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FROM: AFHQ Bgd SACRED Cite FMCCZ 24/1824 B
TO : MIA RESTRICTED
REF : F 63067

SD 2623 OF 83 (.)
ORBAT OF COOPERATORS UNDER BRITISH COMMAND
SENT TO STANTON 11 MARCH 45 (.)
O B E WILL BE ASKED TO INCLUDE M M I A
ON FUTURE DISTRIBUTION (.)
ORBAT OF P W UNDER US COMMAND WILL FOLLOW

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Ref. 31573

From Finance Min.
To M.A.I.A.

Subject Return of prisoners of
the allies to the Finance guard

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This Gen. H.Q. has been informed, that commencing first of July a large part of Italian Military, prisoners of the allies, and serving in Italy with "Cooperator 6" units will be returned to the Italian authorities.

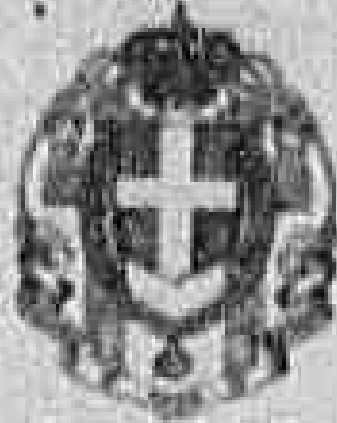
It ~~is~~ also ^{mean} that a certain number of the said military will be retained in service by the allies graduating from the category of prisoners to that of U.S. ITI. or ER. ITI.

Bearing in mind that the R. Finance guard are in urgent need of personnel required to carry out the various military and police tasks assigned to them we urgently beg the M.A.I.A. to arrange that all ex. members of the Finance guard actually prisoners in Italy, and serving with "Cooperator 5" units be returned to the corps for police duties.

G.R. Oxilia.

D.A.A.
[Signature]

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MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

Comando Generale della R. Guardia di Finanza

- Ufficio del Generale Addetto -

Roma 28 GIU 1945

Divisione _____ Sez. _____
 Prot. N° 31503 Allegato _____
 Risposta al f. del _____
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ALLA LAND FORCES

Sub Commissione A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

OGGETTO: Restituzione al Corpo di finanzieri ROMA
prigionieri degli alleati.-

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Questo Comando Generale è stato informato che a partire dal 1° luglio p.v. gran parte dei militari italiani prigionieri degli alleati ed in servizio in Italia presso le unità di cooperatori, saranno restituiti alle autorità italiane.-

Risulta, inoltre, che una aliquota di tali militari sarà ancora trattenuta dai comandi alleati passando dalla condizione di prigionieri a quella di U.S.-ITI o HR.-ITI.-

Ciò stante è considerato che la R. Guardia di Finanza ha urgente bisogno di personale per far fronte ai vari compiti di polizia e militari ad essa assegnata, si prega vivamente cotesta commissione voler disporre affinché tutti i finanzieri attualmente prigionieri in Italia, ed in servizio presso unità cooperatori siano restituiti al Corpo per il servizio di polizia.-

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
 COMANDANTE GENERALE
 (G.B. Oxilia)

G. B. Oxilia

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1. ALL ITALIAN POW COOPERATORS IN ITALY (CR) ITALY WILL BE RELEASED FROM POW STATUS AS FROM 2400000000 THIS DATE STATUS WILL REMAIN THAT OF ITALIAN ARMY UNITS ATTACHED TO ALLIED SERVICES. THIS INCLUDES NOS 1 AND 4 NAVAL COMPANIES.
2. UNITS WILL REMAIN IN PRESENT EMPLOYMENT AND NONE OF PRESENT ITALIAN PERSONNEL WILL BE DEMOBILISED OR TRANSFERRED TO OTHER UNITS WITHOUT COMAND APPROVAL.
3. ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HAND FOR ITALIAN ARMY TO TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION MATTERS. PAY AND DISCIPLINE BUT WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1ST. NOTIFICATION OF ACTUAL DATE OF TAKING OVER WILL BE MADE BY MMIA THROUGH APPROPRIATE ARMY AUTHORITIES.
4. UNTIL LOCAL ITALIAN ARMY AUTHORITIES ARE READY TO TAKE OVER ADMINISTRATION AS IN PARA 3 THE PRESENT ORGANISATION IS TO CONTINUE.
5. TO ENSURE FORGOING THE BRITISH OFFICERS COMMANDING THE UNITS ARE IMMEDIATELY TO NOTIFY LOCATION AND STRENGTH OF NOS. 1 AND 4 COMPANIES TO ~~HEADQUARTERS~~ HEADQUARTERS MAIN 5TH ARMY AND 2 DISTRICT RESPECTIVELY AND FOR BUREAU TRANSMISSION TO ITALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

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HEADQUARTERS
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UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

AS 388.6/790 A-0

21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Administrative Instructions on Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy.

copied to: Lt. Comm.
AIR SIC
NAVY SIC

TO: Commanding Generals,
15th Army Group, APO 777
Fifth Army, APO 464
Army Air Forces, ITO, APO 650
Peninsular Base Section, APO 782
Southern District, Peninsular Base Section, APO 792
Base Area, ITOUSA, APO 794
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Commanding Officers,
Aristic Base Command, APO 388
Headquarters Command, AP, APO 512
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
PWA: Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MMA).

I. GENERAL.

See 43, 44, 49, 51, 54.

1. Reference is made to Allied Force Headquarters letter, file AG 387.4/078 GCI-0, dated 16 June 1945, subject: "Release from PW Status of Italian Cooperators in Italy and Sicily". On 1 July 1945 at 0001 hours all Italian prisoners of war in Italy and Sicily in United States custody, who are members of Italian service units, will be released from PW status and will come under Italian governmental control, whereby they will be processed by MMA and continue working for the Allied Forces as part of the Italian Army or will be demobilized by MMA. Similar instructions affecting British held Italian cooperators are being issued through British channels of command.

2. The Italian Government will continue to make their services, as are desired, available by retaining personnel so released in units (IS-IT, BR-IT, or IRL-IT) similar in formation and strength to those to which they now belong. Personnel released from PW status will, effective the above date, be subject to Italian law and receive the appropriate Italian Army scales of pay, emoluments and rations.

3. Units will be commanded by Italian officers and non-commissioned officers, but the right is reserved to attach to such units such United States supervisory and technical personnel as may be necessary.

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Ltr, HQ AFMUSA, CG 303.6/796 1-0,
dtd 21 June 1945. (cont'd).

4. Personnel transferred from P/ ISU status to their new status will not be demobilized nor will transfer of personnel take place between units without the consent of this headquarters or of the major commands concerned.

5. a. The responsibility for the disposal of subject personnel will rest with MIA. MIA will screen and absorb personnel suitable and required within the various categories of the Italian Army. Overage and unsuitable personnel may be demobilized.

b. As rapidly as possible the commitment of US ISUs will be reduced to include only guard, truck and certain other specifically authorized units. When any such units become excess to the requirements of the major command, this headquarters and MIA will be notified.

c. Major commands concerned will also notify MIA and this headquarters of any Italian personnel which become excess as individuals to the requirements as referred to in paragraph b above.

d. Personnel surplus to requirements as indicated in paragraph b above will be used by MIA to bring the Italian Army units up to strength in the following priorities:

- (1) US-ITI
- (2) BR-ITI
- (3) XPI-ITI

e. No replacement pools for US-ITIs will be established, since it is proposed that the United States holdings of ITI units be reduced by natural attrition.

f. Major commands will be responsible for transporting demobilized and surplus ISU personnel to the nearest Italian Territorial Headquarters, located at Florence, Naples, Bari, Rome and Palermo.

II CLOSING AND DISPOSITION OF RECORDS OF PRISONERS OF WAR

6. Records of prisoners of war will be processed, closed, and disposition made in accordance with provisions of Administrative Instructions for United States Prisoners of War Enclosures in AFMUSA (hereinafter referred to as "Administrative Instructions") and of this letter. The provisions of this letter will govern in the event of conflict with the Administrative Instructions.

7. Attention is directed to letter, this headquarters, file CG 303.6/326 P/0, dated 5 June 1945, subject: "Remittances by Italian Prisoners of War" which authorized crediting accounts of prisoners of war for remittance deductions.

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Ltr, HQ AFUSA, CG 303.6/796 1-0,
 dtd 21 June 1945, (cont'd).

8. Records will be closed as of midnight, 30 June 1945. Except as stated herein, accounts will be settled by final payroll in accordance with paragraph 6 c, Chapter IX, Administrative Instructions, and certificate of credit balance issued in accordance with paragraph 6 h, modifying the certificate as follows: Immediately preceding the amount of balance expressed in figures, as now provided, the amount of balance will also be expressed in words.

9. Records of personnel in an AFOL or escape status will not be closed until such personnel return to their units. If such personnel have not returned within the period stated in paragraph 12, Chapter XII (as changed by Changes 1) of Administrative Instructions, the records will be forwarded to AFIB as thereby required.

10. The final payroll will show in appropriate columns:

a. The accumulated balance on deposit in Trust Fund 210915 to the credit of the individual PW as of the date last paid.

b. The credits during the period of the roll.

c. All charges against each individual. Such charges, if other than canteen charges, e. g. forfeitures, fines, statements of charges, and any other authorized deductions, will be explained in the remarks in the body of the roll.

d. The final balance to his credit, which balance MUST AGREE with the amount entered on his certificate of credit balance in accordance with paragraph 6 above.

11. All commands and units will forward records of individuals and nominal rolls, other than those which may be delivered to representatives of the Italian Government in the field or accompany prisoners of war, to the Commanding Officer, 269th Technical Supervision Regiment (Cvhd), AFPO-702, for required disposition.

12. Whenever an Italian service unit is disbanded the unit records will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, 269th Technical Supervision Regiment (Cvhd), for required disposition.

13. a. In lieu of nominal rolls required by Administrative Instruction (354)0 one type of nominal roll will be prepared in accordance with the following: The heading of nominal rolls will indicate the Italian service unit to which the prisoners of war are assigned at time of release, the preparing unit, and the effective date of release (1 July 1945). Each sheet of the nominal roll will be numbered consecutively and also indicate the total number of sheets for the nominal roll (e. g. sheet 1 of 20 sheets, sheet 20 of 20 sheets). Nominal rolls will be authenticated on final sheet by a United States officer. Individuals will be listed alphabetically, with officers in a separate group heading the roll. Individual data will be recorded in columnar form in the

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following order: Nominal roll number of individual; last name, first name and initials; interment serial number; date of birth; date of custody; and credit balance (expressed in figures).

b. Seventeen (17) copies of nominal rolls will be furnished PWIB for distribution to include Italian authorities. Copies of nominal rolls may be furnished representatives of Italian Government in the field, if desired by them. Two (2) copies of nominal rolls will accompany the prisoners of war if movement to an Italian camp is under U.S. Army control.

14. Impounded personal effects will be returned in accordance with paragraph 9, Chapter V, Administrative Instructions.

15. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

15. Supply of US-MFI units formed as a result of change in status of Italian prisoners of war will be in accordance with the provisions of AIGCS. Supply Directive No. 46, ca. After change to new status, those units will retain organizational equipment presently authorized on special POW's on a loan basis as provided in paragraph 12 of Supply Directive No. 46. The special POW's referred to were published under cover of War Department letter AG 400(2 May 44)CS-3-SPOW-4, 12 May 1944, subject: "Troop Basis and Special Tables of Equipment for Italian Service Units (PW) in North Africa", as amended.

16. In order to conserve as much clothing as possible for subsequent issue to German PW and surrendered personnel, PWs may be allowed to retain the following items upon their release to PWIB:

Shoes, service	pr 1
Undershirt, cotton or wool	ea 1
Drawers, cotton or wool	pr 1
Trousers, cotton or wool	pr 1
Shirt, cotton or wool	ea 1
Socks, cotton or wool	pr 1
Belt, web, waist	ea 1
Becktie (if in possession)	ea 1
Cap, cotton or wool	ea 1
Jacket, field	ea 1
Towel, huck or bath	ea 1

All of the above items will be from that clothing in possession of the individual at time the change in status becomes effective. Requisitions on C, Class II and IV stocks or salvage stocks are not authorized for the purpose of completing the above issue. Items of personal equipment in excess of this scale may be retained only while in U.S. category. Maintenance allowances to be in accordance with AIGCS Supply Directive No. 46 ca.

17. The Form 32 (or other type of individual clothing and equipment record in use) and clothing certificate, in accordance with paragraph 5 j, Chapter V, Administrative Instructions, will be properly filled out showing the items listed items that are in the possession of the individual. The Form 32, or its equivalent, will be retained by United States authorities with the records of the individual. The clothing certificate issued must be retained

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AFHQ
WASHINGTON, D.C.

22. AFHQ should take necessary action to inform the personnel of AFHQ as to the effects of their change of status.

IN COPIES OF REPORT, QUINCY:

G. W. CHRISTENSEN
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Colonel, Air Force
Adjutant General

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PAGE TO ADDRESS

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FROM: ROME MMIA 100 SICILY 1612-1
TO: THE ADDRESS FOR MMIA ROME

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AS TO MATTER OF RELEASE PD (RE: MMIA 100 SICILY IC DE ALCON FOR
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MEMO On points arising out of change of status of (British) Cooperators.

NOTE: No difficulties on U.S. Side where of 15,000 cooperators, 5,000 will be demobilized, 5,000 changed to service troops and 5,000 surplus transferred to 22-III units.

1. <u>Strengths.</u>	Getting	20,000
	latest posted strengths	17,000
	Estimated present strength	15,000
	Probable loss on change over to desertion, in-cluding over age personnel who might desert.	6,000
	Remaining bodies	<u>9,000</u>

Above is a rough estimate only, based on past experience, present circumstances and selective enquiries.

2. Duties.

If the above is correct and if the OS new order of battle requires more than 9,000 we shall have to provide the balance from 22-III courses. A strictest scrutiny to reduce unnecessary white or overloads is considered essential.

3. Demobilization.

There was a misunderstanding over the demobilization of the 1914 and other classes in

The original terms stated

- (a) that personnel transferred would be subject to all terms and conditions affecting existing 22-III units "good" and sent to 100th Air, including military law.
- (b) that personnel transferred would not be demobilized with-out Allied consent.

As Allied consent to demobilization of 1914 and other classes in existing 22-III units had already been given, it was assumed that when transferred to new units and under their conditions of service, the over age ex-cooperators would automatically be demobilized. The matter has now been satisfactorily cleared up by 22-III signal HQ 9700 (see Memo) of 20 June.

4. The status of cooperators which has been deteriorating recently, will be improved, receive a bad blow when the change of status involving loss of several priviledges, pay, etc is realized. This will be further complicated next month when prisoners of war from overseas (who have not cooperated and registered and released.

2. Patina.

If this above is correct and if the \$5 new order of battle required more than 2,000 we shall have to provide the balance from IM-III sources. A stringent scrutiny to reduce redundancy units or overloads is considered essential.

3. Demobilization.

There was a misunderstanding over the demobilizations of the 1914 and other classes.

The original terms stated:

- (a) that personnel transferred would be subject to all terms and conditions applicable within IM-III units "used" with IM-III units, including military law.
- (b) that personnel transferred would not be demobilized with other Allied elements.

The Allied consent to demobilization of 1914 and other classes in units IM-III units had already been given, it was assumed that when transferred to such units and coming under their conditions of service, the over age ex-cooperators would automatically be demobilized. The matter has now been satisfactorily cleared up by AFHQ signal PX 97503 (Case #3824) of 28 June.

6. The morale of cooperators which has been deteriorating recently, will it is feared, receive a bad blow when the change of status involving 1666 ex-cooperators, pay, etc is realized. This will be further complicated next month when prisoners of war from overseas (who have not repatriated are repatriated and released.

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Tel: Valjean 142

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HQ,
MIA.

Subject: Hand-over of Italian Co-ops to Italian Army

1. Reference recent conversations Lt-Col Collins/Col Pidsley and Major Cheyne.
2. It will be noted that AMHQ have made all preliminary arrangements for the hand over of Italian Co-ops in Italy and Sicily to the Italian Army.
3. Arrangements for hand over of documentation in respect of this personnel from this HQ to MIA still remain to be completed.
4. It will be noted that no provision has yet been made for the rendering of casualties after 1 July when this personnel become Br FFI and it would be appreciated if you will now state what action you propose to take.
5. It is considered that early arrangements should be made for a nucleus of your Record Branch to be despatched to this HQ where it is suggested they be accommodated for a period of say one month whilst the hand over of records takes place.
6. Will you please notify your intentions in this connection as early as possible as it will not be possible for this HQ to continue to administer this personnel as hitherto after 1 Jul 45.

CMF.

J. Woods
Brigadier,
DAG,
HQ 2nd Echelon.

Copy to: ~~AMHQ (B-1(Br))~~

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Letter sent 29th.

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Land Forces

Originator: Reference: **FX97303**
Date/Time of Origin: **JUNE 22 1448B**

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Date Time Rec'd: **JUNE 23 0845B**
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TO: **MIA INFO ALCON**

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Italian ex-cooperator personnel in subject.

1. Ref meeting with COL BIDSLEY June 19. Position regarding ex-cooperators has been fully examined. Terms of AFHQ directive AG 387.6/079 GCT-0 of 15 June must stand.
2. Immediate steps however are being taken to get service requirements for Italian units reduced as far as possible.
3. Where essential for efficiency to retain over aged ex-cooperators you will be informed and they must remain with their units until satisfactorily replaced. If personnel are not so required you will demobilise them.

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23 JUN 1945
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*in letter a photo
at 27/6/45*

R E S T R I C T E D .

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Prisoners of War
(Officers) from NORTH AFRICA.

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LAND FORCE HQ, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 660061 Ext 653.
A 105
11 June 66.

TO : Ministry of War.

Confirming conversation Lt/Col. SCHIOMI - Major DOWSE.

1. A.F.M.G. has arranged the repatriation to ITALY from N. AFRICA of the Italian "Cooperator" officers now remaining in 211 P O W Camp. The officers concerned are included in the details of 176 officers forwarded to you with this letter, though it is understood that only 862 are actually available now.
2. Further details including time of arrival will be sent to you as soon as known. The officers are expected to arrive at TARIKTO in due course.
3. You are requested to make arrangements in due course for the reception and disposal of these officers. Those who are kept in the Italian Army will be used as a first priority to fill vacancies in units now being transferred from Cooperator status.

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Confirming conversation Lt/Col. KARDONI - Major DOMBO.

1. A.F.S.Q. has arranged the repatriation to ITALY from N. AFRICA of the Italian "Cooperator" officers now remaining in SII P O W Camp. The officers concerned are included in the details of 275 officers forwarded to you with this letter, though it is understood that only 152 are actually available now.
2. Further details including time of arrival will be sent to you as soon as known. The officers are expected to arrive at TARANTO in the near future.
3. You are requested to make arrangements in due course for the reception and disposal of these officers. Those who are kept in the Italian Army will be used as a first priority to fill vacancies in units now being transferred from Cooperator status.

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[Signature]
 Major General,
 Staff, I.A.A.

CONFIDENTIAL : W M D A P O W Sub Commission (with copy A.F.S.Q. 72 36508 of 20 June. Your IPW/1/11/2415-3 of 18 June refers).

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FROM : A.P.S.Q. SIGNED SACRED.
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ONE (.) SID HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR EVACUATION OF FURTHER 2,000 ITALIAN POW'S FROM T A R A N T O TO N O R T H A F R I C A FOR 211 POW CAMP (.) WILL ADVISE YOU DATE OF MOVEMENT AS SOON AS KNOWN (.)

TWO (.) PURPOSE TO CONTINUE EVACUATIONS OF I T A L I A N P O W ' S TO N O R T H A F R I C A TILL 10,000 CAPACITY OF 211 POW CAMP IS REACHED (.) IN ORDER TO ENABLE CAMP TO RECEIVE UP TO CAPACITY TRANSFER TO I T A L Y ON NEXT AVAILABLE LIFE (A) ALL A B E R N A M P O W ' S (B) ALL CO-OPERATION OFFICERS Awaiting POSTING NUMBER OF USM IS 222 ACCORDING TO LAST RETURN (.)

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POLICIES AS OUTLINED IN MMIA LETTER REFERRED IN ~~UNID PETER BAKER~~

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NAGAP* DETAILED ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON CHANGE OF STATUS
OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN ITALY TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS
ON PAY CLOTHING RECORDS ROLLS ET CETERA NOW BEING
PREPARED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS AND WILL BE PUBLISHED TO ALL CONCERNED
ABOUT ONE JUNE FOUR FIVE ~~OUR FX 94217~~ ~~OURAD FOX XRAY NINE FOUR TWO ONE~~
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FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 14323/Ord./I

TO: All addressees

DATE: 16 June 1945.

M.M.I.A. for info.

SUBJECT: Restitution of P.O.W.s at present employed by the Allies in Italy with the status of "cooperators".

Q-NTA-0

In letters 13998 and 14066/Ord./1 dated 1st, and 6th. inst., respectively, the forcing was ordered of two commissions for carrying out the operations required for the release of the "Cooperators" under British and American command.

According to the said letters the two commissions above mentioned should have been formed as follows:

1st. Commission	3 Officers	9 Senior MCOs
2nd. Commission	6 Officers	6 Senior MCOs
	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>

Total 24 3556

In accordance with more recent instructions of M.M.I.A., partially modifying the above quoted letters, the following is laid

In letters 13958 and 14066/Crd./1 dated 1st, and 6th. inst., respectively, the forming was ordered of two commissions for carrying out the operations required for the release of the "Cooperators" under British and American command.

According to the said letters the two commissions above mentioned should have been formed as follows:

1st. Commission	3 Officers	9 Senior NCOs
2nd. Commission	6 Officers	6 Senior NCOs
	9	15

Total 24 3590

In accordance with more recent instructions of M.M.I.A., partially modifying the above quoted letters, the following is laid down:

- 1) - Instead of the personnel laid down above the following must be assigned complete by the directorate generals concerned; this will be treated as urgent.
 - Senior officers (Lt.Col. or Maj.) 9 (3 of which already assigned)
 - Captains 6 (already assigned)
 - Subalterns 3 (to be assigned)
 - W.O.s 4 (already assigned)

Total 22

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 14323/Ord./I

TO: All addressees

DATE: 16 June 1945.

M.M.I.A. for info.

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SUBJECT: Restitution of P.C.M.s at present employed by the Allies in Italy with the status of "cooperators".

Q-NTA-20

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Total 24 3586

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In accordance with more recent instructions of M.M.I.A., partially modifying the above quoted letters, the following is laid down:

- 1) - Instead of the personnel laid down above the following must be assigned complete by the directorate generals concerned; this will be treated as urgent.
- Senior officers (Lt.Col. or Maj.) 9 (3 of which already assigned)
- Captains 6 (already assigned)
- Subalterns 3 (to be assigned)
- W.O.s 4 (already assigned)

Total 22

- 2) - With the above mentioned personnel the Repatriates Office, in agreement with this S.M., will form the commissions ~~that~~ are finally considered necessary.
- 3) - The commissariat directorate general, in agreement with the repatriates office, is requested to arrange for the rationing of the above mentioned personnel both during their stay in Rome, whilst waiting to leave, and ~~for~~ the duration of their duty, bearing in mind that the forming of the commissions in question has been authorized by M.M.I.A.

Sgd. RONCO

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl.

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A 105 URGENTE

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

SEGRETO

Nº 16-223 /Ord. VI di prot.

P.M. 3800, 16 giugno 1945

OGGETTO: Restituzione prigionieri di guerra attualmente in
pietra in Italia dagli Alleati con la qualifica
di "cooperatori".

- AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI ROMA = P.M. 3800 =
- ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE PERSONALE UFFICIALI = S E D E =
- ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE LAVA SOTT. E TRUPPA = S E D E =
- ALLA DIR. GEN. SERVIZI COM. E ALIM. VI = S E D E =
- ALL'UFFICIO AUTONOMO SERVIZI PRIGIONIA DI GUERRA E RINFRATTI = R O M A =

e. per conoscenza:

- ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.O. (MILIA) = R O M A =
- AL G A B I N E T T O = S E D E =
- ALL'UFFICIO DELL'ALTO COMISSARIO PER I PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA = R O M A =
- AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212 = P. N. 181 =
- AL COMANDO EMALI IV° CORP. DEL COMANDO ITALIANO ALI = L I V O R N O =
- ALL'UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE = S E D E =
- ALL'UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADEMPIMENTO = S E D E =
- ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO = S E D E =

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Con fogli n. 13988 e n. 14065/Ord. VI rispettivamente
in data 1 e 3 corr. mese, è stata disposta la costituzione di
due commissioni per le operazioni inerenti al rilascio dei
"cooperatori" alle dipendenze dei britannici e degli americani.

Secondo detti fogli le due predette commissioni
avrebbero dovuto essere costituite come appresso:

1ª commissione:	Uff. n. 3	Staff, n. 5
2ª commissione:	" " 6	" " 6
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In seguito a sopravvenute disposizioni della MMIA,
 a parziale modifica dei fogli sopracitati, resta stabilito quanto
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1°) - dovrà essere assegnato complessivamente --o sempre con carattere d'urgenza-- a cura delle direzioni generali interessate, anzichè il personale sopra specificato, il seguente:

- uff. superiori (ten.col. o magg.) n.9 (di cui 3 già assegnati)
- capitani n. 6 (già assegnati)
- subalterni n. 3 (da assegnare)
- marescialli n. 4 (già assegnati)

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2°) - Col personale suddetto l'ufficio reduci, d'intesa con questo S.E., costituirà le commissioni che in definitiva saranno ritenute necessarie.

3°) - La direzione generale di commissariato, d'intesa con l'ufficio reduci, è pregata di disporre per il vettevigliamento del personale di cui sopra, sia durante la permanenza a Roma la stessa della partenza, sia per la durata del servizio, tenendo presente che la costituzione delle commissioni di che trattasi è stata autorizzata dalle M.M.I.A.

IL CAPO DI S.M. DELL'ESERCITO
L. RONCO

P.....G.....G.

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(P. Valentini).



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IL CAPO DI S.M. DELL'ESERCITO
L. RONDIC

P.....S.....S.
IL CAPO DELL'UFFICIO DEL CAPO UFFICIO
D'UFFICIO (P. Agentini).
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TRAMONTANA	3500
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War, S.M.R.E.

Copy 5/10/51
P 1061

REF: 14292/Ord./1

TO: All addressees, M.M.I.A. for info. DATE: 14 June 1945.

SUBJECT: American-controlled Italian P.O.W.s assigned to P.B.S. with the status of cooperators.

1) - According to M.M.I.A. instructions, the Italian P.O.W.s employed by P.B.S. with the status of cooperators, will be released from the state of P.O.W. on July 1st. or shortly afterwards.

These troops amount in all to about 18000 men, to be split up into three blocks:

A Block - with a strength of about 4500 men belonging to classes now serving; they will remain with P.B.S. and be transferred from the state of P.O.W. to the state of US-III. This block will become part of the Italian Army and will be under the command of 212 Italian H.Q.;

B Block - with a strength of about 6000 troops of the 1914 (2nd. and 3rd. four-month periods) and younger classes; they will be incorporated in the Italian Army for HR-III or IPI-III units according to instructions which will be given in course by M.M.I.A. or this S.M.;

C Block - with a strength of about 8000 men of the 1914 (1st. four-month period) or older classes; to be placed

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C Block = with a strength of about 8000 men of the 1914 (1st. four-month period) or older classes; to be ^{discharged} ~~placed in~~ reserve.

2) - In agreement with M.M.I.A., orders will only be given now so far as C Block is concerned; instructions for A and B Blocks will follow.

In respect of the foregoing:

- 1) - The Independent Office for Repatriates is requested to forward to Leghorn on the 16th. inst., to the IV Area of 212 Italian H.Q., a commission of three senior officers

for carrying out the following duties:

- a) - release of travel documents for the sending to the respective districts of residence and of approval for the settling of pay accounts on the part of the districts, to the troops to be discharged (other ranks).
- b) - ²interrogation of the regular army officers and senior N.C.O.s in command of the "cooperators", no matter to which class they belong, according to the detailed instructions issued by the repatriates office.

Upon completion of the interrogation the commission will forward the nominal rolls and reports (including those in respect of Senior NCOs) to the Commission for the interrogation of ex-POW repatriated officers, located at Lecce, a copy of the rolls to the Directorate General of Officer Personnel (for the officer) and to the Directorate General of Conscription, NCOs, and Other Ranks (for the senior NCOs), specifying in the case of the officers - in agreement with IV Area H.Q. - which can be immediately placed on reserve (in accordance with instructions contained in Ministerial circular No. 3719/250/3 dated 23 May 1945 of the Directorate General of Officer Personnel) and which, on the other hand, should be made available for other duties.

2) - The Services Office, in agreement with the Repatriates

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2) - The Services Office, in agreement with the Repatriates Office, will arrange to supply the vehicle required for the transport of the commission from Rome to Leghorn. The said vehicle must return to its H.Q. immediately and will afterwards be replaced by another one at the disposal of IV Area H.Q.

3) - IV Area H.Q. is requested:

a) - to render the maximum assistance in the carrying out of the duties of the commission, assigning to said commission, officers, NCOs, and other ranks, to complete its organization and supplying premises,

barracks stores and stationery materials, rations, vehicles and anything else required for its rapid functioning in accordance with the recognised necessities;

- b) - to take care of - in agreement with P.B.S., H.Q. - the dispatch of ^{due to be discharged} ~~the personnel~~ to their individual districts, advances of pay, travelling rations, etc., etc.;
- c) - to keep itself in touch with P.B.S., H.Q., to establish the practical functional procedures of the commission, bearing in mind the necessity to speed up to the maximum, all operations. To this end, in accordance with agreements reached with M.M.I.A., we specify that the dispatch to their districts of the troops to be discharged, complete with the prescribed documents, must be commenced immediately in such a way that it may possibly be completed by the 1st. of July.

- 4) - 212 Italian H.Q., following agreements with the local P.B.S., H.Q., detachment, is requested to arrange for the "cooperators" to be discharged who are located in Campania and also for the interrogation of the officers and Senior NCOs (regular army) who are located there.

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The final liquidation of allowances due to the reservists repatriated from P.O.N. will be carried out by the Districts in accordance with the instructions contained in Ministerial circular 1484/O dated 18.5.45, of the Directorate General of Administrative Services.

6) - 212 Italian H.Q. and IV Area H.Q., are requested to notify this S.M. and the Repatriates Office, every five days, the number of troops dispatched to the districts and the number of regular army officers and senior NCOs interrogated.

The above mentioned commands will point out to the Allied Authorities the advisability of making a clear distinction, on the credit documents issued to the ^{show him's discharge} ~~reservists~~, between credits arising from ^{Army} pay and credits arising from working salary.

Sgt. HOWE

Gen.

Chief of Staff.

O. Danin Cpl.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.6

WP A/ 13/10

11 June 1945

SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War
in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Attached for your information is copy No. 7 of
AG Memo of 9 June on the above subject.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl: as above.

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T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

9 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: G-1(A)
G-1(B)
G-3

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SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy

1. By PAN 569 of 4 June (MC IN 2887) the Combined Chiefs of Staff have approved the proposals contained in NAP 951 for the change of status on 1 July 1945 of Italian co-operator prisoners of war in Italy (including those serving in American Italian Service Units).
2. Combined Chiefs of Staff have ruled that their approval is NOT to be construed as an indication of future approval of increased ceilings pending their study of the details involved.
3. In order that the question of increased ceilings may be cleared, the G-3 will, in conjunction with all other sections concerned, prepare and co-ordinate for submission to the Chief of Staff a cable giving the requisite details by 11 June.
4. 1 July 1945 remains the target date for the change of status to take place. G-1(A), G-1(B) and G-3 will, in conjunction with all other interested sections and services, take all necessary steps in order that, subject only to Combined Chiefs of Staff approval being received on the ceiling question, the change-over may take place as planned.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

/s/ C. W. CHRISTENSEN
/t/ C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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Change of status Italian Prisoners of War in ITALY. Reference your IPW/36/36 of 27 April.

1. Approval received from CCS to proposed terms of change of status provisionally agreed with Italian Government.
2. CCS have stated approval not to be construed as indication of future approval increased ceilings pending their study of details involved.
3. Study being given here to (2) above with view to clearing details with CCS urgently. In meantime administrative action being taken here to prepare for change-over on target date of 1 July.
4. Until ceiling question cleared do not make public statement on change of status but text of proposed statement should now be prepared by you and submitted here for approval in anticipation time when all details cleared with CCS.
5. There is no objection to informing Italian Government confidentially that principle of change of status has been agreed and details of change-over being worked out.

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ACTION - WED & IPOW
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Italian POW's (Italian Service Units)
Under US Control, Assigned to PES.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
A 105
15 June 45

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TO : AFHQ
CG MTOUSA

1. Attached herewith find requested copy of letter A 105 dated 1 June 1945, subject as above, (Reference AFHQ FX 53087 and PES 7226 of 12).

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

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RESTRICTED (C) ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR TROOPS OF ITALIAN SERVICE
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POLICY OUTLINED IN MMIA LETTER TO BRND DISPOSITION
OF SUBJECT PERSONNEL UNIC. IS NOW URGENT DUE TO THE EVACUATION OF
GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR TROOPS AND WOULD FOR THE FACILITIES NOW
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AFHQ G-5 SECTION

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11 JUNE 1945

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SECRET TO

PARA ONE REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE NUMBER TWO ZERO ONE DATED NINE JUNE
(~~PARA TO AFHQ G-5 SECTION FROM ALGERIA GITE AGED PARIS~~)

MMIA

PARA TWO FOLLOWS SEVENTEEN ITALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
~~ARE REQUEST EARLIEST REPATRIATION FROM NORTH AFRICA OF FIVE COLONELS
FIFTEEN MAJORS AND EIGHTY CAPTAINS AND SUBALTERNES~~

PARA THREE TOTAL ONE HUNDRED

PARA FOUR UNDEVELOPED THESE OFFICERS MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM AMERICAN HELD
ITALIAN ~~POW~~ IN NORTH AFRICA

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INFC: LAND FORCES S/C (M.M.I.A.) —

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Nicholas Pombino
C. W. G. S. S. A.
Asst. Adjutant

MEMO

No. 3

Co-operator Personnel.

7th. June, 45.

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Today I talked with Brig GILMAN DSST about the future of co-operators. He says they will not work at the moment and the work of 1733 wkaps is suffering accordingly. I told him that they would soon be incorporated into the Italian Army - which would lower their morale still more.

(A few days ago I spoke to senior N.C.O.s of the unit and told them that their release from the status of P. of W. would depend on the way they worked now, regardless of their previous good work).

This particular unit is to be broken up, anyway; so Brig GILMAN is waiting for them to be returned to the Italian Army.

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Capt.
MMIA IO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Cooperators from the Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.M.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
TEL: 490001 Post Box
A 105
June 6

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TO : ITALIAN P.W. SUB COMMISSION, A.C. (2)

Ref conversation Maj ALFRED-Capt MAXWELL.

1. W.e.f. 1 July 1945 cooperators now serving with British formations will be absorbed into the Italian Army.
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2. The administration of these men will now become an Italian responsibility, and calls for the formation of a number of administrative H.Q.'s with a corresponding demand for officers to operate them.
3. Since the supply of such officers from War Ministry sources is not sufficient to meet this demand, it is requested that consideration be given to the possibility of obtaining 100 officers, with suitable administrative qualifications, from the large numbers believed to be available in North Africa.
4. The proportions proposed by rank is:-

5	Lt. Cols.
15	Majors
60	Captains and Subalterns
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5. Please treat this matter as urgent as time is short in which to complete the organisation.

W.P. ...
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Italian P.O.W. (Co-operators) Serving
in Italy.

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 105

26 May, 45.

To : CG MECUSA, A.P.O. 512

1. In order that, at such time as it will be directed, the transfer of Italian P.O.W. from the status of co-operators to that of members of the Italian Army may be effected quickly and efficiently, preliminary discussions have been held with the Italian War Ministry and the many details treated.

2. No difficulty is envisaged by the War Ministry, in executing the present proposals. They are most anxious to be ready by July 1 to assume this new responsibility. The greatest need is complete knowledge of the personnel records of each P.O.W. now with American units, so that arrangements for screening, documentation and payment may be made by the competent Italian military authorities on or before July 1. With the concurrence of this Mission, approval is requested by the Italian War Ministry to establish a detachment of 3 Italian officers and 92 N.M. to be selected by the War Ministry for the purpose of extracting all necessary details from the personnel records now in existence for those P.O.W. working for the U.S. Army. A similar plan has been submitted to the British authorities and verbal approval obtained.

3. It is estimated that this work will take approximately four weeks. In view of the limited time now available, it is urged that approval be given at the earliest possible time with directions as to where and to whom this detachment should report.

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Major General,
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STATO MAGGIORE REALE ESERCITO
ufficio organizzazione e mobilitazione

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n°/3665 /Ord./I. di prot.

P.M. 3800. 20 maggio 1945

OGGETTO: Reparti di prigionieri italiani, dislocati in Italia. =

→ ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROIA
e, per conoscenza:
AL CABINETTO SEDE

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1 - La Sottocommissione Prigionieri di Guerra, con suo foglio I.P.W./30/34 del 22 aprile u.s. ha comunicato che:

- a) - i prigionieri italiani dei reparti in oggetto saranno rilasciati al Governo Italiano sotto la data del 1 luglio p.v.;
- b) - il Governo Italiano provvederà a costituire, con detti militari, unità analoghe, per costituzione e forza, a quelle alle quali ora appartengono;
- c) - le unità da costituire faranno parte delle categorie BR-ITI o US-ITI e saranno impiegate dai comandi Alleati con le stesse modalità degli altri reparti BR-ITI o US-ITI;
- d) - i militari dei reparti sopradetti non potranno essere congedati senza il consenso degli Alleati.

2 - Detto quanto sopra, allo scopo di poter predisporre tempestivamente le norme relative al cambiamento di "status" dei militari di cui trattasi e alla costituzione dei reparti, prego condotta L.F.S.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) di compiacersi - qualora nulla osti -:

- far conoscere il nominativo dei reparti prigionieri italiani che attualmente sono in Italia, la loro forza (distinta in ufficiali, sottufficiali e truppa) e la località in cui i reparti stessi sono dislocati;
- dare istruzioni circa la costituzione dei reparti di cui al n° 1 lettera b).

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3 - Inoltre, in relazione a quanto stabilito circa il congedamento dei militari di cui sopra (n° 1 lettera d), sarà grato a codesta L.F.S.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) se vorrà comunicare:

- a quali classi detti militari appartengono;
- se questo S.M. può predisporre il congedamento dei militari appartenenti alle classi 1914 e più anziane, in analogia a quanto praticato per gli altri militari del R.Esercito.-



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
 IL SOTTO CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
 (E. Ranco)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Message Center No: *511515*
Date Time Recd: *MAY 20 16 10Z*
Precedence: *D 105*

Original Reference: *AFS 67*
Date/Time of Origin: *MAY 20 16 10Z*

FROM: *HQ 15 ARMY GROUP*

TO: *AFHQ CITEH DECSG, THE ARMY, 20TH CEN ARMY, DISTONE, INFO. MATH*
HQ AG, 57 DISTRO, WEHABD

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1. 7 ARMY, 6 ARMY, DISTONE agree our AFS 67 of 14.
2. Recommend any privileges granted be extended also to Italian co-operators.
3. Request you issue instructions soonest.

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- A/President
- Chief Commissioner
- CA Sec
- Pilo 2
- Flot

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THE LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Ministro della Guerra
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato

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SUBJECT:- Commitment of Iti (Co-ops) as shown in WEs as at 2 May 45.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-1(Br)/3001/1/A2.

12 May 45.

Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(for Land Forces Sub-Commission)

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1. Reference request by Colonel PIDSLEY (AMIA) for information on present order of battle of Co-operator Units, herewith further copies of OZE/64431/Stats dated 8 May 45.
2. It is pointed out that those units marked with a 'X' are located in NORTH AFRICA and are not affected by the change of status.

HEADQUARTERS
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W.A.K. Finlayson
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAC, G-1(Br).

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Roma 28 APR 1946

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MISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
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Prov. 110/50/I/I
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Reparto del
Gen. Gen. N°

Oggetto Prigionieri di guerra italiani cooperatori.

Sono state date disposizioni perchè:

- siano esperite indagini atte ad accertare la responsabilità dei provvedimenti irregolari adottati nei riguardi del Tenente GANGARELLI Aldo e del soldato PEPE Salvatore;
- gli stessi militari siano fatti rientrare im-
mediatamente al reparto alleato da cui erano
tenuti quali prigionieri.

Sarà inoltre emanata apposita circolare affinché
non abbiano a ripetersi tali inconvenienti.

Riserva di ulteriori notizie.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Polisani

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