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MONTHLY REPORTS, ITALIAN POW SUB/COM.
SEPT. 1945 - JAN. 1947

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1. POW Monthly Report for August
is at folios 35-37 for info.
J. M. C. M. 4/9. WSC 5/9
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1. POW Monthly Report for Sept. is at
folios 39-40. Passages of interest have
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J. M. C. M. 4/10. H.S. 4/10
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1. POW Monthly Report for October is at
folios 41-42. Passages of interest have
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Monthly report for May of 1PW Div.
is at 19. Passages of interest have been
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G.M.C.M. 5/4. H.S. 574

Ex Comm. 21.
Monthly report for May 1PW Div is at 22.
Passages of interest have been marked.
G.M.C.M. 6/5. H.S. 715

Ex Comm. 22.
Monthly report for May 1PW Div is at
24-26. Passages of interest have been marked.
G.M.C.M. 6/6. H.S. 616

Ex Comm. 30.
Monthly report for June 1PW Div at
28-29. Passages of interest have been
marked.
G.M.C.M. 9/7. H.S. 917

Ex Comm. 27
b. 28. Monthly Report for May 1966 is at
24-26. Average of interest have been marked.
S. M. C. M. 6/6. 10.6/6

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b. 28. Monthly Report for June 1966 is at
28-29. Average of interest have been
marked. S. M. C. M. 9/7. 10.9/7

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b. 28. July 31-33 is Monthly Report 1966 is at
for July. This is quite a comprehensive
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• Please see I.P.W. report to September at 1.

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Please see IPW report to relatives at 3-8. Appendix "A" at 5 is about the camp at Boromica, a report on which has been forwarded to G-5 at Chief Commission's request.

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IPW report for Jan at 12-11 - passages of interest marked

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IPW report for February is at 14-16; passages of interest have been marked. Discussion.

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IPW report for February is at 12-16; passages

of interest have been marked. Discrepancies

of figures in the 3 columns on p. 16 are

accounted for by the queries & asterisks

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the men who have actually arrived; the

figures in column 3 are given by the countries

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Italians claim there are many more B.W.

in Russia than the Russians admit.

H.S. 5/3. H.S. 6/3

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION L.F.C.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

M.M.I.A.

1947/0002/1/24

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission L.F.C.,
ATTN: -G (32)

6 JAN 1947

Herewith report on the activities of this Division for the month of December 1946.

1. Numerical State of Repatriation:-

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England & Scotland	155,029	-	-
North Africa	43,152	97	-
East Africa	42,857	12,530	-
Middle East	58,520	11	-
Persia	2,000	7	-
West Africa	1,000	-	-
Gibraltar	541	-	15
India	35,244	1,022	40
South Africa	40,283	5,756	8,130
Australia	17,657	1,613	11,233
TOTAL:-	399,085	21,215	19,418

OTHERS

French N.Africa 37,500

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1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*
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2. Policy and Planning

Agreement was reached with General Headquarters- Middle East Land Forces for the return of 2300 IPW who were voluntarily deferred for six months; these PW will be available at Port Said in early January and will be picked up by Italian shipping in two lifts, probably 10th and 20th of January.

Nearly 24000 IPW were repatriated during the month of December; most of these were from various parts of the British Empire. It is estimated that only 20,000 IPW are now in British hands and that they will all be returned to Italy by late Feb' or early Mar'.

A further 3000 IPW were returned from Yugoslavia during Dec'; it is reported that these men arrived in fairly good condition.

3. Compassionate & Welfare

Correspondence involving 251 compassionate & welfare cases was dealt with during the month. Authority for release was given in 317 cases. 110 welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and enquiries re Italian PW from their families and vice-versa.

4. Specialists, Neo Fascists and Release of Germans in Italy

175 letters, dealing with the above, were received/issued during the month.

5. Finance

1. During the month of December 1946 the remittances passed through this office, by Italian Prisoners of War held in British Custody to their families, totalled one thousand and two hundred and sixty six pounds. Statements of Account in respect of Italian PWs repatriated from British custody, amounting to two thousand two hundred sixty eight pounds, were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment.

2. Thirty three envelopes, parcels and suit cases containing impounded valuables and personal effects valued about 200,000 Lire, were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross, for distribution to the owners.

3. Two hundred eighty nine claims either against the Italian Government (for non-receipt of remittances or of family allowances), or against the British Government (for return of impounded valuables or for statements of Personal Credit Balance)

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4. In this period the correspondence relating to financial matters dealt with by this Office totalled 189 letters.

5. Following AFHQ orders since Dec. 1st 46 no more matters concerning IPW's ex U.S. custody will be dealt with by this office.

W.C. [Signature]
Major
Chief IPW Division (JCC)

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
Disp. Per. and Repat. Sub-Commission -

2. Policy & Planning.

- a) Although ports in the Heel are now closed to Allied shipping generally, authority has been obtained for all ships carrying Italian PW to off-load at Naples.
- b) Reports received through Italian reps in London indicate that some sort of plan has been formed for the mass repatriation of the remaining 48,000 IPW. NO information has yet been received from the British War Office, but it cannot be long delayed. The report received states that it is planned to complete repatriation from India by mid-December and to repatriate 70 % of the remainder by the end of February 1947.

3. Compassionate & Welfare.

Correspondence involving 217 compassionate & welfare cases was dealt with during the month. Authority for release was given in 105 cases. 403 welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and enquiries re Italian PW from their families & vice-versa.

4. Specialists, Neo-Fascists & Release of Germans in Italy.

265 letters dealing with the above were received/issued during the month.

5. Finance

Remittances forwarded by IPW held in British hands through this Division totalled 2,700 pounds. Statements of account in respect of IPW repatriated from British custody totalling 18,268 pounds were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment. 207 items (envelopes, parcels & suitcases) were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners. 31 Claims for non-receipt of remittances or for family allowances were received & passed to the Italian Government for payment where possible. 270 Claims against the Allied Authorities, either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final credit balance, were dealt with.

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Lt. Col.

Chief

IPW Div.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

M.E.I.A.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

5 Nov '46

IPW/ADM/12/1/23

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. Attn.: G (SD)

Herewith report on the activities of this Division
for the month of October 1946.

1. Numerical State of Repatriation.

Country holding	No of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No repatri- ated during October.	No still to be repatri- ated.
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BRITISH

England & Scotland	158,029	-	55
North Africa	43,152	-	-
East Africa	42,857	4,946	13,031
West Africa	1,000	-	-
South Africa	40,285	681	14,741
Middle East	58,520	-	-
India	33,302	499	5,924
Australia	17,657	2,796	13,728
Gibraltar	541	-	15
Persia	2,000	-	-
TOTAL:-	397,343	8,922	47,474

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North Africa	43,152	-	-
East Africa	42,857	4,946	13,031
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Middle East	58,520	-	-
India	33,302	499	5,924
Australia	17,657	2,796	13,728
Gibraltar	541	-	15
Persia	2,000	-	-
TOTAL:-	397,343	8,922	47,474
<u>OTHERS</u>			
French N. Africa	37,300	-	-
Russia	20,000	8	6,497
Germany & Switzerland	635,000	-	-
France	35,000	-	-
Balkans	100,000	35	9,560
TOTAL:-	827,300	43	17,047
GRAND TOTAL:-	1,348,394 +	8,965	64,521

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+ Includes 123,751 U.S. held - now repatriated.

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

OCT 4 1946

IPW/ADM/12/1/22

3 October '46

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. Attn.:G(SD)

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for the month of September '46.

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<u>BRITISH</u>			
England & Scotland	158,029	24	35 -
North Africa	43,132	164	-
East Africa	42,857	1,096	17,735
West Africa	1,000	17	-
South Africa	40,285	52	15,747
Middle East	58,520	6,996	-
India	33,302	52	6,423
Australia	17,657	500	16,524
Gibraltar	541	-	1 -
Peru	2,000	-	-
TOTAL:-	397,343	8,901	56,479
<u>OTHERS</u>			
French N. Africa	37,300	-	-
RUSSIA	20,000	-	7,495
Germany & Switzerland	635,000	97	-
France	55,000	35	-

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<u>BRITISH</u>		
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Gibraltar	541	15
Persia	2,000	--
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<u>OTHERS</u>		
French N. Africa	37,300	--
RUSSIA	20,000	7,435
Germany & Switzerland	635,000	--
France	35,000	--
Balkans	100,000	9,614
TOTAL:-	827,300	17,109
GRAND TOTAL:-	1,348,394 +	73,588
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+ Includes 123,751 U.S. held , - new repatriated.-

2. GENERAL POLICY & PLANNING

a) India

Plans have been made to return nearly 5000 IPW during October; this will almost complete repatriation from India.

See 78-31

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o) U.K.

Repatriation may now be considered finished. Records show that out of the original 158029 PW held in U.K., 1340 remain. Confirmation is awaited that these PW have been released from PW status and are working in the U.K.

c) Australia

The "CHITRAL" has left SYDNEY and will disembark some 2800 PW at Naples in late October. No further plans have yet been received.

3. COMPASSIONATE & WELFARE

Correspondence involving 149 compassionate & welfare cases were dealt with during the month. Authority for release was given in 44 cases. 595 Welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and enquiries re Italian PW from their families and vice-versa.

4. SPECIALISTS & NSO-PACIFISTS.

180 letters, dealing with release of Specialists & Germans in Italy and repatriation of Specialists, were received and issued.

5. FINANCE

Remittances forwarded by PW held in British hands, through this Division totalled 5900 pounds. Statements of account in respect of PW repatriated from British custody totalling 3849 pounds were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment. 827 items (envelopes, parcels and suitcases containing impounded valuables and personal effects) were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the Germans. Value of these items:- 1,500.00 lire.

A few claims for non-receipt of remittances, a few claims for non-payment of family allowances and some special requests for payment of remittances were received and passed to the Italian Government for investigation and payment where possible.

114 Claims against the Allied authorities, either for restitu-

their families and vice-versa.

4. SPECIALISTS & NEO-FASCISTS.

180 letters, dealing with release of Prisoners of War in Italy and repatriation of Specialists, were received and issued.

5. FINANCE

Remittances forwarded by the held in British hands, through this Division totalled 5000 pounds. Statements of account in respect of the repatriated from British custody totalling 3840 pounds were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment. 827 items (envelopes, parcels and suitcases containing impounded valuables and personal effects) were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners. Value of these items:- 1,500,000 lire.

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114 Claims against the Allied authorities, either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final credit balance, were dealt with.

J. E. Rogers
J. E. ROGERS
Lt. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner
" :-- Displaced Persons & Rep. S/W.

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

SEP 3 1946

IPW/ADM/12/1/21

3/Sep/46

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.- attn: C(SD)

Herewith report on the activities of this Division for
the month of August '46.

1. Numerical State of Repatriation.

Country Holding	No of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No repatriated during period 1-25 Aug '46.	No still to be repatri- ated.
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England & Scotland	158,029	7,699	1,445
North Africa	43,152	--	--
East Africa	42,877	2,160	18,831
West Africa	1,000	--	--
South Africa	40,255	1,401	15,799
Middle East	58,520	7,742	6,120
India	33,302	7,738	6,475
Australia	17,657	--	17,024
Gibraltar	541	--	15
Perals	2,000	--	--
TOTAL:	297,342	28,241	69,709
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Gibraltar	541	--	15
Persia	2,000	--	--
TOTAL:	297,343	26,741	55,109
<u>OTHERS</u>			
French N. Africa	37,300	--	--
Russia	20,000	120	.495
Germany & Switzerland	635,000	333	--
France	35,000	--	619
Balkans	100,000	46	9,644
TOTAL:	827,300	499	17,139
Grand Total :	1,348,394+	27,239	82,848

+ Includes U.S. held - now repatriated
o Estimated figure only.

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2. General Policy and Planning.

a) India

Nearly eight thousand prisoners were returned during the month. Only 190% of the original number held in India now await repatriation.

b) U.K.

1,445 PW out of 153,029 are left in the U.K.. This virtually completes the U.K. repatriation programme, since some hundreds of IPW have voluntarily deferred their repatriation to assist in agriculture.

c) Australia

The "MORTON HAY" arrived at the end of August in Naples with 500 PW (sick and compassionate cases). The "KATCOMBA" is expected shortly with 600. No further information has been received regarding repatriation in large numbers.

d) Middle East

All co-operators have now been returned; repatriation of non-co-operators is progressing, and should be completed by mid-September.

e) Others

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3. Compassionate & Welfare.

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4. Specialists & Neo Fascists

445 letters, dealing with release of Fascists and Germans in Italy and repatriation of Specialists, were received, & issued. 821 South Tyroleans were released from LATERINA Camp during August.

5. Finance

Remittance forwarded by IPW held in British hands through this Division totalled 11600 pounds. Statements of credit balance in respect of IPW repatriated from Br. & U.S. custody totalling 31696 pounds were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment. 711 items (envelopes, parcels and suitcases containing impounded valuables and personal effects)

were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners. 33 claims for non-receipt of remittances, a few claims for non payment of family allowances, and a few special requests for payment of remittances were received and passed to the Italian Government for investigation and payment where possible. 304 claims against the Allied Authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final credit balance were dealt with.

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

IPW/ADM/12/1/20

2/AUG/46

SUBJECT : Monthly Report

AUG 3 1946

TO : M.M.I.A. - attn: G (SD)

Herewith report on the activities of this Division for the month of July 1946.

1. Numerical State of Repatriation.

COUNTRY HOLDING	No of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No repatriated during July '46	No still to be repatri
<u>-BRITISH-</u>			
England & Scotland	158,029	13,833	9,144
North Africa	43,152	—	—
East Africa	42,857	427	20,991
West Africa	1,000*	—	—
South Africa	40,285	900	17,200
Middle East	58,520	12,852	13,862
India	33,302	231	14,213
Australia	17,657	—	17,024
Gibraltar	541	—	15
Persia	2,000	2,000	—
TOTAL:-	397,343	30,243	92,449
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<u>OTHERS</u>			
French N. Africa	37,300	759	7,615
Russia	20,000	—	?
Germany & Switzerland	560,000**	—	?
France	35,000	34	9,600
Balkans	100,000	—	—
GRAND TOTAL:-	1,273,394#	31,036	109,354

* Estimated figure only.

Includes U.S. HELD - now repatriated.

2. General Policy & Planning.

a) INDIA

Owing to continuous pressure, three large ships have been obtained for Italian PW repatriation. These vessels will all have

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arrived in Naples by mid-August, and will have repatriated some 7200. This represents 50% of the total IPW now held in India.

b) U.K.

There are no difficulties in respect of repatriation from the U.K. Progress was maintained during July, and with the arrival of two ships in early August and the continued railway service CALAIS-VERONA, it is anticipated that all prisoners will be repatriated by 21 August 1946.

c) AUSTRALIA.

As a result of the action taken by the Chief Commissioner, (vide para 2 (c) of IPW Division report for June 1946) two ships have been allotted to repatriate 1100 sick PW & PW whose early return had been requested on compassionate and hardship grounds. These ships leave Fremantle 3 August. Further efforts are being made to obtain ships in order that mass repatriation can begin.

d) MIDDLE EAST.

Six Italian ships are still running between Port Said and Naples/Taranto. Other ships make occasional lifts at Port Said, which ensure the maintenance of the monthly repatriation rate.

e) OTHERS.

South African held IPW continue to arrive spasmodically.... The 2000 IPW shown previously as being in PERSIA, reached MASSAWA, and have now arrived in Italy..... The Balkans continue to yield small parties of prisoners..... 25 IPW have been discovered in Jamaica! Application has been made for their early return to Italy.

3. COMPASSIONATE & WELFARE

Correspondence involving 330 compassionate and welfare cases were dealt with during the month. Authority for release was given in 17 cases.

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4. SPECIALISTS & NEO-FASCISTS

305 letters, dealing with individual repatriation of specialists, release of Fascists and Germans in Italy have been received and issued.

FINANCE.

Remittances forwarded by IPW held in British hands through this Division totalled £. 2672 - (pounds)
Statements of credit balance in respect of IPW repatriated from Br. & U.S. custody totalling £. 52510 - (pounds) were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment. 295 items (envelopes, par

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/ADM/12/1/19

5 July 1946

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Subject : Monthly Report

To : M.M.I.A. (Attn: G-SD)

Herewith report on the activities of this Division for the month of June 1946.

1. Numerical State of IPW Repatriation

COUNTRY HOLDING	No. of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No. repatriated during June 46	No. still to be repatriated
<u>BRITISH</u>			
England & Scotland	158.029	9.942	22.977
North Africa	43.152	-	-
East Africa	42.504	1.163	21.065
West Africa	1.000	-	-
South Africa	40.794	1	27.322
Middle East	70.091	6.747	29.572
India	33.302	3.128	14.426
Australia	17.657	-	17.024
Gibraltar	541	-	15
Perale	2.000	0	2.000
Total	409.070	20.981	134.401
<u>OTHERS</u>			
French N. Africa	37.300	434	-
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Germany & Switzerland	560.000*	-	?

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France	35,000	-	?
Balkans	100,000	1,321	9,724
Total	1,285,121 (.)	22,736	152,499

* - Estimated figure only.
(.)-Includes US-held - now repatriated.

2. GENERAL POLICY & PLANNING

(a) India.

Hospital ship asked for (vide para 2(a) of May report) arrived late June, carrying over 460 sick IPW. In addition S.S. "SOUTHIA" repatriated some 2,000.

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(b) U.K.

Chief of this Division has visited receiving centre in N. Italy for IPW now being repatriated from UK via Calais to VERONA. The programme is now in full swing, with 700 IPW arriving PESCARINA on alternate days.

(c) Australia.

Apart from repatriation through military channels for shipping, a letter has been written by the Chief Commissioner to the British Ambassador asking for the allocation of shipping to ease the position in Australia, where 17,024 IPW remain out of the original total of 17,657. Since a good many ships have been taken off the UK-Naples journey (all IPW now travelling by rail) it is thought that at least a small portion of this shipping could be allocated to Australia and possibly India.

(d) Middle East.

Italian ships at the disposal of this Division are now working hard to reduce the Middle East figure, making constant trips from Port Said to Naples and Taranto.

(e) Others.

Small parties continue to arrive from the Balkans. A party of 860 IPW (including 600 offrs) is expected to arrive shortly from Russia.

3. FINANCE

(a) The matter of final settlement of Credits of Italian POWs released from US custody who had received an advance in cash from the Italian Government on the basis of their Dollar Credits is still pending. An always increasing number of claims is received.

(b) Also unsettled is the matter of the return of properties impounded at MODENA PW Camp and other PW Camps in Northern Italy after the end of hostilities. The matter has now been referred to the Judge Advocate General's Branch, HQ MTOUSA and it is hoped that now after 14 months the claimants may be put in position to recover their properties.

(c) Remittances forwarded by IPW held in British hands through this Div. totalled 19,975 pounds. Statements of Credit Balance in respect of IPW repatriated from British and US custody, totalling 49,710 were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment.

170 items (envelopes, parcels and suit-cases containing impounded valuables and personal effects) were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners.

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236 claims against the Allied Authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final Credit Balance were dealt with.

4. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE

Correspondence involving 346 compassionate and welfare cases were dealt with. Authority for release was given in 274 cases.

530 Welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and inquiries re IPW from their families and vice-versa.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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4 June 1946
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Herewith report on the activities of this Division
for the month of May 1946.

1. Numerical State of IPW Rematriation.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	No. of IPW at beginning of registration	No. of IPW repatriated during 1-26 May 46	Still to be repatriated
ENGLISH			
England & Scotland	158,029	28,932	37,959
North Africa	43,152	364	---
East Africa	42,564	1,083	23,173
West Africa	1,000 (*)	---	---
South Africa	40,794	608	27,323
Middle East	76,091	5,788	37,737
India	33,302	---	17,868
Australia	17,637	---	17,024
Gibraltar	541	---	15
Persia	2,000	---	2,000
TOTAL (en)			162,797
OTHERS			
French N. Africa	37,300	8,781	2,631
Russia	20,000	31	8,374
Germany & Switzerland	560,000 (*)	47	---
France	35,000	11	---

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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	No. of IOW at beginning of repatriation	No. of IOW repatriated during 1-26 May 46	Still to be repatriated
EUROPE			
England & Scotland	158,029	28,332	57,099
North Africa	43,132	364	---
East Africa	42,504	1,083	23,173
West Africa	1,000 (*)	---	---
South Africa	40,794	668	27,325
Middle East	70,051	5,738	37,737
India	53,302	---	17,534
Australia	17,637	---	17,024
Gibraltar	541	---	15
Pennia	2,000	---	2,000
TOTAL (EU)	409,070	36,835	152,737
OTHERS			
French N. Africa	37,300	8,781	3,631
Russia	20,000	31	8,374
Germany & Switzerland	560,000 (*)	47	1
France	35,000	11	1
Balkans	100,000	141	11,700
GRAND TOTAL	1,285,121 (*)	45,846	186,302
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(*) Estimated figures only
(*) Includes IOW held - now repatriated

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2. GENERAL POLICY & PLANNING

(a) India.

Due to continued pressure, a further ship was obtained. Out of a total of 33,302, 15,758 have now been repatriated. Repatriation has been made through GHI for a hospital ship to be made available; it is hoped that all sick PWs in India will be repatriated late July.

(b) U.S.

Progress has been maintained. ^{75% of PWs} ~~75%~~ of PWs in the UK have now been repatriated. 12,944 will arrive at Naples during June and the remainder will probably travel overland during late June and July. It is not too optimistic to state that the last PW will have left UK by 31 July 46.

(c) French North Africa.

The programme of repatriations has almost been completed. The Italian ships which have been used for this purpose are gradually being drawn for service between Naples/Taranto and Port Said. Chief of this Division has visited the French authorities to make a final "tie-up" of repatriation arrangements. He has also visited GHI, U.S. to discuss long term policy of repatriation PWs and he has arranged shipping programmes for June and July.

3. FINANCE

(a) The main question dealt with during the last month has been, as in the past, the settlement of credits in respect of ex-PWs released from U.S. custody. This Division has arranged for two US Army officers to be placed on temporary duty in SICILY. These officers will deal with ex-PW in that part, whose credit is still outstanding. No solution has yet been reached in respect of the final settlement of Certificates of Credit surrendered by ex-PWs in US custody to the Italian Authorities and on whose basis they had received an advance in cash.

(b) Arrangements have been made with the British and US Embassies in Rome to have all financial claims from Italian ex-PWs submitted to this HQ only through the Italian Ministry of Post War Assistance and not through them as had happened in many instances in the past.

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(d) Remittances forwarded by IPW held in British hands through this Div. totalled 300. Statements of Credit Balance in respect of IPW repatriated from British and US custody, totalling 166,380 were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment.

503 items (envelopes, parcels & suitcases containing impounded valuables and personal effects) were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners.

53 claims for non-receipt of remittances, a few claim a for non-payment of family allowances and a few special requests for payment of remittances were received and passed to the appropriate Italian Authorities for investigation and payment where possible.

302 claims against the Allied Authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final Credit Balance were dealt with.

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4. COMPASSIONATE & WELFARE

Correspondence involving 574 compassionate and welfare cases were dealt with; authority for release was given in 236 cases.

871 Welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and inquiries re IPW from their family and vice-versa.


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LAND FORCES AND ADMINISTRATION A.C.
M.H.I.A.
TRANSIT PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

128/12/1/17

3 May 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

MAY 3 1946

TO : M.H.I.A.

Herewith report on the activities of this Division for the month of April 1946.

1. Approximate State of PWs Restriction

Country of Origin	No. of PWs at beginning of restriction	No. of PWs restricted during April 1946	No. still to be restricted
<u>EUROPE</u>			
England & Scotland	153,029	21,344	66,954
North Africa	43,152	3,861	—
East Africa	42,504	—	29,905
West Africa	1,000 (*)	—	—
South Africa	40,724	51	27,553
Middle East	70,091	10,506	57,576
India	33,302	7,365	17,564
Australia	17,657	—	17,024
Gibraltar	241	—	15
Peru	2,000	—	2,000
Total (ex.)	409,070	43,627	199,363
<u>U.S.A.</u>			
France & Germany	51,000 (-)	5	?
Italy	43,000	325	?
North Africa	20,000	—	—
Total (U.S.A.)	2,751	330	—
<u>OTHERS</u>			
French W. Africa	57,300	12,394	12,412
Russia	20,000	401	8,405
Germany & Switzerland	560,000 (*)	750	?
France	35,000	257	?
Dutch	100,000	370	11,821
Total (OTHERS)	1,205,121	53,129	231,936

(*) Estimated figure only.

West Africa	1,000 (")		
South Africa	40,794	51	27,553
Middle East	70,091	10,506	57,576
India	53,302	7,365	47,564
Australia	17,657		17,024
Gibraltar	541		15
Perals	2,000		2,000
Total (Pr.)	149,870	43,627	199,366

U.S.			
France & Germany	51,000 (")	5	?
Italy	43,000	328	?
North Africa	20,000		
Total (U.S.)	9,751		
	123,751	333	

OTHERS			
French H. Africa	37,300	12,394	12,442
Russia	20,000	401	3,405
Germany & Switzerland	360,000 (")	790	?
France	35,000	237	?
Belgium	100,000	378	11,844
GRAND TOTAL	1,265,121	58,120	231,936

(") Estimated figure only.

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U.S. PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION	
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GENERAL POLICY & PLANS

A. India. It was hoped that 10,000 IIR would be repatriated during April. However, 7,365 arrived at Naples during the month, and another ship is expected in a early May.

B. U.S.A. Nearly 22,000 IIR were repatriated during the month. The planned program for May caters for 30,000. This means that it is likely that all IIR will have been repatriated by mid-July.

C. French E. Africa. Repatriation of IIR in French hands continues. It is estimated that the programme will be completed by the end of June, when the ships can be devoted to repatriations from the Middle East.

D. Australia. There are some 10,000 IIR here so far been repatriated. AFHQ has asked the Australia Command for information and if any planned program can now be drawn up.

3. FINANCE

Remittances forwarded by IIR held in British hands through this Division totalled £ 7.098. Statements of Credit Balance in respect of IIR repatriated from British & U.S. custody, totalling £ 99,930 were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment.

277 items (envelopes, parcels & suitcases containing impounded valuables & personal effects) were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners.

106 claims for non-receipt of remittances, & for claims for non-payment of family allowances and a few special requests for payment of remittances were received and passed to the appropriate Italian authority for investigation and payment where possible.

55 claims against the Allied authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final Credit Balance were dealt with.

An ever-increasing number of claims is being received from IIR released a considerable time ago from U.S. custody, whose credits have been partially settled. Requests have been forwarded to AFHQ for prompt settlement of these claims.

4. CORRESPONDENCE & WELFARE

Correspondence involving 422 compassionate and welfare cases were dealt with; authority for release was given in 160 cases.

847 welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and inquiries re IIR from their families and vice-versa.

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An ever-increasing number of claims is being received from IPW released & considerable time ago from U.S. custody, whose credits have been partially settled. Requests have been forwarded to ANQUA for prompt settlement of these cases.

4. COMPLAINANTS & WITNESSES

Correspondence involving 422 complainants and welfare cases were dealt with; authority for release was given in 160 cases.

844 welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and inquiries re IPW from their families and vice-versa.

W. L. Phillips

James E. Smith
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Division 6182

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

4 April 1946

IPW/ADM/12/1/16

Subject : Monthly Report

To : M.I.A.

Herewith report on the activities of this Division for the month of March 1946.

1. NUMERICAL STATE OF IPW REPATRIATION

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	No. of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No. of IPW repatriated during Mar 46	No. still to be repatriated
<u>British</u>			
ENGLAND & SCOTLAND	156,029	22,800	68,795
NORTH AFRICA	43,152	-	7,683
EAST AFRICA	42,504	1,200	29,905
WEST AFRICA	1,000(*)	-	-
SOUTH AFRICA	40,794	9,000	27,964
MIDDLE EAST	70,091	5,700	48,382
INDIA	33,302	-	24,929
AUSTRALIA	17,657	-	17,024
GIBRALTAR	541	526	15
PERSIA	2,000	-	2,000
TOTAL (BP)	409,070	39,226	246,697
<u>U.S.</u>			
U.S.A.	51,000 (*)	3,830	1
FRANCE & GERMANY	47,000	61	2,789
ITALY	20,000	-	-
NORTH AFRICA	9,751	981	281
TOTAL (U.S.)	127,751	4,872	3,020

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EAST AFRICA	42,504	1,200	29,905
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U.S.			
U.S.A.	51,000 (*)	3,830	2,789
FRANCE & GERMANY	43,000	61	-
ITALY	20,000	-	251
NORTH AMERICA	9,751	981	-
TOTAL (U.S.)	123,751	4,872	3,020
OTHERS			
FRANCE (N. AFRICA)	37,300	7,700	24,806
RUSSIA	20,000	37	8,806
GERMANY & SWITZERLAND	560,000 (*)	531	-
FRANCE	35,000	289	5,214
BALZANS	100,000	100	12,199
GRAND TOTAL	1,285,121	52,755	300,772

(*) Estimated figure only.

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2. GENERAL POLICY AND PLANNING

a) India

Following repeated representations from this Division, a planned programme for repatriations from India was received during March, in which it was stated that three ships carrying a total of 10,000 IPW, would arrive at Naples on 10, 14 and 26 April 46 respectively. This is the first large-scale repatriation from India and represents 40% of the total there. In addition to the three ships mentioned above, application has been made to the U.S. authorities for the use of the VULCANIA and SARONIA, earmarked for the use of Allied troops, but at present idle in Bombay.

b) U.K.

Repatriation continues at an increased rate. It is estimated that the monthly average will shortly be increased to over 25,000; some 27,000 IPW arrived in Naples during March.

c) French North Africa

Chief of this Division has been actively concerned in the repatriations from French N. Africa, and has made two trips this month, inter alia to make the necessary contact with the French authorities, who now desire to return to the original plan whereby the ports in N. Africa would be dealt with singly. Further discussion with the appropriate French authorities will take place shortly in regard to this question, especially since three more ships will be available on 15 April 46, making a total of eight ships for repatriating IPW from French N. Africa.

Notification has been received from the French Representative to A.C. that only 4250 German PW are now required for replacement. This amounts to the figure published in my February Report. (Vide para 2 a).

d) Miscellaneous

(1) Arrangements for the hand-over of "A" Camp, TARANTO, have been made by the Italian Ministry of War and it is hoped that the Camp will be in Italian hands by 10 Apr 46.

(ii) Two representatives attended a conference at Caserta, held by MICUSA on 28 Mar 46 to discuss a) The settlement of credits of IPW released from U.S. custody, and b) the procedure to be adopted regarding claims for currency or valuables taken from PW. It was generally agreed that the attendance of Capt. H.A. de Waul and Dr. Trioli from this Division served a useful purpose, for it appears that MICUSA had not previously appreciated the relationship of this Division in these matters. The following was decided: (a) A memorandum will be submitted by the Theatre Commanding General to W.D., WASHINGTON, recommending a standard procedure (already outlined) for the final settlement of Certificates of Credit balance surrendered by the ex-PW to the Italian Government and only partially honoured by the ex-PW by the Italian Government on behalf of the U.S. Government. (b) Another conference will be held in the near future regarding currency and valuables taken from PW. More details are being obtained in order to determine a procedure for the honouring of consolidated claims by ex-PWs for which no money is actually held by the formerly detained.

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FINANCE

Repayments forwarded by IPW held in British hands through this Division totalled £ 1350. Statements of credit balance in respect of IPW repatriated from British and U.S. custody, totalling £ 59,000 were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment.

519 suitcases, parcels, envelopes containing personal effects were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners. This is well above the monthly average of 250.

47 claims for non-receipt of repittances, a few claims for non-receipt of family allowances and approx 20 special requests for payment of repittances were received and passed to the Ministry for Post War Assistance for investigation and payment where possible.

150 claims against the Allied Authorities either for restitution of abandoned properties or for Statement of Final Credit Balance, were dealt with.

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4. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE

Correspondence involving 1186 compassionate and welfare cases was dealt with; authority was given for release in 426 cases. 1020 Welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and inquiries re IPW from their families and vice-versa. These figures are well above the monthly average.

5. SPECIALISTS, NEO-FASCISTS ETC.

Correspondence involving 838 individual cases (specialists whose release had previously been requested) was dealt with.

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J.E. REGIS, Lt. Colonel
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Chief
IPW Division

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R.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

WBRP/tb

Tel: 480081
Ext. 511

2 March 1946

IPW/ADM/12/7/15

Subject: Monthly Report.

To: M.M.J.A.
(Attn: G (INT))

Herewith report on the activities of this Division for the month of February 1946.

1. NUMERICAL STATE OF IPW REPARIATION

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	No. of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No. of IPW repatriated at 24 Feb 46	No. still to be repatriated
<u>BRITISH</u>			
ENGLAND & SCOTLAND	156,029	46,620	111,409
NORTH AFRICA	43,152	35,452	7,700
EAST AFRICA	42,504	11,320	31,184
WEST AFRICA	1,000	31,485	-
SOUTH AFRICA	40,794	4,693	36,101
MIDDLE EAST	70,091	16,000	54,091
INDIA	33,302	8,373	24,929
AUSTRALIA	17,657	633	17,024
GIBRALTAR	591	-	591
PERSIA	2,000	-	2,000

TOTAL (BR) 409,070 124,576 284,494

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U.S.A.	51,000	41,743	9,257
FRANCE & GERMANY	45,000	40,145	2,855
ITALY	20,000	20,000	-
NORTH AFRICA	9,751	7,547	2,204

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MIDDLE EAST	70,091	16,000	94,091
INDIA	33,302	8,373	24,929
AUSTRALIA	17,657	633	17,024
GIBRALTAR	541	-	541
PERSIA	2,000	-	2,000
TOTAL (BY)	409,070	124,576	284,494
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FRANCE & GERMANY	45,000	40,145	2,855
ITALY	20,000	20,000	-
NORTH AFRICA	9,751	7,547	2,204
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TOTAL (US)	125,751	109,435	14,316
<u>OTHER</u>			
FRANCE (E. AFRICA)	37,300	3,041	34,259
RUSSIA	20,000	11,150	8,850
GERMANY & SWITZERLAND	560,000 (*)	629,000	-
FRANCE	35,000	29,227	5,773
BALKANS	100,000	87,678	12,322
GRAND TOTAL	1,285,121	995,015	289,599

(*) Estimated figure only.

The above situation refers to personnel already registered at Lodging Centres and District HQ's only.

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2. GENERAL POLICY AND PLANNING - IPW

a) French North Africa - Four Italian cruisers (capacity 700 each) and the Italian passenger ship "TOSCANIA" (capacity 1600) have been running a ferry service from ports in French N. Africa to Naples, repatriating IPW. A total of 3941 has been repatriated during the month. It is estimated that two of these cruisers will be laid up at the beginning of March for re-fit. Chief of this Division has made two trips to N. Africa on Italian cruisers; whilst on board the cruiser "CONTROVULSI" at Bizerta he was called upon to intervene and stop acts of hostility on the part of the crew of a French ship towards the crew of the "CONTROVULSI".

The French authorities previously stated that, of the 40,000 IPW in French N. Africa, 12,000 must be replaced by German PW. As the result of a conference between Chief of this Division and the French Representative to AC, it has now been agreed that this figure should be reduced to 6,500, provided that these replacements are specialists.

b) Rumanavia - No permission has yet been received from the Rumanian Government to allow Chief of the Division to visit that country; GMR continue to request this permission but state that "it is quite likely and apparent that this clearance is to be withheld indefinitely".

c) S.O.S. Malta reports that all IPW held there have now been repatriated.

d) India - Applications (and applications) for IPW repatriation are constantly received in this Division. Repatriation from India has been slow to date, due chiefly to difficulties of transport in India and lack of shipping. In the early part of the month this Division was informed by the Ministry of War that a shipment of IPW arriving from India contained many self-professed Fascists. This was in contradiction of the terms laid down as regards priority by the War Office, London, which stated that Fascists would be the last category to be repatriated. This report has been forwarded to GMR, GMR, with a strong recommendation that the agreed policy be properly carried out.

e) U.S. - Repatriation from the U.S. continues well. 17,127 IPW arrived in Italy during February. A planned programme for March visualises the repatriation of some 20,000 IPW.

3. FINANCE.

Remittances forwarded by IPW held in British hands through this Division totalled £20,358. Statements of credit balances in respect of IPW repatriated from U.S. and British custody, totalling £69,890, were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment.

1268 suitcases, parcels, envelopes containing personal effects were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners. This is a large increase, since the monthly average is around 500.

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4. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE

Correspondence involving 915 compassionate and welfare cases was dealt with; authority was given for release in 167 cases. 430 welfare cases were dealt with, covering the forwarding of mail and inquiries re IPW from their families and vice-versa.

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5. SPECIALISTS, NEO-FASCISTS ETC.

Correspondence regarding 401 individual cases involving specialists whose release had previously been requested, were dealt with.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

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TO : M.M.I.A.
Attn: G (INT)

7 February 1946

Herewith report on the activities of IPW Division for the month of January 1946.

1. NUMERICAL STATE OF REPATRIATION OF IPW.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	No. of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No. of IPW repatriated at 31 Jan 46.	No. to be repatriated
<u>BRITISH</u>			
ENGLAND & SCOTLAND	158.029	29.493	128.536
NORTH AFRICA	34.940	25.934	9.006
EAST AFRICA	42.504	9.459	33.045
WEST AFRICA	1.000	1.485	-
SOUTH AFRICA	40.794	4.122	36.672
MIDDLE EAST	70.091	12.482	57.609
INDIA	33.302	7.744	25.558
AUSTRALIA	17.657	633	17.024
GIBRALTAR	541	-	541
PERSIA	2.000	-	2.000
Total	400.853	91.352	309.991
<u>U.S.</u>			
U.S.A.	51.000	29.332	21.668
FRANCE & GERMANY	43.000	39.920	3.080
ITALY	20.000	20.000	-
NORTH AFRICA	9.751	7.000	2.751
Total	123.751	96.252	27.499
<u>Others</u>			
FRANCE (N.AFRICA)	45.345	9.712	35.643
RUSSIA	20.000	11.051	8.949

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<u>BRITISH</u>			
ENGLAND & SCOTLAND	158.029	29.493	128.536
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SWITZERLAND	20.000	21.124	?
FRANCE	35.000	23.833	6.167
BALKANS	100.000	87.430	12.570
Grand Total	1.224.954	952.818	400.809

(+) Estimated figure only.

The above situation refers to personnel already registered
Lodging Centres and District HQs only.

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2. GENERAL POLICY AND PLANNING. ITALIAN PW

a) French North Africa - Plans have now be made in conjunction with the French Representative at Allied Commission and the Italian Ministry of Marine for the repatriation of most of the Italian PW in North Africa, using for this purpose four Italian ships, two cruisers, one a/c carrier, and the liner "ROSSANA". The general repatriation programme began with 500 PW and 485 civilians from Bizerta arriving at Naples 3 Feb on the cruiser "MONTECUCOLI". The plan envisages the arrival of four further shiploads during February.

The French Authorities have now reduced from 12000 to 6500 the number of German PW they require to substitute Italian PW in North Africa, provided these German PW are specialists. The French Representative in Washington has been instructed to negotiate for the sending to North Africa of 6.500 members of the Afrika Korps, due shortly for repatriation from the United States. The 6.500 specialists would be chosen by a mixed American and French Commission.

b) Jugoslavia - No permission has yet been received for the Chief of IPW Division to visit Jugoslavia, and a further request has been made by MFOUSA. The original request was made by MFOUSA through the U.S.A.A. at Belgrade on 8 Dec 1945.

c) Great Britain - The programme of repatriation of Italian from Great Britain is now in full swing. 23.143 PW arrived in Italy from Britain during January. Plans announced already by the War Office, London, call for the embarkation of a further 18.500 from U.K. during February.

3. FINANCE

a) During the month of January 46 the remittances forwarded by Italian PW held in British hands through this Division totalled £ 28,277. Statements of credit balance in respect of Italian PW repatriated from U.S. and British custody, for the total amount of £ 289,860, were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment.

b) 246 suitcases, parcels and envelopes containing impounded valuables and personal effects were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross, for distribution to the owners.

c) 18 claims for non-receipt of remittances and 147 claims for non-payment of family allowances were received and passed to the Italian Ministry of Post War Assistance for investigation and payment where possible.

198 claims against the Allied Authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for Statements of Final Credit Balance, were dealt with.

4. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE

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193 claims against the Allied Authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for Statements of Final Credit Balance, were dealt with.

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4. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE

Correspondence involving 994 Compassionate and Welfare Cases was dealt with; authority was given for release in 45 cases.

733 welfare cases were dealt with covering the forwarding of mail and inquiries re IPW from their families and vice-versa.

5: SPECIALISTS, MHO-FASCISTS HQ

Correspondence was dealt with involving 222 individual cases involving specialists whose release had previously been requested, and members of the Fascist Republican Forces.

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Tel. No. 439061
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13 November, 1945.
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Ref : IPW/AM/12/1/5
Subject: MONTHLY REPORT FOR AGENT
ENDING 31 OCTOBER, 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR REPARATED

1. A total of 169,670 IPW have been repatriated, interrogated and disposed of through IPW camps this month. The majority of these PW, 119,926 were returned from Germany.

Full details are as follows:

From	Officers	CNAs	Total
France	19	4,022	4,071
Germany	2,003	119,926	122,045
Falcons (excluding Greece)	42	1,727	1,769
Co-operators in American hands in France and Germany	1,003	18,067	19,070
Switzerland	2	295	297
England	2	158	160
USA	1,659	11,001	12,660
North Africa	135	4,273	4,408
East Africa	515	1,030	1,545
West Africa	16	911	927
South Africa	19	2,130	2,149
Middle East	47	469	516
India	11	51	62
Australia	2	5	7
Russia		38	38
TOTAL	5,557	164,083	169,670

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From	OPPS			
France	43	4,032	4,571	
Germany	2,835	119,925	122,015	
Belgium (excluding Greece)	42	1,727	1,769	
Co-operators in American				
hands in France and				
Germany	1,003	10,057	19,070	
Switzerland	2	295	297	
England	12	193	160	
USA	1,625	11,001	12,660	
North Africa	135	4,275	4,403	
East Africa	515	1,030	1,845	
West Africa	16	311	527	
South Africa	15	2,170	3,165	
Middle East	47	469	515	
India	31	31	42	
Australia	5	5	7	
Brazil	2	38	38	
TOTAL	5,587	184,065	169,479	

During the month of October 45 the remittances by Italian Prisoners

of war held in British hands to their families totaling 12,097 pounds.
Statements of Credit balance in respect of Italian PW repatriated from
British and US custody total 52,805 pounds were forwarded to the Italian
Government for payment.

346 envelopes, parcels and miltance containing imprisoned
valuables and personal effects were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross
for distribution to the owners.

143 claims for non-receipt of remittances and a few claims for
non-receipt of family allowances were received and passed to the High
Commissioner for inspection and payment where possible. 373 claims
by that the Allied authorities either for restitution of imprisoned pro-
porties or for statements of final credit balance were dealt with.

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1. EC
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1. Mil attack on Embassy
1. French Rep. acc.

APPENDIX 12
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31 OCT 45

TRANSLATED ARTICLES FROM THE "LIBERA STAMPA."

THE ALLEGATIONS OF BURNING AND CONCENTRATION.

Italians tortured and slain in the neighborhoods of Lima. Lima 25 Dec 45.

In two of the biggest hospitals of Lima, the military hospital and the "Santa Rosa" hospital, there are numerous Indians, heretics of the concentration camp of Borovnia. In this camp all the Indians taken by the Spanish were put together, regardless of whether they were neo-fascists, collaborators with the Germans, or persons who fought shoulder with the Spanish patriots against the Germans. Numerous Italians who fled from concentration camps in Germany, having to pass through the enemy territory, were captured and put in this camp.

The existence of such camps in the city of Borovnia, the only little to say in the German camps of the same kind, where there is no sense of justice and humanity, induces one to think that the highest trials for which the enemy was sought, have not yet been reached.

We personally questioned a few of these men living in the two hospitals, men released to hospitals after many days of starvation, wounded, suffering from intestinal trouble, after 142 days in the camp of Borovnia.

The Corbiniano Sison Domingo informed us that the camp of Borovnia was installed with 5000 men under 14 years of age, whom they intend to beat the prisoners. One of these boys mentioned a prisoner who tried to take two rations of the miserable soup made from grime and dried vegetables, the only meal of the day. The prisoner was shot by one of the guards.

In two of the biggest hospitals of Rome, the military hospital and the "San Giovanni" hospital, there are thousands of Italian, Yugoslav, and other concentration camp prisoners. In this tragic camp all the Italian taken by Tito's men were put together, regardless of whether they were neo-fascists, collaborators with the Germans, or partisans who fought shoulder to shoulder with the Yugoslav partisans against the Germans. Numerous Italians who fled from concentration camps in Germany, having to pass through Yugoslav territory, were captured and sent in this camp.

The existence of such camps as the one at Borovnica, thousands of miles away from the German camp of the same name, where there is no notion of justice and humanity, induces one to think that the highest ideals for which this war was fought, have not yet been reached.

We repeatedly questioned a few of these men lying in the two hospitals, men reduced to skeletons after many days of starvation, murders, suffering from intestinal colic, after 112 days in the camp of Borovnica.

The German-born German Detachment informed us that the camp of Borovnica was filled with Slav boys under the age of 15, whose joy it was to beat the prisoners. One of these boys captured a prisoner who tried to take two rations of the miserable soup from the German and dried vegetables, the only meal of the day. The prisoner was shot by one of the guards.

The German-born German Detachment, from the Trieste region tells that at Borovnica the prisoners were lodged in separate barracks in which the men entering from the road found many piles of rifles, machine guns, and other weapons. Leaving against one another in a narrow space, tired out, the prisoners were left to their work at 4 o'clock and taken back to the camp at 12. One of them who stopped along the road to pick up an apple fallen from a tree, when returning to the camp was hurt on a road with an iron third crossed under his head. Another was shot for having gone to ask for bread at a German's house.

The anti-tank soldier Alberto Garavito, from Pavia confirms the torture of the part and the nature of the inhuman and cruel camp. One was treated a little better at the hospital of Skopje Lake, where some means and potatoes were given. In the hospital built for 50 people, 150 were housed up.

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COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE CASES

- 3. 562 Compassionate cases were dealt with requiring in authority for... release being granted in 53 cases.
Correspondence involving approx. 1,000 Welfare cases was handled covering such subjects as:
a) Forwarding of mail to IFW
b) Acquittals re IFW.

POLICY AND PLANNING

4. Accelerated Repatriation

a) A plan for the accelerated repatriation of IFW was submitted, and agreed by AFHQ. The main points of this plan are as follows:

- 1) All available transport will be used and for planning purposes the most likely routes will be:-

From USA	: by ship to Naples (small numbers to Leghorn)
From Germany	: by rail over Brenner as at present
From French W Africa	: by ship to Naples (if in Allied shipping)
From UK	: by ship to Naples or Toronto (possibly by rail to N Italy)
From ME, E Africa, India etc.	: by ship to Toronto.

2) It was proposed to repatriate IFW in USA as follows:

Sept	12,000
Oct	4,500
Nov	5,000
Dec	9,000
Jan	12,000
Feb	4,500

The proposed September programme did not take place. It is now anticipated that all IFW from USA will have been repatriated by 1 April 46.

Supplies and Equipment

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- b) In answer to request from this Division etc etc was directed that supplies and equipment, for the reception and clothing of repatriates, not available from Italian sources may be transferred on a loan basis through NATO against requirements for equipping the British Army.

A site for a camp to accommodate 6,500 repatriated IFW has been

- From Germany : by rail over Brenner as at present
- From French N Africa : by ship to Naples (if in Allied shipping)
- From UK : by ship to Naples or Toronto
- (possibly by rail to N Italy)
- From MP, E Africa, India etc. : by ship to Tarento.

ii) It was proposed to repatriate IPW in USA as follows:

Sept	12,000
Oct	4,500
Nov	3,000
Dec	9,000
Jan	12,000
Feb	4,500

The proposed September programme did not take place. It is now anticipated that all IPW from USA will have been repatriated by 1 April 46.

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Canadian and Equipment

b) In answer to request from this Division GAC CWP have directed that supplies and equipment, for the reception and clothing of repatriates, not available from Italian sources may be transferred on a loan basis through MATA against requirements for equipping the Italian army.

A site for a camp to accommodate 6,500 repatriates has been reserved and requisitioned at Larnara. This camp should be in running order in the next few weeks.

IPW in British hands

c) This Division asked the CWP to ascertain the British Policy on repatriating IPW held in British hands. A reply has been received that this will commence after the harvest and when shipping is available.

It is unlikely that any substantial repatriation will take place before 1946.

IPW in French hands

d) Following a conference between Lt Col Reglin, General command and the French representative negotiations were made to secure the release of these IPW. The French Government has allowed their release on condition that

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- i) they are repatriated by German PW
- ii) clothing be supplied by the Italian Government to effect the transfer.

PW in Russian occupied zone of Germany.

Following negotiations with the Russian representative this Division secured the approval of the Russian Government to repatriate some 150,000 PW from Germany. During the month approx. 90,000 of these individuals have been repatriated through the German. This movement continues.

PW under Yugoslav Jurisdiction

Reports are being received of the ill treatment of PW in Yugoslavia. This is causing alarm and consternation amongst the relatives and friends of these individuals. As relations with Yugoslavia are rather strained and communications difficult a personnel visit is considered necessary to ascertain the actual situation and repatriation of these PW.

A copy extract from the Journal "HISPA S. AP" dated 26 Oct 45 is attached at appx "1". One copy of the Journal is also attached.

ALLIED VISTS

5. c) During the month Capt Hall, Milan Office, PW Div has visited camps at Cordignano and Cason. His reports are attached at appx "2".

6. Lt Col Reilly accompanied by General Ingham, Italian Ministry of War, proceeded to Salerno on 6 Oct 45 and contacted G5 PWs to secure the allocation of German Marine Barracks to be used as a lodging camp (7,000 capacity) for returning PW from overseas. One barracks was secured (capacity 1,500) and a promise that as soon as 53 General Hospital moved out the balance of accommodation (approx 5,500) would be assigned to us.

Arrangements were made with the District Officer, Florence for the starting etc of the above camp.

In addition arrangements were made with the Commanding General Dispersio Military for securing clothing for returning PW from the Russian zone of Germany.

Lodging centres were inspected at Milan, Novara, Bardonia and Florence.

At Ventimiglia arrangements were made with the C.I.C. to facilitate the return of large numbers of Italian civilian units in process of being repatriated from France. At Port St Louis arrangements were made with the French Border authorities to hold a conference at Nice between Italian Military authorities at Genoa, Territorial Command and French Repatriating Authority.

Arranged transportation from Genoa, Bardonia, Novara, Milan, Florence, etc.

A copy extract from the Journal "L'Espresso" dated 26 Oct 1975 is attached at page "B". One copy of the Journal is also attached.

ITALIAN VISITS

- b. 2) During the month of Oct 1975, Italian Office, IAW Div has visited camps at Bardighiere and Camp. The report is attached at page "B".
- c. 1) At 0910 hrs, accompanied by General Lamprini, Italian Ministry of War, proceeded to Lodigiana on 6 Oct 1975 and contacted G. P. to secure the allocation of Colonel Marine barracks to be used as a Lodigiana Centre (7,000 capacity) for returning IAW from overseas. One barracks was secured (capacity 1,500) and a dormitory (capacity 5,500) would be assigned to us. A conference was held with the barracks, Lodigiana, Florence for the standing etc of the above camp.
- In 1975 no arrangements were made with the Commanding General Lodigiana Military for securing clothing for returning IAW from the Russian zone of Germany.
- Bedding centres were inspected at Milan, Novara, Bardighiere and Florence.
- At Bardighiere arrangements were made with the C.I.C. to facilitate the return of large numbers of Italian Service units in process of being repatriated from France. At Fort St Louis arrangements were made with the French Border authorities to hold a conference at Fort between Italian Military authorities of Geneva Territorial Command and French Repatriating authorities.
- Arranged transportation from Geneva, Bardighiere, Ventimiglia and Villafraia to convey returning IAW. Reception and hospitalization for IAW at S. Lorenzo al Mare and Chiavari was arranged.
- At 1000 hrs a conference was held in order to better existing facilities in 12 hospitals (combined total 4,500 beds). Arrangements were made with the Commanding General of Bolzano District for additional medical supplies to be furnished to Geneva hospitals.
- Arrangements were made with the British Camp Commandant at Portofino Lodigiana Centre for the reception of returning IAW from North Eastern Europe.
- At Geneva attempts were made to secure barracks without success.

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INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION

6. Capt H de Thai (L) joined this Division on 2 Oct 45.

Much duplication of work is caused by lack of co-ordination in Italian Ministries resulting in 2 or 4 different Ministries writing to this Division on the same subject. Strong letters have been sent to all concerned requesting that all matters pertaining to POW envelopes be sent to this Division through appropriate office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW.

Discussions have taken place during the month on the transfer of this Division from Civil Affairs Section to MIA - no concrete orders have yet been received.

W. Hamilton

W. W. HAMILTON, Major.
(in the absence of any of)
J. E. REYES, Lt. Col.,
Chief,
PW Division.

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H.W. HAMILTON, Major.
(in the absence on duty of)
J.E. HENIG, Lt. Col.,
Chief,
TAM Division.

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APPENDIX "A"
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MONTHLY REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 31
31 OCT 45

TRANSLATED EXCERPTS FROM THE "LIBERA SERIE"

THE ALLEGATIONS OF EICHENWALD CONTINUE.

Italians tortured and slain in the Yugoslavia of Tito.

Udine 25 Oct 45.

In two of the biggest hospitals of Udine, the Military hospital and the "IVth of November" hospital, there are numerous Italians, derelicts of the concentration camp of Borovnica. In this tragic camp all the Italians taken by Tito's bands were put together, regardless of whether they were neo-fascists, collaborators with the Germans, or partisans who fought shoulder to shoulder with the Yugoslav patriots against the Germans. Numerous Italians who fled from concentration camps in Germany, having to pass through Yugoslav territory, were captured and put in this camp.

The existence of such camps as the one at Borovnica, that has little to envy to the German camps of the same kind, where there is no sense of justice and humanity, induces one to think that the highest ideals for which this war was fought, have not yet been reached.

We personally questioned a few of those men lying in the two hospitals, men reduced to skeletons after many days of starvation, wounded, suffering from intestinal trouble, after 112 days in the camp of Borovnica.

The Carabinieri Scors Domenico informed us that the camp of Borovnica was infested with Slav boys under 14 years of age, whose joy it was to beat the prisoners. One of these boys denounced a prisoner who tried to take two rations of the miserable soup made from greens and dried vegetables, the only meal of the day.

Italians tortured and slain in the Yugoslav camp of Tito.

Udine 25 Oct 45.

In two of the biggest hospitals of Udine, the military hospital and the "Fifth of November" hospital, there are numerous Italians, derelicts of the concentration camp of Borovnica. In this tragic camp all the Italians taken by Tito's bands were put together, regardless of whether they were neo-fascists, collaborators with the Germans, or partisans who fought shoulder to shoulder with the Yugoslav patriots against the Germans. Numerous Italians who fled from concentration camps in Germany, having to pass through Yugoslav territory, were captured and put in this camp.

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We personally questioned a few of those men lying in the two hospitals, men reduced to skeletons after many days of starvation, wounded, suffering from intestinal trouble, after 42 days in the camp of Borovnica.

The Carabinieri Sances Domestico informed us that the camp of Borovnica was infested with Slav boys under 14 years of age, whose joy it was to beat the prisoners. One of these boys denounced a prisoner who tried to take two rations of the miserable soup made from greens and dried vegetables, the only meal of the day. The prisoner was shot by one of the guards. **6178**

The Finance Guard Roberto Gribaldo, from the Trieste Legion tells that at Borovnica the prisoners were lodged in separate barracks in which the rain entering from the roof formed muddy puddles obliging the prisoners to remain standing, leaning against one another in a narrow space, tired out. The prisoners were led to their work at 4 am and taken back to the camp at 12. One of them who stopped along the road to pick up an apple fallen from a tree, when returning to the camp was hung on a post with a iron thread passed under his arm-pit. Another was shot for having gone to ask for bread at a peasant's house.

The sanitary soldier Alberto Guarnaschelli, from Pavia confirms the torture of the post and the nature of the unobtainable and scarce soup. One was treated a little better at the hospital of Skopja Loke, where some beans and potatoes were given. In the hospital built for 50 people, 150 were heaped up.

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Remigio Favretto, from Umago (Istria) class 1921, says that an Italian prisoner, guilty of having gone to look for food, was rudely beaten, pieces of flesh were taken from his thighs and forehead and salt was poured over the wounds.

The soldier Filippo Nicandro reckons that in the barracks each day three or four prisoners died of starvation or intestinal illness.

The soldier Giuseppe Mignola, who succeeded in hiding some money, paid one thousand lire for a loaf of bread.

Giacomo Ungaro, from Bitonto, says that some women arrived at the camp to find their husbands or brothers and were put to sleep in near-by hay-lofts, where they were violated by the soldiery. The wife of the marshall of Finance, Colani, who had opposed some resistance, was wounded by gun blows and recovered in hospital.

A certain Raso, guilty of having sent a note to his wife so as to tell her not to send him any food because the guards took it away, was beaten for an entire night until he bled; his face was burned and he had to swallow a lighted cigar.

These are only a few episodes of the extended tragedy of Borovnica's camp. Some of the rescued of this hell which we visited in hospital shall soon return to their families. Many others will have to remain for some time in hospital before regaining their strength.

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Finance, Celani, who had oppo
recovered in hospital.

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APPENDIX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR LIEUTENANT
ENDING 31 OCT 45

Report on Camps at Bordighera and Genoa.

Bordighera

At a meeting with Lt Col Fisher, G-5 INS, Bordighera, and Lt Nash, PRSC Liguria Region, the following points were raised:-

It was pointed out that neither PRSC or the IFV Division could under any circumstances operate outside Italy. Lt Col Fisher stated that it was difficult to get down the period of 2 days which Italian repatriates had to spend in Italy (Villafraanca) waiting for permission to cross the border and that a proper day organization was therefore necessary at Villafraanca. Accordingly he would try to persuade the French authorities to run the camp themselves; he was confident that they would be persuaded fairly easily, particularly since the Italians, under PRSC control, were looking after French subjects who were being repatriated along the Genoa-Nice route.

Lt Col Fisher also promised to send to the camp at Villafraanca a Major Ruffaro (Italian), a member of a team of officers and NCOs sent by AFHQ to INS to oversee the Co-ordinator Unit, whose work is now nearly finished. Major Ruffaro's task would be to do any necessary work of Italian repatriates at Villafraanca, and keep in touch with the camp at Bordighera and the frontier authorities in order to get the repatriates across the frontier with the minimum of delay. Additional officers and NCOs from the team could be sent if necessary. Major transport from Nice to Genoa would be provided by the Navy; no difficulty would be experienced in getting the vehicles across the frontier, as they already cross regularly once a week carrying French repatriates from Genoa to Nice. Full transport can also be laid on from Bordighera to Genoa without difficulty.

With regard to the accommodation of returning PW by the Centro Al-bergo, except in the case of sick, old and those living locally, this will be carried out at Genoa, as the off-camp would be felt at Bordighera only from enough for the PW to have a meal.

2. Genoa

The Centro Albergo is now set up in the Stazione Marittima, and fully organized on 1st of the month. The accommodation also is completed. The same center is used for the administration side. Work which the Centro Albergo provided to complete by Oct 20 has not been done, e.g. the equipping of the kitchen has not even been started, and a large proportion of the windows still require glazing or boarding up.

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Genoa-Nice route

Lt Col Fischer also promised to send to the camp at Villafraanca a
 Major Ruggero (Italian), a member of a team of officers and NCOs sent by
 AFHQ to SAS to screen the Co-ordinator's office, whose work is now chiefly admin-
 istrative. Major Ruggero's task should be to do any necessary screening of
 Italian representatives at Villafraanca, and keep in touch with the camp at
 Bordighera and the frontier authorities in order to get the representations
 over the frontier with the minimum of delay. Additional officers and
 NCOs from the camp would be sent if necessary. Major transport from Nice
 to Genoa would be provided by Lt Col. No difficulty would be experienced
 in getting the vehicles across the frontier, as they already cross regularly
 once a week carrying French repatriates from Genoa to Nice. Rail transport
 can also be used on Genoa-Bordighera to Genoa without difficulty.

With regard to the concentration of returning by the Central Al-
 lio, except in the case of emergency and those living locally, this will
 be carried out as normal, as the 1st Column would have to be Bordighera only
 long enough for the IV to have a rest.

2. Genoa

The Centro Allio is now set up in the Sanzio District, and
 fully organized as far as the documentation side is concerned. The
 same unit of the administration also. Work which the 1st Column
 will have promised to complete by Oct 20 has not even been started, and a large proportion
 of the kitchen has not even been started. This was pointed
 out by the Chief of Staff, Italian Territorial in Genoa, who promised
 to report on the Centro Allio. It is proposed to visit Genoa again
 shortly to see what has been done.

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1001210 Ravetto, from Borgo (Italy) class 1021, says that an Italian prisoner, guilty of having tried to look for food, was rudely beaten, pieces of flesh were taken from his thighs and forehead and salt was poured over the wounds.

The soldier Millyro Nicandro recalls that in the barracks each day three or four prisoners died of starvation or intestinal illness.

The soldier Giuseppe Mignola, who succeeded in hiding some money, paid one thousand lire for a loaf of bread.

Vincenzo Negro, from Bitonto, says that some women arrived at the camp to find their husbands or brothers and were sent to sleep in nearby huts, where they were victimized by the soldiers. The wife of the marshall of violence, Gelati, who had opposed some resistance, was wounded by gun blows and recovered in hospital.

A certain Bano, guilty of having sent a note to his wife so as to tell her not to send him any food because the guards took it away, was beaten for an entire night until he died; his face was burned and he had to swallow a lighted cigar.

There are only a few episodes of the extended cruelty of Borovnic's camp. Some of the records of this hell which he visited in hospital shall soon return to their families. Many others will have to remain for some time in hospital before regaining their strength.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION

ADJ. GEN.

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Italian Prisoners of War Division

11W/10/11

16 Oct 45

SUBJECT: Report for month ending 30 Sep 45.

OCT 15 1945

TO: Civil Affairs Section

1. INFORMATIONAL INFORMATION

A total of 150,504 PW have been repatriated, the majority of these (141,001) are from Germany. Details are attached as Appendix "A".

2. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

AWG have directed that no further cases of priority release will be afforded for repatriation. It has been recommended that action should be taken on these applications already initiated.

Applications for priority release may still be submitted on compassionate and medical grounds.

3. FINANCE

During the month of September, 1945, the remittances by Italian Prisoners of War held in captivity in Italy to their families totaled one hundred and six thousand and forty pounds. Statements of Credit Balance in respect of Italian Prisoners of War were received from Britain and U.S. Military, for the total amount of thirty two thousand, three hundred and twenty nine pounds, were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment.

The hundred and sixty three pounds, shillings and pence, containing insurance, clothing and personal effects were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross, for distribution to the camps.

Two hundred and sixty four claims for the receipt of repatriation were received and passed to the High Commissioner for Inspection and Payment above mentioned. The hundred and thirty one claims received the killed authorities either for notification of immediate survivors or for statements of the final credit balance, were dealt with.

4. FINANCE AND INFORMATION

A total of 1,332 Governmental Cases was dealt with. 584 of these cases resulted in liability being given for release.

Compensation was handled involving 567 Military Cases.

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5. LIASONS

A total of 1,332 Governmental Cases was dealt with. 584 of these cases resulted in liability being given for release.

Compensation was handled involving 567 Military Cases.

APPENDIX C-1 TO REPORT ON THE NORTH-FLORIDA AIRPORT

REMARKS ON THE REMOVAL OF THE NORTH-FLORIDA AIRPORT

ON THE REMOVAL OF THE NORTH-FLORIDA AIRPORT

Area	In Good Condition	On Site	Off Site	Rel. & Off.	TOTAL
North Florida	146	74	1	10	131
South Florida	8	58	-	171	237
East Florida	3	65	-	-	68
Middle East	1	54	-	-	55
India	-	1	130	65	196
London, E.C.	112	504	-	-	616
England	8	498	-	-	506
United States	453	211	-	-	664
Co-operations in	545	754.2	-	-	899.7
International	-	-	-	-	-
Japan	-	27	-	-	27
France	63	791	-	-	854
"	7	1616	-	11	1634
Germany	3191	137830	-	-	140021
Coltmanfield	2	150	-	-	152
TOTAL	6342	150,071	131	257	150,551

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Australia	112	504	-	-	616
Belgium	8	608	-	-	506
United States	453	214	-	-	564
Coastal States in American Waters	505	7542	-	-	8057
France	-	27	-	-	27
Germany	63	791	-	-	854
"	7	4668	-	11	4685
Italy	3191	137850	-	-	141021
Netherlands	2	780	-	-	755
TOTALS	4142	150,571	431	257	154,931

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