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PRISONERS OF WAR
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

(Ref.: W/11)

5 May 1944

SUBJECT: Attached Letter re. Prisoner of War of British.

TO: H.Q.-A.C.C.; R.C. & M.G. Section ✓

1. Attached is a letter from a woman who states that she has a son who is a P.O.W. of the British, from whom she has not heard in two years. Also, that he sent her some money that she never received.

2. We do not know where to send such letters for action. Therefore, we are forwarding same to you, this time, and requesting instructions as to where to send like letters hereafter.

For the Regional Commissioner

Ransom Carver
Ransom Carver, Captain, A.U.S.,
Regional Public Welfare Officer

On file

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To Please G-5 AFHQ.
return if information
is needed. What to do
in case of
P.O.W. return
from
Russia
in their action
of
that
above
should
be
done
in
order
to
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interests
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(DPA)

His Excellency the Head of the American Government.

I, the undersigned, wish to appeal to your Excellency.
My son has been a prisoner of war since the capture of Gondar;
I received from him only one letter and postcard, to the effect
that he was a prisoner in Sudan and that he had sent me lire 6000
which I have not received; it has been two years since I have heard
from him.

I have applied to the Italian Red Cross, but in vain; I have also
applied to the RR.CC. (Italian Carabiniers) but with no result.
I wish to know where my son is and where the lire 6000 are.

His address is:

Spirolio Domenico
Rank: Sergeant - born 1917
P.L. number 3077 - Section Postal SUDAN

signed (Antonio Spirolio di Domenico)

Marco Addolorato,

Sirimano

My son posted the lire 6000 at the Gondar post office and we have
not received the money.

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ALLIED POWERS COMMISSION
U.S. Section
No 394

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Ref/9/99/GA.

11 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisoners of war in SICILY.

TO : Army Sub-Commission ADV HQ.,
Rear HQ. A.C.C.

1. Reference your GS/111 of 9 May 1944.
2. A reply has not yet been received from Region I regarding this matter. A reminder was sent on the 5th May, and as soon as their reply is received we will communicate with you further.

W.H.
WILLIAM H. MURKIN,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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QS411

9 May 1944

SUBJECT: Prisoners of War in SICILY.

TO : RC & HQ Section, Main HQ. A.C.C., NAPLES.

Reference my QS284 of 20 April.

Can you state please, how this matter now stands.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH) 4218
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

QD/mns

A. C. C.

Having no answer yet

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommission
APC 394

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A.C.C.
8 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Paroled POW.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner. ←

1. Ref your 9/21/CA dated 3 May 44.

2. As a matter of law there are only 3 classes to be considered
and not five as suggested in Para 1 of AFHQ letter 38.6 dated 27 April 44.

These classes are as follows:

(i) POW on parole; this includes classes (a) & (b) of the a/m letter.

(ii) Interned POW. This includes classes (c) & (d).

(iii) Released prisoners of war. Presumably Italian soldiers who
are on active duty (See para (e)) have been released.

3. The legal position of the 3 classes is as follows:

(i)(a) Prisoners on parole who commit offences can have their parole
revoked and be returned to a POW Camp.(b) The position under International law of POW on parole who
commit purely civilian offences (e.g. looting, rape) in relation to the jurisdiction
of local courts is but little discussed in the books. It is the
opinion of this Subcommission that there is nothing in the Geneva POW Con-
vention or any other rule of International law which renders it improper for
a local court to try POW on parole for such offences, at any rate with the
consent of the Detaining Power. The Minister of Justice concurs in this view.Whether a paroled POW is tried before an Italian Cagliari Penal
Court or a Tribunale Militare di Guerra depends on the exact type of the
alleged offence.(ii) POW who are interned or who work should be tried for offences
in accordance with Chap. 3 of the Geneva Convention.(iii) This class are tried before their own tribunals, penal or mili-
tary, according to the circumstances of the case. In exceptional circumstances

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in occupied territory Italian soldiers are also tried in AG Courts.

4. Subject to Para. 5 below this Subcommission is of opinion that the course proposed by CO IFS in Para. 4 of AFHQ letter is correct.

5. With regard to Para. 4(a) of AFHQ letter this Subcommission is strongly of opinion that any communication to Italian officials should be through ACC, especially in this very difficult and important matter. Furthermore in detail it is not possible to inform the Italian Courts what jurisdiction they have because much depends on the type of offence and so on. This Subcommission thinks that the best course would be to ask the Minister of Justice to issue a directive on the subject to the Courts. Please let me know if you desire that this course should be followed.

6. A consultation with the Army Subcommission has been held and it was agreed that a formal release of all paroled prisoners would solve many difficulties but it is understood that this is a matter of policy which has been under consideration at the highest level and up to the present HQ AMI has only permitted the release of prisoners on parole in individual cases.

G. R. Upjohn

G. R. UPJOHN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: Army Subcommission.

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~~5 May Field~~ 9 A.M.
- 6413
Paterno 095
4 AM.

Dear Duffield Unit,

On reading this draft, it occurred to me you might think I'd written the fact that you had turned me on the lists.

No reflection on your integrity is intended! Only I feel the S.D. should be informed. I know that documents did NOT reach their addressee.

Of course Sec. Gen. may have acknowledged them but it don't appear so.

Yours ever,

F. Smith



P.D. on file

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4 May 1944

SUBJECT: Reports of PW.TO : Regional Control and Military Government Section, Main HQ.
A.C.C., NAPLES.

On 13 March, File No. RPS 383.6, Secretary General forwarded file of considerable volume to Army Sub-Comm. Main HQ. who passed them to this office. They concerned Reports of PW and were applications addressed to the "Provost Marshal General, North African Theater of Operations, U.S. Army, through Secretary General", from Region 1. (His letter No. RI/515/CPS/JTM of 9 March).

It is not known if Secretary General acknowledged these but it appears that Region 1 was not informed that such documents should be addressed to A.C.C., for a 2nd file has arrived (Region 1 letter RI/515/CPS/JTM of 19 April file No. RPS 383.6) addressed as above stated.

Perhaps you will communicate with Secretary General and Regional Commissioner on the staff duties concerned.

As the basis of the application was in every case the "civil value" of the soldiers concerned, the matter has been put up to the Admin. Sec. (to whose activities most of the cases refer) with the recommendation that the list be examined and a priority established over the whole lot.

It has been further suggested that 2 lists be prepared:
a. Any really important cases which may justify a special application by the Chief Commissioner to A.F.H.Q. (as he has done in the case of PW wanted by Comando Supremo).

b. Other cases for record in office of High Commissary for PW who presumably are compiling lists for use at a time when a more general release is authorised.

Note. The A.A.I. policy letter No. AAI/3072/A(0) of 25 April concerns PW in Italy and the Islands and apart from medical cases, only offers the possibility of general release to PW now in Sicily. 4x15

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Polic. & Admin.
must be noted.
File QS.

Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

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PAO/JOHN J. O'BRIEN
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

O'BRIEN

Ref. 9/93/CA

5 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian POWS in Italy.

TO : R.C. Region I.

It would be appreciated if a reply to
this Headquarters letter 9/86/44 of 21 April
1944 could be expedited.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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4/21/44
Noted

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
ACO 394

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Ref/9/92/3A

4 May 1944

SUBJECT: Paroled P.O.W.

TO : MGS, AMHQ.

1. Letter MGS 383.6 of 29 April was received here May 1st, 1944.
2. The views of the sub-commissions concerned are being sought and a reply will be sent within a few days.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

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ADJUTANT
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
S. S. & R. C. SECTION
AFN 394

AS

Ref/9/91/CA

3 May 1944

SUBJECT: Paroled P.O.W.
TO : Admin. Section (for Legal Sub-Comm.)

1. Attached copy of I.G.C. AFN letter I.G.C. 583.6 of 27 April 44 is forwarded.
2. Please submit your opinion to this Branch after consultation with my Sub-Comm.
3. Copy of above mentioned document has been forwarded to Army Sub-Commission.
4. Above mentioned document was not received until 1st May. Could this matter, therefore be treated urgently to avoid further delay.

AS
HORAN H. WISE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/9/90/GA

3 May 1944

SUBJECTS: Paroled P.O.W.

TO : Army Sub-Comm. (Rear Hq.)

1. Attached copy of MGS AFHQ letter MGS 383.6 of 27 April is forwarded.
2. Please submit your opinion to this Branch after consultation with Legal Sub-Commission.
3. Copy of above mentioned document has been passed to Legal Sub-Commission.
4. Above mentioned document was not received until 1st May. Could this matter, therefore be treated urgently to avoid further delay.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Gal Justice

The opinion of Legal sub. Commission
after consultation with Army sub. comm.
should be sought in this case

Do you agree please?

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ML 2/5

Yes - we should however apply for it!
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CC/m, one copy of 69-88

and 1) to Admin for Legal regarding consultation
after consulting Army.

2) to Army regarding opinion after
consulting legal.

|| note in covering letter that 69-88 was used. May
and can if matter ever be raised as urgent.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

MGS: 383.6

27 April 1944

SUBJECT: Paroled Prisoners of War

TO : Hq., Allied Control Commission
(Attention: Executive Commissioner,
R.C. and M.G. Section.)

1. There is now before the Commanding General, NATOUSHA, a letter from the Commanding Officer, Island Base Section, seeking a comprehensive statement of policy on the status and treatment of paroled prisoners of war. This letter distinguishes between five different categories of Italian military personnel:

a. Non-interned personnel who presented themselves after the Armistice and who therefore were not interned but released on parole.

b. Paroled prisoners of war. "The parole system formerly was supervised by the Allied Military Government. Upon the assumption of jurisdiction by the Allied Control Commission, there apparently was no transfer of the control function to a Military Organization. For all practical purposes, the parole system no longer exists."

c. Interned prisoners of war - which group IFS has for the greater part assigned to Italian Service Units.

d. Italian service personnel - prisoners of war who have volunteered for duty with Italian Service Units.

e. Italian soldiers - on active duty with Italian Army Units.

2. The letter states that the immediate problem is the status of non-interned and paroled prisoners of war. These specific points are raised:

a. Extent of jurisdiction of Italian Police and Civil Courts.

b. Revocation of paroles upon conviction for civil offenses.

c. Authority of Italian Army Officers to order parolees

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of certain military classes to report for army duty regardless of their status as parolees.

d. Exact status of non-interned personnel in paragraph 1a above.

3. Pending the receipt of a statement of policy, the Commanding Officer, IBS, states that the following action will be taken

a. Italian police and courts will be advised that they have authority to arrest and try parolees for civil offenses, and to pass and execute sentence, but that this headquarters must be notified of each case.

b. Local police will be instructed that they may not arrest parolees for the purpose of returning them to the control of the Italian Army.

c. Local Italian Army Officers will be advised that at present parolees will not be released from their status as Prisoners of War for service in the Italian Army.

4. The 1st Indorsement, for the C.C., S.O.S., MATUSA, recommends that parolees be released to the Italian Government.

5. The above communication is being circulated to all Staff Sections concerned, for recommendations upon which a comprehensive reply may be prepared. In order that Military Government Section may have the benefit of the observations of the Allied Control Commission, it is requested that this Section be advised, as promptly as may be, what is the present situation as to the parole system, and what comments the ACC may wish to make upon it.



CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief of Section.

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ABORD DU CHAMPS EN RESSAS. TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION THE FOLLOWING PRISONERS OF WAR ARRIVED ON 25 APRIL 1944. 12 COL LUIGI AVOCCHIO PIYUMLANO, 11 COL CARLO CALISTRI, SOLDATO MILITAR COMBETTO, CAPORAL MAGGI ANTONIO DINGA, SOLDATO MICHELI DANIELO, PRIVATE CLAUDIO SILLANDI, CONFIDENT AGNELLO FERRARI. TO ITALIAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT: S/T PAGA RAVALLI. ON SAME PLATE ARE 4 GERMAN MEDICAL OFFICERS FOR TWO 326 NEW YORK CABLE L-15936 DATED 4 APRIL 44. ETA DUKE 1 MAY 44. ESCORT GUARD AMERICAN 64 PRISONERS OF WAR ESCORT GUARD DEDICATED 1 OFFICER TO RELATED REPORT TO PROVOST MATERIAL PLANS UPON ARRIVAL. ESCORT GUARD COMMANDING OFFICER HAS IN HIS POSSESSION COMPLIANT CARD HISTORY SHOWING DISPOSITION OF ITALIAN PAROONIA LISTED ABOVE.

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HEADQUARTERS
A. S. ED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.G. & M.G. Section
ALO 394.

24 April 1946.

Ref/9/66/DA

SUBJECT: Italian P.O.W.s in Italy.

TO : R.G. Region I.

1. A copy of a letter from the High Commissioner for P.O.W.s is enclosed.

2. In your capacity as liaison officer with No. I District can you please take this matter up and report to this Section.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Encl. Ltr from High Commissioner for POW.

Bu Sts
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/9/85/CH

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: P.O.W. Camps in Sicily.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, Rear HQ. 67

1. Reference your QM/mns of 4 April 1944.
2. P.O.W.s. are located in Sicily in the following places :
 - (a) Camp 222 Catania (det.222 Siracusa).
 - (b) Camp 301 Palermo.
 - (c) Hospitals in :
 - (i) 56 Area.
 - (ii) 71 Garrison Area.
 - (iii) 40 Div. Area.
3. Numbers are as follows :

(a) Officers	-	516
(b) O.Rs.	-	<u>12,947</u>
Total	-	<u>13,463</u>
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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

DRAFT MINUTE

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SUBJECT: Release of Prisoners of War.

TO : Dep. Executive Commissioner.

Reference 74 and 75

1. Since the abolition of P.W. Sub-Commission the Army Sub-Commission has taken over their functions with regard to release of P.W. The Army Sub-Commission are only interested in the release of prisoners who take their place in Armed Units, and it is now difficult to arrange for the release of prisoners required for civilian purposes. For example, a Lt. in an Army Unit was required to be released to return to his duties as Chief Legal Officer in Palermo.

2. Accordingly the procedure outlined in 74 was worked out by Capt.

Stone and has been issued to Administrative Sub-Commissions.

3. It is not quite clear what steps Economic Section are taking in this matter although they have been consulted.

4. It is suggested that we issue these instructions to Regions.

5. According to para 3 of 74 some central coordinating authority is required. The Deputy Chief Commissioner is willing to take on this task. It would seem that request for release should be channelled through the appropriate Sections to him for his decision and submission to the Italian Army.

6. This might be considered at the next V.I.'s meeting. I have talked with Col. Cripps who thinks that the procedure outlined by Arthur Lee in his memo (file 74) needs clearer definition before issuing to Regts.

G.W.I. SHIPP
(W) Cripps
Lt. Col.
4:03
Mto

20. April 44.

referred to me that it necessary to issue to Regts. anything concerning
(1) a situation like one apposite to that stated except as
determined in para 1 of 74 (file 74)
(2) Economic Section may be called in; agreed to procedure to be followed
in para 74. 3.00 am. and to take & copy

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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20 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prisoners of War in Sicily.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section, Main HQ. A.C.C., Naples.

I forward herewith a copy of a translation of a letter from the High Commissioner for PW and as the Sub-Commission has not yet appointed a Liaison Officer to No. 1 District, I am unable to confirm the statements made. You may be able to represent the matter more clearly to the Chief Commissioner.

I should be glad to have your remarks.

P. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

1 Incl. as above.



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APRIL 17, 1944

TRANSLATION NO. 232 BONANNI

HIS Commissioner for PW CAVA DEI TIRRE APRIL 16, 1944 TO : ACC.
Fil. No. 36 Pol.SUBJECT: Prisoners of War in Sicily.

1. I wish to call the A.C.C.'s attention to what is taking place in regard to Italian soldiers still held as PW in Sicily.

2. The Commander of the Army Corps of Sicily reports that he has been "authorised by the Commander of the 1st District, General Heydman, to release those officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted men of the prisoner camp of Syracuse who intend to return to army service and whose re-admission is considered useful". As for those who don't express such intention, it seems that it has been decided to "ship them, in part, to North Africa soon."

His Majesty's Government has already communicated, also through me (note of March 24, No. 23 paragraph 5), that "Military service in our Country has always been compulsory, and soldiers, even when held prisoner, are to be considered in service, according to the Military laws of the nation".

Now, having considered the Italian laws, to ask prisoners whether they intend to re-enter service or not, in order to be released from the status of PW, is like asking them if they intend to obey or disobey their country's laws.

Italian soldiers, so long as they remain PW may and must be subject only to the regulations of the Geneva Convention of July 27, 1929; if released from the status of PW they must obey the orders of His Majesty's Government, according to Italian laws.

The request to be made to the Italian soldiers in the camp in Syracuse seems therefore illegal and inadmissible, not only from the point of view of Italian laws, but for the interest of the soldiers themselves who must not, naturally, be put in a position where they can become guilty of a serious military offence, for which they would have to answer when they are released.

3. As things are at present, Italian soldiers still kept by the Allies in PW camps in the Italian territory, should all be handed to the Italian Military authorities who, in accordance with the laws, would take the following measures:

a) Those who, according to such laws must continue to serve according to their age, rank, etc.) would be made to serve.

b) Necessary measures would be taken against those who do not obey the regulations in effect at the present time, so that the whole Italian people can contribute as much as possible to the status of co-belligerency.

4. This question should be cleared up, not only for the sake of the soldiers themselves but for the sake of the general, political and moral order of Italy, where the standing of these soldiers seems and is more or less incomprehensible, and gives place to really difficult situations (discipline, family, etc.).

I trust the Commission will take steps so that this question can be solved.

HIGH COMMISSIONER
(GENERALE PIETRO GAZZERA).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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FILE : RPS 383.6. 19th April, 1944.
SUBJECT : Prisoner of War Camps in Sicily.
TO : R.C. & M.G. Section, ~~████████~~
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
THRU : Channels.

1. Attached are copies of the communications received from H.Q. N°. 1 District and Island Base Section in reply to your 9/68/CA of 6th April, 1944, on the above subject.

For the Regional Commissioner:

B. J. Jefford
~~for~~ Major

for RUSSELL A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
21 APR 1944

A. C. C.

Enclosures : Lists of POW Camps in Sicily with number of POWs

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SUBJECT : POW Camps.

1D/6/5/A.

1 Apr 44.

Allied Control Commission,
SICILY Region H.Q.,
APO 394.

Reference your RPS 383.6 dated
11 Apr 44.

A copy of this HQ Prisoner of War
State is forwarded herewith. This
gives the information as to Camps
and breakdown of Ps.W. held.

DeLaney Cap N
Major General,
Commanding,
No 1 District.

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AKC/GAW.

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No. 1 District
PRISONER OF WAR STATE as at 0600 hrs 5 Apr 45

CAMP (A)	Protected Personnel			German		Italian			
	Offrs (B)	Cts (C)	Nationality (D)	Offrs (E)	Cts (F)	Officers (G)	Other Ranks (H)	Officers (I)	Other Ranks (K)
222 Detach						3	30	107	540
(det, 222 recovered)	4	6				121	1	56	532
						5			2
671 Station 102	9	2				2	2	22	234
671						2	2	22	232
672						2	2	22	232
673						2	2	22	232
674						2	2	22	232
675						2	2	22	232
676						2	2	22	232
677						2	2	22	232
722 Station 102						6	6	52	370
722	4	3				6	6	52	373
TOTALS :		11				101	45	430	534

Note : Column (G) and (H) indicate total numbers in Camps
Column (I) and (K) indicate total numbers detached for 1st
Column (L) = sum total (B) + (C) + (E) + (F) + (G) + (H)

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No 1 District
PRISONER OF WAR STATE as at 0600 hrs 2 Apr 4545
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Total Personnel		German		Italian			TOTAL	REMARKS	
Offrs	Nationality	Offrs	GRS	Officers	Other Ranks				
(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(K)	(L)	(M)
				5	40	100	340	4105	
				153	1	56	362	716	
				2	2	2	2	5	
				2	2	260	254	264	
				2	2	291	292	296	
				2	2	272	272	274	
				2	2	273	270	271	
				2	2	290	292	292	
				2	2	271	271	272	
				2	2	272	273	273	
				6	6	57	570	576	
				6	6	582	583	593	
				154	43	405	3341	4835	

Note : Column (C) and (D) indicate total numbers in Camps
 Column (H) and (K) indicate total numbers detached for Labour.

Column (L) = sum total (B) + (C) + (E) + (F) + (G) + (H)

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PRISONER OF WAR STATE as at 0600 hrs

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CAMP (A)	Protected Personnel			German		Italian			TOTAL (L)
	Offrs (B)	Offrs (C)	Nationality (D)	Offrs (E)	Offrs (F)	Officers (G)	Other Ranks (H)	Officers (I)	
<u>HOSPITALS</u>									
26 Area									
11 Gen Hosp		3							
Gen Hosp		64						33	36
9 Con Depot		44						3	64
Santa Marta	8	27						45	59
71 Garrison								59	59
33 Gen Hosp	3	55			2	3	3	154	153
Avola	5	34				1	5	97	217
Syracuse	9	66				9	-	35	137
10 Div Area.								66	75
2 Rd Hosp		13					4	15	17
TOTALS :	33	317			2	128	73	4820	3797
									5364

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PRISONER OF WAR STATUS as at 0600 hrs

SHEET 2

Protected Personnel			German		Italian				TOTAL	REMARKS
Per	Off	Nationality	Offrs	Ors	Officers	Other Ranks	(L)	(M)		
(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(K)		
3						33	36	36		
64						3	64	67		
44						15	59	59		
8	27	"			7	8	119	27	161	
3	55	"			2	3	154	153	217	
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9	66				9	-	65	75		
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S E C R E T
Auth: CO IBS & 10th Port
Initials *RS*
Date: 16 April 1944

AG 383.6 (IRSPD) 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS, ISLAND BASE SECTION AND 10TH PORT, APO #550, 16 April 1944

TO: Regional Commissioner, Region No. 1, APO #434
(Attention: Lt. Col. Snook, Regional Public Safety Officer)

Reference request contained in basic communication, the following
information regarding POW under the jurisdiction of this Base Section,
the following information is submitted:

- a. Number of POW Camps in this Base Section - 1
- b. This is POW Inclosure No. 301, located at No. 94 Corso
Calatafimi, Palermo, Sicily
- c. Number of prisoners: 291 Officers, 7810 EM

For the Commanding Officer:

John J. Hayer
JOHN J. HAYER
1st Lieutenant A.G.D.
Asst. Adjutant General

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~~SECRET~~ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : N 35/16
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : PRIORITY
From : FATIMA REAR FROM ARMY SUB COMMISSION SIGNED MACFARLANE
To : FREEDOM RPTD FATIMA

Date / Time Rec'd : APRIL 16/1720
Date / Time Sent : APRIL 16/
Reference NR : 2636
None

PROPOSED EVACUATION OF 170 ITALIAN POW REPEAT POW TO ITALY ON HOSPITAL SHIP PRINCIPESSE GIOVANNI, INCLUDING 20 PSYCHONEUROTIC BRITISH TROOPS ACCEPTED. REFERENCE FREEDOM CABLE 27260, FATIMA 3288 OF 15 APRIL TO FATIMA REAR REFERS. REQUEST THAT AT BARI REPEAT BARI THEY BE DESEMBARKED

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PATTIA REAR ADM'D ITALIA

BYUUNG IS PARAPHRASE FREEDOM MESSAGE TWO SEVEN TWO SIX ZERO RECEIVED BY THIS HEAD QUARTERS QUOTE PRINCIPIOSA GIOVANNI FORTELLA SHIP AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE IN TAREN TO PATTIA REAR DOR ARMY SUB DAHL COMMISSION REPEATED MAIL FROM PATTIA SIGNED MAJOR AND LAREN PROPOSED THAT THIS SHIP BE USED TRANSPORT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED DEVENTY ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR TO ITALY TO INCLOSED IN PRISONERS ARE TWO ZERO PSYCHOLOGISTS TO SAY THAT HE ACCOUNTED SO FAR AS FREEDOM HAVE BE NEGOTIATED WARLY HERBY WHICH PLEASE SIGNAL THEM WITH COPY THIS W. CITING REFERENCE AS URGENT

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L.T. MOSTANT JR.
2nd LT AGO
ADJUTANT.

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15 April 1944REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION488675
CA. Box
J. 4393

15 April 1944

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SUBJECT: Release of Prisoners of War.

TO : RCMG Sec.

1 I recently submitted to the DCC a request for instructions as to the procedure to be followed in order to obtain the release of a Prisoner of War.

2 The attached is a copy of the instruction which I have issued to Adm Sub Commissions to put into effect the instructions received by me in answer to my request.

3 Will you please circulate these instructions to Regions so that they may know the procedure to be adopted for obtaining the release of a prisoner of war whose services are required, or how applications made to them should be dealt with.

4 Regions will of course supply with any request they may forward, the information necessary to enable the formal request referred to in para 6 of the attached to be written.

5 The Economic Sub Commission has been consulted on this matter and concurs with this request.

Stansgate

STANSGATE,
VP Adm Sec.

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Memorandum
for Col Cropper
regarding Gen Memo No 31
which covers the points
in detail with forms.

Probably can stand with slight
amendment. Wm. 2/14

Wm. 2/14

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PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDATION OF
RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF WAR

- 1+
- 1 Prisoners of War will be released most exceptionally on request and then only if their services are necessary for the furtherance of the War effort.
 - 2 The authority for initiating a request for the release of a prisoner will be the Sub Commission responsible for the class of work which the prisoner is particularly suited to do.
 - 3 On being satisfied that the services of a prisoner are necessary the Sub Commission will forward their request together with a short statement of the reasons for their decision to the Deputy Chief Commissioner.
 - 4 The papers relating to prisoners as to whom the request for release is approved by the DCC. will be submitted by him to the Public Safety Sub Commission who will investigate and report on the prisoner's local reputation and party history, returning the papers with their report to the initiating Sub Commission.
 - 5 If this report is that the prisoner is suitable for repatriation the initiating Sub Commission will prepare the formal request for release of the prisoner for signature by the DCC.
 - 6 The formal request will be addressed to the GC. the Army by whom the prisoner is held and will contain :
 - a. such particulars of the prisoner and his location as will enable him to be identified.
 - b. The capacity in which it is proposed that he shall be employed and a short summary of the reasons that his services are required.
 - c. A statement that his services are necessary for the furtherance of the War effort.
 - d. A statement that his local reputation and party history have been investigated and are satisfactory.
 - e. A request that he be released.
 - 7 Any application for release of a prisoner which originates outside HQ ACC will be forwarded to the appropriate Sub Commission who, if satisfied that the prisoner's services are necessary, will deal with it as above.
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TO: TRIPOLI

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PLEASE HAVE ME READY TO GIVE P-7-60 DATED 4 APRIL, REGARDING
RETURN OF ABOUT 470 TRIPPING ITALIAN PW TO ITALY.

ACG DISTRIBUTION:

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15 APR Rrd
9 AM E.A. B.
U-4204 6784

Ref W. 8/7

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SUBJECT: - Discrepancy of Name.

To : - Executive Committee
U.N. Comm. Section. ✓

Refare to your note CIO Faro 642 signed yesterday the
undated report is now to hand, although dated 23/3/44.

It is pointed out that the report mentions South African
Re. 2, not East Africa. The report confirm the figure of four
native names, but there is one tribal in front of the names
of the boundari.

For the National Committee.



Commandant
14 APR 1944
Asst. Executive Officer
Region 2
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SALERNO PROVINCE

P.S./26.

FSC/MSG/12/44

SUBJECT: Prisoners of War.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 2, A.C.O.

23/2/44

Reverting to your letter of the 5th instant and your telegram of the 17th, it is regretted that it has so far not been possible to obtain much exact information on this subject.

The information so far obtained is as follows:- About May, 1943 one hundred and fifty prisoners of war, said to be South African Negroes from the P.O.W. camp at Capua, were engaged on building a school for aviation on the aerodrome at Pontecagnano; they were accompanied by a N.C.O. and were in the charge of two Italian officers and a few soldiers.

They are said to have been volunteers for the work and were employed by a contractor M. Rechini, of Torino, and it is thought that they received special pay for the work. They were housed in a concentration camp opposite the aerodrome and divided from it by the main road. The camp was properly signed as a P.O.W. camp and at night was fully illuminated. The men worked in shifts of about thirty or forty at a time and were very happy and friendly with the Italian soldiers. They were mostly employed

SUBJECT: Prisoners of War.
TO : Technical Commission, Section 2, A.O.C.

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant and your telegram of the 17th, it is regretted that it has so far not been possible to obtain much exact information on this subject.

The information so far obtained is as follows:-

About May, 1943 one hundred and fifty prisoners of war, said to be South African negroes from the 2007 camp at Capua, were assigned to building a school for instruction on the aerodrome at Montecorone; they were accompanied by a F.O.O. and were in the charge of two Italian interpreters and a few soldiers.

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At about 1400 hours on the 20th July, the air raid alarm sounded and the prisoners started to run, some to the shelter and some to the aerodrome buildings. American personnel in two formations of twenty each with their machine gunners, 41 G.P. were killed whilst two were missing and were thought to have been blown to pieces. Others were wounded.

At the same time a British conveyance containing prisoners of war (thought to be British) was passing the aerodrome and was hit by a bomb and casualties occurred among the prisoners on the train.

The wounded were taken to the Italian Military Hospital at Cava del Timavo.

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SALENTO PROVINCE

Following on this incident the prisoners did not wish to work and were sent back to Cagliari.

The above information was furnished by Major Nunziante, who was in command of the airfield at the time of the raid. He is now professionally employed at Saline, Via Roma 365 at the Istituto Nazionale del Lavoro. He states he sent a full report of the incident to the Air Ministry, at Rome, but has no documents from which to furnish names.

Two prisoners of war, said to have been killed in this air-raid, were buried at Pontecagnano Cemetery. Filende Villian, born 1915, was buried without a coffin. No Ube Duku born 1913 was buried in a coffin. The burial service was conducted by Chaplain Lieut. Germazzi Adelio C/O. The Parish priest of Pontecagnano who furnished the information re names etc. A full report of the incident was also made to the Ministry for Air at Rome by the Captain in charge on the prisoners.

Inquiries have been made at the Italian Military Hospital at Cava de' Tirreni to endeavor to trace the wounded. This hospital has been damaged by shellfire and has ceased to be used by the Military as a Hospital. The records etc. are in the custody of an Italian Officer but they are in a state of confusion and he was unable to trace the wounded men. Another Italian soldier however stated that there were two South African negro soldiers and

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It is not thought likely that any further information will be obtained in this district but further enquiry will be made and in the event of anything useful coming to light a further report will be submitted.

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Major A.E.C. (P.S.)
Salerno

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & MG. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/9/69/CA

14 April 1944

SUBJECT: P.O.W. Camps in Sicily.

TO : R.C. Region I.

A reply is still awaited to our 9/68/CA
of 6 April 1944, please expedite.

TEP
NORMAN E. WHITE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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H.M. ARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/9/68/C&C

6 April 1944.

SUBJECT: P.W. Camps in Sicily.

TO : R.C. Region I.

Enclosed copy of a letter from the
Army Sub-Commission, reference S201 of 4 April
1944, is forwarded with the request that you
provide this R.C. with information required.

SG
ROBERT E. FINKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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N. J. H.
4/8/44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 QS/mms

QS201

4 April 1944

SUBJECT: PW Camps in SICILY.

TO : Regional Control and Military Government
Section, Main HQ. A.C.C., Naples.

High Commissary for Prisoners of War have informed me that camps for PW still exist in SICILY. In order that the matter may be referred to appropriate authority, it is requested that you will confirm or (otherwise) the continued existence of PW camps in SICILY.

Location and approximate number of prisoners concerned should be stated. Also, distinction between Officers and Other Ranks..

It would be appreciated if this information could be obtained with the utmost dispatch.

G. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

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INFO FOR: F27260

FROM: FREEDOM

CITY: HOUSTON

TO: VICTIM

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ABOUT 14 DAYS. AUGUST 14. BLDY TO RETURN APPROX TWO UNITS
LATER BY REQUESTING AN EXTENSION UP TO JULY. DATE TWO
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

9 10 9 MAR Recd C.H.R. 4125

14 March 1944

Ref: W / 81

TO: - Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.G. Section
HQ. A.C.C.

The attached letter is forwarded for your appropriate action.

For the R.C.

J. Brummond-Young, Capt. R.A.A.F.
Asst. Executive Officer
Region 2

Mr. MITSKEVITCH,
at the VILLA RIVALTA, (Id. 14339)
is authorized to deal with such
matters. I have spoken to Gen. SOLODOVNIK
who suggests that he should be approached. 4182

Ran 160km - no reply.
My 2nd time - no reply.
29 Mar 44

P.D. Daynes
Dated 28 Mar. 44

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A. M. G.

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
POTENZA PROVINCE

Now = A.C.C.

Pr. ff

Potenza 13 March 1944.

To : HQ, Region 2 .

From : Major H.H. NICHOLS - Provincial Commissioner POTENZA -

SUBJECT = Italian soldiers missing and prisoners of war in Russia.

It is well known that a great part of the Italian Army in Russia did not come back to its country after its retreat from the front-line.

A large number of soldiers of this Army are native of this province and therefore their relatives are continually applying to me for informations.

As a Russian Commission is now in Italy, I should be obliged if you could draw its attention to this question.

According to my investigation no Italian prisoner of war ever wrote to his family from Russia and the Italian Red Cross could give no/ informations to families concerned.

H. H. Nichols
MAJOR
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER
POTENZA

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/71/INT

17 Mar 44

SUBJECT : Civilian Internees.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Hq ACC APO 394

1 Reference your 2/23A dated 12 Mar 44.

2 The Minister of Interior was interviewed regarding this matter on 15 Mar 44. Notes made during the interview are attached for your information.

Stansgate

STANSGATE, 4182
VP Adm Sec.

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YEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
AFO 394

SUBJECT: Civilian Concentration Camp, Pecule.

Notes made by Captain R.N. Temple, Executive Officer, Interior, of interview of Signor Reale, Minister of Interior, by Lt. Col. H.G.J. Spicer, Director of Interior Sub Commission, ACC, 15 Mar 44, 1730 to 1930 hours.

Also present: Dott. Gallenago, Secretary to Reale.
Lt. V. Grattanelli, Interpreter.

The Director of the Interior Sub Commission, ACC, discussed the Camp matter. He made the following points:

1. The Camp was under Army control, and not under ACC.
2. It is the same camp that was used by the Italian POWs.
3. General MacFarlane considered conditions satisfactory.
4. All the internees are receiving the same rations as our soldiers (even to the extent of receiving such luxuries as cigarettes)
5. Any person may visit an internee in the presence of an Allied Officer.
6. In a few days the board of Allied Officers will begin sitting daily, to consider the release of internees. The question of release is constantly under review.
7. All internees are being brought into the camp from all points.
8. Any list of internees that Reale sends to us will be transmitted with a request for a priority of review.
9. We cannot undertake a census.
10. We will deal only with civilian internees.

The Interior Sub-Commission Director read a statement to Minister Reale to the effect that civilians were interned to protect Allied Military Interests and that they would remain in the camp only for that reason; that is was impossible to have other than Allied military personnel on the reviewing board.

Reale stated that the officials whose names he had submitted to us had no charges against them.

The Director read the British regulations on interning civilian officials.

The Director stated that a very senior officer of ACC had visited and investigated the camp situation and reported that the Minister's complaints were unjustified.

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The Director again stated that if Reale submits lists of names and they are good cases, he will endeavour to see that priority of treatment is requested for them. If the Minister had any doubt about the persons, he might have 28000 screened them.

The letter that Reale had sent on this letter. That they particularly did not like the sentence: "... they are in there for no reason."

Reale responded that he thought it was his duty to report the situation according to the complaints which he had received; that if some Italian official had authority to visit the camp perhaps the letter would not have been written.

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Dr. Gallengo interjected the remark that the treatment of the internees was good, but that the food was insufficient. Further more, that the Allied officer investigating might have been present at only one meal.

The Interior Sub-Commission Director replied that the internee get exactly the same rations as British soldiers.

The Director concluded the discussion on the Pedula Camp matter by re-emphasizing the following points:

1. The representations of the Minister of Interior were exaggerated.
2. The internees would be released as quickly as possible if such release was not to the prejudice of the army.
3. Only Allied officers could be members of the Board of Review since this was a military matter.
4. The Board will begin functioning in a few days.

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ABOARD US VOLUNTEER FREIGHTERS TRAILER PRISONERS OF
WAR PERSONNEL SOURCE SECURE DIRECTIVE 3786 16 MARCH 1944, DIRECTORIAL
CABLE 58875 DATED 4 MARCH 1944 MINNESOTA MAGNETIC INDUSTRIES
AND CHARTERED VACATION STATE FOR TRANSPORT TO AGO BAHIA,
REBANK CABLES 61767, CITY BANKS, 1837 CITY PARK, AND 5636 CITY
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ABOARD SS JOSEPH KOLISITA THE FOLLOWING TRAILER WINCHES OF
M42 PERSONNEL SECURED SECURE DATED 27TH 16 MARCH 1944, REFERENCED
CABLE 59875 DATED 4 MARCH 1944 REQUESTING ADDITIONAL AUTOMATIC SKIDUGGERS
AND CABINING EQUIPMENT FOR TRANSPORT TO AGO ESTABLISH.
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REMOVED TO POINT OF ORIGIN.

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Ref: 9/ /CA.

12th March 1944.

Subject: Civilian Prisoners of War.

To : Vice President, Main Section.

1. I enclose translation of a letter purporting to come from the Ministry of Interior and addressed to Allied Military Government, Naples and Allied Control Commission, Salerno, making various complaints and criticisms about the treatment of Italian civilian prisoners of war in Italy and especially at PADOA.

2. I should be glad if you would inform the Minister of Interior that these persons are civilian prisoners of war; that they have been made such in order to protect allied military interests and that so long as their liberty is likely to prejudice allied military interests they will remain as prisoners of war.

3. I should be glad, also, if you would inform the Minister of Interior that it is not the intention of the allied military authorities to give to the Minister of Interior a list of such persons nor to ask for his assistance in examining the reasons for making these persons prisoners of war.

4. I would ask you to add that the cases of these prisoners of war are under constant examination and that persons are released from time to time, and that the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that the conditions under which they are living are satisfactory.

5. The tone of the letter from the Minister of Interior appears to me to be abrupt and not such as one would expect from a government of a co-belligerent.

(S) M.S.LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Political Section.

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TRANSLATION.

Ministero dell'Interno.

Salerno, 2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian Concentration Camp.
TO : Allied Military Government, NAPLES.
Allied Control Commission, SALERNO.

I wish to inform, that from many places complaints are coming in on the way the Italian civilian prisoners in concentration camps in freed Italy and especially in PADEA (Salerno) are treated.

These complaints mention the living accommodations, food and above all sanitary conditions.

The Ministry informs, that many of these prisoners are arrested by AMG without being told the reason. Most of these people are functionaries and Italian citizens not young any more who had public charges or some important business. They have been thrown in conditions that cannot be supported even by the very young.

Many of the people have been able to communicate with their relatives and friends, and we are sure if they live, AMG will release them, knowing it is impossible to keep them in prison for no reason. Naturally all these people will not be able to speak favourably for the methods used by the Allied Authorities.

An Italian citizen in the Padua camp has said "not even one of the worse Bourbon prisons can be compared with the treatment we are having."

We, therefore, wish that the AMG and the ACC recognise that the Italian Government has always treated very loyally those arrested for political reasons against the Allied nations. We wish them to consider in adopting the following measures:

- (1) Improve the treatment for Italian civilian internees in allied concentration camp, above all according to age and health conditions. This must be for the camps in freed Italy and in North Africa.
- (2) To give the Italian Internal Ministry the list of the civilian internees, divided in the Italian camps, and overseas, indicating the place of origin of the prisoner and the reason of arrest.
- (3) Form a mixed Allied and Italian Commission to examine the reasons for the arrest, if the person is guilty he should be punished according to the Italian law, and if he is innocent he should be released.

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N. 109 Gab. Min.

Salerno 2 marzo 1944

Risposta alla lettera

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OGGETTO

Ospiti di concentramento per civili

AL GOVERNORATO MILITARE ALLENTO - Lapezia
ALLA COMMISSIONE AUTONOMA DI CONTROLLO Salerno

Desidero far rilevare che da molte parti si giungono a
una frequenza pregiata e reale sul modo con il quale vengono trattati i prigionieri civili italiani nei campi di concentramento in Italia liberata e particolarmente in quello di Padula (Salerno). Detti rese hanno riguardato sia l'eliossianente che il vitto dei prigionieri, soprattutto le condizioni sanitarie ed igieniche.

AL GOVERNO ITALIANO ALLEGATO

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIEVA DI CONTROLLO S. A. L. E. R. N. O.

N. 211

Desidero far rilevare che da molte parti ci giungono con frequenza preghiere e reclami sul modo con il quale vengono trattati i prigionieri civili italiani nei campi di concentramento in Italia liberata e particolarmente in quello di Padula (Salerno). Detti reclami riguardano sia l'alleghamento che il vitto dei prigionieri, e soprattutto le condizioni sanitarie ed igieniche.

Questo ministero fa presente che molti degli interventi sono persone arrestate dall'A.M.G. senza che venisse notificata la causa che determinava questo provvedimento, e che nelle maggioranza di questi riportavano cariche pubbliche o interessi privati spesso di rilevanza importante, e che da un tenore di vita normale per la loro età e le loro funzioni, sono stati gettati in condizioni non sopportabili neppure per dei giovani cani.

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Molte di queste persone hanno potuto comunicare con parenti ed amici, ed abbiano la certezza che molte di queste, se sopravviveranno, saranno prime e poi rilasciate perentò il A.M.G. riconoscerà che non si poteva più tenere più tenere imprudente imprudente e scorto dovere favorevolmente sull'etica di comportamento usata dalle autorità alleate.

Un cittadino italiano del campo di Padula ha fatto sapere che "necessaria delle pesanti punizioni borboniche ai suoi concittadini e quelli di Padula per il trattamento a cui siano sottoposti".

Vorrei quindi che il A.M.G. e la Commissione Alleata di Controllo, riconosciuto che il Governo italiano ha sempre agito lealmente per quanto riguarda le miserie e l'arrezzo dei civili colpiti di azione politica contraria ai principi che governano le Nazioni Unite e che sono ora gli stessi di quelli che regolano l'azione di governo italiano, considerassero la possibilità di adottare i seguenti provvedimenti

I.- Iurizziare le condizioni di trattamento degli internati civili

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- italiani nei campi di concentramento istituiti dagli alleati,
in relazione soprattutto dell'età e delle condizioni di salute
degli arrestati. E questo sia per quanto riguarda i campi di
concentramento istituiti in Italia libera, che per quelli dell'
Affrica del Nord, e dunque siano stati inviati civili italiani.
2.- Fare avere al ministero dell'Interno italiano le liste di tutti
gli internati civili, divise per campi italiani e d'oltre mare,
con l'indicazione del paese d'origine dell'intervento e delle ra-
gioni dell'arresto.
3.- Creare una commissione mista Alleanza e Italiana per l'esame delle
regioni dell'arresto, di modo che se l'arrestato è colpevole, ven-
ga unito secondo la legge italiana, e se innocente possa venire
rilegato.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APG 394

13 March 1944.

Rev/9/57/3A.

SUBJECT: Release of P.W.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I.
 " " II.
 " " III.
 " " IV.
 " " V.
 U.S.A.A.C. AG 5 Army.
 " " 5 Army.

Herewith copy of letter from R. AGC (Adm. Beh.) reference
AGC/300L/3/A(0) dated 5 Mar 44, together with list of P.W. with
home-towns in your area, for your information and necessary action.

Elliott

Major W. ELLIOTT
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: R. AGC (Adm Beh)
with copies of above-mentioned lists.
Please may RIA be notified to
Regional Commissioners & U.S.A.A.C. concerned 4175

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SUBJECT :- Release of PW

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ADM AMM WCH,
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- i. No 1 District
- ii. No 2 District
- iii. No 3 District
- iv. ABC/ADM
- v. Island Base Section & 10th Port.

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1. Authority has been given by this HQ for the release of 47 PW now present in SICOM, who have been considered as being of no value to the Government, because of physical infirmities.
2. They will therefore be released, and allowed to return to their homes.
3. Attached as an appendix to this letter is the list of these prisoners, and the home-towns to which they will be sent.
4. Please, therefore, assist these PW in returning to their homes, affording them travel and food until they are finally dispersed.
5. HQ Districts will inform this HQ when this has been effected.
6. Authority for release is this HQ's letter ADM/3021/3/A(0) dated 9 Mar 44, addressed to HQ Island Base Section & 10th Port.

Colonel Capt
Adj. Brigadier
HQ

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1. It is concluded that the following portions of the evidence produced by the Government in the trial of no value to the defense:
a. Release under the provisions of Rule 19, W.R.C.P.

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2. Indications for the trial of many objectives to the trial of one objective.

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TO: FARGO
FROM: TROOPERS

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PREVIOUS HISTORY AND QUALIFICATIONS WHETHER PW OR EMPLOYED AS CIVILIAN AND DETAILS OF
RELATIVES IN ENGLAND. DETAILS REQUIRED TO ENABLE CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO APPLICATION
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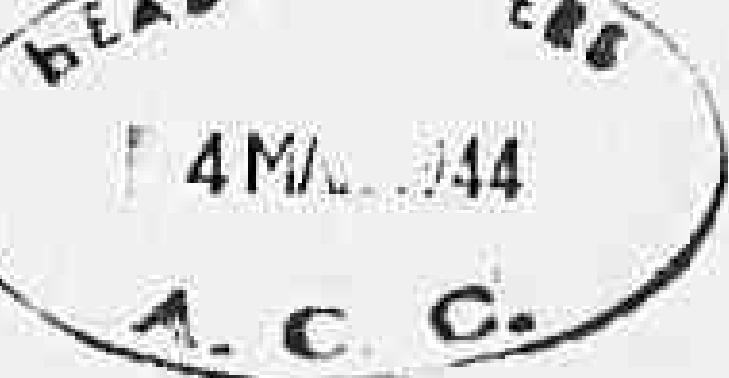
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O.A. D.

1st March, 1944.



African Prisoners of War.
To Captain Talbot, R.G. & M.G., Section, A.C.C.

Further to our telephone conversation today, I forward herewith report on
this subject (copy) which was submitted by me to the Regional Commissioner
Region 2, on the 23rd ultimo.

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Major, A.P.C. (P.S4); 70

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ALLIED EXPERTS COMMISSION
SALERNO PROVINCE

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SUBJECT: Prisoners of War.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 2, A.C.C.

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant and your telegram of the 17th, it is regretted that it has so far not been possible to obtain much exact information on this subject.

The information so far obtained is as follows:-

About May, 1943 one hundred and fifty prisoners of war, said to be South African negroes from the P.O.W. camp at Capua, were engaged on building a school for aviation on the aerodrome at Pontecagnano; they were accompanied by an N.C.O. and were in the charge of two Italian Officers and a few soldiers.

They are said to have been volunteers for the work and were employed by a contractor Ditta Recchi, of Torino, and it is thought that they received special pay for the work. They were housed in a concentration camp opposite the aerodrome and divided from it by the main road. The camp was properly signed as a F.O.W. camp and at night was fully illuminated. The men worked in shifts of about thirty or forty at a time and were very happy and friendly with the Italian soldiers. They were mostly employed on digging.

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TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 2, A.C.C.

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At about 1400 hours on the 20th July, the air-raid alarm sounded and the prisoners started to run, some to the shelter and some to the aerodrome buildings. American planes in two formations of twenty approached from the east and bombed the aerodrome as a result of which there were casualties to Italian personnel and to the prisoners of war. Two of the latter were killed whilst two were missing and were thought to have been blown to pieces. Others were wounded.

At the same time a train conveying prisoners of war (thought to be British) was passing the aerodrome and was hit by a bomb and casualties occurred among the prisoners on the train.

The wounded were taken to the Italian Military Hospital at Vava dei Tirreni.

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Following on this incident the prisoners did not wish to work and were sent back to Capua.

The above information was furnished by Major Nunziante, who was in Command of the Airfield at the time of the raid. He is now professionally employed at Salerno, Via Roma N°35 at the Istituto Nazionale del Lavoro. He states he sent a full report of the incident to the Air Ministry, at Rome, but has no documents from which to furnish names.

Two prisoners of war, said to have been killed in this air-raid, were buried at Pontecagnano Cemetery. Filande William, born 1916, was buried without a coffin. Mc Ube Luku born 1913 was buried in a coffin. The burial service was conducted by Chaplain Lieut. Germazzi Adolfo C/O, The Parish priest of Pontecagnano who furnished the information re names etc. A full report of the incident was also made to the Ministry for Air at Rome by the Captain in charge of the prisoners.

Enquiries have been made at the Italian Military Hospital at Cava dei Tirreni to endeavour to trace the wounded. This hospital has been damaged by shellfire and has ceased to be used by the Military as a hospital. The records etc. are in the custody of an Italian Officer but

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It is not thought likely that any further information will be obtained in this district but further enquiry will be made and in the event of anything useful coming to light a further report will be submitted

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Major A.P.C. (P.S.)
Salerno

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2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Remittances from Prisoners of War.

TO: Dr. Barthélémy,
 International Red Cross,
 36 Via Pasco,
 RAVENNA.

With reference to our conversation over the telephone this morning, I am enclosing copy of a letter received from Sicily relating to remittances alleged to have been sent from a Prisoner of War camp in the Union of South Africa to civilians in Sicily.

From our conversation, I understand that such remittances were, more often than not, channelled through the International Red Cross, Geneva.

While I would be grateful if you would investigate this specific instance, it would be most useful to learn what policy is to be adopted regarding the transfer of such funds. I understand that a prisoner of war can accrue a certain balance to his credit on the books of the Prisoner of War Camp; and already questions have arisen on the method of transferring the credits of prisoners repatriated to Italy. You will realize that no question can arise of a physical transfer of sterling; and on the larger subject, that very difficult questions of exchange rate present themselves.

Any information on this subject which you can obtain from Geneva will be much appreciated.

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A.P. CRAVEN-SMITH, 4163
 Colonel,
 Acting Chief Finance Officer.

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Reference your 42921 of 30 January report is as follows. In May 1943
150 POWs said to have been South repeat South African negroes from POW Camp at
Capua were working in aerodrome at PONTEBAGNANO reported as volunteers employed
by a contractor named RIGHI of TORINO. At 1400 hours 20 July 2 waves of 20
American planes bombed aerodrome and caused casualties among POWs, 2 killed
2 missing believed blown to pieces and unknown number wounded. Number and
identity of wounded not known because hospitalized at JAVA to which they were taken
was damaged by bombing and records are in confusion. The 2 killed were
WILLIAM FELDNER born 1916 buried without coffin and LUKU NCUBE born 1913 and
buried in a coffin.

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EMBAKED 110 A HOURS ON LST 33, 105 PRISONERS OF WAR AND 2 ITALIAN GIRLS

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REPLY TO OUR 42921 DATED 25 JANUARY REQUESTED OUR 49611

DATED 9 FEB REFERENCE EAST AFRICAN PRISONERS OF WAR KILLED OR
WOUNDED ON ITALIAN AIRPORTS BY ALLIED BOMBING STILL AWAITED.

PLEASE EXPEDITE.

May 10th 1944
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1ST. MILITARY REPORTS ACCEPTANCE BY WASHINGTON OF ALL SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES IN FORMS OF BADOLIO AGREEMENT CONCERNING P.M. OBJECTIONS ALSO IMP BY MODIFICATIONS CONSISTENT WITH CARDINAL PRINCIPLE THAT PERSONNEL REMAIN P.M.

2ND. CONSEQUENTLY UNLESS YOU NOW DEMAND IT THERE IS NO INTENTION OF THEIR SENDING ANY ONE TO SUPPORT YOU IN RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS.

3 RD. MOST UNFORTUNATE IMPRESSION WOULD BE CREATED BY ANY CONVEYANCE OF ANY SUGGESTION HOWEVER ILLFOUNDED OF UNILATERAL ACTION PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF EXTENT TO WHICH AMERICANS HAVE ACCEPTED OUR SUGGESTIONS.

4TH. YOUR COMMENTS URGENTLY REQUESTED.

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US CIRCUIT MESSAGE

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FROM : AFHQ SIGNED CINC
 TO : ACMF AND PAFMA
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ALL CASES SECULAR INTERNEES HELD IN SICILY HAVE BEEN REVIEWED.
 OF THESE 120 ARE TO REMAIN INTERNEED UNDER ALLIED CONTROL. REQUEST
 ACMF ACCEPTS THESE 120 AND ANY OTHER SECULARS INTERNEED IN FUTURE
 IN 371 PV CAMP NOT LATER THAN 1401/7/41(B) OR 2ND FEBRUARY
 PARAS TWO. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE REVIEW BOARD HAS DECIDED THAT 73
 INTERNEES HELD SICILY SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN CONTROL
 FORTWENTIETH FOR CONTINUED ENTENEMENT. DO YOU AGREE, IF NOT WILL ACMF
 ACCEPT IN 371 PV CAMP.

PARA THREE. URGE ACMF ACCEPTS PERSONNEL IN BOTH PARAS ONE AND TWO
 IN 371 PV CAMP AS ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE CAMP IN
 SICILY WHICH WE CONSIDER UNECONOMICAL.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/9/40/6A

24 February 1944.

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SUBJECT: P.O.W. on Lampedusa Island

TO : Military Government Section, AFHQ

1. Prisoners of War on Lampedusa Island are reported now to number three officers and 80 soldiers.
2. It is also reported, by Region I, that these P.O.W. are causing embarrassment in respect of:
 - a. food, the island not being self supporting.
 - b. relations with Islanders; these are far from cordial though there has been no trouble so far.
3. It is, therefore, recommended that instructions be given for the removal from Lampedusa of these P.O.W. and their subsequent disposal.
4. Transportation to Porto Empedocle, Sicily can be made available.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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MESSAGE FORM

FromFLAMBO.

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To MMIA

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YOUR Q 591 OF 18 NOT UNDERSTOOD (.) HOSPITALIZATION P.W. UNITS ARRIVING ITALY PROVIDED FOR IN MY ADM INSTRUCTION 28 OF 11 (.) WHETHER IN BRITISH HOSPITAL OR ITALIAN WING CONTACT WITH CO-BELLIGERENTS INEVITABLE AND REPRESENTS ONLY PART OF POLITICAL OBJECTION TO WHOLE SCHEME WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPRESENTED TO FREEDOM (.) FREEDOM SIGNAL 50563 OF 12 TO FARGO REFERS INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:- Q(M), M, MMIALO, Master Message File, ~~Exxxxx~~ file 3091/2/A.1

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- " Lt Col BOWMAN
- " Political Section
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TO FLAMBO RYD FARGO PATIMA FOR GRIMSMITH
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UNDERSTAND THAT PW UNITS ARRIVING OR DUE TO ARRIVE MAY REQUIRE
 MEDICAL TREATMENT FROM COBBLIGERANT ITALIAN. IF TRUE THIS
 RAISES QUESTION OF POLITICAL POLICY. PLEASE CONFIRM FACTS

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TO: 300, RIA, FIFTH ARMY, FATIGUE FOR DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION
AGOF, CINCO ARMY CORP, INC

ADS 20000 WEBSTER

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A.C.C., SICILY REGION HQ., APO 394. 16th February, 1944.

TO - A.C.C. HQ., REGIONAL CONTROL AND MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION

Submitted as in 2 of basic report.

A. N. Hancock
A.N. HANCOCK.
Lt. Colonel.
Regional Commissioner.

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AFHQ. GI/B/2230AZ, 17/11/43 (Copy)

RCAO. RPS/383.6, 6/12/43 (Copy)

Lt. Noble's report 7/2/44.

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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FILE : RPS 383.6 RI/575/CPS/JTM
SUBJECT : Prisoners of War 12/2/44
in Lampedusa.
TO : Chief, Public Safety Division,
Region 1 Headquarters.

1. Reference attached report from A/SCAPO, Agrigento, asking that arrangements be made to remove from Lampedusa the 83 Italian POW now in the Island.

2. From the previous papers on this subject, forwarded herewith, it will be seen that in December last it was contemplated that all POW on this Island would be paroled or withdrawn to the mainland. In these circumstances it is recommended that enquiry be made thru A.C.C., Headquarters as to the present position in this matter, at the same time forwarding the attached report of the A/SCAPO Agrigento.

J. T. Manuel
J. T. MANUEL,
Captain,
Civil Police Section.
(Licensing and Registration).

FORWARDED :

B. J. Hefford
B. J. HEFFORD,
Major,
Supt., Civil Police Section.

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7 February 1973.

SUBJECT: Prisoners of war in Trapani.

TO : Order, public safety division, Region I.

FROM : USDAO, Palermo.

1. About 60 Italian soldiers and 3 officers, prisoners of war, are at present in the island of Lampedusa, province of Agrigento. Their presence there is an embarrassment in so far as the island is not self supporting and additional food has to be imported, the relationship of the prisoners is not cordial with the inhabitants, and whilst no instance has occurred of definite trouble there is the possibility of it happening.

2. Instructions are requested governing their removal from Lampedusa and subsequent disposal. Transportation to Porto Empedocle is available.

For the Senior Civil Affairs Officer,

C. HOBBS
Lieutenant,
USDAO

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（五）在本行的行員中，有誰是你的親友？

File R-03-233-6

5 December 1933

Project 2: *Hydrogen*

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(1) I hope to help the people under
3(a)(b) in my community.

Colonel
Second Civil War Officer

Title.

A Letter to

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SUBJECT : Prisoners of war on LAMPEDUSA

A.I.T.E. G.H.Q. HEADQUARTERS
GL/B/2-20/A2 17 NOV 43.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION.

1. Reference recent conversation (Walker - Moore.)
2. It is understood that there are 116 Italian prisoners of war on LAMPEDUSA. Of these 35 are protected personnel and 30 Carabinieri.
3. The Commandant, P. W. Centre (NORTH AFRICA) has recommended that:
- (a) At least 30 prisoners of war (including 10 protected personnel) should be withdrawn to the mainland.
 - (b) Carabinieri should be released on parole to perform their duties.
 - (c) The balance of prisoners of war, at the earliest opportunity, be offered the choice of:
 - (1) Being released on parole and paid off to date to work with the civilian population, receive payment, clothing and rations by issue or purchase as is common to all the Island as arranged by AF.G.O.T.

2. It is understood that there are 116 Italian prisoners of war on LAMPEDUSA. Of these 35 are unprotected personnel and 80 Carabinieri.

3. The Commandant, P. W. Centre (NORTH AFRICA) has recommended that:

- (a) At least 30 prisoners of war (including 10 protected personnel) should be withdrawn to the mainland.
- (b) Carabinieri should be released on parole to perform their duties.
- (c) The balance of prisoners of war, at the earliest opportunity, be offered the choice of:
 - (1) Being released on parole and paid off to date to work with the civilian population, receive payment, clothing and rations by issue or purchase as is common to all the Island as arranged by AMGOT.
 - (2) To volunteer for service on the mainland in a PW Labour Coy.

4. If there are any volunteers for service with a PW Labour Coy they should be evacuated to No. 205 Camp, TUNIS.

5. As LAMPEDUSA is understood to be wholly under AMGOT control, your views as to the above suggestions would be appreciated.

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Brigadier.
B.L.(B)

1st Indent.

383.6 MGS
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, APO 512, 1st Dec. 43.
TO : R.C.A.O., No. 1 Region.
1943.

- 1. See basic correspondence AFH, GL/B/2230/42 of 17 Nov
- 2. It is thought that proposals under 3(a) (b) and (c) could be agreed. Will you confirm.
- 3. Please treat this matter as urgent.

By Command of Brigadier General McSherry.

C.M. SPC 785017

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CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR DISPLACED PERSONS, FREEDOM
FOR MGS

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SUBJECT IS EX PRISONER OF WAR. ALTER ON TELEGRAM NUMBER 73
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CG PBS APPROVED FOR DISCHARGE OF PRISONERS, PROVISION FOR 1000

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AG 73

HOPE DISPATCH 4/102 PRISONERS PAR 51% CARRIED ON BOARD
1 OFFICER AND 24 OTHER RANKS OF CRUISER "SOUTHERN CROSS"
SAFETY FOR HARBOUR TERMINAL.
ALFREDO ORANI

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FARGO (Col. Flak) Staff

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BLITZ FOR ACC REGION 11

The following is paraphrase of cable sent
you 31 January to which no reply has been received. Begins
Troopers informs us that sometime prior to 3 September a
number of East African prisoners of war from Campo do (Capua) were
ordered to work on aerodromes particularly Pontecagnano near
Salerno and that 16 were wounded and 4 killed by bombing.
Report required by AFHQ on full circumstances including
identity of casualties.

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Lt. Col. AGD
Adjutant General

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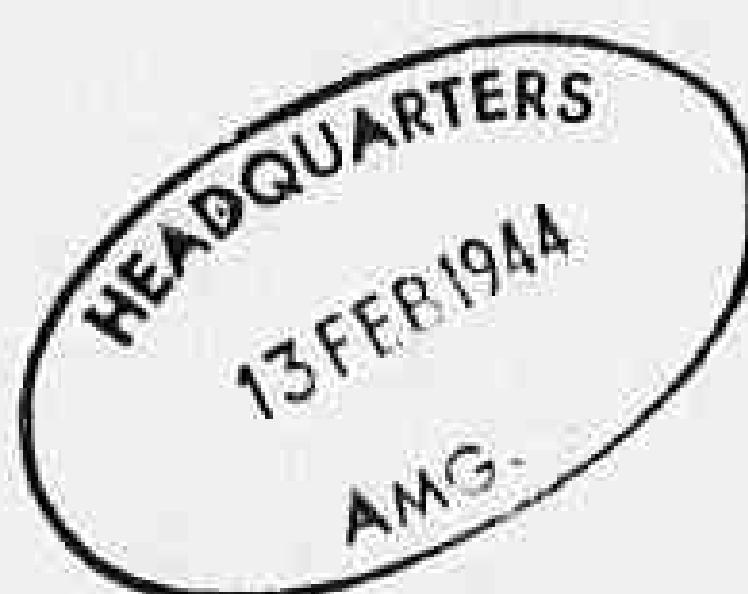
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

12 FEBRUARY 1944

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TO (ACTION) : PARO FOR LUSH
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : AMGLO DISTRO
DATE TIME SIGNED : 111740A
DATE TIME REC'D : 111730A
REF. NR. : MG/9
CIT # : NONE



DISTRO REQUESTS INFO IP SITE OF 200 POW CAMP FOGGIN STILL REQUIRED. REFERENCE YOUR ORIGINAL BID. IF SO DEGREE OF PRIORITY REQUESTED. MY LETTER MG/9 OF 10 FEB .
NOT URGENT.

ACTION: HQB ACC

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C.G.

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John Jeffries Sec

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10 FEBRUARY 1944

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NOTICE

TO : (ACTION) : CG PBS
(INFORMATION) : WORK
FROM : FREEDOM
ATA TIME SIGNED : 092022A
ATA TIME MSG'D : 100227A
REFERENCE NR. : 40011
NAME : NONE

HURRY REPLY TO 42921 DATED 20 JAN REFERENCE EAST AFRICAN
PRISONERS OF WAR KILLED OR WOUNDED BY ALLIED BOMBING.

ACTION : FM
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Acc Thru
Action C A Br 121

Another report
to Ref II
Should we send
Wilson report?
"Info. not yet available"
4/24/44

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GO PBS FOR FARGO FOR GENERAL INFORMATION (PERSONAL)

ACME, FLAMBO

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REF YOUR FARGO 785 OF 7 FEB. 1ST. DESPATCH TO ITALY OF ITALIAN EX PW IS UNAVOIDABLE.
1. HIGH MANPOWER SHORTAGE IMPOSES ON US NECESSITY TO MAKE INCREASING USE OF ITALIAN EX
PW AS DILUTED WITHIN BRITISH UNITS. SUCH UNITS INEFFECTIVE WITHOUT
THEIR ITALIAN COM-ORIGIN. ENTIRELY BRITISH UNITS NOT AVAILABLE TO MEET ALL GMF REQUIREMENTS
2ND. POLICY OF WHETHER ITALIAN PIONEER UNITS SHOULD BE SENT TO ITALY DEPENDS ON LABOR
SITUATION HERE. IF LABOUR DEMANDS CANNOT BE MET FROM OTHER SOURCES WE HAVE NOTHING
ELSE TO SEND. DIRECTOR OF LABOUR FROM AFHQ IS NOW IN ITALY STUDYING THIS PROBLEM. 3RD.
DISADVANTAGE FULLY RECOGNISED. AMERICANS FACED WITH SIMILAR PROBLEM STATE THAT IN SICILY
EX PW UNITS AND ITALIAN ARMY UNITS NOW WORKING CONTENTEDLY ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER BUT THEY
DO NOT INTEND TO USE ANY IN ITALY AT THE PRESENT ONACCOUNT OF SECURITY IF ATTEMPTS BY THEM
TO ESCAPE THROUGH OUR LINES. 4TH. EVERY EX PW EMPLOYED HAS SIGNED VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATE
THAT HE IS PREPARED TO WORK FOR ALLIES AGAINST GERMANY. THIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RADICELLI
MANIFESTO IN WHICH HE CALLED UPON ALL PW TO ASSIST UNITED NATIONS IN FIGHT AGAINST
GERMANY IN EVERY WAY EXCEPT BY ACTUAL COMBAT. THIS WAS POSTED IN ALL PW CAMPS. IT IS
CONFIRMED THAT THE RADICELLI MANIFESTO INDICATED HIS INTENTION NOT TO PROTEST TO THE
PROTECTING POWER IN CASE VOLUNTEERS DID NON COMBAT WORK TO AID THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY IN
CONTRAVIENCE OF ARTICLE 31. USE OF PW IN THIS MANNER IN ITALY IS OF REAL ASSISTANCE TO

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UNITED NATIONS REPORT. 5TH DIVISION AND UNITS WILL THEREFORE BE VOLUNTEERS WORKING
 UNDER SOCIAL REGIME FOR UNITED NATIONS. INTEND TO ISSUE BRITISH BADGES AND DRILLS
 AS NORMAL. A SLIP ON BADGE WITH THE WORD ITALY TO BE SEWN ON THE SHOULDER STRAP ACCOMPANYING
 THE BADGE. 6TH RESIDENT MINISTER'S OFFICE AGREED WITH ABOVE IN VIEW OF MANPOWER SITUATION.
 THE REMAINING DEADLOCK OF NO AGREEMENT SING RAH RECOMMENDED TO COS FOLLOWING 2 ALTERNATIVES.
 (A) LEAVE MATTERS AS THEY ARE UNDUE HAZARDOUS RISKS TO PH. (B) IF AN AGREEMENT IS RE-
 QUIRED THAT IT BE LIMITED TO MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE 31 OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION.

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Mr. Brig. Gen. 9 12 FEB Recd
Mr. Secy. State 16
Ind. Govt. for the Re-organisation of
Allied Prisoner of War Sub-Commission

SUBJECT: - Reorganisation of Allied Prisoner of War Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

C1/B/2208/12.

Headquarters,
 allied Central Mediterranean Forces (6 copies)
 P.M. Sub-Commission (4 copies)
 Allied Control Commission (2 copies)

1 Feb 44.

1. References to previous correspondence on the subject are shown in appendix 1 to this letter.
2. The responsibilities of the allied L.W. Sub-Commission in Italy are now much less than was anticipated when the Sub-Commission was originally formed. It is not expected that its duties will increase to any great extent, at any rate until the occupation of capital cities of Germany.
3. Local administration, interrogation and repatriation of allied prisoners of war who escape into allied-occupied Italy can now be adequately undertaken by Headquarters, allied Central Mediterranean Forces, using the normal army staffs, services and administrative units, augmented by a small allied E. Administration Unit.
4. The P.M. Sub-Commission will therefore be disbanded and its responsibilities transferred to the allied E. Administration Unit operating under Headquarters, allied Central Mediterranean Forces (P.M. Branch of the S.S. H.). L.W. Sub-Commission personnel surplus to these requirements will be temporarily employed under the direction of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of the allied Central Commission. The later establishment of the L.W. Sub-Commission will remain effective until the newer establishments have been approved for the allied E. Administration Unit and the allied Control Commission; all officers and other ranks retaining their present ranks or appointments until the new establishments become effective.
5. This reorganisation will be completed in three phases as follows:

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Allied Control Mediterranean Forces (6 copies)
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1. Reference to previous correspondence on the subject are shown in Appendix "A" to this letter.
2. The responsibilities of the allied P.W. Sub-Commission in ITALY for non-much longer than was anticipated when the Sub-Commission was originally formed. It is not expected that its duties will increase to any great extent, at any rate until the occupation or capitulation of Italy.

3. Local administration, interrogation and repatriation of allied prisoners of war who escape into allied-occupied Italy can now be adequately undertaken by Headquarters, Allied Control Mediterranean Forces, using the normal Army stores, services and administrative units, augmented by a small allied Administration Unit.
4. The P.W. Sub-Commission will therefore be disbanded and its responsibilities transferred to the allied Administration Unit operating under Headquarters, Allied Control Mediterranean Forces (A.M. Branch of the states). I.M. Sub-Commission personnel surplus to those requirements will be temporarily allotted under the direction of the I.M.P. Headquarters Sub-Commission of the allied Control Commission. The "new" Establishment of the P.W. Sub-Commission will continue until the new P.W. Establishment has been approved for the allied P.W. Administration Unit and the allied Control Commission; all officers and other ranks retaining their present ranks and appointments until the new establishments become effective.

5. This reorganisation will be completed in three phases as follows:

Phase 1. Disestablishment of allied PW Administration Unit under Headquarters, Allied Control Mediterranean Forces (A.M.).

Phase 2. Attachment of available personnel to Displaced Persons Sub-Commission at P.M. During this phase personnel who are required neither by the allied P.W. Administration unit nor the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission will be posted away from the P.W. Sub-Commission and made available for other duties.

Phase 3. Dislocation of new P.W. Establishments for the Allied P.W. Administration Unit and Allied Control Commission. Displacement of displaced persons, in due course.

Allied Control Commission is substituting its new permanent needed to deal with displaced persons, in due course.

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6. The Allies PW Administration Unit will consist of some 20 Officers in 70 other ranks; in addition there may be some 10 Officers and 20 other ranks attached to it from other services and nationalities who require representation. It will consist of a Headquarters and Reception Camp at RESSUA with personnel available for serving as (a) forward detachments to Army areas and (b) embarkation detachments to any other port(s) used for repatriation (at present Toulon). Proposed new establishment is attached (Appendix 'B').

7. Services and allied national representatives concerned are being consulted regarding their representation (welfare or intelligence) at RESSUA and further instructions will be issued concerning this.

8. The general procedure for dealing with USG-DET-Affiliated prisoners of war in ITALY will be as follows:

- (a) Allies receiving escaped prisoners of war will be responsible for their administration, preliminary interrogation, transportation to a British C.R.U or other suitable camp in rear army areas at which the forward detachments of the Allies PW Administration Unit will be located.
- (b) Normal administrative services will be used for transportation, accommodation (except at RESSUA), hospitalization, rationing, equipping and welfare.
- (c) Forward detachments affiliated to administration Unit will take over prisoners of war and be responsible for their earliest possible transport to Allied PW Reception Camp at RESSUA and for notifying B.T.A.
- (d) Headquarters, Allied PW Administration Unit will be responsible for the normal documentation, interrogation, accommodation, welfare and repatriation at present undertaken by the U.K. Sub-Commission.

7. Services and allied national representatives concerned are being consulted regarding their representation (welfare or intelligence) at FSDH. No further instruction will be issued concerning this.

8. The General Account for dealing with escaped allied prisoners of war in Italy will be as follows:

- (a) Services receiving escaped prisoners of war will be responsible for their administration, preliminary interrogation, transportation to a British C.Z.U or other suitable camp in rear army areas at which the former cutchments of the allied PW Administration Unit will be located.
 - (b) Normal administrative services will be used for transportation, accommodation (except at 255th.), hospitalisation, rationing, equipping and welfare.
 - (c) Normal detachments allied PW Administration Unit will take over ex-prisoners of war and be responsible for their earliest possible transport to allied PW Reception Camp at 255th. and for notifying E.T.A.
 - (d) Headquarters, allied PW Administration Unit will be responsible for the normal documentation, interrogation, accommodation, welfare and repatriation at present undertaken by the S.D. Sub-Commission.
9. Any further instructions considered necessary for local administration will be issued by Headquarters, allied Central Mediterranean Forces using the Headquarters, allied PW Administration Unit, as a technical service in so far as the handling of allied ex-prisoners of war is concerned.
10. To enable larger numbers of captured allied prisoners of war (such as might be expected in the event of a sudden collapse of enemy resistance) to be handled effectively, Headquarters, allied Central Mediterranean Forces is requested to consider now, in consultation with Officer Commanding, allied PW Administration Unit, plans for expanding that organisation as necessary. In forming these plans consideration should be given to securing any units of personnel who in these circumstances will be found fit to continue with them are now engaged. Proposals for this expansion will be forwarded to this Headquarters in due course.

A.L. ELWORTHY, Major, A.D.M.C.O.
Major General,
G.A.(B).

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The War Office (TE)(2) (2 copies) M.I. Gov Sec
HQ Middle East Forces (2 copies) Surgeon War Diary (2)
G.A. Major General, MTC
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G.2. (CSDIC) R.E. (near MTC)

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Appendix ...

Previous Correspondence referring to Reorganisation
P.W. Sub-Commission

1. War Office signal No. 62948 dated 26 Jan to AFHQ only.
2. AFHQ " 46692 " 2 Feb War Office
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P.W. Sub-Commission
3. ACC " 670 " 2 Feb AFHQ
4. AFHQ " 47175 " 4 Feb ACC
P.W. Sub-Commission
5. AFHQ Minutes of meeting " 7 Feb P.W. Sub-Commission
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Appendix 'B'HEADQUARTERS ALLIED IX FM ADM UNITPROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENTSUMMARY

DETAIL	Officers	C.O.s Class I	C.O.s Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	L/Corporals	Privates	TOTAL
GHQ Sec	8			1	1	1	1	9	21
Two Fwd Dets	2							4	6
Reception Camp	9	1	1	2	4	6	34	57	
Emarkation Camp	1				1	1	1	3	6
TOTAL	20	1	2	4	5	8	50	90	
<u>TOTALS:</u>									
Officers	20				Vehicles: 4 Sesters		2		
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	—				15 cwt		2		
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MINUTES OF MEETING held at ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS on 7 FEB 44.REORGANISATION OF P.W. SUB-COMMISSION

1. At a Meeting held at Allied Force Headquarters on 7 Feb 44, under the chairmanship of Brigadier A.L. ELWORTHY, CBE, ADAG(O), and attended by:

Lt. Col. D.S. JACKLIN	- Military Government Section
Lt. Col. A.B. BARBORD	- G.I. (British)
Major A.J.W. CLARKE	- G.I. (Org)
Colonel W.G. FILSBURY, ADC	- P.W. Sub-Commission

the Chairman, after outlining the original intention on which the P.W. sub-Commission was founded, explained that its duties were now so reduced that they could be undertaken by the normal army administrative machinery, augmented by a small Allied Ex-Prisoner of War Administrative Unit under the direct control of Allied Central Mediterranean Forces. He proposed forming this Unit (of some 20 officers and 70 other ranks) at RSLM, out of the present P.W. Sub-Commission establishment (Phase 1).

2. At the same time, on the understanding that the Allied Control Commission was short of personnel for the administration of Refugees and Displaced Persons in Italy, he proposed to use the balance of P.W. Sub-Commission personnel (some 30 officers and 170 other ranks) to assist the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission, retaining them on the war establishment of the P.W. Sub-Commission (Phase 2), until such time as the Allied Control Commission were in a position to make firm proposals for a new war establishment (i.e. on or about 8 Mar 44) (Phase 3). These proposals would enable the P.W. sub-Commission to be disbanded and the associated war establishments to be tidied up, were agreed to.

3. Phase 2 would, in fact, be a 'sorting-out' phase. Those personnel of the P.W. sub-Commission who were required by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission would be loaned to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, with a view to eventual absorption into their establishment. Those personnel (including attached) of the P.W. Sub-Commission who were NOT required by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission would be posted away from the P.W. Sub-Commission and made available for other duties.

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In the meantime, the D... & C.M.G. (P.W. Sub-Commission) should remain attached to Allied Force Headquarters to work out details of the reorganisation and go to Italy on or about 10 Feb on behalf of G.I. (British) and Military Government Section to establish the Ex-Prisoner of War Administrative Unit, and return to Allied Force Headquarters with agreed proposals of Allied Central Mediterranean Forces and Allied Control Commission as soon as possible.

*Concorded 1/2/45*A.S. BARDOFF, Lt. Col., A.A.G.,
G.I. (B) 2.

WP/cws.

DISTRIBUTION:

Headquarters,
Allied Central Mediterranean Forces.
Allied Control Commission (for Displaced Persons Sub-Commission)
P.W. Sub-Commission c/o Headquarters, No. 2 District.
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G.3. (Org)
Military Government Section.
D.A. & A.A.G., P.W. Sub-Commission (Col. Pidsley).

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Agreed that discussions outlined certain changes. General Robertson made point that whatever plan was made for administration, General Ingles should not be a pointed. Suggested that D/C in C. should write A.C.C. to this effect.

1. WELLINGTON

Chief Commissioner outlined certain changes. General Robertson made point that whatever plan was made for administration, General Ingles should not be a pointed. Suggested that D/C in C. should write A.C.C. to this effect.

2. TRANSPORT

Suggested that document should be sent to N.M. but agreed to dated draft.

3. CIVIL COMMISSIONER

Agreed that there should be a meeting twice monthly between heads of economic sub-commissions and D/C's staff. D/C to preside. Chief Commissioner will speak to Gandy on this point. Meeting to be a clearing house for military and civil requirements.

4. LAW

D/C said that A.C.C. was sending Italian POW in labour corps to Italy. Agreed that General Robertson would write to A.C.C. saying that he had consulted the Chief Commissioner and that in view of deadlock over POW in political sphere, the proposed action should be prevented. Chief Commissioner would also write on political issue.

5. TRANSPORT

Chief Commissioner asked that Transport Units provided for civil needs should be kept together as far as possible as units.

Agree that: 80 trucks from P.D.S. to be at D.A.W.S.; 1001 C.R. C.R. to be split between D.A.W.S. and T.M.A.P.; A.C.C. to ensure that trucks were serviced regularly.

7. Feb. 44.

P. M. LEWIN,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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PAFOD (ACTION) TO AGO (INFO)

I UNDERSTAND FROM GENERAL ROBERTSON THAT IT IS INTENDED TO SEND
 ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR LABOUR UNITS FOR WORK IN ITALY AND THAT ONE HAS ALREADY ARRIVED
 (PO POSSIBILE PAONI PAGO FROM MACEDONIAN PERSONAL PARSED TO AFHQ FOR HIS FOR GENERAL
 GARNER FOR MUSILLIAN AND CIVIL APPARENT RPTD H. AC ^{FOR INFO} PFO CITE ZARGO SEVEN EIGHT FIVE PD)
 IN VIEW OF THE DEADLOCK OVER THE PETER WILLIAM AGREEMENT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR
 POLICY AS REGARDS MAKING ITALIAN PETER WILLIAM LABOUR AVAILABLE IN ITALY TO THE WELL
 REALIZE THE OBVIOUS DISADVANTAGES OF HAVING ITALIAN PETER WILLIAM WORKED IN TERRITORY
 TURN BACK TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND OF HAVING PETER WILLIAM UNITS WORKING UNDER
 BETTER PAY AND CONDITIONS THAN THE ITALIAN ARMY PO WOULD ALSO THAT UNTIL WE SECURE
 AGREEMENT OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SUCH UNITS WOULD NOT BE CALLED UPON TO DO WORK CONTRARY
 TO CONDITIONS OF GENEVA CONVENTION

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RAT YOUR PBS 6663 OF 29 JAN. POLICY STATED OUR 42781 OF 25 JAN NOT TO PENBASE (FARCO)
 REMAINS IN EFFECT. SUCH REQUESTS FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.

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FREEDOM (ACTION) RPTD HQ ACMF CMA FLAMBO CMA FATIMA FOR (INFO)

PBS 6663 WITH REFERENCE YOUR FOUR TWO SEVEN EIGHT ONE FHGT PD
MARSHAL MESSE HAS AGAIN URGED VERY STRONGLY THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF ITALIAN
OFFICER PERTER WILLIAM MIGHT BE RETURNED TO ITALY AS HE REQUIRES THEM VERY
BADLY TO REPLACE CERTAIN UNSATISFACTORY COMMANDERS AND STAFF OFFICERS PD PENEASE
PAREN FARGO PAREN TO AFHQ FOR ACTION RPTD HQ ACMF CMA FLAMBO CMA FATIMA FOR
DUCHESNE FOR INFO PD CITE FARGO FIVE EIGHT ONE PD IN MY OPINION THE PROVISION
OF A SELECTED FEW ITALIAN PETER WILLIAM OFFICERS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HELP
CONSIDERABLY IN THE REORGANISATION OF THE ITALIAN ARMY PD I PROPOSE SHORTLY
TO SUBMIT A FRESH APPLICATION FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF ITALIAN PERTER WILLIAM
OFFICERS BYR NAME AND HOPE THAT IT MAY BE FOUND POSSIBLE TO RELEASE THEM.

L.F. NICKEL,
Lt. Col. AGD.
Adjutant General.

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 (INFORMATION) : FATIMA
 FROM : CG RATOUSA
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 DATE TIME REC'D : 042305A
 REF. BR. : 47298
 CITS : NAPMC



DEPARTED ALGIERS 3 FEBRUARY 44 ABOARD SS CIRGASIA THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN
 PRISONERS OF WAR: CAPT MARINI, BRIGADIERE MAIO, 2DT MAJ LUPI, MARINE GERINE,
 SOLDI BASSOLI AND SOLDI FALVO UNDER ESCORT LT JOHNSON. ULTIMATE DESTINATION ACC,
 BRINDISI. ESCORT HAS FULL INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DISPOSITION OF PRISONERS. ETA NAPLES
 6 FEBRUARY CURRENT. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE MOVEMENT TO BRINDISI.

ACTION: PIP

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 AMG HQ.
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REPORT RECEIVED FROM TROOPERS THAT SOMETIME PRIOR TO 3 SEPT 43 EAST AFRICAN NATIVE PRISONERS OF WAR FROM CAMPO 66 (CAPUA) WERE PUT TO WORK ON AERODROMES PARTICULARLY PONTECAGLIONE AND THAT 4 WERE KILLED AND 16 WOUNDED BY BOMBING. PLEASE INSTITUTE LOCAL ENQUIRIES AS TO IDENTITY OF THOSE KILLED AND FULL CIRCUMSTANCES AND REPORT TO THIS BR.

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