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SUBJECT:- Italian PW Eligible for Discharge where residence is in NORTH AFRICA.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Headquarters,  
Allied Commission,  
Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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Reference your A 105/1 dated 27 Jun 45.

1. The position as regards the repatriation of Italians to TUNISIA is unsatisfactory. At the present time the French will not allow any Italian PW or Ex PW to be repatriated to TUNIS on any ground whatsoever, even invalids, even though domiciled there. This matter was the subject of considerable correspondence at the beginning of this year and was eventually referred by the Governor General in NORTH AFRICA to General JULLI in PARIS, who gave the above ruling.
2. Now that there is direct representation between the French and Italian Governments in ROME, it is suggested that this matter should again be taken up by Allied Commission with the Italian Government for reference to the French Ambassador.
3. Until this question is cleared by the French and Italian Governments, no arrangements can be made for repatriation of any Italians to FRENCH NORTH AFRICA.
4. As regards those domiciled in TRIPOLI, please submit names and full particulars including home address, date and place of birth, where they wish to return to etc. and the matter of their return will be taken up by this Headquarters with G.H.Q. MIDEAST, whose approval on security grounds must first be obtained before despatch.

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W.A.K. FINLAYSON,  
Major, D.A.A.G.,  
for Major General,  
DAG, G-1(Br).

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SUBJECT: Italian PWs eligible for discharge whose residence is in North Africa  
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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) ROME.  
A 105/1.  
27 June 48.

TO : A.F.H.Q.  
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1. This Hqs. has been informed by PSE that of the co-operators personnel eligible for discharge, the following number has houses in the cities of NORTH AFRICA specified:

TUNIS	-	18
TRIPOLI	-	6

2. As such movements do not come within the jurisdiction of this Hqs., information is requested as to the manner in which the personnel is to be transported.

3. M.M.I.A. will coordinate any movement instructions by concentrating the Italian co-operators wherever and whenever they are desired.

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

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War, S.M.I.A.

REF: 14832/Ord./1

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TO: All addresses, S.M.I.A. for info.

DATE: 14 June 1945.

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

1) - According to S.M.I.A. instructions, the Italian P.O.W.s employed by P.E.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; these will remain with P.E.S. and be transferred from the state of P.O.W. to the state of US-ITI. This block will become part of the Italian Army and will be under the command of 212 Italian S.O.

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 SP-ITI or ITI-ITI units according to instructions which will be given in due course by S.M.I.A. or this S.M.I.

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C Block - with a strength of about 8000 men of the 1914

*discharged*

by F.B.S. with the status of technicians, will be transferred from the state of P.O.F. on July 1st, or shortly afterwards.

These troops amount in all to about 10000 men, to be split up into three blocks:

A Block - with a strength of about 4900 men belonging to classes now serving; these will remain with F.B.S. and be transferred from the state of P.O.F. 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 US-III or IRL-III units according to instructions which will be given in due course by M.H.I.A. or this H.Q.;

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C Block - with a strength of about 3000 men of the 1914 (1st. four month period) or older classes; to be <sup>discharged</sup> ~~transferred~~

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2) - In agreement with M.H.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) - interrogation of the regular army officers and senior N.S.G.s in command of the "cooperators", no matter to which class they belong, according to the detailed instructions issued by the repatriated 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 officers 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 E.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.

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2) - The Services Office, in agreement with the Repatriates Office, will arrange to supply the vehicles required for the transport of the commission from Rome to Leghorn. The said vehicles must return to the 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., N.Q. -- the dispatch of ~~the reservists~~ <sup>those to be discharged</sup> to their individual districts, advances of pay, travelling rations, etc., etc.;

c) -- to keep itself in touch with P.B.S., N.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.F.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 N.Q., following agreements with the local P.B.S., N.Q., detachment, is requested to arrange for the "cooperators" to be discharged who are located in Company and also for the interrogation of the officers and Senior NCOs (regular army) who are located there.

5) -- Procedures to be followed in respect of the records compilation and the administrative liquidation of the personnel to be discharged, will be notified to the competent <sup>offices</sup> by the respective offices.

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

5) - Procedures to be followed in respect of the records compilation and the administrative liquidation, of the personnel to be discharged, will be notified to the competent office by the repatriates office.

The final liquidation of allowances due to the reservists repatriated from F.O. will be carried out by the Districts in accordance with the instructions contained in Ministerial circular 1454/0 dated 15.5.45, of the Directorate General of Administrative Services.

6) - 212 Italian H.Q. and IV Area H.Q., are requested to notify this S.H. 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 <sup>these Army divisions</sup> ~~the~~ ~~reservists~~, between credits arising from pay and credits arising from working salary.

Lt. Col. ZORNOU

Deputy

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