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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

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APO 887

23 Mar 45

AG 091.713 OpGE

SUBJECT: Unemployed Italian Soldiers in South East France.
TO : Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

1. Reference is made to letter, Headquarters, Allied Commission, CMF, War Materials Disposal and Italian PW Sub-Committee, file IPW/1/14/23, subject as above, dated 26 Nov 44, which was forwarded to this Headquarters by 1st indorsement, your Headquarters, AG 383.6/732 A-O, dated 7 Dec 44.

2. The situation has been brought to the attention of The French Ministry of Prisoners, Deportees and Refugees, which request that the Military establish centers for Italians referred to and staging areas for those to be repatriated. Information concerning subsequent action by the Ministry is being requested.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

SOD R.E. LEWIS
Major, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General.

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| Acc 50, 45, 44, 43 |

Tel: 478733

Ref: 128/1/14/51

6 April 1945

SUBJECT: Return to North Africa of Italian Officers.

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

Acc 54 + 60/59

1. The Italian Government, through their Foreign Office and the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, have stated that they understand that it is the intention of the Allied Military Authorities to return to North Africa some 500/1000 Italian Officer Prisoners of War now attached to Italian Labour Battalions operating with the 7th Army in France, who are surplus to requirements.

2. The Italian Government point out that these officers have been collaborating for some time with the Allied Armies, and that the work done by them could appear to entitle them to some form of practical recognition other than their return to North Africa and the dreary life of a concentration camp.

3. The High Commissioner for Prisoners of War has stated that the greater number of the officers concerned are, on the grounds of age or health, in the general categories fixed for the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

4. It is requested that the matter be considered with a view to repatriating these Prisoners of War to Italy, as has been requested by the Italian Government, and it is recommended that in any event, the Prisoners of War be not returned to North Africa, which would have unhappy repercussions with the Italian Government.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ N. E. F. 2059

NORMAN R. FISKE,
Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Return to North Africa of Italian
Officers.

FILE No. 213.5/BC(L)

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

1 April 1945

See 43, 44, 45, 51, 59/60.

1. The attached memorandum from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is forwarded to you for retention and necessary action.

2. Please reply direct to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Rangely *Capr*
Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

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1 Encl: Memo No. 6/865/374 dtd 27 Mar 45.

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

See S. 1/60

The Italian General Staff have acquainted the Ministry for Foreign Affairs with the Allied Military Authorities' intention of returning to North Africa a considerable number of officers - about 800/1000 - who are in excess of the number required under the new repatriation scheme of the Italian labour-battalions cooperating with the 7th Army in France.

The High-Commissioner for the Prisoners of War has already pointed out to the Allied Commission the very unfavourable impression which would be inevitably produced by their transfer to Africa. It must not be forgotten, in fact, that the aforesaid officers have been collaborating for some time with the Allied Armies and the work done by them could appear to entitle them to some form of practical recognition. These officers' return to North Africa, leaving them again to the dreary life of a concentration camp, implies for them a bitter humiliation the moral effects of which cannot be sufficiently overemphasized.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs trusts that the Allied Authorities will duly weigh these considerations and examine the possibility of repatriating the officers to Italy.

Such a solution, as the High Commissioner for the Prisoners of War has already pointed out, could easily be envisaged together with the general question of the release of Prisoners of War, inasmuch as the greater part of the officers embodied in the labour-battalions are, on grounds of age or health, included in the general categories fixed for the repatriation of Italian P.O.W.

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be very grateful for the steps that the Allied Commission will see fit to take in this matter.

Rome, March 27th, 1945



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IFW/1/14/495 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Personnel in France - ex Prisoners of War of the Germans.

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

to 47 + 54 + 55

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

1. The repatriation of the Italians in question is agreed to by this Commission, and I shall be pleased if you will let me know what action is taken in the matter so that I may be in a position to reply to the Italian Government.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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

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IFW/1/14/4828 March 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War in France.
TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.
See 43 + 47.

Reference your letters 727/POL/C29 dated 2
March and 875/POL/C29 dated 22 March 1945.

1. Both these matters are being referred to higher authority, and I shall inform you in due course of what action is taken.

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

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High Commission for Italian PW.

Rome 22nd. March 1945.

No. 875/Pol/C-29-di Prot.

To the Allied Commission

Sub-Commission for It. PW.

Subject: Italian Personnel in France ex P.O.Ws. of the Germans.

The liberation of the Allied Military personnel held by the Germans, has already begun with the victorious advance of the Allied troops on the Western front.

Amongst them various Italians have been liberated, in fact we are informed of 569 Italians in Champagne (Le Marais)

These men are at present in an American Camp at the following address c/o C/O/ P.W.E. 21-A.P.O. 517 U.S. Army, where they are treated very well in a material way.

We beg the Commission to call this matter to the attention of the proper authorities to obtain the repatriation of these people, particularly as many of them are in hospital and ill, or invalids in need of cure.

Signed. for the High Commissioner

Gen. P. Gazzera.

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Col. is taking copy to SHAEF for discussion
25/3/45

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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G-5: 363.7-32

24 March 1945

SUBJECT : Nominal Roll of Italian Sick and Wounded Personnel
Evacuated from Southern France.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(for IPW Sub-Commission).

The attached nominal roll of Italian sick and
wounded personnel evacuated from Southern France is
forwarded for information.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Enclos: as above.

JG
G. GRANT,
J. Comdr.

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Note:

Original letter + Nominal Roll
in file IPW/1/4 - "Sick & Wounded PW."

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

Rome, 22 March 1945

No. 376/Pol./c.29 di prot.

To: IFOW Sub-Com., Allied Commission,
ROMESubject : Repatriation of Surplus Italian Officers from the
PW Working Units in France.

See 44 + 43.4 50/51.

Reference your letter IFW 1/14.44 dated 14 March 1945.

It seems that due to a plan in formation *by* the Allied Authorities in France, there will be, in the working Units in France, a number of surplus officers.

The H.C., in ignorance of just what kind of disposals are to be given by the Allied Authorities, begs you in reference to his letter No. 727/Pol. dated 4 March 1945, to call this matter to the attention of the competent authorities.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

s/ Gen. Pietro Gaspari

See footnote of vol. 43.~~1/14~~
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

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IPW/1/14/44

14 March 1945

Subject: Repatriation of surplus Italian Officer Prisoners
of War.

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

See 43 & 45

Reference your 727/Pol/029 dated 8 March 1945.

1. Before I present this case to higher authority I shall be pleased to receive more actual facts concerning these officers. "Vague rumours" will, I am sure, not be considered sufficient grounds for their repatriation.

2. Immediately on receipt of these facts I will put the case forward to higher authority.

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

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PRISONERS OF WAR
N.727/Pol/C.29 di Prot.

Rome 5th March 1945.

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To: The Allied Commission

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Subject: Repatriation of Italian Officers who have become surplus, owing to the reformation of labor units drawn from ex POW in France.

It seems that the American Military Authorities have recently formed a new organization of auxiliary Units constituted by POW's ex in France.

This organization when complete will have about 1.000 surplus officers, more than necessary for said Units. According to vague rumors, it seems that these officers will be transferred to Africa with POW status.

Amongst these officers there are quite a few who have passed the age limit (over 50) established by the Allied Commission as being eligible for repatriation.

The others considered as surplus officers are more or less in a very precarious state of health after their long imprisonment, and are no more in their youth, it is therefore obvious that not being in possession of their strength and not in a perfect physical condition they are not much use.

It is also to be considered that these officers have up to now done their duty in an exemplary manner as co-operators, to the advantage of the Allies, and if they must be sent away from their present Units it is entirely not dependent on their desires.

For these reasons the Italian Authorities beg the Commission to bring this matter to the attention of the Allied Authorities, requesting that these men be sent to Italy as repatriated Officers who could be very useful in the Military and Civil reconstruction of our country.

Their return to North Africa would have a very bad repercussion on them, and above all on their families and public opinion in Italy.

/s/ HIGH COMMISSIONER
Gen. P. GAZZERA

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR
N.304/Pol. di Prot. C.29

Rome 7th February 1945

TO: the Allied Commission
ROME

Subject: Italian POW's in France.

See 36 + 28

Reference your letter IPW/1/14/36, dated the 26th of January 1945.

The High Commissioner has requested more information on the suspension on the payments of allotments due to Italian POW's in France.

As soon as possible an answer will be given, to your letter N. IPW/1/14/28 dated the 23rd of December 1944.

/s/ HIGH COMMISSIONER
Gen. P. GALLERA

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

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IPW/1/14/41

3 February 1946

To: Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated
Prisoners of War.
(Attention: Gen. A. Mannerini).

Subject: Italian Military Personnel in France.

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Reference your letter No. 409050/RPGR dated 25 January
1946.

It is understood that the question of all Italian Military
Personnel in France is being taken care of and that any Italian
soldiers who are not being used in the war effort will be re-
patriated to Italy immediately any shipping is available.

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

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUBCOMMISSION

IPW/1/14/40

30 January 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: POW Hospital, BONE, North Africa.

1. With reference to your letter III Pol/C-3-A dated 9 January 1945, a reply has now been received from higher authority which states as follows:-

- 34, 33, 32, 31
- (a) All Italian POW approved for repatriation from North Africa have arrived in Italy except for 11 now at co-operator Wing 94th Gen. Hospital, ALGIERS, awaiting security clearance.
 - (b) From information available there are at present only 13 patients in the Italian Co-operator Wing, 6th Field Hospital at BONE, and there is no evidence of any Italians in French custody being admitted to this hospital.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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27 January 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian P.W. from North Africa.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

See 31, 32 & 33 & 40

1. Reference your IPW/1/14/33 dated 15 January 45.
2. All Italian P.W. approved for repatriation from North Africa have arrived in Italy except for 11 now at Co-Operator Wing 94th Gen. Hospital, ALGIERS, awaiting security clearance.
3. From information available there are at present only 13 patients in the Italian Co-Operator Wing, 6th Field Hospital at BONE, and there is no evidence of any Italians in French custody being admitted to this hospital.

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

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Jr. Comdr.



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

IPW/1/14/38

28 January 1945

To: Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated
Prisoners of War, Italian Ministry of War, Rome.
(Attention: General A. Mannerini).

Subject: Italian Military Personnel in France.

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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter No. 409050/RPGR
dated 28 January 1945.

The matter is being taken up with higher authority, and
I shall inform you of the result in due course.

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

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WAR MINISTRY

Autonomous Office for War

Veterans and Repatriated PW

Rome, January 25th 1945

N.409050/RPGR

SUBJECT: Italian Military Personnel in France.

TO: War Materials Disposal and IPW Sub-Commission.Rome.

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We are informed that with the departure from Marseilles on the 5th of January, the latest group of 250 Italian Military Personnel that has been repatriated, it is suspended, at least for the moment, the rush of the disbanded soldiers of the 4th Army Corps, who were interned by the Germans.

Taking into consideration the bad conditions that the Italian Military Personnel living now in France, we beg this Sub-Commission to examine the possibility of informing the Competent Authorities, that these men may be repatriated as quickly as possible, even if only in few numbers.

We are informed that the Allied organization for the repatriation of ex PW from German lands (H.Q. allied PW Repatriation Unit-C.M.F.) is at Naples and is Commanded by an Englishman, Col. Robinson.

Signed:

General Commanding

The Autonomous Office.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW 1/14/36

26 January 1945

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject : Italian soldiers held as POW by the French
in Southern France.

27+28 / See 42

- 1/. Reference your 2166/Pel/C-25 of 9 December 1944 and our
IPW/1/14/28 of 23 December 1944.
- 2/. May a reply please be forwarded to this office, so that we
may make further enquiries, and advise you of the result in
due course.

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J.A. MARSHALL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WHD & IPW Sub-Com.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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12 January 1945

SUBJECT: P.O.W. Camp, Aversa.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your IPW/1/14/29 of 23 December.
2. The American authorities who control PLE 326 (Aversa) report as follows:

1. "Italians received from southern France are accommodated at PLE 326 pending acceptance by Italian authorities (Command Militari Della Campania - Inquiring Commission (Lt. DiMartino in charge)). Approximately 500 are now there. Italian authorities have been urged to accept them and transportation offered. They have not done so because of lack of facilities. It is expected that they will be in a position to take them in a week or so.

2. Interrogators of the Italian organization named above, in conjunction with CIC of base section, examine the Italians received from southern France to determine their individual status as no records exist from which to determine whether they presented themselves to the Allied authorities of their own free will. Of more than 3,000 examined only 18 have been interned, and these were interned upon recommendation of the Italians conducting the examinations."

3. The above will give you the information on which to reply to the letter from the High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

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

F. B. Jackman
Lt. Colonel.

F. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.Copy to: G-1(A) (Routing Slip CR/3485/G1Br
G-1(B) (from G-1(B) to G-1(A) refers.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

IPW/1/14/5315 January 1945

SUBJECT: Condition of Italian POW in hospital in BONE, N. Africa.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Att: G-3 Section.)

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The attached translation of letter No. III Pol/C-3-A dated 9 January 1945 from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War is forwarded.

I shall be pleased if you will inform me in due course of any action which may be taken in this matter.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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

encl :

Italian High Commissioner for POW
letter No. III Pol/C-3-A dated 9 Jan. 45.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

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IPW/1/14/32

15 January 1945

SUBJECT: Condition of Italian POW in hospital in BONE, N.Africa.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Reference your letter No. III Pol/C-3-A dated 9 January 1945.

1. The matter has been referred to higher authority for consideration, and I shall inform you in due course of any action that may be taken.

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

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE

Political Office

Rome, January 9th 1945

M. III Pol/S-3-1.

SUBJECT: Hospital of the PW in Rome. - North Africa. -

TO : THE ALLIED COMMISSION. THE SUB-COMMISSION. ROME.

We have been informed that PW in the Hospital for PW in Rome - North Africa are held a great number of PW in very grave health condition.

Most of these ill soldiers are coming from the French concentration camps, where the PW have been treated in an inhuman manner, they were left in the winter season without clothes and shoes; they never had enough food. These unfortunates are terrified of the idea of being brought back to the camps run by the French authorities.

We beg the Allied Commission to inform the competent authorities so that these PW, held in the above-mentioned hospital, will be repatriated, as soon as possible.

Thanking you.

The High Commissioner
General Pietro Gazzera.

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Office of War Veterans and Repatriated

POW N. 401451

Rome January 8th 1945

To: The Presidency of the Allied Commissions.

Subject: Clothes for War Veterans and Repatriated Italian POW.

Continuous and pressing requests come to this Ministry from all the Military Commands of the periphery, for the distribution of clothes to be given to the War Veterans and repatriated from France and the Balkans, transiting in the lodging Centers and for those who are in hospitals.

The most alarming information is that which refers to the number of the repatriated from the Balkans that do not go to the S. Andrea Center, (where clothes are distributed by the Allied authorities) and those who arrive from France and Tunisia, most of them, as regards clothes, in a deplorable condition.

Considering that in the present situation this Ministry has no possibility of giving the necessary aid to these men and as the Allied Sub-Commission for the Italian Army has informed us that it cannot grant our request, (as the War Veterans are considered civilians until their return to the Army) I send this request to the Presidency of the Allied Commission, for examination and benevolent consideration in the meantime it is to taken to account:

- the rigor of the Winter months and the poor physical condition of the repatriated in question.
- That many War Veterans, having been given their destinations to Combat Units and to Groups of workers.
- The grave moral repercussion that we have verified in consequence of this state of affairs; all this should authorize the immediate consignment of 5,000 series of clothes turned in from the Italian Combat troops proceeding their being clothed in uniforms, provided by the Allies.

With the assurance that if this material be given us it will be issued with prudence and for the most urgent cases,

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With the assurance that if this material be given us it will be issued with prudence and for the most urgent cases,

Signed the Minister
GASATI.

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

IPW/1/14/29

23 December 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(G-1 (S) Section).

Subject: POW Camp at AVERSA.

- 34 217 35
- 1/. Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from General Gazzera, the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.
 - 2/. Could enquiries please be made into this matter, and a report forwarded to me for onward transmission to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

cc: AFHQ (G-5)

Encl. Ltr. No. 2163/Pol/D4.

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*Col C. took copy of this with him
to Caserta a visit.*

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

LFW/1/14/28

23 December 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Italian soldiers held as POW by the French in
Southern France.

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- 1/. Further to your letter 2166/POL/C-23 dated 9 December, 1944.
- 2/. Would you please give me the following information:
 - a. In what way are the prisoners of war employed as workmen?
 - b. What is the monthly allowance referred to?
- 3/. I will then make further enquiries, and advise you of the result in due course.

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

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At/de

Rome December 9th 1944

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PW.
Military Office

File N. 2466/Pol/C-35

Subject: Italian Soldiers held as PW. by the French in Southern France.

TO: Allied Commission ROME

I have been informed that the IPW, employed as workmen in the South of France, are no longer given the monthly allowance.

I beg the Allied Commission to ask the Superior Authorities if this information is true, if it is to enquire the reasons for doing so and, eventually, to do something about it.

HIGH COMMISSIONER
/s/ General Pietro Garsera

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PW.

December 6th 1944

Military Office

To: The Allied Commission -- R O M E

N.2163 Pol/D 4

Subject: Concentration Camp of Aversa (Naples) Italian Soldiers coming from France:

I beg the Allied Commission to inform me if it is true that Italian Soldiers who presented themselves of their own free will to the Allied Authorities when they landed in France have been brought to Italy and interned in the Concentration Camp of Aversa (Naples).

If this is so I beg you courteously to give me informations on the subjects and indications as to who are the competent Authorities to apply to for their release.

Thank you ~~Ex~~ beforehand.

The General Secretary of the Italian High
COMMISSIONER

/s/ Gen. DAPINO.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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5 December 1944

G-5: 383.6-17

SUBJECT: Italian Ex-Servicemen in Southern France.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your 376/385.

1. Inquiry similar to that made in referenced letter of 2 December, 1944, has been received both from the AG Land Forces Sub-Commission, as well as from WAB and Italian PW Sub-Commission of AG.

2. See letter of Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.G., S/AG/10/1, dated 19 November, 1944. See letter of War Materials Disposal and Italian PW Sub-Commission, IPW/1/14/23 of 26 November, 1944, and preceding correspondence.

3. Comzone has been advised by CG HTCSA (6 November 1944) that under general supervision of higher Allied Military authorities former Italian soldiers and sailors may be employed as civilians on voluntary basis provided that when procedures and facilities for evacuation to Italy are established, such employment will not interfere.

4. Evacuation of Italian displaced persons and PWs as well as others ex. France is now under discussion between SHAF and this Headquarters.

5. The accuracy of the information alleged to have been received by the Italian Ministry is questioned. It is, therefore, requested that you submit copies of the reports received by the Italian War Ministry, and upon the basis of which they are making their requests.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

S.D. WEISBACH,
Lt. Comdr. USNR.

has been received from WAB
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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

Rome, 25 November 1944

File No. 1972/C-25/Pol

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

Subject : Italian PW transferred in France.

Italian PW transferred with the collaborators company in France have begun to write to their relatives, giving their old address in North Africa.

This evidently will cause a delay in the mail delivery. Furthermore it will happen that while the mail sent to their relatives will be delivered with a certain regularity, the mail addressed to the PW, will have a notifiable delay.

What is said above will have a repercussion on the morale and attitude on the PW and their relatives. To prevent such state of affairs we are asking to please be good enough to inform the competent authorities to permit to the Italian PW transferred in the France territory to get in touch with their relatives and give them a new address that could shorten the service.

We are thanking you

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
s/ General Pietro Gazzera

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

IPW/1/14/23

26 November 1944

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

Subject: Unemployed Italian soldiers in South East France.

- See 20 ✓ 25, 22, 21
- 1/. The Italian Under Secretary of State for War reports that there are a certain number of Italian soldiers in the South East of France for whom no work has been found and who have no means of support. Also that there are certain others sick and ill who are also in need of sustenance.
 - 2/. The Italian Government have requested that should it be impossible to give these Italian soldiers civilian employment or where it is impossible to employ them that they be repatriated to Italy.
 - 3/. I shall be pleased if a report as to the position with regard to these Italians can be forwarded and further to know if any for whom jobs cannot be found can be repatriated.

For the Chief Commissioner:

ACB
J.A. CAMPBELL

See 20 ✓ 25, 82, 84

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For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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

IPW/1/14/22

26 November 1944

To: Undersecretary of State, Italian Ministry of War.
(Attention: General Oxilia).

Subject: Italian soldiers of the 4th Army now in South East
France.

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Reference your letter No. 400029/RFG dated 13 November,
subject as above.

The matter has been referred to higher authority and I
shall write you further in due course.

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

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Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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RUSCO, DOMENICO approved as well as MITTI and GECCHI. See your S 66987 dated 16 November. All should report to Allied Commission, to whom signal BTA as in our P 52011 dated 13 November requested.

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MINISTRY OF WAR

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File 400029/RPG

Rome 13th November 1944

Subject: Italian Soldiers of the 4th Army now in South East France

To: War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission. and for attention to:

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.S.I.A.) ROME

Sequel letter no. 304949/U.A. of Nov. 6th. Oct.

A great part of the Italian soldiers in the South East of France are still now without work, and without any means of support.

It has been arranged that only the most urgent and pitious cases shall get subsidies, but this does not mean that the situation shall not get unsustainable if it should be prolonged much longer.

I beg you therefore to examine the possibility of repatriation for these soldiers, who cannot be employed on civil jobs on the spot.

The repatriation of these soldiers would be all the more opportune as among them there are chosen elements who are anxious to take part in the actual fighting and who there fore could be usefully employed in the fighting units.

The Undersecretary State.

Oxilia

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PAPER TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ AC PAREN

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME VISIT OF NITTI AND SBOCCI CMA OR AT ANY
RATE THE FORMER CMA AS SUCH A VISIT WOULD GREATLY ASSIST CONDUCT OF
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REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY COUNCIL CONCERNING REPRESENTATION OF ITALIAN
INTERESTS IN FRANCE ID

ITALIAN MINISTRY HOPE THAT NECESSARY AIR TRANSPORT COULD BE PROVIDED AND
POLITICAL SECTION RECOMMEND THAT THE VISIT BE ALLOWED

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POLITICAL SECTION
WAR MATERIALS AND ITALIAN POW SUB COM. ✓

NICHOLAS W. DRAGNETT
MAJOR, A.G.D.
ADJUTANT.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
APO 394

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In reply refer to:
IPW/1/250

14 November 1944

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War.

To : Allied Force/Headquarters, Chief of Staff, Ap^W 512.

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

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

A/CC 383.6 dated 26 June 1944
A/CC 014.33 dated 5 July 1944.
ACC 383.6 dated 18 July 1944
Letter dated 28 July 1944
IPW/1/234 dated 27 October 1944

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

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

See file I (P-I) folio 250

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

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

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

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: A.P.H.Q., G-5 Section.
Chief of Staff
Political Section

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12 November 1944

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council
of Ministers, Italian Govern-
ment, Rome.

MILVY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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cc: Chief of Staff
Political Section

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IL MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

NO/6/966/410

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION AC

On October 14th ult. the Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed a Memorandum (No. 6/774) to the Political Section AC wherein particulars were asked regarding certain information received on the employment of units of Italian prisoners of warserving with the Allied Forces in France. Admiral STONE has recently informed that 23,000 P.O.W. in American hands have been transferred from North Africa to France to be attached to the VII American Army for rear-line work.

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

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

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

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

Rome, 6th November 1944.

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

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Y. Political Section

Do you concur

J.C. Campbell

26 Oct. 2021

Gen. A. J. Power, Sec. 1, Com.

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D.C. Campbell

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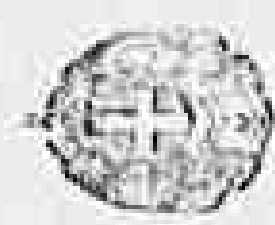
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APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff
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7th November 1944.

TO: War Mat. & I.P.O.W. Sub-Commission.

The attached translation of a letter from Prime Minister Bonomi is forwarded. You may wish to discuss this matter with A/COS and A/CC before submitting in draft a reply for A/CC's signature.

E. M. Rupp
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Major Quayle.

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The President of the
Council of Ministers

18902/10477 - 1.7/15/5

Rome, 7 November 1944

Subject: Liberation of the Italian prisoners of war transferred to
France.

Dear Admiral Stone,

1. You certainly know that 36 thousand Italian prisoners of war were transferred from North Africa to France last September.

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

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

2. To the reasons of a legal, political and moral order which render this status unjust and indefensible for all our prisoners of war in Allied hands, wherever they are, and which have often been put forward, we must add, for those who have been transferred to France that they are now in the zone of action where the Allied Forces are operating, that they have the same activity of cooperation as the free troops of the Italian Government, in Italy, at the service of the 5th and 13th Allied Armies, and that they are probably destined to follow the Allied Armies in Germany, thus contacting the German populations, our prisoners of war, and the Italians interned in Germany.

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

3. As most of the measures relative to our prisoners of war decided by the Allied Authorities since 1940, this transfer shows that keeping our soldiers in the state of prisoners of war is a mistake which prejudices the interests of the Italian Government as well as those of the co-belligerence. Therefore, we renew the proposal to call together a meeting of the representatives of the Governments which are interested in this matter; they should have deliberative powers to examine and solve as a whole and in detail the great question of the Italian prisoners of war in the hand of the Allies.

4. Finally, I think it my duty to draw the attention of the Allied Commission on the fact that it would be just and advisable to free at

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the Italian prisoners of war who have been grouped in working units and transferred to France, so that they would become purely Italian units, ruled by our discipline, and under our command, as it is done in Italy for the Italian free troops, which do an identical work for the Allied Armies, remaining, as now, under the orders of the Allied Authorities as far as their employment is concerned.

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

I remain,

Truly yours,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Commodore Hilary A. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission

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

IPW/1/14/14

8 November 1944

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

Subject: Employment of Italians by Allied Military in
South France.

- 1/. I have to thank you for your letter G-5 383.6-17 dated 5 November 1944 enclosing cable FX 30499 dated 26 September 1944.
- 2/. It is confirmed that the Italian Ministry of War have agreed to the employment of Italian soldiers as civilian laborers in Southern France - provided:
- (a) The work is voluntary.
 - (b) The work comes under Allied control.
 - (c) The acceptance and carrying out of such work will not be allowed to interfere with the repatriation of these soldiers to Italy when procedure and shipping for such repatriation is established.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.6-17

5 November 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Italians by Allied Military in South France.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Lt.Col.Campbell. PW&MD S.C.).

1. As requested by telephone (Lt.Col.Campbell - Major Drifffield-White) herewith copy of cable communicating ruling referred to in para 1 of letter G-5: 383.6-17 of 25 October 1944.

2. It is further understood that the Italian Government has signified agreement to employment under conditions specified and subject to overriding Allied supervision being maintained. Please confirm.

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

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W. Drifffield-White
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W. DRIFFFIELD-WHITE,
Major.

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cable Ref # FX 30499 dtd 26 Sept.

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TO FOR ACTION : CG SOS NATOUSA

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Former Italian soldiers and sailors held as Prisoners of War by Germans may not be retained in Southern FRANCE and used as civilian laborers. They will be treated in same status as released military and naval personnel of other cobelligerents and Allied Nations.

Answering COMBASE cable S 1324, 23 Sept.

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AUTH: M G WHITE, MAJ GEN

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Ministry of War

Rome 6 November 1944

File No. 304049/C.A.

To: H.Q. Allied Commission, C.M.F., WMD & IPW Sub-Commission,
Rome.Subject: Employment of Italian soldiers as civilian laborers
in Southern France.

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Reference your WMD/1/14 dated November 5, 1944.

I confirm the verbal agreements set out in the above-
mentioned letter.The Undersecretary of State for War
(General G.B. OXILIA)

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EWS/dfo

A/CC 383.6-1

6 November 1944

Dear Chuck:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, I called on Prime Minister Bonomi on November 3 and put to him the question of transferring additional Italian POW from North Africa to Italy. I told him that I personally had the same objection that I had expressed earlier to such a course, which I hoped might have lead to some discussion requesting a new effort to resolve the POW question. As in the case of the recent transfer of Italian POW to France, however, the Prime Minister did not raise objection to having more POWs come to Italy to perform work for the U.S. Army.

Under the circumstances there appears to be nothing more to be done on our part for the time being.

Sincerely,

EWS

KERRY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Charles M. Spofford, U.S.A.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

cc - Chief of Staff
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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G-5: 383.2-6

4 November 1944

SUBJECT: Proposed visit to Italy of
Giuseppe NITTI and Antonio SECCHI.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. A signal has been received from SHAEP stating that Giuseppe NITTI, the son of the former Italian Prime Minister, and Antonio SECCHI, a former Italian Consular officer have requested permission to go to Rome for the purpose of informing Signor Bonomi "of the critical position of 800,000 Italians living in France who are deprived of all diplomatic and consular protection of their government". The object of the visit to be a discussion of the following:

a. Material assistance to Italian subjects in France on the ground that the Assistance Committee created for that purpose "does not dispose of sufficient funds to fulfill its task".

b. The defence of Italian interests stated to be seriously threatened by the application of official measures based on the inexistence of diplomatic relations between France and Italy.

c. The position of some 25,000 Italian soldiers who are stated to have escaped from German working and concentration camps and are utterly deprived of the means of existence.

d. The education of Italian children who formerly went to schools which are now closed for want of means.

2. It is desired that you will inform this Headquarters of the views of the Italian government on the proposed visit.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACHMAN
Lt. Colonel

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

WMD/1/14/

5 November 1944

To: Under Secretary of War, Ministry of War.
(Att: General Oxilia).

Subject: Employment of Italian soldiers as civilian laborers in Southern France.

- 1/. I would confirm the agreement which we came to this morning concerning the above subject.
- 2/. That there is no objection to Italian soldiers being employed on a voluntary basis as civilian laborers in Southern France - providing that:
 - (a) The work is voluntary.
 - (b) The work comes under Allied control.
 - (c) The acceptance and carrying out of such work will not be allowed to interfere with the repatriation of these soldiers to Italy when procedure and shipping for such repatriation is established.
- 3/. Your immediate acknowledgement to the arrangement as set out above will be appreciated.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:



J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Comm.

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14ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: 383.6-17

25 October 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Italians by Allied Military in So. France. *28 OCT Recd*

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394. ✓

1. It has been ruled that former Italian Soldiers and Sailors held as POW's by Germans may not, after liberation, be used as laborers on the same terms as civilians, but must be treated as released military and naval personnel of Allied Nations.

2. It appears that where other labor has not been available in Southern France some such former Italian soldiers have been employed on a voluntary basis as civilian laborers.

3. Authority has been requested for continuance of this practice during such time as shipping can be made available for the removal of these former Italian soldiers. The personnel concerned are reported as well satisfied with such an arrangement.

4. It is considered that such authority might be granted on condition that the employment would not be allowed to interfere with evacuation to Italy when procedure and shipping for such evacuation is established.

5. It is, however, further considered that authority should not be given without concurrence of the Italian Government in the employment in question.

6. Would you therefore obtain the views and concurrence of the Italian Government to the employment under conditions specified in paras 2 and 4 above.

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

W. DRIFFIELD-WHITE
Major.

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FROM: COMZONA NATCUSA SGT LARKIN

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SECRET. UNVERIFIED STATEMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS, REF YOUR 4064 DATED 29 SEPT 44 INDICATE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES MAY BE IN THIS GROUP: A PRISONERS OF WAR OF GERMANS. B VOLUNTARY AND FORCED LABORERS FOR GERMANS. C MEMBERS OF FFI. D MEMBERS OF UNITS FIGHTING WITH 5 AND 8 ARMIES OR OF PARTISANS CAPTURED AND EMPLOYED AS PRISONERS OF WAR BY GERMANS, AS WELL AS ITALIAN FASCIST FIGHTING WITH GERMANS. SCREENING AGENCY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PREVENT INJUSTICE.

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*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION, A.C.C.

Information has reached the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that the Allied High Command is planning to employ about 30,000 Italian ex-prisoners of war as labour battalions in the rear of first line French units operating in France.

If such an information be correct, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs wish to point out that while Italian troops are ready to do their part in the war against Germany in whatever sector they may be called upon to operate, they could not, without feeling greatly humiliated and abused, be employed exclusively in work and menial tasks which have no connection with war operations except in a very subordinate and extremely indirect way.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs should be very grateful if the A.C.C., would inquire into the matter and give them some assurance accordingly. *EAP*

Rome, September 28th, 1944.

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 FRANCE PARA MAY I BE INFORMED WITH REGARD TO THE POSITION IN VIEW OF THE REQUEST OF
 THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

*Gen. Wilson knows nothing
 about this except the 5000
 Croat - Slovaks from Cassica.*

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L.T. MONTAGUE, JR
 Lt. Col., A.C.C.
 Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS NATCUSA, APO 534, 20 September 1944.

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TO: Commanding General, SOS, NATCUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army.

Request that desired information be furnished direct to ACC, WMD
& IFWSC, and information copy furnished this headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

*R. H. Freese*

R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS, SOS NATCUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army, 26 September 1944.

TO: Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army,
War Materials Disposal and Italian PW Sub Commission.

1. Reference basic letter of 13 September, subject: Italian Prisoners
of War from France, there have been approximately 1,000 Italians received at
PW Camp 326 at Naples from Seventh Army.

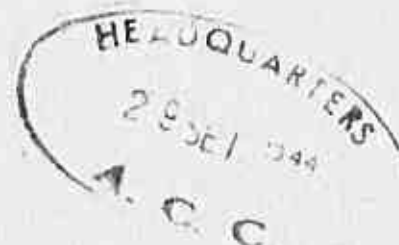
2. This headquarters has submitted a plan to Commanding General,
NATCUSA, by letter of 17 September whereby an Italian interrogation team,
under supervision of G-2, AFHQ, would segregate the Italians at PW Camp 326
according to certain set specifications. It was also recommended that Con-
base dispatch these Italians to PW 326 in groups of 1,000 at two (2) week
intervals.

For the Commanding General:

Vernon W. Rice

VERNON W. RICE,
Colonel, A.G.D., 2003
Adjutant General.

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APO 394, U.S. Army
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IPW/1/14/1

13 September 1944

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

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War from France.

Reference telephone conversation (Lt. Col. Campbell - Barsdorf).

I note that no Italian Prisoners of War have arrived in Naples from France.

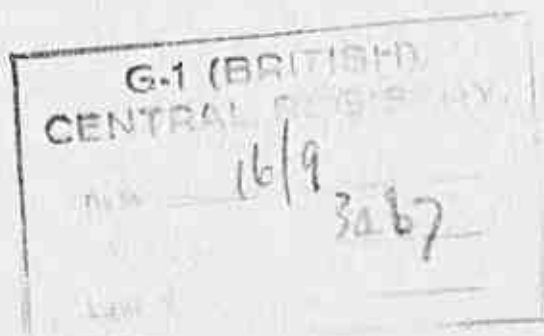
I shall be pleased if you will notify me if and when the return of Italian Prisoners of War from Internment Camps in France to Italy is contemplated, so that I may pass the information to the Italian Government.

I consider it essential that the Italian Government be given notice of such repatriations so that arrangements can be made for the reception.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

J. A. Campbell

J. A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW S.C.



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SUBJECT:- Italian Prisoners of War from FRANCE.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

OR/3167/G1(Br).

20 Sep 44.Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference your IPW/1/14/1 dated 13 Sep 44.
2. The question you raise concerning the evacuation of Italian PW has been referred to G-1(American) this Headquarters, who have been asked to let you have the information you require.

A. S. Barsdorf

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

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Lt.-Colonel
Director WMD & IPW S.C.

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8457SUBJECT:- Italian PW from France.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3467/G1 (Br).10 Sep 44.Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission. (for attn. of Col. Campbell).

1. Reference telephone conversation (Campbell - Barsdorf).
2. It has been ascertained that no Italian PW have arrived in NAPLES from German Internment Camps in FRANCE.

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

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