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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB-COMMISSION

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IPW/1/300.

6 December 1944.

~~Major Ottino.~~
~~Sgt. Simoniti.~~

Effective Thursday 7 December 1944, after having ascertained that the Caller(s) can be seen, you will find out from them who they wish to see and why, afterwards directing them to the appropriate room.

A 'Visitors Book' will be kept, and the names of all callers entered therein, the name of the official they wish to see, and a brief summary of the reason for their visit.

cd.

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WMD & IPW SUB-COM.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB-COMMISSION

IPW/1/299.

6 December 1944.

To: H.Q. Commandant, Headquarters, A.O.

Subject: Persons desiring interviews with officials of
WMD & IPW Sub-Commission.

My instructions please be issued to the reception staff
in the main hall downstairs to the effect that:

All callers for this Sub-Commission will be directed
to ROOM 3 FLOOR 3.

Callers asking for officials of the Sub-Commission by
name will also be sent to ROOM 3 FLOOR 3.

This has now become necessary owing to the great number
of callers visiting this Sub-Commission at the one time.

*Rescinded
See serial
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J.A. Campbell

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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1 Dec 44

Copy No. 21....

BRITISH ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 238ADMINISTRATION OF PRISONERS OF WAR IN IAI OPERATIONAL ZONEGENERAL

1. This instruction deals with the administration and disposal of PW who, immediately prior to their capture by, or desertion to, the Allied Forces, were serving in the German Armed Forces (including TODT organisation) or any forces allied to them.

INTERROGATION

2. All PW referred to below will be interrogated by Allied Intelligence Staff concerned in the usual way. Should any particular PW be required by the Intelligence Staff for special purposes he will be routed to CSDIC and will not come within the scope of this instruction.

SEGREGATION

3. Immediately on establishment of nationality, all PW other than those of ESTONIAN, GERMAN, HUNGARIAN, LATVIAN, LITHUANIAN, ROMANIAN and Neutral nationality will be segregated from PW of other nationalities.

EVACUATION

4. PW will be despatched from Army camp/cage to either 370 PW Camp, CHILMARKVILLE (AR S 4544) or 374 PW Camp, FORT S. S. SCVINO (AR R 1845) (moving to LATVIA (AR R 1536) or to 15 and 44, as appropriate.
5. HQ No 1 District will then arrange for the evacuation of PW as follows:-

Nationality	Destination	Remarks
(a) ESTONIAN	368 PW Camp TIRANTO	4679
GERMAN		
HUNGARIAN		
LATVIAN		
LITHUANIAN		
ROMANIAN		
NEUTRAL		

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<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(a) ESTONIAN GERMAN HUNGARIAN LATVIAN LITHUANIAN ROMANIAN NEUTRAL	363 PW Camp TARANTO	To be segregated
(b) POLISH RUSSIAN	368 PW Camp TARANTO	
(c) AUSTRIAN BELGIAN CZECH DANISH DUTCH BREITEN (incl. ALBAIC- LORDAINE)	209 PW Camp ATLACOLA (HR N 2657)	
ITALIAN LUXEMBOURG		
		/ GREEK, YUGOSLAVS

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(d) GREEK
YUGOSLAVS

} 207 PW Camp
} GRIMO APFOLA
(IN P 2871)

To be segregated.

MOVES

6. Escorts will be provided by the despatching camp. The strengths of the escort in the case of movement by land will be 10% of PW, and in the case of movement by sea, 7% of PW.

7. PW to be evacuated by sea will be disinfested before embarkation.

DOCUMENTATION

8. Subject to para 10 below, PW will NOT be documented in PW Camps in AAI Operational Zone, but normal embarkation returns will be completed in respect of PW evacuated by sea to Base camps.

EMPLOYMENT

9. PW will NOT be retained for employment by any camp without prior authority being obtained from 'A' Branch, HQ AAI.

10. Where the employment of PW is authorized, they will immediately be registered on AF W 3000, which will be despatched to Enemy PW Section GRC 2nd Echelon, CMT. On transfer from the camp, movement will be similarly reported on AF W 3002.

Capture cards will be issued, and normal PW postal and canteen facilities will be made available.

APPLICABILITY

11. This Instruction does NOT apply to PW captured by AMERICAN or BRAZILIAN Forces.

This Instruction does NOT apply to Italian Co-operators, or to Internees.

CANCELLATIONS

12. AFHQ Adv AAI ECH Administrative Instruction No 30 and HQ AAI Administrative Instructions Nos 31 and 51 are hereby cancelled.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

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for
Chancellor
Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN P. SUB-COMMISSION

(296)

ITW/1/296

4 December 1944

To: H.Q. Rome Area Allied Command,
Apo 794, U.S. Army.

Subject: Absentees - PW Co-operator Corporal VERDIROSI.

Reference your 3245 dated 27 November 1944.

This matter is receiving attention, and we will forward a report to you in due course.

ENTERED ON CARDS.	DATE 3-1-45
	INITIALS L H

CS
J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WMD & ITW Sub-Com.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

Ref: 32A5

27 Nov 44

Subject: Absentees - Italian PW Co-operators:
T/220553 Cpl Verdirosi

HQ Allied Commission

Ref your 1PW 1/243 dated 10 Nov 44 and further to this HQ 32A5 dated 16 Nov 44 addressed 3 District, copy to you.

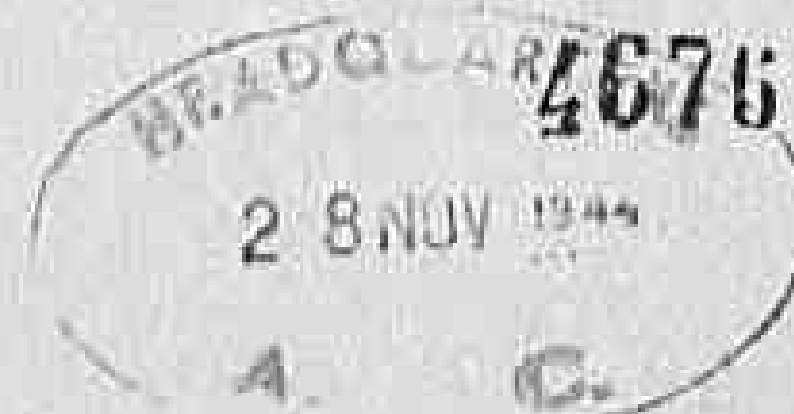
1. The above named Italian PW Co-operator has been interviewed and it transpires that he is not serving in any Government Department or organisation and is virtually unemployed.

2. In view of your assertion (Col Campbell's phone conversation with DAAG., 15 Nov 44) that this man was now employed with the Italian Government, clarification is requested.

BVW/ag

[Signature]
A.L. LOUDEN
Major
for Brigadier
Commander British Troops Rome

DATE. 3.1.45
ENTERED ON CARDS.
INITIALS. L. H



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Gen. Gaggia dealing with this case } B/F 11/12/44.

H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

C.M.F.

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/294

30 November 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Repatriation on compassionate grounds. *219. 219. 316.*

Reference your letter No. 13521/Ip.m. dated 25 November 1944.

1/. There is no possibility of altering the conditions under which repatriation on compassionate grounds can be granted.

2/. I am certain that it is not your desire that preferential treatment should be given Italian Prisoners of War compared with Allied soldiers.

3/. With regard to allotments to Prisoners of War families - every effort will be made by this Sub-Commission to see that these allotments are forwarded regularly and that the statements are forwarded to you promptly on receipt by this Headquarters. It is also considered that as far as liberated Italy is concerned, it should be possible to make regular and prompt payment through Italian financial channels.

4/. I have again carefully studied the conditions on which reversion to the United Kingdom on compassionate grounds would be granted to a British soldier and find that each case is now considered on its merits by a Committee, and no particular class of case is automatically rejected.

5/. The following types of cases will have the best chance of success:-

1st class - Where the wife of the Prisoner of War dies of is dying, leaving children without any relatives to take care of them. Where relatives who have been taking care of motherless children, die.

2nd class - Where the wife is seriously ill with no relatives to take care of children. Where grandparents who have been looking

- be granted.
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- 2nd class - Where the wife is seriously ill with no relatives to take care of children. Where grandparents who have been looking after motherless children die, or are seriously and dangerously ill, and where there are no relatives to care for the children.
- 3rd class - Where the head of the family dies and there are financial difficulties or large interests which require attention.

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6/. As agreed with you when I discussed the question of repatriation of exceptional cases, I shall be pleased to consider any cases presented to me which you consider deserving of special consideration. I do request that each case will be studied carefully on its merits, and only the most exceptional cases forwarded to me for consideration.

7/. Although every case forwarded by this Headquarters will be considered, there is no guarantee that repatriation will in every case be granted. It is therefore for your careful consideration exactly how such information should be published in the press.

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J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

File No. 2010/3

Rome, 25 November 1944

To : A.O. ROME

Subject : Italian Military Club in Asmara

It has been founded on Sept. 43 by Lt. Col. GARGIOLLI of the Italian Staff in Asmara (Eritrea) an Italian Military Club, regularly authorized by the British Authorities.

This club has as members the military personnel of all ranks, corps or specialities but they are faithful to the Italian Government and who are ready to come back to Italy to combat against the Germans for the liberation of their country.

To this club the members amount to 250 officers of whom 69 of the regular service of career, 285 non-commissioned officers of whom 200 of career and 597 privates.

The president of the club, Lt. Col. GARGIOLLI, has asked to come to Italy to be able to talk to Italian Government officials so as to present the wishes of the military personnel and their problems.

The British Military Authorities have nothing to the contrary to grant the permit, but the request must to be made out in the name of Lt. Col. GARGIOLLI.

The Lt. Gargiolli sees the advisability and importance to inform the Government of the possibilities that the members of this club might bring to, cause, because of their quality and quantity.

We ask the A.O. to please examine the possibility to authorize the trip to Italy of the Italian Staff Lt. Col. GARGIOLLI Adalberto. Italian Government will be very happy to have a chat with the President of this club in Eritrea.

We thank you.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
a/ General Pietro Badoglio

Gargiolli - asked to come back to explain how
he can persuade them want to fight —

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WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

Italian Military club in Asmara.

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Land Forces Sub-Commission

3 Dec. 1944

The attached translation of letter No. 2010/S of
25 Nov. 1944 from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners
of War is passed to you for remarks.

Encl.

Ltr. no. 2010/S of
25 Nov. 1944.

J. A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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reply.

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H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/L/290

3 December 1944

To: A-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

Subject: Italian military club in Asmara.

The attached copy of translation of letter received from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War is forwarded.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

Encl.

Ltr. No. 2010/S of 25 Nov. 44.

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High Commissioner
for PW

Rome November 30th 1944

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File NO. 2057/POL./1-2.a

Subject: Allotment of Italian PW officers to Camps and Troop Groups
To : Allied Commission - Rome

Reference letter IPW 1/273, dated October 27th 1944.

As I wrote you in letter No. 1979/Pol/G-5, dated Oct. 24th 1944, this High Commission deems that the following allotment of officers should be sufficient for the purpose.

- for Troop Camps - 4-5 officers every 1.000 other ranks
- for labourers groups - 1 officer and 4 junior officers every 200 other ranks

I thank you in anticipation for your services in this very important matter.

The High Commissioner for PW

General Pietro Gazzera

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H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/286

30 November 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Request forwarded.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letters No. 1984/I-2-A Pol dated 24 November 1944 and No. 1986/I/2/A/Pol dated 24 November 1944.

The above mentioned letters have been forwarded to higher authority.

J. A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/I/285

29 November 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U.S. Army

Subject: Documents forwarded.

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The enclosed translations of letters No. 1986/I/2/A/Pol dated 24 November 1944 from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, subject: Camp Hay - New South Wales - Australia, and No. 1984/I-2-A Pol dated 24 November 1944 from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, subject: Italian PW in South Africa Work Center of Forêt de Wedza (East Griqualand) are forwarded.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Encls.
Ltr No. 1986/I/2/APol
Ltr No. 1984/I-2-A Pol

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/2864

29 November 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War.

- 1/. It has been reported that the Prisoner of War Information Bureau received a telegram requesting that notification regarding Italian Prisoners of War should be sent direct to the Italian Bureau Notizie Informazione Prigionere.
- 2/. In the past such notification has been sent through Protecting Power to International Red Cross Committee. If notifications are to be sent to the Notizie Informazione Prigioniere Bureau, Prisoner of War Information would wish to discontinue notification through the other channels. The Notizie Informazione Prigioniere Bureau have failed to acknowledge receipt of communications from Prisoners of War Information Bureau.

3/. I shall be pleased if you will let me know if:

- a. The Bureau of Notizie Informazione Prigionere have received the notifications sent.
- b. If you agree and desire the notifications to be sent direct.
- c. Do you agree to discontinue of notifications through other channels.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm. 4567

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394, U.S. Army

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/283a

28 November 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner of Prisoners of War

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War in S. Africa's work
centre of Loskop (Eastern Transvaal)Further to your letter 1985 - Pol/1-2-A dated
November 24th. 1944.

Would you please inform us how many Italian
officers are required at LOSKOP. We will then
ask the requisite authority to post these of-
ficers to the camp.

J.A. CAMPBELL

Lt. Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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Further to your letter 1985 - Pol/1-2-A dated
November 24th. 1944.

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ficers to the camp.

clp.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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Rome, November 24/44 1944

High Commissioner for PW

File N. 1985 - Pol / I-2-A

Subject: Italian PW in South Africa's Work Centre of Loskop
(Eastern Transvaal)

To: Allied Commission - Rome.

I beg the A.C. to ask the qualified British authorities to send some Italian officers to the Work Centre of Loskop (Eastern Transvaal) - South Africa, where ^{there} are no officers at all. The soldiers in the above mentioned Work Centre are about 500 - Two Medical officers are included.

No officers are there to look after the discipline of the camp.

High Commissioner

Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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28 November 1944

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MEMO TO: Prisoners of War Sub-Commission
SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War.

1. The British Embassy have been informed by the Foreign Office that on 25 August the Prisoners of War Information Bureau received a telegram (it is not stated from whom) requesting that notification regarding Italian Prisoners of War should be sent direct to the Italian Bureau, Notizie Informazioni Prigionieri.

2. Such notification had hitherto been sent through protecting power to International Red Cross Committee in accordance with the Prisoners of War Convention. If notifications are to be sent to the Notizie Informazioni Prigionieri Bureau, Prisoners of War Information Bureau would wish to discontinue notification through the other channel. The Notizie Informazioni Prigionieri Bureau have, however, failed to acknowledge receipt of communications from the Prisoners of War Information Bureau.

3. It is requested that the Prisoners of War Sub-Commission should ascertain from the Italian authorities whether:

- a. The bureau of Notizie Informazioni Prigionieri have since received notification sent;
- b. Italian Government have agreed to notifications being made direct;
- c. Do they agree to discontinuance of notifications through other channels.

H. L. d'A. Hopkinson

H. L. d'A. HOPKINSON
Acting Vice President, Political Section

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

File No. 2010/S

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To : A.C. ROME

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We thank you.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
c/ General Pietro Gazzera

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

Rome, 25 November 1944

File No. 13621/T/p.m.

To : A.C., ROME

Subject : Repatriation on compassionate grounds.

- 1/. In conformity with information received this morning from Col. Campbell, the article has been prepared, of which a copy is attached to bring to the notice of Italian public the pitiful cases which can allow, at this time, the forwarding to this Commission of the applications for repatriation of Italian PW. It is necessary to circulate the above article for notable reasons.
- 2/. Before publishing the article I consider ^{it} my duty to inform you that ~~the exclusion of~~ ^{the exclusion of} (as your decisions communicated to me this morning) the applications for repatriation on compassionate grounds of the heads of families who are still PW, may raise a deep disappointment in many Italian families, who heartily hope to have back its head in order to cope with the dreadful difficulties of the coming winter.
- 3/. To think that the monthly allotment made by the prisoners of war is enough to support a family without a chief who can take care of it, is, from our point of view, a too optimistic vision -
 - either that it is easy for a PW to accumulate sufficient savings,
 - or that the regularity of the delivery and the arrival of the allotments can be effected promptly,
 - or that the payments can be made here in all Italy, now, in spite of the poor condition of communications.
- 4/. I beg this Commission to still take into consideration the question and to kindly inform us of the final decision with regard to it. This High Commission will not circulate the article until a kind quick answer by this Commission arrives.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
d/ General Pietro Gazzera

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REPATRIATION OF PW WHOSE FAMILIES ARE IN POOR CONDITION

The Allied Commission gave notice that for the repatriation of PW who have their families in poor condition, will apply the same procedure already adopted for Allied soldiers overseas. *not applicable*

According to this procedure, the following compassionate cases are taken into consideration:

1st Class - wife dead or dying, and remaining orphans or who should remain without any relatives who could take care of them; death of relatives who took care of orphans without mother.

2nd Class - wife seriously ill without relatives who can take care of her and her children; serious illness of head of family without any other relative who can take care of the children; sons, orphans without mother, seriously ill. *in consideration of*

Other reasons for applications for repatriation cannot now be taken into consideration.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

Rome, 24 Nov. 1944

File No. 1986/I/2/A/Pol.

TO: A.C. ROME

SUBJECT: Camp Hay - New South Wales - Australia.

In 7 and 8 PW Camp of Hay - New South Wales - Australia - which have each 500 PW, there on no officers to discipline them.

I beg the Allied Commission to kindly interest the competent Authorities in order to assigne a fit number of officers who are needed to mantain the discipline in the above mentioned camps.

s/

The HIGH COMMISSIONER
Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/277

27 November 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War from
U.S.A.

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1/. Application has been received from Allied Force Headquarters for the repatriation from U.S.A. of the following seven Prisoners of War:

Name	Rank	ISN
Robione, Cesare	1st Lt.	4WI-15299
Vittucci, Giovanni	Pvt.	IE-709723
Antonini, Pretrangelo	Col.	
Cuoghi, Giovanni Battista	Col.	
Morelli, Vincenzo	Maresc.	8WI-8322
Romeo, Salvatore	Pvt.	5WI-4200
Roccuzzo, Gaetano	Lt. Col.	WI-39938

2/. Would you advise us as soon as possible of your recommendation. Please treat this matter as urgent.

CLL.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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Major P. received phone call from H.C. to effect that they accepted report of all 7 above. He also returned 11 files on 8/12/44.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

FJS/jjr

(277a)

G-5: 383.8

23 November 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

See 277.

1. Forwarded herewith are seven (7) applications from Italian Prisoners of War for repatriation on compassionate grounds.

2. It is requested that you take immediate action with return of all papers to this Headquarters on or before 10 December 1944 as a reply must be made to the War Department.

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

Incls:
as above.F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

File No. 1984/I-2-A Pol

Rome, 24 November 1944

To : A.C., ROME

Subject : Italian PW in South Africa
Work Center of Foret de Wedza (East Griqualand)

We beg you to please ask ^{the} British Authorities to be good enough
to assign to the workers center in Foret de Wedza (East Griqualand) -
South Africa - ~~of~~ the Italian officers for discipline.

Number of Italian PW are 300, with two Italian Doctors.

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s/ THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
General Pietro Gazzera

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See 286.
& 285.

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H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/273

27 November, 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Italian Prisoner of War Camps in U.S.A.

Further to your request for more Italian Officers to
keep discipline in Prisoner of War Camps in U.S.A.

Would you inform us the number of officers you estimate
will be required to do this.

Your request will then be forwarded through the proper
channels.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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P of W 50272
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SUBJECT:- Italian Prisoners of War.

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

CR/3455/61(DX)

20 Nov 44.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
EAST AFRICAN COMMAND

See 254 + 436/437.

The attached translation of a letter received from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War is forwarded for information and any action it may be considered necessary to take.

OG/EG.
ENCLOS.

P. Thorpe
P. THORPE.
Major, D.A.A.G.,
For General.
Supreme Allied Commander.
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE.

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1.
Copy to Headquarters, Allied Commission.
(Your IPW1/254 dated 15 November 1944).

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR
File N. 28 Prot. Mil. 111

(271)

27 November 1944

Subject: IPW's Camps in U.S.A.

In the undermentioned IPW's Camps in the U.S.A. are lacking Italian Officers to keep Discipline among the IPW privates.

We ask to the A.C. to bring the attention on this matter to the U.S. Authorities and to please provide.

Atterbusy's Camp	Capacity	3000	-	1817 PW.
Fort Knox Camp	"	3000	-	684 PW.
De Hampton Roads Camp	Capac.	3000	-	497 PW.
Fort Benjamin Harrison				
	Camp Capacity	1500	-	300 PW.

We thank you.

/s/ General Vincenzo DAFINO

A.

see 273.

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WMD & IPW S/C

See 268 + 379.

Repatriation of Remigio
TRINCHIERI
Public Safety S/C.
(Att: Col. A.E. YOUNG).

IPW/1/269

24 Nov. 1944

Re/attached - we spoke. I have spoken to Political and they agreed with the action you suggested that ~~we~~ forward the correspondence on to GHQ MIDEAST for their action. Meantime Political ~~will~~ acknowledge receipt of letters to Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

JATE 2-1-45

ENTERED ON CARDS.

INITIALS, C. H.

JAC
J. A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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WMD + Low S/C

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Auth: The P.M.G.

Initials: WMD

Date: 10/30/44

SPMGA (102) 383.6

4th Ind.

Army Service Forces, P.M.G.O., Washington 25, D. C., 30 October 1944.
 To: Commanding General, North African Theater of Operations, APO 534,
 c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

1. Arrangements are being made for the repatriation of Italian prisoners of war pursuant to the provisions of secret letter SPX 383.6 (28 Jul 44) OB-S-SPMGA-M, dated 1 August 1944, subject: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

2. The return of the first group of Italian prisoners of war is scheduled to take place within a few weeks.

For The Provost Marshal General:

Ac 198

Ac 372

1 Incl. n/c

Francis E. Howard
 Francis E. Howard,
 Colonel, C. M. P.,
 Director, Prisoner of War Division.

AG 383.6/056 A-O
 HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 22 November 1944.

5th Ind

RHF/jcm

TO: Chief Commissioner, The Allied Commission.

Your attention is invited to 1st and 4th Indorsements.

For the Theater Commander:

1 Incl
 n/c

[Signature]
 Captain, AGD,
 Asst Adjutant General.

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(266)

SUBJECT:- Absence and Escaping of Italian Co-operators in ITALY.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3003/G1(Br).

2/Nov.44.

Headquarters,
ALLIED COMMISSION (for attention of COL. CAMPBELL).

Reference conversation, Colonel Campbell - Major Thorp.

Copies of this Headquarters directives of even reference
dated 14 August and 9 September 1944, are forwarded for information.

H.D. Harper Capt

H.D. HARPER, Captain.
Staff Captain.
for Major General.
DAG. G1.(Br).

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HDM/EG.
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(266a)
SUBJECT:- Absence and Escapes of Italian Co-operators in ITALY.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3003/G1 (Br).

9 Sep 44.

1. Further to this Headquarters' CR/3003/G1(Br) dated 14 Aug 44.
2. It has been found that when an absentee has been returned to his unit for disciplinary action and posting to NORTH AFRICA, there is bound to be some delay before the issue of actual movement orders.
3. In future, therefore, when O.C. unit has taken such disciplinary action as he thinks fit, he will send all such personnel under escort to 209 PW Camp for concentration before transfer to NORTH AFRICA.
4. Nominal rolls headed "Italian Co-operators for Transfer to NORTH AFRICA" will be delivered to Commandant, 209 PW Camp by the hand of the escort. They will show name, rank and number of each co-operator and will include any other necessary information, e.g. particulars of any sentence of detention awarded and not yet completed.
5. This instruction in no way absolves O.C. unit from the responsibility of notifying to GHO, 2nd Echelon names of personnel for posting.

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A.S. BARSCHORT.
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1 (Br).

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Allied Armies in Italy (Main).
North Africa District.

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Admiral

A.S. BARS DORF
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAC, G.1(Br).

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PMG (U.S.).
GHQ, 2nd Echelon (3).
Enemy Prisoner of War Section (British), B.N.A.F.
G.2.
D. Labour.
Reinforcement Section, C.M.F.
Reinforcement Section, B.N.A.F.
Commandant, 209 PW Camp. (Copy of OR 3003/24 (Br)
dated 14 Aug enclosed).

SUBJECT:- Absence and Escapes of Italian Co-operators in Italy.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OR/3003/G4(BF)

14 AUG 44

1. Certain units have found that since moving to Italy they have had a sharp increase in the number of cases of escapes and absence without leave.
2. The following points should be explained to co-operator personnel in all units both prior to embarkation and on arrival in Italy:-
 - (a) That a co-operator retains the status of a PW and that should he escape the British Military Police will be instructed to apprehend him.
 - (b) That all such prisoners recaptured will without fail be posted to units in North Africa, and are also liable to lose their co-operator status if the case merits it.
 - (c) That payment of credit balances on release will be the responsibility of the Italian Government, and that without the certificate furnished by the British Government they will be unable to establish their claims.
 - (d) That it is realised that men will wish to visit their families once their unit is in Italy: arrangements for the granting of leave are now being made and will be announced shortly.
3. Para 40 of "Administration of Italian PW Co-operators" will be amended to read as follows:-

(c) Such casualties will be reported as follows:-

(i) Name, description and home address of the co-operator will be furnished by the quickest possible means (e.g. by phone) to Area, Sub District or Garrison Headquarters, to the nearest C.M.P. unit and also (North Africa only) to the nearest Civil Police. The details will be confirmed in writing.

(ii) A report will be made to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon in accordance with para 19.

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A new sub-para (c) will be added:-

Co-operators absent without leave in Italy or Sicily for a period exceeding 4 days will be posted to units in NORTH AFRICA. The names of all such men will be reported direct to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon, who will arrange postings as soon as possible.

4. Absentees and escapees apprehended by the British Military Authorities should be returned to their unit for the necessary disciplinary action and retention pending posting.

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G.S. ELLSDORF, Lt. Col., A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G4(Br),

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Headquarters,
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North Africa District.
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Algier Sub-District.
No. 4 District.
C-in-C Mediterranean.
Headquarters, MAF (org 5)
P.M. (Br)
PAIG (U.S.)
GHQ 2nd Echelon. (7)
Enemy Prisoner of War Section (British) dRAF.
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Reinforcement Section, G.M.F.
Reinforcement Section, North Africa.

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PC (44) 134
13th November 1944

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Copy of - COPY NO. 41

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

STATUS OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

Note by Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

1. The broad issue of the status of Italian prisoners of war is again presented in a letter from Premier Bonomi dated 8 October 1944, which was forwarded to this Headquarters by Commodore Stone with a covering letter dated 27 October 1944. Premier Bonomi indicates that the present status of Italian prisoners of war is not satisfactory, and argues that these persons should be returned to Italian command. The Premier maintains strongly that the status of prisoners of war is, under the present circumstances, wholly inconsistent with United Nations declarations concerning the status of ITALY and Italians.
2. The Italian Government has repeatedly protested against the prisoner of war status of Italian nationals in view of the cobelligerent status of the Italian Government, and the matter has been before the Political Committee on several occasions. Marshal Badoglio protested against the continuance of prisoner of war status for Italians on 10 May 1944. On 23 June the protest was substantially repeated by Signor Bonomi. No steps have been taken to meet the grievances of the Italian Government in this regard.
3. It is arguable that the policy of the Combined Chiefs of Staff (set forth in FAN 359 of 5 May) to make use of Italian manpower in Allied hands without the consent of the Italian Government was never intended to apply to the use of Italian prisoners of war in SICILY or the Italian Mainland. Military considerations have so far prevailed over the political considerations involved and the Italian prisoners of war have been utilized in ITALY both in dilution of British units and in Italian PW (cooperator) units. At the present time Italian prisoners of war in U.S. custody are being moved into ITALY, where there have for some time been a substantial number of British "cooperator" units.
4. The arguments of the Italian Government, which were more than merely plausible during the period of cobelligerency, are more telling at a time when full diplomatic representation has been accorded to the Italian Government and in the light of the policies towards ITALY announced during the past month.
5. The objection of the Italian Government was always most pressing with respect to the use of Italian nationals in ITALY and continues to be so. It may be added that the legal position of Italian prisoners of war in ITALY is anomalous and must inevitably remain so while they are in law prisoners of war. The Geneva Convention hardly envisaged that prisoners of war would be held in custody of one nation and used as service troops in territory governed by the nation from which they were captured.

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6. It is believed that any attempt at a solution of this problem cannot be entirely successful unless the American and British authorities work along closely similar lines, with only such detailed variations as may be required by local conditions.

7. It is therefore recommended that, in reply to Premier Bonomi's letter of 8 October 1944, he be advised that we would be glad to receive any suggestions the Italian Government would care to make towards a solution of this problem, and further advise him that the matter is being referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Draft letter and cable are annexed.

(intd) C.M.S.

NOTE: Shortage of time has prevented co-ordination of this paper, or of the draft letter and cable attached, with the U.S. Political Adviser and the British Resident Minister.

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H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/264

17 November 1944

To: Headquarters No. 3 District, C.M.F.

Subject: Escaped PW CURZI Antonio.

- 1/. Enclosed is copy letter received from G-5, A.F.H.Q.
- 2/. This letter is in reply to a request from this Sub-Commission for the repatriation of CURZI.
- 3/. We should be most grateful if you could institute enquiries as to CURZI's whereabouts, and advise us in due course of any results obtained.

clp

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

Encl. Ltr. 014.33 of 13 Nov. 1944.

See 263
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DATE. 2-7-45	4646
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INITIALS. L. H.	

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

FJS/jw

G-5: 014.33

13 November 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of P.W. Curzi Antonio

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference your IPW 1/219 of 22 October,
this Prisoner escaped from U.S. custody at P.M. 301,
Palermo, Sicily, on 26 February 1944. To date
he has not been recaptured.

2. It is suggested that inquiry be made of
the Italian military hospitals in Sicily for a
trace of subject P.O.W.

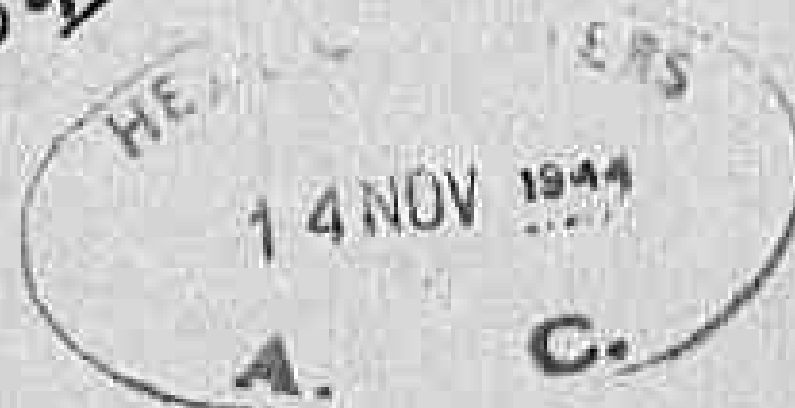
For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO NO: 794 U.S. ARMY

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Ref: 3245

16 Nov 44

Subject: Absentees - Italian PW Co-operators -
1/220558 Col Verdiani

HQ 3 District

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Ref your signal 4657 dated 18 Oct 44 and further to this HQ's 3245 dated 23 Oct 44 and 12 Nov 44, addressed HQ AC., copy to you.

It could not appear that the above named PW, while an absentee, obtained employment with the Italian Government. In view of the difficult political issues involved in dealing with an escaped Prisoner of War who returns to his own country for work under his own government, Allied Commission requested and obtained the verbal sanction of C-1(Br) AFHQ (exact source not known) that he should not be returned either to his previous British unit or to the PW Camp. Allied Commission also request that no further action is taken in the matter.

Your instructions are requested.

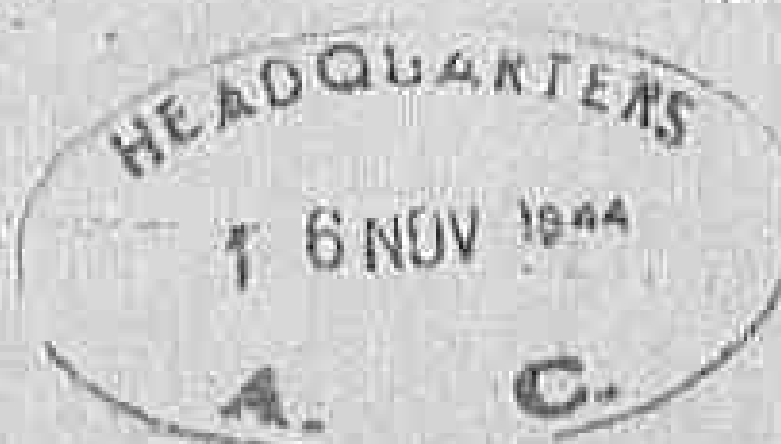
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INITIALS. L. H

For
A.L. LORDEN
Major
for Brigadier
Commander British Troops Rome

Copy to: HQ Allied Commission (Ref 1/243 dated 10 Nov 44 refers)

No action

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

16 November 1944

Ref. IPW/1/260

To : The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

I have been directed by the Chief Commissioner to
acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 2986 dated 9 Nov. 1944.

As stated in letter IPW/1/14/17 dated 12 November
1944, your suggestion that a conference be held to study
the whole question of Italian Prisoners of War, has been
forwarded to the Supreme Allied Commander.

Should the conference asked for be agreed to, all
controversial matters in connection with Italian Prisoners
of War can then be brought forward for consideration.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Jal
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

See 249

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16th November 1944

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Ref. foglio 245

- 1/. I discussed the question of apprehending I.P.W. Co-operators who did not return to their units from leave with G-1 (B) A.F.H.Q.
- 2/. A copy of the instructions issued with regard to this question will be forwarded.
- 3/. It would appear that it is not worth while taking any further action with regard to this question until a reply is received to foglio 250

J.A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

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(257)

IPW/1/257

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War

Subject: Italian PW in Egypt - Camp 310

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Reference your letter 979/Pol/6.3 dated 11th
September 1944.

1/.

A reply has now been received from G.H.Q.
Middle East stating that there are at pre-
sent no Italian medical personnel in that
Command surplus to requirements and avail-
able for repatriation.

CJP

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub-Comm.

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Col. Campbell

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SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Protected Personnel.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/3025/G1(Br)

Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission. ✓

21 Oct 44

File 1 - Encl-197
out log - No. 235

Reference your IPW/197 dated 30 Sep 44.

It has now been ascertained from GHQ MIDDLE EAST that there are at present no Italian medical personnel in that command surplus to requirements and available for repatriation.

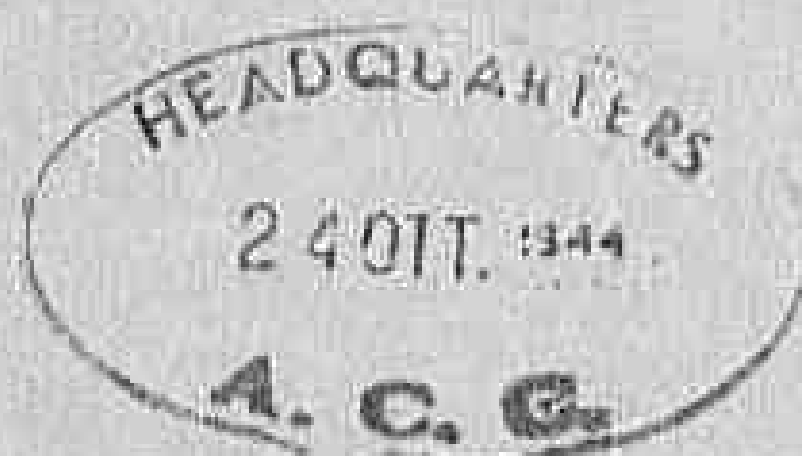
H.D. Harper Capt

H.D. HARPER, Captain,
Staff Captain,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1(Br).

HLH/ER.

Mr. action

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

OSP/tb

IPW 1/255

16 November 1944

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject : Italian PW natives of Eritrea,
interned in East Africa Camps.

See 253.

With reference to your letter No.9368 di prot. Sex.III dated 27 Oct.44

- 1/. This request has been forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters,
asking if they can take the action you require.
- 2/. We will advise you in due course of AFHQ's action in the matter.

cf.

J.A.CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

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IPW 1/254

15 November 1944

To : Allied Forces Headquarters
Attention G-1 (Ex)

Subject: Italian POW in East African Camps.

- 1/. Enclosed is the translation of a letter from H.C.P.W. requesting the transfer of PW from East Africa to Asmara.
- 2/. We should be grateful if you will give this matter your consideration and advise us in due course if any action has been taken.

For the Chief Commissioner:

col.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub-Comm.

see 272.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW
OFFICE MILITARY

27 October 1944

TO: A.C., IPW Sub. Comm., Rome.

FILE NO. 9368 d1 prot. sex.III

Subject: Italian PW natives of Eritrea, interned in East African Camps.

In East Africa there is approximately a hundred Italian PW interned for from 3 to 4 years. They are natives of Eritrea where their families reside permanently.

Since we have no faith left in regard to their being liberated, we ask that they at least be transferred from the East African camps to that of Asmara.

It is a question of approximately 100 PW already selected and absolutely trustworthy in regard to their politics, whose transfer would besides satisfying their families, would facilitate their return to civilian activity at the end of the war.

HIGH COMMISSIONER
Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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HQ ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO No. 794, US Army

Ref: 32A5

12 Nov 44

Subject:- Absentees - Italian PW Co-operators:
T/220583 Cpl VERDIROSI

HQ Allied Commission (War Materials Disposal
& Italian PW Sub-Commission)

Ref your IPW/ 1/243 dated 10 Nov 44. *See 243*

So that this matter may be fully cleared up, will you please quote the actual G-1(B)AFHQ authority.

DATE. 1-1-45
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INITIALS. L H

[Signature]
A.L. LOUDEN
Major
for Brigadier
Commander British Troops Rome

BVM/rw

Copy to: HQ 3 District (your signal A657 dated 18 Oct 44
and this HQ 32A5 dated 24 Oct 44
refer. Copy of HQ AC IPW/1/243
dated 10 Nov 44 attached)

I spoke with Major Louden

*N.F.A. 4636/86
15/10/64*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: SACRED Action on POWs

FILE No.

13 November 1944

TO: Lt Col Campbell, WMD & It POW S/C
HQ AC

Attached extracted information may be of interest to you in connection with the paper I gave you on 11 November 44.

attached

L. W. Shenfield
L. W. Shenfield
T/4 11091904
Chief File Clerk

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IC (44) 31st Meeting
7th November 1944

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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

4. USE OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN U.S. CUSTODY AS
SERVICE UNITS IN ITALY

(Paper No. PC (44) 131)

THE COMMITTEE had before them a paper indicating that upwards of 15,000 Italian prisoners of war in service units, controlled by the U.S. Forces, would shortly be brought to ITALY, and seeking guidance as to:-

(a) the form which notification of this to the Italian Government should take;

(b) the formulation of an appropriate reply to a letter received from the Italian Prime Minister again raising the question of release from prisoner of war status of Italian personnel serving with the Allied Forces.

MAJOR GENERAL WHITE explained that the 15,000 Italians concerned were volunteers, that the units consisted of Italians with U.S. personnel only in a supervisory capacity and that their position was similar to that of British-controlled "Co-operators". Their move to ITALY involved a departure from previous policy, insofar as American-controlled Italians were concerned but the recent move of British-controlled Italians to ITALY had led to no difficulty from formal representations from the Italian Government.

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MR KIRK pointed out that ITALY had now been granted certain privileges including diplomatic representation in LONDON and WASHINGTON, and in the eyes of the Italians it was anomalous that their personnel, including voluntary "Co-operators", should still have prisoner of war status only. He wondered whether, in replying to the Italian Prime Minister's letter, it would not be possible to suggest that arrangements were being studied for the removal of this stigma. No undertaking need be conveyed, however, to do

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this at an early date.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MONAGHAN thought that the two subjects under discussion should be considered separately. First, it had been decided to bring these Italian service units into ITALY and he felt that all that need be done was to inform the Italian Government verbally of this decision. Secondly, it was necessary to reply to the Italian Prime Minister's letter raising the general issue. He felt that this reply might take the form of, or include, a request for concrete proposals from the Italian Government.

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Correction by Edna Stone:

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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

USE OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN UNITED STATES
CUSTODY AS SERVICE UNITS IN ITALY

Note by Assistant Chief of Staff G-1 (A).

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The second is:

- b. The formulation of an appropriate reply to the Italian Prime Minister's letter.

5. The United States State Department has continuously pressed the United States War Department for the repatriation of Italian prisoners of war held in this Theater, leaving the matter of procuring further useful service from this source

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of manpower to the War Department. In the past, the United States War Department has firmly resisted the State Department's representations on the grounds of operational necessity. Conditions have so changed however that it is not possible for the United States War Department to further defend the "operational expedience" position against the proposals of the United States State Department.

6. To avoid the possibility of a direct order from the United States Government to summarily repatriate all United States held Italian prisoners of war in the Mediterranean Theater, it is believed advisable that the Political Committee lay before the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, a proposal to enter into exploratory discussions with the Italian Government to determine if it is feasible to grant the military release of all Italian prisoners of war brought to the Italian mainland as service troops under either United States or British sponsorship, while still assuring a firm legal basis for the continued employment of these troops by the respective Allied nations in support of the military position; with no less of efficiency or reduction in the number of such personnel.

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APO 394

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In reply refer to:
IPW/1/250

14 November 1944

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War.

To : Allied Force Headquarters, Chief of Staff, AF 512.

attached

1. The attached translation of letter dated 7 November 1944, subject "Liberation of the Italian Prisoners of War transferred to France" received from the President of the Council of Ministers together with Memorandum addressed to the Political Section from the Italian Foreign Ministry and a copy of my letter to Mr. Bonomi is forwarded.

2. I would refer to my previous correspondence concerning the status of Italian Prisoners of War - references -

A/CC 383.6 dated 26 June 1944
A/CC 014.33 dated 5 July 1944.
A/CC 383.6 dated 13 July 1944
Letter dated 28 July 1944
IPW/1/234 dated 27 October 1944

3. It is for consideration now that closer diplomatic relations have been established between the Allied Nations and Italy that the question of Italian Prisoners of War should be made the subject of a conference and I am of opinion that at this moment the Italian Government would be most receptive to any conditions laid down with regards to the working, discipline, and command of the Prisoner of War units now called co-operators provided the stigma of Prisoner of War was removed.

4. The Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission are approached on every possible occasion by the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War on behalf of his Government to do their utmost to arrange a meeting at which the whole question of Italian Prisoners of War can be discussed and where decisions in principal can be agreed.

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See file 1/14 folio 18.
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5. There is no doubt that the question of the status of Italian Prisoners of War is a most controversial one and it is difficult to make Italians understand the necessity to continue to hold certain Italians as Prisoners of War in the lines of communications in Italy and France while their fellow countrymen are fighting alongside the Allies in the line in Italy.

6. The President of the Council is definite in his opinion that the Prisoner of War question is one of the most important matters before his Cabinet.

7. While I am in agreement with the suggestion contained in para 3 of the President of the Council's letter that a meeting to consider the matter should be called, I recommend that in the first instance the original conference should be composed of Anglo-American and Italian Representatives only.

(Sgd) Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: A.F.H.C., G-3 Section,
Chief of Staff
Political Section

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Prepared by:

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COPY OF TRANSLATION

The President of the
Council of Ministers

Rome, 7 November 1944

I8502/IO477 - 1.7/19/5

Subject : Liberation of the Italian Prisoners of War transferred
to France.

Dear Admiral Stone,

You certainly know that 30 thousand Italian prisoners of war were transferred from North Africa to France last september.

The news of this transfer made our prisoners of war and the Italian Authorities hope that our soldiers would at least be allowed to take part directly in the fight against the common enemy, as the Government and the Italian people have been waiting to do, and still ask to be allowed to do, since the day that co-belligerence has been declare and acknowledged.

But this hope was disappointed for our soldiers were destined to the auxiliary services of the Allied Armies, and grouped in working units, remaining in the status of prisoners of war.

To the reasons of a legal political and moral order which render this status unjust and indefensible for all our prisoners of war in allied hands, wherever they are, and which have often been put forward, we must add, for those who have been transferred to France that they are now in the zone of action where the Allied Forces are operating, that they have the same activity of cooperation as the free troops of the Italian Government, in Italy, at the service of the 5th and 8th Allied Armies, and that they are probably destined to follow the Allied Armies in Germany, thus contacting the German populations, our prisoners of war, and the Italians interned in Germany.

The developement of this situation humiliates our soldiers and is prejudicial to the trust and dignity of the Italian nation.

As most of the measures relative to our prisoners of war decided by the Allied Authorities since 1943, this transfer shows that keeping our soldiers in the state of prisoners of war is a mistake which prejudices the interests of the Italian Government as well as

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those of the co-belligerence. Therefore, we renew the proposal to call together a meeting of the representatives of the Governments which are interested in this matter; they should have deliberative powers to examine and solve as a whole and in detail the great question of the Italian prisoners of war in the hand of the Allies.

Meanwhile, I think it my duty to draw the attention of the Allied Commission on the fact that it would be just and advisable to free at least the Italian prisoners of war who have been grouped in working units and transferred to France, so that they would become purely Italian units, ruled by our discipline, and under our command, as it is done in Italy for the Italian free troops, which do an identical work for the Allied Armies, remaining, as now, under the orders of the Allied Authorities as far as their employment is concerned.

Such a decision would not only remove the inconveniences that I have pointed out; and prevent the even more serious ones which might crop up later on, but also help to solve the question of the status of the prisoners of war which is one of the most important, among all those that the relations of co-belligerency with the Allied Government gave rise to.

I remain,

Truly yours

s/ L. BONOMI

Commodore Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission

ROME

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COPYIL MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

NQ/6/966/420

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION AC

On October 14th ult. the Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed a Memorandum (No. 6/774) to the Political Section AC wherein particulars were asked regarding certain information received on the employment of units of Italian prisoners of war serving with the Allied Forces in France. Admiral STONE has recently informed that 28,000 P.O.W. in American hands have been transferred from North Africa to France to be attached to the VII American Army for rear-line work.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs feels its duty to draw the attention of the Allied Commission on the measure adopted in respect of these P.O.W. and to point out that this measure is in contrast with international usage and with that political orientation towards a better understanding of the moral and political needs of the Italian nation, in which understanding the Italian Government places so much trust.

From the juridical point of view the Ministry of Foreign Affairs considers that there has been a violation of the 1929 Geneva Convention. Only by changing their status of war prisoners into that of free soldiers could the measure adopted in respect of these troops be considered admissible and permissible. So long as they maintain their status of prisoners it appears unquestionable that they should also be guaranteed the treatment and the protection that the international Convention laid down in their favour.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to point out that this decision, affecting so deeply the fate of a vast group of Italian prisoners, was taken without the Italian Government being not only consulted, but not even duly informed, as it might have been legitimate expect. In this connection the Italian Government need hardly confirm all that they have already stated concerning their intention and earnest wish to collaborate with all their power to the common war effort. They wish; however, to emphasize that this their intention cannot but be subordinated to the moral necessity that the Italian soldiers be placed on an equal footing and treated according to the normal standards of moral dignity and military honour.

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Q¹ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be grateful if the Political Section, A.C. will kindly acquaint the competent authorities with the above expressed point of view.

Rome, 6th November 1944.

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IPW/1/14/17

12 November 1944

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 November with reference to the question of the employment of Italian Prisoners of War in France.

It is my distinct impression that in the course of a conversation with Your Excellency on October 10th, when I informed you of the Allied intentions in this matter, that you concurred and, as a consequence of your having raised no objection to this course, I so reported to the Supreme Allied Commander on the following day.

From your letter under acknowledgement I assume that you have changed your view and that, at least, you desire the alternative use of these Prisoners of War in Southern France and under the orders of Allied Authorities as far as their employment is concerned, but under Italian discipline and command, i.e. as Italian soldiers, as distinct from Prisoners of War co-operators.

This view, as well as your suggestion that a conference comprising the representatives of the Government which are interested in this matter should be called to deliberate and solve as a whole and in detail the question of the prisoners of war in the hands of the Allies, I have submitted to the Supreme Allied Commander.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council
of Minister Italian Government
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ext: 300

Ref:

9002/26/cos.

11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Transfer of Italian P.O.W.

TO : Director,
W.M.D. & I.P.O.W. Sub-Commission, A.C.

1. The enclosed original and translation of a letter No. 2986 dated 9 November 1944, from Prime Minister Bonomi to the Chief Commissioner is forwarded to you for your attention and any action which you may consider necessary.

J.W. Shipp Ltr

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff

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Copy to: Major Quayle.

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Translation given to Major Quayle 11/14/44

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

2986

Rome, 9 November 1944

Dear Admiral,

I have noted carefully the points of your communication about the transfer to Italy in the near future of about 3000 Italian prisoners of war, in working units to be employed in the rear of the which are operating here.

This give me great satisfaction, for it means that an important number of Italian soldiers are coming home, and will be able to contribute actively to the common victory.

Nevertheless I deeply regret - as I have often pointed out - that these Italian soldiers too, will fight in their country, near their free fellow combattants, for the same military and political aims, maybe not far from their families, remaining prisoners of war, submitted to a discipline, an Authority, which though they are more than human, are not that of their own country. They would be far more efficient if they resumed their full military personality, and went back to the national army forces.

I hope that all the important problems connected with the Italian prisoners of war, which, to the great anxiety of the Italian nation, are still unsolved, will be resolved by the reunion of the representatives of the Governments, with resolute powers, the need of which I already pointed out several times.

I shall be most grateful for your help in this matter, and I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral Bley W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission

Trans. E.C.

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This is encl 200 in file I (R I).

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A/CC 383.6

SUBJECT: Apprehension of escaped Italian Ps.W (Co-operators)

TO: Chief of Staff.
Allied Force Headquarters.

The attached translation of letter No. 6973/M/I/C/2/B dated 22 September 1944 from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War is forwarded.

1. The case referred to brings up the question of what is the policy with regard to Italian Prisoner of War from co-operator units who proceed on leave, or absent themselves from the unit to which they are attached and do not return.

2. It is pointed out that the question of the Italian Government handing over; or helping in any way in the arrest of an Italian Prisoner of War who has absented himself and who claims he has escaped, opens up all sorts of political questions, and of course leaves the Italian Government open to attacks in the Press and elsewhere.

3. The question of the import into Italy of considerable numbers of Italian Prisoners of War was referred to this Headquarters by Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy in their letter No. AAI/3072/A(O) dated 4 July 1944, to which I replied by letters ASC/1/101 dated 16 July 1944 and A/CC 383.6 dated 18 July 1944 - (copies of correspondence attached).

4. Since writing the letters above referred to, I have received no instructions which set out the policy to be adopted, or any informations which I could pass to the Italian Government showing the action contemplated with regard to the reclaiming of Italian Prisoners of War who absented themselves or refused to return to the units with which they had been working.

5. A clear statement or directive on this question is requested.

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ELLERY W. STONE

Captain, USNR

Acting Chief Commissioner

Drafted by

WLD & IPW Sub-Comm.

IPW 2869
(246)SUBJECT:- Italian General Officers PW in INDIA.

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CR/455/G1(Br).9 Nov 44.Allied Commission
(for IPW Sub Commission)

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Reference your IPW 1/236 dated 2 Nov 1944.

2. The correspondence from the Italian High Commissioner forwarded under cover of your IPW 1/199 of 30 Sep has been referred to Commander-in-Chief, INDIA. As soon as a reply is received you will be informed.

No action necessary until we hear
further from AFHQ JAG 15/11/44

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O. GRANT, J. Comd.,
for Major-General,
DAG, G.1(Br).

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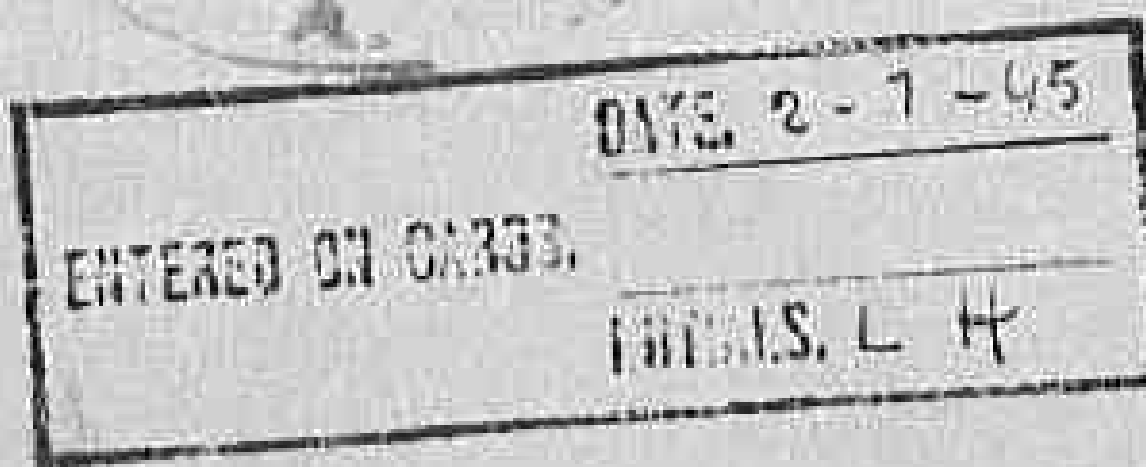
3 November 1944

SUBJECT: 2d Lt. CARDANO.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Under date of 22 September 1944 the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War made enquiry concerning the above named officer, and on 30 September 1944 your A/CC 383.6 transmitted the High Commissioner's letter to this Headquarters.
2. In the event that you believe it to be advisable to take this matter up with the High Commissioner at this time, it is requested that you indicate to him that 2d Lt Cardano gave his word of honor to the British officer in command of his unit that if he were allowed the privilege of seeing his family while the unit was in transit through Naples, he would return within a stated period. This he failed to do. Thereafter he was apprehended. It is felt that the Italian Government would not wish to accord its approval to the conduct of an officer who abused a privilege accorded to him by virtue of the trust placed in his word of honor.
3. For your own information it is believed that Italian prisoners of war in Italy are substantially all in British custody. Instructions have been issued in accordance with which absentees from prisoner of war units are apprehended by the British Military authorities.

By command of General WILSON:

*J. A. H. Cammell*
J. A. H. CAMMELL
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

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Escaped PW in Spain.

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Political Section.

12 November

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Reference attached correspondence - we spoke.

This matter was referred to me by G-5, A.F.H.Q.
who stated that it was proposed to concur with the
request made.

I attach a copy of my reply for your information.

JAC

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/244

11 November 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, APO 512.

Subject: Escaped Italian PW in Spain wishing to join
Loyal Italian Forces.

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Reference your G-5 - 383 - 8 dated 5 November 1944.

- 1/. I note that it is the intention to repatriate 27
Italians (Escaped PW) now in Villa Sanjurno Tetuan.
- 2/. The Allied Commission are in agreement with your
concurrence in this matter and request notification
of the ETA of these Italians so that the Italian
Government may be informed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

JAC

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

cc: Chief of Staff (2)
Political Section

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO : Colonel Campbell, Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission. 9 November 1944

Please afford the Political Section your views regarding this matter and what procedure you would suggest should the repatriation of these escaped prisoners of war be desirable.


WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

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Rome, November 7, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : Political Section, Allied Commission.

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Escaped Prisoners of war.

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum from the American Embassy in Madrid concerning the desire of the Royal Italian Embassy in Madrid to effect the repatriation of twenty-seven Italian escaped prisoners of war now held in Spanish Morocco.

A copy of the enclosure to the above memorandum, a letter from the Italian Charge in Madrid outlining the case, is also attached.

The American Embassy in Madrid requests an expression of opinion as to the competent Allied Authorities in this matter in order that the Italian Embassy may be appropriately advised.

Alexander Kirk

Enclosure:
Memo. from American Embassy, Madrid with enclosure.

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Royal Embassy of Italy
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Madrid, October 14, 1944

Mr. Ambassador:

The Royal Consul in Tetuan has informed this Royal Embassy of the presence in Spanish Morocco of a certain number of Italian soldiers coming from French Morocco and at present interned in the locality of villa sanjurjo:27 of them cherish feelings of loyalty and have expressed a lively desire to resume as soon as possible their place in the ranks of the Royal Army.

The soldiers in question took refuge in Spanish territory after having escaped from prison camps and therefore one might request the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here to make arrangements in order that they may be handed over to the Royal authorities for repatriation. However, seeing that all without exception were made prisoners in May 1943 by the American troops in Tunis and escaped later from concentration camps in French territory, I have the honor to request Your Excellency courteously to let me know in a preliminary way whether objections to their repatriation are perceived on the part of the Allied Authorities.

By way of information I add that the High Commissariat sent a note a few days ago to the Royal Consul in Tetuan concerning the reimbursement to the Spanish Government of the sum of 26,701 pesetas spent by the military authorities of the zone for the maintenance of the soldiers in question from the date of their arrival in Spanish territory until July 31st last.

Please receive, Mr. Ambassador, the expression of my high consideration.

(signed) LUCIANO MASCHIA

His Excellency
Carlton J.H. Hayes,
Ambassador of the United States,
Madrid

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

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IFW 1/243

10 November 1944

To : Headquarters, Rome Allied Area Command.

Subject : Italian PW Cooperator T/220553
Corporal VERDIROSI Alberto.

Reference your 32 AS dated 24 October 1944

The action taken with regard to the Italian PW Cooperator mentioned
above was in accordance with an arrangement made with A.P.H.Q., G-1(B).

JAC

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW 1/242

10 November 1944

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject : Alleged mistreatment of Italian PW.

/see 237.

Reference you 526/Pol/C.2 dated 19 July 1944

- 1/. As regards Camp N. 205, this was only a transit camp and was closed down as soon as it had fulfilled its purpose as such.
- 2/. No information is yet available from the French High Command, but the French Military Mission, Allied Force Headquarters, have been requested to hasten a reply.

J.A.CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub-Comm. 4612

(2410)

HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR P.W.

File N.1733/Fol./L-9

Rome 2nd November 1944

SUBJECT: Restrictions in the treatment of Italian Officers P. W.
in India.

TO: Allied Commission - Rome

It was agreed verbally on 10th December 1940 between the Italian and British Governments that the Italian Officers, prisoners of war held by the British Authorities, would be given the following monthly salaries;

General	L.	3.500
Lieutenant General	"	3.000
Major General	"	2.600
Brigadier General	"	2.000
Colonel	"	1.600
Lieutenant Colonel	"	1.400
Major	"	1.300
Captain	"	1.100
Lieutenant I	"	950
Lieutenant II	"	750

To the Italian Officers detained in India in camps the following sums were paid according to the above-mentioned agreement:

General	Ster.	48/12	Rupie	648/3/0
Lieut. General	"	48/12	"	648/3/0
Major General	"	36/2/3	"	481/8/0
Brigadier General	"	27/15/7	"	370/6/0
Colonel	"	22/4/6	"	296/5/0
Lieut. Colonel	"	19/8/11	"	259/4/0
Major	"	18/1/2	"	240/12/0
Captain	"	15/5/7	"	203/12/0
Lieutenant	"	13/3/11	"	176/15/0

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In the agreement no restrictions were provided with regards to the right of the prisoners of war to dispose of their salaries.

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It was only established that the prisoners of war could not have more than one pound cash at a time and the balance would be given in chits.

According to the agreement, the Italian prisoners of war could, up to July of this year, freely dispose of their money such as they were paid, in chits or as they were accredited.

Instead, since 15 July, according to information received by me, only a small part of the A/m currency (about one-sixth) is being left at the disposal of the PW, the balance being credited in the accounting books and considered as 'inaccessible' to the PW, but will be paid in full at the time of their repatriation.

It is not possible to know the reasons for such a restriction. However it injures the right of the prisoners of war to freely dispose of their salaries for their personal needs, according to ART. 22 of the Geneva Convention.

The trouble resulting from such a restriction is noticeable because the few remaining monthly rupees at the disposal of the officers (from 22 for a Lieut. to 50 for a Colonel) are insufficient to provide for their daily need of food, dress, and hygiene, as the cost of living has also increased in India.

These restrictions are very dangerous to the moral resistance of our prisoners of war, because of the feeling of trust which they want, and which they must have, in everything the Allies are doing for them, and especially for their own political ideas which cause them to doubt the interest the Italian Government is taking in their fate. Such troubles may even spread the seeds of rebellion which are already created in the minds of the PW by their exasperating existence.

The problem concerning the 'status' of our PW appears to become more and more urgent, as the importance of what is happening demonstrates, and I hope the Commission will draw the attention of the Allied Governments to all the issues regarding the irregular treatment of our PW.

I shall be very grateful if, while waiting for the liberation of our officer PW in India, this restriction will be taken away.

Generale Pietro Gazzera.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.6

5 November 1944

SUBJECT: Escaped Italian PW's in Spain Wishing
to Join Loyal Italian Forces.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Attached copy of memorandum from the
British Resident Minister dated 2 November 44, is
forwarded for your information. It is proposed to
concur with the request contained therein.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

B. P. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

Incl:
as above.

See 244.

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To: G-1(A)

From: British Resident Minister's Office.

The British Embassy in Madrid report that the Italian Charge d'Affaires there has heard from the Italian Consulate at Tetuan that 27 members of a group of Italian prisoners of war, who were captured by United States Forces in Tunisia in May 1943, subsequently escaped, and are now interned at Villa Sanjurno, Tetuan, wish to rejoin loyal Italian forces.

Before applying to the Spanish authorities for permission to repatriate these men the Italian Charge d'Affaires wishes to know whether we have any objection from the point of view of the allied authorities. We should be grateful if you would furnish us with your comments.

(init) A.R.

2nd November, 1944.

Copy to:

U.S. Political Adviser,
G-1 (B)
G-2

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 542

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G-5 : 383.11

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Treatment of Italian Neo-Fascist Soldiers.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Further to this Headquarters signal F 29562 of 24 Sept. 44 and your reply of 8-346 of 26 Sept. 44. For your information the following is paraphrase of signal sent to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

2. The Chief of General Staff of National Defence, under the presidency of the Provisional Government of the French Republic has given formal agreement that captured Italian Neo-Fascist soldiers shall be treated as prisoners of war in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

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

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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PRIORITY

ACTING CHIEF COMM.

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SECRET TO YOUR FOR TWO NINE FIVE SIX TWO ONE THREE OF SEPTEMBER TWO FOUR
 PAREN TO AFHQ FROM HQ AGC FIVE STONE PERSONAL PAREN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AGREE
 THAT ITALIAN NEO NAZI FASCISTS IN UNIFORM FIGHTING AND ORGANIZED UNDER PROVISIONS
 OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WHO MAY BE CAPTURED BY ALLIED FORCES SHALL BE TREATED UNDER
 GENEVA CONVENTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR

AUTHENTICATED :

ELBERT W. STONE
 Captain, USNR
 Acting Chief Commissioner.

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C O P Y

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In reply refer to:
IPW/1/233

4 November 1944

My dear Sir Noel:

Reference your letter No. 6/103/44 dated 11
October 1944.

1. After careful consideration, and for the following reasons, I am of the opinion that it would be unwise to repatriate the 10,800 Italian Officer Prisoners of War en bloc from India to Italy at the present time.

a. There is no hope of absorbing them into the Army at its present strength.

b. A large number who belong to the North would become displaced persons.

c. The Press is likely to attack the Government or the Allies if officers only are repatriated.

d. The supply of clothing or the necessary material to make clothes is extremely short. We have to accept approximately 10,000 Italian soldiers from Greece and the Balkans during the next two weeks, and the necessary clothing for these men has not yet been supplied.

e. There would be a further 10,800 mouths to feed, a very considerable proportion of whom would be ineffectives.

2. If, however, it is a matter of urgency that a number of Italian officers should be moved out of India, I suggest they might be diverted to South Africa and Kenya, since the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War complains that there are not sufficient officers to look after the welfare of the Italian Prisoners of War in the camps in these countries.

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3. Furthermore, if lists of officers whom it is desired to repatriate could be forwarded, the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War could examine the lists with a view to selecting those for whom immediate employment, could be found in Italy and the return of these particular officers could then be requested. A number of officers have already been asked for and these should, I think, be repatriated immediately.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG,
British High Commissioner in Italy.

Copy to:
Civil Affairs Section
Political Section
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Public Relations Officer

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War Relocation Authority

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.6

TBJ/BTR/seb
31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Alleged Mistreatment of Italian PW.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.Reference is made to your IPW/1/212 of
17 October 44.

1. As regards the allegations concerning PW in Camp 205, the High Commissioner should be informed that this was only a transit camp and was closed down as soon as it had fulfilled its purpose as such.
2. There is no information yet available from the French High Command concerning the remaining camps.
3. The French Military Mission, AFHQ, have been requested to speed the matter up and a reply will be given as soon as it is to hand.

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



T. B. Jackman
Lt. Col.
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

MR/NO

IPW 1/236

2 November 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512-US Army.

Subject: Italian General Officers PW in India.

Reference this office letter IPW 1/199 dated 30 September 1944,
same subject.

May we now be notified of such action as has been taken so that
a reply may be made to the High Commissioner for Italian Prisoners of War
please?

For the Acting Chief Commissioner.

JAC
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel
Director WIM & IPW Sub-Comm.

See reply 246

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IPW/1/228.
~~100/100~~

27 October 1944

Subject: Status of Italian Prisoners of War.

To: Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

- attached*
1. The attached translation of a letter received from the Italian Prime Minister is forwarded.
 2. The subject matter of this letter has been referred to you on a number of occasions in the past.
 3. I have to request that a ruling be given, and that I receive instruction that will put me in a position to answer the points raised by the Italian Prime Minister, and if possible, close this question.

/s/ Hilary W. Stone

HILARY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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" 287.

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Copy to:

G-5, Allied Force Headquarters.

Political Section, H.Q., A.G.C.

Prepared by

Lieut.-Colonel
Director, WMD & IFW Sub-Comm.

War Material Disposal and
Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission

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No. 2708

COPY TRANSLATION

Dear Admiral,

Rome, 8th October 1944

General Dapino, secretary of the High Commissioner for PW., has largely reported on his visit to the Italian PW Units attached to the British Army in the areas of Bari, Eboli, Maddaloni, Caserta and Capua. I still appreciate the chances of control that he has been given and the regards that have been paid to him.

These prisoners are effectively treated in conformity with the prescriptions of the Geneva Convention and with a liberal construction of their very spirit. Although General Dapino has seen but nearly a thousand of these fellows, compared with the many thousands employed in Italy in the services with the Allied forces, I am pretty sure that the same treatment is done to all the other Italian PW.

But this point has never worried the Italian Government, at least as far as its general proceeding is concerned, with reference to the Italian PW in American and British hands.

What mostly worries the Italian Government is the "status" of those compatriots of ours. This problem does not respond, as I have repeatedly proved, both juridically and politically, militarily and morally, with the new principles of relationship between Italy and the United Nations, while it is getting more and more serious by the gradual improving of these relationships, now that Italy is in a position to get a better chance of collaborating in the war and a greater independence of Government. It is not enough, in order to cancel the consequences of this "status" that our prisoners do not wear visible signs of it, nor be they classified "collaborators," or get a daily pass and periodic leaves.

They must be essentially returned to the fulness of their military personality and therefore, to their national armed forces where they belonged so that their discipline and action may be under control of military and civil laws and Italian authorities.

This being in their own country, working with their free comrades for the same military and political exigencies, sometimes in the atmosphere of their own land, and still remain at the mercy of the humiliating bond of being a PW under the empire of a discipline, a law and an authority that are not national, is for the PW almost as if they were banished from the national collectivity, as if they were outlaws, even in those cases where, either for deviation of sensibility or for irregular valuation of their own interest, they do not feel it. It is, however, for the Italian nation, a diminution of dignity and prestige deeply felt by.

And he who follows the Italian public opinion knows how far the Italian people are demanding how can a collaboration to the war of the Allies with no limits of subjects or sacrifices take place, if these fundamental reasons of justice and humanity are not considered by the Allies themselves.

Nor have the Allied authorities to worry about losing the effective collaboration of these units if the PW were returned to juridical and military freedom. I can affirm, in fact, that no difficulty would be risen by any Italian authorities neither for leaving these units at the Allies' disposal for the same employment, nor to replace them

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with other gregarious as fit as they are, if any of them should have to be sent home or, for any other reason, removed.

The free Italian soldiers attending to similar job with the Allied forces in Italy are, as it is known, several ten thousands.

Nor can I believe that the American or British public opinion might be hostile to such a decision.

It is true that American soldiers are fighting in Italy against some Italians still associated, for deviation of the national feeling, with the German armed forces; but it is either true that, at their side, other Italian soldiers are offering, together with the Allies, their lives in the common struggle, while still other Italians, in the rear of the common enemy, are facing the greatest dangers, with no rest, shrinking from no sacrifice, to relieve the weight of the struggle and to hasten the success of the common cause.

If, both in America and the United Kingdom, our prisoners' liberty might still be somewhere considered with disappointment by the population, for obvious reasons this disappointment can't exist (and would never rise) for any kind of liberty given to Italian PW in their own country.

Waiting, therefore, for this question to be faced and decided under a general criterium (as we hope it will be done in a conference, here or elsewhere, between representatives with full powers), I think that for the duration it would be a very provident act of legality and justice that would prevent a lot of anxieties of the Italian people and that would perfectly match with the Allied Government's new orientations as far as Italy is concerned, to return to fulness of freedom all of those PW of ours, who are in Italy, their own country.

Recovered by the Italian Armed forces where they belonged, with no change in their work, they would feel much better, through it, the interests of their nation, their fatigue would be vivified with a new fervour and the result would be certainly highly appreciated by the authorities under whose employment they are, in particular for its profitable efficiency.

So I beg you, dear Admiral, to give another time your kind consideration and particularly your consent and support for the solution of this grave problem, as we see it.

Cordially

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27 October 1944

My Dear Mr Prime Minister,

I have studied carefully your letter of 8 October 1944 on the subject of the status of Italian Prisoners of War.

As you know, the matter has been referred to higher authority on previous occasions, but for operational and other reasons a decision to alter or remove Italian Prisoners of War from Prisoner of War status could not be given.

I have again forwarded for consideration the case you have now presented to me regarding the status of Italian Prisoners of War working in Italy.

I shall, in due course, notify you of any decision which is taken.

Yours very truly,

14 Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government, Rome.

Prepared by

Lieut.-Colonel,
WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

Copy to: Political Section. ✓

WMD & IPW Sub-Com.
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EWS/ajp

23 October 1944.

Ref 800/11/003.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

Recent incidents arising out of the visits of certain Ministers of the Italian Government to areas in liberated Italy still in the military operational zone, that is to say, in the Army areas, have led General Alexander to the conclusion that it is undesirable that such visits should be repeated.

I do not deny the value, both to the population and the Ministers themselves, of such visits but my duty is to ensure that nothing should occur in these operational zones which may cause anxiety to the Military Commanders, a duty which I am sure you will help me to perform.

I would ask you, therefore, to note that only in the most exceptional cases can permission be granted to Ministers of the Government to visit such operational areas.

There will be no objection to Ministers and Undersecretaries of State visiting territories under the administration of AME South of the Army areas. In such cases permission should be sought from this Headquarters and Ministers and officials should visit the Provincial Commissioner or the nearest Provincial Officer in the area which they are visiting.

Yours very truly,

(SGD) ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE

Commodore, USNR

Acting Chief, Commission.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.
ROME.

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High Commissioner for PW

23 October 1944

File No. 1541/Pol/C.9

TO: Lt. Col. Campbell, A.C.C.,
ROME.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian PW.

*(F) all correspondence
with this office is in
file 9004/100*

1/. Reference to the possibility you have told me about, to repatriate from India 10,000 officers, who cannot be employed in work-units, which were organised in India without any preliminary agreement with the Italian Government and without the latter being informed about the locality and the kind of work they were assigned to.

2/. You asked me if the Italian Government:

- a. is ready to accept such a group of officers,
- b. is ready to receive them altogether at the same time.

3/. The answer of the Italian Government is as follows:

- a. The Italian Government, as it informed you several times, is always ready to welcome all the PW whose repatriation is granted by the Allied authorities, and particularly those who, being PW in India, East Africa, South Africa and Australia, have been detained for a long time. Naturally, for obvious reasons, it would prefer that not only officers, but also enlisted men, be repatriated.
- b. With reference to the actual case, the officers may be repatriated in groups of 2000 or 3000, so as to make it possible to properly receive them and to find them a proper place in the national (civil and military) life.
- c. Those groups should be repatriated at intervals of at least three or four weeks. 4595
- d. If so many officers would be repatriated, we beg you to still keep in mind the necessity to provide the above work-units with a sufficient number of officers.

On the basis of vague news and of what has been seen in the few work-units visited in Italy, we would observe that the number of officers in command is not sufficient.

4/. We call attention to the fact that in the Italian Army the type of the British and American non-commissioned officer does not exist. Therefore, it is necessary to assign to each work-unit a greater number of officers, i.e. at least one Captain per every 200 men and one 1st or 2nd Lieutenant per every 40 or 50 men.

5/. Finally, it is necessary that where a great number of PW exists, either living in a camp or organised in work-units, an Italian Colonel or General, with some other officer, be assigned to it for the sake of the morale and the discipline, as well as for due protection of Italian PW, who if necessary, can be represented by officers of appropriate rank.

High Commissioner for PW

Sgd.

(Gen. Pietro Gazzera)

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Vice-Minister of Defense

HQ ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO No. 794, US Army

Ref: 32A5

24 Oct 44

Subject: - Absentees - Italian PW Co-operators -
T/220553 Caporale VERDIROSI Alberto

HQ ACC

Copy to: HQ 3 District (your signal A657 of
18 Oct 44 refers)

On 9 Sep 44 the above named co-operator was apprehended in Rome by a combined police patrol as an absentee. He was handed over in arrest to the Carabinieri, Via Maggio 24, to await disposal instructions.

On the instructions of HQ 3 District, this HQ detailed one Sjt and an OR proceeding south from 159 Transit Camp to collect the co-operator and escort him to 209 PW Camp, but it would appear that the Carabinieri refused to hand him over. Copy of letter recently received by 159 Transit Camp from the Sjt concerned is attached.

It is pointed out that the references to Rome Allied Area Command in this letter are incorrect. Furthermore there is no Col CAMPBELL in this HQ.

It has subsequently been ascertained that a letter despatched from your HQ on 29 Sep 44 bearing ref JFW/1/193, addressed to Commandante 759 Coy (Italian GT) and signed by Col CAMPBELL instructed that VERDIROSI should stay in Rome to be attached to another Italian unit. VERDIROSI is now in fact located at Italian Army Gp, Via Po 32.

In view of the regulations that require an absentee co-operator on apprehension to be returned to a PW Camp for onward despatch to N. Africa, your early explanation of the circumstances in which this man was retained in Rome will be appreciated.

HEADQUARTERS
25 OCT 1944

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A. L. LOUDEN
Major
DAAG
G-1(Br)

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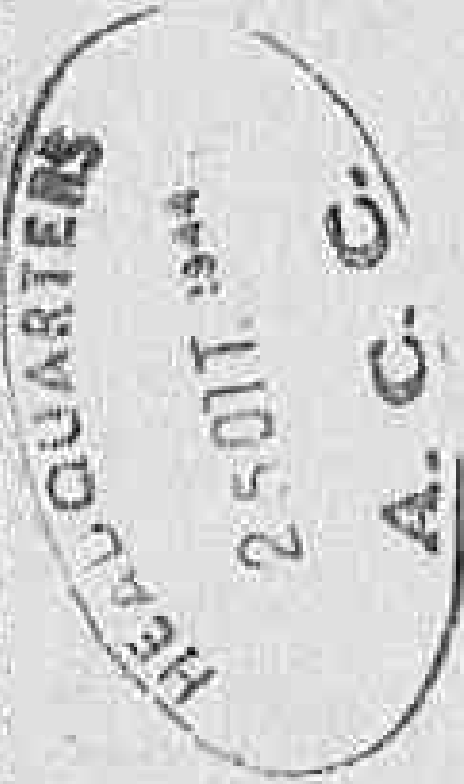
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5/10/44

13035033 Sjt FW BEAVIS
No.2 Sqn RACTD, CMF.CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Sir,

Re my instructions of 27/9/44 as escort to Cpl VERDIROSI (Italian co-operator).

On the 27/9/44 I went to the Carabinieri in Rome in order to collect the said man.

I was taken to see the chief officer who explained that the said Italian co-operator's case was being examined by the Rome Allied Area Commander and that his release from 759 Italian CT Coy was under consideration, by an officer in the Rome Allied Area Commander's office named Col CAMPBELL.

The chief officer of the Carabinieri tried to contact the said Allied officer, but had not been able to by the time I personally had to leave Rome. I therefore considering that my movement was of first priority left the Carabinieri without the Italian co-operator.

(Sgd) I remain Sir,
Your obedient servant,
FW BEAVIS Sjt 13035033

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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TO: A.F.H.Q. SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 5561
FROM: HQ. A.C.C. CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
REFERENCE No: ~~P.44174~~ PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 27 Oct. 44 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: WMD & IPW S/O

ITALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS ASKED THAT SUBJECT REFERENCE YOUR P.44174 BE REPATRIATED
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO #394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref. IPW 1/226

26 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have been directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to inform you that your letter of 8 October 1944 regarding Italian prisoners of war is being carefully studied and that the Acting Chief Commissioner will reply personally in the near future.

J. W. Leary
Brigadier
Chief of Staff
Maj H. L.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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HQ. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

GJC/th

IPW 1/225

24 October 1944

To : The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War

Subject : Repatriable classes.

Subject to the availability of shipping space the inclosed papers, for your guidance show the classes of Italian Prisoners of War eligible for repatriation to Italy. In addition they include the application form for use for Compassionate Cases, class D application.


J. A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub-Comm.

W. J. Thomas, Director and
Lt. Colonel of War Sub-Commission
APO 394, U.S. Army
24 OCT 1944

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Incl. 1 - As in above paragraph.

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TEL. NO. VALJEAN 35.

WM D 9 POW.
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15 Oct 44.

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H.Q.,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394,
U.S. Army.

Subject:- Serg. NINCI, Alfio.

With reference to your letter IPW.1/38/22 dated
8 Oct 44, there is no record at this HQ of the registration of
the above Italian, either as a PW or a Co-operator.

HEADQUARTERS
22 OCT 1944

A. C. C.

C.M.F.

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Pharm
Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon

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Director, WMD & IPW
Sub-Commission.

Reply to Prime Minister
Bonomi's letter.
Chief of Staff.

IPW/1/221

23 October 4.

Reference attached translation No. 2708 dated 8 October, 1944 from H.E. Bonomi.

It is quite impossible to draft a reply to H.E. Bonomi's letter for the A/CC signature without discussing the matter with him.

The question is one which has come up for consideration on a number of previous occasions and a ruling on the question has been asked for from AFHQ - but no sufficient answer has ever been given.

One difficulty in regard to altering the Status of PW Co-operators in Italy is that it opens up the question of the Status of all Italian PW throughout the world. Again a number of

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the Italian people have started to cry out that their PW in India, Australia and America are fast being forgotten and lost, and the effect of releasing PW in Italy from PW status might add fuel to their fire.

I suggest that I discuss the matter with you or the A/CC. An acknowledgement of the letter should be made to H.E. Bonomi.

It is possible that without discussing the question the A/CC may direct that Bonomi's letter be forwarded to

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IPW/1/221

Allied Force Headquarters asking for a suitable reply so that he may reply to the Italian President of Council.

Do you wish me to acknowledge the letter to H.E. Bonomi, or has this already been done?

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ever been given.
One difficulty in regard to altering the Status of PW Co-operators in Italy is that it opens up the question of the Status of all Italian PW throughout the world. Again a number of

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the Italian people have started to cry out that their PW in India, Australia and America are fast being forgotten and lost, and the effect of releasing PW in Italy from PW status might add fuel to their fire.

I suggest that I discuss the matter with you or the A/CC. An acknowledgement of the letter should be made to H.E. Bonomi.

It is possible that without discussing the question the A/CC may direct that Bonomi's letter be forwarded to

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Allied Force Headquarters asking for a suitable reply so that he may reply to the Italian President of Council.

Do you wish me to acknowledge the letter to H.E. Bonomi, or has this already been done?

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Encl. Trans. No. 2708.

J. A. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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HQ. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 294, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

RHD/td

IPW 1/219

22 October 1944

To : Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512, U.S. Army, Attention G-1 (A) Section

Subject : Repatriation of Italian PW, Private CURZI Antonio.

- 1/. Following the decision of recent telephone conversation (21 October) between Colonel Campbell of War Materials Disposal and Italian PW Sub-Commission and Colonel Baradant of G-1 (B) Section AFHQ, the following special case of an Italian prisoner of war is submitted. It is forwarded to your section as the soldier is now in the custody of American forces, apparently in North Africa.
- 2/. The tenor of this conversation was that in special cases where Italian citizens had assisted Allied prisoners of war to escape a request for repatriation of relatives of this Italian citizen could be forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters, and would be given consideration.
- 3/. The case in question is as follows:
"During the German occupation, a certain Father Curzi Parisio did valuable work on behalf of Allied refugee prisoners of war, as a result of which he was sentenced to two years hard labor by the German tribunal. He now requests the return home of his brother Pte CURZI Antonio, No. 21-1-210.164, Camp 304 Provost Marshal General, Washington D.C. (Address of prisoner quoted but not clear to writer). Pte CURZI is now understood to be located in Sicily at the Palermo Military Hospital."
- 4/. Major S.E. Selby, Allied Screening Commission, GAF, from whose letter we quote paragraph 3 above, goes on to say "It would be greatly appreciated if this request would be favorably considered, as it is the only form of recompense asked for by Father Curzi for his assistance to the Allied cause" 1/216
- 5/. Subject to available shipping space, this Headquarters recommends repatriation of Pte CURZI.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

2-1-45 ENTERED ON CARD. CHAS. L. H.
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J. A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub-Comm.

SUBJECT: Release of Italian PW.

Naval Liaison Officer (Italian)
A.P.H.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

OR/3021/01 (Gr).

18 Oct 44.

1. Reference memo FMOT/620 dated 12 Oct from the Italian Naval Mission (copy attached).
2. The decision to pass all requests for releases through Allied Control Commission was taken because of the necessity of coordinating all the requests received from different Italian authorities.
3. It is necessary for Allied Control Commission to see every request before authority for release can be given by this HQ. It is quite immaterial through what channels a request reaches them. Consequently any request reaching this HQ direct from any Italian Authority will be forwarded to Allied Control Commission before it can receive consideration.
4. The reference to "numerous authorities" is not understood. This Headquarters has always been the only authority for the release of PW in this Command. In the absence of any Italian HQ to undertake the co-ordination of requests for release it is necessary that this work be undertaken by Allied Control Commission, who are the only authority capable of assessing relative priorities.
5. There is no limit to the number of PW who may be released to undertake special tasks in furtherance of the Allied war effort, but it is emphasized that no man will be released where he is already being employed in work of equal or greater importance.

Encl.
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Copy to: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
(War Material Disposal & PW Sub Commission)

Anthony L. C.

A.S. BARBLOFF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.I. (Br).

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Anthony Cohen
A.S. BARBORP,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.I. (Br).

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20 OCT 1944
A.C.C.
has requested a list of PW
for release to the
DAG, G.I. (Br)
for release to the
DAG, G.I. (Br)

HQ. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

RD/amc.

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IPW/1/216/A

MEMO:

SUBJECT: Compassionate Cases.

- 1/. Reference the special case No.216 of this file (Italian giving special aid to Allied prisoners for escape) and in reference to the other classifications of compassionate cases it was agreed by telephone between Colonel Barisdorf and Colonel Campbell on 21st of October as follows:
- (1) When we so desired special cases could be referred to AFHQ such as
 - a) where the prisoner of war was the father and the only senior male member of the family
 - b) an only son or where other sons were prisoners of war
 - c) on compassionate grounds which do not come under our first charter
 - (2) It was also to be noted that all cases should go to AFHQ so that particulars in each case be checked through the branch dealing with payment to Italian NATIONALS who helped Allied prisoners of War.

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ALLIED SCREENING COMMISSION

C.M.F.

Tel: 66183.

14 OCT 1944

19/SSS/AL/1.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian P.Ws.

TO:- War Material Disposal and Italian
P.W. Sub- Commission
A.C.C.

Att: Lt-Col. J.A. Campbell, *see 145.*

1. Reference your letter JPW/1/145 dated the 18 AUG 44, it is desired to put forward the following case for your consideration.
2. During the German Occupation, a certain Father Curzi Parisio did valuable work on behalf of Allied refugee P.Ws. and Evaders, as a result of which he was sentenced to two years hard labour by the German Tribunal.
3. He now requests the return home of his brother, Pte Curzi Antonio, No 81-1-210. 104, Camp 301 Provost Marshall General Washington D.C., now understood to be located in Sicily, at the Palermo Military Hospital.
4. It would be greatly appreciated if this request could be favourably considered, as it is the only form of recompense asked for by Father Curzi for his assistance to the Allied cause.

S.S. Selby
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Major

Allied Screening Commission
C.M.F.

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/215

18 October 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.
Subject: PW Camp No. 305, Egypt.

See 207.

Reference your 1253/Pol/O.3 dated 5 October 1944.

- 1/. A copy has been forwarded to higher authority and I shall inform you in due course of any action taken.

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J. A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IFW/1/214

18 October 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Attention: G-5 Section).

Subject: Italian PW Camp No. 305.

See 207.

- 1/. Attached is translation of letter No. 1253/Pol/O.3 dated 5 October 1944 from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War in relation to conditions in PW Camp No. 305, Egypt.
- 2/. Please inform me of any action you take in this matter so that I may in due course, reply to the High Commissioner's letter.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

JAC
me
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/213

17 October 1944.

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Prisoner of War.

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Reference your 663/Pol/I-4 dated 7 August 1944 and further to this office IPW/1/151 dated 19 Aug. 1944.

- 1/. Allied Force Headquarters now state that they are ^{averse} ~~aware~~ to the separate publication in PW Camps of portions of the Geneva Convention.
- 2/. There is, of course, no objection to the publication of the whole of the Geneva Convention in the language of the PW at any camp, and in practice, the Convention in its entirety is made available at all PW Camps.
- 3/. The provisions regarding repatriation as referred to in my ASC/1/114 dated 22 July 1944 will in fact be worked to by those responsible for PW Camps.

For the Chief Commissioner:


J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

See 209.

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/212

17 October 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, APO 512.

Subject: Mistreatment of Italian PW by French and British.

Reference this office letter IPW/1/139 dated 8 August 1944 and IPW/1/162 dated 8 September 1944.

- 1/. May such information as is available please now be forwarded so that a reply may be made to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War?

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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See 237 nply.

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB-COMMISSION

211
IPW/1/303

13 October 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for PW.

Subject: PW Mail.

1. A conference was recently held at AFHQ to investigate the serious delays which have been occurring in the delivery of mail to Italian PW in British hands.
2. The delay was shown as being due in many cases to the incorrect or illegible addressing of letters to PW by their civilian correspondents. Steps are being taken to impress on PW the need of showing the correct return address clearly on their outgoing letters. It is, however, suggested that the publication of a suitable notice in the Italian newspapers drawing attention to the importance of letters to PW being clearly and correctly addressed, might further help to overcome the difficulty.
3. In other cases, delay was caused on account of censorship and owing to the move of the PW Censorship unit from Casablanca to Naples.
4. Steps have now been taken to overcome the cause of delay in censorship, and the ~~question of~~ delivery of mail to Italian PW should now be much quicker.
5. It was agreed that second-hand books could be despatched in bulk to Italian Co-operators, and PWB would be approached on this matter.

JAC
J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3008/G1 (Br).

9 Oct 44.

1. A conference was recently held at this Headquarters to investigate the serious delays which have been occurring in the delivery of mail to Italian PW in British hands. A copy of the minutes of this conference is forwarded for your information.

2. It will be observed that delay is shown to have been due in many cases to the incorrect or illegible addressing of letters to PW by their civilian correspondents. Steps are being taken to impress on PW the need of showing the correct return address clearly on their own outgoing letters. It is, however, suggested that the publication of a suitable notice in the Italian newspapers drawing attention to the importance of letters to PW being clearly and correctly addressed, might further help to overcome the difficulty.

H. J. Lamb 45976

H.D. HARPER, Captain,
Staff Captain,
for Major General,
DAG. G.1(Br).

HDH/DDKT.

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CR/3008/G4 (Br.)

MINUTES OF A MEETING held in CAO's Conference Room 1PHQ,
On Wednesday, 5 Oct 44.

PRESENT:

Major	P. THORP	G-1 (B)	Chairman.
Lt. Col.	J.D. CANNLEY	CHQ, 2nd Echelon.	
Major	C.H. ISAC	Postal Directorate (B).	
Major	C.N.O. BOYLE	G-2 (C.C.)	
Major	W.E. GREEN	Postal, A.G.C.	
Captain	J.V. MILANO	P.W.C.D.	
Captain	R.A. HOUSTON	P.M.G.	
Captain	F.J. SLAUGHTER	G-5.	
Captain	H.D. HARPER	G-1 (B)	Secretary.

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2. (a) Major GREEN stated that no delay occurred at the Office of Exchange in NAPLES except in cases where letters were wrongly or illegibly addressed. The NAPLES exchange was the only office for the treatment of mail passing between civilians in Allied occupied ITALY and PW. There was also no serious delay in mail reaching the NAPLES office of exchange from civilian post offices. A large number of letters was, however, badly addressed and action was called for to reduce this number. Major ISAC confirmed that much PW mail was incorrectly addressed. Major BOYLE suggested that all units employing co-operators should be issued with a rubber stamp giving the address 208 PW Camp to be placed by the responsible officer on all correspondence forms before issue to co-operators.
 - (b) Major GREEN stated that there was no serious risk of mail addressed from Allied occupied ITALY to 208 PW Camp being forwarded in error to ALGIERS.
 - (c) Major BOYLE stated that maximum delay in censorship was 3 or 4 days, but mail already censored and placed in bags for CHQ, 2nd Echelon was often returned to PW Censorship Detachment. Delays of up to 2 months also occurred between date of writing and submission for censorship. This might be due to delay in posting. Delay had also occurred on the move of PW Censorship Unit from CASABLANCA to NAPLES.
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- (e) Major THORP stated that it appeared that a substantial part of the delay had now been traced to transmission between PW Censorship Detachment and GHQ, 2nd Echelon, and that steps had already been taken to overcome this by the stamping of all letters, which practice Major BOYLE agreed should continue.

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3. Major THORP proposed that the address of 208 PW Camp should now be changed from ALGIERS, ALGERIA, to NAPLES, ITALY. This was agreed.

4. Major BOYLE stated that it was the practice to censor only a proportion of PW other ranks' outgoing mail, the proportion varying with the volume of mail. All officers' outgoing mail was, however, censored and it would be of assistance if this could reach the Censorship Detachment in separate packets.

Major THORP saw no difficulty in arranging this.

5. Major THORP raised the question of the supply of second-hand books to Italian co-operators in view of censorship regulations.

Major BOYLE saw no objection to second-hand books, whose subject matter had the approval of a responsible Allied authority, being despatched in bulk to units employing co-operators, provided there was no likelihood of interference before or during transit.

Major THORP proposed to approach P.W.B. on the matter.

6. Major THORP summing up recorded the following decisions reached:-

(a) That steps should be taken, possibly by the use of rubber stamps, to ensure that PW outgoing mail bore correct return addresses.

(b) That the address of 208 PW Camp should be changed to "NAPLES, ITALY".

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7 Oct 44

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GHQ, 2nd Echelon.
C-2, (C.G.).

C-5.

P.M.G.

Postal Directorate (B).

Headquarters, Allied Control Commission (Postal).

Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment, APO 512, US ARMY.

Postal Directorate, Regional HQ, A.C.C. NAPLES.

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SUBJECT:- Leave - Italian Co-operators.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3018/G1(Br).3 Oct 44.

This Headquarters' CR/3018/G1(Br) dated 26 Aug 44 will be amended as follows:-

Para 1.

DELETE existing instructions

and INSERT:-

" 1. Leave is permissible for Italian co-operators throughout SICILY and Allied Occupied ITALY as far north as Rear Army Control line."

Para 2.

After "7 days" INSERT:-

"exclusive of travelling time"

As amended by HQ.

PT/wel

A.S. BAREDOFF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1(Br).

Distribution:-

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HQ, M.A.A.F. (Org 5). (3)
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Camp Commandant (Br) AFHQ.
G-2.
P.M. (Br).
Enemy Prisoner of War Section (British), B.N.A.F.

Headquarters,
North Africa District.
No. 1 District.
No. 2 District.
No. 3 District.
56 Area.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

OR/3018/G1(3F).

26 Aug 44.

1. Leave is now permissible for Italian Co-operators as follows:-

<u>Stationed in.</u>	<u>Allowed.</u>
SICILY ITALY	Throughout SICILY Allied Occupied ITALY as far North as Rear Army boundaries.

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3. C.O.'s. may grant passes for one night to a maximum of one per man per week, which will not count against the above leave periods.

4. Not more than 5% of the co-operator strength of a unit will be on leave at any one time: absentees without leave will mount against this entitlement, but men on night pass under para 3 will not be included in calculating this percentage.

5. Priority for leave will be given to men with families in the areas to which leave is permitted.

6. No additional expense will be incurred by the British Government as a result of the grant of leave to co-operators. Co-operators may travel to their leave destination in WD transport provided that no Allied personnel are displaced and that the transport does not deviate from its scheduled route.

7. The grant of leave to co-operators will be conditional on the proved good conduct of the individual concerned. Co-operators proceeding on leave will be warned that if they deliberately overstay the period allowed they are liable to be relegated to the status of non co-operator, and will in any case be posted to a unit in NORTH AFRICA on their return or apprehension. They should also be informed that the granting of leave is a privilege liable to be withdrawn if there is any undue increase in the number of absentees without leave.

8. All co-operators proceeding on leave will be issued with a pass as shown at Appendix 'A' to this letter and will draw 7 days 4573
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ITALY

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 Enemy Prisoner of War Section (British). B.M.F.
 Camp Commandant (B) AFHQ. G-2.

Headquarters,
 No. 1 District.
 No. 2 "
 No. 3 "
 56 Area.
 North Africa District.
 P.M. (Br).

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 A.S. BARS DORT,
 Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
 for Major General,
 D.A.G. G.1(Br).

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alle ore.....(data) per recarsi

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Place
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Signed
Firmato

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SUBJECT:- Conditions under which Italian PW are employed as co-operators in ITALY.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3001/G1 (Br).

9 Oct 44.

Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
(War Material Disposal and PW Sub-Commission).

With reference to Brig. Gen. DAPINO's visit to this Headquarters after his tour of units employing Italian co-operators, the following information is forwarded to answer a number of the points he raised:-

1. RECORDS.

The French Authorities have been approached with a view to their supplying lists similar to those now being forwarded from P.W.I.D. London for PW in British custody.

(This Headquarters' letter CR/3068/G1 (Br) of 4 Oct refers).

2. LEAVE.

An instruction has now been issued that leave is to be granted exclusive of travelling time: the actual travelling time granted is left to the unit commander's discretion.

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On receipt of a letter from Gen. DAPINO addressed to all Italian officers, it will be distributed with a covering note drawing the attention of British officers to the facilities which now exist for making remittances.

4. MAIL.

A conference on this subject has just been held at this Headquarters. It has been established that a large amount of the delay has been caused by incorrectly addressed correspondence, and the necessary instructions to rectify this are being issued. It was also established that a number of difficulties have recently been overcome and that the volume of mail has increased considerably since Gen. DAPINO's visit. It has been decided to alter the return address to 208 PW Camp, NAPLES, ITALY - all such correspondence will automatically be sent to the Italian Postal Tracing Section at GHQ, 2nd Echelon. The PW Camp address is being retained to avoid possible reprisals on relatives in enemy occupied ITALY.

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A conference on this subject has just been held at this Headquarters. It has been established that a large amount of the delay has been caused by incorrectly addressed correspondence, and the necessary instructions to rectify this are being issued. It was also established that a number of difficulties have recently been overcome and that the volume of mail has increased considerably since Gen. DAPINO's visit. It has been decided to alter the return address to 208 PW Camp, NAPLES, ITALY - all such correspondence will automatically be sent to the Italian Postal Tracing Section at GFQ, 2nd Echelon. The PW Camp address is being retained to avoid possible reprisals on relatives in enemy occupied ITALY.

X 5. RELEASES ON GROUNDS OF AGE AND LENGTH OF CAPTIVITY.

The decision to repatriate the over 60's and 50 - 60's was received at this Headquarters from the Chiefs of Staff at the beginning of August. The compiling of lists of those eligible in this command has taken some time, but it is thought that the first releases will be reaching ITALY shortly. In the case of other commands the distances involved are greater and therefore a somewhat longer delay must be expected, as repatriation is entirely dependent on the present shipping situation, and is subject to the approval of the command concerned. X

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6. WELFARE - BOOKS.

It has been agreed that there shall be no ban on the sending of books (either new or second-hand) to co-operators anywhere in this command, and that these books shall not have to pass through censorship. The only stipulation is that a list of titles should be submitted for approval by some competent authority before despatch. P.W.B. have been asked to undertake this work.

7. COMPASSIONATE RELEASES.

The yardstick on which applications for compassionate release will be considered may be taken to be as suggested by Captain DERBY and discussed with Major THORP.

8. RETENTION OF RANKS.

No N.C.O. of the Italian Army may be deprived of his rank by other than the Italian Authorities, in accordance with the Geneva Convention. An N.C.O. co-operator when employed on duties of a lower rank is paid at a lower rate, but is always returned to duties suited to his rank as soon as possible.

Pt/wel

Encls.

Anthony Chen

A.S. BARS DORF.
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAF, G.1(Br).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/lasc

(209)

G-5: 383.6

7 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of POW.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394

-Encl-52 - see 150

1. Reference is made to your IPW/1/152 of 19 August.
2. Staff sections here concerned with the administration of POW Camps are averse to the separate publication in such camps of a portion of the Geneva Convention. There is of course no objection to the publication of the whole of the Geneva Convention in the language of the prisoners at any camp, and in practice the convention in its entirety is made available at such camps.
3. The provisions regarding repatriation as referred to in your letter will in fact be worked to by those responsible for POW camps.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.



ACRN informed
see (213)

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SUBJECT:- Italians arrested in ROME.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

OR/3525/G1 (Br).

By Oct 44.

Commandant,
209 PW Camp.

1. Reference your 209/PW/3646 dated 14 Sep 44 concerning nominal roll of Italians received from the Allied Control Commission, ROME, and list of Italian PW held by you including those taken by the ROME police.
2. It has been agreed that those arrested in ROME by the Italian civil police and any similar cases which are not a normal commitment of your unit shall be returned to the custody of the Italian Government.
3. Will you please make the necessary arrangements for their transfer direct with Major COXHEAD, SCAPO, Rome City, who has stated that the Italian authorities are prepared to accept and will remove the bodies from 209 PW Camp to CASERMA MACAO in ROME.

PT/wel

P. THORP
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1 (Br).

Copy to:- Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
Major COXHEAD, SCAPO, Rome City.



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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

5 October 1944

File No. 1253/Pol/C.3

To: A.C.C.

ROME

Subject: Camp No. 305

We have been informed that in Camp No. 305 in Egypt many Italian PSW have been massed, of whom a part, which is in minority, declared to be attached to Fascist ideology and faithful to the old regime; the other part, instead, more numerous, is antifascist.

Among the latter there are many good Italians who suffer from being put together with a minority of violent persons who assert themselves with threats and brutality.

It seems that hot discussions and riots between both parties have already taken place. The fact is not only deleterious for the discipline, but also has an undesirable influence upon the morale and the state of health of the PSW.

We have reasons to admit that the non-Fascist PSW are completely reliable from the "security" point of view, being serious and disciplined. The fact that they have not immediately accepted the proposal for collaboration, which have been made to them, can be explained by the circumstance that they have not received it in the form of an order from the Italian authorities as prescribed in the Italian Armed Forces.

I, therefore, beg the ACC to kindly take into consideration the possibility to transfer all those PSW who are not detained in Camp No. 305 for "security", to another camp so as to relieve their moral suffering due to the life in common with armed Fascists, PSW.

It is important for us all, that the PSW may be put in a condition which allow them to be useful as much as possible from the standpoint of quantity and quality, and to be also able to return home physically and morally fit for the material and spiritual reconstruction of their country.

The High Commissioner
s/General Pietro Gazzera

See 215 Ask.

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The High Commissioner
s/General Pietro Gazzera

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See 214 Action

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File

1. POW 35

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SUBJECT:- Notifications - Italian Prisoners of War.ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.OR/3066/01 (Pr).4 Oct 44.

The Controller,
Prisoner of War Information Bureau,
Curzon Street House,
Curzon Street,
LONDON, W.1.

1. Reference para 4 of this Headquarters' letter of even reference dated 30 Aug.
2. The question of how these records will be maintained up to date after arrival has been raised by Allied Control Commission.
3. It is presumed that duplicates will be maintained by you for all records of PW as long as they remain in British custody, and that notifications will continue to be made to you by all commands holding Italian PW.
4. It is not known whether it would be a practicable suggestion for these notifications also to be made direct to RUC in order to avoid delay.
5. It would be appreciated if you would forward your views on this matter in due course.

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7 OCT 1944

A. C. C.

See attached list of names
noted in the list of names
for Major General,
D.O. G.I (Pr).

PT/DKT.

Copy to:- GHQ, 2nd Echelon.
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission. ✓
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394.

29 September 1944.

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SUBJECT : Funds of repatriated Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : C-5, Financial Advisor,
A.P.H.Q.

I should be grateful if you would reply as follows to
Signal 79679 F4 (PW) of 26 September.

" To Troop for F4, repeat F5, from Graffey-Smith.

Para. One : Reference your 79679 F4 of 26 September,
Cassera gives names of Marshall Mosse and Generals Orlando
Berardi and Cassera. He is unwilling ascertain exact
amounts or furnish further names. He states that this
procedure now appears to have ceased.

Para. Two : Wish bring your notice procedure outlined
in WX-69743 of 31 August addressed Devers and Eisenhower
from Agwar from Provost Marshall General remittances by
US held Italian Prisoners of War are to be channelled
through AF accounts in USA limited to 100 dollars in any
one quarter. Such procedure differs widely from
present British system.

Para. Three : Cassera states that Italian War Depart-
ment will shortly begin paying British remittances at
rate of 400 to £.

Para. Four : Visit by British expert would still be
welcome."

ap
Colonel,
Joint Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION 4565

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.6

24 September 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War - General Policy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Acting Chief Commissioner).

1. Reference is made to your letter of 28 July 1944 together with the enclosure from General GAZZERA, the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, dated 22 July 1944 (File 588/POI/14/2).

2. All Italian PW's under the control of U.S. authorities, who have volunteered for and are employed in Italian Service Units are paid at the rate of 80 cents a day for each day of work (40 cents a day while hospitalized in line of duty), plus 10 cents a day gratuitous allowance to enlisted men. From this total there is deducted the amount of post exchange items issued. The resulting net monthly total is deposited to the individual's credit in the U.S. Treasury Trust Fund and entered on the individual's service record. Against this credit, a monthly cash advance is actually paid during the period of internment, on the following scale:

Major & above	2600 Lire
Captain	2400 Lire
1st Lieutenant	2200 Lire
2nd Lieutenant	2000 Lire
Sgt & NCO's above Sgt	800 Lire
Pfc and NCO's below Sgt	600 Lire
Pvt.	500 Lire

Upon the release or repatriation of a prisoner of war, a certificate is given him outlining the total amount of credit due to him. This certificate reads as follows:

'This is to certify that _____

_____ Surname First Name Rank ISN
is a prisoner of war in custody of the United States Government from
_____ to _____ has a credit
Date of capture Date of release or closing of account
balance of \$ _____

Amount in figures for the period stated, which has been deposited to his account in United States Treasury "Trust Fund 218915-Deposits, funds of civilian internees and prisoners of war", supported by approved payroll vouchers.'

In accordance with G.P.W., Art. 24, 28, 34, and 77, each liberated PW is thus furnished with the above certificate of credit. Actual deposits are being made in the United States Treasury Trust Fund. This Trust

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Fund cannot be expended for any other purpose than for which it was established. The credits and actual cash payments made as above are believed greater than corresponding ranks are paid in the Italian Army.

Since no wage scale has been fixed by agreement as noted in GPV, Art. 34, the wage scale of \$.30 daily for voluntary labor, (for supervisory labor by officers only), is considered a fair wage, compared to the wages of the Italian Army and the ratio of pay of civilian employees on the same or similar projects.

In accordance with G.P.W., Art. 23, and in addition to the pay scale outlined above, officers are paid the same amount as the Italian Government would pay them as officers in the Italian Army. All payments made on these conditions must be reimbursed at the end of hostilities by the Italian Government. Accordingly the accounts of Italian officers are credited in addition, as follows:

Major and above	\$40.00 per month
Captains	\$30.00 per month
Lieutenants	\$20.00 per month

Credits given to Italian PW's as wages for work are not reimbursable by the Italian Government and are not considered in the same light as "pay" as construed in this article. The monthly allowance of \$3.00 (10¢ per day) to each enlisted man is gratuitous and is, therefore, not reimbursable by the Italian Government.

3. The conditions of employment of PW's under the control of the U.S. authorities who have volunteered for and are employed in Italian Service Units are equal in all respects to the conditions of employment of American Service Troops. Italian PW's work six days a week, not more than 10 hours a day, on the same projects as our service troops, and their conditions of living are also exactly the same. Where facilities in the area are available, pyramidal tents and improvised cots are given to the Italian Service Unit personnel. A modified United States ration, more palatable to Italians (increased ration of starches), is furnished. Even with the shortage of critical items for recreation and athletics, it has been possible to issue sizeable quantities to Italian Service Units. Wherever possible and practicable passes have been issued.

4. Italian PW's under the control of the British authorities are paid as follows:

Credit Accounts are maintained for all PW's who receive the privilege of drawing a proportion of these credits in cash. There are facilities for the remittance of sums from credits to their dependants.

The following are the rates of pay in force for Combatant PW's

COMBATANT OFFICERS

OTHER RANKS (Weekly)

Rates of pay for protected officers are somewhat higher.

On release each PW is given a certificate of credit outstanding to his account. Under a War Office Instruction the payment of these credit balances will be the responsibility of the Italian Government. The Italian Government has agreed to immediate payment of some or all of these credits to dependents nominated by co-operators themselves (instead of to PW on release) and many have already taken advantage of this scheme.

5. Where Italian PW's are held by the British authorities their treatment is similar to that afforded British Troops, as far as possible, and in no case do working hours exceed those of British Troops. They are clothed in British uniforms and fed on a special ration scale. (The scale of the latter is not quite the same as the British Army Field Service Ration Scale, but compares more than favourably with that of the Italian Army). A free issue of cigarettes is included. Passes are granted permitting co-operators to leave quarters unescorted for recreational purposes, but in NORTH AFRICA this is subject to the concurrence of the Local French Authorities. All co-operators on Italian soil are allowed up to one sleeping pass out per week, and in addition leave periods up to seven days are granted (on full pay and rations)

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during which men are allowed to go to their home addresses in Allied occupied ITALY. Facilities exist for recreation and for them to purchase Canteen supplies, e.g. chocolate, cigarettes, etc., in the same manner as for British Troops.

6. The Italian Government has been aware of the fact that Italian PW's have been organized in units under both U.S. and British authorities. General CASTELLANO, representing the Italian Military Mission, recently visited each of the base sections in North Africa and inspected living and working conditions of Italian Service Units and reported to Lt. General DEVERS that he was pleased with the work and accommodations given Italian PW's. The Assistant President of the Italian Red Cross recently has written, "I never thought I would find our prisoners of war in such good morale and physical condition."

C. M. Spofford
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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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War Relocation Authority

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Subject: - Change of Address - E.P.W. Section

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAL/3072/1/A(O)

9th AUG 44

Main HQ EIGHTH Army,
Rear HQ EIGHTH Army,
HQ 1 District,
HQ A.C.G.

Army Sub-Commission (MIA) HQ AGO.

Appended copy of letter O2E/37936/EPW dated 29 Jul 44, is forwarded for information and compliance.

JSS/VRT

Copy to: - GIC 2nd Echelon
G.S.I.
A(PS)
AAC(LO)
Colonel Meground

Brigadier,
DAG,

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TEL NO. 02E 59

All P.O.W. Camps
All (Ex) General Hospitals.

Subject: - Change of Address - E.P.W. Section.

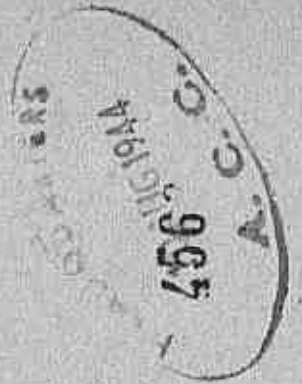
1. On and after Monday, 7th August 1944, Army Form W.3000, all Returns normal enquiries and Personal Effects relating to enemy prisoners of war which, at present, are addressed to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon, B.N.A.F., will be addressed as follows:

Enemy Prisoner Of War Section
(British)
B.N.A.F.

The address must be in full as above.

2. The address for telegrams and cables is:-

Enemy Prisoner of War Section (British)
Provost Marshall
M.B.S.



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02E/27936/DEF
28 Jul 44

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3. The monthly return, as at 15 Aug 44, called for in this H.Q. Letter No. 02E/15046/DEF dated 24 Jul 44 will be addressed as above.

B.N.A.F.

(Sgd)

????Lt. Col. for
Brigadier, DAC
CHQ 2nd Echelon.

Copies to:- Main Headquarters A.A.I.
A.F.H.Q., G1(E) A2 UNAT
H.Q. North Africa District
HQ No. 2 District
HQ No. 3 District
Prisoners of War Information
Bureau, LONDON W.1.

It is requested
that routine ind-
ividual enquiries
regarding I.T. may
be addressed as
above

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

R/3103

26 September 1944 ✓

SUBJECT: Applications for Release of P.O.W.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

1. Request that this headquarters be informed as to what action should be taken on applications from Italian civilians for release of Italians held as Prisoners of War by the Allies.

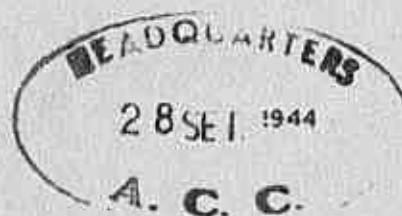
2. These applications are numerous and are being held for further instructions from you.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Paul Revere

PAUL REVERE,
Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant.

CBM/vv



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Pro-forma which was sterilized was
sent out to all regions.

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