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Appendix "I" to AFHQ letter AG 386.3/163-0
dated 8 August 1945.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

USE OF BUFF POST-CARD - AFW3494

POST TO AND FROM GERMANY.

1. On receipt of this instruction every Prisoner of War/Surrendered Enemy Personnel will be permitted to complete and despatch to his next of kin one buff postcard. This will contain prisoner of war authorized address. (See Paragraph 18). Upon receipt of this card the next of kin may tear off the bottom half of the card and post it back to the sender with a message not exceeding 25 words. If the buff cards cannot be delivered, due to the absence of the addressee, it will be automatically forwarded to a Central Enquiry Bureau in the appropriate zone of occupation.

2. The supply of these buff cards is limited. Only one card will be issued to each Prisoner of War. The prisoner will be required to show his pay book or other documents as evidence that his registered next of kin resided in the BRITISH, US or FRENCH zone. Buff cards will NOT be issued to prisoners whose next of kin reside in the RUSSIAN occupied Zones of GERMANY or AUSTRIA.

3. On 19th September any GERMAN civilian in the BRITISH, US or FRENCH Zones who had not received a buff card and who had reason to believe that a near Wehrmacht relative was in BRITISH, US or FRENCH zones or in prisoner of war camps under BRITISH control, may write a message not exceeding 25 words on a special green coloured postcard and despatch it to the Central Enquiry Bureau, Hamburg.

4. The Central Bureau will, wherever possible, effect contact between the member of the Wehrmacht and his next of kin by the interchange of addresses and redirection of the green and buff postcards.

5. Both the member of the Wehrmacht and the civilian having once received the address of their relative, may conduct future correspondence by ordinary postcard not exceeding 25 words once per week in accordance with the existing Postal and Censorship arrangements. This card is AFW 3494. Each PW is permitted to have one AFW 3494 per week.

6. For the purpose of this scheme the term near relative will cover:

Wife	Brother)	
Mother	Sister)	where no other near relative is
Father	Son)	living.
Legal Guardian	Daughter)	

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7. In cases where Part (iii) of the buff card is addressed to a destination in the US or FRENCH Zones, the sender will delete the word "Hamburg" from Part (iv) and insert "American Zone" or "French Zone" whichever is appropriate.

8. On receipt of a reply from next of kin the prisoner may proceed as in paragraph 5.

9. Prisoners will be informed that any attempt to mutilate or disfigure the buff cards, or to send messages in code may result in this privilege being withdrawn.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref IPW/1/Pol/512 25 Sep 45

SUBJECT : Release of Italian Prisoners of War

TO : APHQ, G-5 Section

Reference your (unnumbered) letter of 6 Sep.

1 The Italian Government has been informed of the contents of the last paragraph of your letter and informed that application for priority in release cannot be accepted except upon the grounds there stated.

2 It is presumed that requests for priority releases of specialists which have already been made will be complied with. There is an implied undertaking to this effect and it is assumed that it is not intended that this shall be broken.

FOR THE CHIEF DOMINION

M Carr Brigadier

M. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section

See 513

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

IFW/V/Pol/512 25 Sep 45

SUBJECT : Release of Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Minister of War
Minister of Post War Aid

With reference to the letter of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs number 6/3400/4451 of 31 Aug 45.

1 The communication by IFW Sub-Commission related only to Prisoners of War and in view of the fact that plans for repatriation en bloc will shortly come into force, the repatriation of individuals for special reasons except on medical or extreme compassionate grounds, is to be discontinued.

It is requested, therefore, that with this exception, no further applications for priority releases of POW should be submitted.

2 The cases of civilians still interned have practically all been recently reviewed and the only persons still detained are those when it is considered unsafe to release. It follows that an application of the release of such persons on the grounds that their services would be useful or for reasons of health or compassion will not be entertained and no object will be served by making applications for such releases. It is requested therefore that no more should be submitted.

You may be assured however that these cases are constantly under review and that as circumstances change further persons are released as their potentiality to cause danger ceases.

3 This will apply to all classes of cases mentioned in your letter.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M Carr Brigden
Lt. Col. Brig.
VP CA Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 386.3/163 - O

24 September 1945

SUBJECT: Organization and Administration of German Service Units Under British Control in ITALY and AUSTRIA.

TO: All Concerned.

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file as above, subject: "Organization and Administration of German Service Units in ITALY and AUSTRIA," dated 8 August 1945 as amended by letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 29 August 1945.

2. Index page to above instructions is amended to delete the asterisk after the subject "Postal."

3. Paragraph 18, page 12, (Inclosure 2 to letter dated 29 August 1945, mentioned above) is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"18. PW/SEP MAIL - GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS.

a. GENERAL. A two way mail service is instituted for the use of PW/SEP of German and Austrian nationality, to those areas of GERMANY and AUSTRIA occupied by BRITISH, US and FRENCH Forces.

b. ADDRESS.

(1) The postal address of PW/SEP held in PW Camps will be:

Number Rank Name
No 'AJ' PW Camp
NAPLES, ITALY via MUNSTER

(2) The postal address of PW/SEP working in German Service Units or permanently working in hospitals will be:

Number Rank Name
Unit Designation
'AJ' PW Camp
NAPLES, ITALY via MUNSTER

eg A 90000 Cpl SCHULTZ, H.
808 German Gen Tpt Coy,
'AJ' PW Camp
NAPLES, ITALY via MUNSTER

c. OUTGOING MAIL. OsC PW Camps and German Labour Units will despatch outgoing correspondence from PW/SEP under official cover to

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'AJ' PW Camp
NAPLES, ITALY.

d. INCOMING MAIL.

(1) If the addressee is not with the unit to which correspondence is addressed, the OC Camp or Unit should redirect it to his new camp, or unit, or to any hospital to which he may have been admitted, if the necessary particulars are known. Redirected correspondence should be included with outgoing correspondence and forwarded to 'AJ' PW Camp in accordance with the arrangements outlined in paragraph c above.

(2) If the addressee's new address is not known, the OC Camp or Unit should have it endorsed 'Left Unit. Address not known'. Such correspondence should be forwarded to EPW OZE, either directly in official packages or bags or through 'AJ' PW Camp for onward transmission.

(3) Correspondence received at EPW OZE will be re-addressed in accordance with the addressee's latest known location. Redirected correspondence will then be forwarded in official packages or bags as appropriate, either directly to the unit or address or through 'AJ' PW Camp for onward transmission.

e. Instructions for the use of official buff postcards AFW 3494 are at Appendix I."

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. A. STUKEY
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl
Appendix I to letter,
AFHQ, file and subject
as above, dtd 8 Aug 45.

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10 - Hq British Military Mission in GREECE
100 - Hq XIII Corps
50 - Hq No. 1 District
125 - Hq No. 3 District
30 - Hq Rome Area Allied Comd
10 - Hq Allied Commission
25 - Hq 21 Armd Bde
10 - Hq 21b Sub Area
2 - Land Forces Sub-Com, AC
10 - GHQ 2d Echelon
1 - Tn (Main Rome)
150 - Hq No. 2 District
1 - Signals (B)
1 - Hq Inf
2 - DST
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12 - Ord (B)
1 - EME
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1 - CAO
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1 - G-1 (B) A5
2 - G-2
1 - G-3 (Ops)
1 - G-3 (Org-2)
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3 - MTOUSA POW CON
1 - Arty Sec

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1 - Prints (B)
1 - PW & RS
1 - Postal (B)
1 - D. Salvage
1 - DFTC
1 - Army Fire Service (B)
2 - Camp Comdt (Br) AFHQ
1 - AFHQ Messing Unit (B)
1 - G-3 (Org-4)
10 - G-3 (AMO)
1 - DMT
1 - G-4 (A)
1 - G-4 M & Tn
1 - USEFET
1 - CALA (SHAEF)
1 - G-4 (B)
1 - Log Plans
1 - Central Stats
2 - O(Maint)
2 - O(AF)
2 - G-5
1 - RAC
1 - Survey (B)
1 - Tn (B)
2 - C-in-C Med
1 - RAF MEDME (ALS)
50 - MEDME (RAF-Org)
25 - Spares to G-3 AMO
1 - PW Accounts Office CM
1 - Welfare (B)
1 - DST (for ACC)
2 - AG Records

INFORMATION COPIES:

1 - The Under Secretary of State for War, The War Office LONDON.
1 - CMC, Middle East
1 - CMC, Middle East (for O(AF)4)

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1 C. COM.
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1 LOMBARDIA REG.
1 IPW S/C.
1 NAVY S/C
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Italian PW.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. It is reported that continually increased demands are being submitted for the release of Italian PW in all parts of the British Empire because they are needed urgently for the rehabilitation of Italy.

2. Up to the present it has been the policy to release special PW cases provided that they were required to fill a post calling for specialist qualifications and that they were screened secure.

3. With the conclusion of the war and the repatriation to Italy by overland route some 400,000 Italians from North-West Europe it would seem that there is very little justification for the majority of these requests. The shipping involved might well be used for purposes of more direct assistance to the Allies.

4. It is suggested that the time has come to inform the Italian Government that except in medical or extreme compassionate cases no further Italians willbe repatriated by sea route except as they are repatriated in conformity with the release schemes of the holding governments. Unless you can set forth some other legitimate exceptions or overriding reasons which may not be known at AFHQ it is requested that you inform the Italian Government of the impracticability of continuing to act on individual cases except as noted above.

ALLIED COMMISSION
7 SEP 1945
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A. L. HAMBLEN,
Brigadier General GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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

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IPW 1/~~1122~~ 511

14 September 1945

Subject : War Establishments.

To : Civil Affairs Section,
Att. Lt.Col. E.H. WHITE

1/. With reference to conference of even date.

2/. By 1st December 1945 it is estimated that there will be approx. 360.000 PWs awaiting repatriation from overseas.

3/. This Division will require a minimum establishment of

1 Lt. Col.
1 Major
1 Captain.

Ellis Hoar

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JAMES E. REGIS
Lt.-Colonel
Chief
IPOW Division

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PAREN TO MEDIAT INFO CITE PEGAS FROM ALCOM CITE ACTION PAREN

PARA TWO PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT STATES ALL SERVICE RENDERED BY COOPERATOR PETER CROSS WILLIAM WILL BE CONSIDERED AS HONORABLE SERVICE WITH ITALIAN ARMY FOR PAY PROMOTION PD

PARA THREE PD LETTER FOLLOWS WITH FULL DETAILS PD

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NICHOLAS PISCITELLI
CPT., U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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IPW S/C 3341

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SUBJECT:- Documentation - Drafts of repatriated Italian PW.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(Br)/3072/A2.

4 Sep 45.

The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office,
LONDON, S.W.1

Reference Troopers signal 79978 FW1 of 27 March 45.

In view of Headquarters, Allied Commission letter IPW/1/471 of 24 Aug 45 (copy attached) it would be appreciated if you would draw the attention of all Commands concerned to the necessity of compliance with instructions contained in the above-quoted Troopers signal, and instruct them to forward, in future, one copy of nominal roll to this Headquarters and two copies to Headquarters, Allied Commission, IPW Sub-Commission, ROME.

T.R. CONNERON,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE.

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Copy to:- Headquarters, Allied Commission IPW Sub-Commission.
(Your IPW/1/471 of 24 Aug 45 refers).

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

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IPW/1/508 12 September 1945

SUBJECT : Treatment of Repatriated Prisoners of War -

TO : Headquarters A.M.G. - NAPLES Command -

1. Your c/1356 dated 25 August 1945 refer.

2. The suggestions forwarded with your letter have been noted and will doubtless be of assistance.

JAMES R.REGIS
Lieut.Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

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return of seamen at present juncture when there is little hope of employment for them would not help present situation in ITALY.

Not desired to bring pressure to bear on Italian Govt when there are still many cases outstanding of PW who were requested many months ago as specialists. Many over age repatriates overdue.

Service and Carabinieri personnel no longer admissable as specialists.

It is requested the situation be reviewed at a later date.

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WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL &
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION
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28th Aug. '45

SUBJECT : Proposed repatriation of Italian Merchant Seamen from ERITREA

TO : AFHQ for G 5
Copy to G1 (Br) A2

1. Your G 5:044.33=16 dated 2 Aug. and MEF 512/D/136/CA dated 22 June refer.

2. In confirmation of conversations at AFHQ recently, and subsequently by telephone today (Capt. BROODBANK this HQ= J/Cdr WESTON and Capt. BATTY speaking) please note that it is the opinion of Navy Sub Commission this HQ that the return of these seamen at the present juncture when there is little hope of employment being found for them, would ~~be a serious~~ embarrassement to the Italian Authorities. in Italy

3. To bring pressure to bear to obtain the Italian Government's acceptance of their release would appear inconsistent at a time when

(a) ~~i)~~ There are many cases still outstanding of PW who were requested ~~some~~ months ago as specialists
ii) who are overdue for repatriation on grounds of age

(b) Navy, Army, Air Force and Carabinieri personnel ar no longer admissable as specialists.

4. It is requested therefore that repatriation of both Lists A and B of MIDEAST letter be deferred.

Seamen Sailors and the other Prisoners of Italy

For the Chief Commissioner

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J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut. Colonel
Director
WAD & IPW Sub Comm.

On copies 3 4 5 only. - "Copy to Navy S/C. Alcom

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

31 Aug.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

1. The Presidency of the Council of Ministers has informed this Ministry that according to a communication by the A.C. (P.O.W. Subcommission) the repatriation of Italian p.o.w. is now in a conclusive stage and therefore it is no longer possible to consider repatriation requests concerning single cases of p.o.w. whose repatriation is deemed necessary for work in connection with the Country's reconstruction.

2. The Presidency of the Council of Ministers in sending out such communication made reference to circular letters n.7075 dated 21 June 1944, n.10933/10477/1.1.19.5 dated 9 August 1944, n.16166/10477.1/19.5 dated 11 October 1944, n.23598/10477/1.3/19.5 dated 20 January 1945, n.254/10477.1.1/19.5 dated 24 January 1945 and n. 28429/10477/1.1/19.5 dated 2 March 1945.

3. In view of the fact that some of the a/m references concern civilian internees, it would seem that the aforesaid Allied Commission's communication does not deal only with p.o.w. but with civilian internees as well. However the Presidency of the Council of Ministers has been unable to make clear this point.

4. In view of the above, it will be greatly appreciated if the Allied Commission will inform this Ministry whether their communication to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, mentioned in para. n.1, regards the following categories of civilian internees:

a) Italian Government's officials and employes whose employment is possible;
b) Officials of important national institutes, banks, schools, railroads etc., whose employment is possible;
c) Officials and employes of organizations whose efficient functioning is essential in connection with the immediate plans for national reconstruction;
d) Persons, included in the preceding categories, who should be repatriated because of their health or their age and for whom the Italian Government is ready to assume responsibility;
e) Other internees, not included in the preceding categories, whose repatriation is desired because

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of health, age or because their families are in distress owing to the repatrees' prolonged absence.

5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank the Allied Commission for an early reply on the subject.

Rome, August, 31st, 1945

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PARA THREE PD LETTER FOLLOWS WITH FULL DETAILS PD

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NICHOLAS PICMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant

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Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO AUTONOMO
REDUCI PRIGIONIA DI GUERRA E RIMPATRIATI

Roma, 6 Settembre 1945

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Al la WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN P.W. SUB COMMISSION
R O M A

Prot. N. 41/6479 RPGR Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Servizio prigionieri di guerra cooperatori.

Per le segnalazioni che saranno ritenute opportune si comunica che il Governo Italiano ha disposto perchè ogni attività o servizio prestato (oppure offerto) da prigionieri di guerra per la cooperazione sia considerato come prestato presso le Forze Armate Italiane; ciò ai fini dell'anzianità, dell'avanzamento, del trattamento di quiescenza e di ogni altro effetto di legge.

In tale senso, nel maggio u.s., l'allora Alto Commissariato per i prigionieri di guerra ha telegrafato ai RR. Ambasciatori a Londra e Washington ed alle Potenze protettrici dei nostri prigionieri di guerra nei domini e colonie britannici e nell'India perchè ne informassero gli interessati.

Si soggiunge che, per quanto riguarda la parte amministrativa, i prigionieri in questione, indipendentemente dai particolari compensi che ricevono dalle potenze detentrici, conservano sino alla loro liberazione il trattamento di cui fruivano all'atto della cattura. 4835

IL GENERALE
CAPO DELL'UFFICIO AUTONOMO
(A. Mannerini)

A. Mannerini

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

WMO & GW (62)

Originator's Reference: A5/42033
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 291000

Message Centre No: F/5864
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 301100
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM MIDEAST

TO : AICOM INFO AFHQ

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Many Italian PW held in MIDEAST have impression that PW service as cooperators does not count towards reckonable service with Italian Army. Definite ruling urgently required to combat morale deterioration. Pleaseobtain full statement upon effect of PW service on Italian Army service for pay promotion etc from Italian authorities for circulation to PW. Signal reply.

Col Regan HEADQUARTERS Scan 6 Sep 45
30 AUG 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
MILAN OFFICE
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB-COMMISSION

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AC-M/WMD/3 — 25 August 1945

SUBJECT : Policy I.P.O.W.s .

TO : WMD & IPOW Sub-Com. A.C. Rome

The enclosed letters are passed for your attention. As this office occasionally receives queries regarding I.P.O.W.s, would you please forward any directives or summaries of the duties and responsibilities of the IPOW Sub-Commission, so that matters which should be dealt with by other administra - tions are not referred to Rome.

I.S.Drew
Major, R.A.
O i/c WMD Sub-Com.
Milan Office.

Passed to H.C

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO. 394.

25 August, 1945.

C/1356.

SUBJECT : Returned Italian POW.

TO : HQ. A. C.

The attached note of suggestions on questions of policy on the treatment of returned prisoners of war is forwarded to you for such action as you may decide.

28 AUG 1945

J. A. C. PENNYCUICK
Colonel
Commissioner.

Reply - See 508

Col Regio Encl A

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO. 394.

21 August, 1945

SUBJECT : Returned Italian POW.

The following are suggestions and complaints put to me by Col. Bauer, at our meeting this morning:

(1) - The lard ration compares unfavourably with the Italian Army ration.
The Reduci receive 6 grams (lard or oil) per day. The Army receive 28 grams. This causes ill feeling though the Reduci's ration is larger than the civilian. Col. Bauer expressed the wish that their own rations should be cut to increase that of the reduci. The present ration is unsufficient to cook the Pasta ration provided.

(2) - There are 300 (approx.) Reduci per week for Sardinia. One ship per fortnight is suggested to be regularly laid out to carry them.

(3) - A two day warning of day of arrival of ships carrying ex-POW should be given, and should contain the following information: a) Total number of returning POW; b) Number in Army, Airforce and Navy as here each is dealt with by a separate organization; c) Number in each of officers and ORs; d) Number of men that are sick.

(4) - Facilities should be provided to enable POW to change money (Algerian, French, German, etc. Not British or American).

(5) - All returning POW be allowed to retain and bring with them their equipment, in particular their water bottle as local military authorities are unable to supply any.

(6) - Medecines as used by Allied Medical authorities are required to carry on in the same way any treatment a returning Reduce may be under on arrival. In particular Calcium, Bismuth, and Arsenobenzol.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
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24 August 945

SUBJECT: Documentation - drafts of repatriated Italian PW.

TO : AFHQ for G-1 (Br)
AFHQ for PMG MTOUSA

1. May action again please be taken to ensure that dispatching Commands render nominal rolls to this Headquarters (for attention this Sub-Commission).

2. It is necessary that such rosters should be received prior to the arrival in Italy of repatriates.

3. As nominal rolls are almost invariably stencilled, may two copies please be supplied and not only one, so that details may be passed speedily by this Headquarters to the Italian Authorities.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A.CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Comm. 4831

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ED/pb

Rome 10th August 1945

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IT. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR POW

TO : Allied Commission
Sub Commission for Italian
POW and WMD.
ROME

N.2857 - Pol/A.5

SUBJECT. Changing of the High Commissioner for POW into POW Bureau.

We forward for your information a copy of a letter n.2857 dated 10 August 1945 subject as above.

For the High Commissioner
Gen. V. Dapino

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ITALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR POW

TO : Allied Commission
Sub Commission for
Italian POW & WMD.
ROME

N. 2857/Pol/A - 5

1°) From to day on the High Commissioner for POW changes its name into POW Bureau and becomes part of the Ministry of Post-war assistance.

2°) The Chief of the POW bureau is Doctor Fausto Nitti.

3°) The address will remain the same, and all the pratics regarding the repatriation of Italian POW will have to be addressed to the:
Ministry of Post-war assistance POW bureau - Corso Vittorio Emanuele 116 - Rome.

4°) We beg your Sub Commission to inform all the dipendent firms of what mentioned above.

5°) General Dapino, General Secretary of the High Commissioner will remain at the disposal of the Ministry of Post-war assistence.

For the High Commissioner
Gen. V. Dapino

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L'Alto Commissario
per i prigionieri di guerra

N.2857 Pol./A-5

Roma li 10 agosto 1945

OGGETTO: Trasformazione dell'Alto Commissariato Prigionieri di Guerra in "Servizio per Prigionieri di Guerra".

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per i p.d.g.ital.
R O M A

Si trasmette, per conoscenza, copia della lettera n.2857 in data 10 corr. di questo Alto Commissariato, relativa all'oggetto.

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE
(Gen. Vincenzo Dapino)

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Roma, 10 Agosto 1945

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per i prigionieri di guerra

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OGGETTO: Trasformazione dell'Alto Commissariato Prigionieri di Guerra in "Servizio per i Prigionieri di Guerra".

ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI - Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DEGLI INTERNI -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELLA RICOSTRUZIONE -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DEL TESORO -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELLA PUBBLICA ISTRUZIONE -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELL'AGRICOLTURA E FORESTE -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA E COMMERCIO- Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DEL LAVORO -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E TELEGRAFI -Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE -Gabinetto -

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELL'ASSISTENZA POST-BELLICA -Gabinetto -
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
AL COMANDO GENERALE CC.RR.
AL COMANDO GENERALE R.GUARDIA FINANZA
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -Uff.Autonomo Reduci e Rimpatr.
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -Direz.Gen.Pers.Uff.
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -Direz.Gen.Pers.Civ.e Aff.Gen.
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -Direz.Gen.Leva Sottuff.e Truppa
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -Direz.Gen.serv.Commiss.ed Ammin.
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -Gabinetto - Ufficio dei Generali -
ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI -Ufficio Stampa -
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -Ufficio Stampa -
AL COMITATO INTERNAZIONALE CROCE ROSSA -Via Gregoriana n.28 -
ALLA CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA - Via Puglie n.6

R O M A

1°)- Da oggi questo Alto Commissariato per i Prigionieri di Guerra si trasforma in "Servizio per i Prigionieri di Guerra" passando a far parte integrante del Ministero per l'Assistenza Post-Bellica.

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ISTITUTO POLIGRAFICO DELLO STATO

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SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian PW.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(Br)/3821/A2.

19 Aug 45.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
IPW Sub-Commission.

Reference your IPW/1/487 of 3 Aug 45.

1. It is again pointed out that all British Commands, holding Italian PW, have been instructed by War Office to repatriate such PW who are over 60 years of age or over 50 with two or more years of captivity, subject to availability of shipping and security considerations.

2. In paragraph 2 of this Headquarters letter CR/3899/G1(Br) of 8 Mar 45 you were informed that War Office emphasised that the movement of these PW is governed by the availability of shipping and that no priority can be given to such movements.

3. As stated in this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 10 July 45 this Headquarters has no ~~instructions~~ indications that War Office instructions are not being carried out by the Commands concerned.

4. The position regarding the repatriation of sick and wounded Italian PW was clearly set forth in CR/3822/G.1(Br) of 5 April 45 and it is the opinion of this Headquarters that the British Commands concerned effect the repatriation of these PW as speedily as possible.

T.F. BAYNTUM,
Major, A/A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG., G.1(Br).

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Regd
Lt. Col. Lindbank
Lt. Col.
Chief Clk

ACTION: I.P.W. S/C

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 383.6/221 GPG-O

9 August 1945

SUBJECT: Matters Pertaining to Italian Prisoners of War

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

In the future, Headquarters Allied Commission will communicate directly with Provost Marshal General and G-1 British of this headquarters on matters pertaining to Italian Prisoners of War. Communications on this subject will not be passed through G-5 Section, this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

AGR/104.3

20 March 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

TO : WMD and IPOW Sub-Commission
Attention: Capt. Alper

Chief Clerk
This seems old.
File it

1. We have requested the Agricultural Division of Lazio-Umbria Region to comment on the procedure for handling repatriation requests after that area is handed over to the Italian Government, for our present procedure is to refer the requests to the Regional Agricultural Officer for investigation. The following has been received in reply:

"The previous cases have been referred to Ispettorati Agrari Provinciali, whereas, in view of the imminence of the handover of our business, the case in the reference letter has been referred to the Ispettorato Compartimentale, in order to enable a follow-up.

After conversation with the Ispettorato today, it is suggested that for the sake of simplicity of handling, and reduction of links in the chain, future cases should be referred by the WMD and IPOW Sub-Commission directly to the Ministry of Agriculture, in cases not involving AMG territory, as no AC facilities will continue to exist for checking in Southern Italy."

2. In the event that it will be agreeable to submit the requests for investigation direct to the Ministry of Agriculture, in cases not involving AMG territory, we will pass the word to the Regional Agricultural Officers now in that area, so that they can advise the Ispettorati Agrari, etc.

Leland G. Allbaugh
LELAND G. ALLBAUGH
Director

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24 JUL 45

REPATRIATION and DISPOSAL of PRISONERS of WAR, SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, etc.

MINUTES OF AFHQ/USFET(CDPX) JOINT COMMITTEE

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JUNIOR	
TAC	1
SAC	1
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G-1 (B)	3
G-2	1
G-3	1
G-4	2
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G-5	3
Q (Petrol)	1
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Major	C. R. WORTHINGTON	Tn Sub Commission

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MTOUSA POW COMMAND

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Lt Col	J. L. TOMLIN	
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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

1. AFHQ will accept, through the BRENNER, an average of 4,500/5,000 Italians per day including one trainload for destinations in the SOUTH of ITALY.

2. AFHQ will take up, with the SWISS authorities, the question of repatriation via the BREGENZ route in accordance with the BERNE Agreement.

3. AFHQ will investigate the possibility of accepting 1,200 GREEKS from the European Theatre.

4. USFET(CDPX) will examine the possibility of repatriating GREEKS by air using returning MEDLOC aircraft.

5. There is no possibility of using MEDLOC Shipping, returning from MARSEILLES to MIDEAST, for the repatriation of GREEKS.

6. Several of the decisions reached at the WIESBADEN Medical Conference are unworkable and will have to be reversed. USFET(CDPX) will re-examine.

7. Returning MEDLOC B trains may, under authority of BAS PARIS, be used for conveyance of DPs.

8. Northern Italians ought not to move by sea from MARSEILLES to NAPLES, but should move overland direct into NORTH ITALY.

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MINUTES.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

(a) Statement of Figures by Nationality of Personnel to be Repatriated (Min 1).

Lt Col CARROLL quoted the following figures of personnel still requiring repatriation from the European Theatre to the Central Mediterranean Theatre:-

ITALIANS	278,000
GREEKS	10,000

Lt Col GOODMAN quoted the following figures of Displaced Persons still requiring repatriation from the Central Mediterranean Theatre to the European Theatre:-

	ITALY	AUSTRIA	TOTAL
BELGIANS	110	-	110
BRITISH	652	-	652
LUXEMBOURGERS	14	-	14
DANISH	151	-	151
DUTCH	83	-	83
FRENCH	900	-	900
CZECHS	192	431	623
GERMAN	64	182	246
LATVIAN	6	182	188
LITHUANIAN	28	-	28
NORWEGIAN	2	-	2
SWISS	41	-	41
ESTONIAN	71	-	71
POLES	5568	5026	10594
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(b) The Documentation Problem (Min 4)

Col LAUBEN and Lt Col BARSDORF agreed that the documentation problem was now solved except for some difficulty with regard to inter-zone transfers.

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(e) Priority of Movement for PW over DPs (Min 11)

Brig de RHE PHILIPE pointed out, in connection with the second paragraph of this minute, that his previous statement was "it was the intention to repatriate all Italians before the end of September" and not "before September".

Continued...../2. POSSIBILITI...

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2. POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING CAPACITY OF BRENNER ROUTE AND OPENING OF BREGENZ ROUTE

Lt Col CARROLL outlined the unsatisfactory state of repatriation within CDPX territory. On 1 JUL 45, he said, the situation appeared good. Up to 35,000 RUSSIANS per day were being repatriated and a flow of 5,000 ITALIANS per day had been agreed. Unfortunately, RUSSIA suddenly closed her borders to incoming repatriates but continued to send out large numbers of refugees, GERMANS, POLES, CZECHOSLOVAKIANS and etc. Moreover, the capacity of the BRENNER route reached only 3,000 per day, and later dropped to 2,000 per day whilst the BREGENZ route had not opened as expected. He therefore, asked if AFHQ could increase their rate of acceptance from the European Theatre.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE replied that the problem in ITALY is one of internal distribution rather than rate of acceptance. Limitations are imposed by the fact that there is only one rail connection between NORTH and SOUTH ITALY, namely, LINE 69, VERONA - BOLOGNA. The effect of this bottle neck is such that, with the extensive movements required in connection with redeployment, MEDLOC and redistribution of military stocks, AFHQ had failed, during the past month, to meet the minimum AC disease and unrest programme. In about six weeks time, added Brig de RHE PHILIPE, it is hoped to open another line across the River PO, but in the meantime it is not possible to accept through the BRENNER more than one trainload per day of DPs destined for the SOUTH of ITALY.

Col FINDLAY stated that AC were prepared to accept one additional train load per day of ITALIANS for destinations in the NORTH of ITALY.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE summarised the position by saying that AFHQ would, therefore, accept, through the BRENNER, an average of 4,500/5,000 ITALIANS per day including one train load for destinations in the SOUTH of ITALY.

Major SCHAFER drew attention to the fact that the present average is only 2,300 per day and this rate of flow is too low to effect the complete movement before the winter.

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With regard to the BREGENZ route, Major WISHART reported that the SWISS authorities state they have only sufficient coaching stock available to repatriate 1,000 ITALIANS per day at the present time, and are unwilling to accept box cars or GERMAN rolling stock. They wish to complete the movement of ITALIANS out of SWITZERLAND before commencing the cross-country journey over the BREGENZ route. This would be effective about 1 AUG.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE stated that this was not in accordance with the BERNE Agreement and arrangements will be made for AFHQ reps to take the matter up with the SWISS authorities.

Continued...../3. REPATRIATION.....

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3. REPATRIATION OF GREEKS VIA ITALY

Lt Col CARROLL reported that the agreement by AFHQ to accept 2,000 GREEKS over a period of two weeks from 15 JUL had not been fulfilled.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE apologised for this failure but pointed out that there is still no prospect of any sea lift across the ADRIATIC. There are already 800 GREEKS in BARI awaiting repatriation and Brig de RHE PHILIPE undertook to investigate the possibility of accepting a further 1,200 as a token arrangement.

Arising out of this, G/Capt PAKENHAM pointed out that Lancaster aircraft which will shortly provide the MEDLOC air lift will be empty on the return journey for about the first fortnight. If GREEKS could be concentrated on the line of route, say PARIS, they could be flown direct to ATHENS (HASSANI Airport). Major WISHART added that the rate of acceptance at PIRAEUS has previously been established at 3,000 per month.

Major de HAAS stated that he was aware of this potential air lift and CDPX are pursuing the matter.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE added that the effective commencing date would not be before about 5 AUG.

In reply to a question from Major de HAAS, Brig de RHE PHILIPE stated that there was no possibility of using MEDLOC ships, returning from MARSEILLES to MIDEAST, for the repatriation of GREEKS.

4. AMBULANCE TRAINS

Lt Col WILLIAMS outlined the decisions reached by the MEDICAL authorities at the WEISBADEN Conference on 12 JUL as follows:-

(a) The suggestion that terminal points should be established in ITALY and GERMANY and a shuttle service of Ambulance Trains should run in between was not accepted.

(b) It was decided that independent movement should take place direct between British Zones in both Theatres and direct between American Zones in both Theatres.

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be empty on the return journey for about the first fortnight. If GREEKS could be concentrated on the line of route, say PARIS, they could be flown direct to ATHENS (HASSANI Airport). Major WISHART added that the rate of acceptance at PIRAEUS has previously been established at 3,000 per month.

Major de HAAS stated that he was aware of this potential air lift and CDFX are pursuing the matter.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE added that the effective commencing date would not be before about 5 AUG.

In reply to a question from Major de HAAS, Brig de RHE PHILIPE stated that there was no possibility of using MEDLOC ships, returning from MARSEILLES to MIDEAST, for the repatriation of GREEKS.

4. AMBULANCE TRAINS

Lt Col WILLIAMS outlined the decisions reached by the MEDICAL authorities at the WEISBADEN Conference on 12 JUL as follows:-

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(d) On the American side it is proposed that FIFTH ARMY shall send three trains weekly to THIRD ARMY for the first fortnight and thereafter one train daily alternately to THIRD and SEVENTH ARMIES.

(e) Figures in British Zones were:

5,000 ITALIANS in 21 ARMY GP Area
7,500 GERMANS in ITALY.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE ruled that several of the decisions reached at WEISBADEN were unworkable and would have to be reversed. In particular, the proposal that British-held GERMANS could only move to 21 ARMY GP area and American-held GERMANS only to USFET area was wasteful and seemed quite unnecessary. It bore no relation to the areas in which

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the GERMANS lived or apparently to availability of hospital accommodation in GERMANY. Moreover, arrangements for separate provision of hospital trains by "AFHQ" and by "5 ARMY" would be unworkable in ITALY where all railway equipment is pooled.

Col MCKENZIE pointed out that movement of ambulance trains from the SOUTH of ITALY must also be considered in relation to the capacity of LINE 69 BOLOGNA - VERONA.

Lt Col BARSDORF confirmed that the sorting of patients according to their areas of origin in GERMANY presented no difficulty.

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Brig de RHE PHILIPE explained that repatriation of JUGOSLAVS via TRIESTE was not possible at the present time.

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Lt Col CARROLL disclaimed all knowledge of this movement but expressed regret that it had occurred.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE pointed out that this movement was irregular for two reasons:-

(i) It is forbidden to move homeless persons.
(ii) Previous acceptance must always be obtained for other than ITALIAN nationals.

7. TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS - CONTROL POINTS

Representatives were requested to exchange information regarding telephone numbers of control points.

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The following number is now available:

Capt. R.G. HEYNEMAN Br Rep BERNE Tele 21913

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8. RETURNING MEDLOC "B" TRAINS

Col FINDLAY referred to the suggestion made at the BERNE Conference that returning MEDLOC "B" trains could, in the early stages, be used for repatriating DPs via DOMODOSSOLA.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE stated that MEDLOC "B" would commence with one train daily on 23 JUL and two trains daily as from 31 JUL. The capacity of each train is 650 and use could be made of return capacity under the authority of British Army Staff, FRANCE. The

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trains must not be diverted from their established routes or delayed en route.

Col FINDLAY confirmed that the DPs could be accepted in ITALY over this route.

9. BOX CARS - BRENNER ROUTE

Col MCKENZIE referred to the BOLZANO agreement that box cars for use on the BRENNER route would be provided on a 50/50 basis by the two Theatres and would be confined to this shuttle service. In practice AFHQ have already lost 350/400 box cars and would have to stop supply of cars if the agreement was not observed.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE directed that the terms of the original BOLZANO agreement must be obeyed and requested all MRS and Transportation authorities to take immediate action to this end.

10. GERMAN PWs

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Lt Col CARROLL stated that CZECHOSLOVAKIANS could be accepted from ITALY at the rate of 2,000 per day.

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13. POLISH MILITARY PERSONNEL

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13. POLISH MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lt Col BARSDORF stated that 25,000 POLISH Military Personnel will eventually require repatriation from ITALY.

Brig de RHE PHILIPE replied that this movement would probably be effected via AUSTRIA, but the decision would obviously depend on RUSSIAN agreement and cooperation.

14. TRANSIT CAMP CAPACITIES

The capacities of the following transit camps were quoted as under:

MUNICH - 10,000
VERONA - 2,000 being developed to 8,000

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15. NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next meeting would be held in PARIS in about one month's time, USFET, CDPX will arrange details.

24 JUL 45
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J. GRIMSHAW, Capt RE,
Staff Capt to DQMG(Mov & Tn).

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APPENDIX "A"

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DOCUMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD AT ROME 20 JULY 45 - 1430 HOURS.

PRESENT

Major A.G. de MONTMORENCY	G-1(Br) AFHQ (Chairman)
Colonel P.S. LAUBEN	G-1 USFET
Lt Col W.N.C. COGSWELL }	MTOUSA PW Command
Major G.R. FRYE }	
Major J.L. LEWIS	AG 21 Army Group

1. Documentation on transfers to and from British Austrian zone of PW and Surrendered Personnel.

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will be used in all cases for entering the occupational categories on the SHAEF P4 and PW (CROWCASS) form.

(f) PW (CROWCASS) Form
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(f) PW (CROWCASS) Form
In all cases under (a) to (d) above, the PW form will be completed before transfer and sent to CROWCASS in respect of each person.

2. Availabilities for transfer
It was agreed that forms P5 showing personnel available for transfer and discharge would not be exchanged between British and U.S. Zones in GERMANY and British Zones in AUSTRIA. It was considered that interchange of statistics as to availability for international transfer between GERMANY and AUSTRIA was a matter for the Allied Control Councils in BERLIN and VIENNA to decide together.

(SIGNED) A.G. de MONTMORENCY,
Major,
Chairman.

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Repatriated Prisoners of War.

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

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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

Col Regis to see

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MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous office for War Veterans and Repatriated

Rome, 11 August 45

No. 414479

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SUBJECT: Memorandum on Italian POW and military internees.

TO: Allied Commission
S/C for Italian POW & WMD
Rome

1) The question of POW are treated by:

A. The High Commissariat for Italian POW (to become part of the post war ministry for assistance, recently formed) for that which concerns the state, as employment, treatment, material and moral assistance for POW and internees during the period of their captivity, and the agreements and the request for their repatriation.

B. By the autonomous office for War Veterans and repatriated POW, for the part that regards the reception, the assistance, sanitary attention, the organization of the administration and matriculation and their subsequent return to civil life or re-employment in the armed forces.

The Autonomous office for War Veterans and repatriated also takes on all the juridical questions that regard the veterans and their discrimination from a military point of view.

The Italian Government considers all veterans as military personnel untill released.

2) Organisation for the reception of veterans from all the Armed Forces and militarized civilians include:

A. Lodging centers for all veterans arriving from internment, in Germany and Switzerland. They have been formed in Northern and Central Italy and they are divided in two categories. The military centers are run by military personnel at the dependence of the territorial commands and the mixed centers, run by displaced persons, a military organisation has been included to process all returning IPW under the jurisdiction of the Autonomous office etc.etc. and arranged by the S/C for WMD & IPOW.

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B. Lodging centers for War Veterans arriving from over seas and from the Balcans, that are entirely of military character and have been formed in Southern Italy.

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The location of the capacity of the Lodging centers of letter A and letter B is stated below.

3) The personnel of the Lodging centers are as follows:

A. Lodging Centers for Veterans returning from internment.

Lodging centers	Capacity	Military Personnel Officers- Warrant off.	troops	Civilians
Roma	4.000	29	150	23
Firenze	5.000	24	62	42
Arezzo	2.000	2	5	6
Milano	8.000	23	34	78
Como	5.000	8	29	-
Moncalieri	2.500	2	18	-
Forli	8.000	9	94	-
Bologna	7.000	21	200	9
Modena	4.000	7	57	16
Treviso	5.000	4	12	3
Genova	1.800	1 military nucleous		
Verona	3.700	" " "		
Udine	5.000	Mixed nucleous military and civilian		

Lodging centers for War Veterans from Balcans.

Lodging centers	capacity	Military personnel Officers, Warrant off.	troops	civilians
Bari	1.700	10	20	24
Lecce	1.500	5	10	45
Roccaforzata (Taranto)(1)	500	5	10	-
Napoli e Dugenta	2.400	15	30	80
Tuker(Taranto)	7.000	40	151	-
Palermo	1.000	5	7	26
Total		80	228	175

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Following letter NO. 414479/RPGR - August 11th 1945

4) TRANSPORT

The lodging centers have no transport.The Allies have always provided transports, with their own motor vehicles; for the transfer of the War Veterans from the ports the the lodging centers.

The Territorial Commands provide the transports inside the Camps.

5) RELATIONS WITH THE M.M.I.A.

The autonomous office for War Veterans and repatriated POW are not in constant report with the M.M.I.A. with the exception of that which regards the concession of the 105 Units for the Organisation of the lodging Centers in Southern Italy and the 77 Units for the Organisation of the lodging Centers of Northern Italy including the Organisation of Camp Tuker at Taranto for those who are repatriated from the Balcans.

Camp Tuker at Tarnnto for the Veterans arriving from the Balcans was organised directly by the Allied Authorities (M.M.I.A.)with Allied material and Italian Military Personal.

6) A plan is now in examination for the completion of the organisation of Lodging Centers to receive the Veterans from over seas.

This organisation should include Lodging Centers to accomodate 55.000 plans located in the following cities.

Cities	Capacity
Genova	IO.000
Venice or Ancona	IO.000
Leghorn or Civitavecchia	IO.000
Naples	IO.000 (in course of construction for 5.000 plans) 4000
Taranto	IO.000 (already occupied in part by Camp T

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Said organisation, as another similar organisation already in existence in Southern Italy, must be of military character in the sence that the Veterans who go there ~~desire~~ BESIDES receiving assistence must have their jurudical, matricular and administrative position regularized before being released to civil life or remployed in the Armed Forces.

We have requested the Allied authoritmes (Allied Forces H.Q.) to inform us as what port the Veterans will arrive in order to organise the Lodging Centers in the exact Locations.

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

Roma, 11 agosto 1945

Direzione ____ Sez. ____
Tel. N. 41665 Allegati ____

Risposta al foglio del
Div. ____ Sez. ____ N.°

A/Lo WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN P.W. SUB COMMISSION
= R O M A =

OGGETTO Promemoria sui prigionieri di guerra e sugli internati militari.

1°) La questione dei prigionieri di guerra è trattata :

a) dall'Alto Comm.to per i Prigionieri di Guerra (destinato a far parte del Ministero Assistenza Post-Bellica di recente costituzione) per quanto concerne lo stato, il trattamento, l'impiego, l'assistenza materiale e morale dei prigionieri di guerra e degli internati durante il periodo di loro cattività e gli accordi e le richieste per il loro rimpatrio;

b) dall'Ufficio Autonomo Reduci Prigionia di Guerra e Rimpatriati per la parte che riguarda il ricevimento, l'assistenza, le cure sanitarie, la sistemazione matricolare e amministrativa e la successiva restituzione alla vita civile o il reimpiego, nelle Forze Armate.

L'Ufficio Autonomo Reduci Prigionia di Guerra e Rimpatriati si occupa inoltre di tutti le questioni giuridiche comunque riguardanti i reduci e della loro discriminazione agli effetti militari.

Al riguardo si precisa che il Governo Italiano considera e tratta il reduce come militare sino al giorno del suo collocamento in congedo.

2°) L'organizzazione per il ricevimento dei reduci di tutte le Forze Armate e dei civili militarizzati comprende :

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a) centri di raccolta per i reduci dall'internamento in Germania e in Svizzera.

Essi sono stati impiantati nell'Italia Settentrionale e Centrale e si distinguono in militari, quelli cioè completamente gestiti da personale militare alle dipendenze dei Comandi Territoriali, e in misti nei quali l'organo militare per il trattamento dei reduci è stato inserito nei compi

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raccolta organizzati dalla "Displaced Persons Sub Commission".

b) Centri alloggio per i reduci da prigionia oltremare e dalla Balcania, che sono tutti a carattere militare e sono impiantati nell'Italia Meridionale.
La dislocazione e la capacità dei centri alloggio tanto della lettera a) quanto della lettera b) risulta dalla carta allegata.

3°) Il personale addetto all'organizzazione dei centri alloggio è il seguente :

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MINISTRY OF WAR CABINET

Rome 7th August 1945

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TO : Colonel Campbell
Director Sub Commission
for Italian POW and W.M.D.

ROME

N° 414075

SUBJECT : Predisposal plans for the return of POW.

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1. I was informed by letter SD/32/2 dated the 28th of July, from the M.M.I.A. regarding the project and the plans relative to the repatriation of POW.

2. I confide in your courtesy, Colonel Campbell and in the interest you have always showed us, to co-operate with General Mannerini, the Commanding General of the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and repatriated POW, to bring this project to a good end which for us is so very important.

The Minister

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. Ext. 358

4 August 1945

Ref : 141/3/PAT

Subject: Notes of Meeting

To : Prisoners of War S/C

I enclose copy of notes of a meeting with the Under Secretary of the Min. of Post War Aid for such action as you may deem necessary in connection with the complaint (contained in the last few lines of the report) that a convoy of personnel returning from N.Africa had been diverted without notice to another part so that the reception arrangements were thrown out.

S.H. WHITE
Lt Colonel
D/Director
Local Government S/C

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NOTES of a MEETING between

Lt. Col. WHITE, Sig. FERRARA, and Sig. MOSCONI

2 August 1945

Sig. MOSCONI - said that there were at present time in Rome a number of foreign nationals who had fought with the partisans and who were now receiving aid and he enquired what steps should be taken to send those people home and what should be done with those who did not wish to return to their country of origin.

Lt. Col. WHITE - pointed out that it was a Partisan problem to disarm pay and disperse them. In the case of foreign nationals, disposal was effected with by passing the person to Displaced Persons who have machinery for sending them home. They were also prepared to deal with those who did not want to go back. The MPWA was responsible for dealing with welfare of both partisans and repatriates. They could deal direct with DP&R S/C on this matter then was no need to deal through Patriots Branch.

Lt. Col. WHITE - referred to the fact that on the handover DMPRs would come under Prefects and said it was AMG's desire that this should take place as early as possible so that Patriot Officers should have time before the handover to see if either the DMPR or the Prefect were meeting with any difficulties. It was undesirable that the handover should not take until the day AMG moved out. Sig.FERRARA agreed but said it was still not absolutely certain whether the Prefect would act or some special office be created: the matter was under discussion between the Prime Minister the MPWA, and the Min. for War.
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Lt. Col. WHITE - referred to the fact that persons were still acting as Officers of AMPI who had been either selfappointed or been appointed in some other way not in accordance with the Statutes. Sig. FERRARA agreed that these persons were acting irregularly. He was as anxious as AC were to stop them.

Lt. Col. WHITE - referred to an incident at Civitavecchia in which alleged partisans had forcibly boarded a steamer to enable themselves to return to Sardinia and asked,as a matter of interest what the facts were - the matter was of course one entirely for the Italian Govmt. Sig. FERRARA said that the Italian Govmt. had been caught by surprise. The facts were more or less as reported. He had no further information. He enquired whether AC considered there was any lack of liaison or information which led to the surprise. Recently a convoy returning from Africa had been diverted from Leghorn, where all arrangements had been made to receive it - without notice to the Italian Govmt. to Civitavecchia-where no arrangements were ready.

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

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IPW/1/490

6 August 1945.

SUBJECT : Repatriation of P.O.W.

TO : Provincial Commissioner
A.M.G. Imperia Province.

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1. Ref. your Lig/Imp/PC/12 of 24 July.

2. Enclosed 1 copy of this H.Q. PW. Memo No 3 which deals with the repatriation of Italian Nationals.

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

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SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian POW

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/32/2

29 July 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

see 492

Your letter 412459/RPGR of 18 July has been carefully considered.

1. (a) The staff required for the purposes stated in your letter should be obtained in the usual way through the Allied Commission (War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission).

(b) The Supreme Allied Commander on 12 May 1945 granted Italian military assistance for dealing with Italian ex.POW, refugees and displaced persons up to a ceiling of 6,000 personnel from Combat formations and units.

It is understood that the assistance of only part of this ceiling has so far been requested and obtained.

2. It is regretted that no further allocation of Italian military buildings or material can be made for this purpose.

3. A copy of your letter is being furnished to A.C. for the S-C mentioned above; together with the notes made on the organisation required for billeting centres having a capacity of 55,000.

4. In addition, the above has been discussed verbally with Director, WMD and IPW Sub Com A.C.

L Browning

Major General,
MMIA

Copy to: A.C. for:-

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War — REF : 412439/R.P.G.R.

TO : General Browning — DATE: 18 July 45

SUBJECT: Suggested measures regarding the repatriation of Italian P.O.W.s

1. The end of the war in Europe has made it necessary to examine the very serious problem of the repatriation of Italian P.O.W.s in Allied hand numbering about 552,000 as follows :

- 356,000 prisoners of England
- 101,000 prisoners of the United States
- 35,000 prisoners of France
- 60,000 prisoners of Russia

TOTAL: 552,000

2. During brief conference held with the War Materials Disposal and Italian P.O.W.s Sub-Commission, a project was outlined which, on the assumption that the repatriation can be completed within six months of the date of its commencement, requires the availability of an organisation of reception camps (billeting centres) having a total capacity of about 55,000 men.

Preliminary studies reveal the advisability of creating such billeting centres to correspond with ports of arrival chosen in such a way that the repatriates may be grouped by regions or groups of regions and thus disembarked at the corresponding port in order to reduce to a minimum transport on national territory with a view to preventing the present transport crisis from becoming even more acute.

3. Administrative Instruction No. 18 dated Dec. 1st 1944, stipulates that : "Individuals who have been members of the past Italian Army are considered as civilians until such a time as they will have been enlisted or recalled according to present Italian Military procedure". 4799

I am perfectly aware of the fact that according to the words and the spirit of said instruction it would be necessary to employ civilian personnel and civilian material for the whole of the complicated organisation required for the repatriation of P.O.W.s, in spite of the fact that Italian law deems a P.O.W. to be a military until his administrative

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A full application of the above mentioned instructions in contradiction to Italian law, could not but have very important social and political consequences.

4. Apart from the explanation given in the previous paragraph, it is a fact that, especially bearing in mind the conditions at present prevailing in the country, there are no civilian enterprises capable of arranging and carrying out a task as complicated as that required to solve the problem to be dealt with.

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The formation of reception camps (billeting centres) and their functioning require :

- capable personnel with experience in military matters, and the essential authority and prestige;
- barracks or buildings or tentage in lieu;
- bedding (palliesses and blankets), barracks stores, cooking utensils, etc., even if in the quantity essential for the maintenance of the repatriates, a quantity though which a very large number of repatriates will still render very considerable;
- and adequate quantity of transport necessary for the movement form port of arrival to billeting areas and for daily supplies.

5. The Italian Government who is responsible for the reception and welfare of the repatriates can visualise no possible solution unless they can make use of Italian Military personnel and material to a great extent particularly bearing in mind that it is necessary to complete the whole organisation before the repatriation commences in, it is to be surmised, the near future.

In Campania and Puglie there are at present billeting centres equipped and organised with a total capacity of 5.000 men apart from the Tuker Camp of Taranto organised by the Allies for the repatriates from the Balkans.

Two other camps are now being prepared at Taranto and Afragola with a capacity of 5.000 men each.

When these centres have been completed the balance if requirements will be about 40,000 to be distributed proportionately among the main ports of Sicily Sardinia, Lazio- Toscana, Marche, Liguria, and Veneto.

I therefore appeal to you to study the possibility of assisting this Ministry in this very difficult task, taking into consideration that for the organisation referred to and within the limits of strict necessity the Ministry would have to rely upon Italian personnel and on the means available in Italian Military Depots and Recovery Centres of the North, assuming that said materials, hostilities having come to an end on the Europea n front, may no longer be considered to be essential to the war effort. I would furthermore appeal to you to approach the Allied Authorities concerned in order that they may cede buildings and materials which may be lacking in Italian Military Depots.

Should you so require, exact data on the billeting centres to be prepared, their capacity, and the materials required for each of them, would be supplied at once.

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/ Signed/ J A C I N I

Minister.

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TRANSLATION

PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR BILLETING CENTRES ORGANISATION ACCOMMODATING 40,000

1. **BILLETING CENTRES TO BE FORMED**

Genoa	accommodation	10,000	
Venezia or Ancona	"	10,000	
Leghorn or Civitavecchia	"	10,000	
Naples	"	5,000	(arrangements are already being made to prepare two camps accommodating 5,000 each; the personnel requested are needed to raise the two camps accommodation to 10,000.

2. **STAFF PERSONNEL AVAILABLE**

One Billeting Centre Company is available at Rome and composed as follows:-

24 Officers 27 NCOs 80 ORs

3. **STAFF PERSONNEL STILL REQUIRED**

Two companies for Billeting Centres for 10,000 formed as follows:-

22 Officers	30 NCOs	80 ORs	
22 "	30 "	80 "	

Two ½ Companies for Billeting Centres for 5,000, formed as follows:-

11 Officers	15 NCOs	40 ORs	
11 "	15 "	40 "	
Total	66 Officers	90 NCOs	240 ORs

4. **SPECIALIST PERSONNEL REQUIRED**: in addition to those shown above.

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Admin.	Officers	13 (including 5 Captains) or Staff Offr.

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LIST OF G.S. MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE FORMING OF BILLETING CENTRES WITH A TOTAL ACCOMMODATION OF 40,000

Cooking and Mess Materials	Individuals	Mess tins	40,000	
		Spoons	40,000	
		Cups	40,000	
		Forks	40,000	
	General use	Camp Kettles	400	
		Frying Pans	400	
		Ladles	400	
		Skimming Spoons	400	
		Kitchen Knives	400	
		Large Forks	400	
		Graters	80	
		Tin Openers	80	
		Coffee Grinders	80	
		Meat Baskets	200	
		Bread Sacks	2,400	
		1.35 Kegs	400	
		Hatchets	80	
Barrack stores		Bath Towels	20.000	
		Barracks Towels	800	
		Benches	1,600	
		Mattress Covers	40,000	
		Blankets	40,000	(1)
		HQ and Services tents	80	
		Bivouacs and accessories	40,000	(2)

(1) for the summer season - to be doubled or tripled during the cold weather

(2) In the event that all the billeting centres are set up in camps. Centres eventually set up in buildings will permit of the proportionate reduction of tentage required. In the event of barracks accommodation one should also bear in mind, in addition to accommodation for 40,000, the necessary accommodation for HQ departments (MI rooms - rations stores - Q stores etc.)

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HEADQUARTERS "C" GROUP
D.P.R.S.C.
LIGURIA REGION
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File/A/5/2

26.July 1945

Subject: Repatriation of P.O.W.

To : PW SUBCOMMISSION,
H.Q. AC. APO 594

1. The attached letter forwarded for your attention.

C.H. PHELPS
Major CAC

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IMPERIA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

24 July 1945

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REFERENCE: Lig/Imp/PC/I2

SUBJECT : Repatriation of P.O.W.

TO : R.C. Liguria Region
(Attn. D.P.R.S.C.)

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We have had several inquiriem on the repatriation of Italian prisoners of war held in India, Africa and Italy.

May we be informed which reasons would be considered adequate for the repatriation of a prisoner of war.

For the Provincial Commissioner.

O.R. Anselmo
O.R. ANSELMO,
Lieut. CAC.,
Administrative Officer.

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IPW/1/487B 27 July 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation from Australia of invalid POW.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Reference your 2330/Pol/G-14 di Prot. dated 15 June 45.

1. The entire question dealing with over age Italian PW. is at present being investigated.

2. You will be promptly informed of any new developments in this matter.

J.A. CAMERON
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WAD & IPOW Sub-Comm.

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ITALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

15 July 45

No. 2380/Po.C.14

SUBJECT: Repatriation from Australia of invalid POW

TO: Allied Commission
S/C for Italian POW

Some officers POW in camp 5/A Myrtlefor- Victoria-Australia, have sent us a message in which it is said, that, not even, the repatriation of invalid ill and old aged POW has yet been iniciated due to the difficulties deriving from the localities in which they are interned.

The well known question of the repatriation from Australia already presented to your Sub-Commission (see letter 1567 dated 15-5-45) is still unsatisfied with great regret by the POW and their families, in whose name we beg your Sub-Commission to call this matter to the attention of the competent authorities so that also those POW in Australia who form part of certain categories, may at last be repatriated.

Hoping in a benevolent answer we thank your Sub-Com.

The General Secretary
V. Dapino

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IPW/1487

3 August 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian PW.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512. (Attn: G-1 (Br)).

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1. Your G-1(Br)/3821/A2 dated 10 July 45 refers.

2. The following comparative statement is brought to your notice.

Locality (a)	Over age Italian PW Notified as Eligible (b)	Repatriated (c)
1. IMMO	2	-
2. MEDREAST	120	151
3. EAST AFRICA	1280	208
4. CARIBBEAN	5	-
5. INDIA	485	1
6. SOUTH AFRICA	121	-
7. AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND	600	-
	2613	360
8. WEST AFRICA	-	1
9. NORTH AFRICA	-	234
10. UK	-	175
	2613	770

3. Figures of PW eligible for repatriation on grounds of over age shown at column (b) above are extracted from your GR/3699/G-1(Br) dated 8 March 45, since which date more will have qualified.

4. Details of individuals eligible but so far not shipped will be obtained from the Italian Authorities if you desire, but would not appear to be necessary in view of the large numbers involved.

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5. In reply to para 4 of your letter:

a) Letter from Lt.Gen. J.A.H. CAMMELL to Lt.Gen. Sir F.H. MASON MACFARLANE dated 13 July 44 stated:

"..... the Combined Chiefs of Staff have ruled that the following policy will be adopted..... subject to availability of shipping and security considerations, Italian PW..... should be repatriated if they are 60 years of age or over or are between 50 and 60 years of age and have completed 2 years internment."

b) My IPW/198 dated 30 Sept. 44 enquired on behalf of the Italian Government when repatriation of over age PW from INDIA, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, and KENYA would commence. Your reply GR/3821/G-1(PW) dated 13 Nov. 44 stated:

"All Commands concerned have now been instructed to repatriate, subject to availability of shipping and security considerations, all Italian PW eligible for release on humanitarian grounds"

c) Your GR/3821/G-1/(PW) dated 18 Dec. 44 specified the numbers then eligible in INDIA and stated:

"Instructions have been given for these PW to be repatriated, subject to availability of shipping and security considerations."

These quotations clearly indicate an intention to repatriate over age PW from distant localities. Such is not being implemented.

6. Although the Italian Government is anxious for the accelerated repatriation of PW generally, their immediate grave concern is for the speedy return of

a) those aged 60
b) those aged 50 who have been over 2 years in captivity.

and it was to this class of PW that my IPW/1/475 dated 30 June 45 referred.

7. I trust that your reply will enable me to reassure the Italian Government and I would also welcome some indication that the movement of sick and wounded PW from distant localities referred to in your GR/3821/G-1(PW) dated 5 Apr. 45 is being implemented.

For the Chief Commissioner.

J. A. CAMMELL,
Lieut.-Colonel.
Director
PWD & IPW Sub-Comm.

IPW 5372 (486)

SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(Br)/3821/A2.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
(IPW Sub-Commission).

10 Jul 45.

See 475, 443, 469, 468, 467, 452. - 487

Reference your IPW/1/475 dated 30 Jun 45.

1. Italian PW (in British custody) over sixty years of age or over fifty with two or more years of captivity are automatically repatriated as far as this Command is concerned (i.e. from North Africa).

2. All other Commands were instructed by War Office to do likewise, and in view of the fact that among shipments of repatriables arriving in this country from these Commands, there are frequently included a number of such cases, this Headquarters has no indications that the War Office instructions are not being carried out by them.

3. It is requested that specific instances of cases known to you where this policy has not been followed may be quoted, giving names, age of the PW concerned as well as the Command and PW Camp in which they are held.

See 452.

4. As regards your paragraph 2 you are requested urgently to inform this Headquarters of the authority for the statement that repatriation of some of these PW in INDIA, AUSTRALIA and SOUTH AFRICA would take place.

The only repatriations which are or have been authorised by this Headquarters are:-

(a) Medical
(b) Over 60 years of age, or 50 years of age and 2 years confinement
(c) Compassionate Cases
(d) Certain key personnel expressly asked for by the Italian Government to assist in the rehabilitation of ITALY.

5. The War Office have not yet indicated their future policy as regards the repatriation of Italian PW from all parts of the world, with the exception that none (other than those referred to in para 4 above) will be repatriated from anywhere before the harvest in the UK has been gathered in.

6. As regards the suggestion put forward by the Italian Government that shipping used to convey Italian civilian labour to INDIA and AUSTRALIA, might be used for returning PW from those countries, it is not yet known whether these labour recruits will be transported in naval vessels, or shipping space bid for in the normal manner, but in any event the first shipment from ITALY eastwards is not expected to take place before September. Meanwhile the British Government's policy for the repatriation of Italians is awaited.

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

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(485)

IPW/1/485 12 July 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War held by French.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

The question of repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War held in French hands can now only be handled through diplomatic channels. SHAEF can no longer interfere.

The question is being considered by a number of individual politicians and diplomats on an 'off the record' basis.

The French have asked SHAEF for large numbers of German Prisoners of War, and these prisoners of war are at present being transferred to French hands. It is suggested that SHAEF be requested to make an agreement whereby Italian Prisoners of War in France and North Africa be repatriated in exchange for German Prisoners of War handed over to them.

Should it be agreed that a request on the lines suggested can be put to SHAEF, the question should be dealt with at the top level if any success is to be expected.

[s/] J. A. CAMPBELL

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

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(483)

IPW/2/463 11 July 1945

Subject : Release in North Africa of Italian Prisoners of War residing in North Africa.

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War

see 482 see 482 -

1/. Confirming our telephone conversation of this date in regard to Italian Prisoner of War Serg. DE ANGELO Salvatore.

2/. Serg. DE ANGELO is at present a prisoner of the American Forces in North Africa. This man is a former resident of Tunis and when freed he desires to be released in Tunis.

3/. Will you please place this matter before the proper Italian Authorities for discussion with the French representative. As it is probable that there will be a considerable number of similar cases who will be effected by this decision. This Sub Commission desires to be informed as to what competent Authority prisoners should be released.

(Sgd) J F Rogers Lt Col

for J.A.CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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B/F 21/7/45 9c.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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G-5: 383.6

8 Jul 45.

SUBJECT: Release in North Africa of Italian PW
Sjt De Angelo, Salvatore. 1100

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

See 483 see 483-

1. Italian PW Sgt. de ANGELO, Salvatore 81-1-92973, aged over 50, is at present held by the American Forces in North Africa. This man was formerly a resident of TUNIS for 20 years, and is desirous of being released in TUNIS.

2. You are requested to place this matter before the Italian Government for their discussion with the French Representatives. It is probable that there will be a considerable number of similar cases who will be affected by this decision.

3. Subject to general concurrence this Headquarters will require to know to what competent authority prisoner should be released.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

9 JUL 1943

J.W. Gwoddy.
J.W. GOODBY,
Captain.

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DATE 10/7/45
A.M.G. H.Q.

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Original in 1805/39.

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SUBJECT: - Reception of Repatriated Italians.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTER.
G1(Br)/3855/9/A2.
/JUN 45.

Headquarters;
Allied Commission.
IPW Sub-Commission.

1. Reference G.H.Q., M.E.F. letter 78721/1/AG5(c) of 14 May 45 addressed to this Headquarters, copy to you, forwarding Nominal Rolls of a batch of 65 Italian PW Officers who had been selected for service with the Italian Army.

2. This Headquarters Signal FX.77927 of May 45 to you; repeated MIDEAST 52 Area and MMIA, gave ETA 21 May 45 and stated clearly that MMIA should arrange the reception of these 65 officers at TARANTO.

3. It had previously been arranged that Italian PW Officers, selected in the MIDDLE EAST for service in the Italian Army, should be met at the part of disembarkation by an MMIA representative, but, despite the precaution taken in the above quoted A.F.H.Q. signal, this was not done.

4. On the 26 May 45, 43 of these Italian Officers arrived at this Headquarters, the remainder still being in a camp at LECCE and afterMMIA had been telephoned, proceeded to ROME to report to General RONCO, Chief of Staff, Italian War Ministry, ROME.

5. Will you please impress upon the appropriate authorities - in this case MMIA and in other cases the Italian Authorities concerned - that, upon receipt of ETA, proper arrangements should be made for the reception of repatriated Italian PW at the port of disembarkation, by their representatives who should have full disposal instructions.

6. At 1900 hours, 30 May 45, 14 Italian PW Officers arrived at this Headquarters (13 to rejoin the Italian service - GHQ MEF letter 78721/1/AG5(c) of 18 May, copy to you, refers, and one 371134 Ten. CAPPONI, E. on compassionate release, your 1/10M/301 of 9 april 45 refers). After the duty Officer at your Headquarters had been telephoned, these men proceded to

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7. In the case of these 14 Officers no notification of ETA from GHQ MEF can be traced at this Headquarters, and the nominal roll (from 304 PW Camp MEF under reference 63/85 of 24 May 45) copy of which is attached, arrived at this Headquarters only this morning.

8. No.304 PW Camp MEF have forward the following documents to GHQ 2nd Echelon CMF:-

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A.F.'s H.1157	(14)
Innoculation states	(14)
Last Pay Certificate	
Medical Certificate	

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GHQ 2nd Echelon have been requested to forward these documents to you in order that you may pass them on to the appropriate Italian Authorities.

9. Difficulties regarding reception and disponsal of repatriated PW at the port of disembarkation, when the repatriates arrive before ETA has been received, are appreciated.

10. The attention of all Commands has drown to the importance of giving adequate notice of ETA in Troopers signal 79978 PWI of 26 March 45, but, when repatriates arrive at the port of disembarkation and there is uncertainty regarding disponsal, Headquartes 25 Area (TARANTO) or Headquartes 56 Area (NAPLES) should immediately contact you in order that you may obtain instructions from the Italian Authorities and advise them regarding disponsal. This would save the loss of time and inconvenience occasioned by repatriates making unnecessary journeys to this Headquarters.

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

TRC/AP

Copy to:- G.H.Q. M.E.F.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon - Reference para. 8 please forward the above quoted documents to Headquarters, Allied Commission (IPW Sub-Commission).
Headquarters 52 Area - Attention is drown to para 10. In such a case please telephone Headquarters, Allied Commission, (IPW Sub-Commission) Rome 489081, Exm.511 for disponsal instructions.
Headquarters 56 Area - " "

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01 WMD & IPW

SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian PW.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-2(Cf)
AFHQ.

G-1(Br)/3836/A-2.

14 Jun 45.

Reference Headquarters, East Africa Command letter EAC/1316/840/GA of 31 May 45 to this Headquarters (copies to G-1, G-2 and Headquarters, Allied Commission, IPW Sub-Commission, ROME.)

1. As this concerns a footnote to your letter CAI-339-506/80-7 of 20 May 45 to S.I.M.E., GHQ, Middle East Forces, it is assumed that you will accept action on the above quoted East Africa Command letter.

2. In accordance with Memorandum dated 1 Feb 45 on a meeting held in the offices of G-1 MEDUSA on 30 Jan 45, if the IPW is in British custody, held in an outside command, and is below the grade of Captain, this Branch requests the release of the IPW without G-2 AFHQ clearance. Requests from this Branch, to outside commands, for the release of IPW include the following, or a similar paragraphs-

> "Provided that you have no security or other objections, and are prepared to release this man (these men), it would be appreciated if you would make the necessary arrangements for his (their) repatriation to ITALY, advising this Headquarters of ETA (copy to Headquarters, Allied Commission, IPW Sub-Commission, ROME)."

3. Thus if the IPW are screened secure by the Command holding them, and that Command is willing to release them, repatriation is effected, if there are objections the Command concerned informs this Headquarters and release is not agreed.

4. It would appear, therefore, that although several G-1(S) references are quoted in Headquarters, East Africa Command's letter, the releases in question are not those requested by this Branch.

HEADQUARTERS
14 JUN 1945

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

TMD/MR.

Copy to:- Headquarters, East Africa Command. (Your EAC/1316/840/GA of 31 May 45 refers.)

Headquarters, Allied Commission, (IPW sub-Commission).

G-3.

IPW 1

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Civilians.

Civil Affairs Branch,
H.Q. E.A. Command.
EAC/1316/840/CA.
31 May 45.

Allied Force Headquarters, A.P.O. 512 (6)

(Copies for G-1: G-2 and HQ Allied Commission, Rome etc)

Please refer to my EAC/1316/789/CA of 23 Apr. 45 in connection with the footnote to letter CBI-389-506/80-J of 20 May 45 from G-2 (C1) A.F.H.Q. to S.I.M.E., GHQ MEF, copies of which were sent to this HQ and to you.

2. This Branch is not aware that S.I.M.E. GHQ MEF has any official connection with Italian personnel held in and controlled by the E.A.Command. All questions of Security are dealt with by The Intelligence Branch of this Command H.Q., in consultation with this Branch, where Italian civilian evacuees ex Occupied Territories are concerned.

3. As pointed out in my EAC/1316/666/CA of 1 Mar 45 this HQ deprecates the repatriation of individual Italians who have been asked for by the Italian Government - in some cases on somewhat flimsy and suspicious grounds, (vide C1(Br) 3836/A2 of 16 May 45 and attachment thereto). Furthermore, requests continue to arrive from various sources in Italy, couched in somewhat ambiguous terms and not always covering genuine cases despite para. 5 and 6 of your G-5: 014.33-3 of 31 Mar 45.

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6. Your G-5. 383.7-15 of 15 Jan 45 asks for "the necessary arrangements for the repatriation of this group to be put in hand". and my EAC/10423/58/CA of 14 Feb 45 gave a complete summary of the position regarding the 59 men asked for, indicating in para. 3 thereof and also during EAC/10423/57/CA of the same date (copy to you) that movement arrangements had been put in hand for 15 others of the 45 who were embarked on 28 Apr. 45. This was 2½ months before the draft was embarked, thus giving ample time for the movement to be suspended or cancelled had you so desired.

7. Similarly, in regard to 9 others of the draft, for the Ministry of Finance, you were advised in my letters EAC/10444/28/CA (a full summary covering that group) and EAC/10444/29/CA of 26 Mar 45 that shipping accommodation was being arranged as and when opportunity offered. As no comment on these arrangements was received from you it was presumed that you had no objections and that your wishes were being carried out by this Branch.

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8. Again, a definite request for repatriation for another group is made in CR/3836/G1(Rr) of 2 Apr. 45 (no copy to you) and 8 of these men were included in the 45 draft; and in my EAC/1316/673/CA of 9 Mar 45 report is made to you on another group of 7, five of whom are noted for movement as soon as shipping accommodation is available.

9. Correspondence can be quoted in respect of all the so-called "unauthorised" draft, but the above is sufficient to indicate that some misunderstanding appears to have arisen between G-2 (C1) and the following authorities in Italy, who, as pointed out in my EAC/1316/688/CA of 1 Mar 45, have all sent direct requests for repatriation to this H.Q.

(i) Allied Force Headquarters G-5.
(ii) " " " G-1.
(iii) HQ Allied Commission, IPW Sub Commission.
(iv) " " Public Safety Sub Commission.

10. It will therefore be realised that this Branch views with some concern what appears to be uninformed criticism when a great deal of work has been undertaken and every effort made to assist in complying with your requests although there was reluctance here to effect these individual repatriations, which, as already pointed out, have been causing considerable unrest amongst the 15,000 evacuees still interned in this Command.

R B Summers
Colonel
CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS STAFF OFFICER.
for Lieut.General
C.O.C. in C., E.A.Command.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P.O.W.

Originator's Reference: 57064 CA2b[4]
Date/Time of Origin: JULY 031630B

Message Centre No: F/8010
Date Time Rec'd: JULY 041055B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: TROOPERS FROM CAMPBELL WMDD PW SC
TO : ROME FOR PW COMMISSIONER

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Agreement reached and position clarified on all questions raised with TROOPERS. Question of total repatriation British held IPW still under consideration. Proceeding SHAEF July 4th.

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16 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL FISKE

Four classes of Italian Prisoners of War are eligible for repatriation under the directives of the Combined Chiefs of Staff:

1) Those over 50 years of age who have been POW for more than 2 years; those over 60 years of age. These classes are being returned automatically.

2) The sick and wounded who are being returned automatically as shipping becomes available.

3) Compassionate cases for when application is made under one of the following four categories:

a) Mother or head of family dead; remaining children need care.

b) Mother or head of family seriously ill; children remaining need care.

c) Support needed for family in dire circumstances.

4) Specialists required for the reconstruction of the Italian Government or industry.

This Sub Commission has recently been informed that over-age prisoners of War will have priority over other classes in repatriation. The sick and wounded are being repatriated at the rate of 2500 to 3000 per month. Of a total of some 700 compassionate cases requested for repatriation, 150 have been approved. The circumstances in these cases must parallel those required for the return of an American or British soldier to his home. An average of 200 to 300 specialists a month are being repatriated. Since October, 1944, an average of approximately 4000 a month are repatriated of the total of 600,000 in British and American hands. By June 30, 1945, approximately 150,000 Italian POWs will have been released from Allied custody.

This sub-Commission does not concern itself with POWs in French hands, this is a matter for direct dealing between the Italian and French Governments. AFHQ has responsibility for the return of POWs in the Balkans.

In addition to the above, this sub-Commission concerns itself with all matter

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of welfare problems relating to POWs; mail, clothing, pay and allowances, inquiries. Our function is chiefly one of liaison between the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War on the one hand and AFHQ on the other.

The largest current problem at present confronting the POW division is that of returning ex-POWs from Germany. DISPER Sub Commission has established camps in the North for the reception and processing of displaced persons from Germany; this Sub Commission has teams attached to each of these camps who look out for the interests of returning of Italian POWs.

By the first of July, 1945, all Italian cooperators now in Italy will be absorbed into the Italian Army; the North African Theatre has been almost entirely cleared of Italian POWs; during June it is expected that some 15,000 will return from France by ship and by air. This will leave the UK and the Colonies and Dominions as well as the U.S. as the chief centers of Italian POW concentration.

The total number of Italian POWs in American hands are 120,000 of which 20,000 are in Italy, of the remaining 100,000 in U.S., 35,000 have being given priority and according to present plans 10,000 per month will be returned to Italy beginning July 1st. The balance will be returned under a new plan that is being under study at this time, between the High Commission for Italian Prisoners of War and this Sub Commission.

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Auth: SAC/AT
Initials:
16 June 1945

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AG 387.4/079 GCT-O

16 June 1945

SUBJECT: Release from Prisoner of War Status of Italian Cooperators in Italy and Sicily

TO: All Concerned

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 15 June 1945.

2. The following arrangements will be made for the reorganisation of Cooperator Prisoner of War Units under British control on release to BR-ITI Italian Army status.

a. Units with an administrative element considered adequate by the Italian Authorities, and units to which it will be reasonably possible to add an Italian administrative element, will be retained unless otherwise directed by this headquarters. Where, as in some "diluted" British units, it would be impracticable to provide Italian Administration, personnel will be withdrawn as reinforcements for other units, under arrangements Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (LFSC).

b. Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (LFSC) will be responsible for submission of all new or re-written War Establishments to this headquarters for approval by WEC. British personnel will be shown on separate war establishments from Italians. Where organisational changes are desired by Staffs or Services, WE amendment proposals will be submitted as soon as possible in accordance with letter, this headquarters, file 210/Org-3, dated 14 March 1945.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

17 JUN 1945

EDMUND R. SHUGERT
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Ref: IRW/1/475. 30 June 45.

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

To: AFHQ (Attention G-1 (B)

See 473, 469, 468, 467, 486., 475

1. We were informed by your letters CR/3005/G-1(B) dated 9 Oct. 44, and CR/3821/G-1(B) dated 13 Nov. 44, that all Italian POWs of sixty years of age and over, and fifty years of age with two or more years of captivity, would automatically be repatriated to Italy, and we requested that these repatriations should take precedence over others. This request has not always been complied with and the Italian Government is much concerned at the non-repatriation of these elderly POWs and feels that we have not fulfilled our undertakingin this matter. The Italian Press taken every opportunity of attacking the Government on this issue. IPW/29/3 IRW/1/29/7,

2. It was stated at the conference held on 25 May 45 at G-3(B) AFHQ that the numbers of Italian POWs in India, Australia and South Africa were 33,000, 16,000 and 35,000 respectively.

The Italian Government has, on several occasions during the past year, requested the repatriation of some of these POWs, and we have been informed that repatriations would take place subject to the availability of shipping. It is for this reason, no doubt, that the Italian Government made the suggestion that shipping being used to take Italian nationals from this country to the countries concerned should be made available to repatriate corresponding numbers of POWs to Italy.

3. I shall be grateful if you will let me know :-

a) What steps are being taken regarding the POWs referred to in para: 1 above.

b) What steps can be taken to speed up the repatriation of POWs generally, and whether the Italian Government's suggestion referred to in para: 2 is feasible.

in order that I may inform the Italian Government of the present position.

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For Chief Commissioner:

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

B/F 10/7/45
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CC: ~~EXEC~~. COMMR (2)
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Lieut. Colonel J.F. Regis,
WAB and HF Sub-Commission.

Lee 474(a)

A copy of Lieutenant Colonel de Salis' letter to you of 15th June regarding the proposal that the Order of Malta should send a mission to Germany has been forwarded to this office.

Mr. Hopkinson, the British Political Advisor, has directed me to inform you that in his opinion this proposal is deserving of support.

Asst. Political Advisor(G)

20.vi.45

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ADVANCED ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

LIAISON SECTION

AFL/244 c/o HQ. Public Relations, C.M.F.

Tele: 478658 15th June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross and Order of Malta.

TO : Colonel J.E. REGIS,
W.M.D. & I.P.W. Sub-Commission,
HQ. Allied Commission.

See 462, 474

1. With reference to our conversation yesterday.

2. Prince Chigi, Grand Master of the Knights of Malta (Address, Palazzo di Malta, 60 Via Condotti, Rome) has received the attached letter from Signor Bonomi, dated 11th June 1945, with reference to a Mission in Germany to be undertaken by the Order of Malta.

3. Signor Bonomi, writing as President of the Council of Ministers, says that the Italian Government have made repeated requests to the Allied Powers in order to obtain permission for delegates of the Italian Red Cross to enter Germany in order to render morale and material assistance to the numerous ex-Italian Prisoners of War and ex-internees who are still in German territory.

4. As no reply has been received, Signor Bonomi requests that the Order of Malta should send a Mission for the purpose stated.

5. Prince Chigi has sent me the letter with his request that it be forwarded to the competent Allied Authorities. I should therefore be grateful if you would very kindly take any possible action in bringing the matter to the notice of the authorities concerned.

Count de Salis

(COUNT DE SALIS)
Lt. Colonel.

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Roma, 11 Giugno 1945

10909.212/1915

Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Altezza,

il Governo italiano ha ripetutamente fatto appello alle Potenze alleate per ottenere l'invio in Germania di delegati della Croce Rosso Italiana perl'assistenza morale e materiale del rilevante numero di ex prigionieri ed ex internati di nazionalita italiana che si trovano tuttora in territorio tedesco.

Il Governo italiana nulla ha lasciato di intentato perche venga riconosciuto da parte delle Nazioni Unite l'obbligo morale al quale il Paese sente di dover adempiere, preoccupandosi di tanti connazionali duramente provati dagli eventi della guerra e col dare anche ad essi una concreta prova che la Patria non li ha dimenticati.

Il Governo italiana, cui sono note l'importanza e la simpatie che nel campo internazionale godono codesto Sovrano Ordine e le sue molteplici iniziative di assistenza umanitaria, sarebbe grato se Vostra Altezza si compiacesse di esaminare la possibilita di intervenire mediante una diretta azione del S. Ordine rivolta ad ottenere l'invio di una propria mission nel territotie tedesco, con il compito di portare agli italiani che cola si trovano qell'assistanza morale che, prodigata da elementi della stessa nazionalita, potrebbe certamente ad essi dare la comprovata certezza che la Patria li ha nel cuore.

Tengo a sottolineare a V.A. tutta l'urgenza del problema che ho creduto di sottoporre alla Sua considerazione, con la certezza che l'A.V. vorra esaminare e cercare per esso ogni pos ibile soluzione, con quelle spirito di alta umanita che contraddistngue tutta la Sua opera.

Voglio gradire con l'occasione i sensi della mia piu alta stima.

firmato

I. Bonomi

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IPW 2885

SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian PW.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-1(Br)/3822/A-2.

12 Jun 45.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
(IPW Sub-Commission).

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468, 464, 445,

1. Reference your IPW/1/468 of 29 May 45.

2. The following comments have now been received from Mov & Tn Branch of this Headquarters:-

(a) More specific details should be provided, including an indication of numbers involved and present locations.

(b) With regard to M/C cases and releases on account of age, initial action is usually taken by the Command in which the personnel are located.

T.R. CONDRON, Captain,
Staff Captain,
for Major General,
DAG, G-1(Br).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner =
A P O 394

8 May 1945

Ref.40-30/121/FOOD

Dear General Infante,

I have given your letter very careful consideration and I should be grateful if you will convey to His Royal Highness my sympathy with him in this problem.

With regard to assisting personnel of the C.R.I. to go to France, the names of those persons whom it is desired to send should be submitted to this Commission, when the permission of A.F.H.Q. will be sought. I am informed that it is advisable that the numbers should be kept as low as possible, so that they can work under such organizations as have been set up by S.H.A.E.F.-

The question of foodstuffs is rather more difficult. At the moment, unfortunately, there are no stocks of tinned goods available from civilian sources. The Allied Armed Forces make available, from time to time, salvage foodstuffs. These goods consist as a rule of small quantities of flour sweepings and other commodities which, owing to their nature and to the fact that they are loose, are unsuitable for the project at issue. These goods are placed at the disposal of the High Commissioner for Food who allocates them to special classes.

However, should any salvage tinned goods become available, no doubt arrangements could be made to allocate a certain quantity of them.

A shipment of meat is due in the near future for civilian needs, and should the pack be suitable, I should be quite prepared to advise that an allocation should be made to the C.R.I. from this source.

Please assure His Royal Highness that I will do all I can to assist in this matter and should the occasion arise, that I will get into touch with Marchese Theodoli.

Very truly yours
fº Ellery W. Stone
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency General Adolfo INFANTE
Primo Aiutante di CAMPO Gen.di S.A.R.
IL Luogotente Gen.del Regno
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 383.7/101 GAP-O

5 June 1945

SUBJECT: Administration of Civilian Internees

TO: All Concerned

See 508

Letter this headquarters file and subject as above, dated 19 February 1945, as amended, is further amended as follows:

1. a. Delete sub paragraphs 3 a and b and substitute the following:

"3 a. All internees arrested in Italy will normally be evacuated to "R" Civilian Internee Camp, Terni, (A 8739) for internment save that Italians arrested in No. 3 District or Southern District, Peninsular Base Section, may be evacuated to "A" Internee Camp, Padula, near Sala Consilina (T 4295) in cases where it would be impracticable for administrative reasons to evacuate them to Terni."

b. Renumber existing sub paragraph 3 c as 3 b.

2. a. Delete sub paragraph 5 a.

b. Delete first sentence of sub paragraph 5 b and substitute:

"Documentation will be carried out on AF W 3000 immediately upon delivery of an internee to an Internee Camp."

c. Renumber existing sub paragraphs 5 b, c, d, e and f as sub paragraphs 5 a, b, c, d and e respectively.

3. a. In line 2 of sub paragraph 13 a, delete "month" and substitute "week".

b. In line 1 of sub paragraph 13 b, delete the words "temporarily detained and those".

4. a. Delete sub paragraph 20 a.

b. In line 1 of sub paragraph 20 b, delete "other".

cc: CA Sec
Disp
Security Div
Communications Sec
Finance Sec

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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R. H. FRESE
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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(469)

IPW/1/469 29 May 1945

Subject: Repatriation of P.O.W. from Australia and South Africa

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War

See 465, 466, 467, 468, 443, 475.

Reference your letters No. 445/Pol/C-13 di Prot. dated 4 May 1945 and No. 1590/Pol/C-13 di Prot. dated 17 May 1945. + 1576/Pol/C. 14 dated 15 May 45.

I have referred the matters in question to Higher Authorities and shall notify you when a reply is received.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WAD & IPOW Sub-Cos.

OBE 24/6/45

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JAG/42
(468)

IPW/1/468 29 May 1945

Subject: Repatriation of P.O.W. from Australia and South Africa

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

Ref 469, 467, 466, 465, 463,

1. The Italian Government continues to express concern that none or comparatively few of their PW are being repatriated from India, Australia, South Africa etc.

2. The shortage of shipping has been given as the reason for the non repatriation of large numbers from these countries.

3. The Italian Government now suggest and request:

(a) That ships which will be used to take 15,000 Italian workmen to Eastern ports to work for the British Authority be utilized to bring back Italian Prisoners of War.

(b) That transport used to transfer American troops to the Pacific be made available to pick up Italian Prisoners of War.

4. I shall be pleased if you will notify me of any action taken with regard to the Italian Government's request.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WAD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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Rome 15th May 1945. (467)

High Commissioner for Italian PW. To the Allied Commission

No. 1567/Pol/C.14 di Prot. Sub-Commission for Italian PW.

Subject: Repatriation of P.O.W. from Australia and South Africa.

see 454, 466, 468

1. Requests and demands from firms and interested families are arriving every day at the High Commissariat for the repatriation of our compatriots who are P.O.W. in Australia and South Africa, in the class of invalides. The complaints are numerous and the reasons that up to now have been given them to induce them to be patient, are not belived.

This question, as is known, has been represented a number of times to the Allied Commission, that gave some hope of its solution IN LETTER IPW/1/454 dated the 8th of April 1945.

Notwithstanding, up to now, none of these repatriation have taken place and the anxiety of the interested parties increases every day.

2. From a report received of a visit made in the middle of October 1944 by a delegate of the International Red Cros to Camp Zonderwater it appears that, at that time, 18 of the 800 proposed for repatriation by the mixed medical Commission in South Africa, have died.

3. It is thought, that the repatriation of those in the Australian Camps should be examined also in relation to the return trip of those ships that are taking the 1500 Italian workmen to the Orient, and could on their return bring the prisoners back or better yet, the ships that take the Allied troops from Europe to the Pacific, could bring them back.

4. We call to the attention of your Sub-Commission this very delicate matter in the hope that you will have it examined by the competent authorities.

Signed the High Commissioner
General P. Gazzera

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(466)

Rome 17th May 1945

ITALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PRISONERS OF WAR
No. 1590/rol/C.13 di prot.

TO: THE ALLIED COMMISSION

ROME

SUBJECT: Repatriation of POW from Camps in the Far East.

Ref 465 - 454 + 464, 468

The end of hostilities in Europe that brought great joy to all hearts, as is natural, has increased the anxiety of families who still have their dear ones in captivity far from their country, producing at the same time, in the giornalistic field, a certain agitation followed anxiously by the entire Nation.

The Italian Authorities are perfectdy aware of the difficulties, still to surmount, of the repatriation of our POW who are all over the world, we however think it necessary to prospect to the Allied Commission some ideas for the effectuation of the possible repatriation of our Compatriots in the Camps of Australia, India, South Africa, Kenya etc.etc. and that is to utilize the following ships for their transfer to Italy.

- The ships that take to the far East the 15.000 italian workmen - (attention our letter 1445/Pol. dated the 4th of May 1945). — encl. 465.

- The ships that transfer from Europe to the Pacific the Anglo American Troops. The Italian Government has expressed, in our letter No. 1129/rol. dated the 24th of April 1945, that if possible priority may be given on those ships for these repatriations

The Allied Commission must surely be aware of the good repercussions, that the adoption of the public opinion in Italy.
this plan would have on

We would appreciate and thank you for a concrete answer regarding this matter.

/s/ THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
Gen. r. GAZZERA

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

No. 1445/Pol/C-13 di prot.

Rome, 4 May 1945

To: IPOW Sub-Commission, A.C.
ROME

Subject : Repatriation of PW from India, Australia, South Africa, Kenya etc.

See 454 a 466, 468.

According to agreements in discussion, as is known, there are 15.000 Italian workers who are to be sent to tropical Asiatic regions to be employed by the British Authorities.

It is the great desire of the Italian Government (interpreting numerous requests presented by the families of the PW) to be able to obtain transport on the ships on their return trip (ships that take our workmen to the Orient) for the Italian PW who are in India, Australia, South Africa, Kenya etc.

They are mostly all individuals who have had four and more years of imprisonemt.

The Allied Commission can readily understand the good social and political repercussion that this news would have on the public opinion in Italy, on the people who are so anxious about the prolonged imprisonemtn of their relatives; not only from that point of view but it would also obtain a better acceptance of the imigration of the 15.000 workers to tropical regions, that is regarded by many people with diffidence owing to the little known condition in which these workmen are to proceed in their work.

For the choosing of the prisoners for repatriation, the Allied Authorities should adhere to the conditions of priority indicated in the plan of repatriation forwarded by the Italian Authorities and sent to you from the High Commissariat with letter No. 1129/Pol. dated 14 April 45, and that is, to give precedence to the military personnel, who are invalids, old and those who are under compassionate classification, and fathers of 4 children etc. See 53

It would be greatly appreciated if what is written above would be taken into your kind consideration and the decision regarding the matter communicated to us as soon as is possible.

copy attached. 465(a)

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
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s/ Gen. P. Gazzera

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

CCB/cml

G-5: Cit.33-1st

1 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Plan for the Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War overseas in British, American, and French (North Africa) Custody.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394. (NAD & ZPOW Sub Commission).

1. Reference is made to your 170/33/2 dated 26 April 1945 and subsequent telephone conversation (Lt.Col. Campbell - Major Haring).

2. We have raised this question with G-1A and G-1B, but it is regretted that at present they have no knowledge of any plan showing how the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War will be effected when such repatriation commences.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

CCB.
C.C. CAMPBELL,
Lt.Col.

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Ma.

Rome 14th April 1945

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR
No.1129/Pol/F.20 di Prot.

TO: The Allied Commission
R O M E

SUBJECT: Project for the repatriation of Italian POW.

Referring to a conversation with Lieut.Col. CAMPBELL, director of this Sub Commission we herewith forward a plan for the repatriation of Italian POW in British American and French Custody (North Africa) that the Italian Government would appreciate very much if it could be adopted, when the repatriations in mass will be effectuated.

The same plan could be used if the repatriations will take place gradually.

In any case, as in the Ist paragraph of the said memorandum, we beg the Allied Authorities to order and give the authorization in the camps for the compiling of the lists of repatriation so that at any moment they could pass into action.

We thank you for a reply.

/s/ The High Commissioner
Gen. P. GAZZERA

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Originale in IPW/53

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Rome, 14th April 1945 (465 c

A General plan you the repatriation of Italian POW over seas in British, American and French Custody (North Africa)

1. FOREWORD.

The plan represents the desires of the Italian Government relative to the order of precedence that the said Government wishes to effectuate, when the repatriations in mass will take place of the Italian PWs.

A special request is made to the Allied Authorities to begin in the camps an immediate preparation for this plan.

2. The number of prisoners to be repatriated from over seas.

a) In a round sum is as follows:
360.000 in English custody
65.000 in American custody
35.000 in French custody
Total 460.000

b) We are considering here, only the repatriation of those prisoners who are in British , American and French custody (North Africa) who are over seas and will therefore have to be repatriation by sea. In other words we are not considering those prisoners who are already in Italy, or those who are in working units in France.

Also it is to be observed that about 150.000 military personnel in the United Kingdom could be transported across the channel into France. Here they are considered as being over seas.

But the measures for the repatriation of all Italian Military Personnel POW should be taken as herewith indicated.

c) We are not examining the problem of the repatriation of Italian PW in Russian custody (as all the data concerning them is too uncertain), or those who are in German custody who repatriation will take place overland.

3. Plans for repatriation according to Italian Covernment.

a) The repatriations must take place in order to satisfy the two Major problems.
The moral and physical welfare of the PW.
The necessity for the moral and material reconstruction of Italy.

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Original in 11w/53.

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B. Relative to the 1st problem it is necessary to give priority to the invalides, men above 50 years of age and the prisoners whose families find themselves in the category of compassionate cases, according to the ruling fixed by the Allied Authorities.

C. For that which regards the second necessity, it must be kept in mind the urgency to establish the basic moral law for the reconstruction of these families as quickly as is possible. It is therefore thought that the following order of repatriation should be adopted:

1) Fathers of 4 or more children who are about 36,000.
2) Those who have had 4 or more years of imprisonment about 100.000
3) Fathers of three children about 22.000
4) Those who have had three or more years of imprisonment about 36.000
5) Those who are married about 73.000
6) Those who have had two years and more of imprisonment about 34.000
7) POW with one year and more of imprisonment.

In this way priority will be given to fathers of numerous children, to obtain a rapid reconstruction of the Italian families, taking due count of the lenght of their imprisonment which is an important factor and obtaining thusly the following advantages:

- Reconstructions of the families
- The return to Italy of various classes of workmen
- Repatriation of Prisoners from all the regions of Italy.

D. Taking to account, if repatriation is requested for certain specialists who are indespensable, they would be outside of this plan, and should be given priority.

E. In more, for that which concerns the country they came from, priority should be given to those who are in the countries furtherest away and who have therefore suffered more than the others, priority should be given as follows.

1. Australia
2. South Africa
3. India & Kenya
4. America
5. Middle East
6. England and North Africa

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4. Ports of arrival
Cagliari - Palermo - Taranto - Bari - Ancona - Venice -Naples Civitavecchia - Leghorn - Genova.

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5. Possible Influx

The autonomous office for war Veterans and repatriated POW of the Ministry of War presented a project to the Allied Commission, for the formation of a camp with all the necessary accoutrements to permit the influx of 100.000 prisoners a month, or better 50.000 every 15 days. The repatriation of all these prisoners under consideration, could be effectuated in about 5 months.

6. Ships for transport

As is known Italy does not dispose of ships that could be utilized for the repatriation of these prisoners over seas. It is also known that up to six months after the victory the pool will continue of the Allied ships.

It is, however, necessary that the repatriation be effectuated by the Allied ships.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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HEADQUARTERS
4 MAY 1945
A. G.

G-5: 014.33

2 May 1945

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian PW. Lt. BOSI 81-1-40914.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

See 460

1. Reference is made to your IPW/1/458 22 April 1945.

2. It is understood from G-1 this Headquarters that the request for repatriation of Lt. BOSI was made by the President's personal representative to the Vatican.

3. This case was expedited by cable and it is regretted that your Headquarters was not included in distribution list. This oversight has been noted to prevent recurrence.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

K.P. MANNOCK,
Jnr. Comdr.

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(463)

SUBJECT:- Procedure for Release of Italian P. (Co-operators and Non- Co-operators.)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3821/G1(Br).

12 Apr 45.

This Headquarters' letter CR/3821/G1(Br) dated 27 Mar 45 will be amended as follows :-

PARA 4.

DELETE existing paragraph

and

SUBSTITUTE

A F W3000 Part I, A F W3488, copies of certificates at Appendices A and C and two copies of the nominal roll referred to in para 2 above will be forwarded to GHQ., 2nd Echelon accompanied by notification of release on A F W3011A in the case of co-operators or on A F W3002 in the case of non co-operators."

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

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COPY FOR INFORMATION:

Governor and Commander in Chief, MALTA. (2)
Governor and Commander in Chief, GIBRALTAR. (2)

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(462)

IW/1/462 25 April 1945

SUBJECT: Recovery and Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War liberated by the Allied Forces in European Territories.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

See 453, 459, 461, 474.

Reference your letter No. 10.9/Pol/P-E dated 6 April 45.

1. I have now been informed that it will be necessary for the Italian Government to make representation to the Soviet authorities for travel facilities in the Vienna area, and any part of Russian occupied territories.

2. As regards the western front, the question of the entry of missions to territory in that area should be taken up through the Italian Ambassador in London.

J.A. [redacted],
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
MED & KIOW Sub-Com.

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Copy to :

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
(Memorandum No. 6/1051/475 dated 16 April 1945 refers). — 458

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Ref. Folio 459.

I spoke with Major May, so as to clarify para. 4.

The position would appear to be that only Italian soldiers taken by the Germans while fighting with Allies since September 1943 will be considered PW, and dealt with as PW by SHAEF.

The remaining Italian Military personnel held PW by the Germans will be treated as Displaced Persons, and will be repatriated under that heading.

As the Italian Government intend to treat them as repatriated PW immediately they arrive in Italy, close liaison with DP and R Sub-Commission will be necessary.

G-1 (B) were of opinion that the question should be taken up by the Italian Government direct with their Ambassadors concerned.

24 Apr. 45. J.A.C.

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to this Hq for ( ) card purposes.

For the Chief Commissioner :

(F) (460)

IPW/1/458 — 22 April 1945

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War-Gen.
Lieut. BOSI, France 81-1-49014.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Att: G-5 Section).

See 464.

Reference MFOUSA Memorandum from G-1 dated 1st February 1945.

1. The above mentioned Italian PW has been repatriated to Italy without the knowledge of this Hq.

2. This is contrary to the instructions issued after the meeting referred to in the above quoted letter.

3. Apart from the difficulty of keeping records of such repatriations, it is pointed out that such exceptions make it extremely difficult to deal with special requests, made almost daily from the office of the Luogotenente, and others of the Italian Government and others, which do not come within the terms of reference for repatriation.

4. I shall be pleased if I may be informed if certain individual applications for the repatriation of Italian PWs made direct to AFHQ, are dealt with without previous reference to this Hq, and, if such is the case, if a copy of the request made to the commands concerned can be forwarded to this Hq for record purposes.

For the Chief Commissioner :

See 1/1 am
for previous correspondence
re "BOSI"
GC.

DAG 4/57

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WAD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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IPW (459)

SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italians from European Territories liberated by the Allied Forces.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.
(WMD and IPW Sub Commission).

CR/3485/G1(Br).

19 Apr 45.

See 458, 455, 453, + 461.

1. Reference is made to your IPW/1/455 of 10 April.

2. This Headquarters has no authority to grant permission for Italian Commissions to visit the areas referred to.

3. It will be necessary for the Italian Government to make representation to the Soviet authorities for travel facilities in the VIENNA area and any part of Russian occupied territories.

4. As regards the Western Front, all matters regarding the entry of missions are controlled by SHAEF.

HEADQUARTERS 20 APR 1945 A. C.

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W.R. MAY,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG. G.1(Br).

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6/105/1275 (458)

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

WRD - D POW.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Repatriation of groups of Italians liberated by the Allies in Germany.

Acc 459 · 455, 461, 462.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum nº 1049/Pol/F-3 (453) of April 6th addressed by the High Commissioner for the Prisoners of War to the Allied Commission.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs earnestly request the Allied Commission to consider with the closest attention the question envisaged in the aforesaid Memorandum.

They furthermore wish to emphasize again the necessity that Italian officials be called to collaborate with the Authorities of occupation in the solution of the many and delicate problems connected with the investigation, relief and eventual repatriation of Italian civilians and military groups liberated by the Allied forces. They believe that such a collaboration would be very useful in the common interest rendering less heavy - thanks to the help of the peculiar competence and knowledge owned by these officials of the problems concerning Italian groups abroad - the complex 4733 of the Authorities of occupation.

3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very grateful for those steps which the Allied Commission will see fit to take in the matter.

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Rome, April 16th 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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(457)

Tel: 300

11 April 1945.

Ref: 8263/13/EC.

SUBJECT: Status of Personnel of Italian Fascist Forces in event of enemy surrender.

TO : War Material Disposal and Italian PW Sub-Commission.

Sec 427

The attached extract from the Minutes of SACMED's (Political) Conference held on 5 April 1945, subject as above, is forwarded for your information.

No further action

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Incl:
as above

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Extract from the Minutes of SACMED's (political) Conference held on 5th April 1945.

Minute 4.

"4. STATUS OF PERSONNEL OF ITALIAN FASCIST FORCES IN EVENT OF ENEMY SURRENDER.

(JPS Study No. P/273 (Final)).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a draft paper, recommending that, in the event of enemy surrender, Italian Fascist forces should be treated on the same terms as disarmed Germans, until such time as the policy regarding the status and treatment of Italian prisoners of war is settled, and attaching a draft cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff requesting their approval.

BRIGADIER GENERAL EBERLE, in answer to a question by the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, stated that the term "neo Fascists" applied to those Italian Fascists who fought for the Republican Italian Government since the Italian Armistice. In NAF 876, it had been proposed to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that those Italians falling within the general terms "Italian neo Fascists" would not be turned over to the Italian government for custody in the same way as certain other categories of Italian prisoners of war and civilian internees. The proposal of the Joint Planning Staff was that the "new Fascists", who were already prisoners of war, and those Italian Fascists captured as a result of German surrender, should be considered to be in the same group as far as concerned their handover to the custody of the Italian government. It might not be necessary for the Supreme Allied Commander to retain these personnel in Allied custody for as long as would be the case in regard to German prisoners of War and "surrendered Germans".

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON questioned the necessity of despatching the telegram which was now before the Conference. He was of the opinion that the Combined Chiefs of Staff should not be asked to consider at this time a question so involved, especially as they had already been informed that these Italians would initially be treated on the same terms as disarmed Germans.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER directed:

(a) That the recommendation of the Joint Planning Staff, that personnel of the Italian Fascist forces should be treated on the same terms as disarmed Germans, until such time as the policy regarding the status and treatment of Italian prisoners of war in Allied hands is settled and the Italian Government is deemed by the Supreme Allied Commander to be in a position to deal with them, should for the present be accepted as theatre policy.

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(b) That no further communication should be despatched to the Combined Chiefs of Staff on this subject pending a reply to NAF 876 on receipt of which the subject should be reviewed".

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455

IRW/1/455

10 April 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from European territories liberated by the Allied Forces.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Att: G-5 Section.)

See 453, 399 & 456 + 459.

1. The Italian Government have expressed the desire to send Commissions of Italian officers to the liberated European territories, with a view to collaborating with the Allied Forces in the search and repatriation of Italians who were held Prisoner of War by the Germans.

2. It is pointed out by the High Commissioner for Prisoners of War that it would appear that Vienna is on the verge of liberation, and he is informed that in that district alone there are many Italians, military and civilian.

3. The proposal is to form three Commissions - Western Front, Eastern Front and Balkan Front, and it is suggested that the time is opportune to send immediately one Commission, to look after those Italians who are in the Vienna area.

4. The Italian Government have asked that urgent consideration be given to their suggestions, and state that the Commission could, if necessary, be formed of civilians - such as members of the Red Cross.

5. I shall be pleased if you will inform me as to whether permission can be given for the Commissions to be formed and sent to the fronts suggested, so that I may be in a position to inform the Italian Government.

For the Chief Commissioner :

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
POW & IFOW Sub-Com.

BIF 24/4/45

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456

IPW/1/456 10 April 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from liberated European Territories.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Acc 453 + 377

Reference your letter No. 1049/pol/P-8 dated 6 April 1945.

1. The matter has been referred to higher authority, from whom an answer is awaited.

2. Immediately I am in receipt of a reply, you will be informed accordingly.

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

2/4/45

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IEM/1/454

8 April 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian PW Sick and Wounded.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

See 465. See 452 & 861 in 1/7. 466/467.

Reference your letter No. 677/Pol/C.14 dated 3 March 1945.

1. I have been informed by the War Office, LONDON, that instructions have been sent to SOUTH AFRICA and AUSTRALIA to take every available shipping opportunity to effect the repatriation of Italian sick and wounded Prisoners of War, and arrangements have been made to stage small parties in MIDDLE EAST and United Kingdom, where this would be of assistance.

2. The present heavy demand on shipping, however, leaves little available for lifts from AUSTRALIA and SOUTH AFRICA, against which there are operational and other higher priority movements to be met.

3. With reference to your letter No. 861/Pol/C.13 dated 26 March 1945 regarding Italian Prisoners of War in INDIA, every effort is made to repatriate sick Italians from India, but, here again, the numbers are governed by shipping availability. When dealing with large numbers of Prisoners of War who frequently have to be transported over long distances on land before the port of embarkation is reached, staging and delays are at times unavoidable.

4. At this stage of the war when shipping space is of the utmost value, both routes and cargo are subject to late alteration at times when it is necessary to get the utmost benefit out of available shipping accommodation.

5. The repatriation of Italian sick and wounded Prisoners of War is not delayed more than is absolutely necessary.

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
MED & IPOW Sub-Com.

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High Commission for It. PW.

No. 1049/Pol/F-8 di Prot.

Rome 6th. April 1945.

To the Allied Commission

Sub-Commission for It. PW.

Rome

Subject: Recovery and repatriation of It. P.O.Ws. ~~in~~ liberated by the Allied Forces in European territories. Sending of It. representatives to Vienna.

/ See 399. + 455/456, 458, 459, 461, 462.

In our letter No. 332/Pol. dated the 29th. of January 1945, we expressed the desire of the It. Government to send a Commission of Italian officers to the European territories liberated by the Allied Forces, with the aim of collaborating with the Allied Forces in the search and repatriation of our countrymen who ~~are~~ WERE ex P.O.Ws. of the Germans.

While awaiting an answer to this letter it is thought necessary to call to your attention, that due to the Military situation, Vienna seems to be on the verge of liberation and as we have been informed, that in that district there are many Italian P.C.W.s we therefore, think it opportune to send one of these Commissions there as quickly as possible.

The above matter is considered to be of a very urgent nature and the sending of these Commissiones very necessary to liberated countries where there are many Italians, military or civilians. The Commissions could be formed of Civilians, as for example, Civilians belonging to the Red Cross.

Signed by the High Commissioner

Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian Sick and Wounded PW.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
IPW Sub Commission.

CR/3822/G1(Br).

5 Apr 45.

Sec 441 + 447, 454.
Reply now to HC (440)

1. Reference your IPW/1/441 of 8 March 45.

2. This Headquarters has been informed by the War Office, LONDON, that instructions have been sent to SOUTH AFRICA and AUSTRALIA to take every available shipping opportunity to effect the repatriation of Italian sick and wounded PW, and arrangements have been made to stage small parties in MIDDLE EAST and UK, where this would be of assistance.

3. The present heavy demand on shipping, however, leaves little available for lifts from AUSTRALIA and SOUTH AFRICA, against which there are operational and other higher priority movements to be met.

4. With reference to your 1/7/866 of 30 March 1945 enclosing copy of a letter from the Italian High Commissioner for PW regarding Italian PW in INDIA. Every effort is made to repatriate sick Italians from INDIA, but, here again, the numbers are governed by shipping availability. When dealing with large numbers of PW who frequently have to be transported over long distances on land before the port of embarkation is reached, staging and delays are at times unavoidable.

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A. C.

TRC/DDKT.

W.A.K. Finlayson

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

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WM 54 1Pw (6)...

SUBJECT:- Procedure for Release of Italian Pw Co-operators and Non- Co-operators.) 8013

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3821/G1(Br).

10 Apr 45.

This Headquarters' letter CR/3821/G1(Br) dated 27 Mar 45 will be amended as follows :-

PARA 4.

DELETE existing paragraph

and

SUBSTITUTE

A F W3000 Part I, A F W3488, copies of certificates at Appendices A and C and two copies of the nominal roll referred to in para 2 above will be forwarded to GHQ., 2nd Echelon accompanied by notification of release on A F W3011A in the case of co-operators or on A F W3002 in the case of non co-operators."

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W.A.K. TINLAYSON,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
D/G. G-1(Br).

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Have MMIA a copy in relation to 1P4/45 encl 1/2. 9/c

SUBJECT:- Procedure for Release of Italian PW (Co-operators and Non Co-operators).

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3821/G1(Br).

27 Mar 45.

The following procedure will in future be adopted in all cases when Italian PW are released from British custody :

1. Accounts on AF W3488 will be closed. Each AF W3488 will be examined to ensure that pay has been credited from date of capture and that all entries have been signed by the prisoner of war concerned.

2. Nominal rolls will be forwarded in triplicate to AFHQ, G-1(Br) to show the following details :-

(i) PW Number
(ii) Rank
(iii) Name
(iv) Period for which pay credited
(v) Balance credit or debit (in STERLING).

3. Individual "Statements of account for the period in which in the pay of the British Authorities" will be prepared in duplicate in accordance with the proforma at Appendix 'A'. The original, duly completed and stamped, will be handed to the PW on release and the duplicate, with the form of receipt thereon signed by the PW, will be attached to AF W3488. In the case of releases where the numbers involved are less than 6, copies of these statements may be forwarded to AFHQ in lieu of nominal rolls in 2 above.

4. AF W3000 Part I, AF W3488 and copies of certificates at Appendices 'A' and 'C' will be forwarded to GHQ, 2nd Echelon accompanied by notification of release on AF W3011A in the case of co-operators or on AF W3002 in the case of non co-operators.

5. Personal Effects.

(a) Any man released will be invited to make a written claim for any possession or currency taken from him while a PW, which should include his PW number, rank, name and home address written in block capitals. A receipt will be given for each claim handed in. The receipt will not acknowledge the validity of the claim but merely its receipt.

(b) Claims so made will be forwarded immediately to GHQ, 2nd Echelon, who, where possible, will return impounded currency and effects before release. Where this is not possible, currency and effects will be forwarded to Allied Commission quoting the necessary details to enable the owner to be traced.

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6. Pending the issue of any instructions for the exchange of battledress and other articles of clothing on release, men released will be allowed to retain in their possession clothing and necessaries considered essential for retention not exceeding the scale laid down in Appendix 'B'. Each man will be issued with a certificate in the terms of Appendix 'C'.

7. Printed copies of Appendices 'A' and 'C' will be available shortly. Until these are available typewritten copies will be used.

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8. Attention is drawn to this Headquarters' instruction CR/3822/G1(Br) dated 20 Sep 44 (not to all addressees) as amended by CR/3822/G1(Br) of 3 Oct 44 (not to all addressees), which sets out the procedure for the return of sick and wounded PW from NORTH AFRICA. The procedure for the return of sick and wounded remains as before, including the submission of nominal rolls direct to Headquarters, Allied Commission and is in no way affected by this instruction except that certificates in accordance with Appendices 'A' and 'C' will be taken into use in the future.

9. Attention is drawn to the fact that no release of PW will take place other than on the authority of AFHQ.

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A.S. BARSDORF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

Statement of Account for the period
Estratto conto per il Periodo

during which an Italian PW
Durante il quale un Prigioniero di Guerra Italiano

was in the pay of the British Authorities.
Estato Amministrato dalle Autorita Brittaniche.

PW Number.
Matricola P.G.

Rank.
Grado.

Name.
Nome.

Period for which pay credited. from..... to.....
Periodo di Accreditamento Paga. dal al

Balance credit or debit (STERLING)
Saldo del Credito o Debito (STERLING) .....(words)
(in lettere)

£. s. d. (figures)
(in cifre)

Equivalent in lire
Equivalente in lire .....

Stamp of issuing unit.
Timbro della Autorita Emittente

Date.
Data.

Signature of issuing officer.
Firma dell'Ufficiale Emittente

Rank and Arm of Service.
Grado e Corpo.

I have received a copy of this statement.

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Rank.
Grado.

Name.
Nome.

Period for which pay credited. from..... to.....
Periodo di Accreditamento Paga. dal al

Balance credit or debit (STERLING)
Saldo del Credito o Debito (STERLING) .....(words)
(in lettere)

£. s. d. (figures)
(in cifre)

Equivalent in lire
Equivalente in lire .....

Stamp of issuing unit.
Timbro della Autorita Emittente

Date.
Data.

Signature of issuing officer.
Firma dell'Ufficiale Emittente

Rank and Arm of Service.
Grado e Corpo.

I have received a copy of this statement.
Ho ricevuto una copia di questo Relievo.

Date.
Data.

Signature of PW.
Firma del Prigioniero di Guerra.

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APPENDIX "B"

MAXIMUM SCALE OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES FOR RETENTION ON RELEASE.

CLOTHING

	Winter	Summer
Boots, Ankle, w/laces prs.....	1	1
B.D. Blouses.....	1	-
B.D. Trousers, prs.....	1	-
Cars, F.S.....	1	1
Greatcoats.....	1	-
Trousers, K.D.....	-	1

NECESSARIES

Braces, prs.....(a)	1	1
Brushes, hair.....(a)	1	1
Brushes, shaving.....(a)	1	1
Brushes, tooth.....(a)	1	1
Combs, hair.....(a)	1	1
Drawers, cotton, prs.....	1	1
Razor, safety.....(a)	1	1
Shirts, Angola, drab.....	1	-
Shirts, Bush.....	-	1
Socks, worsted, prs.....	1	1
Towels, hand.....(a)	2	2
Spoon.....(a)	1	1
Fork.....(a)	1	1
Knife.....(a)	1	1

(a) If in possession: no issues will be made to complete to scale.

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Greatcoats.....	1	-
Trousers, K.D.....	-	1

NECESSARIES

Braces, prs.....(a)	1	1
Brushes, hair.....(a)	1	1
Brushes, shaving.....(a)	1	1
Brushes, tooth.....(a)	1	1
Combs, hair.....(a)	1	1
Drawers, cotton, prs.....	1	1
Razor, safety.....(a)	1	1
Shirts, Angola, drab.....	1	-
Shirts, Bush.....	-	1
Socks, worsted, prs.....	1	1
Towels, hand.....(a)	2	2
Spoon.....(a)	1	1
Fork.....(a)	1	1
Knife.....(a)	1	1

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APPENDIX 'C'

CLOTHING CERTIFICATE
Certificato Vestiario

This is to certify that No.....
Con la presente si certificato che matr

Rank.....
Grado

Name.....
Nome

formerly a prisoner of war in British custody was released on.....
in precedenza prigioniere di guerra in mano Britannica e stato rilasciato il

and is entitled to retain the following items of Allied clothing and
ha il diritto di conservare i seguenti capi di corredo ed

equipment in his possession :
equipaggiamento Alleati attualmente in suo possesso :

Item Voce	Number Numero	Item Voce	Number Numero
Boots, ankle Scarpe, alte		Brush, tooth Spazzola denti	
Blouses, B.D. Giacca Divisa Lavoro		Comb, hair Pettine	
Trousers, B.D. Calzoni Divisa Lavoro		Drawers, woollen, prs Mutande di Lana	
Caps, F.S. Berretto a Busta		Razor, safety Rasoio di Sicurezza	
Greatcoat Cappotto		Shirts, angola Camicie	
Trousers, K.D. Calzoni Lunghi Estivi		Shirts, Bush Camicie	
Bags, Kit Sacco Zaino		Socks, worsted, prs Calzini	4749
Braces, prs Bretelle		Towels Asciugamani	
Brush, shaving Pennello per Barba		Vests, woollen Canottiere di Lana	

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Trousers, K.D. Calzoni Lunghi Estivi		Shirts, Bush Camicie	
Bags, Kit Sacco Zaino		Socks, worsted, prs Calzini	4740
Braces, prs Bretelle		Towels Asciugamani	
Brush, shaving Pennello per Barba		Vests, woollen Canottiere di Lana	

The above articles are issued for the personal use only of the
I predetti capi sono stati forniti per uso personale al

ex prisoner of war whose name appears on this certificate
prigioniere di guerra al quale è intestato il presente certificato.

Any attempt by him to sell them or other wise dispose of them will
Ogni tentativo da parte sua di vendere o comunque cedere a terze persone

render him liable to legal proceedings.
detto capi di corredo lo esporranno a procedimento penale.

Stamp of issuing unit
Timbro della Autorita Emittente

Signature of issuing officer
Firma dell Ufficiale Emittente.

Date.....

Rank and Arm of Service.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

1 PW 450

Originator's Reference: 79978 PWI

Date/Time of Origin: MAR 261700

Message Centre No: D/6242

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 281250

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: TROOPERS

TO : MIDEAST PAIC E AFRICA MILWESTAF INDIA RPT DICHIEF MELBOURNE FREEDOM FOR FHQAB, AICOM

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1. At least 10 days notice will be given AFHQ of estimated time of arrival of all categories of Italian repatriable P.W.

2. Nominal rolls will be despatched AFHQ copies to Allied Commission for ITALY fast Air Mail

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A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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FX 47276
MAR 21

MAR 21/2030
ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE: FXAB
TO : TROOPERS, RPTD ALLIED COMMISSION ROME.

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Further to your 98951 dated 3 December 44.

Request all commands be instructed to signal Eta this Hq all Italian repatriates including those repatriated on medical grounds those for service Italian Forces and compassionate cases etc. Also request nominal rolls of all such repatriated be forwarded to this Hq fast airmail with copy to ALLIED COMMISSION ROME on embarkation.

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See IPW/1/4.

22 March 1945

Subject: List of repatriated Prisoners of War. Not sent. See cable no 449(a). GC.

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

1/. The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War again protests that lists of repatriated Prisoners of War received by him are incomplete and do not contain sufficient details.

2/. He requests that the senior officer in the group of repatriated Prisoners of War be instructed to compile, before arrival in Italy, a complete list of names, paternity and maternity and when ill, the nature of the illness.

3/. If these lists are available they can be forwarded to the Italian Military Commands at the ports and will obviate mistakes in radio transmissions in names of Prisoners of War not repatriated and will be a check on place of residence of family etc.

4/. My previous letters IPW/1/7/311 of 21 November 1944, IPW/1/7/344 of 26 November 1944, and IPW/1/7/637 of 23 January 1945 all refer to this matter.

5/. I have to urge that steps be taken to see that the lists as asked for are provided and to state that the amount of unnecessary work at this Headquarters is increasing daily purely on such matter as the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War complains of and it makes it quite impossible to compile accurate records from which to furnish information asked for not only from Allied Force Headquarters but for the War Departments and other Commands.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WND & IPOW Sub-Com.

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High Commissioner It.PW.
No. 19927

Rome 13th. March 1945.
To the Allied Commission
Sub-Commission for It. PW.
Rome

COPY

Subject: List of repatriated P.O.Ws.

It has been very often noted that the lists of repatriated P.O.Ws. forwarded from the Allied Commission to the competent Italian Authorities, are incomplete and do not contain the necessary and indispensable information needed for the Italian Authorities; such as the changes that are brought about, for many reasons, during their return voyage.

We beg the Allied Commission to call this matter to the attention of the proper Allied Authorities and dispose in manner, that the ranking officer in the group of repatriated P.O.Ws. receive the order to compile, before their arrival in Italy, a complete list of names, paternity and maternity and if ill, specify the nature of their illness. This list will be forwarded to all Military Commands of the Ports.

What is written above is to avoid the following mistakes; Radio transmissions of names of people not repatriated, control of the names and the place of residence of the family, etc. etc.

Signed the High Commissioner
Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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Rome, 16th March 1945

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PW

No. 30246 di Prot.

TO: The Allied Commission
R O M E

Subject: Assistance to Civilian Internees in Kenya.

See 336, 334, 351, 352, 395, 449.

Reference your letter IPW/1/352, dated the 2nd of January 1945.

The Ministry of Italian Africa, the competent Authority for the treatment of economical questions relative to prisoners who are civilian internees in Africa, has given us the assurance that a ruling is being arranged by the competent Ministers regarding the conceding of the 70% raise on the subsidies to the families of the refugees from Africa, since the families of officers and the families who are dependent on the public administration, although remaining in Africa, have already received some time ago, this same 70% raise.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the competent Authority relative to the repatriation of civilian internees, has also given us the assurance of having made direct contact with the Allied Commission, and has informed us that the Italian civilian internees will be repatriated for the same reasons as the Italian Prisoners of War, including humanitarian reasons.

s/ The High Commissioner
Gen. P.Gazzera

Answer was written, (illegible) but Col. cancelled
+ did not send.
C/c.
22/3/45.

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WO 32/11830

WO 5 & 11 Pt (447)

SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian Sick and Wounded PW.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/3822/C1(Br).

16 May 45.

Under Secretary of State,
The War Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

See 441 & 452/453

1. This Headquarters has received a letter from Headquarters, Allied Commission (IPW Sub-Commission) saying that the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War continues to enquire regarding the possibility of repatriation of sick and wounded Italian Prisoners of War from AUSTRALIA and SOUTH AFRICA.

2. It is appreciated that the return to ITALY of these Prisoners of War is a matter of shipping availability, but information as to the present position would be appreciated in order that Headquarters, Allied Commission may reply to the Italian High Commissioner who receives many queries from relatives of invalid Italian Prisoners of War held in these countries.

HEADQUARTERS
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A. C.

W.A.K. FINLAYSON,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE.

TRC/ER.

Copy to:- Headquarters, Allied Commission (IPW Sub-Commission).
Your IPW/1/441 of 8 Mar 45 refers.

CS (Your G-5 : 014.33-24 of 11 May 45 refers.)
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C.C.

Rome 13th. March 1945.

High Commission for It.PW.
No.768/F.2.A. di Prot;Pol.

To the Allied Commission
Sub-Commission for It. PW.
Rome

Subject: Italian P.O.Ws. in the United States.

Ref 430.

Thank you very much for your communication in letter IPW/1/430 dated the 2nd. of March 1945.

Signed High Commissioner
Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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L'Alto Commissario
per i prigionieri di guerra

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N.768/F.2.A. di prot.Pol. Roma, lì 13 marzo 1945

O G G E T T O : Prigionieri di guerra italiani negli Stati Uniti.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per i p.d.g.
R O M A

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Si ringrazia sentitamente per quanto comunicato con foglio IPW/1/430 in data 2.3.1945.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO

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ALLIED [redacted] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Office of the Executive Commissioner

FILE No. P/826

SUBJECT: Treatment of Italian POWs in French Custody in North Africa

14 March 1945

TO : Director, War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission

1. Reference is made to yourIPW/1/381 of 21 January 1945. Ser 381/420.

2. AFHQ, G-5 Section has advised this office that the Italian Government should deal directly with the French Provisional Government, through their respective Ambassadors, concerning all Franco Italian disputes or complaints, except in those cases related to areas where the Supreme Allied Commander has jurisdiction, or in those cases otherwise directly affecting his interests, which shall, in the first instance, be referred to the Allied Commission.

3. AFHQ do not consider that the case under reference effects SAC's interests directly.

Capt 4731

Captain,
for Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

(443)

IPW/1/443 14 March 1945

Subject: Repatriation of Prisoners of War who have four or more children.

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Ref 442

Reference your 19757/1/A.6 dated 8 March 1945.

1. I would refer you to letter IPW/1/371 dated 16 January 1945 signed by Brigadier Lush, the Chief of Staff, Allied Commission.

2. This letter states quite plainly the present policy for repatriation.

3. A directive has been issued stating that no Italian Prisoners of War shall be repatriated on compassionate grounds other than those on which an Allied soldier would be posted home.

4. It is pointed out that no matter how many children an Allied soldier has, it is not considered a sufficient reason to send him home.

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

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

No. 19757/1/A.6 Rome, 8th March 1945

TO: The Allied Commission - ROME

SUBJECT: Repatriation of POWs who have four or more children.

Lie 341, 364, 4435

1. In our letter No. 16532 dated the 4th of January 1945 we interpreted the desires of the Italian people relative to certain proposals for repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War, taking into consideration the moral sufferings of the Italian Military Personnel held in PW Camps away from their families for a considerable length of time. To these requests the Head of the General Staff of the Allied Commission in letter No. IPW/1/371, dated the 17th of January informed us that for the moment these proposals could not be considered.

2. Amongst these proposals was one, that the Italian Authorities think it their duty to again call to the attention of the Allied Authorities, that it may be examined and considered. The proposal relative to the repatriation of POWs who are fathers of four or more children.

The Italian Authorities are realizing that the reforming of the families (victimes of the War that has devastated Italy) is becoming, every day more important for the National reconstruction.

The families that are in a particularly serious condition, are the ones who have many children and the father is held POW. The children, nearly all very young are left without a father to guide them.

In the best of the suppositions they die of hunger, but more frequently they initiate an immoral and dishonest life.

It is for this reason that under the direction of H.E. the Prime Minister, we propose the repatriation, subject to available shipping space, as soon as is possible, of those POWs who have four or more children.

3. The search for these individuals in the various Camps and POW Units, will take a certain time, therefore it would be advisable to begin immediately. On the other hand this measure will become of great utility when repatriations can be effected on a vast scale.

4. While warmly recommending this proposal to the Allied Authorities, we await your corteous answer.

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s/ The HIGH COMMISSIONER
Gen.P.Gazzera

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/441 8 March 1945

Subject: Repatriation of sick and wounded from Australia and South Africa.

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

See 440 & 447. 452/453.

Reference your G-5:014.33-24 dated 10 January 1945.

1. The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War continues to enquire re the possibility of early repatriation of sick and wounded Prisoners of War from Australia, and also from South Africa.

2. May I please be informed if there is any likelihood of these Prisoners of War being repatriated, even in small groups, in the near future.

3. This information is requested so that I may be in a position to reply to the High Commissioner in order that he may be able to answer the many queries received by him from relatives of invalid Prisoners of War held in these countries.

For the Chief Commissioner:

CLB

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

28/4/45

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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

N.677/Pol./C.I4 di prot. Rome, March 3rd I945

TO:THE ALLIED COMMISSION. IPW SUB=COMMISSION. ROME.

SUBJECT: Repatriation from Australia and South Africa of sik P.O.Ws'.

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see 441.
405, 370.

I).Following my letter N.290/Pol.C.I4 dated the 2nd of Feruary I945 and in reference to your letter IPW/I/370, dated the I6 of January I945, we inform you that the High Commissioner has received repeated requests from the families of these invalides for the repatriation of said P.O.Ws', if only in small groups, from Australia.

As the Allied Commission had said that at the end of February there might be the possibility of furnishing exact information on this subject, I beg you, with your usual courtesy, to bring this matter to the attention of the Allied Authorities, to examine the possibility of beginning these repatriations, that I may be able to tranquilize these families.

3).The same request is made regarding the repatriation of the invalides from South Africa.

Signed: the High Commissioner

General P.GAZZERA.

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L'Alto Commissario
per i prigionieri di guerra

Roma, li 5 Marzo 1945

N° 655/Pol./C.3 di prot.

; OGGETTO : Trattazione questioni relative ai p. di g. italiani in mani francesi.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per i P. di G.
R o m a

Riferirò senz'altro al Governo la decisione delle Autorità Alleate di cui al Vostro foglio IPW/1/425 in data 27 febbraio u.s., di delegare cioè al rappresentante diplomatico francese a Roma la trattazione delle pratiche relative alla liberazione o ad altri interessi dei nostri prigionieri di guerra in mani francesi.

Questo Alto Commissariato si atterrà a queste disposizioni e sarà anche grato a cotesta Commissione se si compiacerà di fargli pervenire, volta per volta, notizia dei rimpatrî che fossero eventualmente negati per ragioni di sicurezza.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

Rome, March 5th 1945
XS/SM n° 2.024

TO : PRISONNERS OF WAR & WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL Sub/COM.
A.C. H.Q.

SUBJECT : Liberation of Italian Prisoners of War.

419,
see 420, 425,

1.= This Section is sending herewith copy of a letter issued by the French Mission A.F.H.Q. concerning the procedure to follow in requesting release of Italian Prisoners of War held by French Authorities.

2.= As it is explained, all requests, in the future, should be made directly by the Italian Government to the French Ambassador in Rome./.

X. de Sevin, Major General
French Representative.

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FRENCH LIASON MISSION TO A.F. HQ.

2nd Section N.449/M.L./2

28th, (April?) February 1945

From Colonel Laparra, chief of the French Liason Mission to A.F.HQ.

to

the General of Division Aérienne-French Representative of the Allied Commission in Italy.

SUBJECT: Liberation of It.P.O.Ws'.

Reference your letters N.358/M.L./2, dated the 22nd of January 1945 and N.408/M.L./2, dated the 13th of February 1945.

I have the honor to inform you of the procedure relative to the releasing of It.P.O.Ws'. This information was forwarded to me from the Allied Command.

The requests for repatriation will be presented directly to the Diplomatic representative of France in Rome, by the Italian Authorities and all further negotiations will be between the French and Italian Authorities.

The Allied Command on informing the Allied Commission for Italy, of the adaption of this procedure, specified that the necessary transport to Italy of these P.O.Ws', when they have been freed should be requested as usual after their freedom has been agreed upon by the French and the Italian Authorities, and that the repatriation of these people will always depend on the available shipping space. In more, tha Allied Authorities reserve the right to refuse the transport of these P.O.Ws' to Italy if there should arise any question of a security objection.

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I would be very much obliged if you will call this matter to the attention of the French Diplomatic Representative in Rome and inform him of this procedure.

Signed:

Colonel LAPARRA.

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MISSION FRANCAISE DE LIAISON
AUPRES DE L'AFHQ
2ème Section
N° 449/M.L/2

Le 28 Avril 1945

COPY

Le Colonel LAPARRA, Chef de la Mission
Française de Liaison auprès de l'AFHQ

à

Monsieur le Général de Division Aérienne
Représentant Français auprès de la
Commission Alliée pour l'Italie,

Rome.

OBJET: Libération de Prisonniers de Guerre Italiens.

Réf: Note N° 358/M.L/2 du 22 janvier 1945
Lettre n° 408/M.L/2 du 13 février 1945.

J'ai l'honneur de vous rendre compte de ce que le Commandement Allié vient de me notifier son accord en ce qui concerne la procédure à suivre pour l'instruction des demandes de libération de prisonniers de guerre présentées par le Gouvernement Italien.

Ces demandes seront présentées par les Autorités Italiennes au Représentant Diplomatique de la France à Rome et feront l'objet de négociations directes entre les Autorités Françaises et Italiennes.

Le Commandement Allié en informant la Commission Alliée pour l'Italie de l'adoption de cette procédure, a précisé que les moyens de transport alliés nécessaires au transport en Italie des P.G. dont la libération a été accordée devront être demandés en suivant la procédure habituelle postérieurement à tout accord intervenu entre les autorités Françaises et Italiennes relativement à leur libération et que la satisfaction de ces demandes dépendrait des disponibilités. En outre, les Autorités Alliées se réservent le droit de refuser de transporter les P.G. italiens dont la libération aurait été accordée mais dont le retour en Italie serait de nature à nuire aux intérêts alliés

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APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

437

Ref: IPW/1/437 5 March 1945

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War in East Africa.

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

272/436

Reference your letter 9368 di prot. Sez. III dated 27 October 1944.

1. This matter was referred to the War Office who have now replied as follows:

"The transfer requested by General Gazzera cannot be effected in view of the fact that shipping is not available and further, that the Prisoners of War in question are required for employment in East Africa."

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

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MISSION FRANCAISE DE LIAISON
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2ème Section
N° 449/M.L/2

Le 28 Avril 1945

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.... pour des motifs de sécurité.

Je vous serais obligé de bien vouloir porter ces dispositions à la connaissance du Représentant Diplomatique de la France à Rome.

signé: Colonel Laparra

War Materials Disposal and
Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
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J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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SUBJECT:- Italian PW in EAST AFRICA Camps.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3455/G1(Br).

2 Mar 45.

Headquarters, Allied Commission.
(IPW Sub-Commission).

Sec 254, 272, & 434.

Reference your IPW 1/254 dated 15 Nov 44.

1. This matter was referred to the War Office, who have now replied that the transfer requested by General GAZZERA cannot be effected in view of the fact that shipping is not available and further, that the PW in question are required for employment in EAST AFRICA.

W.A.K. Finlayson

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

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3 MAR 1945
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COPY

Ref: AFHQ/36/9

5 March 1945

Copy.

SUBJECT: Change in status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators) in Italy.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. With reference to para. 2(h) of FAN 487 (the new directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff on the Allied Commission) and your letter dated 23rd. November 1944 signed by General Gammell, Chief of Staff.

2. The following embodies the combined proposals of the Commission and the Italian Government as to how the change in status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy can be carried out.

(a) All Co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy to be released at a certain date to the Italian Government, who will automatically retain these men in units similar in formation and strength, but in accordance with the existing Italian law, including Italian military law.

(b) Subsequently the Italian Government will demobilize those over age, and where necessary postpone the demobilization of certain specialists until replacements can be found. The Italian Government will also take steps to induce certain types of trained specialist personnel (due for demobilization) to serve for a further period by offering a cash bonus.

(c) Replacements for those discharged to be found from Italian Army replacement depots in the normal manner, and/or from Italian Prisoners of War (who have many specialists amongst their numbers) to be repatriated as soldiers from North Africa (especially those in French hands), Egypt, Kenya, India, and South Africa (It is stated by the Italian Government that no labour units have been formed in South Africa although many Prisoners of War have volunteered to co-operate.)

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(d) Allied Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers with Co-operator units to be replaced by Italian officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, and where essential a cadre of Allied Officers to remain.

(e) The present rate of pay now received by Co-operators will cease, and as from the date of change of status they will go on to appropriate Italian Army scales of pay and emoluments.

(f) Co-operators on release to receive in cash all credit balances due; and to retain the privilege and benefit of purchasing PX/NAAFI stores for a limited period until canteen facilities can be provided by the Italian Army. However, as a number of Army re-inforcement personnel will (vide 2(c) above) be drafted to replace wastage, there may well be difficulties in having in the same unit some men with access to PX/NAAFI stores and others without. For this reason, it may be considered preferable to pay out instead a final cash bonus to all Co-operators, apart from the bonus suggested in 2(b) above.

(g) The ceiling of the Italian Army to be increased by the number of Co-operators now in and destined for Italy.

3. Although these proposals may give rise to certain difficulties from the Allied military point of view, they represent in my opinion, the best method of carrying out the terms of FAN 487 and should be accepted.

(SGD) ELLERY W. STONE.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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(434)

Capt. Alper.

Sir,

I am preparing a letter for the Colonel's signature at present, but to complete it I need the following information :

(a) App. number of Italian POW.

(b) App. number of Italian POW who are Italian Naval personnel.

(c) Numbers held in different countries.

Can you please give me the requested figures ?

Thanks.

C/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND I
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

IPW/1/433

3 March 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

See 432

Reference your NSC/1706 dated 26 February 1945.

1. The approximate number of Italian Prisoners of War is 1,291.400.

2. The number of Marine Italian POW is approximately 40,000.

3. There are no lists available giving details by individual camps - and the figures given below are approximately the number held in the different countries :

(a)	British held	-	340,000
	U.S held	-	110,000
	French held	-	35,000
(b)	Russia	-	70,000
	Switzerland	-	17,000
	Germany	-	640,000
	France	-	30,000
	Bulgaria	-	3,400
	Balkans	-	6,000
X (c)	Marine (countries not known)	-	40,000
		Total -	1,291,400

4. With regard to the question in para. 2 of your letter, an Executive Memorandum is awaiting signature which it is hoped will give the information you require.

J.A. CAMPBELL, Lt.-Col.
Director,
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com.

See I - item of [illegible] may be able to provide you with this information.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1706

26 February 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : War Materials Disposal & Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission, Hq,AC.

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War.

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1. With the objective of clarifying the current picture regarding Italian prisoners of war, the following information is requested:

(A) Number of Italian Prisoners of War.
(B) Number of Italian Prisoners of War who are Italian Naval personnel.

It is requested that the above statistics be furnished giving countries where subject individuals are held with the numbers in each country, detailed by individual camps if possible.

2. In view of continued indications that requests for repatriation of subject individuals, especially for Italian Navy Personnel now prisoners of war are made without clearance through the Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC, the following additional data is requested:

(A) Criteria for determining priority for repatriation.
(B) Proper channels for requesting repatriation.

a. Allied channels.
b. Function of Office of Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

3. Your cooperation in giving the above information will be greatly appreciated.

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H. W. ZIRELLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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

IPW/1/430 — 2 March 1945

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

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

See 429, 421, 416, 343, 317, 289, 243, 271, 446

Reference your letters No. 28 Prot.MIL.111 dated 27 November and No. 2057/POL/1-2A dated 30 November 1944, and further to my IPW/1/273 dated 27 November 1944.

1. A reply has now been received from higher authority which states as follows :

" (a) There are Italian Service Units at Fort Knox and Hampton Roads, but no Italian POW or Service Units at either Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, or Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

(b) The ratio of Italian Officers and other Italian ranks in Italian Service Units is based on the U.S. Tables of Organisation for the type of Unit concerned, and in all cases greatly exceeds the ratio suggested for Troop Camps by the Italian High Commissioner. "

CAP

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

OG/cml

25 February 1945

G-5:383.6

SUBJECT : Italian Prisoners of War in U.S.A.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
(IPW Sub-Commission)

289,
See 314, 343, 416, 421, 430, 273,
271.

1 Reference your IPW/1/317 dated 14 December 1944, forwarding a suggestion from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War with regard to the scales of Italian Officers in certain Italian P.W. Camps in U.S.A.

2 There are Italian Service Units at Fort Knox and Hampton Roads, but no Italian P.W. or Service Units at either Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, or Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

3 The ratio of Italian Officers and other Italian ranks in Italian Service Units is based on the U.S. Tables of Oraganization for the type of Unit concerned, in all cases greatly exceeds the ratio suggested for Troop Camps by the Italian High Commissioner.

For Assistant Chief of Staff G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/427

28 February 1945

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War to revert to custody of Italian Government.

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

✓ Reference the attached correspondence returned herewith.

1/. I concur in the forwarding of the draft cable provided para 4 can be altered. The suggested alteration is for the para to read as follows:-

"This plan is concurred in by Allied Commission, who, however, point out that the main question of changing status of Co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy is still under discussion with the Italian Government; the plan has not yet been made known to Italian Government."

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

4. (5) Allied Commission concurs but has not yet ~~informed~~ made plan known to P.G. ~~Italy~~

5. (6) ~~Italian~~ Negotiations are still in progress for release of Italian POW cooperators in Italy

M.S. LUSH.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.6

21 February 1945

SUBJECT: Italian P.W. to revert to custody of Italian Government

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attn: Lt. Col. Campbell
War Nationals Disposal and P.W.
Sub-Commission)
APO 394.

1. The attached correspondence is forwarded for consideration, and concurrence in draft cable at Flag B.

2. Will you kindly return all enclosures to this office as soon as possible.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Colonel.

Enclosures:
IRS originated 19 Feb. 1945.

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22 FEB 1945
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INFORMAL ROUTING SLIP

Date, 19 February 1945

SUBJECT: Italian PW to be Turned Over to Custody of Italian Government.

1.	G-1	G-5 Thru: CG MTO	19 Feb.	1. In accordance with the provisions of G-1 (A) Memorandum of 15 Feb. 45 (Tab "A"), attached herewith is draft of proposed cable (TAB "B") to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. 2. The draft of the cable, and the plan contained therein have been concurred in by G-1 (A), G-1(B), G-2 (Cr) US POLAD and PMG. 3. It is requested that the draft of the cable be presented to Admiral STONE, Chief Commissioner of Allied Commission for his comments and recommendations, with a request that this plan not be made known to the Italian Government until CCS have approved the plan. s/ E.E.H. for /t/ M.G. WHITE Major General, GSC A.C.of S. G-1

2 Incls:
Tab "A" (2 cc)
Tab "B" (2 cc)

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2.	CG MTO	G-5	20 Feb.	Note 1 Approved s/ G.D.P. t/ GEORGE D. PENCE Major General, USA Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
G-1 Division

15 February 1945

MEMORANDUM

1. In view of the added responsibilities given to the Italian Government as set forth in AGWAR cable WX 29633, RE January 1945, FAN 487, a meeting was held in the office of G)1 MTOUSA on 14 February 1945 to discuss a plan to make the Italian Governmen. assume responsibility for the care and custody of insecure Italian nationals (prisoners of war and civilian internees) who are now, or in the future may be, in military custody in this theater.

The following were present:

Lt. Col. H.G. FELDMAN G-1 (A)
Lt. Col. A.S. BARSDORF G-1(B)
Lt. Col. D.S. JACKLING G-5
Major W.A.K. FINLAYSON G-1(B)
Major E.D. LEWIS G-2(CI)
Major P. THORP G-1(B)
Capt. PETER BOTER, PMG
Capt. N.W. STUART, G-1(A)
THOMAS ESTEB, US POLAD

2. It was agreed in principle that the following classes of Italians could be turned over to the Italian Government for custody.

Class I: Those Italian PW now in Allied custody in this Theater (Italy and Sicily) who were captured before the Italian armistice, who are not now in a Co-Operator/PW Service Unit status, and who have not been repatriated for political or ideological reasons.

Class II: Those falling under the general term "Civilian Internee". All Italian civilian internees in British or United States custody in Italy and Sicily, except those ear-marked as "Suspected War Criminals", or such others whose custody is not desired by this Headquarters to be transferred to the Italian Government.

Class III: Those Italians who have returned, or have been returned, to Italy proper under the category of Displaced Persons, but have been screened insecure on arrival.

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3. It was agreed that those falling within the general term "Italian Neo-Fascist' could not be turned over to the Italian Government in view of the recent CCS directive that this class of personnel could only be treated as prisoners of war.

4. Any agreement negotiated with the Italian Government would be subject to the overall right of AFHQ to review and correct conditions under which this personnel was held, and to review and reconfine, if necessary, those cases of personnel who might be released by the Italian Government.

5. Since this proposed agreement would have to be with the approval of the CCS, it was agreed that a draft of a cable embodying this proposed plan be prepared to CCS requesting their approval; that this cable would be concurred in by the interested staff sections; that prior to dispatch the cable would then be presented to Admiral STONE, Chief Commissioner of Allied Commission, for his comments and recommendations, with a request that this plan not be made known to the Italian Government until CCS had approved the plan (Action G-1A).

M.G. WHITE
Major General, GSC
A.C. of S., G-1

DISTRIBUTION:

4 - G-1 (B)
3 - G-2 (CI)
1 - G-3
1 - G-4
3 - G-5
2 - PMG
3 - AG
2 - US POLAD
2 - Br. Res.Min.
1 - IS & PS
10 - G-1 (A)

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SECRET - PRIORITY

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

1. In furtherance of the added responsibilities given to the Italian Government by AGWAR cable WX-29033, FAN 487, it is proposed that the following classes of Italians can be turned over to the Italian Government fur custody:

Class I: Those Italian prisoners of war now in Allied custody in this Theater (Italy and Sicily) who were captured before the Italian armistice, who are not in a Cooperator PW Service Unit status, and who have not been repatriated for political or ideological reasons.

Class II: Those falling under the general term "Civilian Internee". All Italian civilian internees in British or United States custody in Italy and Sicily, except those ear-marked as "Suspected War Criminals", or such others whose custody is not desired by this Headquarters to be transferred to the Italian Government.

Class III: Those Italians who have returned, or have been returned, to Italy proper under the category of Displaced Persons, but have been screened insecure on arrival.

2. Those Italians falling with in the general term "Italian Neo-Fascist" will not be turned over.

3. Such agreement if negotiated will be subject to overall right of this Headquarters to review and correct conditions under which this personnel is held and to review and reconfine if necessary cases of those who might be released by Italian Government.

4. This plan is concurred in by Allied Commission, but has not yet been made known to Italian Government.

5. Request your concurrence to this plan.

6. Negotiations still in progress for release of POW cooperators in Italy.

CONCURRENCE:

G-1(B)_____ PMG_____

G-5_____ USPOLAD_____

G-2(C1)_____

ORIGINATED BY: G-1 (A)

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NOTES ON CONVERSATION 23 Feb 45.
General BROWNING - Lt Col CAMPBELL.

Ref: Repatriation of Italian P.W. in Allied hands.

1. Italian P.W. now in Allied hands may be repatriated under one of the following catagories: -

(a) Entitled repatriates under International Agreement (i.e. over 60 years of age, sick, wounded, or over 50 and 2 years in captivity, etc.....)

(b) Compassionate cases comparable to Italian civilians exempted for military service or having similar qualifications.

(c) Priority workers required by Allied authority (or by Italian Govt through A.C.) for important civilian work for the war effort.

(d) Effective members of the Armed Forces as requested by the service ministry concerned and approval by the Sub Commission concerned.

2. Application under 1(d) above to be initiated by service ministry concerned, approved by Service Sub Commission concerned, thence back via Ministry to High Commissioner of P.W. to P.W. Sub Commission, who will check with Service Sub Commission before forwarding to A.F.H.Q.

3. Outstanding list of names of Army personnel for repatriation was given to Lt Col CAMPBELL for checking and return to M.M.I.A. with his remarks.

4. M.M.I.A. (Col PIDSLEY) to coordinate with Navy and Air Sub Commission the service side of draft to be included in the A.C. memorandum of Repatriation of Italian Nationals.

5. P.W. Sub Commission to issue a Directive on new procedure re above, to all concerned.

6. A meeting on the Bulk repatriation of Army P.W. will be held soon, which M.M.I.A. will be asked to attend.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/425
27 February 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War in French hands.

See 420, 424, 438, 439

Reference your 435/Pol/G3 dated 7 February 1945.

1/. After full consideration with higher authority it has been agreed that requests for liberation of Italian Prisoners of War in French hands and all other questions concerning Italian Prisoners of War in French hands should be transmitted by the Italian authorities to the French diplomatic representative in Rome, and should not be channelled through this Commission for negotiation.

2/. It will be appreciated that after agreement has been reached with the French authorities for liberation of specified Italian Prisoners of War the Allied transport to be used will have to be arranged in the normal way and will be dependent on availability of shipping.

3/. The Allied authorities also reserve the right to refuse transportation for those Italians whose return to Italy might be against the Allied interests on security grounds.

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

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR Rome 7th February 1945
Prot. N. 435/Pol/C.3

To: THE ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

Subject: PW Camp N. XVI in Tunisia.

The International Committee of the Red Cross who on the 20th of August visited the French Prison Camp at Tunisia N. XVI informed us that they have had various requests, regarding lodging, the food and the general organization of this camp to try and better the life in the camp and to render the imprisonment less hard to the various men held there.

We inform this Commission of these facts that they may beg the Superior Authorities to kindly examine them and, if possible, to repatriate all the Italian POW's who are in French Custody.

/s/ THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
Gen. P. GAZZERA

See 420 & 425

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/423

27 February 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Camp of EL HAJEB, Morocco.

See 422

Reference your 291/Pol/C3 dated 1 February 1945.

1/. The question concerning clothing is under consideration.

2/. With regard to the sending of private packages by post. This subject is being dealt with by the Communications Sub-Commission and the Ministry of Communications.

3/. It is not considered that a special service for ~~the~~ ONE particular camp will be possible, but your Minister of Communications will no doubt inform you what decision is made regarding this matter.

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

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

File No.291/Pol/C.3

Rome, 1st February 1945

To : IPW Sub/Com., A.C.,
ROME

Subject : Camp of El Hajeb, Marocco.

Reference your letter IPW 1/3/318B dated the 16th of Jan. 45

1/. Taking into consideration that the French Authorities, owing to the climatic difficulties in North Africa cannot better the situation as to clothe, of the PWs, we beg the Allied Authorities to provide this articles of clothing from the Allied depots in North Africa.

2/. Secondly we beg to have the authorization to send private packages from Italy to said prisoners. We have repeated requests from these unfortunate people that owing to the intense cold of the present season they are suffering a great deal.

If these proposals are accepted the anxiety of many families will be relieved. We beg you to inform us as to the forms which would be established by the Allied Authorities, for the sending of these packages.

This question, naturally, is very urgent.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
s/ Gen. Pietro Gazzera

Copy:-
Passed by B/S to Communications Sec. 6 Br.
1/3 for remarks re para. 2.
17/2/45. C/C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JB/jjjr

G-5: 383.6

23 February 1945

SUBJECT: Italian P.O.W. Camps in U.S.A.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference your letter to G-1(A) AFHQ, this subject, dated 14 December 44, IPW/1/317, and our G-5: 383.6 22 Dec. 44 to you.

2. We requested G-1 to communicate with PMG ASF asking that a reply be expedited.

3. G-1, under date 20 Feb, has answered as follows: -

"1. Since original file concerned a recommendation as to conduct of PW camps in the U.S., the file was forwarded to PMG, Army Service Forces: "For your information and such action as is deemed necessary."

2. Since basic communication was forwarded this way, it did not appear to call for an answer and no tracer should be sent. However, if a reply is received, it will be forwarded to you for your information."

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES
Major, F.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.6

21 February 1945

SUBJECT: Liberation of Italian Prisoners of War in French hands.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

See 419, 424/425, 438.

1. Attached are copies of memoranda reference 358/ML/2 and 371/ML/2 of 22 and 28 January respectively received from the French Military Mission to this H.Q.

2. After full consideration at this HQ it has been agreed that requests for liberation of Italian Prisoners of War in French hands should be transmitted by the Italian authorities to the French diplomatic representative in Rome and should not be channelled through this HQ for negotiation.

3. It is requested that you will inform the Italian authorities accordingly and ensure that all future and outstanding cases are dealt with accordingly.

4. It will be appreciated that, after agreement has been reached between the Italian and French authorities for the liberation of specified Italian Prisoners of War, the Allied transport to be used for the move to Italy will have to be bid for in the normal way and will be dependent on availability. This should be made clear to the Italian authorities together with the fact that the Allied authorities must reserve the right to refuse transportation for those Italians whose return to Italy might be against the Allied interests on security grounds.

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

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Incls:
as above.

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TRANSLATION

French Military Mission, AFHQ
2nd Section
No 358/M.L/2

22 January 1945

MEMORANDUM TO LIAISON SECTION

SUBJECT: Liberation of Italian Prisoners of War

Reference: Letter Mol 2036 DN/AF.3.8 of 9 December 1944

1. On several occasions this Mission has received through Liaison Section, AFHQ, various requests for the liberation of Italian Prisoners of War held by the French authorities.

2. The Chief of Staff of National Defense, to whom these requests had been submitted, had made it known by letter quoted above, copy of which was passed to Liaison Section on 15 January 1944, that he did not for the present find himself in a position to give such requests favorable consideration.

3. The question was re-submitted to the Chief of Staff of National Defense in connection with the request for the liberation of Colonel LEQUIO who had been the subject of a request from the Italian Government to the Allied Commission for Italy. This request was passed to the Mission on 18 December 1944 under cover of letter No. 091.711.IC-5.

4. General Juin, Chief of General staff of National Defense, has just stated in letter of 13 January 1945 the case of Colonel LEQUIO had been passed to the French Diplomatic Representative in Rome and that all requests for the liberation of Prisoners of War held by the French authorities which the Italian Government might be desirous of presenting to the French Government should henceforth be presented by the Italian Government to the French Diplomatic Representative at Rome.

5. It therefore appears that requests of this nature which might reach the Allied Commission for Italy should in the future be transmitted to the French Diplomatic Representative at Rome by the French Representative with Allied Commission.

Colonel LAPARRA
Chief, French Military Mission, AFHQ

By order: Major LAMSON

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/s/ LAMSON

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FRENCH MILITARY MISSION TO A.F.H.Q.

2nd SECTION

28 January 1945

No.371/M.I./2

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Military Chaplains.

REF : Note No.000.3 (It) of 4 January 1945.

1. Further to the above quoted note, the Chief of the French Military Mission has the honour to inform the Allied authorities that the Chief of General Staff of National Defense considers that the request for the repatriation of the Italian Military Chaplains presented by the Italian High Commissioner of Prisoners of War is inopportune and unjustified.

2. In fact, the number of prisoners already repatriated to Italy is, in spite of the allegations of the High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, insignificant and the Chaplains will certainly serve a more useful purpose in the POW Camps in French North Africa where there is still a great number of prisoners.

3. Finally, as it has already been indicated in para 5 of note No.358/M.I./2 of 22 January 1945, the Chief of the General Staff of National Defense has laid down that all questions relating to repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War in French hands will be henceforth submitted by the Italian Government to the French Diplomatic Representative in Rome.

/s/ LAPARRA

Chief of the French Military Mission
to A.F.H.Q.

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IPW (419)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.6

21 February 1945

SUBJECT: Treatment of Italian POW's in French Custody.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

See 418, 420, 425, 438.

1. Reference your IPW/1/418 dated 16 February.

2. This question, together with six other related questions of complaints by Italians against the French, has been under discussion at this HQ in an endeavour to arrive at a policy for dealing with these and similar cases. A letter defining this policy is now being finally commented on by the Political Advisors and interested Sections at this HQ .

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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IPW/1/418

16 February 1945

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

Subject: Treatment of Italian POW under French custody in North Africa.

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Reference is made to our IPW/1/381 dated 21 January 1945.

I shall be pleased if you will advise me of any action taken in this matter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

(416)

XPW/1/416

16 February 1945

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

Subject: Italian POW Camps in U.S.A.

See 343. See 421

Reference is made to your G-5 383.6 dated 22 December 1944.

This office would like to have any further information probably received in your office from the Provost Marshal General, A.S.F., regarding this matter so that we may inform the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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G-5: 014.33-82

8 February 1945

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian PW on Compassionate Grounds.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

Reference your IPW/1/1cm/12dated 23 Jan.45.

1. Requests for compassionate repatriation of Italian PW held in American custody will be honoured in the same way as for British held Italian PW ie:- Subject to the following conditions:-

a. Availability of transportation

b. Security clearance

c. Availibility for release from present employment

d. Limitation to agreed 3 classes

e. The test as to final release will be "would a U.S. soldier be returned on same grounds?"

2. The cases of MONACO, VITTORELLI, and DE ROSSI have been referred to Commands holding them. Copies of these requests will be forwarded to you in due course.

3. The case of DE LELLIS is still under consideration and as soon as a decision is reached you will be informed.

for Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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J.Comdr.

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To be kept in file 1/Com

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

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IPW/1/413

14 February 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for POW.

Ref 410 & 412

I have now received information from MIDEAST that the ETA of the 22 Officers and 52 Other Ranks referred to in my IPW/1/410 dated 13 February 1945 is 17 February 1946.

clf.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

1 POW (412)

Originator's Reference: F 26211
Date Time of Origin: FEB 131734A

Message Centre No: D/1754
Date Time Rec'd: FEB 131940A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCAB
TO : ALCOM

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ACTION

See 410 & 412

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For IPW SubCommission.

Ets from MIDEAST 22 officers 52 othr ranks referred to by CR/3899/G1 (Br) dated 6 February is 17 February.

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ACTION: I.PW S/C
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
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War Histories & Disposal and
Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission
HQ A.F. AP 394
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14 FEB 1945
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P(W) 2455 (F) 411

SUBJECT:- Release of Italian P/W Co-operators.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G/3906/G1(Br).

8 Feb 45.

Headquarters, No.1 District.
" No.2 District.
" No.3 District.
" Rome Area Allied Command.
" Allied Commission (IP/W Sub-Commission).
" Allied Commission (Public Safety Sub-Commission).
(Reference AC/14601/26/PS dated 28 Jan 45).

G-5.

G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

1. Cases have recently occurred where Italian Co-operators have been released from their units without the authority of AFHQ first being obtained.

2. Attention is drawn to the fact that authority for the release of a co-operator can only be granted by AFHQ G1(British).

3. Requests for the services of a particular co-operator for employment by the Italian Authorities must have the prior approval of Headquarters, Allied Commission (IP/W Sub-Commission) and will be submitted by them direct to this Headquarters. No applications will be submitted direct to units concerned.

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

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HEADQUARTERS 9 SEP 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COM.
D/O IPW/1/408
8 February 1945

Dear

I am enclosing copies of a letter (407.) I have sent to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War which I think puts the position quite clearly to him. Perhaps G-1 (B) would be interested in seeing what has been written.

Yours

Encl. IPW/1/407
(duplicate)

Major W. Driffield-White,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512,
G-5 Section.

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WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/407

8 February 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Procedure in relation to requests for repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

See 401, 402

Reference my conversation with you on 2 February 1945.

1/. It is requested that the following points in connection with repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War should be noted.

2/. Only cases which come under the headings of compassionate cases, and specialists should be submitted to this Headquarters. These cases should be fully screened and investigated before forwarding. A number of cases recently presented for repatriation as specialists have on investigation proved that the Prisoner of War asked for is anything but a specialist in the stated category. This, it is needless to point out, only retards all repatriations.

3/. It is continually spotted that certain names have been submitted twice i.e. either as a specialist - or on some list. In future any name submitted a second time, unless reference is made to the first request, will mean the cancelling of any probable release of the Prisoner of War in question.

4/. It is not necessary to request that mixed medical tribunals visit Italian Prisoners of War held in British or American hands. Medical boards are working all the time. Should there be some particular case, an exception may be made and the necessary particulars may be submitted, but the submitting of lists of cases to be visited by medical boards is quite unnecessary.

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5/. The repatriation of Prisoners of War over 60 years of age and those who are 50 years of age and have been confined for 2 years or more takes place automatically, and requests for their repatriation should not be forwarded: I have requested that all cases in these classes receive first priority. In this event the 60 years old and those over 50 years with 2 years as Prisoners of War will be the first to be shipped unless for very exceptional compassionate cases.

6/. It is requested that repatriations on compassionate grounds be submitted forthightly (commencing 14 February 1945) in alphabetical lists in quadruplicate on a type of pro-forma as at Appendix "A".

7/. Repatriations as specialists should be submitted in a similar manner on a type of pro-forma as at Appendix "B".

8/. Each case should be carefully screened, and it is again pointed out that any case which on investigation does not comply fully with the particulars given will result in the hold up of all repatriations in the class to which the particular case belongs.

J.A. CAMPBELL.
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WPD & LPOW Sub-Com.

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APENDIX "A"

PRO FORMA FOR COMPASSIONATE CASES

Name Surname-Christian	Rank	POW No.	POW Address Camp	Date of birth	Place & date of capture	Home address	No. of Dependents	Next of kin

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FOR PW

- prot. Rome, February 2nd 1945

THE ALLIED COMMISSION. ROME.

SUBJECT: Enlisting of P.O.W's in the Allied Armed Forces.

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see 398, 386, 328.

Following my letter N.2268/G-6 dated the 16th of December 1944 and in reference to your letter N.IPW/I/398 dated the 29th of January 1945, the agreement remains that no It.P.O.W will be enlisted by the Authorities that detain him, in the Allied Armed Forces and that the form I sent to this Allied Commission refers to those who are neither Italians or Germans (even together in the same Prison Camp) who make a request to re-enter their own Armies.

Thanking you.

the High Commissioner

General Pietro Gazzera.

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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

N.290/Pol./C.I4 di prot. Rome, February 2nd I945

TO: THE ALLIED COMMISSION.IPW SUB=COMMISSION. ROME.

SUBJECT:Repatriation of sick P.O.W's from Australia. See 403, 385, 384, 355. 370, 440.

We thank you for your cortese letter,N.IPW/I/370 dated the I6th of January I945, and for the interest this Allied Commission has shown in the repatriation of our sick P.O.W's in Australia.

Owing to the continuous requests that we receive at this office fro the families of these prisoners, it is obvious that these repatriations should be facilitated as much as possible even if only in small groups,sub= ject to available shipping space.

The High Commissioner

General Pietro Gazzera.

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The High Commissioner
General Pietro Gazzera.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
G-1 Division
APO 512

1 February 1945

MEMORANDUM:

A meeting to determine means and methods to expedite the procedures and to reduce the time elements in the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War was held in the office of G-1 MTOUSA on 30 January 1945.

The following were present:

Lt. Col. H. G. Feldman, G-1(A)
Lt. Col. J. A. Campbell, IPW Sub Comm., Allied Commission
Maj. P. Thorp, G-1(B)
Maj. W. Driffield White, G-5
Capt. P. Boter, PWB
J/Cmdr. C. Grant, G-5
Lt. B. Mark, PWIB
Lt. C. W. Dodge, Liaison

See 401, 407, 408.

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It was agreed that:

1. All requests for repatriation of Prisoners of War originated by the Italian Government or any of its agencies will be funnelled through and screened by (AFHQ & IPW Sub Commission) Allied Commission. Any such requests received without Allied Commission clearance will be returned to originator for forwarding through that channel.

2. All requests for repatriation by name will be consolidated by Allied Commission in alphabetical order, and

a. Insofar as practicable forwarded to G-5 each two (2) weeks.

b. All such lists will be numbered by Allied Commission for easy identification.

c. Where custody of Italian Prisoner of War is known, Allied Commission will forward three (3) copies of list to G-5 who will forward two (2) copies to PWB direct or to G-1(B). If custody is unknown, Allied Commission will forward four (4) copies to G-5, who will furnish one (1) copy each to G-1(A) and G-1(B).

3. Within Allied Force Headquarters, the various staff sections concerned will route IRS, etc. direct to section of primary interest, e.g., from G-1(B) to PWB without reference to G-1(A)

4. On the U.S. side, PWB in proper cases falling within the approved

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policies of repatriation will forward direct to AG, without reference to G-1(A), the IRS directing dispatch of letter ordering release of IPW held within MTOUSA. Correspondence and cables pertaining to IPW's outside of MTOUSA will be cleared through G-1(A) prior to dispatch.

5. When PWG has received availability report and security clearance from Base Section or other appropriate U.S. agency within MTOUSA,

a. PWG may direct release of subject(s) without G-2 AFHQ security clearance, if IPW is below the rank of captain.

b. If IPW is of Italian rank of captain or above, security clearance must be secured from G-2 AFHQ prior to directing release.

6. If IPW is in British custody, if held in an outside command, G-1(B) will request release of IPW's below grade of captain without G-2 AFHQ security clearance. If the IPW is held under command of AFHQ (Br), all clearances will be through G-2, AFHQ.

7. In any case where policy is involved within Allied Force Headquarters, matter will be forwarded directly to G-1(A) or G-1(B), as the case may be.

M. G. WHITE
Major General, GSC
A. C. of S., G-1

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
G-1 Division
APO 512

31 January 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: G-1(B), PMG, G-5, US Poland

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War. 402, See 407/408

1. At the present time Italian prisoners of war who fall under the three general categories as listed below are eligible for repatriation.

a. Sick and wounded, and those who are 60 years of age or over, and those who are 50 years of age and have been confined for 2 or more years (which policy was approved and directed by COS).

b. The so called compassionate cases: usually where the wife or head of family of PW dies or is seriously ill leaving destitute or minor children who cannot be cared for by others.

c. Those prisoners of war whose repatriation will contribute to the war effort: those whose release is requested by a U.S. or British agency or those requested by and through the Allied Commission to serve directly in or in one of the agencies of the Italian Government.

2. Recently there have been occasional requests for the release of Italian PW's initiated by large corporations in Italy proper, or the islands, for some of their key personnel. These cases are for certain PW by name, such as the case in which the Bank of Sicily requested repatriation of one of its former clerks, now an Italian officer PW.

3. It is believed that, in view of the surplus Italian officer PW's we have on our hands and the occasional surplus (or those who can be spared) of enlisted men PW's falling within this type of case, repatriation ought to be granted. Theoretically the return of such a PW to such a business, although only directly helping that private business, indirectly helps the Italian Government by putting its private business in operating condition.

4. Confirming the decision reached at a meeting held in the office of G-1(A) on 30 January, it was agreed by G-1(A), G-1(B), G-2, G-5, Allied Commission, PMG and Liaison -

a. That this policy is APPROVED and such PW's can be released.

b. That this policy not be publicized.

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c. That Allied Commission (MMD & IPW Sub Com) will thoroughly screen each application prior to forwarding to G-2, that the IPW actually fulfills the aforementioned requirements.

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