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CLOTHING, POW
APR., MAY 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APC 394

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Ref/403/5/CA

9 May 1944

SUBJECT: Articles of Clothing belonging
to Officers ex-P.O.W.TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I
" " " Region II
" " " Region III
" " " Region V
" " " Region VII
Chief, Naval Subcommission

1. Italian Naval Officers, ex-P.O.W., who can prove from their personal record book that they have had legally issued to them the Allied clothing in their possession, may be given a convenient proof upon request. To do this any simple device not easily forged may be used. A statement appended to existing credentials may solve the problem.

2. A.F.H.Q. has been requested to prevent the future necessity of such action by issuing a standard pass to all qualified P.O.W. Naval Officers who are released.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel

Deputy Executive Commissioner

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On FILE BEHINDS 10
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
WITHOUT FURTHER
CORRESPONDENCE. PLEASE
PREPARE

Ref/403/ /QA

May 1944

SUBJECT: Articles of Clothing belonging to Italian Naval Officers, Ex P.O.W.

TO : Director, Naval Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your AOC/JJ55 of 21 April 44 (received 4 May 44) it is regretted that the information supplied is not sufficient on which to issue instructions.
2. It is considered that production of satisfactory evidence as to ownership should be sufficient without an additional pass though it is appreciated that such evidence may be more voluminous than a pass.
3. Could we please be informed,
 - a) The number of officers likely to be concerned.
 - b) The nature of the inconvenience to which some of them have been subjected.
 - c) The nature of the evidence that could be considered satisfactory.
 - d) Whether it could be possible to instruct the officers concerned to apply for a pass withing a limited time, either
 - i) within one month of the date of any instructions we issued 3293 to Regions
 - or ii) withing 10 days of their release.
4. It is noted from para 3 of your letter that AFHQ have been asked to issue such a pass. Could we be advised of reply and be supplied with a copy of the type of pass if the procedure suggested is agreed.

Memo:

Discussed with LtCol. Bowman
+ Maj. Doe. Unable get Naval Sub Com. 3
phone all day Sunday 7/5.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Articles of Clothing belonging to Officers ex-P.O.W.

TO : R.Cs. Regions I, II, III, V, VII.

1. It has been represented that Italian Naval Officers ex P.O.W. who are in lawful possession of articles of clothing issued to them whilst P.O.W. have been subjected to inconvenience by police and other inquiry.
2. You are therefore instructed that any such ex P.O.W. who requests it may be issued with a certificate of lawful possession in respect of articles of clothing for which he can produce satisfactory evidence of ownership or right of custody.
3. It is not anticipated that there will be many requests.
4. A.F.H.Q. has been asked to furnish P.O.Ws with a pass on discharge that will cover the point.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Naval Sub-Com.
Nav Rep Naval Sub-Com, Salerno.

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Copy to Naval Sub. Comm.

of New Rep. Naval Sub. Comm. Salerno.

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Observations: A Feeding arrangements excellent
Cava di Tirreno, Paula, Catanzaro & Reggio -
improvement over rations carried.

B Communications from one feedg.
point to another good as can be expected. Efforts
being made to improve.

C Present distbn of emergency rations
adequate.

D Discipline, dependent on morale
in this instance good - can be im. by recommending it.

E Reggio adequate up to 2000.

F No sanitary arrangements en route.

G Essential see Recommendation 6.

Recommendations

Action taken

1. Brister will contact Movements
AAI

2. Arrangements in hand.

3. —

4. To be arr. on future trains.

5. Will not be used — " —

6. } Brister will discuss

7. } with Transportation AAI.

8. —

9. Extremely difficult but Brister
expects supply few hundred to
Reggio next two weeks.

10. —

11. Regional matter - for Reg. Comm.
to decide.

12. Already being done.

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TO : Chief, Naval Sub-Commission.
(Attention: Commodore H.W. Zirol, U.S.N.)

1. I refer to letter ACO/BJ55 Serial 116 of 21 April 1944.
2. Copy of instructions issued is attached.
3. I point out that officers of your Sub-Commission may issue a certificate of ownership or right of custody to applicants.
4. Please ensure that Italian Naval Officers ex-P.O.W. are made aware of these instructions.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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To: Chief, Naval Sub Commission
(att Commodore H.N. Zirski USN)

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SANTA EUFEMIA: Train changed from dec to steam
 & divided two parts because of mountains: sections
 dep: 17.00 and 18.30

CATANZARO: Arr: 1st Sect. 18.40.
 2nd. 20.10

Met by Ital Col. Physician, soldiers, Vic. P. & Acc.
 Food served on cars - soup, bread 300 grams, milk
 for children. Depart. delayed to reach Reggio daylight
 Dep (as one section) 23.00.

REGGIO. Arr (Port Station) 08.30 26 Apr. Refugee
 immediately to harbour shed.

Reception areas - Harbour shed capacity 400
 25 latrines & wood cots.
 Piemonte Scuola - Capacity 1000
 32 latrines & cots, water &
 laundry facilities.
 Loggarette: barracks 3km
 from centre of town. Formerly
 IRC hospital. Capacity 450. 25 lats.

No blankets. Food prepared ECA Kitchen & conveyed by
 lorry. First meal 12.00 hrs - peas, carrots, meat, 300
 grams bread (per day), milk twice for children. Second
 meal 18.00 hrs.

Before depart 27 Apr. security screened & fed.
 First movement of 450 dep ferry 07.00 - 27 Apr.

MESSINA Arr. 8.10 hrs - motor transport to
IONIA (two hrs away). Train ready ^{for Ionia}
 at 10.00 for SIRACUSA (ultimate destination).

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Serial: (116)

COMMODORE H. W. ZIROLI, U. S. NAVY
UNITED STATES NAVY MEMBER

Navy 618

FIRST ENDORSEMENT to
Ministry of Marine ltr.
No. 256/P.O. of 16/4/44.

21 April 1944.

From: Naval Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To : Regional Control and Military Government Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Articles of Clothing belonging to Officers, ex-P.O.W.

1. Forwarded.

2. It is requested that appropriate instructions be issued to all Region Hq. A.C.C. governing the issue of passes or permits to Italian Naval officers who have in their possession articles of clothing issued to them as Prisoners of War, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of ownership or right of custody.

3. In order to reduce the number of passes to be issued to a minimum, A.F.H.Q. will be requested in separate correspondence to furnish Prisoners of War with clothing passes on discharge from prison camps.

4. The return of papers is requested so that the Italian Ministry of Marine may be advised as to the action taken.

H. W. Ziroli
H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief Naval Sub Commission, ACC.

Copy to:
NavRep, NavSubCom, Salerno.

Col. Drake

*As it stands this is hardly
a reasonable request for reasons
which may be apparent in my
draft reply on cover.*

Donon agree pl.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

COMMODORE H. W. ZIROLI, U. S. NAVY

UNITED STATES NAVY MEMBER

Navy 618

Serial: (17)

21 April 1944.

From: Naval Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To : Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers.
Subject: Articles of Clothing belonging to Officers, ex-P.O.W.
Enclosure: (A) Copy translation Italian Ministry of Marine letter
No. 256/P.O. of 16 April, 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information.
2. The Regional Control and Military Government Section, Allied Control Commission has been requested in separate correspondence to promulgate appropriate instructions governing the issue of passes or permits to Italian Naval officers who have in their possession articles of clothing issued to them as prisoners of war, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of ownership or right of custody.
3. It is recommended that in the future all Prisoner of War Camps be directed to issue the necessary passes or permits to prisoners of war on discharge from prison camps.
4. For future reference it is requested that this office be furnished with data as to the location of prison camps at which Italian Navy personnel is detained and the approximate number of prisoners at each camp.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief Naval Sub Commission, ACC.

Copy to: (less Enclosure)
RegEnt & MilGovtSect, ACC
NavSub, NavSubCom, Salerno.

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