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From NOV. 1944. TO Oct. 1946

FILE 1/7/ 1PW/ANZ/

REPATRIATION OF MIXED MEDICAL GROUPS FROM AUSTRALIA

opened. NOV. 1944. Closed. Oct. 1946

From: NOV. 1944. To: Oct. 1946

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

IPW/1/7/2111

8 Oct '46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian PW ex Australia

TO : G.I.Q., CMF

VINCI, Atee 46962, Camp 12/A Cowra - Australia -

1. The following case is submitted for your examination for early repatriation on medical grounds.
2. The a/w PW has had three surgical operations, one for hernia, one for appendicitis and one on his left hip which required 30 stitches. He is consequently in a very weak state of health.
3. Apparently he must be operated once more for "Varicocoele"
4. If his case warrants early repatriation could this please be effected.


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

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28 September 1946

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
Pow Bureau

Prot.n.78142

Div.2°

Sec.1°

Office 1°

TO : Allied Commission
S/C for Italian POW

Prot.n.78142

ROMESUBJECT : POW VINCI Ateo 46962 12/A PWI Camp Cowra Australia-

The following case is submitted to your examination for repatriation on compassionate grounds.

The POW in question has had three surgical operations:

one for hernia, one for appendicitis and a last one on his left hip that required 30 stitches. He is therefore in a very weakened condition.

And due to the fact that he will have to be operated upon again for "Varicocoele" we beg your Commission to intervene on his behalf and have him repatriated as soon as is possible.

Thank you.

signed. D.F.NITTI

*F.S.
Medical Commission
with view to early
release*

[Signature]

PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
P.W.C.
3 OCT 1946
Reg. No. 310

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3 OCT - 5 1946
ENTERED ON CARDS.
INITIALS. *[Signature]*

MINISTRY OF WAR
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR REPATRIATED PWs

Rome 14 May 1946

FILE : 9455/217

SUBJECT: PW in Australia.

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

1. The Ministry of Post War Assistance has forwarded to your Commission a copy of a note from the Swiss Federal Political Department regarding the sad situation of IPW in Australia.

2. As is known, up to date only 650 patients have been repatriated from that Country in July 1945 and there are still 17000 left who have been awaiting repatriation for five and six years.

3. The situation in which these men find themselves has been aggravated in these latter months due to the fact that they are not allowed to work any more and have been returned to the prison camps.

4. To this state of affairs must be added the bitterness felt by them, due to the fact that their spontaneous offer for co-operation has not helped them and the Japanese were all repatriated a few months after the end of hostilities.

It is therefore not strange that given the above facts, there have been many cases of mental disorder amongst the prisoners and even suicides, especially as many of them were ill and should have been repatriated as was confirmed by the Swiss Consul at Melbourne, back in July 1945.

5. This Ministry is well informed as to the difficulties of transport and the effort the Allies are making to facilitate the repatriations. However the particularly sad situation of these prisoners in Australia is worth your attention and we beg you to do all in your power to have them repatriated as soon as possible.

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S/ GENERAL A. MANNERINI

PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,	
J. M. C.	
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SUBJECT:- Release of Italian PW
on Humanitarian Grounds.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES.

3899/A2.

4 Nov 45.

Headquarters, Allied Commission
IPW Div.

48802 Capt. MAJOLINI LUIGI.

1. Ref your IPW/1/7 ANZ/1291 of 22 Aug 45.

2. This GHQ has now been informed by Land Forces, Australia, that the a/n PW was included in the draft of Italian PW embarked from Australia for transfer to Italy. This GHQ signal FX 37327 of 22 Aug 45 refers.

See 1325

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission

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DATE. G.H. DAVIES, Capt.

6 NOV 1945 S/Capt.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: A1/42347

Message Centre No: F/5919

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 301330B

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 301730B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM MIDEAST

TO AFHQ FOR FHCAS INFO ALCON ROME

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Your FX 37327 of 22 August and by A1/41479 of 27 August.

Eta ITALY now 2/3 September.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: MOV 6S 42458
 Date/Time of Origin: AUG 30 1830C

Message Centre No: F/5961
 Date Time Rec'd: AUG 31 0900B
 Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: MIDEAST
 TO: AFHQ CITE PHGDM MOV NAPLES ALCON ROME .

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Ref your FX 39489 PHGDM.

1. Confirm Italian PW are those mentioned in FX 37327 of 22 August.
2. Propose embarking MIDEAST for ITALY POLISH Forces officers 150 ORS 94 BORS 3.
3. Embarking MIDEAST for UK 25 cabins.
4. This should leave 22 cabin 900 TD available NAPLES after disembarkation.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 39489
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 29 1920B

Message Centre No: F/5846
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 30 0900
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGDM
TO: MIDEAST INFO PSTO MIDEAST ALCOM ROME MOV NAPLES STLO NAPLES
PENSOUTH.

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Ref MIDEAST MOV 6 S41584 of 21 August not to all.

1. In view PSTO MED 281103 not to all presume vessel is ANDES which should be routed to NAPLES for disembarkation.
2. Understand Italian PW are those mentioned in FX 37327 of 22 August cite FHGAB not to all. Request your confirmation with full details of personnel for disembarkation ITALY.
3. Agree you embark 25 cabin leaving 22 cabin 900 TD available for Western MEDITERRANEAN.
4. Agreed PSTO MED.

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DATE 10-10-2000 BY 384

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

IPW/1/74XZ/15287 Oct. '45

SUBJECT : Release of IPW MAJOLINO, Luigi Capt. 48802

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance

1. Ref. your 5386/1 of the 8th Aug. '45
2. We have now been informed that the a/n PW was included in the draft embarked from AUSTRALIA on 8th Aug. '45 for MIDEAST, disembarked NAPLES in September .

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JE. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: A1/41177
Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 27/1415B

Message Centre No: F/5569
Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 28/1030B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM MIDEAST

TO : ACTION : AMHQ FOR FHGAB INFO: ALCOM ROME

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Your FX 37327 of 22 August. Eta MIDEAST 5/6 September. Will be routed
direct to you. Eta will be notified earliest

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INFO-ACTION : WMD & POW SC

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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*Antonielli informed verbally
29 Aug -*

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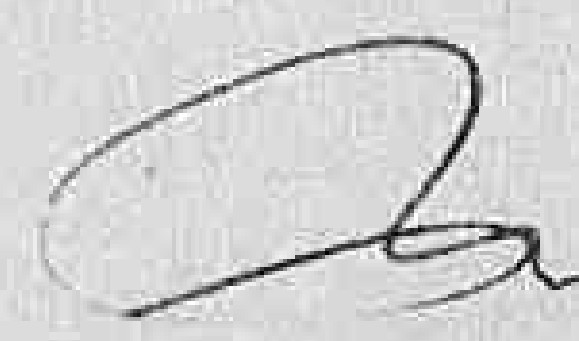
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO - 394
WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/7 AMZ/131225th Aug. '45

SUBJECT : Repatriation of PW from AUSTRALIA

TO : Italian Minister of Post War Assistance
(PW.Bureau) Corso V. Emanuele 110--Rome.

1. Information has been received that 718 PW, comprising 134 Officers and 584 ORB, left AUSTRALIA the 8th Aug. '45 for the MIDDLE EAST.
2. It is known that this draft includes the following categories:
 - a) Over age
 - b) Medical
 - c) Compassionate
 - d) Specialistsbut it is not yet known how many are of each category.
3. They will remain in the MIDDLE EAST until movement to ITALY can be arranged.
4. As soon as further details are known, you will be informed.


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

Copy to: UFFICIO AUTONOMO REDUCI PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA
E RIMPATRIATI - ROME.

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1/11/1777
1/29/95

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FI 37327
Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 26/0945B

Message Centre No: F/4985
Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 23/1620B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGAB

TO : ACTION: ALCOM ROME LAND FORCES AUSTRALIA MIDEAST INFO: TROOPERS

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1. TO ALCOM. LAND FORCES 4398/AG of 8 August 1945 not to ALCOM informs following Italian PW with AUST escort officers 5, OR's 45 embarked for ME for on movement to ITALY. Category A over 60 years old, category B over 50 under 60 years in captivity 2 years or more, category C medical cases, category D compassionate, category E services requested by Italian Government. Total offrs 134, total OR's 584, total all ranks 718.

2. TO LAND FORCES AUSTRALIA. Nominal rolls awaited please also send copies to ALCOM ROME.

3. TO MIDEAST. Please signal Eta ITALY repeated ALCOM ROME

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ACTION : VMD & IPW SC

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/7 ANZ /1291 ←

22nd Aug, '45

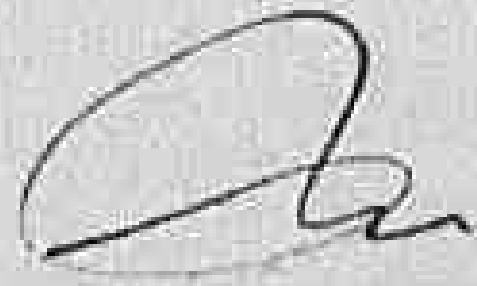
SUBJECT: Capt. MARCOLINI, Luigi, 48802 - Camp 5 Myleford-AUSTRALIA

TO : AFHQ for GI(Br.)A.2.

1. This PW is over 50 years of age and has been in captivity since Jan '41.
2. It is appreciated that his repatriation is therefore automatic within the terms of CR/3821/G.1(Br.) dated 13 Nov. '44 but is subject to shipping availability.
3. The Italian High Commissioner for PW, however, requests that his state of health be now investigated as it is understood that a medical commission found him eligible for repatriation on medical grounds two years ago.
4. May enquiries please be made, and this HQ informed.

For the Chief Commissioner

See 1546


J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut. Colonel
Director
WMD & IPW Sub Cm.

Copy to file IPW/1/29/89

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C O P YSubject: Release of Italian PW on Medical grounds.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G1(Br)/3822/A2.Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
IPW Sub-Commission.26 Jun 45

1. The enclosed nominad roll from GHQ, INDIA (Headquarters, Ceylon Army Command) of 31 Italian PW MMC cases was forwarded to this Headquarters by GHQ MEF.
2. GHQ MEF state that these men will be transferred to ITALY from the Middle East (where they are being held in transit) as soon as possible.
3. In addition to these sick PW the following four PW are being held in transit in MIDDLE EAST and arrangements are being made for their onward transmission to ITALY:-

<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>From</u>
	Capt	CICONI G	R M	ADEN
	C.P.O.	PISANI A	R M	ADEN
47048	Ten	NATALE P	R M	AUSTRALIA
7248	Ten Comd	SCANAROTTI I	R M	AUSTRALIA

4. ETA will be advised in due course.

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

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Copy to: GHQ INDIA
GHQ MIDDLE EAST FORCES. Your 9694/14/AG5(c) of 28 May
and 18 Jun 45
Headquarters Ceylon Army Command. Your CC/6363/17/A of
11 Jun 45 refers
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IPW/1/7/84725 March 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Sick and Wounded PW
in Australia.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

47761 TERRITO, A.
47676 RADICE, Augusto.
46769 SIRRIANI, L.
48365 AMELIO, P.

See 846/837
Reference your letter No. 2262 POL/C-10 dated
29 December 1944.

1. I have now been informed that the Australian Authorities have no record of the alleged request by the Protecting Power for the examination by Medical Board of the above named Prisoners of War.

2. TERRITO, RADICE, and SIRRIANI are listed for repatriation on compassionate grounds, AMELIO is not.

3. RADICE, SIRRIANI, and AMELIO have however been seen by Mixed Medical Commission and NOT recommended for repatriation on medical grounds.

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

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SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian Sick and Wounded PW.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3822/G1(Br).

21 Mar 45.

Headquarters, Allied Commission
(IPW Sub-Commission).

47761	TERRITO	A.
47676	RADICE	Augusto
46769	SIRRIANI	L.
48365	AMELIO	P.

845/837 & 847.

See 402, 388, 344, 170, 355
350, 297, 293, 292.

1. Reference your IPW/1/385 of 23 Jan 45 and this Headquarters letter CR/3822/G1(Br) of 3 Feb 45 to War Office, London (copy to you).
2. The War Office has now informed this Headquarters that the Australian Authorities have no record of the alleged request by the Protecting Power for the examination by Medical Board of the above named PW.
3. TERRITO, Radice, and SIRRIANI are listed for repatriation on compassionate grounds, AMELIO is not.
4. RADICE, SIRRIANI and AMELIO have however been seen by Mixed Medical Commission and NOT recommended for repatriation on medical grounds.

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

TRC/JM

DATE. 24. 3. 45
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WMO POWS
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SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian Sick & Wounded PW.

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

GR/3822/G1(JR).

3 Feb 45.

Under Secretary of State,
 The War Office,
 LONDON, E.C.1.

Acc 385-340,
 144, 255, 405, 178

1. With reference to your signal No. 56949 PWI dated 4 Jan 45.
2. Headquarters, Allied Commission have received a further letter on this subject from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War stating that the Swiss Consul at SIKKIM, after having visited the Italian PW Camps No. 7 and 8 at MAY, referred in Nov 43 to the competent authorities that the health condition of the following was so bad that their repatriation should be recommended:-

47761	TERRITO A	- 36 years old.
47676	RADICE Augusto	- 39 years old.
46769	SIRIANI L.	- 45 years old.
48365	AMELIO P.	- 50 years old.

3. Headquarters, Allied Commission have received your above quoted signal but now ask to be informed if these four men are included in the 256 already passed for repatriation by the Australian Government, and, if so, whether steps may be taken to have them included among the first to be repatriated from AUSTRALIA.

4. In the circumstances may this Headquarters please be informed whether or not these four PW are to be included in medical repatriation.

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A.S. BARSDORF,
 Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
 for Field Marshal,
 Supreme Allied Commander,
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Copy to:- Headquarters, Allied Commission (IPW/1/385 of 23 Jan refers)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

IPW/1/385

23 January 1945

SUBJECT: Italian POW sick and wounded in Australia.

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

See 355, 340, 384, 403, 450

Reference your G-5:O.A. 33-24 dated 20 January and further to my IPW/1/385 dated 6 January 1945.

1. May I please be informed if the FOUR Italian POW mentioned below are included in the 236 already passed for repatriation by the Australian Government, as stated in your G-5:O.A. 33-24 dated 10 January 1945.

No. 47761	TERRITO, A.
No. 47676	RADICE, A.
No. 46769	SIRIANI, L.
No. 48355	ANELIO, P.

2. If this is the case, can steps be taken to have the FOUR POW in question included among the first to be repatriated from Australia.

3. Your reply is awaited so that I may inform the Italian High Commissioner for POW of the position.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 0.4.33-24

20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Italian PW Sick and Wounded in AUSTRALIA.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

No. 47761 TERRITO, A.
No. 47676 RADICE, A.
No. 46769 SIRRIANI, L.
No. 48365 AMELIO, P.

1. Reference your IPW/1/355 dated 6 Jan 45 and this HQ's
G-5: 014.33-24 dated 10 Jan 45.

2. It is not thought desirable to submit the cases of the
above named Italian PW for special consideration until it is
known whether or not their repatriation has already been agreed.

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

K. P. Mannock
K. P. MANNOCK
Jnr/Comd

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 014.33-24

10 January 1945

SUBJECT: Italian P.W. Sick and Wounded; AUSTRALIA

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Reference your IPW/1/297 dated 4 Dec. 44
2. The Australian Government reports that final figures of PW for repatriation will not be available until end of January. \B/f
3. At present, 256 PW have been passed for repatriation. Shipping is unlikely to be available at an early date except for small numbers at a time and probably these will have to be staged in Videast.

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

HEADQUARTERS

11 JAN 1945

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Jr. Comdr.IPW
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

IPW/1/355

6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War sick and wounded in Australia.

TO : C-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

Reference my letter IPW/1/297 dated 4 December 1944.

1. Attached is translation of letter received from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War in relation to above subject.
2. I shall be pleased if you can now let me know how this matter stands.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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

encl :
Italian High Commissioner for POW
ltr ref. 2262 POL/C-10 dated
29 Dec. 44.

~~B/F 16/1/45~~
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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW
Political Office

File No. 2262 Pol/C-10

Rome, 29 December 1944

To : A.C., ROME

Subject : Italian PW in Australia

The Swiss Consul at Sidney after having visited the Italian PW camps No. 7 and 8 at Hay (Australia) referred in November 43 to the competent Authorities that in those camps there were some PW whose conditions of health were so bad that their repatriation should be recommended.

We send you the names of those PW begging you to interest the Superior Authorities in order to have them repatriated.

Thank you beforehand.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

s/ Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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- 2). No. 47676 RADICE Augusto, 39 years old
- 3). No. 46769 SIRRIANI L., 45 years old
- 4). No. 48365 AMELIO P., 50 Years old

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

IPW/1/297

4 December 1944

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

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War sick and wounded in Australia.

- 1/. The question of repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War sick and wounded from Australia is being raised from time to time by the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.
- 2/. I shall be pleased if you can let me know what the position is with regard to such repatriation and if ~~it~~ is likely that any of these Prisoners of War are likely to be returned to Italy at an early date.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

JAC
J. A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

See 292-293

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H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

C.M.F.

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/293

4 December 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.Subject: Italian Prisoners of War sick and wounded in Australia.

Reference your letter No. 2035/Pol/C-10 dated 27 November 1944.

- 1/. There is no question of the non repatriation of any Italian Prisoner of War who has been recommended for repatriation by the Mixed Medical Tribunal.
- 2/. There are occasions when the exigencies of war - such as the non availability of shipping, when delay in repatriation of Prisoners of War must occur.
- 3/. The question with regard to the repatriation of sick and wounded from Australia is again being taken up and it is hoped that it may be possible to hasten the repatriation of those Prisoners of War who have been named for return to Italy.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

DATE. 2-1-45

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J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

DATE. 2-1-45

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

File No. 2035/Pol/C-10

Rome, 27 November 1944

To : IFW S/C, A.C. ROME

Subject : Italian PW sick and invalid in Australia.

Referring to your letter IFW 1/19 of the 14th of November 1944 we are returning a copy of the attached memorandum signed by relatives of PW sick or wounded (invalids) in Australia:

1. What is said in the attached statement that "According to information issued by the Italian Authorities about the gradual repatriation of war prisoners, are excluded those dwelling in Australia, because of the great distance, but because also of the necessity to give the precedence to those who are stationed in unhealthy or even uneasy places", is not really answering to the truth, because Italian Authorities have never given out such statements.
2. This H.C. in a letter of the 14th of August No. 734/C.10 has asked the A.C. to please hurry the repatriation from Australia of the PW that are for a long time awaiting their turn to be given back to their families after long years of absence, and has asked the list of the PW who will be repatriated.
3. On the 24th of September last with a letter No. 1162/Pol/C.10 we have asked the AC to please inform us as soon as possible, the understanding reached by the Authorities in this matter.
4. In the meeting of last October 4th that we had with the Lt. Colonel J.A. Campbell I have personally discussed such matter.
5. Once more I am asking the AC to please be good enough to interest himself in this matter and to please ask the competent authorities to see their way clear so the Italian PW sick and invalid could be repatriated from Australia.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
s/ General Pietro Gazzera

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Roma 13 nov. 1944

It's over an year since the Mixed Medical Commission declared some Italian prisoners residing in Australia "A Compound N. 5 Group Myrtleford (Victoria) unable to war service and therefore to be repatriated.

Bewen them are: SACCONI ten. SILVIO N°. 47151 matric.

GIESSELMAN ten. OSVALDO N°. 47113 "

ALTIGERI ten. MARIO N°. 47164 "

According to informations issued by the Italian Authorities about the gradual repatriation of war prisoners, are excluded those dwelling in Australia, because of the great distance, but because also of the necessities to give the precedence to those who are stationed in unhealthy or even uneasy places.

If these informations are exact, we respectfully observe such adapted decision do not correspond to equity, since an important circumstance is not considered: the long time of imprisonment, which for our relatives is of nearly four years.

Moreover, is a question of sick prisoners, whose right is to have soon their freedom and to have their precedence in the program of repatriation just as it was officially announced in the Press.

Already some officers and soldiers, who were taken prisoners in Tunisia just an year ago have been sent back at home: we sincerely enjoy that for them and for their families: but we can't restrain our painful heart, thinking that nothing has been done up to this day for our beloved ones, who are already about four years in the concentrated camps, beyond a year on the front, five years of separation from Italy and from all their relatives.

We appeal to the human comprehension of the Allied Authorities and especially to Your Leader, in order that a decision should be taken also for our relatives such decision concern the Government of a very civilized nation as England.

We trust our request will be granted, and orders will be given for the repatriation of the prisoners residing also in Australia, starting with this group of unable war-service men, who are recognised according the Geneva's convention.

With high respect and thanks.

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for the ten. SILVIO SACCONI the wife

ENNA SACCONI CESARI

Via Po 31 - Roma =

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For the ten. ADOLFO GIESSELMANN the father

Via Salaria 292 = Roma =

For the ten. MARIO ALTIGIERI, the father

AMILCARE ALTIGIERI

Via Bormida I = Roma =

According to information issued by the Italian Authorities about the gradual repatriation of war prisoners, the excluded those living in Australia, because of the great distance, but because also of the necessities to give the preference to those who are stationed in Germany or even Germany.

If these information are exact, we respectfully observe such a decision is not convenient to family, since an important circumstance is not considered: the long time of imprisonment, which for our relatives is of nearly four years.

Moreover, is a question of other prisoners, whose right is to have soon their freedom and to have their presence in the system of repatriation that as it was officially announced in the press.

Already some officers and soldiers, who were taken prisoners in the field just a year ago have been sent back to home; we sincerely enjoy that for them and for their families; but we can't restrain our painful heart, thinking that another has been sent up to his day for some beloved ones, who are already at their home in the concentrated camp, beyond a year on the front, five years of separation from their and from all their relatives.

We appeal to the more comprehension of the Allied Authorities and especially to your leader, in order that a decision should be taken also for our relatives such decision concern the Government of a very civilized nation as England.

We trust our request will be granted, and orders will be given for the repatriation of the prisoners residing also in Australia, since with this group of unable war-servicemen, who are recommended according to Geneva's convention.

With kind regards and

Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission

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