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AC19 Repatriation of Aww Policy
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Appendix A.

SECRET

SUBJECT: THE CAMP, TARANTO.

REF: CIP

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11 APR 46.

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CIP CIP.

1. 1st PW Camp (TARANTO) holds the following Italian:-
- 1,943 Recalcitrants
 - 7,925 Non co-operators
 - 25 civilians.
2. Commander 3 District gave us the following information on the telephone this evening:-

- (a) That 25 PW had escaped on night 10/11 APR 46.
- (b) That he has reaffirmed the order that fire may only be opened in the case of risk to British lives or property but that he has rescinded the order permitting the use of tear gas.
- (c) There appears to be considerable confusion in the non co-operators' camp who are asserting that they are being required to prevent them voting at the elections and that their families are not receiving any assistance, and there is a strong rumor that there will be a mass break out by non co-operators on Saturday 13 April co-ordinated with demonstration in TARANTO itself. The Area Commander has told the Prefect that the security of TARANTO town is the affair of the Italian authorities; as far as the Camp is concerned the command will reinforce the British guards with Police in an emergency but they will be subject to exactly the same orders as regards firing as the Italian guards.

- (d) General CLOWES has given instructions that in the event of a concerted break, there is to be no question of general firing and as I was sure that you would agree, I told him that that order was correct.

3. The Italian General negotiating to take over the Camp in due course of TARANTO on Friday evening 12 APR. MIA informs me that it is unlikely that the Italians will agree to take over the Camp unless they are permitted to free the non co-operators at least on parole. MIA assures me that this has been done in the past on the hand over of Italian PW by the British to the Italian Government.

I would like your authority to tell the Italian General that we

1. Camp 10 Camp (MART) holds the following Italian:-
 - 1,943 Ex-communicated
 - 7,905 Non-cooperators
 - 25 Civilians.
2. Commander J. Martini gave me the following information on the telephone this morning:-
 - (a) That 05-11 had escaped on night 10/11 Apr 45.
 - (b) That he has reaffirmed the order that fire may only be opened in the case of risk to British lives or property but that he has modified the order permitting the use of tear gas.
 - (c) There appears to be considerable confusion in the non-cooperators' camps who are asserting that they are being retained to prevent them voting at the elections and that their families are not receiving any assistance, and there is a strong rumor that there will be a mass break out by non-cooperators on Saturday 13 April co-ordinated with demonstration in Turin itself. The non-cooperator has told me that the security of MARTINI town is the affair of the Italian authorities; so far as the camp is concerned the non-cooperator will reinforce the British guards with rifles in an emergency but they will be subject to exactly the same orders as regards firing as the Italian guards.
 - (d) General OLIVER has given instructions that in the event of a concerted break, there is to be no question of general firing and as I was sure that you would agree, I told him that that order was correct.
3. The Italian General negotiating to take over the Camp is due at MARTINI on Friday evening 12 Apr. MIA inform me that it is unlikely that the Italians will agree to take over the Camp unless they are permitted to free the non-cooperators at least on parole. MIA assure me that this has been done in the past on the head over of Italian by the Italians to the Italian Government.

I would like your authority to tell the Italian General that so far as you are concerned the Italian Government are authorized to release these non-cooperators on parole, although this is strictly contrary to the last instructions given and attached at PAR 11, which however you will observe are nearly a year old. The position is very quite impossible in view of the fact that lack of manpower prevents us taking effective action for their security without resort to firearms, which though I think would technically be legally correct, would be undesirable.

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4. So far as I am aware there is no possible objection to the release of these non co-operators, who incidentally I believe are not the only non co-operators in custody, other than CNS ruling. The remilitarists are another matter but I understand that they are quiet as they realize they are better off where they are, and I have no doubt the Italian Government will not raise any objection to maintaining them under guard.

5. I propose to hand the instruction, attached at TAB "B", to the Italian General or to the representative of MIA who is coming to see me and to inform him that this information should be given to the PW on his arrival at FORTINO. I have agreed this action with General HAMMILL in the absence of General JAMES.

(Sgt) J.L.C. HARTER,
Brigadier,
DAG.

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Appendix "B"

TO : General MAINTRENT

I am directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to say that, in view of the circumstances now obtaining at "B" Prisoner of War Camp PARAITO and further to the fact that he understands that no other non-co-operators now remain in Allied custody in ITALY, you are authorized, so far as he is concerned, to permit the release on parole of all non-co-operator prisoners of war in "B" Prisoner of War Camp PARAITO.

I am further to say that the following are not included in the authority mentioned above:

- (a) Those prisoners of war classified as recalcitrants.
- (b) Those prisoners of war notified as required for trial as war criminals.

Brigadier,
Deputy Adjutant General.

CHQ CEF

11 April 1946.

SECRET

MINISTRY OF WAR
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR
EAR VETERANS AND REPATRIATED PWs

Rome 14 April 1946

FILE : 7302/RGR

SUBJECT: Camp "S", Taranto.

TO : Territorial Command, Bari.
Attention: Ministry of War, Cabinet, Rome.
Land Forces, S/C, A.C., M.M.I.A., IPW Div., Rome.
Maridipart, Taranto.

The following is a report regarding the present situation of Camp "S", Taranto and contains the directives issued by the Allied Headquarters.

1. All the Italian Military personnel POW in Camp "S", with the exception of the prisoners classified as "recalcitrants" and War Criminals, will be released on parole.

It is understood that "released on parole" signifies, that they are to hold themselves at the disposal of the Allied Authorities for an eventual request that may be made by said Authorities to testify regarding the indictments against War Criminals.

2. The prisoners now at Camp "S" have been divided and listed as follows by the Allied Authorities:

- a. Prisoners captured before the 8th. of Sept 1943.
- b. Prisoners captured after the 8th. of Sept 1943 in the Egean Islands.
- c. Prisoners who belonged to the nazi-fascist armed forces.
- d. Prisoners who are considered as "recalcitrants", who are those individuals who formed part of the S.S. and the Police groups (High Tyrol) the Black Brigade, the "Muti" Legion, the "X Flottiglia M.A.S.", and the Parachute Regiment "Folgore", and others who during imprisonment showed themselves as being insubordinate and riotous.
- e. War Criminals
- f. Civilians

3. All information relative to the discrimination, to be initiated immediately, will be ascertained by:

- the examining Sub Commission for War Veterans and POW, according to the laws in act, for those who belonged to category A.
- by the Examining Commission Balcan Veterans, according to the laws in act, for those who belong to Category B.
- by the Special Commission presided over by General Odone, for those who belong to Category C.

4. The prisoners who are considered as "recalcitrants" and the War Criminals will be transferred as soon as possible to the Concentration Camp of Laterina (Arezzo) where they will remain under the responsibility of the Italian Authorities, at the disposal of the Allied Authorities and in no case will they be liberated unless by explicit orders from the Allied Headquarters.

This Command is requested to give precise orders regarding the taking over of these individuals and their transfer to Laterina, with adequate security measures.

Furthermore this Command requests, that the Allied Authorities send a roster, containing all possible data regarding the "recalcitrants", who arbitrarily left the camp, and in rounding them up, together with the CC.RR. and provide for their internment in Laterina.

5. The prisoners of Category B., who are not discriminated by the various Examining Commission, will also have to be transferred to Laterina.

6. The Civilians of Camp "S" will be turned over to the Italian Police of Taranto for further action.

7. As all the prisoners held in Camp "S" will be, hand by hand transferred, according to above agreements, to the Lodging Center of Taranto for the normal disposal of POW, or to Camp Laterina, Camp "S" will not be taken over by the Italian Authorities.

8. This Command is requested to delegate an Officer, General or Colonel to assume the direction of the various operations.

This Office will:

- will get into contact with the British Captain, R.A. Briggs at the Command of the 53rd. Area, from whom he will ~~obtain~~ ^{acquire} all the necessary information relative to Camp "S" and the rosters of the various categories of prisoners.
- will provide for the taking over, of all the necessary documents that ascertain the position of the prisoners, in possession of the Allied Authorities of Camp "S".
- In agreement with said British Captain BIGGS, will attend to the rounding up, of all Italian prisoners who are sick and are being taken care of in the district by the Allies and have them transferred to Italian Military Hospitals. These individuals will be treated according to the category to which they belong and if classified as recalcitrants will, when dismissed from the hospital be interned in the Camp of Laterina.

9. For the prisoners who arbitrarily left Camp "S" and who subsequently presented themselves at the Lodging Center, it must be ascertained before any further action is taken regarding them, whether or not they belonged to the categories considered "recalcitrants" or War Criminals, if ^{as such} they will be treated as all the others of those categories.

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11. The above operations must be carried out as quickly as possible in order to avoid further inconveniences.

12. For that which regards the rationing, all rations for the veterans from Camp "S" who transit in the Lodging Center, will be supplied by the Allied Authorities for the necessary period, as agreed upon and may be completed as was previewed in letter No. 7684/209 dtd 10 April 1946 from this Office.

S/ GENERAL A. MANNERINI

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S/ GENERAL A. MANIERINI

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 SUBJECT: - Handover to the Italian Government of 'S' PW Camp with all Italians and South Tyrolese. *019*

GHQ CMF

2151/1/A2.

12 Apr 46.

TO: - Headquarters, 3 District *(5)*
 52 Area *(5)*

1. 'S' PW Camp, TARANTO, will be handed over to the Italian Government w.e.f. a date and time to be notified later, together with the responsibility for holding in custody all Italians and South Tyrolese therein.
2. Detailed Administrative Instructions are attached hereto.
 - Documentation Instructions
 - POW, Impounded Merics and Effects
 - PW Welfare Fund account Disposal
 - 'W' Handover Instructions
3. HQ, 3 District will obtain from the Italian Authorities taking over the camp a certificate to the effect that Recalcitrants and those personnel wanted in connection with War Crimes will be safely guarded and not otherwise disposed of without previous reference to this GHQ.

ISF/JAB.

3 Nov 46
 JLG M. PIER,
 Brigadier,
 LAC.

Copies to :- HQ, Allied Commission, Land Forces Sub-Commission,
 AMILA, IPW Division (5)
 GHQ, 2nd Echelon (2)
 PW accounts Office, CM, CMF

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2. Detailed Administrative Instructions are attached hereto.

- Appendix 'A' - Documentation Instructions
- Appendix 'B' - Pay, Impounded Effects and Effects
- Appendix 'C' - PW Welfare Fund Account Disposal
- Appendix 'D' - 'Q' Handover Instructions

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ISF/JME.

S. H. P. M.
JLC N. F. M.,
Brigadier,
DAG.

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CHQ, 2nd Echelon (2)
PW accounts Office, CM, CMF
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Appendix 'A'Documentation InstructionsGeneral

Nominal rolls of personnel to be handed over to the custody of the Italian Government will be prepared by the camp before the handover takes place. The rolls will contain PW Number, Rank, Names in full and Date of Birth, and copies will be receipted by a representative of the Italian Government immediately after the handover and despatched to A2, GHQ, CEF.

Special

Action necessary in so far as documentation at GHQ 2nd Echelon is concerned:-

1. PW

Immediately upon handover of PW, the following will be despatched to GHQ 2nd Echelon.

(a) AF W3002 in duplicate, reporting personnel 'released from PW status and transferred to custody of Italian Government', accompanied by nominal rolls in sextuplicate.

(b) AF W3000 Part I.

2. SEP

Casualty action as in para 1 (a) only above, marking each as being in respect of SEP.

3. RECALCITRANTS

Recalcitrants will be dealt with as PW in (1) above marking each casualty as being in respect of RECALCITRANTS.

Appendix 'B'Action necessary in so far as Pay and Impounded Monies and Effects are concerned1. Pay

All AFs. W3488 will be closed as at the date of transfer to Italian custody. They will be balanced and signed by the Prisoner and Statement of Account (CMF Form 91) prepared in duplicate. The original Statement of Account will be issued to the prisoner, the duplicate will be attached to the original AF W3488 and will be sent to Prisoner of War Accounts Office CM with four copies of a nominal roll of pay balances.

The duplicate AFs. W3488 will also be sent to Prisoners of War Accounts Office CM. They will not accompany the original AF W3488.

2. Impounded Monies and Effects.

Any impounded monies and effects in the possession of Camps will be handed over to the Italian authorities taking over the Camp. Nominal rolls will be prepared of such effects, in triplicate, and will be signed by the Camp handing over the property and by the Italian authorities who take it over. The nominal rolls will be disposed of as follows:

1 copy to PW Accounts Office CM.

1 copy to Italian Authorities.

1 copy to be retained by Camp.

Under arrangements between GHQ CMF, GHQ 2nd Echelon and Prisoner of War Accounts Office, CM, effects and monies in possession of Prisoners of War Accounts Office will be handed over to the Italian Authorities for eventual disposal to the individual prisoners.

Appendix 'C'PW Welfare Account.

1. Balance of PW Welfare account will be paid to the Command Paymaster for credit to the Special Suspense Account.
2. Details of the amount of money paid to the Command Paymaster for credit to the Special Suspense Account will be signalled to this GRQ.

Appendix 'D'Transfer of Accommodation and Stores to Italian Government1. Fixed Assets

Will be handed over in accordance with para 10 of this Headquarters letter 6752/Q(Mint) dated 25 Aug 45 with the exception that the Receipt Form attached as Annexure 1 will be used and not the one stated in the above quoted letter.

2. Accommodation and all Types of Stores.

- (a) Priced inventories of all such stores will be prepared and Declaration Forms should be submitted in accordance with GHQ Adm Instr No.30 and POS, GHQ Circular No.228. A note should be made in the "Remarks" columns of these forms to the effect that the stores detailed thereon have been handed over to an appointed agent of the Italian Government.
- (b) Receipts for all stores handed over will be obtained from the Italian Government Agent appointed to take over the camp. Such receipts will be disposed of in accordance with instructions contained in Annexure I.

ANNEXURE 1

Receipt for Fixed Assets Transferred to the Italian Government

On behalf of the Italian Government

1. I acknowledge that I have taken over the fixed assets detailed in the attached inventory and installed on the following property.

(Brief description of property)

2. I know that items marked on the inventory as being of US origin are being handed over to the Italian Government on a care use and maintenance basis only and that the financial arrangements concerning their ultimate disposal is a matter for negotiation between the Italian Government and the US authorities concerned.

3. I know that the value of the British element of this fixed asset will be notified to the Italian Government at a later date and will be taken into account in any ultimate overall financial settlement with ITALY.

Date

Signed

On behalf of the Italian Government.

Witnessed on behalf of the

Date.....

ComdArea/Sub-Area
Signed

NOTE:- To be completed in triplicate and disposed of as follows:-

Copy 1. To be retained by Italian Government agent.

Copies 2 and 3. To be sent to No.2 Claims Commission and No.2 Hirings Directorate, APO S 551. CWF.

RECEIVED 24 MAR 1946
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 63515

Date/Time of Origin: MAR 251910 B

Message Centre No: H/1187

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 260915 B

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ FROM 'A' BRANCH CMF

TO: ALCOM FOR ACCAS

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Your letter A ~~XXXX~~ 019 dated 8 Mar and signal A671 dated 18 March refers.

1. Will supply in bulk sufficient rations and clothing to last until end of June subject to the taking over being effected by 10 April 1946.
2. Do not see necessity for transfer Pol since stocks in Heel area already distributed on common user basis with GIP.
3. Suggest 1 bulk transfer of hard rations less fresh items which are procured locally in any event. Bakery items will be included to allow bread to be baked. Request details be arranged direct with DST. Maximum Handover will be at Bari.
4. Clothing. Camp will be instructed to submit idents forthwith to cover requirements up to 30 June.
5. Medical. All Italian and captured medical stores handed over to Italian Government as from 2 Nov 45 suggest they hold ample stocks.

AC DIST.

ACTION: C A S OC

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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MAR 14 0900 A

PRIORITY

AFHQ A BRANCH CMF
ALCOM FOR ACCAS

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Reference correspondence culminating in your A019 of 8 March 46 we assume that Italian Government are only asking for food supplies. Confirm that Italian Government are agreeable to supplying clothing toilet necessities tobacco and other expendable items.

AC DIST.

ACTION: CA SEC 2

INFO: CHIEFCOMMISSIONER

FILE 2

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Subject: Disposal of Italian PWLand Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
(M.E.I.A.) ROME.

A 019

8 Mar. '46.

To: Gen. Giff

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1. Ref your 3451/1/A2 of 26 Feb 1946. In accordance with para 3 of your letter it was represented to the Ministry of War that the Italian Government should take over the supply commitment at the same time as the administration of the camps.

2. of A reply has now been received in which the Ministry of War say that in view of the fact that these PW are being held at our pleasure, and of the acute food shortage in Italy, they do not feel able to take over the supply commitment. They have said however, that they appreciate the difficulty of supply caused by the withdrawal of installations from the "heel" and are quite prepared to take over rations in bulk at NAPLES forwarding them in their own transport to TARANTO.

3. Will you please say if this arrangement is agreeable.

W. Gifford L. 16

Major General
M.E.I.A.

ATB/as

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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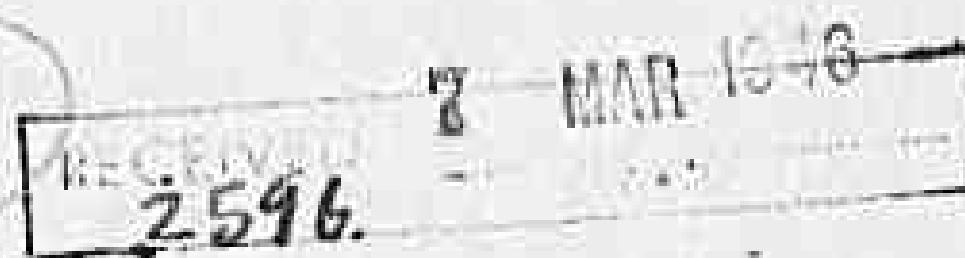
Ref. : 8262/75/EC

5 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Exchange of German PW for Italian PW
in French Hands.

TO : Land Forces S/C (MMIA)

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1. Ref A 019 dated 7 Jan 1946 and subsequent correspondence.
2. Attached is a copy of reply received from AFHQ for records.
3. It is understood that the French Representative is already treating of this matter with his Government.

W. B. ...
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

COPY TO: French Representative.

See 7/3 M

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5 : 383.6-31

1 March 1946

SUBJECT: Exchange of German PW for Italian PW
in French Hands.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

Reference ALCOM 8262/EC, 17 January 1946 and G-5: 383.6-31,
19 February 1946.

1. The matter of transportation for the 25,800 Italian PW in French hands in North Africa has been considered.
2. It is regretted that Allied shipping is fully employed and unlikely to be available for this large movement.
3. It is understood that the Italian Government have some Naval and Merchant Navy vessels in service, and that French ships are now being returned to the French Government. That being the case, it is felt that, when the question of exchange for the 12,000 is raised between the French and Italian Government, the question of transportation for the 25,800 may also be considered.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

/s/ Parsons,
F.G.A. PARSONS,
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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SUBJECT: Italian POW of Slav OriginLand Forces Sub-Comm. A.G.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .

A 019

28 Feb. '46.

TO : GRUPONE

Ref your 3021/A2 dated 13 Feb. '46.

1. In October 1945, 5,000 Italian Army personnel of Slav origin were repatriated for demobilization.
2. In the case of those 5,000, screening was carried out to decide domicile, and to avoid demobilizing west of the Morgan Line those whose homes were in fact east thereof. Transport to homes from the point of demobilization was provided for those living west of the Morgan Line. In the case of those living east of the line they were transported to points if transfer were arranged through the YUGOSLAV Mission.
3. Any returning Italian POW known to be of Slav origin and domiciled in Zone B, would be screened by the Italian Government who, if satisfied as to his domicile, make arrangements for his return with the YUGOSLAV Mission.

WP

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT:- Italian PW of Slav Origin.

TO:- Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
MHA,
IP Division.

GHQ CMF

3821/A2

18 Feb 46

1. The War Office, LONDON, state that parties of repatriated Italian PW may contain Italian nationals of Slav origin whose domicile is in Zone B VENEZIA GIULIA now occupied by Jugo-SLAVIA.

2. May this GHQ please be advised as soon as possible whether any arrangements exist for such PW returning to their homes in Zone B on release, or alternatively what arrangements are made for them by the Italian Authorities.

GHD/ER.

Stewart 3/cpr
Major General,
D.A.G.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

HO AC APO 394

Received 21 FEB 1946

Log No 3464

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 5131/58

TO: I.P.O.W.Div., C.A.S.

DATE: 6 March 1946

SUBJECT: Rations for "S" Camp.

With reference to the communication received from Allied G.H.Q. regarding the impossibility of supplying rations for "S" Camp, Taranto, due to the abolition of the Allied stores at Taranto.

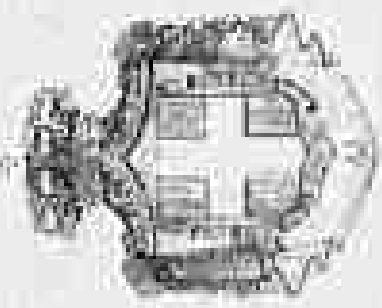
This Ministry states that it would not object to drawing the rations required for "S" Camp at Naples and forwarding them to Taranto with its own transport.

In view of the difficult food situation in Italy will you kindly examine the possibility of issuing the rations required for "S" Camp from stores at Naples.

Sgd. MANNERINI

General.

C. Danin Cpl.



ARM/CN

Ministero della Guerra
 Uff. Auton. Reduci Prigionieri di
 Guerra e Rimpatriati

Divisione
Reg. N. 5131/58 Allegati

OGGETTO

Viveri per il capo "Q".

Roma,

Marzo 1946

All'ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR
DIVISION CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

- R. C. A. A. -

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir.

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In relazione alla comunicazione del Quartier Generale Alleato circa l'impossibilità di fornire i viveri per il capo "Q" di Taranto, in conseguenza dell'abolizione dei magazzini alleati di Taranto.

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In considerazione delle precarie condizioni dell'alimentazione in Italia si prega di esaminare la possibilità di cedere i viveri occorrenti al campo "Q" dai magazzini di Napoli.

IL GENERALE

CAPO DELL'UFFICIO AUTONOMO

(A. Mannerini)

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A. Mannerini

TO THE SECTION

0900

date 7/3

75.00 0915

Int. No. 5131/58 Allegato

Risposta al Teleg. del
Gen. S.

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OGGETTO Viveri per il campo "G".

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IL GENERALE

CAPO DELL'UFFICIO AUTONOMO

(A. Fannerini)

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IN	0900
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SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian PW.

2315. 28 FEB 1946

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26. feb 46.

land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
E.M.F.A. (Rome).

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A.019

Re: your A.049 of 21 Feb 46.

1. It is noted that the Italian Government is agreeable to accepting the custody of all Italian PW and other PW of Italian nationality. The concentration of all these individuals in 'B' PW Camp, TADAMO is almost complete.

2. An Italian Screening Commission has been requested (our letter 3/26/A2 of 22 Jan 46 and conversation re MASI/DAVIES refer). It is understood that this commission is about to visit 'S' PW Camp and this Com would be glad to know as soon as possible which of the PW from the 'Alto Adige' are not acceptable to the Italian Government, in order that they may be transferred to another camp.

3. The desire of the Italian Government for supplies for this camp to be continued is noted.

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It is requested that you draw the attention of the Italian Government to the fact that all British installations are being withdrawn from the 'heel' and that the continued issue of sup. lies will therefore present considerable difficulty. Now that the Italian Government has assumed responsibility for supplying the Italian Army which was formerly sup. lier from Allied sources, it is suggested that the PW be supplied from Italian sources.

Will you please request the Italian Government to reconsider this point in the light of the above, and represent to them that they should take over the supply commitment at the same time as the control of the camps passes into their hands.

/BC

Copy to: Brit Poland.

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Subject :- Italian Military Mission to U.S.A.

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and Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.S.I.A.) 30

A 019

25 Feb. 46.

To :- HQ 10.2 District (for attention Gen. HUTHAK please)

1. Ref. your V/20/10 of 7 Feb. 46.

2. In accordance with your request, the Ministry of War have agreed to include Capt. A. LUGO amongst those proceeding to the U.S. on the Sub-Commission.

3. In the absence of General BROWNING on tour I am writing to inform you that the Ministry of War have now replied to the effect that in consideration of the request made by General BROWNING, they had decided to include Capt. Alfredo LUGO with the Italian Mission to U.S.A. The officer in question however, having accepted the duty, later decided on the grounds of personal and private motives.

4. Apologies have been sent to the Ministry of War for any breach or cancellation the request may have caused.

Col. M.C.
M.S.I.A.

W/20.

Copy to: IAVS Division.

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SUBJECT: Procedure for ITALIANS/M (non co-operators and neo fascists)

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Joint Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
(M.A.T.A.) R.C.M.B.

A 049

21 Feb. '46.

TO : CHM GTF

Ref your 3454/1/A2 dated 22 Jan 1946

1. The following reply has been received from the Ministry of War:-
This Ministry is willing to accept all ITALIAN prisoners now held in GTF custody as well as prisoners of ITALIAN nationality who served in the GERMAN Army.

We agree entirely with the priority stated for the releases, (co-operators, non co-operators, resisters).

In this connection the ITALIAN authorities will take steps to guarantee a spirit of absolute justice; appropriate commissions appointed by the ITALIAN Government would examine the individual position of each prisoner to determine the subsequent action to be taken.

Steps will be taken to provide the necessary particulars so that, also later on, it will be possible to trace those individuals who may be required in connection with War Crimes trials.

Although assuming all the guard and administrative duties in connection with "S" camp, we beg the ALBANY Authorities to continue providing supplies for the persons in custody during their stay in the said camp.

The Ministry agrees to accept the prisoners of the "Alto Adige", but only those who, after proper investigation, prove to be ITALIAN Nationals, and as such are liable to measures for having served in the S.S. of the GERMAN Army.

2. It will be seen that the Italian Government agree to take responsibility for these prisoners, but require the Allies to supply as long as the prisoners are held in the camp.

Ref yves 3154/1/A2 dated 22 Jan 1946

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The following study has been received from the Ministry of Air:-
This Ministry is willing to accept all ITALIAN prisoners now held in GAF custody as well as prisoners of ITALIAN nationality who served in the CAPRONI Army.

To agree entirely with the priority stated for the release, (co-operations, non co-operations, recalcitrants).

In this connection the ITALIAN authorities will take steps to guarantee a spirit of absolute justice; appropriate commissions appointed by the ITALIAN Government would examine the individual position of each prisoner to determine the subsequent action to be taken.

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Although assuming all the guard and administrative duties in connection with "G" Camp Tientsin, we beg the ALLIED authorities to continue providing supplies for the persons in custody during their stay in the said camp.

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Attilio Gillmore

Major General
M.M.F.A.

SUBJECT : Italian Military Mission to Italy

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
(M.I.A.) ROME.

A 019

15 Feb. '46.

TO : MC 2 DISTRICT

Ref your A/324/(0) dated 7 Feb 46.

1. Application has been made to the War Office for permission for an Italian Mission to visit P camps in the UK, so far however, no reply has been received from London.
2. In the meantime the General in charge of the PW Office in the Italian Ministry of War has been asked to give consideration to the inclusion of Capt BORO as one of the Mission, should permission be granted for a Mission to leave.

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Pa Major General
M.I.A.

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

12/Feb/46

IPW/B/21

SUBJECT : Italian Military Mission to Italy

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces S/C, A.C.

B.F. W.P.

1. Ref. 2 District letter A/324/(O) dtd 7 Feb.46
2. On 7 Jan 46 this Office received a request from the Ministry of War (Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW) for permission for an Italian Military Mission to visit PW camps in the U.K.
3. This request was sent to GHQ, CMF, who on 15 Jan 46 forwarded it to the War Office, London.
4. So far, no reply has been received from the War Office.
5. In the mean time, we have today forwarded the name of Capt. Lupo to the General who is head of the PW Office, in the Italian War Ministry, explaining the circumstances and asking that he be included in the Mission, should permission be granted for it to leave.

A/E
Draft reply to the
lines of the above
etc

J.E. Regis
J.E. REGIS, Lieut. Col. 2739
Chief IPW Div.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
HQ AC APO 394
Dispatched FEB 12 1946
Log No 1091

SUBJECT: Exchange of German PW for
Italian PW in French hands
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. S. I. A.) R O M E

A 019

7 January 1946
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TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission
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1. The French Authorities in North Africa hold approximately 37,800 Italian PW. They are willing to release 25,000 of these individuals, but will only agree to the release of the remainder (some 12,000) if they are replaced by German PW transported by us as follows:

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Morocco	3,700

2. The total repatriation of Italian PW's from North Africa is dependent on

- Transport for 25,800, now ready to leave North Africa.
- Purchasing the French 12,000 Germans in place of 12,000 Italians, and transport for the 12,000 Italians from North Africa to Italy.

3. Attention is invited to report No. 12508/1475 dated 25 October 1945, from Washington, copy attached, which states that German POW in USA will be sent to France. It is considered that it will not be possible to furnish either Italian or Allied transport for 12,000 German POW from France to North Africa. Should 12,000 of the German POW in the USA be sent direct to the North African ports listed above, it would be possible to meet the French demand.

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d. B. Brown

Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMA)

CPK/mg

German P.O.W. file A1071

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C O P Y

No. 12508/1475

Washington, 25 October 1945

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It is noted with great satisfaction that owing to this agreement 200,000 men of the Africa Corps will be transferred to France, who have been housed and well fed in the American camps, and are considered as being ardent nazis and therefore a source of trouble for this country.

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

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4 January 1946

IPW/53/145

Subject : Exchange of Italian PW for German PW.

To : Chief Commissioner
HQ, Allied Commission

- 1/. With reference to attached letter dated 17 December, subject as above and our IPW/53/125 dated 11 December 1945, copy attached.
- 2/. The approval of the French and Italian Governments had been obtained before first submitting our above quoted letter. The Italian Ministry of War requested the IPW Division to arrange with the appropriate Allied Authorities for the necessary transport to effect the transfer as this could not be handled directly through governmental channels.
- 3/. The proposals put forward in our attached letter are strongly recommended by the undersigned. Will you please notify this Division of any action you may initiate.

Major General,
Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C.

Draft

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
HWH/tb

IPW/53/125

11 December 1945

Subject : Exchange of German PW for Italian PW in French hands.

To : G-1 American *Chief Commission*
Alfred Commission

- 1/. The French Authorities in North Africa hold approx 37,800 Italian PW. They are willing to release 25,000 of these individuals but will only agree to the release of the remainder (some 12,000) if they are replaced by German PW transported by us as follows:

to Tunisia	2445
Algeria - Oran	2000
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Algiers	2000
Marocco	3700

The Italians have only one cruiser (capacity 600) available for this work and if these replacement German PWs were to be found from France a round trip from Italy to Marseilles to North Africa and return to Italy would be involved. To complete this movement would take many months.

- 2/. It is however understood that the USA are contemplating sending healthy German PWs to France in exchange for sick German PW at the rate of 50,000 per month. Copy of a report No. 12508/1475 dated 25 Oct 45 emanating from the Embassy at Washington, refers and is attached.

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To : G-1 American ~~copy~~ Allied Command.

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J.E. REDIS, Lt. Colonel
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IPW/125 "Exchange of German PW in French Hands."
 HEADQUARTERS, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, U.S. Army, APO 512, 17 Dec 45
 G-1 Division.

TO: Chief, Civil Affairs Section, Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Returned for submission through Headquarters Allied Commission.
2. This appears to be a matter between the French and Italian Governments, which should more properly be taken up through Embassy channels rather than through War Department channels. However, in any event it is desired that the Chief, Allied Commission, express his views before this Headquarters initiates any action.

2 Incls:

Cy ltr, 12508/1475, 25 Oct 45

Ltr fr AC, Civ Affairs Sec, 11 Dec 45

F. W. Moorman
 F. W. MOORMAN
 Colonel, G.S.C.
 A.C. of S., G-1

1 PW Div

Please see 1st ind.

B/f for Col. Regis

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

Ref : IPW/AM/12/1/7

Tel. No. 489031
Ext. 544

Subject: Report on the Activities of IPW Division
for Month Ending 30 November, 1945.

11 December, 1945.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

1. ITALIAN PW REPATRIATED

The situation of repatriation of IPW at 25 Nov 45 is as under:-

Country of Origin	Original No of IPW	No Repatriated to 25 Nov 45	No Repatriated during week 15/ 25 Nov 45	No still to be Repatriated.
England and Scotland	155,000	6,169	1,223	148,831
North Africa	25,500	25,500	-	-
East Africa	39,000	8,989	190	30,011
West Africa	1,000	1,017	-	-
South Africa	39,500	2,430	13	37,070
Middle East	62,000	9,344	-	52,656
India	33,500	2,565	-	30,935
Australia	17,000	629	-	16,371
Gibraltar	600	-	-	600
Persia	2,000	-	-	2,000
USA	51,000	20,307	1,069	30,693
France and Germany	43,000	34,060	303	8,940
Italy	20,000	20,000	-	-
North Africa	7,000	7,000	-	-
French N Africa	35,000	2,338	660	32,662
Russia	20,000 ^x	7,036 ^o	907	12,964
TOTAL	551,100	147,384	5,165	403,733

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Balkans	100,000	83,834	169	16,166
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GRAND TOTAL	1,241,100	925,271	14,673	429,051
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The present situation refers to personnel already registered at the Lodging Centres and Commands in Italy.

x The number 20,000 corresponds to the number given by the Russian Government. The Ministry of War states that 60,000 is the correct number.

o The list of the exact number of those who are in the hospitals at MARMON is lacking.

(To check the above)

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2. FINANCE OFFICE

On 2 Nov 45 Lt Col Regis, with Finance rep. of this Division, attended a conference at G-4 AFROMA dealing with the settlement of credit balance held by PWs released from US custody. Methods of implementing ID memoranda number 190-45 dated 25 September 45 were discussed. Information on the certificates already redeemed by the Italian Government was given and it was agreed that Italian ex-PWs in US hands would be requested in the near future to present their certificates to designated Military Government officers or other Administrative officers, who, after examination by PWIB for authenticity, would address the ex-PWs to US Disbursing Officers for payment.

During the month of November the remittances made by IPW held in British hands to their families totalled 65,250 pounds. Statements of Credit Balance in respect of IPW repatriated from British and US custody, for the total amount of 895,275, were forwarded to the Italian Government for transmission to the ex PW concerned and payment.

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

266 claims for non-receipt of remittances and a few claims for non-receipt of family allowances were received and passed to the Italian Ministry of Post War Assistance for inspection and payment where possible. 148 claims against the Allied Authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final credit balance were dealt with.

During this period the correspondence relating to financial matters dealt with by this Office totalled 451 letters.

3. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE CASES

2036 Compassionate cases were dealt with resulting in 48 cases being given authority for release. Correspondence was handled involving 524 Welfare cases covering such subjects as forwarding of mail and receipts returned from the PWs, inquiries re PWs families, inquiries re PWs from their families.

4. POLICY AND PLANNING

a) Clothing Adjutant General, Union of South Africa, suggested that IPW in South Africa be allowed to buy clothing in that country. The Italian Government have agreed to allow repatriates to bring this clothing to Italy duty free.

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During the month of November the remittances made by IAW were in the hands to their families totalled 63,250 pounds. Statements of Credit Balance in respect of IPW repatriated from British and US custody, for the total amount of 295,275, were forwarded to the Italian Government for transmission to the ex IPW concerned and payment.

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

266 claims for non-receipt of remittances and a few claims for non-receipt of family allowances were received and passed to the Italian Ministry of Post War Assistance for inspection and payment where possible. 116 claims against the Allied Authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final credit balance were dealt with.

During this period the correspondence relating to financial matters dealt with by this Office totalled 454 letters.

3. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE CASES

20% Compassionate cases were dealt with resulting in 48 cases being given authority for release. Correspondence was handled involving 524 welfare cases covering such subjects as forwarding of mail and receipts returned from the IPW, inquiries re P's families, inquiries re PWs from their families.

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d) IPW in British hands. Following a request from this Division for the British policy in repatriating IPW a conference was held at AWA, which the Chief of this Division attended. The following proposals were submitted to War Office, London and agreed. Repatriation from Britain will commence after the harvest and 5,000 IPW should be repatriated in December 1945.

/To Sheet Three

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i) Order of priority in repatriation

- (a) Sick and wounded and compassionate cases.
- (b) Gunco and Regime Divisions and Italian Naval personnel who assisted the Allies in the Dodecanese and are now in MIDRASI.
- (c) Co-operators.
- (d) Non co-operators.
- (e) Recalcitrants and criminals.

ii) Position regarding Camps for accommodating IAW repatriates by sea is as follows:-

Camp	Present rate of acceptance	Holding capacity	Rate of clearance per day
Taranto	7,000	10,000	1,000
Naples	7,000	10,000	1,000
Leghorn	3,000	6,500	1,000

iii) Repatriation by rail to

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Milan	5,000	2,000	1,000

acceptance rate here represents maximum possible excluding all other incoming traffic. We are endeavoring to raise the holding capacity to 10,000.

iv) Status of Repatriates. It was requested that the present practise continues in that all repatriates arriving in the status of P remain in that status until disembarkation at port or point of detrainment in Italy when responsibility passes to Italian Government for determination and disposal.

v) We are prepared to receive repatriates on this plan forthwith. The limiting factor throughout is lack of sufficient transport facilities from ports to permit rapid clearance inland of base reception areas.

e) IPW in Russian Hands. Some 8,000 IPW have been repatriated from Russia this month and the flow continues. The Italian Government states that there were 60,000 IPW in Russia but the Russians state they have only approx. 20,000.

f) T Camp, Taranto. This camp is in a most unsatisfactory condition. The accommodation is 10,000, all under canvas on ground which lacks quick drainage. GHQ CMF have been approached to de-requisition the Orsini barracks at Taranto to house these repatriates or alternatively to provide new tents or huts.

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Visits in the North of Italy

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Visit to North Africa.

2. On 23 Nov Lt Col Regis left Italy on the Duca D'Aosta and arrived in Oran on the 26 Nov. The French Military Authorities were contacted and 750 IPWs were embarked. No Italian officials were allowed to land and all formalities were attended to by Lt Col Regis. The cruiser left at 0415 for Italy. The French Authorities at Algiers were contacted and permission secured to ship 14 tons of food and clothing to North Africa for distribution to

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all IPW camps in North Africa by the International Red Cross representative.

An agreement was reached as to the repatriation of 37,100 IPW now in French hands in North Africa.

The repatriation schedule is as follows:

Replace with German PW now held in France and transported by us to North Africa as follows:

TUNISIA -	2,445
ALGERIA - Oran	2,000
Philippeville	2,000
Algiers	2,000
MOROCCO -	3,700

to a balance of some 25,000 to be repatriated as follows:

1 -	1,500 at Oran
2 -	2,100 PW plus 600 civilian refugees at Tunis and Bizerte
3 -	10,000 at Oran
4 -	7,000 at Philippeville (Constantin)
5 -	6,500 at Algiers
6 -	10,200 in Morocco.

J. A. Davis
J. A. Davis, Lt. Col.,
Chief,
IPW Division.

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(Attention AG)

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J. E. Reavis, Lt. Col.,
Chief,
IFW Division.

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(Attention AAG)

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Subject: Duty Tour

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (LS)
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 019

12 Dec. '45.

To : The Asst. Adjutant MG AC

Will you please note that on the authority of AG letter No 383.6 OCT-0 of 12 Oct 1945 the personnel of the IPCW Division were transferred to MMIA.

Personnel of the IPCW Division are not available to act as duty officer for AC since they have been taken on the duty roster of MMIA.

W. H. Gilmour L. Col

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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Tel No. 489081
Ext 484
30 October 1945

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SUBJECT : Nominal RollTO : "A" Branch MMIA

Attached herewith nominal roll showing officers
and Ols employed with this Division.

James E. Regis
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

Regis and File
7/11/46
2/1/47

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NOMINAL ROLL OF ARMED PERSONNEL EMPLOYED
IN IPW DIVISION

Rank and Name	Personal Number	Regt or Corps	American or British	Accommodated	A/S Gp/ Points	
Lt. Col. J.E. REGIS	0-228539	CAC USA	A	238 Via Nomantana	124	Signed Class "A" Certificate
Major. H.W. HAMILTON	165598	Bufs	B	Albergo Flora	26	Willing to defer
Capt. H. de MASI	0-521811	SP Res AUS	A	Albergo Milano	102	Signed Class "B" Certificate to 5 March 1946
Lt. M. TOR.	0-579600	Air Corps USA	A	Albergo Ingletterra	59	Possibly will defer
L/Cpl. WILSON, D.M.	W/89150	ATS	B	9, Via dei Frentani	42C	
Pte. WASSELVOGEL, F.F.	PA1/30211	RASC	B	Albergo Genova	42C	
Sgt. FERRARI, B.			B	Albergo dell'Urbe		Particulars not known - Sgt Ferrari is at present and is awaiting release

NOMINAL ROLL OF ARMED PERSONNEL EMPLOYED
IN IFW DIVISION

Personal Number	Regt or Corps	American or British	Accommodated	A/S Gp/ Points		Room No.	Tel No	Due for LTAP
0-228539	CAC USA	A	238 Via Nomentana	124	Signed Class "A" Certificate	7 Floor Room 11	453	N/A
165598	Bufs	B	Albergo Flora	26	Willing to defer	7 Floor Room 13	511	<i>v. deferred</i>
0-521811	SP Res AUS	A	Albergo Milano	102	Signed Class "B" Certificate to 5 March 1946	8 Floor An. Room 70	368	N/A
0-579600	Air Corps USA	A	Albergo Ingleterra	59	Possibly will defer	7 Floor Room 15	459	N/A
1/89150	ATS	B	9, Via dei Frentani	42C		8 Fl An. Room 72	484	N/A
FA1/30211	RASC	B	Albergo Genova	42C				V. Deferred
		B	Albergo dell'Urbe	Particulars not known - Sgt Ferrari is at present on compassionate leave and is awaiting release in Italy.				

NOMINAL ROLL OF A. I. D. PERSONNEL EMPLOYED
IN I.F.W. DIVISION

Rank and Name	Personal Number	Regt or Corps	American or British	Accommodated	A/S Cp/ Joins	
Lt. Col. J. E. REUTS	O-228539	CAC USA	A	236 Via Nomentana	121	Signed Class "A" Certificate
Major. H. W. HAMILTON	165596	Bufs	B	Albergo Flora	26	Willing to defer
Capt. H. de MAST	O-521811	SF Pen AUS	A	Albergo Milano	102	Signed Class "B" Certificate to 5 March 1946
Lt. R. TOR.	O-579600	Air Corps USA	A	Albergo Ingletterra	39	Possibly will defer
Lt. Cpl. WILSON, D. M.	N/89150	ATS	B	9, Via dei Frontani	420	
Pte. KASSELVOGER, F. F.	PA1/30211	PASC	B	Albergo Genova	420	
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IN IFF DIVISION

Personal Ser	Regt or Corps	American or British	Accommodated	N/S of/ Points		Room No.	Tel No	Due for LIAF
228539	CAC USA	A	238 Via Nomentana	124	Signed Class "A" Certificate	7 Floor Room 11	453	N/A
5598	Bufs	B	Albergo Flora	26	Willing to defer	7 Floor Room 13	511	
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IMMEDIATE

MIDEAST INDIA GHQ CWF ALCON MMIA EAST AFRICA
MILWSTAF MALTA GIBRALTER JAMAICA.

SECRET.

1. UK GOVT have decided that repatriation of Italians to ITALY from UK should begin as soon as harvest completed and when transport available.

2. Agreement has been obtained that following principles should generally govern order of repatriation but you are at liberty to treat any special cases on their merits.

(A) Sick PW passed by a mixed Medical Commission should be given priority over other PW.

(B) CO-Operators should be repatriated before non-co-operators.

(C) Order of repatriation of co-operators and non co-operators should be determined on the basis of age and length of captivity in each case.

(D) Each draft of repatriates should contain as many officers as possible who were willing to co-operate but who remained non co-operators as no employment was available for ~~available~~ for them as co-operators. (Applicable to INDIA and mid-east only).

(E) Protected personnel should be given priority over combatant PW but a proportion should be kept back for appropriate administrative duties.

(F) ~~CUNEO~~ and REGINA divisions and naval personnel who escaped from DODECANESE at present in middle east to have priority.

(G) Recalcitrants and criminals to be repatriated last.

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3. Above priorities to apply within individual countries only.
4. Repatriation to ITALY may commence forthwith. Probable numbers this year will be small.
5. You will obtain acceptance from GHQ CMF direct before despatch. Copies to troopers PW2.
6. All repatriates retain PW status until handed over to the Italian govt under arrangements CMF.
7. Movement from south and east AFRICA will be co-ordinated by C in C mideast. Otherwise movement will be arranged through usual movement CHANNELS within despatching theatre or command.
8. Repatriation of Italians has no priority but any shipping spaces which would otherwise not be taken up may be used.

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NAVY SC
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's reference: 84810 PW2

Message Centre No: G/3691

Date/Time of Origin: NOV 15/1530 Z

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 16/1200

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: TROOPERS

TO : GHQ CMF INFO ALCOM MMIA

SECRET

Your FX 52882 13 November

1. Appreciate that repatriation on basis of age and length of captivity will cause administrative difficulties but consider that as a matter of policy this rule should as far as possible be applied. In exceptional cases you may repatriate PW by companies providing this is possible without causing undue hardship.

2. In view of above have now issued signal to commands concerned

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

CALL	CIRCUIT No. N5520	PRIORITY P	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS QVR 3
SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			
FROM (A) GHQ CMF			DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 131713A 162
TO (FOR ACTION) TROOPERS			MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS 41
TO (FOR INFORMATION) ALCOM - MMIA			
(REF. No.) FX52882			

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SECRET. YOUR 83358 PW2 OF SIX NOVEMBER 45. AGREE MIDEAST SUGGESTION THAT (C) OF OUR FX51728 OF THREE NOVEMBER SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER (B). REFERENCE (B) (C) AND (E) OF YOUR 82101 PW2 OF 29 OCTOBER. IF REPATRIATION DETERMINED ON BASIS AGE AND LENGTH OF CAPTIVITY IN EACH CASE ALL CO-OPERATOR UNITS WILL BE WEAKENED SIMULTANEOUSLY. REPATRIATION BY UNITS WOULD ASSIST GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE. YOUR (C) AND (E) AGREED.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : 2/14
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : IMMEDIATE
From : TROOPERS
To : ACTION A BRANCH CMF
INFO ALCOM MMIA

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Reference NR : 84432 PW2
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REQUEST YOUR AGREEMENT TO MY 82358 PW2 OF 6th NOVEMBER

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ONE FOR A BRANCH

INFO: A.COM MMILA.

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SECRET.

Your EX51728 3 November and my 82101 PW2 29 October.

First. Para 2. Agree with addition of my second (B) (C) and (E) and exception that your (C) should have priority over (E). MID EAST consider these personnel should have priority over CO-OPERATORS. If you still disagree request you give reasons repeating to MID EAST.

Second. Para 6 noted.

Third. Para 7 noted.

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PRIORITY

FROM : A BRANCH CMC

TO : TROOPERS

INFO : ALCOM M M I A

SECRET

Ref your 82101PW2 dated 29 Oct.

1. Intention noted.
2. Consider order of priority of repatriation should be
 - A. Sick who would have been passed by mixed medical commission standard whether co-operator or non-co-operator.
 - B. Co-operators.
 - C. CUNEO and REGINA Divs and Italian naval personnel who assisted us in DODECANESE and are now in MIDEAST.
 - D. Non-co-operators
 - E. Recalcitrants and criminals.
3. Repatriation by sea, read in 4 columns ports, present rate of acceptance at one time, holding capacity of camps there, rate of clearance per day hoeward.

TARANTO	7000	10000	1000
NAPLES	7000	10000	1000
LEGHORN	3000	6500	1000
4. Repatriation by rail.

MILAN	5000	2000	1000
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Acceptance rate here represents maximum possible excluding all other incoming

'affio. Endeavouring to raise holding capacity to 10000.

5. Agree your 5th.
6. Request present practice continues all repatriates arriving in status of PW and remaining this status until disembarkation at port of detraining at hand over point when responsibility passes to Italian Govt for determination and disposal.
7. Prepared receive repatriates on plan above forthwith. Limiting factor throughout is lack of sufficient transport facilities from ports to permit rapid clearance inland of base reception areas. Overall plan of total repatriation from America has been agreed and moves already begun. Since this uses same reception organisation here new moves from elsewhere into ITALY must be phased in with that plan.

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Info : Chief Commissioner
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9 C Q Forces 8/2
 SUBJECT :- General Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

To:- G-4 (Mov Tn)
 Q(Infant)
 G-5
 HQ., Allied Commission, IPW Division.
 HQ., MIA. ✓

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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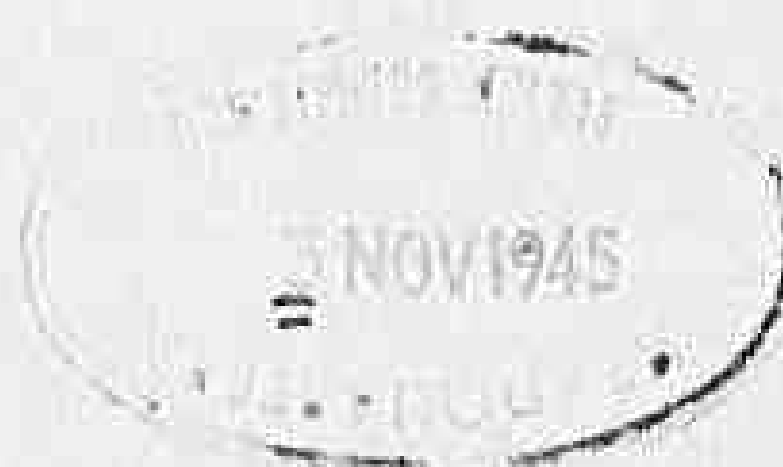
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CONFIRMATION

1. Reference Troopers Signal 82101 P.W.2 of 29 Oct 45 (not to HQ., Allied Commission or MIA).
2. A meeting will be held in the G-3 War Room AMHQ, at 1430 hours on 2 Nov 45, to discuss the proposed general repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War, and arrangements for the reception of the repatriates in ITALY. A copy of the Agenda is attached.
3. The presence of your representative is requested.

TRG/et



T.R. Condon
 T.R. CONDON,
 Major, D.A.A.G.,
 for Major General,
 DAC.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES
('A' Branch)

3072/A231 Oct 45

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to discuss proposed general repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

A G E N D A

1. Areas of disembarkation, or of rail reception if repatriation is effected by overland route.
2. Dates from which repatriates can be received at each Reception Area.
3. Daily rate of acceptance in each Reception Area.
4. Method of notification and acceptance under paragraph 5 of TROOPERS' signal 82101 FW 2 of 29 Oct 45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

1 November 1945

REFERENCE: G-1B/367/0

SUBJECT : Responsibility for Repatriation of
Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : M.M.I.A. (Attn. Col. Findlay).

19 Oct 45.

I refer to letter from A.P.H.Q. No. 33.6 GCT-C dated 19 Oct 45.

Vice President of Civil Affairs Section has minuted this letter to me with the comment that "MIA may not wish this personnel to be included in their W/E".

For the time this Commission is allowed to work on its existing W/E we are able and prepared to carry the personnel of I.P.W. on our records. We are, however, preparing a new proposed W/E for the British side of this Commission, and it is possible that Dec 1 will be the effective date.

In view of para. 5/a/q letter our W/E proposals cannot include an establishment for I.P.W. and we shall therefore be unable to carry the personnel after that date.

J. L. Jones
Executive Officer (B)

CMA A/R

Copy to:

V.P. C.A. Section

AFHQ letter (30) para 3
said that we would carry
them on our WE from 25 Oct.
If we are not going to do so
until Dec 1 I think we should
tell AFHQ.

AAG. Coordinate with G.(SO) who are
preparing a W.E. to be in force for NC
to MIA which 1 Dec. a reply to Jones
accordingly. *WP* Col 6 Nov

AHG.

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Spoke GSD no action.

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19 Oct.

to G. Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 511

1 Nov 45.

Subject: Observations on attached draft

Ref : IPW/ADM/6/

To : M.M.I.A.
(attention A.A.G.)

Forwarded herewith are observations and suggestions on attached draft.

1) Para 2 lays down that IPW Division will remain part of Allied Commission for internal administration and economy. This is contradicted by para 7 which lays down MIA procedure for office administration and routine. Please clarify.

2) It is suggested that para 3 should be amended to read "that all matters of policy requiring confirmation of higher authority will be referred to A.A.G."

3) 2nd part of para 4 is not understood as para 7 states that all correspondence will be handled by MIA message centre. Does this mean that matters requiring reference outside Allied Commission or the War Ministry will be referred to HQ MIA? Such correspondence arriving in this Division totals approx. 1,600 letters per month and outgoing letters average approx. 2,000 per month.

4) Particulars called for in para 5 (Organisation) are being compiled.

5) It is recommended that 'IPW Division' should appear on all letters emanating from this office underneath headings given in para 7 (a). This is considered essential to avoid confusion in matters dealing with IPW Division and Displaced Persons Sub Commission on the same correspondence. In the past much unnecessary work has been caused by the difference of these two departments not being fully understood.

6) Reference para 7(b). In the past the average cable traffic of this Division has been - incoming 50 per week, outgoing 12 per week and with the accelerated repatriation of IPW this is likely to increase considerably. The present system of despatch and receipt of cables through AC channels is functioning well and with a minimum delay as AC message centre have their own teleprinter and cables are delivered to this Division within a few minutes of their receipt from the originator.

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As the majority of cables received by this Division refer to arrival of IPW at Italian ports (often with only a few hours warning) and require immediate action to arrange for their accommodation it will be realised that

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1) Para 2 lays down that IPW Division will remain part of Allied Commission for internal administration and economy. This is contradicted by para 7 which lays down MIA procedure for office administration and routine. Please clarify.

2) It is suggested that para 3 should be amended to read "that all matters of policy requiring confirmation of higher authority will be referred to A.A.G."

3) 2nd part of para 4 is not understood as para 7 states that all correspondence will be handled by MIA message centre. Does this mean that matters requiring reference outside Allied Commission or the War Ministry will be referred to HQ MIA? Such correspondence arriving in this Division totals approx. 1,600 letters per month and outgoing letters average approx. 2,000 per month.

4) Particulars called for in para 5 (Organisation) are being compiled.

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I therefore recommend that the present system should be continued.

7) Orders contained in para 7(d and e) cause considerable difficulty in compliance. Officers of this Division are at present living at the Flora and Milano hotels - no breakfast is served before 0730 hours in these hotels which makes it impossible for them to report for duty at 0800 hours. The Italian Ministry of War (with whom this Division is in constant touch) commence evening work at 1700 hours (the time MIA finish). For these reasons I strongly recommend that the present hours be maintained.

[Signature]
J. S. S. Lt. Col.,
Chief,
IPW Division.

*1 divd after 15 min breakfast
5 min lunch
10 min dinner*

DRAFT - DIRECTIVE.

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AUTHORITY:

1. With effect from 25 Oct 1945 such Allied responsibilities as exist in the reception and disposal of repatriated Italian prisoners of war will rest with MMIA which will deal directly with the Italian Ministry of War in these matters. (Authority AG 383.6.GCT.o dated 19 Oct. 1945).

CONTROL :

2. From 25 Oct. P.W. ^I ~~Division~~ ^{Division} is assigned to GOC, MMIA for all matters of duty. It will remain as part of AC for internal administration and economy.

3. POLICY DIRECTIVE:

^I For duty the ^I POW Division will be attached to 'A' Branch of MMIA and will deal directly with the AAG to whom all matters of policy will be referred.

4. ROUTINE DUTY:

^I Routine matters will be reported by officers of POW Division direct to appropriate section of AC or the War Ministry; matters requiring reference outside AC or the War Ministry will be sent through HQ MMIA.

5. ORGANISATION:

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5. ORGANISATION:

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The POW Division will furnish MMIA with an up-to-date Organisational Chart of existing arrangements for handling repatriated POW, to show :-

- (a) At what places accommodation exists,
- (b) the maximum number that can be handled at any one time at each place.

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- (c) Arrangements for hospitalization and medical care
- (d) " " feeding and clothing.
- (e) " " screening, documenting and dispersal.

This chart will be kept up to date as requisite.

7. OFFICE ROUTINE:

(a) ✓ Outgoing letters will be headed LAND FORCES SUB COMM., A.C., (M.M.I.A.) R O M E and be prepared for signature by or for MAJOR GENERAL, M.M.I.A. under a separate (POW Division) ✓ filing system. Signals and messages will be prepared as from M.M.I.A.

(b) Incoming and outgoing communications will be handled by M.M.I.A. Message Centre. IPW Division will be placed on M.M.I.A. normal distribution lists.

(c) IPW Division will pass a "Circulator" file to M.M.I.A. daily.

(d) A representative from ^{DIVISION} IPW ~~Branch~~ will attend the morning Conference at 08.00 hrs. /

(e) Office hours will be those in force in M.M.I.A. and at present are :-

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Saturday	08.00 " 12.00	

(f) Officers and O.Rs. of IPW ^{DIVISION} ~~Sub-Commission~~ will be included on M.M.I.A. Duty Rosters.

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8. NOMINAL ROLL:

^{DIVISION} IFW ~~Branch~~ will furnish M.M.I.A. with a nominal roll

showing the officers and men actually employed at the present time in PW Sub-Commission, and how they are accommodated. In the case of military personnel, the date due for leave and release should be shown.

Subject: Responsibility for Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C.,
(M.H.I.A.) R O M E

A 019

30 Oct. '45.

To : IFW Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

1. AUTHORITY: With effect from 25 Oct 1945 such Allied responsibilities as exist in the reception and disposal of repatriated Italian prisoners of war will rest with NMIA which will deal directly with the Italian Ministry of War in these matters. (Authority AG.303.6.002.0 dated 19 Oct 1945).

2. CONTROL: From 25 Oct IFW Division is assigned to GOC, NMIA for all matters of duty. It will remain as part of AC for internal administration and economy.

3. POLICY DIRECTIVE: For duty the IFW Division will be attached to 'A' Branch, of NMIA and will deal directly with the AAG to whom all matters of policy will be referred.

4. ROUTINE DUTY: Routine matters will be reported by officers of IFW Division direct to appropriate section of AC or the War Ministry; matters requiring reference outside AC or the War Ministry will be sent through HQ NMIA.

5. ORGANISATION: The IFW Division will furnish NMIA with an up-to-date Organisational Chart of existing arrangements for handling repatriated Po. W, to show :-

- (a) At what places accommodation exists,
- (b) the maximum number that can be handled at any one time at each place.

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To : IIV Sub-Commission.
Allied Commission.

1. AUTHORITY: With effect from 25 Oct 1945 such Allied responsibilities as exist in the reception and disposal of repatriated Italian prisoners of war will rest with MMIA which will deal directly with the Italian Ministry of War in these matters. (Authority AG.303.6.000.0 dated 19 Oct 1945).

2. CONTROL: From 25 Oct IIV Division is assigned to GOC, MMIA for all matters of duty. It will remain as part of AC for internal administration and economy.

3. POLICY DIRECTIVE: For duty the IIV Division will be attached to 1st Branch, of MMIA and will deal directly with the AAG to whom all matters of policy will be referred.

4. ROUTINE DUTY: Routine matters will be reported by officers of IIV Division direct to appropriate section of AC or the War Ministry; matters requiring reference outside AC or the War Ministry will be sent through HQ MMIA.

5. ORGANISATION: The IIV Division will furnish MMIA with an up-to-date Organisational Chart of existing arrangements for handling repatriated Po. W, to show :-

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- (a) At what places accommodation exists,
- (b) the maximum number that can be handled at any one time at each place.
- (c) arrangements for hospitalisation and medical care.
- (d) Arrangements for feeding and clothing.
- (e) " " screening, documentation and dispersal.

This chart will be kept up to date as requisite.

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7. NOMINAL ROLL: IPW Division will furnish M.M.I.A. with a nominal roll showing the officers and men actually employed at the present time in IPW Division, and how they are accommodated. In the case of military personnel, the date due for leave and release should be shown.

Major General 2708
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

nominal roll

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Major General, M.I.I.A. 2708
to M.I.I.A.

AMG/ccc.

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CCPX INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ

240929 A

TO : ALCON ROME

UNCLASSIFIED

INFO : MMIA

REF : C 31135

019
NTN

YOUR 7527 (.) CLIPPING - BARRATT CONVERSATION ALSO REVEALS (.) PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITY IS THAT OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (.) IF RESOURCES AVAILABLE
TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ARE INSUFFICIENT NORMAL BID FOR TRANSPORTATION SHOULD
BE SUBMITTED (.) SEE AFHQ LETTER AG 386 (.)

NTN

SD DISTRIBUTION

ACTION : SD/132

INFO : Q (Two)

30/25/10/45

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ASO 512

DCI/ES

AG 325,6 301-0

19 October 1945

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SUBJECT: Responsibility for Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
ASO 304
Land Forces Sub Commission (LHIA)

Seen by GOC.

1. Effective 25 October 1945, such Allied responsibilities as exist in the reception and disposal of repatriated Italian prisoners of war will rest with LHIA, which will thereafter deal directly with the Italian Ministry of War in these matters.

2. Effective that date, LHIA will assume responsibility for the following:

a. Represent to higher and other headquarters, requests (if any) from the Italian Ministry of War for Allied assistance where Italian military resources are insufficient to cope with the number of P/W being repatriated at any one time, e.g. requests for the use of transport, handing over of buildings requisitioned by the Allies, and camp equipment for reception centres etc.

b. Complete arrangements with Allied Commission for the feeding of repatriated Italian P/W from civilian ration stocks prior to re-enlistment or demobilization.

c. Insure that arrangements are made by the Italian Ministry of War and Territorial Headquarters for the taking over of the P/W at ship-side (and/or railway terminals), at which point respective US and British responsibility cease.

3. Effective that date, Allied Commission will transfer to LHIA the personnel of the Italian Prisoners of War Division.

4. The primary task of LHIA remains the direction and training of the new Italian Army and the new commitment must not interfere with the performance of this task.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

*After why passed to
Capt. Brynford, since come office
who had no info, 12 Oct.*

DISSEMINATION:

3 - Addressee	1 - C-4 (A)	1 - C-5
1 - C-1 (A)	1 - C (Paint)	1 - CAO
1 - A Branch	1 - C (AB)	
1 - G (ED)	2 - AG Records	
1 - C-3 (MOSA)	1 - AG IPD	
1 - C-3 (MOSA)		

C. V. CHRISTENSEN
C. V. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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ROUTING SLIP

HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 762

(Classification)

File No. G

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Correspondence.

Number each memo consecutively. Fill in each column. Initial action, draw one line across the sheet. Use the entire width of sheet for long memoranda.

No. Date From To

1. 29 Sept. MMIA LO MMIA
1945 Penbase Rome

1. Forwarded for action as deemed necessary.

2. Col. Marinari informed that instructions requested could not ~~not~~ be issued.

Ira V. Fordyce
Ira V. Fordyce
Captain Inf.
Liaison Officer

AAG

I was informed by Lt/Col Monasco of the Ministry of War, 1 Oct, that no special transport arrangements were required to be made by MMIA or SMC for evacuating personnel from Caserta PISA as Gen. H. H. H. had made the necessary arrangements for attending anyone to enter trains.

It is understandable however, that the action requested in attached off work help.

We can take action as requested suggested. I will work to know about this.

HMG

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P.B.S. Form No. 1

NA

following from 2008 & 2009. Also has
(Classification)
taken also action in terms of 2008 action against
carrying machine

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Translation

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From 337 PWS HQ
To LHMIA Lm O

28 Sept. 1945

Since it is not possible to move regularly by rail or by motor transportation PWs who are being released from this camp I beg you in the interest of PWs themselves and public quiet to request proper authority to issue instructions to all drivers of Allied empty trucks to help out said people to reach their homes.

s/ Col. MARINARI

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SUBJECT: Ex Prisoners of War Reemployed
in the Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

A 019

27 Sept 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

You are requested to send to MMIA a monthly statement of the number of officers and other ranks, ex-prisoners of war, re-employed in the Italian Army after repatriation, in accordance with MMIA A 019 of 2 August, para 3. This return will begin when figures are available for September.

B.F. 150 J

[Signature]
Major General
M.M.I.A.

ek

Planned Special Review 20 Oct. to report situation.

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ELINCE NUMERICO DEGLI UFFICIALI DEI S.P. RIMPATRIATI DA P.G.

E RIMPATRIATI DURANTE I MESI DI GIUGNO E LUGLIO E AGOSTO 1945

Number of the personnel sent overseas in 1945
 from war prisoners and demobilized persons. The number of
 sent, July & August 1945

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97

Rimpatriati

Reimpiegati

Giugno

136

124

Luglio

245

208

Agosto

220

192

T o t a l e

601

524

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La differenza è data da ufficiali non reimpiegati per

motivi di salute - o perché raggiunti dai limiti di età.

The difference shown is explained by the fact that some of the persons sent overseas were not re-employed in the army.

trans-Atlantic

250-

TRANSMISSION

	<u>Rimpatriati</u>	<u>Reimpiegati</u>
Giugno	136	121
Luglio	245	208
Agosto	220	192
T o t a l e	601	521
	=====	=====

La differenza è data da ufficiali non reimpiegati per motivi di salute - o perché raggiunti dai limiti di età.

La differenza mostra un rapporto di 1.5 per 100 tra i due gruppi. La differenza è dovuta al fatto che i reimpiegati sono sottoposti a un esame di idoneità più severo di quello dei rimpatriati.

Totali rimpatriati

250-

TRANSMISSION	
Date	12.09
Date	24/9
Date	16.30
Date	25/9

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Officio di Stato Maggiore - E. P.O.W. and to the effect of 15 Sep 65
 UFFICIALI S.P. RENDUTI DA I.C. E RITRASMISSE A TUTTO IL 15/9/1945

	CS.M.	Fanteria	Cavall.	Artigl.	Genio	Autieri	Sanità med. e chim. far.	Amm.ne Suss.
	Carabinieri	Infanteria	Cavalleria	Artiglieria	Genio	Autieri	Sanità	Amministrazione
Ten.colonnelli	2	87	3	30	12	2	10	3
Maggiori	2	94	4	25	10	4	30	25
Capitani	18	90	7	32	8	4	31	26
Tenenti	10	60	3	25	12	2	33	16
Sottotenenti	1	59	1	18	16	3	1	10
	33	389	18	130	66	15	108	78

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S. F. RINUCI DA C. G. E. RINUNCIATI A TUTTO IL 15/9/1945
 S. F. RINUCI DA C. G. E. RINUNCIATI A TUTTO IL 15/9/1945

Fanteria	Cavall.	Artigl.	Genio	Autieri	Sanità Med. e chim. far.	Arm. ne suss. za Comm. to Supply Commission
87	3	30	12	2	10	3
94	4	25	10	4	30	25
90	7	32	8	4	31	26
60	3	25	12	2	33	16
55	1	18	10	3	4	10
389	18	130	66	15	108	78

TOTALE 837

COLONNELLI

reduci da P.G. e reimpiegati - alla data del 15/9/1945

Es. P.G. 15 ad un collegio di 15 24 1945

Fanteria Artiglieria Genio Sanità Amm. zione Comm. to

Artiglieria *Es. P.G. 15 ad un collegio di 15 24 1945* *amm. zione* *Comm. to*

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UFFICIALI DEL S.F. RECUPERATI INTERAMENTE E REINTEGRATI DURANTE I MESI DI GIUGNO

		Fanteria	Cavall.	Artigl.	Genio	Autom.	Sanità	Amm.ne	Comm.to	Suss.za
Ten.col.	giugno	5	==	5	7	==	==	==	==	==
	luglio	28	1	18	6	5	==	==	1	==
	agosto	16	1	13	5	3	3	4	2	==
Maggiori	giugno	5	==	4	8	1	==	==	==	==
	luglio	12	==	15	5	2	==	==	==	==
	agosto	19	1	9	7	1	3	6	8	==
Capitani	giugno	7	3	2	3	2	==	1	==	==
	luglio	3	==	4	5	6	==	6	==	==
	agosto	32	1	7	7	3	4	6	==	1
Tenenti	giugno	5	==	==	==	2	==	==	==	==
	luglio	5	2	3	2	1	==	2	==	==
	agosto	6	==	1	1	1	1	3	==	2
S. Tenenti	giugno	15	==	1	1	==	==	==	==	==
	luglio	7	==	6	1	2	==	3	==	==
	agosto	7	1	2	1	1	==	2	==	==

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o dal NORD

S.P. DECUPIATI INTERAMENTE E REIMPIGATI DURANTE I MESI DI GIUGNO - LUGLIO - AGOSTO 1945

anteria	Cavall.	Artigl.	Genio	Autom.	Sanità	Assm.ne	Comm.to	Suss.za	Veter.	
5	==	5	7	==	==	==	==	==	==	17
28	1	18	6	5	==	==	1	==	==	59
16	1	13	5	3	3	4	2	==	==	47
5	==	1	8	1	==	==	==	==	==	18
12	==	15	5	2	==	==	==	==	==	34
19	1	9	7	4	3	6	8	==	==	57
7	3	2	3	3	==	1	==	==	1	19
3	==	4	5	6	==	6	==	==	==	24
32	1	7	7	3	4	6	==	1	==	61
5	==	==	==	2	==	==	==	==	==	7
5	2	3	2	1	==	2	==	==	==	15
6	==	4	4	1	1	3	==	2	==	21
15	==	1	1	==	==	==	==	==	==	17
7	==	6	1	2	==	3	==	==	==	19
7	1	2	1	1	==	2	==	==	==	14

RESTRICTED

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SUBJECT: Repatriated Prisoners of War.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
15. A 019
Aug. 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. Numbers of Italian prisoners of war are now being repatriated from various parts of the world. The object of this letter is to give you the policy regarding their possible re-employment in the Italian Army.

2. Repatriated prisoners of war if of conscriptable age may, after their 60 days leave, be received back into the Italian Army.

(a) as volunteers to fill deficiencies against WE or authorized reinforcement ceilings,

(b) by recall or conscription, if you consider this necessary to maintain the required ceiling.

In either case the necessary instructions will be issued to the personnel on their arrival in ITALY through the Ufficio Autonomo Reduci Prigionieri di Guerra, and they will be re-enlisted or recalled in the Italian Army through the Territorial H.Q's.

3. All questions concerning repatriated prisoners of war are dealt with on the Allied side by the Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission. M.M.I.A. is concerned only from the time of their re-enlistment in the Italian Army.

for
Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: AFHQ (2)
I.P.W. Sub-Commission
All M.M.I.A. LO's

RESTRICTEDSUBJECT : Repatriated Prisoners of War.
-----LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489081 Ext. 533.
A 019
Aug 45TO : Ministry of War.

In reply to your 215603/11 Gabinetto of 16 July.

1. It is not the present intention of the Allied authorities to ask for the repatriation of any more Italian prisoners of war for the purpose of immediate employment in the Italian Army.
2. MMIA has therefore no direct interest in repatriation of prisoners of war, but has passed a copy of your letter referred to above to the War Materials Disposals and Prisoners of War Sub - Commission, A.C. for an enquiry to be made into their matter.
3. Repatriated prisoners of war may, under your arrangements, be re-enlisted into the Italian Army after their 60 days leave, provided they are posted immediately into vacancies in authorised units. They will thus be treated in the same way as volunteers.
4. You will be informed of any developments in the case, referred to above.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

/sl.

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2 Aug
Col 'A' 37
Do you agree attached letter? I would if
you like take it down by hand to discuss
before sending it.

WJ

Draft letter A-018 attached also refers.

WJ

Approved - both. WJ

2 Aug Major Dicks -

and Superior to IPW SC so that
they can meet one on the ALPQ

2 Aug

Col 'A'

37

Do you agree attached letter? I would if
you like. Tell it down by hand to discuss
before sending it.

WJ

Draft letter A018 attached also refers.

WJ

Approved - both. WJ

B. Aug
Major Dicks -

sent 2 copies to IPW SC so that
they can read one or to AMHQ

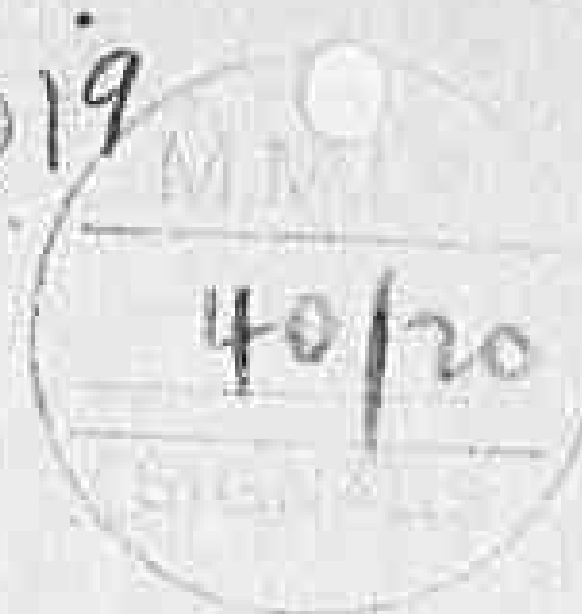
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SY/227 (.) RESTRICTED . PERSONNEL OF EX PRISONER OF WAR UNITS
 CONVERTING TO ITALIAN MILITARY SA-ITI BW-ITI OR ITI-ITI
 CATEGORIES ARE NOT REPORT NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES
 ENTITLED TO SIXTY DAYS LEAVE (.) PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL
 RUMORS AND REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY ARE STOPPED FORTHWITH (.)
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H.F.C.D.K.
 H-22222--"JCE"-X

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Use of Italian Army for
Civilian purposes

LAND FORCES SUP-ADM, A.C. (MILIA)

A/019

17 May 45

TO : HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION
(for EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER)

Ref your draft letter on the above, my comments are as follows.

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ADDITIONS

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(a) In view of the above therefore:-

(1) I strongly disagree with your proposals as regards transfer of responsibility from A.C. to MIA in respect of P.W. and Mine Clearance, both of which functions are purely and wholly the responsibility of the civil Government, and have no connection with the Army other than for provision of personnel.

(11) I do not see that they can conduce to efficiency or continuity, considering all the factors involved.

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(iii) I feel that it is not right that these formidable extra civilian tasks and responsibilities should be imposed on my organization at this late stage in the proceedings, contrary to the policy long since laid down by AFHQ and at a time when we will be suffering severe losses in personnel and yet trying to compete with the innumerable difficult problems of the Italian Army proper, converting from a war basis through a transition period to a post-war layout which is our main task.

(b) Should you still wish to represent your proposals to AFHQ, I must ask that a copy of this letter of mine go with them, in order that my full views may be made known.

D. Brewster

(Major General)

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Appendix "A" to MIA letter
A/C19 dated 17 May 1945

SOME ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF
PRISONERS OF WAR (ITALIAN)

GENERAL

1. (a) The repatriation of a Prisoner of War is normally one of the responsibilities of his own Army using its own resources. In this theatre, however, the Italian Army has little or no resources of its own. It is dependent on the Allies for its rations, clothing, transport etc - in the same way as the civilian is largely dependent on A.C.
- (b) Moreover, the Italian Army for which MIA by its charter is responsible today consists of soldiers enrolled de nuovo since the Italian Armistice. All other pre-armistice soldiers, including P.W., are therefore civilians. This is the ruling of the C.C.S.
- (c) Thus the conditions mentioned in (a) and (b) constitute a different state of affairs to normal and fundamentally affect the whole issue.

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2. Repatriation which has taken place and is now taking place is of both alleged P.O.W.'s and civilian refugees. The 250,000 now in the FO Valley Area consist of returning forced labour, republican forces, displaced persons and refugees as well as P.W. - and are all housed in the same camps.
3. Repatriation from the Balkans comprises both civilians and ex-soldiers. - Since last November 40,000.
4. Personnel now involved number over a million all over the world. To compete with P.W. taken by the British alone, there is at the W.O. a Maj. Gen. and relative staff.

ADMINISTRATION

5. Rations, clothing, accommodation and transport must be provided from civilian sources. Contacts are with civil ministries.

ORGANIZATION

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6. I am told that there are eight civil camps, three Eighth Army Camps and three Fifth Army Camps now operating in the North for all classes of refugee irrespective of ex military or civil status. A further ten are planned.

7. I gather that these camps are not on any War Establishment, are run by civilian, paid and voluntary, and military personnel. They are assisted by two Nuclei which operate jointly with A.C., Displaced Persons and Repatriation S.C., A.C. and the POW Division of WED and IFA S.C., A.C.

POLICY

8. The present Italian Army ceilings as laid down by C.C.S. are full and will be reduced gradually, beginning almost immediately. The ex-soldier

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9. P.W.'s will therefore not be absorbed into the Italian Army (except in the case of a few specialists) and will remain civilians.

CONCLUSION

9. If the responsibility for Italian P.W.'s were now switched to MMIA - thereby transferring the problem to the control of another intermediary - the following would be involved immediately:-

(a) Establishment of parallel organizations for administration of displaced persons and refugees on the one hand and of alleged P.W.'s who are ex-soldiers on the other, both of which are a civilian commitment.

Endless argument would ensue as to whether an individual was a displaced person or an ex-soldier. At the present time no satisfactory distinction has been made among the 250,000 in the PO Valley who are being dispersed as rapidly as possible.

(b) Re-coordination by MMIA with all agencies involved both here in A.C.; with ADG and Regional Commissioners; with the Italian Government civilian High Commissioner for POW, and his ministry; with the Italian General who has been working with the P.W. Division of MAP and IPW S.C.; with 15 Army Group and with G-5 at AFHQ.

(c) Re-organization of that part of the two parallel repatriation organizations dealing with ex-soldiers on proper P.W.'s; replacement of civilian personnel; on a military order of Battle.

(d) Establishing a military chain of command and integrating the 6,000 personnel from HQ-III Combat Ceiling allotted to A.C. with the present civilians - ADG - A.C. chain.

(e) Producing some method of administration. MMIA has no rations, clothing or transport from civilian sources under its control.

10. For the future, the problem is bound up with international policy and world politics. Matters of international allocation of labour are involved; as also international legal questions, e.g. Italian P.W.'s interned by neutrals or in U.S.S.R. controlled territories; the status of P.W.'s awaiting shipment to Italy post-peace Treaty etc.

It is clear that the problem has enormous scope, with potentialities of the highest international and economic order. These can only be settled satisfactorily by A.C. and NOT as an offshoot of MMIA.

Appendix "B" to MIAA letter
A/019 dated 17 May 1945

SOME ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF MINE CLEARANCE

1. At present, mine clearance is undertaken by A.C., with the undermentioned:

- (a) Central Mine Clearance Office) 130
- (b) Personnel and deta engaged on trs civilians) III-III
- (c) Four Mine Clearance Coys - each 209 equals 836 III-III.
- (d) Civilian Mine Clearance Gangs A.C.

2. If the present and future work were to be undertaken by MIAA, as a continuation of the present A.C. set-up, we should have to do the following:-

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(g) Collection and collation of reports.

(h) The undermentioned variety of personnel would be engaged on mine clearance and arrangements would have to be made for the administration, clothing, food, pay, accommodation, transport, etc of such personnel.

Civilian Gangs

Trs Dets
Mine Clearance Coys
2d Coys
Other Units
5 PW Units
Allied supervisory personnel

III-III
III-III
ER -III
ER -III or US-III

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British or US

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Para 7 (.). MIA request early statement of policy on use of Italian Army Personnel and Transport (.).

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ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORT PD

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RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Repatriation I.P.W. from abroad.
-----LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M EA 019
4 June 45TO : I.P.W. Sub Commission.

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REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN P.W. ABROAD IN U.S.A. AND U.K. CUSTODY.

PARA ONE CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN HERE BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH PERSONNEL SECTIONS FOR PHASED PLAN REPATRIATION ITALIAN P.W. NOW HELD OUTSIDE ITALY U.S.A. POLICY KNOWN TO BE TO REPATRIATE SOONEST POSSIBLE FROM ABROAD AND ALSO REDUCE CONSIDERABLY FORTHWITH NUMBERS HELD IN ITALY AND NORTH AFRICA AS SERVICE UNITS PERSONNEL. POLICY NOT YET KNOWN ON U.K. SIDE BUT IS BEING SOUGHT.

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PARA THREE IN ORDER TO ASSIST PREPARATION PLAN REQUEST YOU CONSIDER IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AND SUBMIT URGENTLY (a) PHASED PLAN, WHICH SHOULD SHOW PROGRESSIVE INCREASES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, GIVING MAXIMUM NUMBERS CONSIDERED DISPOSABLE TO CIVILIAN LIFE (b) SUGGESTIONS AS TO PORTS AT WHICH REPATRIATES SHOULD DISEMBARK (c) FOR ACCOMMODATION PENDING FINAL DISPOSAL GIVING DETAILS OF TRANSIT STAGING AREAS ENVISAGED (d) PREFERENCES FOR REPATRIATION BY AGE GROUPS AND TYPES OF REPATRIATIONS.

PARA FOUR IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE BORNE IN DATE and (a) G-1 RESPONSIBILITY WILL FINISH AT DOCKSIDE (b) SHORT INTERIM

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AREAS TO CHECK RECORDS AND CARRY OUT DEMOBILISATION IF RETURNING TO
CIVIL LIFE. RESPONSIBILITY THIS PERIOD WILL BE THAT OF THE ALLIED
COMMISSION IN CONJUNCTION WITH MMIA (c) MOVEMENT TO RAILHEAD WITHIN
VICINITY OF HOME WILL PROBABLY BE CARRIED OUT WHEN ALLIED RE-DEPLOYMENT
TRAFFIC WILL BE ^HHEAVY AND MOVEMENT OF REPATRIATES WILL BE CORRESPONDINGLY
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ROUTES HOME.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

24 May 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : G-1
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Q (AE)
G-4 M&Tn

1. It is apparent that the return of large numbers of Italian Prisoners of War from abroad will raise problems with regard to their future status, use and disposition which will affect various staff sections of this HQ.

2. It has been suggested by G-3 that an informal discussion at this stage would inform interested staff sections of the scope of the problem and would serve to bring out the principal issues involved.

3. G-3 have requested this section, as an integrated section interested in the matter, to sponsor such a discussion. It has been ascertained that Col. Pidsley of MMIA is visiting this HQ tomorrow and his presence at such a discussion would undoubtedly be helpful.

4. Addressees are accordingly invited to send a representative to attend a discussion to be held at 1030 hrs Friday 25 May in the G-3 Org(B) Conference Room (Brigadier Anderson's Room).

5. Notes supplied by G-3 are attached giving the total numbers of Italian POW known by them to be held in various countries and posing various queries which they consider will need solution in connection with repatriation of such matters.

Attended by Col Pidsley.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.Copy to: CAO
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SECRETRepatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

Notes, supplied by G-3 for use at informal discussion to be held
1030 hrs Friday, 25 May

1. The following is believed to have been the distribution
of Italian prisoners in British hands last December :-

UK	-	154,000
Mideast	-	66,000
PAIC	-	2,000
E. AFRICA	-	36,000
W. AFRICA	-	1,000
INDIA	-	33,000
AUSTRALIA	-	16,000
S. AFRICA	-	39,000
TOTAL		347,000

US
US 47,000
IT 20,000
NA 12
Total 41
120,000

2. As you are aware, it has been proposed that 33,000
prisoners from the United States and 12,000 in American hands in
North Africa should be repatriated at an early date. Such action will
raise the following problems among others :-

- What will be the status of repatriates
on arrival in Italy - PW, Italian Army, or
civilians?
- Will repatriates be screened by MMIA - *by War Office*
for suitable material for the Italian Army?
- Will any formed units be used as units
by the Allies on arrival?
- Will the PW sub-commission organisation
already in existence require expansion, as
by the formation of new reception areas or
camps?
- Will G-4 (M & Tn) be able to handle the
dispersal of repatriates to their homes in
case of demobilisation?
- To what extent would the Italian Govern-
ment be able or allowed to accept responsibility
for handling repatriates on arrival, and will
the Italian Army Territorial Organisation be
able to deal with Records of repatriates if they
are demobilised on arrival?
- Is it desirable to find out what the British
Government's intentions are regarding repatriation
of PW in British hands?

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION (11

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

WMD & I-POW SUB COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Returns of Italian PW from U.S.A.

FILE No. IPW/53/7

TO : Land Forces S/C (M.M.I.A.)

19 May 1945

Reference attached signal.

- 1/. I have asked the Italian High Commissioner for prisoners of War for the Italian Governments views.
- 2/. AFHQ inform me by telephone that it is intended that the Service Units should be used as such on their return to Italy.
- 3/. This raises all kinds of questions - status, ceiling, demobilisation of older groups etc., etc.
- 4/. I shall be pleased to have your remarks.

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

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COPYINCOMING MESSAGE
headquarters Allied Commission

Originator's Reference: F 76831 Message Centre No: E/1137
 Date time of Origin: MAY 170342 Date Time Rec'd : MAY 171035
 Precedence : PRIORITY

FROM: A.F.H.Q. SIGNED SACKED CITE FRGEG.

TO : ALCON HOME

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Signal received today from AG-7A shows intention return Italian POW to ITALY by earliest practicable date they can be released from labour in US. Intention also to give ^{cooperator} Italian Service Unit } personnel priority over non-cooperators. Request made for assurance that up to 33,000 Italian Service Unit personnel can be accepted as units and for advise of rate of return per month for these and other Italian Prisoners.

Your views requested by signal as matter of urgency.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8251/158/EC.

18 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Use of Italian Army.

TO : GOC, Land Forces Sub-Com (AMIA).

1. I should like to reply in detail to your A/O19 of 17 May because I think if we try to reorientate our views on the disposal and functions of the Italian Army, many of your objections can be met. Such reorientation does include a change in the functions of the Land Forces Sub-Commission, or rather, a shift of balance from its purely military aspect, i.e., AMIA, to its function as an integral part of the Allied Commission in which the Land Forces Sub-Commission is the counterpart of the Ministry of War. This Ministry is part of the Italian Government and has already undertaken, on behalf of the Italian Government, a great many of these commitments which you describe as civil and which, in fact, are the duty of the Government.

2. In this respect I join issue with the great distinction which you draw between the Allied Commission and AMIA. If we think in terms of the Land Forces Sub-Commission, then there is no distinction and if as the Head of the Land Forces Sub-Commission you can review the use to which the Italian Army can be put for the rehabilitation of Italy, now that it has completed its task as a fighting force, then I think it will be possible for you to agree that as part of the Allied Commission the Land Forces Sub-Commission can undertake functions in this planned reconstruction just as the Ministry of War is doing in the Italian Government.

3. If we accept this premise then I would give the following answers to your para 1:

(a) Para 1(a). We all agree.

(b) Para 1(b). Such units as can be spared by the Allied military authorities having in view the great number of German POW now at their disposal. The recommendation in this respect would come from the Land Forces Sub-Commission who, with their knowledge of the present dispositions of the Italian Army, are in the best position to initiate such recommendations.

(c) Para 1(c). The responsibility for control and organization lies with the Allied Commission who will use its Land Forces Sub-Commission as its functional agent.

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4. Replies to para 2 are as follows:
 - (a) Para 2(a). Land Forces Sub-Commission should make recommendations with regard to availability in consultation with AFHQ having regard again to German POW.
 - (b) Para 2(b). A strong case could be made for the rationing and clothing of such men by the Allies in view of the undoubted assistance they would bring towards the early rehabilitation of Italy which, in its turn, must prevent disease and unrest. The Allied Commission, briefed by the Land Forces Sub-Commission, would make such a case.

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5. Replies to para 3:

- (a) Para 3(a). I agree that AFHQ must make the final decision but I consider that the Allied Commission, again briefed by the Land Forces Sub-Commission, can make a case with regard to (a).
- (b) Para 3(b). We should immediately make recommendations for the transfer of such units to the Italian Army from the Allied military authorities to the Ministry for War, having regard to military needs, 2(b) and 3(d).
- The solution is by no means easy but the initiative in preparing the way and finding a solution should come from us.
- Replies to para 4 have been, in part, set in my preamble:
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- (c) Para 4(d). I protest - members of the Land Forces Sub-Commission attend the Chief Commissioner's and Executive Commissioner's meetings and are in the picture. A very small transfer of staff from other Sub-Commissions to the Land Forces Sub-Commission would settle the matter.
- (d) Para 4(e). The plan is working satisfactorily but there are endless difficulties because ^{several} Sub-Commissions are dealing with the Ministry of War who naturally would find it far easier to deal with one. The line of command appears to be wrong.
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7. Your para 5:

- (a) The aspects of the problems of POW as set out in Appendix "A" exaggerate some of the difficulties. It would seem far easier for the Land Forces Sub-Commission, with a purely military staff, to be able to organise camps and movements, than the IPOW Sub-Com which has to wrestle with another Sub-Commission for every soldier they obtain. And surely it would be just as easy for the Land Forces Sub-Commission to cooperate and work jointly with the Displaced Persons and Repatriations Sub-Commission as does

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- (b) Similarly with regard to Appendix "B", the functions in para 2 are carried out by one G.II in Civil Affairs Section. It has been made a civilian matter for the reason that the mines have got to be cleared and failing assistance in organisation from the Land Forces Sub-Commission, somebody had to do it. But there seems no reason why it should not

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be handled by Italian military units, now presumably not fully employed, under the organization of the Land Forces Sub-Commission who will, as part of the Allied Commissions, work in very close contact with the other organizations of the Italian Government and Allied Military Government responsible.

8. Your para 6:

- (a) Para 6(a)(i). If you ask the Italian Government who is responsible for POW and mine clearance, they will say, "the Minister for War" who is part of the Italian (Civil) Government. I see no reason why the Land Forces Sub-Commission should not assume an equivalent responsibility in the Allied Commission which deals with both civil and military matters.
- (b) Para 6(a)(ii). If these functions are dealt with in the Allied Commission by that part of the Commission which deals with the Ministry for War rather than by two other Sub-Commissions, it must lead to greater efficiency.
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Subject: Repatriated POW's

16 May 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : GOC

1. STATUS

a. All are civilians until absorbed into the Army by normal means, and there are now no vacancies in the Army.

b. Rations, clothing, housing, and transportation must be furnished from civilian sources; and we do not have any of these items from civilian sources under our control. Very obviously this is a civilian commitment in the same manner that the CCS has determined that the Partisans are a civilian commitment.

2. ORGANIZATION

a. The repatriated Italians are divided into two classes: (1) Displaced persons and (2) Alleged POW's who are ex-soldiers. Therefore, if we administer POW's, a parallel organization must be set up to administer displaced persons who are also a civilian commitment. Endless arguments would ensue as to whether an individual was a displaced person or an ex-soldier.

b. While personnel from BR-ITI troops has been provided for Frontier Guards, the supervision would fall on ITI-ITI personnel under the War Ministry; and there is not sufficient vacancies in the ITI-ITI commitment for such personnel. It would be necessary to organize and train supervising personnel, and neither the personnel nor the time for this is available. Nor has it been determined that ITI-ITI personnel can be used on this civilian commitment.

3. CHARTER

a. MMIA is specifically prohibited from handling civilians.

b. The ceiling of the Italian Army is full for all practical purposes and will be reduced gradually beginning almost immediately so that there is no chance for any of these people to be absorbed into the present Army.

c. The War Ministry has neither troops, supplies, nor transportation to furnish any part required for this commitment.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.

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17 May, 1945.

My dear

1. Herewith my views on your draft.

2. I can assure you that INGLETON did not feel "uncomfortable" at your meeting. He was merely stating our views in M.M.I.A. and explaining facts in connection with your proposals.

3. I am sorry I cannot agree with you. It is not a matter of refusing cooperation. It is merely that we (both American and British) consider that it is not possible or reasonable to be asked to do what you suggest, when one gets down to brass tacks as to what really is involved.

Yours

L.B.

Brig. M.E. Lash, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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SUBJECT: Use of Italian Army for
Civilian purposes

LAND FORCES PUB-COM, A.C. (MIL.)

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17 May 45

TO : HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION
(FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER)

Ref your draft letter on the above, my comments are as follows.

1. ASPECTS

The three matters you mention (as will be the case in similar matters with a civil genre) present the same problem with 3 main aspects.

- (a) Should the Italian Army be used for these purposes?
- (b) What soldiers of the Italian Army can be used for these purposes?
- (c) Where should the responsibility for control and organization lie? i.e. A.C., as at present, or MIL?

2. REF 1(a) ABOVE

In principle I agree that Italian soldiers should be used to assist, provided that:-

- (a) They are available after the military needs of ALLY have been met.
- (b) The Allies are prepared to ration and clothe such men, taking into account world wide shortage and demand.

3. REF 1(b) ABOVE

ALLY alone is in possession of knowledge of all the factors to decide this and would have to consider:-

- (a) The category and international supply aspect.
- (b) The fact that over 85% of the Italian Army are under the direct command of Armies, Districts and Base Sections whose military needs presumably have to be met first.
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The solution is not as easy as might appear on the face of things.

4. REF 1(c) ABOVE

- (a) This where I oppose your proposals most strongly.
- (b) The existing responsibility is the civilian one of A.C.. The mere fact of putting more troops at the disposal of A.C. does not alter that responsibility.

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- (c) The major portion of the responsibility (clothing, rations, accommodation, transport, contacts with Italian civil ministries etc) is civil. The greater must include the less. Otherwise MAIA is put in the position of handling projects, the main elements of which are dependent on A.C.
- (d) MAIA is not in the picture. The plan has been designed by A.C. and is in motion. Continuity would be broken by transfer to MAIA, who, in view of all their other commitments, have neither the controlling staff nor the time to take up the reins at this advanced stage of the proceedings. Transfer of P.W. Section A.C. to MAIA does not solve this, as the Senior Staff Officers MAIA would still have to assume control, under me.

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Nevertheless, your November proposal to AFHQ to this effect was turned down, mainly on the grounds that MAIA had a specific charter from C.C.S. and had quite enough "on its plate". Now MAIA has even more on its plate and is faced as well with a serious loss of Officers (estimated 40% of American Officers, for instance, in the next few days) whose replacements will take time to learn our complicated procedure and set-up.

Under these circumstances I cannot agree to accept now and formidable responsibilities. Our main task is to compete with the official Italian Army and there must be no risk of break-down in this objective.

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- (a) At Appendix "A" I attach some more detailed implications of the task you propose I should take on as regards P.W.; and at Appendix "B" ditto as regards Mine Clearance.
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(i) I strongly disagree with your proposals as regards transfer of responsibility from A.C. to MIA in respect of P.W. and Mine Clearance, both of which functions are purely and wholly the responsibility of the civil Government, and have no connection with the Army other than for provision of personnel.

(ii) I do not see that they can conduce to efficiency or continuity, considering all the factors involved.

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(111) I feel that it is NOT right that these formidable extra civilian tasks and responsibilities should be imposed on my organization at this late stage in the proceedings, contrary to the policy long since laid down by AFHQ and at a time when we will be suffering severe losses in personnel and yet trying to compete with the innumerable difficult problems of the Italian Army proper, converting from a war basis through a transition period to a post-war layout which is our main task.

(b) Should you still wish to represent your proposals to AFHQ, I must ask that a copy of this letter of mine go with them, in order that my full views may be made known.

L. B. ...

(Major General)

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Appendix "A" to MIA letter
A/OIS dated 17 May 1948

GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF
PRISONERS OF WAR (ITALIAN)

GENERAL

1. (a) The repatriation of a prisoner of war is normally one of the responsibilities of his own army using its own resources. In this theatre, however, the Italian army has little or no resources of its own. It is dependent on the Allies for its rations, clothing, transport etc. - in the same way as the civilian is largely dependent on A.C.
- (b) Moreover, the Italian Army for which MIA by its charter is responsible today consists of soldiers enrolled de novo since the Italian Armistice. All other pre-waristice soldiers, including P.W., are therefore civilians. This is the ruling of the C.C.S.
- (c) Thus the conditions mentioned in (a) and (b) constitute a different state of affairs to normal and fundamentally affect the whole issue.

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2. Repatriation which has taken place and is now taking place is of both alleged POW's and civilian refugees. The 350,000 now in the FO Valley Area consist of returning forced labour, republican forces, displaced persons and refugees as well as P.W. - and are all housed in the same camps.
3. Repatriation from the Balkans comprises both civilians and ex-soldiers. - Since last November 40,000.
4. Personnel now involved number over a million all over the world. To compete with P.W. taken by the British alone, there is at the M.O. a Maj. Gen. and relative staff.

ADMINISTRATION

5. Rations, clothing, accommodation and transport must be provided from civilian sources. Contacts are with civil ministries.

ORGANIZATION

6. I am told that there are eight civil camps, three Eighth Army Camps and three Fifth Army Camps now operating in the North for all classes of refugees irrespective of ex-military or civil status. A further ten are planned.

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7. I gather that these camps are not on any War Establishment, are run by civilian, paid and voluntary, and military personnel. They are assisted by two Nuclei which operate jointly with AMG, Displaced Persons and Repatriation S.C., A.C. and the POW Division of WMD and IPW S.C., A.C.

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8. The present Italian Army ceilings as laid down by C.C.S. are full and will be reduced gradually, beginning almost immediately. The ex-soldier

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P.W.'s will therefore not be absorbed into the Italian Army (except in the case of a few specialists) and will remain civilians.

CONCLUSION

9. If the responsibility for Italian P.W.'s were now switched to AMIA - thereby transferring the problem to the control of another intermediary - the following would be involved immediately:-

(a) Establishment of parallel organizations for administration of displaced persons and refugees on the one hand and of alleged P.W.'s who are ex-soldiers on the other, both of which are a civilian commitment.

Endless argument would ensue as to whether an individual was a displaced person or an ex-soldier. At the present time no satisfactory distinction has been made among the 250,000 in the PO Valley who are being dispersed as rapidly as possible.

(b) Re-coordination by AMIA with all agencies involved both here in A.C.; with A.G. and Regional Commissioners; with the Italian Government civilian High Commissioner for POW, and his ministry; with the Italian General who has been working with the P.W. Division of EMD and IAW S.C.; with 15 Army Group and with G-5 at AFHQ.

(c) Re-organization of that part of the two parallel repatriation organizations dealing with ex-soldiers on proper P.W.'s; replacement of civilian personnel; on a military order of Battle.

(d) Establishing a military chain of command and integrating the 6,000 personnel from MR-IT Combat Ceiling allotted to A.C. with the present civilians - AG - A.C. chain.

(e) Producing some method of administration. AMIA has no rations, clothing or transport from civilian sources under its control.

10. For the future, the problem is bound up with international policy and world politics. Matters of international allocation of labour are involved; as also international legal questions, e.g. Italian P.W.'s interned by neutrals or in U.S.S.R. controlled territories; the status of P.W.'s awaiting shipment to ITALY post-peace Treaty etc.

It is clear that the problem has enormous scope, with potentialities of the highest international and economic order. These can only be settled satisfactorily by A.C. and NOT as an offshoot of AMIA.

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Appendix "B" to MILA letter
A/O19 dated 17 May 1948

SOME ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF MINE CLEARANCE

1. At present, mine clearance is undertaken by A.C., with the undermentioned:

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| (a) Central Mine Clearance Office | 130 |
| (b) Personnel and data engaged on the civilians | 111-111 |
| (c) Four Mine Clearance Coys - each 109 equals 835 111-111. | |
| (d) Civilian Mine Clearance Gangs A.C. | |

2. If the present and future work were to be undertaken by MILA, as a continuation of the present A.C. set-up, we should have to do the following:-

- (a) Find out location of all areas to be cleared. This would involve liaison with Italian Local Government bodies. The existing mine clearance organization works on a civilian regional system.
- (b) Form an estimate of the task to be undertaken and the personnel and equipment required for all Italy.
- (c) Negotiate with AFHQ and 15 Army Group for Tps to perform such tasks. Civil Affairs Sec A.C. estimate they require a total of twelve coys for the work (i.e. 2508 personnel).
- (d) Depending on A.C. rulings, allot priority of work, including the allocation of tasks at present performed by civilian mine clearance teams.
- (e) Request AFHQ for an allotment of mine detectors and arrange for same to be distributed according to priorities and task decided.
- (f) Arrange for Allied Officers to see that the work detailed is in fact being carried out. No personnel now available.
- (g) Collection and collation of reports.

(h) The undermentioned variety of personnel would be engaged on mine clearance and arrangements would have to be made for the administration, clothing, food, pay, accommodation, transport, etc of such personnel.

Civilian Gangs	111-111
Try Data	111-111
Mine Clearance Coys	111-111
14 Coys	111-111
Other Units	111-111 or 2687
? PW Units	
Allied supervisory personnel	British or US

- (4) Arrange with AFHQ for stores, transport and equipment without which work could not satisfactorily proceed.

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Other Units	
7 PW Units	
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3. From the above, it is clear that this is a civilian matter of considerable scope which can only be handled by A.C. with military Executive assistance and NOT as an offshoot of IMIA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner.

A. P. O. 394

Dear General,

Attached draft shows my way of thinking. Your representative at my staff meeting yesterday had an uncomfortable time when he had to say "non-possumus" to three requests. Would you care to discuss, or to amend the draft. I think quick action is necessary.

M.S. LUSH.

16th May, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: 8251/ /EC

May 1945,

SUBJECT : Use of Italian Army.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: Chief of Staff.

1. The creation of the Italian Army, its organisation and development, and its conduct both on the lines of communication at the base ports and in the combat zone, are, I submit, a tribute not only to the troops and the military commanders themselves but especially to the Land Forces Sub-Commission (MELIA).

2. Hitherto, the Italian Army has been rightly employed as an integral part of the Allied Armies in Italy. They have played a great part in the liberation of their country.

3. I submit that now hostilities have ceased we should consider their employment in a new role. They must, of course, be used for purposes of defence and for the maintenance, in emergencies, of internal security. But they can, especially in the transitional period between the present time and their final composition under the Peace Treaty, be employed to help in the rehabilitation of their country. Politically it is most important that the Italian Army should take its part in the reconstruction of Italy. From the practical point of view we have a number of organised, disciplined units and a military organisation distributed throughout the country which we must use to help Italy. The partisans have done magnificent work in the liberation of the North and in the maintenance of administrative and economic life in the new Italy.

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4. Three practical uses to which parts of the Italian Army can contribute come immediately to mind:

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(a) Italian Prisoners of War. The reception and welfare of Italian POW from all parts of the world and especially from Germany and Austria and the whole organisation for dealing with this problem. This is a responsibility of the Army in any normal country. In fact, the Ministry of War has appointed a High Commissioner to deal with it in this country. The machinery of the Army should be put into full operation to deal with this difficult subject. Hitherto, on the Allied side the matter has been dealt with by that part of the War Material Disposal Sub-Commission known as the Italian POW Division. It is warmly recommended that this Division be taken over by the Land Forces Sub-Commission forthwith and the whole problem dealt with by that Sub-Commission which normally deals with the Ministry of War.

(b) Clearance of Land Mines. It is submitted that immediate steps should be taken to employ all engineering units of the Italian Army for this purpose. Some of them must already be provided with apparatus: more can probably be obtained, even on loan from Allied troops. The employment of the Army for this vital matter in the rehabilitation of agriculture would earn the gratitude of a vast number of the population who are now prevented from following their normal vocations and would increase the local production of food.

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Areas to be cleared and priorities to be given could be decided by the Italian Government and, if necessary, by the Allied Military Government.

(c) Harvest. In line with most Continental countries who practise conscription, it has been the custom in this country to release during harvest time a large number of troops either on agricultural leave or on temporary duty to assist in the harvest. There are

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many practical advantages in using troops rather than civilian labour, particularly when the latter are urgently needed by the Allied military authorities. Their transportation, their accommodation, their general administration, can be far better organised than would be the case if civilian labour was employed. It is therefore recommended most warmly that the request of the Ministry of Agriculture and Labour for the provision of 10,000 men to assist in the harvest in FOGGIA area should be made without delay. This has been the subject of a separate telegram.

5. There will be other fields in which I shall make recommendations for the employment of the Italian Army from time to time. It will need a reorientation in the ideas of the Ministry of War and of the Land Forces Sub-Commission. It may need adjustment in the method of administration and the provision of food. But it is essential for the sake of the Army as well as for the rehabilitation of this country that we encourage the Italian Government to use the manpower they have at their direct command in the services of their country now no longer at war.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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7 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian PW Repatriation

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. Reference is made to MMIA letter S/AQ/10/1 dated 5/5 February 1945, subject as above.

2. It is anticipated that the conclusion of the war in Italy will make available a sufficient number of suitable Italian personnel for enlistment into the Italian Army for the tasks with which it will now be charged. It has been decided that repatriation of PW volunteers for the Italian Army will not take place in advance of any plans for general repatriation.

3. The tendency will be to reduce the size of the Italian Army, and it is considered that repatriation at this stage would be a waste of effort and of shipping space. It is understood that you are making the necessary arrangements for completion of service and guard units making use of volunteers and partisans from the North of Italy. It is emphasized that the usefulness of service units lies in the immediate future, and that every effort should be made to complete priority list 8 serials in the shortest possible time.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

Jack Carter
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Captain, AGD
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ACTION: SHASF MAIN INFO: TROOPERS, ALCOM

**SECRET.**

Your S-65658 of 14 April not to all addressees.

1. Concur in despatch of Italian Generals referred to and all Italian Generals liberated in future. Advise this HQ Ets NAPLES.
2. For ALCOM. General J M AMODIU and 2 other Italian Generals released from German PW camp by 21 Army Group. Will be repatriated to ITALY via MARSEILLES



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ACTION : WMD & PW SC

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
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A.4.3 Ask IPWSC to let us know ^{names of} what Generals
are referred to and E.T.A. *W/P*

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From S/AQ/10/1 (2)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

DSJ/TBJ/wsw

3 February 1945

G-5: 334-15

SUBJECT: Suggested transfer of Italian Prisoner
of War Sub Commission.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your 8262/COS of 12 December.
2. Following receipt of your letter this Section recommended to G-3 that the proposals therein made be approved in principle, but that Section is not prepared to agree to the transfer. It is understood that the Chief of Staff, this Headquarters, also expressed himself against the proposal.
3. It is gathered from the Minutes of your Chief of Staff's meeting of 27 January that you have already heard from General Browning, who has had conversations with General Noce, this Headquarters, that the proposal could not be agreed at this Headquarters and this letter is to confirm the unofficial intimation you have so far received in the matter.

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

(sgd) D.S. JACKLING,
Lt. Colonel.Seen - GOC 2 i/c
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8262/LOS.

12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Transfer of Italian Prisoner of War Subcommittee

TO: Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters

1. I am enclosing an appreciation prepared by General Browning of the Land Forces Subcommittee concerning the repatriation of ex-Italian military personnel. From the point of view of the Land Forces Subcommittee, all returning Italian military personnel, either prisoners of war or not, are considered as civilians. Nevertheless the Italian War Ministry is the agency of the Italian Government designated to receive, document and distribute to their homes, to military units, or to hospitals, these former soldiers. I, therefore, feel that the Land Forces Subcommittee is the agency of the Allied Commission best equipped to handle this problem.

2. The eventual repatriation of the exceedingly large number of Italian military prisoners abroad should receive early study and an organization should be developed now for handling the return of the relatively small numbers presently being received, but capable of expansion to take care of the large numbers which must eventually be repatriated.

3. I propose that the Italian Prisoners of War section of the Italian Prisoners of War and War Material Disposal Subcommittee be transferred to the Land Forces Subcommittee. This will require from AFHQ an alteration of the existing directive to NMIA and the authorization of such additional means as may be required. I, therefore, suggest that the matter be studied by your Headquarters in the light of the attached memorandum and that the appropriate sections of your staff confer with General Browning on the details of the organization.

See 83/1 follow up

15/Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Commodore, USNA
Chief Commissioner

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