, but in NORTH AFRICA this is subject to the concurrence of the Local French Authorities. All co-operators on Italian soil are allowed up to one sleeping pass out per week, and in addition leave periods up to seven days are granted (on full pay and rations) during which men are allowed to go to their home addresses in Allied occupied ITALY. Facilities exist for recreation and for them to purchase Cap-; teen supplies, e.g. chocolate, cigarettes, etc., in the same manner as for British Troops.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Prepared by *J. Campbell*

Lt. Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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