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REPATRIATION OF I.P.O.W. -

GENERAL POLICY

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

IPW/1Pol/600

1/5/46

SUBJECT : Disposition of South Tyroleans

TO : Minister of Interior

Reference Acting Chief Commissioner's letter
627/32^{EC}BC dated 25 Apr. 1946

1. It is now desired to take up the whole question with the Ministry of War (Cabinet).
2. Would you kindly, therefore, return the lists forwarded with the above-quoted letter, to this Division as soon as possible.

Handwritten notes:
G.D. from in L
file 11/1/46
with meeting 11/1/46
Signature

Signature
J.E. REGIS, Lt. Col.
Chief
IPW Div

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner

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

IPW/1/399

10/4/46

SUBJECT : IPW in North Africa

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

Ref. your 6522/26/RPGR , dtd 28/3/46

Enclosed herewith list of 43 Italians referred to in
a/q letter with locality in which they resided previous
to war and where they desire to establish themselves now.


J.E. REGIS
Lieut.Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Encl.: As above

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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MMIA

In reply
refer to AG 383.6/008 A-0

SUBJECT: PW Roster.

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

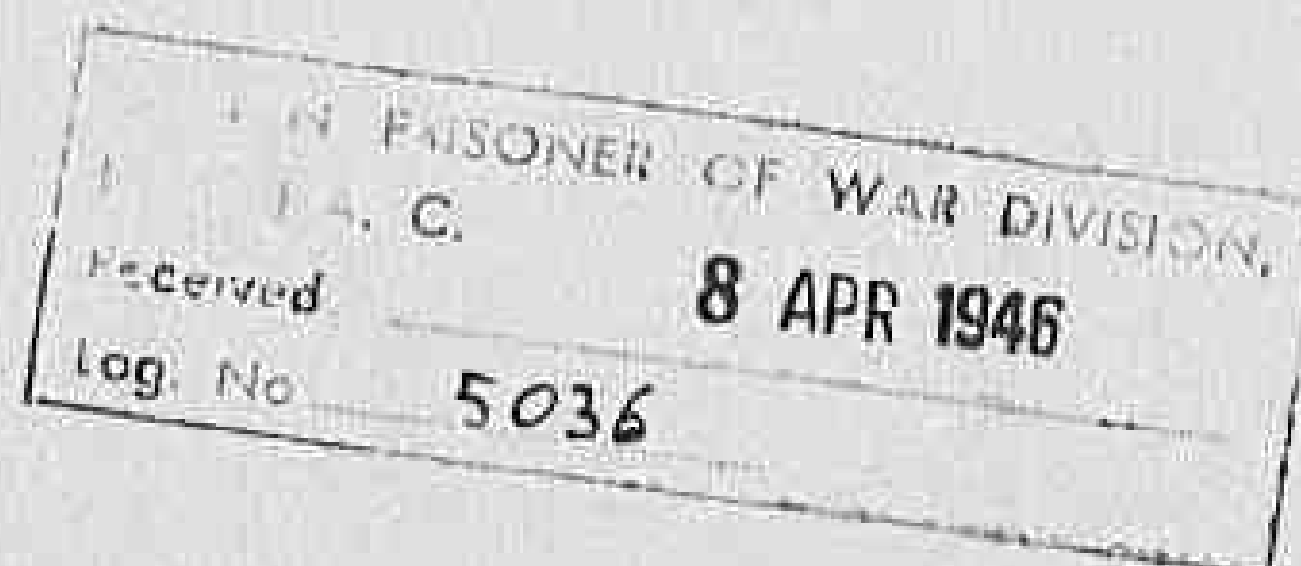
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1. Transmitted herewith is the roster requested in your RAD 1 PW 15.
2. Attention is invited to MMIA RAD 1 PW 4.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

John R. Hayes
JOHN R. HAYES
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl
Roster of PW's.



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

IPW/1/598

9/4/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW - Release

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau

1. Under a recent ruling IPW receive certain priority in repatriation when it is established that assistance was rendered by their relatives in Italy.

2. The u/a IPW have been recommended to this Division for early release on the grounds indicated in para 1.

- 1) S/Ten. GOBIO, Antonio 116557
- 2) S/Mag. MANZI, Raffaele 61453
- 3) Sold. MAESTRELLI, Carlo
- 4) MAESTRELLI, Giorgio
- 5) Sold. FOSSALUZZA, Amelio 722957

3. Your investigation and recommendations would be appreciated .


J.E. REGIS, Lt. Col.
Chief IPW Div.

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SUBJECT:- ITALIAN PW - Release.CEIVED
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3072/A2

4 Apr 46

TO:- Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
IMIA,
IPW Division.

TROOPER's signal 96266 PW2 of 5 Feb 46 refers.

S/Ten. GOBIO Antonio 116557
 Serg. Magg. MANZI Raffaele 61453
 Soldato MAESTRELLI Carlo
 MAESTRELLI Giorgio
 Soldato FOSSALUZZA Amelio 722957

1. The attached applications for release are passed to you for your investigation and any recommendations, please.

REB/ER.
encl.

R. S. Napier
 WILSON
 Brigadier,
 DAG.

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U.S. PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
 (VWV) A. C.
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C O P Y

To: A/DAG CHQ CTF.

From: O.C. I.S.L.D., R.A.A.C.

Ref: A03/162

Date: 28.3.46.

Subject: Italian PW release and repatriation

Reference your 3072/A2 of 9 Mar 46, we would be glad if the following Italian PWs could be granted priority of repatriation:

- 1) GORIO, N.H. S/Ten Antonio - No. 116557
No. 27 Camp F.O.H.,
C.O.C.P.O. WINGOT 2,
BOMBAY, INDIA.
- 2) MANZI, Raffaele, Sergeant MAEG. Sanita
- No. 61453
351 Italian Co-operators Group,
(2 B.D.K.S.)
East Africa Command,
NAIROBI, KENYA.
- 3) MAESTRINI, Carlo, Soldato,
134 Italian Q.M.S. Co.
AUBURN H & R. Point,
AUBURN, WASHINGTON.
- 4) MAESTRINI, Giorgio,
Swischerahn (Oldenburg)
Fliegerhorstkompanie,
GERMANY.
- 5) FOSCARINZZA, Aurelio, Soldato - No. 122957
SCF War Camp,
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
Camp No. 6, Block 2.

The above are all relatives of Italians who rendered considerable assistance to our Missions during hostilities.

No. 1) Two brothers of this officer worked for us in North Italy, one of them was arrested and died in a concentration camp in Germany as a result of his work for us, and the other is in a poor state of health. The family did not ask for any compensation and we would like to assist them in this way if possible.

No. 2) This man is a brother of one of our agents, who is a very good type. He has not been home for 10 years and has been a prisoner in KENYA for 4 years. The father is growing old and suffers from heart trouble and fears that he may never see his son again. We consider that the case deserves special consideration.

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- No. 61453
351 Italian Co-operators Group,
(2 P.D.M.3.)
East Africa Command,
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No. 3) & 4) These two are brothers of one of our agents, who did excellent work for us. It would be much appreciated if the return of No. 3 could be taken up with the American authorities, and if enquiries could be made of the whereabouts of No. 4.

No. 5) The family of this man sheltered and gave assistance to several members of our Mission, and as a result their house was searched and looted by the Germans. We have not been able to compensate them fully for their losses, and the mother is a widow and lives in rather poor circumstances.

With the exception of No. 2 these cases have all been put up before through C-4(Br) A.F.H.Q., but we received a reply from them in September 1945 stating that the War Office had instructed that their repatriation could not be authorized on the grounds of services rendered by their relatives in ITALY.

(Sgt) Major
C.O., I.S.L.D., R.A.A.C.

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MINISTRY OF WAR
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR WAR VETERANS
AND REPATRIATED PWs

FILE : 6765/242

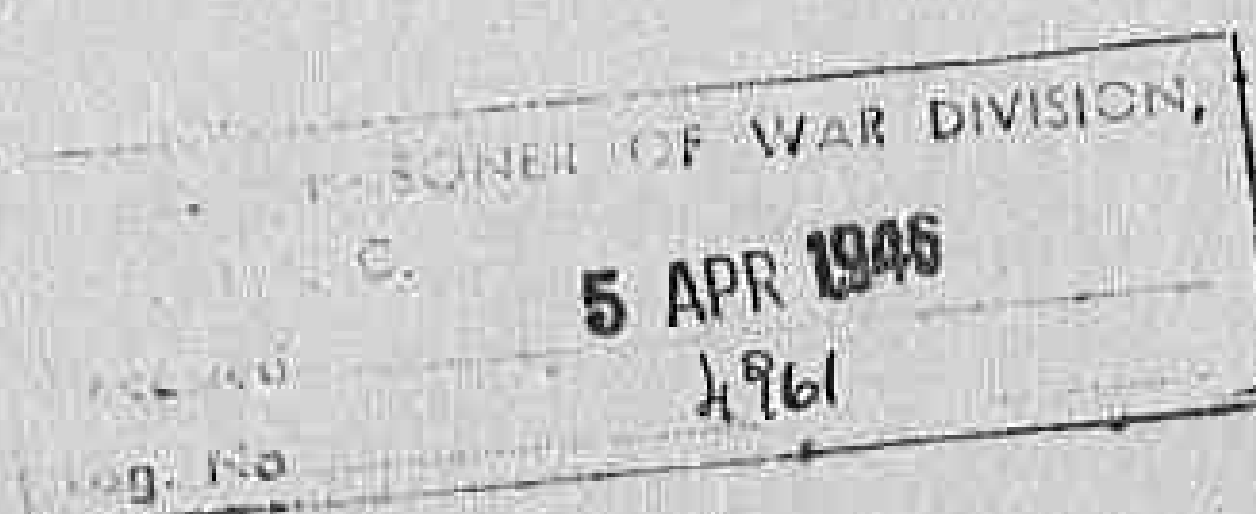
Rome 30 March 1946

SUBJECT: Pass for the Italian Authorities to enter the
British Port Area of Naples.

TO : Land Forces, S/C, IFW Div., M.M.I.A., Rome.

1. An Italian General meets every ship that ^{comes} ~~comes~~ into the Port of Naples carrying PWs, in order to greet them and assist them.
2. The greeting to the veterans on arrival, should if possible be given them onboard the ship during the landing preparations, because if given later at the Lodging Centers, it disturbs the operations of liberating them and produces many inconveniences, due to the impatience of the Veterans.
3. That apart from the moral effect that a late reception has on the morale of who arrives home after a long imprisonment.
4. The Italian Military personnel in order to enter that part of the Port which is under British Control, have to ask each time for a pass, which pass they have to exhibit to the personnel attached to the landing.
5. Furthermore the British Authorities do not allow the Italian Authorities to board the ships to greet the Veterans while still onboard.
6. We beg your Commission to intervene on our behalf in order to obtain the following permissions:
 - A permanent pass for the Port of Naples to a limited number of Officers in-charged with the duty of receiving the veterans who arrive in the Area controlled by the English;
 - The Authorization, if possible for these same Officers to go aboard the ships which is extremely important from a humanitarian point of view.

S/ GENERAL A. MANFREDINI





TR/gm

Ministero della Guerra

Uff. Auton. Reduci Prigionieri
di Guerra e RimpatriatiDivisione *Rece*
Prot. N. 6765/1 RFGM *Allegati*

OGGETTO

Passo alle Autorità Italiane per la Zona
britannica del porto di Napoli.-

Roma, 10 marzo 1946

Alla LAFD FORCES SUB. COMMISS.

A.C. (M.I.A.)

Italian P.O.W. Division
Civil Affairs Section

R O M A

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. *Rece* N. 2RECEIVED 14/46
2200 DAY

1. Ad ogni arrivo di reduci a Napoli un ufficiale generale italia-
no si reca al porto per portare il saluto della Patria e sovrain-
tendere alle varie operazioni assistenziali.
2. Il saluto ai reduci in arrivo dovrebbe possibilmente essere por-
tato a bordo dei piroscafi durante i preparativi di sbarco, poi-
chè se effettuato più tardi, presso i centri alloggio, turbereb-
be il febbrile lavoro e provocherebbe il rallentamento delle o-
perazioni causando notevoli inconvenienti dato lo stato d'ani-
mo particolarmente insopportabile dei reduci.
3. Ciò a parte l'effetto morale che il ritardato saluto può avere
sull'animo di chi rientra in Patria dopo la lunga prigionia.
4. Per poter accedere nella zona britannica del porto le autorità
militari italiane devono munirsi, di volta in volta, del "pass"
e sottoporlo poi al visto del personale addetto allo sbarco.
5. Le Autorità Britanniche inoltre non consentono l'accesso al
piroscafo alle Autorità Italiane che desidererebbero salire a
bordo per il saluto ai reduci.
6. Si prega pertanto codesta Commissione di voler interporre i suoi
buoni uffici per ottenere dalle Autorità competenti:
 - il rilascio del "pass" permanente a quel limitato numero di
ufficiali incaricati di recarsi al porto di Napoli, nella zo-
na di pertinenza inglese, a ricevere i reduci;
 - l'autorizzazione, ove possibile, per gli stessi ufficiali,

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di recarsi a bordo dei piroscafi, che costituirebbe
provvedimento di alta portata morale.
Si ringrazia vivamente.-

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

A. Mannerzi

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Hq M.M.I.A. Rome

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REFERENCE YOUR 0.22449 of 13/1918 MAY LIST PLEASE BE
FORWARDED OF NAMES OF THE 43 PW REFERRED TO IN A/Q SIGNAL
AND LOCALITY IN WHICH THEY WANT TO SETTLE.
WHICH DESIRE

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28 March 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR VETERANS
AND REPATRIATED PW
REF. No. 6522/26/RPGR

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION
IPW DIVISION
R O M E

SUBJECT : Italian POW in North Africa.

Reference your letter IPW/1/581 dated 14th Feb. 1946.
In order to repatriate the 43 Italians of the military
personnel who have been authorised to return to their homes in
North Africa, will you please give us their names and the loca-
lities in which they resided before the war and the locality in
which they now desire to established themselves.

Thank you

Sgd.

Gen. A. Mannerini

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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION, R. C.	
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Ministero della Guerra

Uff. Auton. Reduci Prigionia
di Guerra e Rimpatriati

Divisione *Sec.*

Prot. N. 8522/26/LIS Allegato

All 1a LAND FORCES SUB COM-
MISSION A.C. (MMIA)

Italian P.O.W. Division
Civil Affairs Section

R O M A

Risposta al Foglio del

Div.

Sec.

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OGGETTO *Prigionieri di guerra italiani nel Nord Africa.-*

Riferimento foglio IPW/1/581 in data 14 febbraio c.a.

Per poter regolarizzare il rimpatrio, già autorizzato, ed il
rientro ai loro domicili in Africa Settentrionale dei 43 militi
ri italiani segnalati, si prega comunicare i loro nominativi,
la località di residenza prima della guerra e quella ove in-
tendono stabilirsi.

Si ringrazia vivamente.-

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

A. Lannerini

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

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IPW/1/593

25 March 1946

SUBJECT : Forwarding of cable

TO : General Headquarters
Central Mediterranean Forces

1. The attached telegram and translation is forwarded for favour of onward transmission.
2. It is to be forwarded to Gen TRUSCOTT, Comd 3rd Army (Germany) and is from the Minister of Post War Assistance, Signor GASPAROTTO.


JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

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MINISTRY FOR POST WAR ASSISTANCE
Prisoner of War Bureau
1st Div - 1st Sec (Pol)

FILE : 754/Pol/C-16-B.

Rome 16 March 1946

SUBJECT : Onward transmittal of telegram to General TRUSCOTT,
Commander of the 3rd U.S. Army in Germany.

TO : Allied Commission, S/C, IFW Div., Rome.

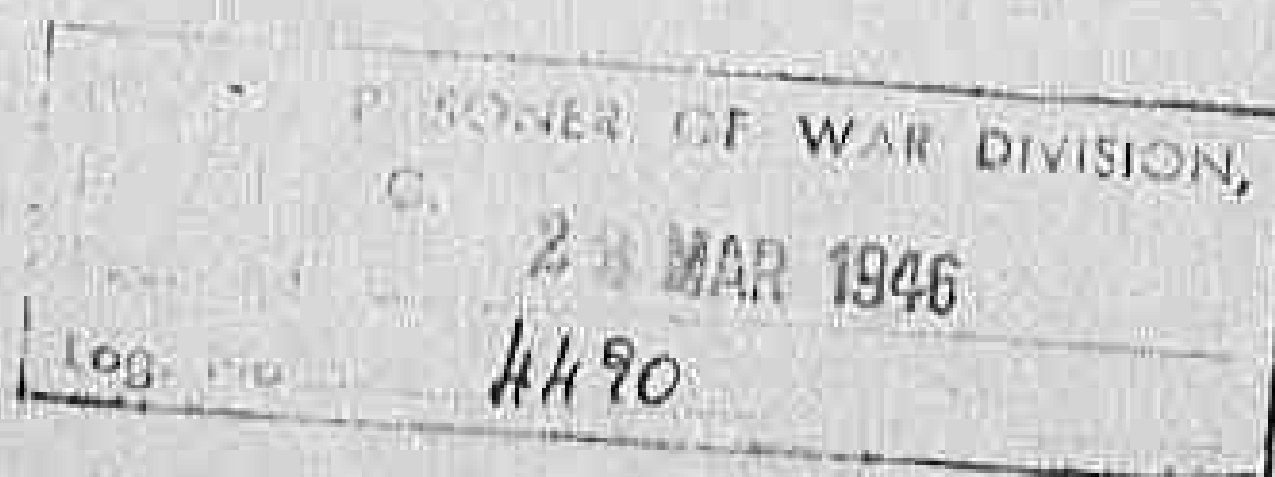
The attached telegram is from Mr. GASPAROTTO, Minister for
Post War Assistance, addressed to General TRUSCOTT Commanding the 3rd.
Army in Germany.

We would greatly appreciate if you would transmit the message
in question.

Thank you.

Sgd. Col. Pallotta

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TELEGRAM

MINISTRY FOR POST WAR ASSISTANCE
Prisoner of War Bureau
1st Div - 1st Sec (Pol)

FILE : 651/C-16-B.

Rome 16 March 1946

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT VERY GRATEFUL FOR PERSONAL INTEREST YOU
HAVE SHOWN IN HELPING CONDITIONS OF ITALIANS PASSING THROUGH
THE TERRITORY UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION STOP PLEASE ACCEPT IN
THE NAME OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROFOUND THANKS AND GRATITUDE
FOR YOUR VERY HUMAN COMPREHENSION AND HELP HIGHLY PRIZED BY ALL
STOP SIGNED LUIGI GASPAROTTO MINISTER FOR POST WAR ASSISTANCE
STOP

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Roma 16 Marzo

1946

Ministero dell'Assistenza Post-Bellica
Servizio Prigionieri di Guerra

Sez. I^a Divisione*Uff.* I^a Sez. (Pol)*Prot. N. 734/Pol/C-16 Allegati**Risposta al Foglio N. 2**del*

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
-Sottocommissione p.d.g.-

R O M A

OGGETTO: Telegramma diretto
al Signor Generale TRUSCOTT
Comandante della 3^a Armata
Americana in Germania.

Si trasmette un testo di telegramma dell'On. Signor Ministro
dell'Assistenza Post-Bellica Luigi Gasparotto.

Si sarà grati a codesta Commissione Alleata se vorrà corte-
samente curarne l'inoltro telegraficamente al destinatario Signor
Generale Truscott Comandante della 3^a Armata Americana in Germania.

Si ringrazia.

IL CAPO SERVIZIO
(Dr. Fausto Nitti)

Col Fausto Nitti

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

IPW/1/591

18/3/46

SUBJECT : Precedence of repatriation of Italian Prisoners
of War

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans

Ref. your 2149/47 dtd 4/2/46

1. In view of the attached letter from C.in C. India which seems to refute the statements made in your a/q letter, would you kindly forward to this Division as many facts as you are able to find regarding actual number of IPW embarked on "CHITRAL" alleged to be Fascists.

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[Signature]
J.R. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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Encl.: letter, as above.

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CONFIDENTIAL.
COPY NO. 1SUBJECT: Precedence of Repatriation of Italian PW.

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Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
MMIA,
IPW Division.

CHQ CMF.

3821/A2.

16 Mar 46.

Your IPW/1/578 dated 9 Feb with attached letter 2749/47 dated 4 Feb from Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW, refers.

1. Enclosed please find copy of letter 40216/II/PW1(b) dated 6 Mar from Commander-in-Chief INDIA.
2. May we have comments on the apparent discrepancy between statements please.

HRW/MC.

Br. Latta
JIC NAPLES,
Brigadier,
DAG.

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ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,	
(MMIA) A. C.	
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CONFIDENTIAL

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
INDIA
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S BRANCH,
SIMLA, 6 Mar 1946.

To General Headquarters,
MIDDLE EAST FORCES.

PRECEDENCE OF REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

Reference your confidential No. 3824/42 dated 14 Feb 46.

1. During the month of Dec 45 a total of 4423 Italian PW was repatriated to Italy, the breakdown by categories being as follows:-

Mixed Medical Commission cases (Troopship)	1404
Applied for by Italian Government through AMHQ	535
Compassionate cases	83
Age cases (over 50/60)	387
Co-operators	2244
	<u>4423</u>

2. The above figures for medical cases included all those PW in India, who were recommended for repatriation on medical grounds, and who were considered fit to travel by troopship. It is therefore not understood on what grounds the statement, made in the Italian Ministry of War letter, that "precedence should have been given to the sick," was made.

3. The records of all Italian PW who are accepted as eligible for early repatriation are examined on security grounds before acceptance at this HQ, and no known Fascists were, or have been, repatriated from this country except medical cases who are not subject to security considerations.

4. Subject to the overriding priority accorded to medical cases, the order of repatriation from this command is first, co-operators and second, **co-operators.**

(Sgd) ???
FOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

J.S

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 29552

Message Centre No: H/496

Date/Time of Origin: MAR

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 120930

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: MTOUSA

TO : NASC

INFO: AMET ALCOM

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Approval granted to repatriate 44 Italian prisoners of war in North Africa if acceptable to local authorities as requested letter your Headquarters file AG RPT AG 383 point 6 (BMPMA) dated 21 Feb 1946 subject repatriation of Italian personnel with 44 inclosures. New subject lieutenant Colonel Regis will arrive Casablanca on OR about 18 March.

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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION	
(MMIA) A. C.	
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REF CONVERSATION LT COL BROSIE - CAPT WALKER OF 11 MARCH 46 AND YOUR
O 22449 OF 151918 A (.)

APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN BY ITALIAN MINISTRE OF WAR FOR 45 ITALIAN
SERVICE PERSONNEL TO REMAIN IN N. AFRICA (.)

W.E.R. PHILIPS

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FOR COL ANDLAUER FROM COL REGIS (.)
REF CONVERSATION COL REGIS COL ANDLAUER CANNOT ACCEPT REPATRIATION
SIX HUNDRED ITALIAN CIVILIANS FROM B I Z E R T E (.) ITALIAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MUST APPROVE (.)
THIS SUBJECT MUST BE DEALT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS BETWEEN
NATIONS CONCERNED

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
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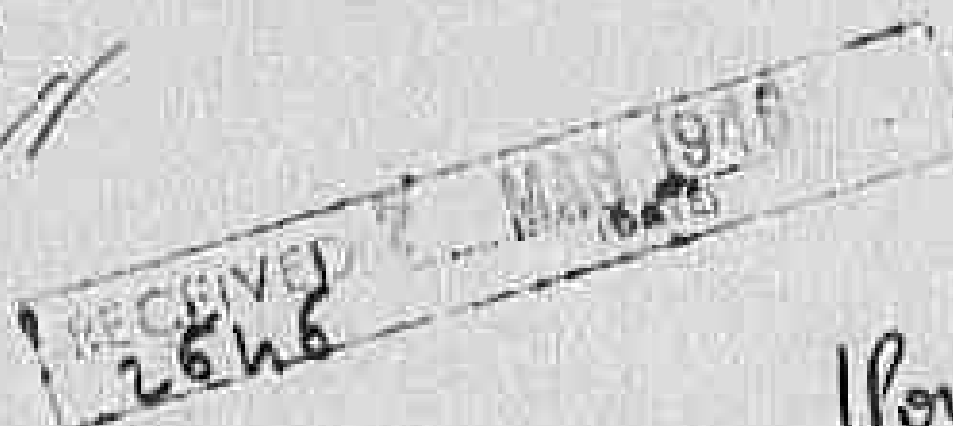
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 627/15/31.



7 March 1946.

Dear Dr. Prunas,

In answer to your letter 16/31913/36 of 23 December 1945, I am directed to inform you that since it is the Allied policy to maintain the status quo in S. Tyrol, pending a settlement of the problem, there is no reason why prisoners whose homes are in that region should be treated in any way differently from other German speaking Italians normally resident there.

It is not considered that there are any grounds for intervention by the Allied authorities to prevent the repatriation of these prisoners of war. In the course of the negotiations referred to in para 2 of your letter it is thought that your Government will receive an opportunity for adequately screening the prisoners to ensure that they are in fact Italian subjects.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Dr. Renato Prunas,
Secretary General,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Copy to: Polad A
Polad B
CA Sec (for D.P. S/O)
Land Forces S/O (for IPW)✓

Italian Prisoners of War S/O Commission
IO AC APO 394
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CONFIDENTIALCopy No 2SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian PW.Commander in Chief,
INMIAGHD CMT3821/A214 Feb 46

The attached translation copy of Italian Ministry of War letter 2749/47 dated 4 Feb 46 received through Headquarters Allied Commission is forwarded for your comments and such action as you may deem necessary.

Italian Ministry of War Sub Commission

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James S/Capt
Lieutenant General,
Commander-in-Chief,
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE.

Copy to:- Land Forces sub-Commission, Allied Commission,
INMIA, IAW Division (Your IAW/1/578 of 9 Feb 46 refers).

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

IPW/1/581

14 February 1946

SUBJECT : IPW in N.Africa

TO : A.MANNERINI
Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW
Ministry of War - Rome

1. North African Service Command (American) state that there are 43 Italian Service personnel who have expressed the wish to be repatriated but to remain in N.Africa. Many of their were residents in N.Africa prior to being inducted in the Italian Army. They have no relatives or families or interests in Italy or Sicily and do not wish to be sent to Italy as it would be difficult for them to get back.

2. It is requested that you gain approval for their repatriation to their homes in N.Africa through diplomatic channels.

J
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

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RECEIVED 14 FEB 1946
INCOMING MESSAGE
 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C22449
 Date/Time of Origin: FEB 13 19 18 A
 FROM: MTOUSA NASC CABLE PLN - 970 STATES IN PART:
 TO : ALCOM

Message Centre No: G/9240
 Date Time Rec'd: FEB 14 09 15 A
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" There are in this Command 43 Italian Service Personnel who have expressed their wish to be repatriated but to remain in north AFRICA. Many of them were residents of north AFRICA prior to being inducted into the Italian Army. They have no interests or relatives or families in ITALY or SICILY and do not wish to be sent to ITALY as it would be difficult for them to get back.

Request approval be obtained for repatriation of them direct to their homes as are acceptable to the authorities in the various countries in North AFRICA."

Request your comments.

ACTION

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
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FROM Q(MOV) GHQ CMF.

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

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2/Feb/46

SUBJECT ; Precedence of repatriation of Italian PW

TO : G1 (Br)
G.H.Q.
C.M.P.

1. The attached letter (translation) from the Italian War Ministry, pointing out the prevalence of Fascists in a recent arrival of PW from India, has been received in this Office.
2. It would be appreciated if the matter could be taken up with GHQ, India, and a request be made that they adhere as far as possible to the agreed order of repatriating PW, especially as far as Fascists are concerned.

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J.E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Encl.: letter as above

Copy to: Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW, (yours 2749/47 dtd
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/577

8/Feb/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian PW

TO : Allied Screening Commission
Q/o Rome Area Allied Command

1. This Division has been informed that priority in repatriation can be granted to PW whose relatives in Italy gave help to British escapers during the German occupation, names of such PW will be forwarded to the Commands concerned by War Office (P.W.I.)
2. Priority can also be granted to PW whose relatives in Italy gave help to British organisations during the resistance period, names will be forwarded to Commands concerned by GHQ, C.M.F.
3. For your information.

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J.E. REGIS
Lieut.Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 96266FW2

Message Centre No: G/8838

Date/Time of Origin: FEB 5 0930Z

Date Time Rec'd: FEB 7 1415

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: TROOPERS

TO : MIDEAST INDIA GHQ, ^{CMF} ALGOM (MMIA) EAST AFRICA MILWESTAF MALTA GIBRAITAR JAMAICA

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MY 84811 15 NOVEMBER.

1. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT PRIORITY IN REPATRIATION WILL BE ACCORDED TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF ITALIAN PW PROVIDED NOTHING DEROGATORY IS KNOWN AGAINST THEM (A) PW WHOSE RELATIVES IN ITALY RENDERED ASSISTANCE TO BRITISH ESCAPERS AND EVADERS DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION (B) PW WHOSE RELATIVES IN ITALY RENDERED ASSISTANCE TO BRITISH ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE RESISTANCE PERIOD.
2. NAMES OF PW IN CATEGORY (A) ABOVE WILL BE NOTIFIED TO COMMANDS CONCERNED BY WAR OFFICE (PW1).
3. NAMES OF PW IN CATEGORY (B) WILL BE NOTIFIED TO COMMANDS CONCERNED BY GHQ CMF. THIS AMENDS PARAGRAPH 2 OF MY 87868 FW2 4 DECEMBER TO GHQ CMF ONLY.
4. CINC INDIA ONLY REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM 379183/FW1B 31 JANUARY.

NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON NAMES RECEIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN PW1 AND GHQ CMF. NAME SUPPLIED BY BRIGADIER EX PW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO GHQ CMF WITH FULL REPORT.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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7 FEB 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR REPATRIATED PW
REF. 2749/47

4 February 1946

TO ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
R O M E

SUBJECT : Precedence of repatriation of IPW.

This office has noted that a large part of the returning PW disembarked at Taranto from the ship "Chitral" on 3 Jan. 46 (1,050 officers and 1,200 N.Co's and men) was composed of elements who, spontaneously declared themselves professed fascists, and were accordingly concentrated in Camp 25 (Yol, India).

Many of such repatriates are ill, but many others have not such a preferential qualification in their favour; at the same time many other officers who are ill and do not hold fascist ideals have remained in PW Camp 26, 27, 28 (Yol).

Your office was so good as to understand the importance of preferential treatment in repatriation because the reaction it would have on the minds of the P. themselves and of the Italian people in general; therefore according to the agreements made, precedence should have been given to the sick, co-operators, other PW, leaving to the last those who openly professed fascist ideals.

To pointing this out, we beg the interest of your office in finding out if special reasons exist for the repatriation of the elements referred to above, and above all in securing that in future repatriation should be made in the agreed order of preference.

We are grateful to your office which with so great a spirit of understanding agrees to eliminate all possible motives of bitterness and ferment both in PW camps and in Italy.

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

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IL COMANDANTE IN CHIEF War Rel. Commission

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2d Ind to Ltr, Hqs, MTOUSA, file AG 383.6/056 A-0, dtd 14 December 1945,
Subject: Application for Release of POW.

AG 383.6/056 A-0

2d Ind.

HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 22 January 1946

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, MIA

1. Your attention is invited to the preceding indorsement and to the attached request for the repatriation of an Italian Prisoner of War.

2. For your information it has been agreed between this headquarters and the French High Command that all requests for release of Italian Prisoners of War in French custody should be handled by direct negotiation between Italian and French governments through diplomatic channels.

3. It is desired therefore that this case be presented to the French diplomatic representative in Rome.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

24 JAN 1946

EDMUND R. SHUCART
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to AG 383.6/056 A-O

14 December 1945

SUBJECT: Application for Release of POW
TO: Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section,
APO 782
ATTENTION: Auxiliary Troop Command

The attached correspondence is forwarded for necessary
action.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RIDGWAY:

Paul J. Sullivan
PAUL J. SULLIVAN
Captain, Infantry
Acting Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl
Request of repatriation of
Italian PW, in duplicate,
dated 17 Sept 45. Giuseppe
Pecoraro.

AG 383.6 BPATC (14 Dec 45) 1st Ind JWL/ejp
HEADQUARTERS, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, U.S. ARMY,
5 January 1946.

TO: Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations,
APO 512, U. S. Army.

Subject Prisoner of War is recorded in the files of this
headquarters as being in French custody.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

A. J. Marshall
A. J. MARSHALL
Capt., A.G.D.
Asst Adj Gen.

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SUBJECT:- Repatriated Italian PW.TO:- Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, (MMIA),
IPW Division.GHQ CMF3072/1/A224 Jan 46

1. This GHQ has been advised by GHQ Middle East Forces that Italian PW repatriated from the MIDDLE EAST on Italian ships will not, in future, be escorted, and that all documents relative to the PW will be handed to the senior Italian Officer in charge of the draft.
2. Escorts will continue to be provided for Italian PW repatriated on British ships.

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26 JAN 1946

Major General,
D.A.G.

Copy to:- PW Accounts Office CM, CMF.

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MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War
Veterans and Repatriated PsW
File No. 791/226/RPG

TO ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR
DIVISION - CIVIL AFFAIRS
SECTION - R O M E

SUBJECT: Reception of Veterans.

On a verbal request from Mrs. Stani of this Office, herewith attached and forwarded to you is a copy of the disposals (Enclosure I) that were given to all the people who depend from the Territorial Commands regarding the reception of War Veterans.

We inform you that no disposals were given by the Allied Authorities regarding the reception of Veterans who were in good health or in bad health.

The only exception is the Lodging Centre of Pescantina (Verona) which Centre on being turned over to the Italian Authorities by the Allies, the Sub-Commission for Displaced Persons furnished the Italian Authorities with a list of rules for the "Internal Functioning" of the Centre (Enclosure II).

In effect, when the Allied Authorities communicate from the Ports the arrival of Veterans, the Italian Military Command arranges for the transport of the personnel who are charged with the duty of receiving them to the docks and who arrange for the transport of the Veterans to the Lodging Centres where they are to be sent. If a report is received that there are Military Personnel onboard, who are in ill health, besides the personnel a service of ambulances is organized for the transfer of the sick people to the hospitals that are ready to receive them.

Sgd. Colonel Anfosso

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Enclosure No.1

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
& Repatriated PaW

Report on the reception of War Veterans
and Repatriates

1. The Veterans who arrive in Italy are sent to the Lodging Centres if in good health and to hospitals and Sanatoriums if sick.

The Hospitals and the Sanatoriums in respect to the Veterans and PaW, function in the same way as the Lodging Centres.

The Lodging Centres provide as follows:

- reception
- questioning
- matriculation
- pay off
- sorting out

These operations are effected rapidly and in order, in the aim of limiting to the shortest possible time, the stay of the Veterans in the Lodging Centres to their own advantage and for the functioning of the Centres.

2. Reception.

The Territorial Commands whose interest is to find shelter for the Veterans, and who are in liaison with the Competent Italian Authorities, report immediately the arrival of the groups of Veterans to the Lodging Centres who provide for the influx.

After their arrival at the Lodging Centres, the Veterans receive moral and material assistance and an affectionate and Cordial reception.

If possible, a distribution is made at the Lodging Centres, of articles of Comfort and tobacco.

All people in arrival, whether they belong to the Military or civilian Personnel, are taken into the Lodging Centres.

They are thoroughly disinfested and disinfected.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Ufficio Auton. Reduci Prigionieri di Guerra e Rimpatriati

NOTE SULLE OPERAZIONI RIGUARDANTI I REDUCI DALLA

PRIGIONIA DI GUERRA E RIMPATRIATI

1°) - I reduci che giungono in Patria vengono avviati ai centri alloggio se sani, ai ospedali o convalescenziari se bisognevoli di cure.

Ospedali e convalescenziari, nei riguardi dei reduci dalla prigionia di guerra e rimpatriati hanno le stesse funzioni dei centri alloggio.

I centri alloggio provvedono alle seguenti operazioni:

- ricevimento;
- interrogatorio;
- sistemazione particolare;
- + liquidazione competenze amministrative;
- smistamento.

Tali operazioni sono effettuate ordinatamente e rapidamente, allo scopo di limitare al minimo indispensabile il periodo di permanenza dei reduci presso i centri alloggio, con conseguente vantaggio per reduci stessi e per funzionamento dei centri alloggio.

2°) - Ricevimento -

I Comandi Militari Territoriali interessati alla ricezione dei reduci (e che pertanto sono in collegamento con i competenti organi delle Autorità alleate), danno disposizioni preavviso ai centri alloggio circa gli arrivi di categorie di reduci e predispongono le modalità di accoglienza.

Sin dal loro arrivo al centro alloggio i reduci ricevono tutta l'assistenza morale e materiale, possibile e una accoglienza cordiale ed affettuosa.

Se possibile, viene effettuata all'arrivo al centro alloggio una distribuzione

ad ospedali o convalescenziari, nei riguardi dei reduci dalla prigionia di guerra e
Capedali e convalescenziari, nei riguardi dei reduci dalla prigionia di guerra e
rimpatriati hanno le stesse funzioni dei centri alloggio.

I centri alloggio provvedono alle seguenti operazioni:

- ricevimento;
- interrogatorio;
- sistemazione notturna;
- liquidazione competenze amministrative;
- ammantamento.

Le operazioni sono effettuate ordinatamente e rapidamente, allo scopo di li-
mitare al minimo indispensabile il periodo di permanenza dei reduci presso i centri
alloggio, con conseguente vantaggio per i reduci stessi e per l'assorbimento dei centri
alloggio.

2°) - Ricevimento -

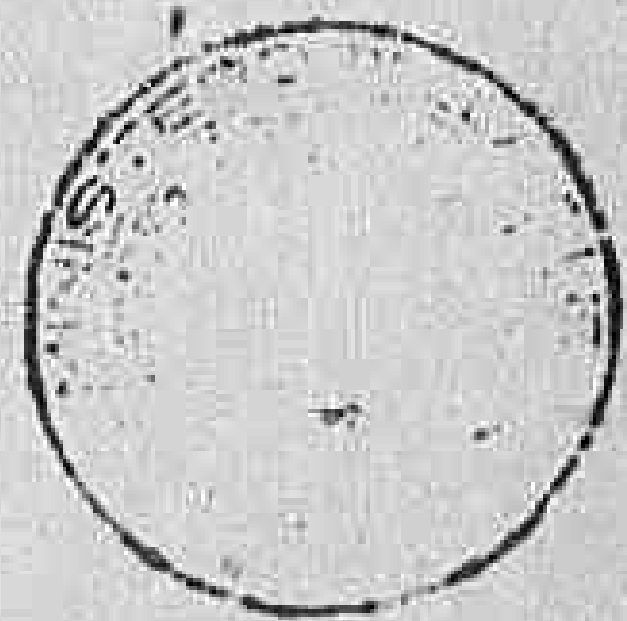
I Comandi Militari Territoriali interessati alla ricezione dei reduci (e che
pertanto sono in collegamento con i competenti organi delle Autorità alleate), danno
tempestivo preavviso ai centri alloggio circa gli arrivi di soggetti di reduci e
predispongono le modalità di affluenza.

Sin dal loro arrivo al centro alloggio i reduci ricevono tutta l'assistenza
fisica e materiale, possibile e una accoglienza cordiale ed affettuosa.

Se possibile, viene effettuata all'arrivo al centro alloggio una distribuzione
di generi di conforto e di tabacchi.

Tutto per sonare affluito sia esso appartenente alle varie forze armate dello
stato, sia militarizzato o civile viene preso in forza dal centro alloggio.

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DISPATCH PERSONNEL AND INFORMATION SUB COMMISSION

24 Novembre 1943

MODALITA' DI FUNZIONAMENTO INTERNO PER IL CAMPO DI PESCANTINA

1°) - Disinfestazioni e visita sanitaria:

In conseguenza dell'arrivo di treni diretti dalla Russia, tutte le persone (provenienti dalla Russia oppure no) saranno disinfestate e sottoposte a visita sanitaria, immediatamente dopo l'arrivo, e tutti i medici disponibili dovranno eseguire una rapida visita medica per assicurare, nella maggiore misura possibile, che i casi di malattie infettive vengano isolati e gli altri elementi in viaggio siano disinfestati.

La disinfestazione e la visita sanitaria devono essere effettuate nel campo "A", prima della distribuzione dei biglietti. Dovranno essere predisposti mezzi di illuminazione per far sì che il lavoro possa essere eseguito anche di notte.

Durante il periodo di attesa deve essere distribuita una razione di minestrone.

Il recinto deve comprendere le latrine.

2°) - Dovranno essere distribuiti subito i medicinali.

Essi devono essere sostituiti periodicamente e devono essere disposti in pile, ogni mattina, e disinfettati con polvere D.D.T.

3°) - Riscaldamento:

Nei grandi capannoni dei campi A e B devono essere installate almeno 6 grandi stufe o bracieri.

4°) - Prodotti di nazionalità non italiana:

epidemia dovranno eseguire una rapida visita medica per assicurare, nella maggiore misura possibile, che i casi di malattie infettive vengano isolati e gli altri elementi in viaggio siano disinfestati.

La disinfestazione e la visita sanitaria devono essere effettuate nel campo "A", prima della distribuzione dei biglietti. Dovranno essere predisposti mezzi di illuminazione per far sì che il lavoro possa essere eseguito anche di notte.

Durante il periodo di attesa deve essere distribuita una razione di minestre.

Il recinto deve comprendere le latrine.

2°) - Dovranno essere distribuiti subito i paillardicioli.

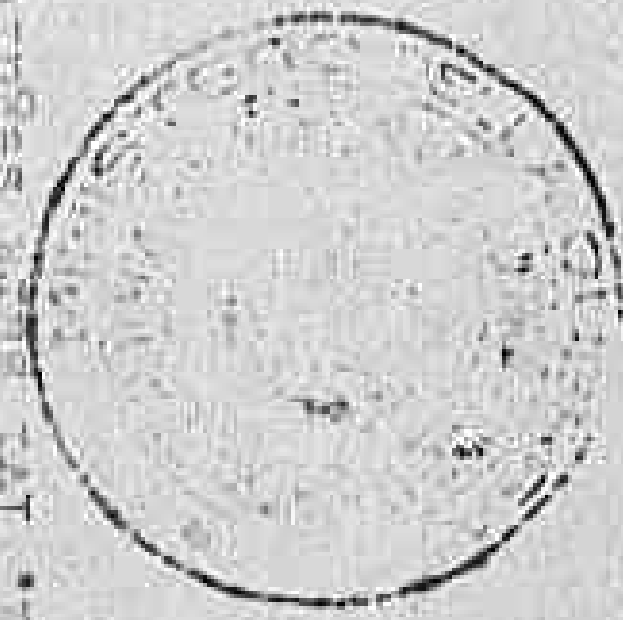
Essi devono essere sostituiti periodicamente e devono essere disposti in pile, ogni mattina, e disinfestati con polvere D.D.T.

3°) - Riscaldamento:

Nei grandi capannoni dei campi A e B devono essere installate almeno 8 grandi stufe o bracieri.

4°) - Profughi di nazionalità non italiana:

In conseguenza della prossima chiusura del campo di Verona, tutti i non italiani saranno raccolti e avviati, seguendo l'itinerario necessario, a Pescantina. Ivi sarà seguito lo stesso sistema che nel campo di Verona.



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I rifugiati avranno distribuite le medesime razioni viventi dei nazionali italiani, ma tutte le volte che è possibile ai gruppi di ciascuna nazionalità dovranno essere assegnate baracche separate.

50) - trasporti :

Tutte le volte che è possibile usare le ferrovie.

Quando non si disponga di treni speciali vagoni riservati per i profughi dovranno essere assegnati ai treni ordinari.

Non dovranno impiegarsi trasporti automobilistici almeno che non dovesse accadere che i rimpatriati debbano essere trattenuti più di una notte nel caso che due o più treni arrivino nel medesimo giorno.

I nazionali, diretti verso l'interno del territorio, potranno, invece, essere trattenuti due notti prima di far ripreso ai trasporti automobilistici.

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REFERENCE YOUR 21180 PW 2 OF 29 DECEMBER. DOES THIS APPLY TO ITALIAN
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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 91180 PW2
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Message Centre No: 6/6476

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FROM: TROOPERS

TO : MIDEAST INDIA FREEDOM ALCOM (MMIA) EAST AFRICA MILWESTAF MALTA GIBRALTAR
JAMAICA

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MY 84811 15 NOVEMBER.

1. ITALIAN PW WILL BE REPATRIATED TO ITALY ONLY IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR
COUNTRY OF DOMICILE BEFORE THE WAR. ~~ITALY~~

2. THIS SUPERCEDES MY MEMORANDUM 0A2(A)/RM/223(PWI)16 MARCH 45 (NOT TO ALL
ADDRESSEES) WHICH STATED THAT ITALIAN PW COULD BE REPATRIATED TO ITALIAN
COLONIES ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS.

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OFFICE OF DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

TEL. No 53720 EXT. 130
to 53729 140
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REF: P.O.W./HQ/32

SUBJECT: P.O.W.s

TO : HQ., D.P. & R Sub-Commission
Allied Commission
APO 394 C.M.F.

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Further to our letter POW/HQ/32 dated 7 Nov. 45
could information please be supplied regarding probable
dates of release of Italian P.O.W. from India.

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For the Regional Commissioner
N.T. Bourne In Cond-
for A.J. Stewart, Major
D.P.R.S.C.

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Ministry of Post War Assistance

The Minister -

Prot. n. 2693/7

TO: Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394
Civil Affairs Section
Italian Prisoner of War Division
ATTENTION
Lt.Colonel J.E. Regis

ROME

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian POW

Reference your letters, IPW/53/89 dated 7th November 1945 and IPW/41/28 and IPW/1/7/Bal 1530, in which you inform us, that in order not to double the work of your office, in future, the requests for repatriation of Italian POW should be forwarded through the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated POW, commanded by General Manerini.

It is not our intention to overload your office but we permit ourselves to inform you that on the basis of the legislative ruling at present, all questions relative to POW are the exclusive competence of the Ministry of Post War Assistance, POW Bureau: In fact, according to Article n. 2 R.D.L. dated 6th April 1944, with which the High Commissioner for Italian POW was instituted, it was established that the High Commissioner, controlled all questions of a collective and individual character pertaining to POW including their position, treatment, their employment on repatriating and all material and moral assistance to be given them, up to the moment of their repatriation.

According to article 3 letter 1 disposals are given for the carrying out of this work by the High Commissioner indirect contact, (relative to the questions of his

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competence) with the Allied Commission and the organizations that depend from said Commission. With article n. 9 of the D.L.L. dated 31st July 1945 n. 425, the High Commissariat for POW was suspended and the competence of that office was transferred to the Ministry of Post War Assistance, who works as above, through the ~~dependent~~ ^{Dependent} Service of the POW Assistance.

It would be therefore our desire, that all questions relative to POW, be at the dipendence of our Service, which will not fail to keep in contact with the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated POW and with the Italian Red Cross, in the aim, of organising together, the assistance that each one of these offices preform on behalf of the prisoners in question.

Under these conditions the work of your Commission would be greatly facilitated.

We hope to receive a favourable answer.

The Minister

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

Ref : IPW/1/7/Bal/1530

Tel.No. 489081
Ext. 511

7 November 1945

Subject : Repatriation of Italian Military
Personnel from Bucarest.

To : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- 1) Reference is made to your 6/4302/1995 dated 2 November 1945.
- 2) The question of the repatriation of sick and wounded IPW from Czechoslovakia and Poland has been submitted to this office by
 - (a) Ministry of Post War Assistance - their 3706/0-46 of 13 Oct 45.
 - (b) Italian Red Cross - their 13817/G of 10 Oct 45
 - (c) Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW - their 419875 of 19 Oct 45.
- 3) Speedy action has been taken on these requests and the matter has been passed to higher authority. Every effort is being made to repatriate these individuals in the shortest possible time. This Division has recommended that these sick personnel should be transported by hospital trains.
- 4) In view of the obvious duplication of work as shown by para 2, will you please co-ordinate all future requests and suggestions through the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW. General Mannerini of that office is in daily liaison with the undersigned.

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J.E. REGIS, Lt.Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

Copy to: General Mannerini - Autonomous office for WV and RPW
Ministry of Post War Assistance
Italian Red Cross - Office of Executive Commissioner

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

IPW/1/567

29/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Application for release of PW to

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau

23362 PECORARO, Giuseppe

1. The attached application for the release of the a/n has been forwarded to us by HQ, MTOUSA.
2. Please note that PW Camp 102, Oran (Algiers) is a French camp, and therefore the matter is one for direct negotiation between your and the French Governments.

JWR
J.E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Encl.: as above

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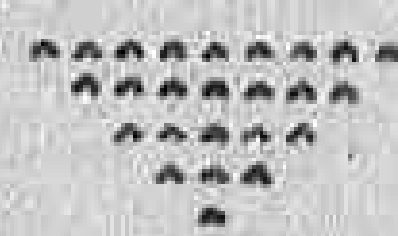
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MINISTRY OF WAR

Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated POW.

N. 421599/RFGR Prot.

Rome 3rd November 1945

Report regarding the organization of reception
of Military Personnel returning from imprisonment or in-
nement.



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MINISTRY OF WAR

Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated POW.

Report regarding the organization for the reception of military personnel from imprisonment or internment.

10) This Office has the competence to provide for all that which concerns the repatriation of Military Personnel from imprisonment or internment, from whatever internment that is from abroad, that regards military operations, from the moment of their arrival in Italy to the moment when they are sent to their homes.

The office acts as a coordinated organ, in all activities performed by the various General Directions of the Ministry of War, each one having its own particular competence.

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ce given them is the competence of the Ministry of Post War Assistance.

II°) There are two kinds of Lodging Centers:

Those for the Veterans from imprisonment and those who return from internment, it will be shown later as to how they differ in their functions.

III°) Lodging Centers for Veterans from imprisonment.

a) - Size and locations.

Having modified the prospectus for the organization of the

above, due to the information received from A.F.H.Q. regarding the influx from over-seas of the Military Personnel from imprisonment, the localities where they will be landed and the available transport etc., the office gave disposals and is, at the moment, constituting the following Lodging Centers, under the direct administration and discipline of the Territorial Commands that hold the jurisdiction of the following regions (see enclosure I).

- Bari	capacity	1.650
- Lecce	"	1.550
- Palermo	"	1.500
- Taranto	"	10.000
- Napoli (Afragola, Dugenta, S. Martino)	"	12.000
- Roma	"	3.000
- Livorno	"	5.000
- Novara	"	2.000
- Milano	"	2+3.000
- Mestre (o Treviso)	"	2.000
Total		40.000

b) Competence of the Lodging Centers.

Organization of the Veteran and hygienic sanitary assistance.

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During the trip from the Lodging Center to the localities of residence, the Veterans are furnished with travel rations as in enclosure N.2.

Clothes: A distribution is made of civilian clothes, which are bought through commercial channels and furnished to those military veterans who are in absolute need, in order to be able to travel to their localities of origin.

Matriculation and administration: Compilation of the various

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documents, concerning the position of the Veterans and the payment of their credits, owed to them during their period of imprisonment and for two months after the day that they are repatriated.

Documentation: the documents compiled for the Veterans are as enclosure N.3.

Sorting: To the localities of origin, where the Veterans will have two months leave before being released or recalled to duty.

c) - Present situation of the organization of Lodging Centers.

The present situation is as follows:

- the Lodging Centers at Rome - Recce - Bari are completed and are working;
- the Lodging Centers of Palermo - Taranto and Naples are in the course of completion but are already working;
- the Lodging Center at Leghorn is being constituted;
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These Centers result as in enclosure 4.

The assistance given these people is identical with the treatment given to the others: (as above) and differs only in that which concerns, matriculation and administration, which latter is limited in giving them a repatriation ticket and in anticipating a sum of money. Their final matriculation and

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administrative position is defined by the competent military Command.

Documentation: The documentation in the order of the day, is limited to the compilation on the part of the Lodging Centers of a repatriation ticket as in Enclosure 5.

Vc) Hospitalization

The sick on arrival in Italy are put in hospital for the necessary sanitary attention and receive civilian rations until completely well. The hospitals result as in enclosure N. 6.

The hospitals in question have the same matriculation and administrative system, relative to the Veterans from imprisonment or internment, as the Lodging Centers.

VIc) Available transport.

The means of transport for the interior functioning of the Lodging Centers will be furnished by the Centers in question. The transport of the Veterans from localities of arrival to the Lodging Centers and from them to the rail-way stations from where they have to go to their homes, will be furnished by the allied authorities up to the time the Italian military authorities can organize the previewed transport companies.

VIIc) Interrogation Commissions.

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Gen. A. Mannerini.

Enclosure N. 2.

FOOD RATIONS OF LODGING CENTERS

a) Materials to be acquired through the Se.Pr.Al.

- bread	per day	gr. 350
- macaroni	" "	" 100
- soup powder	" "	" 50
- skimmed powdered milk	" "	" 50
- dried vegetable	" "	" 100
- sugar	" "	" 33
- oil	" "	" 6,6
- tinne meat	" week	" 400 (1)

b) Materials to be bought in the open market.

- fresh vegetables	gr. 350
- fresh fruit	" 150
- wine	lt. 1
- concentrated tomatoe sauce	gr. 10

c) Materials to be acquired from the State Monopols.

- salt	gr. 300 per month
- tobacco	" 5 " day
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d) Quota for better rations.

e. 10 per day.

- skimmed powdered milk	"	"	50
- dried vegetable	"	"	100
- sugar	"	"	33
- oil	"	"	6,6
- tinned meat	"	week	400 (1)

b) Materials to be bought in the open market.

- fresh vegetables	gr.	350
- fresh fruit	"	150
- wine	lt.	$\frac{1}{2}$
- concentrated tomatoe sauce	gr.	10

c) Materials to be ^cacquired from the State Monopols.

- salt	gr.	300 per month
- tobacco	"	5 " day
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To the personnel more in need, after a medical examination, up to 25% of the whole, can receive in addition to the normal rations, the following articles:

- 1 egg per day
- $\frac{1}{2}$ litres of milk
- 40 gr. of marmalade.

Note (1) - Or every two days 150 gr. of fresh fish or fresh cream cheese, the latter to be substituted with

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gr. 80 of plain cheese excluding the very expensive
cheeses.

Travel rations.

- bread	gr.	350
- fresh cheese	"	75
- fresh fruit	"	150
- wine	lt.	1
- tobacco	gr.	5

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Enclosures to letter 421599/REGR

1. - Lodging Centers for War Veterans and Repatriated POW.
2. - Food rations in Lodging Centers.
3. - Documentation regarding Lodging Centers for War Veterans and Repatriated POW.
4. - Lodging Centers for those who arrive from internment.
5. - Schedule of repatriation for those who arrive from internment.
6. - Hospitals and civilian food rationing for War Veterans, Repatriated Prisoners and Internees.

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

IPW/1/565

23/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Repatriated Italian PW

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans & Repatriated PW

1. This office has been advised by C.E.Q. CMF. that Italian PW repatriated from the Middle East on Italian ships will not, in future, be escorted, and that all documents relative to PW will be handed to the senior Italian Officer in charge of the draft.
2. Escorts will continue to be provided for Italian PW repatriated on British ships.

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J.E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 4/46.1/CA

20 Nov. 45.

SUBJECT : IPW S/C.

TO : Establishment Section.

1. May the position of the Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission be clarified please.
2. It was understood that it was to be attached to IMIA (AFHQ letter AG 383.6 GCC- 0 of 19 Oct. 45 refers.)
3. Can orders please be published detaching the Sub-Commission from Civil Affairs Section and attaching it to Land Forces Sub-Commission.

(Signed)

S.H. WHITE, Lt. Col,
A/VP CA Section.

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SUBJECT:- Release.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES.

3907/A2.

26 Nov. 45.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
(IPW Division).

Copies to:- HQ 2 District.
HQ 3 District. (Your 406/9A of 22
Nov 45 refers).

In view of the impending release of Italian Co-operators and PW,
it is not proposed to consider individual applications for release
unless based on urgent medical or compassionate grounds.

Col. Regis

to tell us this again

GHD/Mt.

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Major General,
DAG.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 84811 PW2

Message Centre No: G/3738

Date/Time of Origin: 15.15.5.

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FROM: MIDEAST INDIA GHQ CMF ALCOM MMEA EAST AFRICA

TO: MILWESTAF MALTA GIBRALTER JAMAICA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(G) Recalcitrants and criminals to be repatriated last.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No: G/3738

Date/Time of Origin:

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FROM:

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TO :

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

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I.P.W. DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
MILAN OFFICE
APO 394

IPW/3/3

27 Nov. 45

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SUBJECT : Release of PW

TO : I.P.W. Division
HQ Allied Commission - Rome

1. This office has received several inquiries about the release of Italian PW who desire to work in Africa, either in former Italian possessions (particularly Ethiopia) or in British Dominions or colonies.

2. May this office please be informed whether it is known if, when the general release of PW from Africa is started, individuals can request to be released in Africa; secondly, if they can so request, where and through what channels such requests can be initiated.

M.G.F. Hall
M.G.F. HALL Captain R.A.

Col. Leggo to Col. J

*No policy in this
has been received from BRH9*

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

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IPW/Pol/560

19 December 1945

SUBJECT : IPW in India

TO : Headquarters A.M.C.
Piemonte Region
Dis.Pers and Rep. S/C

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1. Further to your POW/HQ/52 dated 4 Dec 45 addressed to Dis.Pers.S/C and passed to this division for action.

2. The present situation of these IPW is that out of a total of 32751 some 2600 have been repatriated.

3. Plans have been made for the mass repatriation of all IPW held in British hands and it is hoped that substantial shipments will commence early in 1946, the dependant factor being lack of shipping.

JEB
JAMES B. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

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Rome, 29 November 1945.

Ministry of War
Autonomous Office for Returned
~~War Veterans~~ and Repatriated PWs.

Prot. N° 423447/RPGR.

To the Allied Commission
IPO Division. Civil Affairs
Section.

R O M E

Subject : Italian Military Personnel
captured at Crete as German
collaborators.

We have been informed that the Italian Military personnel captured on the island of Crete have been judged as collaborators of the Germans and have been interned as such in camp 211 Algiers and treated as political internees.

It is ~~pointed out~~ ^{pointed out} regarding the ~~position~~ ^{status} of said collaborators and the manner in which they were taken prisoners (being in the position of military personnel of the regular army at the dependence of the German Command), they should be considered by the Allied Authorities as regular POW.

We beg your Division to ascertain if the persons in question are really to be considered as political internees and if so, to use your good offices on their behalf, that ^{their} status may be changed to that of regularly qualified POW, which would undoubtedly better their moral and physical condition. ^{(living conditions).}

Thank you,

Signed
Colonel M. Anfosso
for General Mannerini.

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IPW 1/5A/348

1 Dec 1945

SUBJECT : PW ex Italian Republican Army.

To : M P R A

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I have been requested by Higher Authority to know the views of the Italian Government on the following matters :

(a) The British Government credits pay to Italian PW in accordance with an agreement made at the beginning of the war with the Italian Government, who at the same time undertook to pay such PW on the basis of the Statements of Account issued by the British Authorities. Does any agreement exist to credit pay to personnel of the Italian Republican Army, and will Statement of Account be honoured if issued?

(b) It is advised that the most reasonable course would be to cease maintaining accounts for Italian captured after the Armistice and let the Italian Government decide whether to pay them or not. Such PW would then be placed on the same footing as German surrendered personnel as regards pay, LFI issues, etc.

(c) Many Italians are held in custody who are ex-members of the Republican Black Brigades. Some of them were in possession of large sums of money in Lire, which is suspected of being "loot". According to the normal procedure the money was impounded and is held in safe custody. It will in due course be returned to the persons from whom it was taken. It is thought that the return of such sums could not be proper and it is advised that a limit might be fixed, above which all money would be paid to the Italian Government and the individual concerned could claim its refund if he can prove legitimate ownership.

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J. E. REBIS
Lieut. Colonel, C.A.C.,
Chicago Division.
IPW 5027

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES.Headquarters,
Allied Commission.
(IPW Division).

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18 Nov. 45

1. Reference attached PW Accounts letters I/P/13 of 2 Nov 45 and CR/C/3 of 24 Oct (telephone conversation Major HAMILTON / DAVIES refers).
2. May this GHQ have a ruling on the treatment of PW ex Italian Republican Army.
3. Please return attached correspondence with your reply.

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Encl.(Sgd.) Major General
DAG.

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2 Nov 45

PW ex Italian Republican Army.

PW "A"
Accts Branch. Nov
Office 45
CM.

1. This Office has been informed by Allied Commission that it is only responsible for dealing with matters relating to Italian PW captured while serving in the Italian Forces before the Armistice of 8 Sept 43 and that it is not concerned with matters relating to Italians captured whilst serving in the Italian Republican Army, and they refer us to AFHQ for information regarding Republicans.

2. The British Government credits pay to Italian PW in accordance with an agreement made at the beginning of the War with the Italian Government, who at the same time undertook to pay such PW on the basis of the Statement of Account issued by the British Authorities.

3. May this Office please be informed:
(a) Whether any agreement exists to credit pay to personnel of the Italian Republican Army.
(b) Whether Statements of Account will be honoured if issued.

(c) Whether it is possible to segregate and treat differently personnel captured in the Dodecanese and Greece, etc., who never had any opportunity to surrender, and many of whom were imprisoned by the Germans, from Italians who were captured fighting for the Germans.

4. The only reasonable course which appears practicable to this Office would be to cease maintaining accounts for Italian captured after the Armistice, and to leave the Italian Government to decide whether to pay them or not. Such PW would then be placed on the same footing as German surrendered personnel as regards pay, EPI issues, etc.

5. This Office is also desirous of obtaining a ruling as to whether Italian Republicans should have returned to them the very large sums of money that some of them would be in possession of on capture. This Office letter CR/C/3 of 24 Oct to Allied Commission, which was returned unanswered is attached herewith. 5025

6. Your comments are requested, please.

(Sgd.) O.S. Robinson,
Office, Major CM. o i/c Accts

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SUBJECT:- Impounded Currency.

Prisoner of War Accounts
Office, CM

C M F
Telephone: Valjean 48.
CR/C/3 24 Oct '45.

Allied Commission,
Civil Affairs Section,
IPW Division.

1. Many Italians are held in custody who are ex-members of the Republican Black Brigades. Some of them were in possession of large sums of money in Lire, which is suspected of being "loot".
2. According to the normal procedure the money was impounded and is held in safe custody. It will in due course be returned to the persons from whom it was taken.
3. Can you please give your views (and possibly those of the Italian Government) on the propriety of returning large sums of money to such personnel.
4. 't is thought that a limit might be fixed, above which all money would be paid to the Italian Government and the individual concerned could claim its refund if he can prove legitimate ownership.

(Sgd.) (illegible)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 594
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW 1/701/556

TO : C.O.C.
Land Forces S/O
D.M.I.A.

12 December 1945

- 1/. As requested by the C.O.C. on 12 Dec 45, herewith short statements on
 - (i) Layout of Camps in Italy to receive IPW
 - (ii) Procedure concerning IPW on arrival in Italy.
- 2/. Layout of Camps in Italy
 - (a) Pesuntina - Capacity 7000. This camp accommodates all IPW returning from Russia, Poland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland through the Brenner Pass.
 - (b) Genoa - Capacity 1200, accommodates all IPW returning overland from France via Ventimiglia and Bordighera.
 - (c) Bordighera - Capacity 2000. Transit Camp for IPW returning from France overland for onward routing to Genoa.
 - (d) Marengo - 14 Hospitale (accommodates 6000) are operating to care for the TB cases in repatriated IPW.
 - (e) Ussine - Capacity 5000. This camp will mainly take care of IPW returning from Yugoslavia.
 - (f) Naples - Capacity 10,000, to accommodate IPW returning from USA and British Empire (less those shown in para 2 g and h).
 - (g) Taranto - Capacity 10,000, to accommodate IPW from Middle East, East Africa, India and Balkans.
 - (h) Leghorn - Capacity 7000, to accommodate IPW from USA (in addition to Naples) and from UK.
 - (i) Bari - Capacity 1650, for occasional arrivals from the Balkans.
- 3/. Procedure on IPW arriving in Italy
 - (a) Overland. IPW are met at railway stations or points of debarkation.

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As requested by the G.O.C. on 12 Dec 45, herewith short statements on

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- (ii) Procedure concerning IPW on arrival in Italy.

2/. Layout of Camps in Italy

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- (c) Bordighera - Capacity 2000. Transit Camp for IPW returning from France overland for onward routing to Cerna.
- (d) Morano - 14 Hospitals (accommodates 6000) are operating to care for the 13 cases in repatriated IPW.
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3/. Procedure on IPW arriving in Italy

- (a) Overland. IPW are met at railway stations or points of debussing by Italian officers who assume complete responsibility. They are then taken to PW camps where they are medically examined, deloused and given clothing. All documentation is completed at the camp and the men are given 2 months leave. Transport is arranged by the camps to carry the men to the districts of their homes. On completion of his leave the man reports to his Distretto Militare for clearance and is either demobilised or continues his service as eligible.
- (b) From overseas. On arrival IPW are met at ports of disembarkation by Italian officers who assume complete responsibility for them. They are then transported to camps in transport supplied by MIA. On arrival in these camps each man is documented, fed and accommodated. IPW returning from British and American hands are well clad so that issue of clothing at these camps is very small.

Procedure for sending men on leave and eventual demobilisation or otherwise is the same as stated in para 3 (a).

- 4/. For further details reference should be made to complete report submitted to MPTA under our IPW/LPol/347 dated 20 November 1945.


J. H. SWAIN, Lt. Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

EB/pb

Rome 15th November 1945

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated POW

TO: The Allied Commission
Sub Commission for Italian POW
ROME

Prot. 422601/RPGR

SUBJECT : Clothes - Repatriated POW.

Reference IPW/1/Pol/534 dated 3rd November 1945.

We inform you that the Minister of Finance General Direction of Taxes and Customs, has consented that the clothes and articles bought by Italian POW repatriating from South Africa listed in the letter from the Office of the General Aid of the Union of South Africa be brought to Italy free of duty.

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Col. Anfosso.

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

OFFICE OF DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

TEL: No 53720 EXT. 130
to 53729 148
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REF: POW/HQ/32

SUBJECT: Prisoners of War

TO: HQ., D.P. & R Sub-Commission
Allied Commission
APO 394 C.M.F.

The Provincial Commissioner, Cuneo Province, has requested information regarding release of Italian Prisoners of War.

He would like to have information regarding the latest program and date of repatriation from England, America and Egypt.

Could information also please be supplied regarding P.O.W. held by Russia and Jugoslavia.

For Regional Commissioner

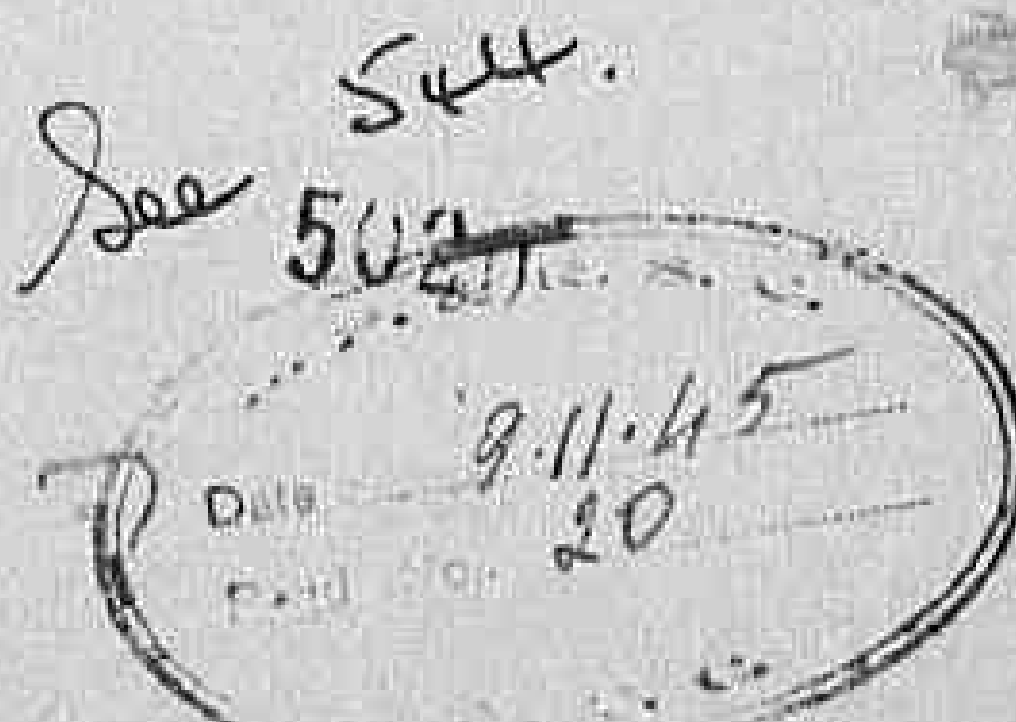
A.J. Stewart,
Major,
D.P.R.S.C.

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EXTRACT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE DECREE OF THE LT. GEN. OF THE
REALM PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZZETT DATED 23RD DECEM-
BER 1944 (SPECIAL SERIES N.98 7.

ARTICLE 7.

The legislative article N. 103 is substituted by the following article. "For any officer returning from imprisonment, the Ministry of War having defined his position from a penal and disciplinarian point of view, in report with his capture will give the order for his promotion.

The officer, whose time for promotion falls before or during imprisonment, who has received the above notification, will be promoted on his return from imprisonment, if before his capture he had held a command for at least six months that was equal to his rank. If he had not completed that period of time, he will be given consideration, and if chosen promoted at the end of six months service.

He will be given, at the moment of promotion, the benefit of the seniority of the rank to which he is promoted from the time that he would have received it in his turn.

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are no vacancies in the superior rank in question, will be reabsorbed in the first vacancy that will be verified.

If with the seniority in question, it still results his pretermission for promotion, he can obtain another promotion only by being on active duty for at least a year, following the seniority that would have been given him if he had been promoted in his turn, to all juridical effects."

ARTICLE 8.

The Legislative Article N.104 dated 9th May 1940 n. 376 is substituted by the following article.

"The officer if wounded, when taken prisoner or captured during active duty against the enemy, on his return from imprisonment is subject to the procedure of the preceding article, for that which regards his capture: Having obtained the nulla osta if the pretermission for his promotion still results, is valued and if chosen, promoted immediately to a superior rank - always, (before his capture he has held a command equal to this rank for at least six months) with the seniority due to him as if he had been promoted in his turn. If he has not completed said period he will follow the ruling of paragraph 530 of the preceding article.

The officer who has obtained promotion according to the preceding paragraph, can be given further promotion only after having been in service for at least a year

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obtains however, (if his pretermission for promotion is still resulting) the seniority that is due to him if he had been promoted in his turn to all juridical effects.

The officer who is captured when in hospital, for wounds received in combat or for wounds received in other circumstances, or for illness contracted during his service who has obtained the nulla osta for his promotion, if before capture has held a command equal to his rank for a period of at least 6 months and is in good physical condition, can obtain said promotion. In this case his pretermission for promotion will be recognized and he will be given the seniority due him as if he had been promoted at his turn. If he has not held a command for the 6 months in question he will come under the ruling of paragraph 3 of the preceeding article.

A subsequent promotion is however subordinate to a year of effective service following the question of seniority that is due to him if he had been promoted in turn, to all juridical effects.

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Rome 8th November 1945

Ministry of War
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated POW

TO: The Italian POW Division
Civil Affairs Section
ROME

Prot. N. 421952/RPCR

SUBJECT : Promotion of War Veterans.

Reference your letter IPW/1/Pol/ 539 dated
5th November 1945.

X 1) - The same modalities ^{ruling} have been adopted
for the promotion of officers, veterans from imprisonment,
as was established for the promotion of warrant officers.

See article 7 and 8 of the Legislative decree
of the Lieut Gen. of the Realm, dated 5th October 1944 N.
378 that was published in the Official Gazzett, special
series, N. 98 dated 23rd December 1944.

2) - This disposal regards all officers and
warrant officers who return from imprisonment, whether
Co/operator or not. X

Gen. A. Mangolini.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW 1/Pol/552

6 December 1945

Subject : Release of PW.

To : Capt. M.C.F. HALL, R.A.
IPW Division HQ A.O.
Milan Office, APO 394

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- 1/. Reference your IPW/3/3 dated 27 Nov 45.
- 2/. The present policy agreed by the u/s and the French Authorities does not allow any IPW released to remain in Africa or any other colonies whether British or French.
- 3/. All prisoners must return to Italy to be properly demobilised.

J.E. REGIS, Lt.Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394.

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3 Nov 45.

TO : HQ D.P.R.S.C.
Allied Commission, APO 394.

SUBJECT: Italian P.O.W.

FILE No. RKII/DPR/11.

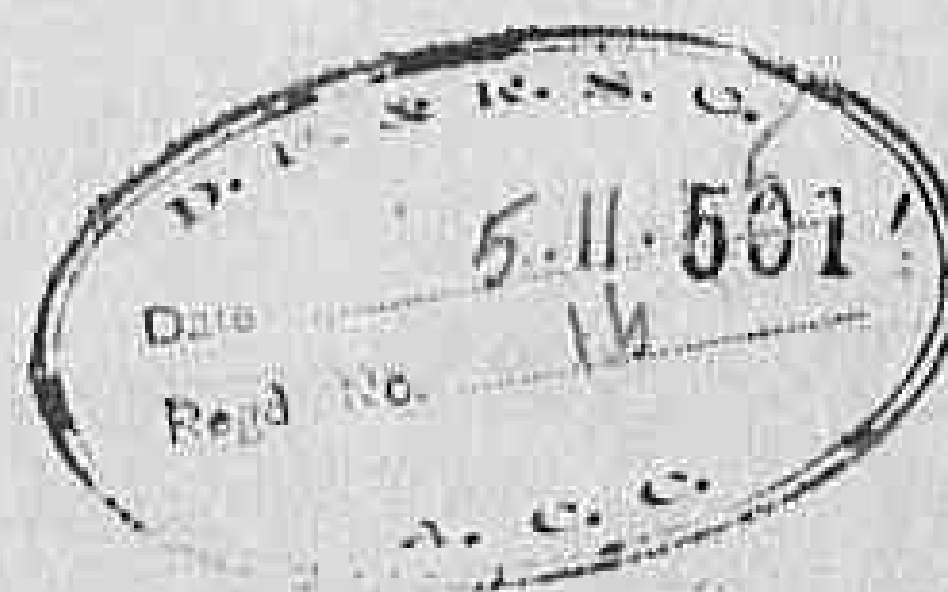
1. I attach a copy of a letter received from the Regional Transport Officer under reference RKII/TN/8.3 dated 27 Oct 45.
2. May this Division be given any advance information possible in future cases of ex-P.O.W. shipments into this Region, please?

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HEADQUARTERS
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Allied Military Government
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TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

27 Oct 45

TO : RP & IPW Officer
HQ Venezia Region
copy to: PLO Venice
AMG Movements Venice
SUBJECT : Italian POW.
File No. RXII/TN/8.3

1. Reference para 2 (d) of Sept Monthly Report of Transportation S/C which reads as follows:

" (a) Information that a large number of Italian ex P.W. were expected to arrive at Italian ports from U.S.A., England, Africa and India in the near future was the subject of conference held with Displaced Persons and Italian P.W. Sub-Commission. Except for those movements from Leghorn for which P.B.S. has agreed to accept responsibility, it was agreed that movements from ports to camps and ultimate destinations would be an Allied Commission commitment."

2. Recently the S.S. Kelly arrived in Venice Port with P.O.W. on board but neither the AMG P.I.O. Venice or Port Authorities had any previous knowledge of their arrival.

3. If this work is to be taken care of by your Division will you please make necessary arrangements for transport etc. and notify the P.I.O. in advance of ships arrival.

E.B. CORBY, Major RCA
Regional Transportation Officer

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E.B. CORBY, Major RGA
Regional Transportation Officer

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

IPW/1/550 ^{551.2}
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1 December 1948

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian PW captured in Crete as German collaborators.

TO : G-1(Br), GHQ, GMP

1. Attached hereto is copy of translation of letter received from the Ministry of War Autonomous Office for Returned and Repatriated Prisoners of War, requesting that the status and treatment of Italian PWs captured on the Island of Crete and interned at PW Camp 211, Algiers, be changed from that of political internees to regular prisoners of war.

2. Although the letter from the Ministry refers only to Camp 211, a statement of policy in this connection would naturally apply to all Italian PWs held in any other camp as well.

3. May we have, please, your position in this matter, so that we may advise the Italian Government?

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

H. Armand de Masi
H. ARMAND de MASI,
Capt., Spec. Res., AUS

for
J. E. REGIS
Lt. Col., CAC
Chief
IPW Division

incl:

copy of translation of letter from Italian Ministry of War
Autonomous Office for Returned and Repatriated Prisoners of War

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Rome 6th November 1945

Ministry of Post War Assistance
POW Bureau - II^e Division - Sect. I^e

TO: The Allied Commission
Sub Commission for Italian POW
ROME

Prot. 4367

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian POW from India.

The Italian military personnel in India and their families, daily inform this Ministry of their difficulties (due to the prolonged imprisonment of their relatives), of the living conditions of the families and the depressed morale of the prisoners.

In fact in those regions, as your Commission is aware, the greater part of these Italians are those who were captured in North Africa during the military operations of 1940 - 1941 and that means, personnel who have been there for over five years. While from other parts of the British Empire the Italian prisoners are arriving, with a certain regularity, the repatriations from India are very rare, where there are still tens of thousands of Italians.

The Italian Government is quite aware of the difficulties that the Allied Authorities have to affront, due to lack of ships in liaison with that part of the world and the Mediterranean. This Ministry has also explained all this to the families of the prisoners in question, who beg our interest in their favor.

We however consider it our duty to keep you informed of the above situation and beg you again to call this matter to the attention of the competent authorities, that they may examine the very depressed moral situation of this military personnel in India and the very difficult financial situation of their families, and examine the possi-

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bility of the repatriating of, at least, the most compassionate cases and those who are requested by this Ministry.

Thanking you for your interest in this question.

Dott. Fausto Nitti.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
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8 NOV 1943

Subject:- Italian - Reckonable Service with Italian Army.

GHQ MEF
9698/8/AG5(b)

18 Oct. '45.

Allied Commission
(IPW Sub Commission), GME.

Reference signal 4861 dated 6 Sep. '45.

1. The letter referred to in para 3 of the a/m signal has not been received in M.E.
2. In the meantime, a letter dated 4 Aug. '45 has been received through Legation channels from the Italian Legation in Berne, quoting Decree No. 248 of the Lieutenant General of the Realm of Italy which details the effect of PW Service towards pay and promotion in the Italian Army for ECOs only.
3. Information is also required in this matter in relation to Italian Officer PW.
4. Can this information now be given?

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Maj-Gen,
DAG.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

Ref : IPW/1 101/547

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 511

Subject: Functions of IPW Division.

20 November, 1945.

To : AMIA.

1. The following documents are forwarded for your information.
- a) Functions of IPW Division.
 - b) Report from Ministry of War regarding organization for the reception of military personnel from imprisonment or internment.
 - c) Food rations of Lodging centres.
 - d) Documents regarding Lodging Centres for Veterans from imprisonment.
 - e) Map showing hospital situation.
 - f) Map showing Lodging Centres in Italy for prisoners from overseas.
 - g) Map showing Lodging Centres for repatriated PW to be interned.
 - h) Nominal roll of Officers and GIs employed in IPW Division.

J. E. Lepin
J.E. LEPIN, Lt. Col.,
Chief,
IPW Division.

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REPORT ON THE FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF IPW DIVISION.

In order to give a clear overall picture of the work of this Division this report is divided under headings to show the functions carried out by each office.

1. Chief of Division

Lt. Col. J.E. Regis. (A)
Jnr Adm Asst (Italian)

This office deals with all matters of policy. Lt Col Regis is in daily personal contact with General Mannerini of the Ministry of War to discuss latest developments concerning repatriation of IPW.

- a) Inspection of all camps. Lodging centres, hospitals etc for the use of repatriated IPW is carried out by Lt Col Regis in company with General Mannerini approx. once a month.
- b) Supplies of clothing, food etc are secured for IPW and this office is responsible for the correct use of such supplies. Since May 1945 this office has secured and handed over to the Italian authorities the following:-

62,000 Blankets	valued at	49,600,000 Lire
New clothing	" "	208,000,000 "
Salvage clothing	" "	45,000,000 "
200,000 Pns Boots	" "	244,000,000 "
Equipment	" "	25,000,000 "
Total	" "	541,600,000 "

Permalisation was obtained for 60 tons of food to be sent to IPW at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia.

- c) Planning. Plans have been made for the reception of IPW held by America, Britain, France and Russia. The present position of the repatriation of these individuals is as follows.

(i) From America some 15,000 have already been repatriated and under the present schedule the remaining 36,000 should be repatriated by the end of March.

(ii) no large scale repatriation has commenced from Britain or the British Empire. Lt Col Regis attended a conference at AFHQ on this subject and plans have been made to receive large numbers in the New Year. To date approx. 50,000 have been repatriated from all parts of the Empire and a further 52,000 remain to be repatriated.

(iii) Approx. 40,000 IPW have been repatriated from France and the movement continues to clear the remaining few thousands.

(iv) Great difficulty has been experienced in the repatriation of 40,000 IPW in French hands in North Africa. This Division has secured the agreement of the French authorities to release 1,500

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2. Office of Executive Officer

Major, H. F. Hamilton (3)
Jnr Adm Asst (Italian)

The Executive officer is the second in command of the Division and assumes the responsibility of the Chief in his absence. He is responsible for the internal administration and discipline within the Division. This

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office receives from Allied sources information regarding the movements of all IPW from overseas and is responsible for passing this information to the appropriate Italian authorities in order that arrangements may be made for the reception of IPW when they land in Italy.

All matters concerning repatriation of IPW on medical grounds are handled and arrangements made for the examination of IPW by a Mixed Medical Commission when necessary.

3. Sub-Division for Specialists, Republican Army, Neo-Fascist Internees.

Capt. H. de Masi. (A)
Jnr. Adm Asst (Italian)

This office deals with the applications for accelerated release of IPW on specialist grounds. AFM has ordered that no further applications on these grounds will be considered but that applications already submitted will be dealt with. There are several thousands of such applications.

GHQ GAF have ordered this Division to deal with all applications concerning Republican Army personnel and Neo-Fascist Internees, the work involved in obtaining information of these individuals in order that recommendations may be made in regard to their disposal may necessitate an increase of staff in this office.

4. Compensation and Welfare Sub Division.

Lt. H. For. (A)
Jnr Adm Asst (Italian)
Gen Interpreter (Italian)

This office deals with all correspondence involving the repatriation of IPW on compassionate and humanitarian grounds, an average of 1,200 of such cases are handled monthly.

All matters pertaining to the welfare of IPW are dealt with such as forwarding mail, making and answering enquiries of relatives etc.

5. Finance and Records Sub Division.

Dr. Trioli (Italian)
Typ Int 3 (Italian)
Off Clerk 4 (Italian)

This Sub Division is responsible for finance of IPW both repatriated and overseas as follows:-

a) Finance of IPW either still detained in PW Enclosures or operators; transmission of powers of Attorney to their families; status and pay of officers; enquiries about allowances due to their families by the Italian Government; transmission of remittances made by IPW held in British hands to their families and claims for their non-receipt etc.

Finance of released IPW - notification to the Italian Government of the final credit or debit balance in respect of each release IPW transmission to the Allied authorities of...

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Jnr Adm Asst (Italian)
Gen Interpreter (Italian)

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All matters pertaining to the welfare of IPW are dealt with such as forwarding mail, asking and answering enquiries of relatives etc.

5. Finance and Records Sub Division.

Dr. Trioli (Italian)
App Int 3 (Italian)
Off Clerk 4 (Italian)

This Sub Division is responsible for finance of IPW both remunerated and overseas as follows:-

a) Finance of IPW either still detained in IPW Enclosures or co-operators; transmission of powers of Attorney to their families; status and pay of officers; enquiries about allowances due to their families by the Italian Government; transmission of remittances made by IPW held in British hands to their families and claims for their non-remitted etc.

Finance of released IPW - notification to the Italian Government of the final credit or debit balance in respect of each released IPW transmission to the Allied authorities of claims on this subject **5006** ex IPW concerned and subsequent corrections of the balances; transmission to the Italian Red Cross of properties impounded from IPW on capture and not returned on repatriation and enquiries about properties stated impounded and not returned.

b) Recording on special cards of all matters relating to individual IPW. On these cards are recorded short summaries of the contents of the requests received and of the actions taken in respect of each IPW, together with the notifications of release and a statement of final Pay Balance, if the IPW has already been released.

The following average figures are given in order to show the work made monthly by this Section:-

Money remitted by IPW

170/200,000 pounds

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Claims transmitted to the Allied
or Italian Authorities

\$250/300

Final Pay Balances notified to
the Italian Government

\$100/150,000

Properties of IFW passed to the
Italian Red Cross

200/300

Information recorded

\$5,000 approx.

Individual Record Cards held

38,000

Letters concerning financial matters
written

5/600

6. Office of Chief Clerk.

Sgt. Ferrari (B)
L/Cpl. Wilson, AMS (B)
Pte Wasservogel (B)
Jnr Adm Asst 1 (Italian)
Tech Int 1 (Italian)
Int Typ 2 (Italian)
Office Clerk 1 (Italian)

7. In the field.

Capt. A.N.C. Caynes and Lt. R.E. Hall are in charge of the Camp
at Taranto and are responsible for the running of this camp which is
capable of accommodating 10,000 IFW.

Capt M.C.F. Hall, R.A. is the liaison officer for the North of
Italy and is situated in Milan. He is responsible for notifying this
Division of all IFW arriving in the North of Italy.

J. F. Regier
J.F. Regier, Lt. Col. 5005
Chief,
IFW Division.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/1/Pol/54619 Nov. '45

SUBJECT : Clothing

TO : Office of Adjutant General
Union of South Africa

1. Ref. your AG(PoW)29 dated 15 October '45
2. This matter was referred to the Italian Government and their reply has now been received stating that there is no objection to this arrangement and that the articles mentioned would be allowed entry into ITALY, duty free.

J.E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 51217

Message Centre No: G/2540

Date/Time of Origin: OCT 31 1731A

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 01 0930A

FROM: MTOUSA SIGNED COMGENMED CITE NAGAP

Precedence: PRIORITY

TO : ALCOM.

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ACTION

RESTRICTED. no trace in Message Centre of Finance
Request you send representative to conference at office of G-1; MTOUSA, 1030 hrs 2 November 1945 relative to settlement of credit balances held by released prisoners of war. War Department memorandum number 190-45, dated 25 September 1945 on this subject provides that "Military Government Officers and other administrative officers" will issue receipts to released prisoners for certificate of credit balances surrendered, cause such certificates to be examined by PWIE for authenticity; after authentication, notify released prisoners to present receipts for certificates to designated disbursing officers, and prepare and certify vouchers for amounts due and forward to designated disbursing officers for payment. Estimate that approximately 50000 prisoners of war repatriated or transferred to Allied authority have been issued such certificates. Methods of implementing war department memorandum will be discussed. Further requested your representative be prepared to discuss matter of Italian Government already having redeemed some of these credit certificates.

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Chief Commissioner

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

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IPW/Pol/544

16 November 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Prisoners of War

TO : Regional Commission
Headquarters Piemonte Region
AMC
APO 394

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1. Ref your POW/HQ/32 dated 7 Nov 1945.
2. It is thought that your questions are best answered by the latest monthly report of the activities of this division. Report is attached.
3. Since 31 of October some 8000 IPW have been repatriated from Russia.
4. In your information the address of our liaison office for the North of Italy is:
Capt. M. G. F. HALL, R.A.
IPW Division - HQ A.C. Milan Office APO 394,
Telephone - 632.141 Ext. 45

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JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

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Telegraphic Address
Telegramadres

"DEAGEN."

PHONE: 21031 Ext. 506.



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In reply please quote

Waar te word en onderstaande nummer in
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No. A.G.(POW) 7 E.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.-UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
KANTOOR VAN DIE ADJUDANT-GENERAALUNION DEFENCE FORCES.
UNIE-VERDEDIGINGSMAG.

PRETORIA.

16 Oct 45.

Allied Commission,
I.P.W. Sub-Commission,
ROME.PONTIFICAL COMMISSION TO ASSIST PSOW
ON REPATRIATION TO ITALY.

1. A request has been received from the Vatican through the Apostolic Delegate in South Africa that the above named Pontifical Commission be furnished with information in regard to parties of PSOW proceeding from South Africa to Italy for repatriation. The Commission desires to know the approximate number of each party and the probable port of disembarkation in Italy.

2. This office has suggested that the simplest manner of imparting the above information is by furnishing to you an extra copy of the Nominal Roll of each draft, which is sent by airmail immediately after its departure.

3. If you concur, would you therefore kindly arrange to pass this nominal roll on to the Vatican, adding the further information regarding the port of disembarkation and, if possible, the date, in view of the fact that these two last details are not available to this office when a draft is despatched.

Col. Rogers to Sec

COL.
BRIG.
A/ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

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dated 23 December 1944. DDW/mdp
 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONERS and warrant of
 officers who return from imprisonment, whether Co/operators
 or not. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
 ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION
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16 November 1945

SUBJECT : Promotion of War Veterans.TO : GHQ MEF

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1. Further to your 9698/8/AG5 (b) dated 18 Oct 1945.
 2. This matter was referred to the Italian Ministry of War.
 3. A reply has now been received and translation reads as follows:

The same modalities ruling has been adopted for the promotion of officers, veterans from imprisonment, as was established for the promotion of warrant officers.

See article 7 and 8 of the Legislative decree of the Lieut Gen. of the Realm, dated 5th October 1944 N.378 that was published in the Official Gazzett, special series, N.98 dated 23rd December 1944.

This disposal regards all officers and warrant of officers who return from imprisonment, whether Co/operators or not.

4. Copies of the quoted extracts from the Official Gazette are attached in both Italian and English.

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JAMES E. REGIS
 Lieut. Colonel
 Chief
 IPW Div.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/1/Pol/54214 Nov. '45

SUBJECT : Repatr. of IPW

TO: 'A' Group Displaced Persons
H.Q. VENEZIA Region
AMG. APO 394

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1. Ref. your RXII/DPR/11 of 3 Nov. '45 addressed to HQ DPR S/C. and passed to this division for action.
 2. The S.S. KELLY arrived at VENICE without previous warning to this HQ. or to A.F.H.Q. It was therefore impossible to give you any advance information.
 3. VENICE is not a normal Port for repatriation of IPW nor do future plans envisage that it will be used for this purpose.
 4. Should we receive information of shipments arriving in your region you will be notified.

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J.E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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

I PW/ 1/Pol/54014 Nov. '45

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW from INDIA

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau

1. Ref. your ⁵⁴⁹4367 of 6 Nov. '45
2. Plans have been made for the mass repatriation of IPW in British hands, priority will be given to those IPW with many years of captivity.
3. The position of IPW in INDIA is fully realised, and all steps are being taken for the speedy repatriation of them.
4. We inform you once more that the Autonomous Office for War Veterans & Repatriated PW has the latest information in this subject and again ask you to submit your request concerning IPW overseas through that Office.

J.
J. E. REOIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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copy to: Ministry of War: Autonomous Office for War Veterans
& Repatriated PW.

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

IPW/1/POL/539

5 Nov. '45

SUBJECT : Reckonable service of IPW
TO : AUTONOMOUS office for War Veterans & Repatriated PW
attention Gen. Mannerini.

1. Further to your 416479 dated 6 Sept. 1945.
2. Communication has been received in this Office from CHQ. MEF. quoting Decree n° 248 of the Lt. General of the Realm of Italy which details the effect of PW service towards pay & promotion in the Italian Army for N.C.Os only.
3. Information is also required in this matter in relation to Italian Officer PW. May this information please be supplied.

*original by Gen Mannerini
forwarded to JEF. 7/11/45
JEF. Mannerini will answer
as soon as possible
JEF. REGIS
Lieut. Col
Chief
IPW Div.*

Copy to: CHQ.MEF.(your 9698/8/A45(b), dated 18 Oct. refers.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Civil Affairs Section
Italian Prisoners of War Division

Ref : IPW/1/538

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 511

Subject: Repatriation of Italian PW.

3 November 1945

To : A.A.G.,
M.I.I.A.

Attached herewith for information is a copy of AFHQ letter G-5: 383.6
of 20 October, 1945.

H
J. M. REEIS. Lt. Col.,
Chief.
IPW Division.

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

Ref : IPW/1/537

Tel. No. 489081
Ext. 511

Subject: Release of Italian Prisoners
of War - Policy.

3 November, 1945.

To : Major Pearce,
M.M.I.A.

Attached herewith is copy letter as requested.

N
J.E. REEKS, Lt.Col.,
Chief.
IPW Division.

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APO 512

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AG 33.6 GCT-O

19 October 1945

SUBJECT : Responsibility for Repatriation of Italian
Prisoners of WarTO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR : Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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and ADML/b.

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C.W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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CONFSUBJECT: Return of Italian PW from British Empire.GENERAL HEAD QUARTERS
GENERAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

3072/A2

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
IPW Sub-Commission.22 Oct 45COPY TO : File 3072/2/A2

1. Reference your IPW/53/74 of 19 October 45.
2. The latest information received from War Office states that the British Foreign Secretary has notified Italian Representatives of the acceptance in principle of the repatriation of Italian prisoners of war after the harvest and when transport is available.
3. Present indication shows it unlikely that any substantial repatriation can be effected until the beginning of 1946.
4. This CHQ has no information as to when Italian prisoners of war are likely to return to ITALY from other parts of the British Empire.

(Sgd) R.W. TYRRELL,
Lieut-Colonel, A/AMC,
for Major General,
D.A.C.

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

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IPW/1/Pol/534

3 November 1945

Subject : Clothing - Repatriated IPW.

To : MINISTRY OF WAR - Autonomous Office for
War Veterans and Repatriated PW.

- 1/. The attached letter has been received in this Division from the Office of Adjutant General, Union of South Africa.
- 2/. Will you please notify this Office of your decision in regard to para 2 of attached letter.
- 3/. Please treat as urgent.

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J.E. REGIS
Lt. Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

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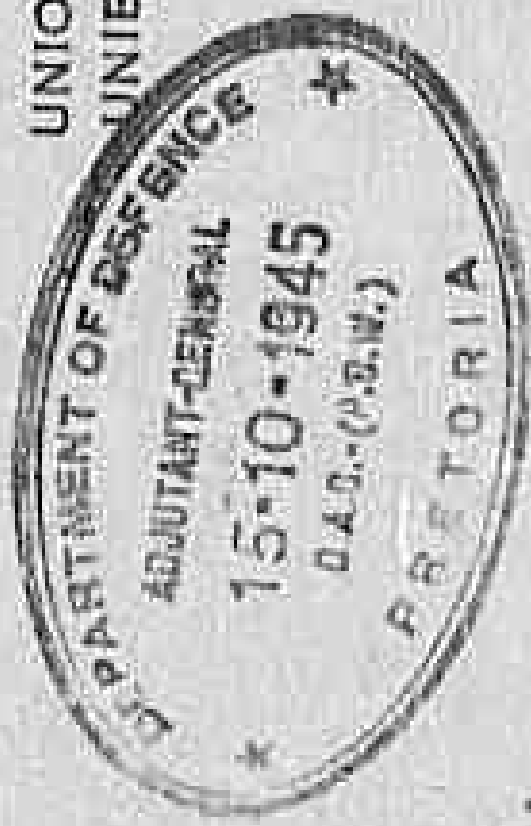
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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,
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UNION DEFENCE FORCES,
UNIE-VERDEDIGINGS-MAG,
PRETORIA.



The Director,
IPW Sub Commission,
IQ Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394,
ITALY.

15 Oct 45

CLOTHING : REPATRIATION ITALIAN POW.

1. It has been suggested that Italian POW being repatriated from South Africa, should be allowed to purchase and take with them a limited quantity of civilian clothing which is not in short supply in the Union, but which may be supposed to be difficult to obtain in Italy. A list is appended hereto:-

Gents suit or suit length
Shirts
Vests
Drawers prs.
Socks prs.
Handkerchiefs
Women's Dress or Dress Lengths
Shoes Gents. prs.
-do- Women's "
-do- Childrens "
Suitcases.
Cotton Sewing black reels
" " white "
Needles pkts.
Buttons, assorted doz.

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2. Would you kindly ascertain as a matter of urgency from the Italian Government whether there is any objection to this being arranged, and also whether such articles would be admitted duty free.

Col. Regis, *AS Fuscini* 1945

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Col. Regis,

① This stands a good idea!

② Will you speak for him?

[Signature]

[Signature]

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Colonel.

Eric:

ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.6

20 October 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian PW.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. The following general comments are made on the plan of the Italian Ministry of War for the reception and disposal of repatriated Italian POW. Your letters IPW/1/POL/513 dated 19 September and IPW/53/40 of 21 September *refer*.

2. Transportation to Italy.

a. It will not be possible for the Allied Governments to sort out PW before embarkation and ship them to 7 ports as suggested by the plan. The requirements of the Allied Forces and the economical use of transport facilities make it essential that shipping and other types of transport continue in established runs.

b. It is probable that all available means of transport will be used to return PW to Italy. For planning purposes the most likely routes that will be used are:

From U.S.	by ship to Naples (small numbers to Leghorn)
From Germany	by rail over Brenner as at present
From French North Africa	by ship to Naples (if in Allied shipping)
From U.K.	by ship to Naples or Taranto (possibly rail to North Italy)
From Middle-East, East Africa, India, etc	by ship to Taranto

c. Advice of ETA, numbers shipped and ports of loading and arrival will be given as far in advance as possible.

d. Passenger lists of U.S. held PW are furnished the Italian Liaison Officer at 8th Port, Naples, where the greater part of repatriated Italians are disembarked. The provision of advance nominal rolls of British held PW cannot always be guaranteed; every effort will however be made to furnish *4938*

e. You have already been advised by this Headquarters cable FX 44795 of 21 September 45 of the planned shipment of PW from U.S. No plans are yet available for PW in British custody;

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steps are being taken to secure early information of proposed plans. The latest information with regard to British held PW located in U.K. is that, although repatriation in principle has been accepted, the present indication is that there is unlikely to be any substantial movement before the beginning of 1946. You are aware of the current situation with regard to the repatriation of PW from other areas in Europe and North Africa.

3. Supplies and Equipment.

a. It is believed that the Italian army will be provided with material more than sufficient to meet the requirements for reception of PW, under arrangements currently being made to equip an Italian Army of 140,000.

b. If necessary to expedite transfer, items determined by MMIA to be unavailable from existing Italian resources, can be transferred on a loan basis to apply against requirements for equipping the Italian Army. This applies equally to U.S. and U.K. items of equipment.

4. Accommodation.

Accommodation in Naples and Leghorn only have been considered in view of paragraph 2(a) above. The following is the position:

a. Naples

Pizzofalcone Barracks. Almost certain this will be required by Allied Military Authority until February 46.

b. Leghorn

Lido Calambione, Colonie Marine. After the end of this month only 2 buildings are expected to be required by 33 Station Hospital. Remainder of the buildings will be available.

5. Transportation.

a. See paragraph 3(a) for internal camp transport.

b. Road transport for distribution of PW to and from camps will not be available from U.S. Truck Companies. If transport available to the Italian Government is determined by MMIA as not being sufficient, it may be possible to loan vehicles under paragraph 3(b) less drivers who would have to be provided by the Italian Government; in an emergency it might be possible to call on transport companies available to British Districts. In this connection personnel carrying transport should only be provided when a march of more than 7 miles is

involved. Baggage will of course require to be transported.

6. Based on the above and further information (chiefly in connection with the repatriation of British held PW) which will be furnished as soon as available, the Italian Government should revise their plan for the disposal of repatriated Italian POW.

7. You will by now have received AFHQ letter AG 383.6 GCT-0 of 19 Oct 45 which directs that as from 25 Oct 45 such Allied responsibilities as exist in the reception and disposal of repatriated Italian prisoners of war will rest with MMIA.

TRB and [Signature]
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/POL/1/532

2 November 1945

Subject : Information regarding IPW from SOUTH AFRICA

To : Commissione Pontificia Assistenza
(Attn: Dr. Fugazza)

- 1/. A communication has been received in this Division from the Office of the Adjutant General, Union of South Africa, which states that they have been requested by the Vatican, through the Apostolic Delegate in South Africa, to furnish information regarding IPW proceeding from South Africa to Italy.
- 2/. This procedure is most irregular. The correct channel for information concerning movements of IPW is through this Division.
- 3/. Several weeks ago a request was received through Gen. Wannerini of the Autonomous Office for War Veterans & Repatriated IPW, that Dr. Fugazza of your Commission should be kept informed of such movements.
- 4/. All information regarding this subject is now passed to Dr. Fugazza.
- 5/. If any further information is required requests should be submitted to Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW who will pass them to this Division.

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J.E. REGES
Lt. Colonel
Chief 493
IPW Division

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Copy to: Office of the Adjutant General
Union of S. Africa (your AG(POW) 7E dated 16 Oct refers)

Autonomous Office for W.V. & R. PW

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 383.6 PMG-0

10 October 1945

SUBJECT: Mass Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

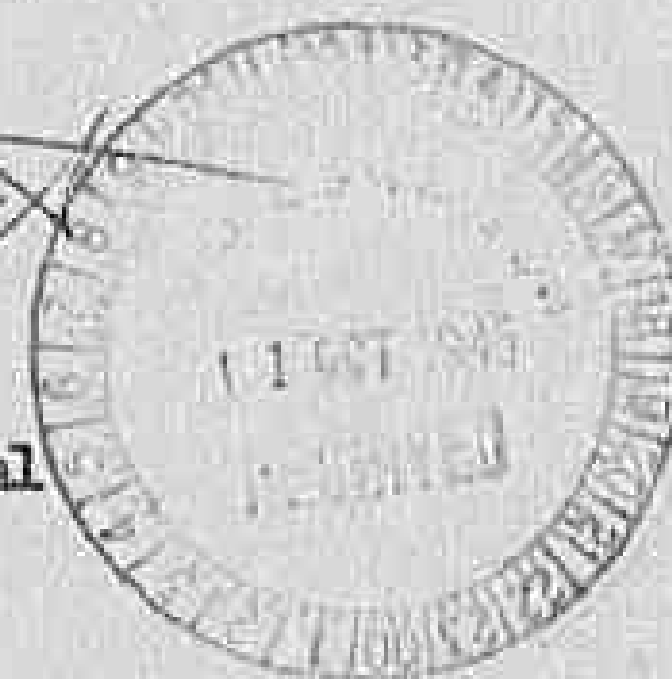
TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Italian prisoners of war are being returned to Italy from the United States, North Africa, and parts of Europe as rapidly as transportation becomes available. In view thereof, the processing of individual requests for repatriation of Italian prisoners of war will more than likely find the individuals already being processed for repatriation before clearance can be made for their release.

2. Request the Italian Government be informed to refrain from submitting further requests for repatriation of Italian prisoners of war.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Edmund R. Shugart
EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General



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

Rome 30th October 1945

Ref: IPW/1/530

Ext. 484

SUBJECT : Responsibility for Repatriation
of IPWs.

TO : Allied Commission
Milan Office
IPW Division
(attention Capt.M.G.F.Hall R.A.)

Attached herewith for your information are
copy letters AG 383.6 GCT-O of 19 October and 9-5:
383.6 of 20 October 1945.

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J.E. REGIS
Lieut Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

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PONTIFICAL COMMISSION OF ASSISTANCE
PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE

LB/mdp

6th October 1945

Prot.n.1925/SD

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Prisoners

Egregio Colonel

I thank you heartily for your quick answer and the acceptance of the desire expressed by the Pontifical Commission of Assistance to be informed of the Ports of arrival of the Italian prisoners.

When we receive said information we will pass it on immediately to the Various Dioceses, who will, within their limits, give disposals of reception and assistance that is necessary.

I beg you Colonel to accept the token of my highest esteem.

signed/Father Ferdinando Baldelli

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G-5: 383.6

11 October 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

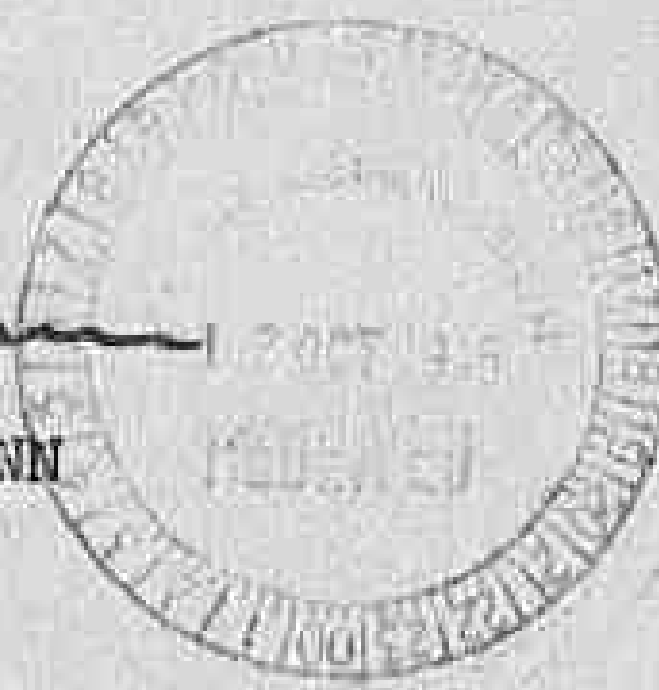
Reference para 2 of your IPW/1/Pol/512 dated 25 September.

Application made prior to 27 Sept 45 for the release of Italian Prisoners of War with specialist qualifications will be considered by this Headquarters.

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

Copy to:
"A" Branch

M. J. Glenn
M. J. GLENN
Colonel



① Clerk

Cross reference.

② Capt de Piazzi

*Noted -
H. J. J. J.
Capt.*

To inform for disposal of specialist lists later.

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

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Tel No. 489081

Ext 459

19 October 1945

SUBJECT : Mass Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance

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JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

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

IPW/1/52615 Oct. '45

SUBJECT : Policy - Correspondence

TO : IPW Division
H.Q. A.C. MILAN
(Attention of Capt. M.G.F. HALL RA.)

1. Reference your IPW/1 of 8 Oct. '45 attached herewith are copy of letters IPW/1/Pol/512 of 25 Sept. '45.
2. Copies of letters dealing with policy will in future be forwarded to you.

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J.E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Encl.: 2 letters (as above)

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I.P.W. DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
MILAN OFFICE
APO 394

IPW/1

8 Oct. 45

SUBJECT : Policy

TO : I.P.W. Division
HQ. Allied Commission - Rome

1. May this office please be given copies of any recent statements of policy regarding the release and repatriation of Italian PW held overseas.
2. It would be appreciated if future changes in this policy could be passed on as well, as numerous inquiries about the probable dates of release of PW are received here.

1) Prepare copy of Swiss letter w/ Sir
+ covering letter to send to Capt Hall
2) Include Capt Hall on distribution of
all policy letters as mentioned above //

M.G.F. Hall
M.G.F. HALL Captain R.A.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
HQ AC APO 394
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Rome 30th September 1945

Ministry of Post War Assistance
POW Bureau =

TO : The Allied Commission
Sub Commission for Italian POW
ROME

N°3502/Pol./F.42

SUBJECT : Request for repatriation of POW in British
Custody.

57.
Notice is taken of your communication in letter
IPW/1/Pol/517 dated the 24th September relative to the
request for repatriation of Italian POW in British Custody.

In reference to the last paragraph of above
mentioned letter, we protest that the request for repa-
triation on the grounds of economical reconstruction of the
country, cannot be considered as ended, only because 400.000
Italians have repatriated from North Western Europe.

This disposition is not justified by the fact
that due to a mass repatriation, there are the possibili-
ties of finding amongst these people the necessary specialists,
because the requests for these repatriations, come from
singular, concerns as follows: industrial firms and agricul-
tural firms, who request repatriation of their employees
and who cannot, at this moment in Italy, increase the
government personnel for economical reasons.

To sum up this question, these individual re-
quests refer to these categories of prisoners who are to
be considered indispensable, who have their positions and
their work in the country and if other people were put
their place, would procure many inconveniences. 4977

We beg you to re-examine this question and if

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possible re-consider the decisions you have taken. The Italian Government will take to account the motives for which your Commission has given this disposal and the future requests will be kept within reasonable limits. It is also to be remembered that due to the complete liberation of national territory the requests for repatriation have increased and that the repatriated up to date pertain only to the Central and South of Italy.

It must also be added that the suspension of these requests would have a negative repercussion on the morale of thousands of families who for years, have had their relatives prisoners. It must be kept in mind that the mass of prisoners in British Custody have superated the 4th year of imprisonment, for which reason a change in your policy would produce a favourable re-action of public opinion and at the same time would give encouragement to the prisoners who would begin to see a possibility of being repatriated, and who are in a great state of depression due to the fact, that now that the war is over they are still POW. The POW in Germany have already returned: the U.S.A., Russia and France have decided to repatriate those Italians in their countries: only from Great Britain are we awaiting the liberation of our prisoners, and the families of these people are living in tension and exasperation. *file 53. Serie 41.*

For the above reasons, this Ministry wrote your commission with letter N. 3228/Pol. on the 19th of September requesting information regarding the policy-relative to the repatriation of the POW after the end of hostilities.

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If there is in existence a general plan, of which we would greatly appreciate to be informed, under the examination of the British Government to repatriate this people in a limited time, the question in discussion would be solved, to be considered superated by a decision to have them returned in mass. However it is to be kept in mind that as yet Great Britain has not been able to provide for the repatriation of all the contemplated categories such as, *4575* the sick and wounded and those who have passed the age limit: the reason for this is attributed to the lack of available shipping space which still exists as your Commission informed us in paragraph 3 of your letter.

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In renewing our request that a re-examination may be made relative to the suspension of your policy we beg your courteous intervention with the British Authorities in order to obtain from them a major comprehension regarding repatriation in general from over-seas.

Dott. Fausto Nitti.

Action taken:

Antinelli informed 5 Oct 1945 That 1) This question has been dealt with between Col. Legie & Gen. Manservino.

- 2) No further priority release to specialists*
- 3) * Higher authority have been asked*

To state British policy regarding repatriation of PW in British Hands

- 4) Attention called to our file 1/Pol/512 of 25 Sept.*

** See file 53/56*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 7002/EC

20 September 1945

SUBJECT: Directive for AC Liaison Officers

TO :

RC, Liguria Region	(10)
RC, Piemonte Region	(15)
RC, Lombardia Region	(15)
RC, Venetia Region	(15)
Commissioner, Livorno Zone	(5)
Commissioner, Naples Commune	(5)

1. Attached in sufficient number to allow distribution to Provincial Headquarters is the Directive defining the functions of AC Liaison Officers who will assume their duties when the territories of the Northern Regions, Livorno Zone and Naples Commune are restored to the Italian Government.

2. This advance distribution of the Directive will permit officers, when assigned thereto, to readily familiarize themselves with the functions of their new AC Liaison duties.

3. A further distribution of the enclosed Directive will be made when offices of Liaison Groups and Officers are established.

Copies to:

CA Sec	(10)
Econ Sec	(15)
Estab Sec	(6)
Navy S/C	
Land Forces S/C (HMLA)	
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for
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Col Regis to see

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief Commissioner

FUNCTIONS OF ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICERS

1. The first duty of Allied Commission Liaison Officers will be to keep themselves, at all times, informed of the situation in the areas with which they are concerned. This will involve the use of all available means of information: Press, intelligence, Summaries, etc. They will inform HQ Allied Commission direct of any circumstances arising which may in their opinion adversely affect Allied interests or influence the general policy of the Commission. They will submit a monthly report to HQ which will include comment on the political situation.
2. Liaison Officers will, by study of previous Regional monthly reports and other records, inform themselves of the present position of various Commission functions now being handed over to Italian agencies. They will specially watch those cases where previous difficulties have been encountered.

Liaison Officers will bear in mind that HQ Allied Commission and AFHQ are concerned in activities in all parts of the area with which Liaison Officers are concerned and not merely with the situation in the leading cities. Consequently Liaison Officers should make frequent trips to the smaller towns and country districts and acquaint themselves with the political and economic conditions in such districts. They must endeavour to be on the spot where trouble is expected and observe any incidents, strikes, demonstrations and the like in their areas. All Liaison Officers will remember, however, that their role is solely that of observers and reporters and they will not interfere in any way in such incidents, nor will they give any advice to the Italian authorities in the handling thereof. Liaison Officers have no authority to pledge the use of Allied troops in quelling any disturbance; this is a matter for the local Allied Commander. They should, however, keep Allied Commanders informed of the course of events. In cases where they consider safety of Allied property or nationals likely to become endangered, they must inform the Allied Commanders concerned, advising HQ AFHQ of such action.

3. Liaison Officers will keep close touch with the senior military formation, American and British, in their areas. They will endeavour at all times to assist military formations in their relations with Italian Government departments and agencies. They must, however, remember that they are Liaison Officers and not Executive Officers and will not be able to carry out in any sense the former functions of Provincial Commissioners.

Points which require special attention are:-

- a) Disease and unrest.
- b) Law cases affecting Allied personnel and property.
- c) Requisitioning and derequisitioning.
- d) Relations between Allied forces and Italian police forces.

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4. They will at all times avoid being involved in questions of Italian local Government and, even if asked, they will not give official advice. On behalf of the Commission, to Prefects or other State employees. They will, in all cases, refer the Italian local official to his Ministry in Rome. On the question of the preparation of electoral lists they have an important duty to perform. The Allied Governments are most anxious to promote free and secret elections and an essential preliminary is the preparation of a proper electoral list. Hence one of the main duties of Liaison Officers is to observe and report on the proper progress of the preparation of these lists in their areas. Detailed directives will be issued as to their duties in this respect.

5. The officer in charge Liaison Group will be responsible for discipline and administration of all Allied Commission officers in his area.

W. W. Stone
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

21 September 1945

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

HWE/ED

IPW/Pol/1/52227 Sep. '45

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW
TO : Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/C

1. Ref. your RB/48/IT dated 25 Sep.
2. The position of repatriating PW is now as follows:
 - a) IPW are being repatriated in increasing large groups and for this reason no further application of priority release for specialists will be accepted.
 - b) Individual IPW can still be applied for on urgent compassionate or medical grounds.
 - c) I hope this information covers your enquiry.

J. E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM 521

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian PWs

FILE No. RB/48/IT

TO C-II (IT), DPRSC.

25th September 1945

We are receiving numerous enquiries as to whether repatriation of Italian PWs from U.K. and other parts of the world can be hastened on compassionate or business grounds. We should be grateful to know whether you have any information on this matter.

R. M. Knott
R. M. KNOTT, BRCS
CONTROLLER RECORD BUREAU
DP & RSC.

*Col Regis to see
also my chab 1/6.*

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REUR 15/17124 of 18 September.

conditions for repatriation of Italian seamen remain same. situation under constant review. will advise you as soon as embarkation possible

Please have response

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EX 12009 of 10 september not understood. please clarify

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(our INT/44443 dated 7 September)

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/1/Pol./517

24 September 1945

SUBJECT : Release of Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : The Ministry of War (for Chief of the Autonomous
Office for War Veterans and IPW) and
The Ministry of Post-war Assistance (PW Bureau)

1. Continually increasing demands are being submitted for the release of Italian Prisoners of War in all parts of the British Empire because they are needed urgently for the rehabilitation of Italy.

2. Up to 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 of some 400,000 Italians from North West Europe it would seem there is very little justification for the majority of these requests. The shipping involved is most urgently needed for purposes of more direct assistance to the Allies.

4. In future, except in medical or extreme compassionate cases, no further Italian will be repatriated by sea route except as they are repatriated in conformity with the release schemes of the holding Governments. It is considered that the system of continuing to deal with individual cases at this stage is impracticable.

If you have overriding reasons or legitimate exceptions not known to this Commission will you please inform us.

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JAMES R. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

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

HNS/tb

IRM 1/col/316 A

5 October 1945

Subject: Application for Specialists.

To: A.F.M.A., IRM 312
Attn: Col (3)

- 1/. Reference your 3055/42 dated 27 Sept 45 and telephone conversation (HNS-WASHINGTON) of 2 October 1945.
- 2/. In our Civil Affairs letter IRM 1/col/312 dated 25 Sept 45 addressed to G-3 Section (copy attached) it is requested that requests for priority release of specialists which have already been made will be complied with.
- 3/. List 12 Co. submitted under cover 1/1/1850 of 17 Sept has been returned.
- 4/. In view of attached letter and reasons stated in telephone call referred to, say this list please be submitted.

For the Chief Commissioners:

H. J. WASHINGTON
(in the absence on duty of)

J. E. MOIR
Lt. Colonel
Chief
IRM Division

Copy to G-3 Section

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COMITATO RIMPATRI ALTA ITALIA

Committee for Repatriation of North of Italy

C. R. A. I.

Piazza Castello, 24 - MILANO - Telefono 92-526

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ALTO COMMISSARIATO PROFUGHI
MINISTERO GUERRA
PONTIFICIA COMMISSIONE ASSISTENZA
CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
C. L. N. A. I.

Milano, 16 luglio 1945

Ill.mo Sig.Col. REGIS
Vice Commissario del Servizio Prigionieri Alleato

M I L A N O

Per Sua conoscenza Le accludo copia del verbale
riferentesi alla seduta del 15 corr.

Devoti saluti.

(Prof. Don Giuseppe Bicchierai)

Prof. Bicchierai

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COMITATO RIMPATRI ALTA ITALIAMILANO - Piazza Castello, 24VERBALE

In Milano il giorno 15 luglio 1945 alle ore 17 si è radunato il C.R.A.I. nelle persone:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| - Sac.Prof.Don Giuseppe BICCHIERAI | - per la Pontificia Commissione Assistenza. |
| - Dr.Amos CHIABOV | - per l'Alto Commissariato Profughi |
| - Col.Vincenzo D'ARCAIS | - per il Ministero della Guerra |
| - Dr.Lucia CORTI | - per il C.L.N.A.I. |
| - Sig.MAZZOLENI | - per la C.R.I. in assenza del Dr.Bellinzaghi |
| - Dr.Ing.Luigi GHISLERI | - Direttore del C.R.A.I. |
| - Dr.Carlo CAZZULLO | - Direttore del Servizio Sanitario della P.C.A. |

Sono intervenuti: Il Generale MANNERINI - Capo Servizio Prigionieri del Ministero della Guerra ed il Colonnello Americano REGIS - Vice Commissario del Servizio Prigionieri Alleato.

Il Maggiore della Direzione Sanità Militare della Lombardia.

Il Generale Mannerini espone criteri generali che mettono in risalto la importanza della soluzione relativa al problema sanitario.

1°) - TRASPORTI-

Si comunica che per ordine Alleato non devono più essere inviati automezzi né a Bolzano (luogo unicamente di transito con servizio di ristoro alla stazione) né a Pescantina.

L'invio degli internati verrà fatto con tre tradotte giornaliere e precisamente:

Innsbruck-Milano : Innsbruck-Bologna : Innsbruck-Mestre

Lo smistamento nelle tre direzioni tuttavia, avverrebbe a Pescantina. A Milano dovrebbero essere disponibili unicamente gli automezzi per lo smistamento degli internati che risiedono nelle vicinanze della città poiché gli ex internati del Piemonte e della Liguria vengono inviati con altre tradotte speciali in partenza da Milano per Torino e per Genova.

Si deve ritenere per certo che da Pescantina in poi gli ex internati scendono dalle tradotte e sono smistati lungo il percorso man mano che passano nelle vicinanze della loro residenza.

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Ciò premesso si constata la necessità di una regolare schedatura ed assistenza lungo il percorso. Tutti sono d'accordo sull'importanza che ha la regolare compilazione della scheda e perciò unanimemente si delibera di proporre agli Alleati che a partire dalla stazione del Brennero venga consentito una scorta di personale per ogni treno, così composta:

- Un direttore del treno con un Segretario
- Due Medici
- Due Sacerdoti
- Un Capo vagone per ogni vagone

Il Capo vagone ha il compito di:

- schedare durante il percorso dal Brennero a Pescantina gli uomini del proprio vagone.
- Annotare possibilmente le necessità di vestiario.
- Predisporre l'elenco da presentare agli Alleati
- Rivolgersi al Medico o al Direttore del treno per ogni necessità.

Il reclutamento del personale verrà fatto dalla Sezione del C.R.A.I. dei luoghi di arrivo.

Data la durata del viaggio di andata e ritorno si ritiene siano necessari tre turni di personale per ogni singola destinazione. Il Generale Mannerini ed il Col. Regis si impegnano di caldeggiare la proposta al Comando della V^a Armata e sperano di dare la risposta favorevole entro due o tre giorni.

2°) - ALIMENTAZIONE

Data la organizzazione dei trasporti di cui sopra è dato l'immediato smistamento a Milano per il Piemonte e la Liguria (sembra che l'avviamento di reduci alla scuola Bergamaschi avvenga solo in caso di mancata coincidenza dei treni e quindi in casi eccezionali) si rileva la cresciuta necessità di rifornire di vitto gli ex internati, sia durante il viaggio (Graz-Pescantina-Brescia) sia alla stazione di Milano, specialmente con cestini. Di qui la necessità di costituire una sotto sezione del C.R.A.I. per la alimentazione allo scopo di coordinare l'apporto degli alimenti e confezionare i detti cestini o fornire quelle altre provvidenze alimentari che si rendano necessarie.

E' assicurato il contributo sia del Ministero della Guerra per quanto riguarda i normali prelievi, sia dell'Alto Commissariato Profughi come integrazione, oltre il normale contributo del C.R.N.A.I., della C.R.I. e della P.V.A.

La Pontificia Commissione segnala come suo Rappresentante il Dr. Ing. Agostino GIAMBELLI.

Gli altri Enti si riservano di indicare i loro Rappresentanti per la suddetta istituzione.

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3°) - SANITA'

Il Generale Mannerini è spiacente che nonostante le sue diligenti disposizioni non sia ancora venuto in luogo l'Ufficiale Superiore incaricato per la Sanità Militare dell'Alta Italia.

Essendo tutti concordi sull'importanza del problema e sulla necessità di coordinare l'Organizzazione del ricovero ammalati, si delibera di costituire una sottosezione Sanitaria del C.R.A.I. la quale avrà le seguenti funzioni:

- a) Organizzazione e censimento di tutti gli Istituti Sanitari, sia di quelli che dipendono singolarmente dagli Enti già partecipanti al C.R.A.I. sia degli Enti civili.
- b) Farsi parte diligente perchè le attrezzature civili possano, nel più breve tempo, rispondere alle esigenze.
- c) Reclutamento Medici.
- d) Raccolta materiale sanitario.

La Pontificia Commissione delega il proprio Dirigente la Sezione Sanitaria Dr. CARLO CAZZULLO.

Il C.R.N.A.I. delega il Prof. REDAELLI, salvo conferma.

La C.R.I. delega il Ten. Col. VALENZI, salvo conferma.

X Il Ministero della Guerra e l'Assistenza Posbellica, si riservano di comunicare il nominativo.

Si rende necessario per questa sottosezione anche la presenza di un incaricato del Ministero degli Interni la cui nomina verrà sollecitata dal Ministero Assistenza Posbellica.

4°) - INDUMENTI

L'Alto Commissariato Profughi avverte che a giorni giungeranno indumenti per cento milioni di lire che saranno messi a disposizione per i rimpatriati civili.

Il Ministero della Guerra conferma di avere a disposizione gran quantità di indumenti nei centri-raccolta, per gli ex internati Militari.

Queste due disponibilità devono mettere in grado i Dirigenti le tradotte di rifornire i rimpatriati degli indumenti necessari al decente proseguimento del viaggio.

Di conseguenza verranno annullate, nella scheda, le cancelli di tutti gli indumenti che non si reputano necessari. 493

Una più completa assistenza per indumenti verrà fornita solo più tardi nei luoghi di residenza, dagli E.C.A. e dagli altri Enti Assistenziali cattolici e civili che abitualmente si occupano di beneficenza, ma solo per i residenti nel Comune.

5°) - CARBURANTE

Si richiama la Croce Rossa all'esecuzione dell'impegno assunto il 4 luglio di restituire il carburante di cui al verbale della predetta seduta.

6°) - FINANZA ENTO

L'Alto Commissariato Profughi fa presente di avere provveduto al pagamento della propria quota per stampa schede.

Il Ministero della Guerra fa presente che è disposto a corrispondere il 50% della spesa-carburante attraverso l'Alto Commissariato Profughi e prega della copia della fattura. L'Alto Commissariato Profughi ha dichiarato di avere emesso il mandato a saldo primo estratto conto, riconoscendo la impossibilità del C.R.A.I. di presentare le quietanze per i prelevamenti eseguiti a mezzo buoni ed accettando come sufficiente documentazione il buono di assegnazione del carburante.

7°) - PROFUGHI

La Pontificia Commissione Assistenza, comunica la segnalazione pervenuta dalla Pontificia Commissione di Roma, dell'arrivo di una porta aerei a La Spezia, per il trasporto di profughi diretti nell'Italia Meridionale.

Si tratta di organizzare l'invio di circa cinquemila profughi da Milano a La Spezia.

Si chiederà il carburante necessario per organizzare il trasporto dei profughi a La Spezia; se venisse rifiutato si organizzeranno tradotte per Genova affinché provvedano poi da quella città all'inoltro fino a La Spezia.

L'Ing. Ghisleri fa presente che la prolungata inutilizzazione degli automezzi offerti in seguito alla sospensione del servizio per Bolzano e Pescantina, minaccia la completa disorganizzazione dei trasporti automobilistici, e quindi l'inaridimento di questo contributo privato allo spostamento di persone.

Il Dr. CHIABOV fa presente che si può studiare la utilizzazione di questa Organizzazione per il trasporto profughi, ma la cosa va trattata con le competenti Autorità Alleate (Displaced Persons) e Italiane (Prefettura)

Il presente verbale è stato stenografato seduta stante.

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

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IPW/ Pol. 1.15 Sep. '45

SUBJECT : Function of IPW Division

TO : Civil Affairs Section
for attention : Lt. Col. S.H. WHITE

1. Ref. our conversation of even date:
2. The function of this Division is both executive and advisory.
3. This Division is primarily a liaison link between Italian Government and Allied Authorities. its functions are:
 - a) Notification to Italian Government of arrival of expected repatriate drafts.
 - b) Vetting of, and forwarding to applicable Allied Authorities requests from Italian Government for priority release of PW.
 - c) Maintaining card index of all PW concerning whom special enquiries have been made.
 - d) Acquiring PW camp sites and making up deficiencies in clothing, food etc. not attainable through Italian Government sources. Regular inspection of these camps.
 - e) Calling for Military transportation to supplement Italian transport in dispensing repatriated PW.
 - f) Forwarding mail to PW and impounded property for released PW.
 - g) Dealing with Italian Government on all pay queries and credit balances of Italian PW.

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J.E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief IPW Div.

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

HWR/tb

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14 September 1945

Subject : War Establishments.

To : Civil Affairs Section,
Att. Lt. Col. S.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.

~~Col Regt~~

HWR
JAMES E. REGIS
Lt.-Colonel
Chief
IPCM Division

Cancelled in later
memo of Col Regt to Col White
(SHP)

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

JER/tb

IPW/1/P-1/513

19 September 1945

Subject : Organization of the repatriation of IPW overseas.

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

- 1/. Reference conversation Lt. Col. Regis, Gen. Mannerini, Maj. Byles, Maj. Seagrave at AFHQ on 14 Sept.
- 2/. Herewith translation of the plan proposed by the Italian Ministry of War appendix A and B as per your request.
Appendix C, D and E will be forwarded as soon as received from the War Ministry.
- 3/. This plan has the approval of Civil Affairs Section and is my way of thinking is the only efficient way to handle this problem.

For the Chief Commissioners

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JAMES E. REGIS
Lt.-Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

Incl.- Appendix A and B, and B-1.

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