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I.P.W. FILE 1/10 I. ^{main}Nationals I.P.O.W. in Germany

From Feb 1945 - TO Sept. 1945

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Nationals I.P.O.W. in Germany, France, & Switzerland - Formation of Centers for Reception in Italy

TO Dept. RUS

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Autonomous Office for War Veterans and POW.

No. 411444/RRM

Rome 7 July 1945

TO /Allied Commission War Material And Disposal S/C.

SUBJECT: Military organization in Northern Italy.

I submit to the solution of your S/C the following questions regarding the military organization in Northern Italy for the reception of war veterans.

1°- Liguria Region

It has been sent to Liguria, only one nucleus out of the fighting group which have agreed to establish the Military organization in the camp of Genoa.

But this city is too far away from the frontier and the soldiers coming to Italy by the coast directed in Piemonte West Liguria, cannot be controlled as well as taken care of.

We ask to put our military organization in Bordighera Camp.

2°- Piemonte Region

Also for this Region the Italian Military Authorities have been established only in Turin.

We ask to complete our organizations by establishing military organizations in Cuneo and Novara camps.

3°- Venetian Region

The camp of Treviso where the Italian Military organization is established, is not sufficient to control all the repatriating war veterans, being too far away from the frontier.

It is necessary to complete our organization by inserting a military organization in Padova camp and establishing a lodging center in Udine.

In order to realize what said in para 2-1-3-, we need five nucleus out of fighting group for whose assignment we ask your S/C.

If it is not possible to have the said nucleus, this Ministry can provide with his own means by calling to arms military personnel.

We ask your S/C to give authorization to complete our organization.

(SGD) A. MANFERRINI

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Autonomous Office for War Veterans, and POW.
No. 411139/REGO.

Rome 6 July 1945

TO : War Material Disposal and POW Sub-Commission.

Subject : War Veterans directed to Anzio, Nettuno and Latina .

War Veterans as known, reach their residence travelling by Military trains .

The lack of military trains renders indispensable the employment of civil trains.

We beg your Sub-Commission to authorise every other day gratuitous travelling on all trains leaving from Rome to Anzio, Nettuno and Latina, in order to be able to provide the removal of said war veterans.

The Commanding General
Mannerini.

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Roma, 6 Settembre 1945

Ministero della Guerra
Uff. Aut. Reduci Prigionia di
Guerra o Rimpatriati

Signor Colonnello,

Le trasmetto il qui unito promemoria
concernente le predisposizioni inerenti al
rimpatrio dei nostri prigionieri di guerra,
con allegata carta dalla quale risultano i
porti di sbarco previsti per i reduci appar-
tenenti a ciascuna corrispondente regione.

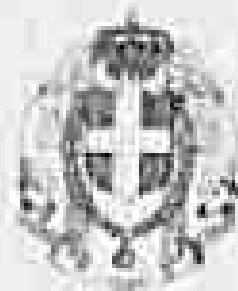
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Al Colonnello REGTS
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ITALIAN P.W. SUB COMMISSION

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Rosa, 27 luglio 1945

Ministero della Guerra

 Uff. Autonomia Reduci Prigionieri
 di Guerra e Rimpatriati

Caro Colonnello,

a seguito della conversazione telefo-
 nica ho accolto i dati relativi al soldato
 ANTONIO ZANZETTI nei cui riguardi la madre
 ha presentato al Comando del Campo di Aver-
 sa i documenti per la discriminazione. -

con molto cordale
saluti
W. Hammer

Al Colonnello

 REGIS JAMES
 WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
 ITALIAN P.W. SUB-COMMISSION
 H O L A

*away from our feet
 of the main point
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Soldato ANTONIO ZANETTI

81/G N° 407890 H (Italian)

US. PWE/326 NAPOLI - AVERSA

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Si soggiunge che il tenente GRASSI, che avrebbe fatto parte ad Arezzo, nell'agosto 1943 dello Stato Maggiore ed il BALO non sono nativi di questo Capoluogo e non sono qui conosciuti. Comunque le indagini continuano e mi riservo il di riferire ul teriamente. "- "- "- "

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

*P. P. P.**Fine*
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SITREP FROM TOSCANA REGION 1 MAY 1945.

Arezzo - Vanguard of refugees returning to their homes after being liberated from the Germans arrived at Arezzo railhead 27 April 1945, total 65. All placed temporarily in Cortona Refugee Camp. Arrangements have been made to return 40 to their homes in Pieve, Santo Stefano, as soon as transport is available.

Grosseto can take 100 at Follonica ^{Camp} ~~camp~~ at 48 hours notice.

Above message received at 1120 hours 4 May 1945 from C.A. Section. x

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TRANSLATIONMemorandum for Col OLIVER

Col. SAVINI says that the Italian Soldiers, Ex-Prisoners of War, of the Germans, arrived at Arezzo up to now are few, about one hundred, but he is aware (according to what these soldiers themselves say) that there are many more in Bologna and Florence.

These soldiers come partly from Northern Italy and partly from Germany.

The (E.C.A.) Communal Assistance Association has up to now supplied these soldiers with food and lodging in barracks at Arezzo, but it will not be possible to lodge more than two hundred of them there.

Col. SAVINI is awaiting instructions from D.F.R. S.C. and is also awaiting to meet Mr. FISHER.

It would be advisable that Gen. MENAPINI should send his Representatives on the site.

18 April 1945

B/2359

Italian Division, SI, MEDTO
Headquarters Detachment
2677th Regiment (Prov)

Country: Occupied Italy

Subject: Social Conditions

Original Report: No=
B/2359

Date of report: 18 Apr. 1945
Evaluation: C=3

Source: Z, Como
Sub Source:

Date of information: March 1945
Place of origin: Occupied Italy
via Bern

Confirmation
Supplement
Correction

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Attachments
Theatre MED-HQ-DCT

RELEASED FROM GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS

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In the provinces of Como and Varese, preparations are being made to receive 10,000 Italians affected by tuberculosis, who were formerly interned in Germany. Other Italian internees have arrived from Germany. They are being billeted in several centers in Lombardy.

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These internees report that all concentration camps in Germany have been opened and internees are allowed to return to Italy by their own means. It is believed that these internees come from Pomerania and Silesia.

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Rome/T/1/777

Civil Censorship Group

Telephone

Date Mailed

Rome Station

5/5/45

from:

(caller - an excellency)

To :

Telephone 496120
R. Segr. Canc. Corona d'Italia
Via Vincenzo 7

Callee - a doctor
Comment
Plight of ex P.O.Ws.

Callee - Excellency, members of the party of Liberation are arriving this morning from the north of Italy. It would be opportune to call a reunion to find out if they need anything. I want to talk to the ENDSI for them to send a column of motor cars to Milan.

Caller - I have received a very bad telegram regarding the conditions of P.O.W. in the Brennero Valley. There are 75,000 prisoners, many sick with T.B. and many very ill.

Callee - Where are they ?

Caller - At the north and south of the Brennero. Something must be done immediately.

Callee - Of course, I will see if it is possible to have this column of motor cars sent in aid of the prisoners.

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DRAFT.

G-5 8th. Army.

1. Please state if Italian Commands have been instructed ~~40~~ in accordance with AFHQ signal FX 72743 dated 10 May 1955 to place teams at the following Refugee Transit Camps :

VARESSA
TREVISO
PADOVA
VERONA
MILANO
TORINO
GENOVA

MODENA
BOLOGNA
FLORENCE
AREZZO
FORLI
ROME
NAPLES

2. The report of non-arrival of these teams causes embarrassment to Italian Government, and is the cause of congestion in camps in Rome, and complicates the position at this HQ and in the Italian War Ministry.

3. Please signal reply, and if teams not already instructed to report, please issue necessary instructions immediately.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RIX/342/158
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 27 1514B

Message Centre No: E/2570
 Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 27 1510B
 Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AMG EMILIA FROM IUSE
 TO: G-5 ARMO FOR ACTION TO ALCON FOR INFO

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Displaced persons in north east ITALY are finding the greatest difficulty in extracting from 8 ARMY or number ONE DISTRICT the Italian military assistance granted under your VI 42728 of 8 May. Grateful if you will give immediate instructions that the requisite numbers be supplied without delay. Failure to do so will ensure breakdown in disposal of displaced persons.

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Info-Action - WPD & IFOW
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Info - Chief Commissioner
 C.I. Section
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Summaries information passed by me to G-5 26/5/45

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ROMAN TRANSLATION
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Presidenza del Consiglio
 dei Ministri

Rome, 12 May, 1945

N. 34568/16237.80/1.1.3

To : Marchese Cittadini Ceal
 Italian Government Liaison Office

Subject : High Commissioner for War Veterans.

With a letter bearing the same date it has been pointed out the necessity that Dr. Ersilio Cusi, Joint High Commissioner for Veterans should be enabled to reach Northern Italy in order to organize the Patriotic Assistance.

However besides this attribution, the High Commissioner must also collaborate with the military authorities for the assistance of those veterans from P.O.T. Camps until they are reemployed in the Armed Forces or in civil life.

To carry out this task, particularly as far as the reception (welcome) and conveyance of prisoners taken from Germany in precarious physical conditions is concerned, the High Commissioner must have at his disposal personnel in the concentration camps, as well as in the conveyance centers, in order to take the necessary measures required by emergency situations and coordinate the work with the similar activity performed by the Refugee Commission.

The personnel charged with this task may refer to Italian and Alliance according to necessity.

We would therefore be very grateful if concerned Italian Authorities could be requested to grant the necessary cooperation to the three offices mentioned here after.

At the same time, we would like to inform you that the Italian Government has decided to grant the necessary cooperation to the three offices mentioned here after.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **FX 80543**
 Date Time of Origin: **MAY 231952**

Message Centre No: **E/2028**
 Date Time Rec'd: **MAY 231905**
 Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FH33G**
 TO: **ALL MAT ADDRESSEES INFO HQ ALCOM AND SHAEF FORWARD**

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(This is MAT 711)

Italian Government has raised question of provision of funds needed for handling Italian PWs and civilian workers in GERMANY and AUSTRIA. As to Italian Ex PWs, DOEL paragraph 3 of TAM 530 exosnd (?). As to civilian workers, we are informing Italian Government that SHAEF policy (NEOS para 35 of SHAEF ADSIN (?) Memo 39) is to regard them with certain exceptions as Ex enemies and to return them to ITALY as soon as practicable meantime normally requiring German authorities to take care of them.

*Spoke with Big G. G. Smith who
 will send it. In a few days
 to the Italian Govt. by the way
 will not be a problem
 new AFHQ trying to handle it
 1/16 The following: Feb 21/51*

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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(96)Originator's Reference: 4348
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 22 1803ZMessage Centre No: 1019
Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 22 2015Z
Precedence: PRIORITYFROM: AMB 5 ARMY G-5 STONE REGIM OF W CTS 177
TO: HQ ARMY FOR MAP AND INFO SO FOR VANDERBILT

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G-1 operations & ARMY claims he did not see any of previous cables regarding questioning teams of Italian Army personnel for IFW. No requests more information on subject from your office. No transportation available at 5 ARMY for 2 Italian officers from 1st Army from Rome, at this time. Brigadier UPJOUR taking over from G-5 2nd Army. Will contact. G-5 ARMY claims movement of IFW in TRIESTE, PADOVA area is practically nil and will continue to be so as there are no IFW in area controlled by them. Your teams secured from G-5 2nd Army. G-5 ARMY is not prepared to use teams at this time. Administrative details, command of camp, etc. not clear. Request detailed information be furnished him by cable. We will call for teams when wanted. G-5 will not release transportation from captured enemy material at this time. G-5 will keep after him. I am going on to FLIN and TRIN. Visit commissioners and camps for site our 177.

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AFHQ, SIGNED SACRED CITE THREE

ALCOM ROME

22 MAY 1945

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Message received here from International Red Cross ROME today states GENEVA Committee says more than one million POW and Italian workers emigrating from GERMANY to ITALY over BREITENBURG. large numbers of them are ill and infected. Message goes on to state Swiss Army proposes immediate establishment sanitary cordon between Lake GARDA and Adriatic to avoid spreading of illness. Cordon to be formed by sanitary units Swiss Army and composed of 80 doctors and 150 soldiers. All details stated already established between Swiss Army, local American authorities, local Civil Italian authorities, local Red Cross and CIAS. Message request this HQ back proposal and states local American military authorities making parallel request.

No knowledge here of proposal. Reference conversation with BOEHM-CARTER request your comments and suggest you contact SALIS INCC ROME to obtain clarification.

Separate request in 8 May letter from International Red Cross ROME asks for permission to send physician-delegate of INC from SWITZERLAND to BOLZANO with medical supplies for Italian Ex-soldiers and civilian internees returning ITALY over ALPS.

Request clarification this request also.

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ALCOM ROME

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From / AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGCT
TO : 8 ARMY
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15 ARMY GROUP
REAR EIGHTH ARMY
WESTMOVES
EASTMOVES.

REF : EX 82106

FOR 8 ARMY (.) FOLLOWING UNITS WILL MOVE SOONEST UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN ARMY DISTONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH
EASTMOVES (.) THEY ARE 29 ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITAL FROM
CATPOLICA TO VENICE (.) 519 ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITAL
FROM RICCIONE TO MILAN (.) ABOVE UNITS TO UNDER
OPERATIONAL COMMAND ALCOM LOCAL ADMINISTRATION 8
ARMY DISTWO RESPECTIVELY (.)

FOR 5 ARMY (.) FOLLOWING UNITS WILL MOVE SOONEST UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS 5 ARMY AND DISTWO (.)

470 AND 522 ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITAL FROM PRESENT LOCATION
TO TURIN AND GENOA RESPECTIVELY (.) REGULAR OFFICERS
AND 1 PLATOON MAC WILL MOVE TURIN AND 1 PLATOON MAC TO

GENOA (.) ABOVE UNITS TO UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND

ALCOM LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DISTWO (.) UPON REACHING
DESTINATION ABOVE UNITS WILL CONTACT LOCAL A M G
AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: War Ministry

REF: 1/2241/San.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 17 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriates from Germany.

We have already submitted many times to M.M.I.A. the serious problem of the repatriation of ex Italian P.O.W.s and civilians interned in Germany.

From information received it appears that masses (hundreds of thousands) of ex-prisoners are coming back, especially through the Brenner pass, and from there to Verona, Milan, and Florence, without adequate arrangements being made for the reception and registration of repatriated persons, their sorting out, their hygienic-prophylactic treatment, and for the admittance to hospital and cure of the sick, etc. It is obvious that the unexpected collapse of German resistance has provoked an emergency situation such as to impede the putting into effect on the plan which was laid down.

The influx of crowds of ex-P.O.W.s who are not subjected to the necessary hygienic-prophylactic measures constitutes, beyond doubt, an appreciable danger both to the Italian Army and to the Allied Armies and civilian population.

According to information, centres of typhus infection exist in central-eastern Europe and there is therefore the danger of the spreading of the epidemic in Italy.

Furthermore there is a large proportion of tuberculosis cases among those being repatriated and the grave risk in their restitution to civilian life without previous check and treatment, is obvious.

In addition to all this there is a series of administrative and medico-legal measures which make it essential that a personal record card is made out for each ex-P.O.W. and that the ex-P.O.W. invalids are separated from civilian internee invalids, etc., etc.

The writer is fully conscious of the serious responsibilities that fall upon our Government in this field.

We have already notified M.M.I.A. of the possibility and advisability of making use of the equipment and personnel of the

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Italian Military Medical Services to assist in the solving of the hygienic-medical ~~problems~~ and hospital problems connected with the repatriation of the ex-P.O.W.s.

For the hygienic-prophylactic part we forward a list of the aid stations which existed along the Northern frontier before September 1943.

We have, moreover, already forwarded to M.M.I.A. the possibility of the use of the 36th. Disinfestation Section whose stores (about 5 tons) are at Florence, and whose personnel are at Rome, ready for employment. It is as well to bear in mind that the said Section could be split into various units and used in the areas of Verona and Valle dell'Adige, in such a way as to ensure the well-being of ex-P.O.W.s. Under those circumstances it would be reinforced with the Giannolli stoves and mobile baths which are ~~in firm~~ at present being prepared by the firms of Manieri and Achille.

In respect of the hospitalisation of the invalids, the point of view of the writer is already clearly expressed in letters 1/2079/San. of 9.5.45, and 6500 of 14.3.45, the latter of the Italian Red Cross, addressed to M.M.I.A.

The above is specified in that the writer considers it indispensable to give all possible assistance to the solution of this most serious problem, in accordance with all units concerned. Furthermore the urgency is such as not to permit of further delays. We are convinced that the A.M.C. of Northern Italy will give the matter the urgent attention that it needs, and use in the best possible manner the available means offered by the writer, permitting the representatives of this Ministry to carry out their work with adequate authority and independence.

Sgd. CALDAROLA

Gen.

O. Danin Cpl. *G*

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TRANSLATION

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The aid and quarantine stations can be considered as being medical formations forming an obligatory filter for all persons entering the country.

Said stations were structurally completed in the winter of 1943 at the time of the return of the 8th. Army from the Eastern front.

Disinfestation Stations: are formed of a series of premises laid out in such a manner that troops pass through them "one way only". Taking them in order they are planned as follows: entrance - room for withdrawal of documents and registration of person undergoing disinfestation - dressing room - M.I. room - barbers shop - baths and showers - disinfestation stove department - room for the withdrawal of effects and redressing.

Quarantine Stations: are similar to ordinary barracks and are formed of a series of wooden barracks subdivided as follows: guard room - camp H.Q. - N.C.O.s dormitory - O.R.s dormitory - meeting room - N.C.O.s mess - dining room - kitchen - latrines - M.I. room - sick bay - isolation ward.

The quarantine stations for officers are, as a rule, set up in hotels or suitable premises.

Of the disinfestation and quarantine stations shown on the enclosed sketch, those of Vipiteno, Osoppo, Udine, and Tarvisio, are the most important.

In order to give some idea we would inform you that the main stations of Vipiteno and Osoppo have a capacity of over 2000 each.

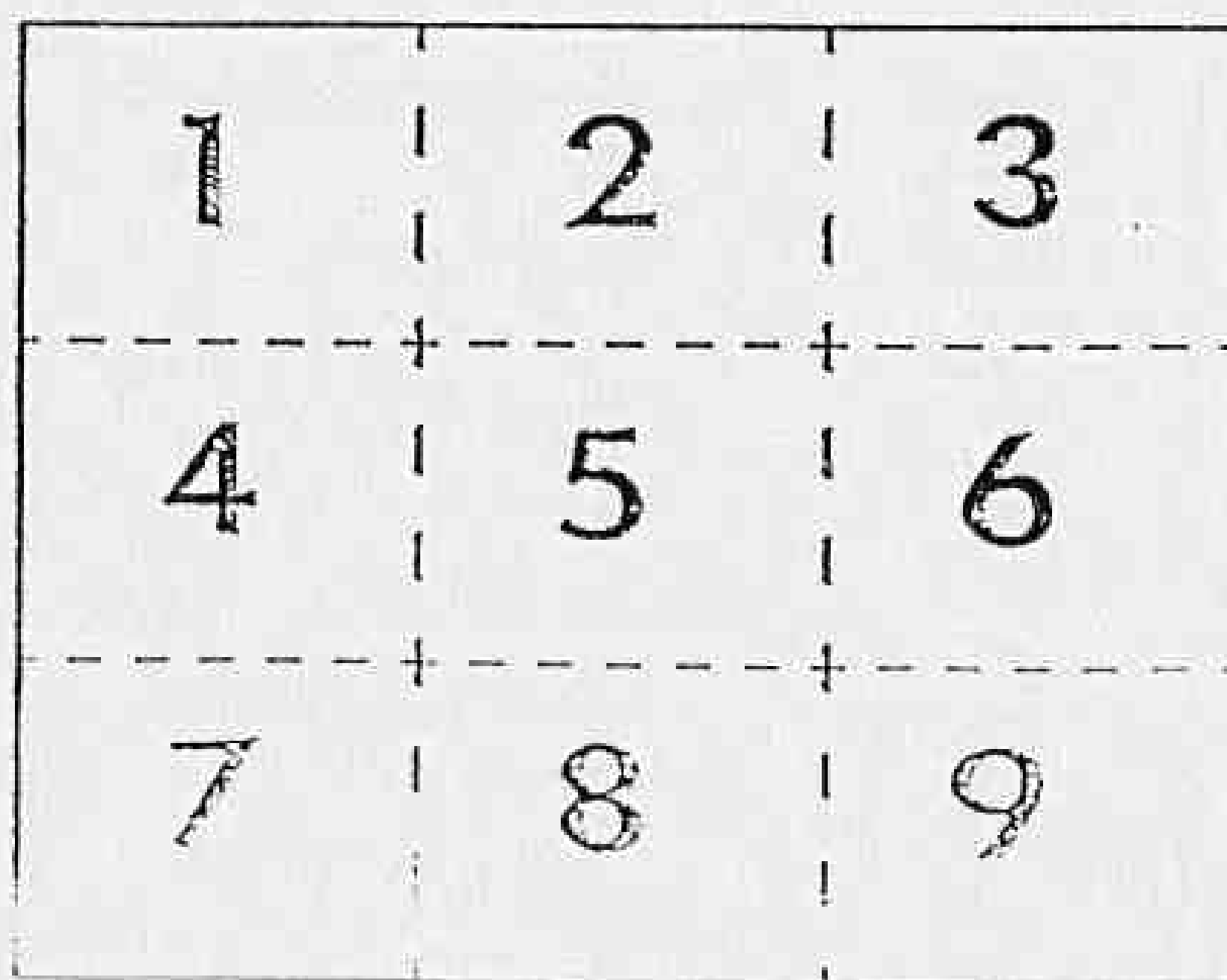
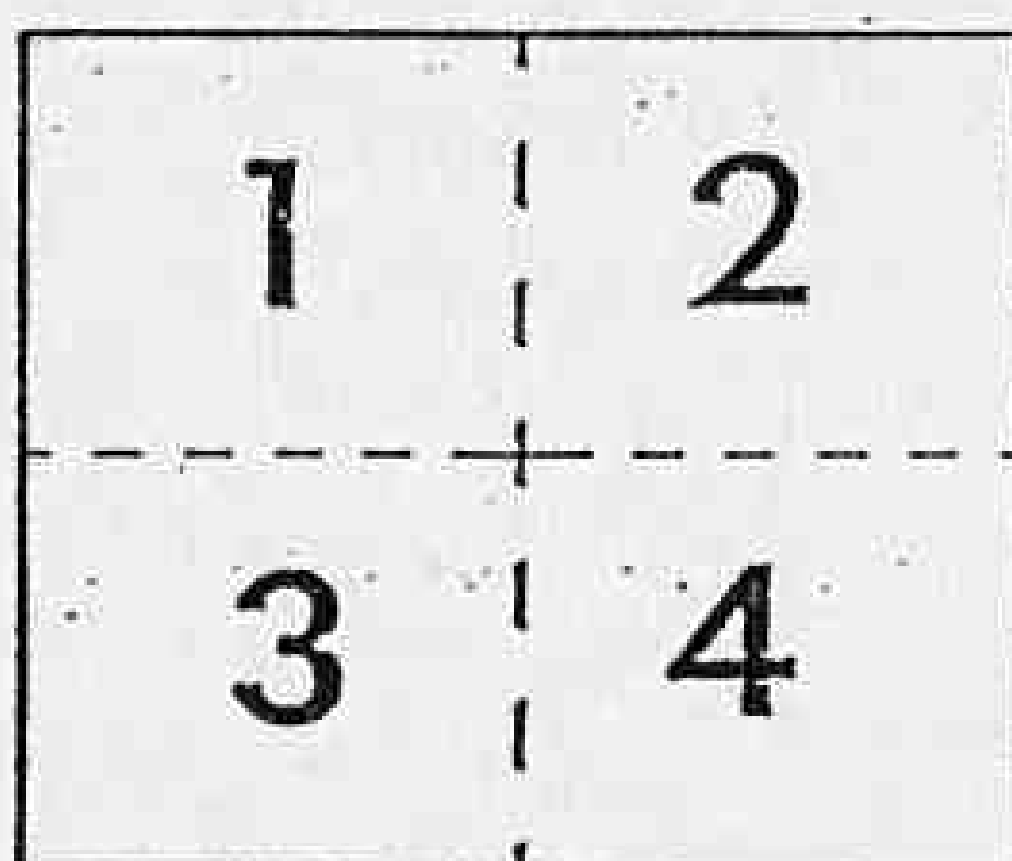
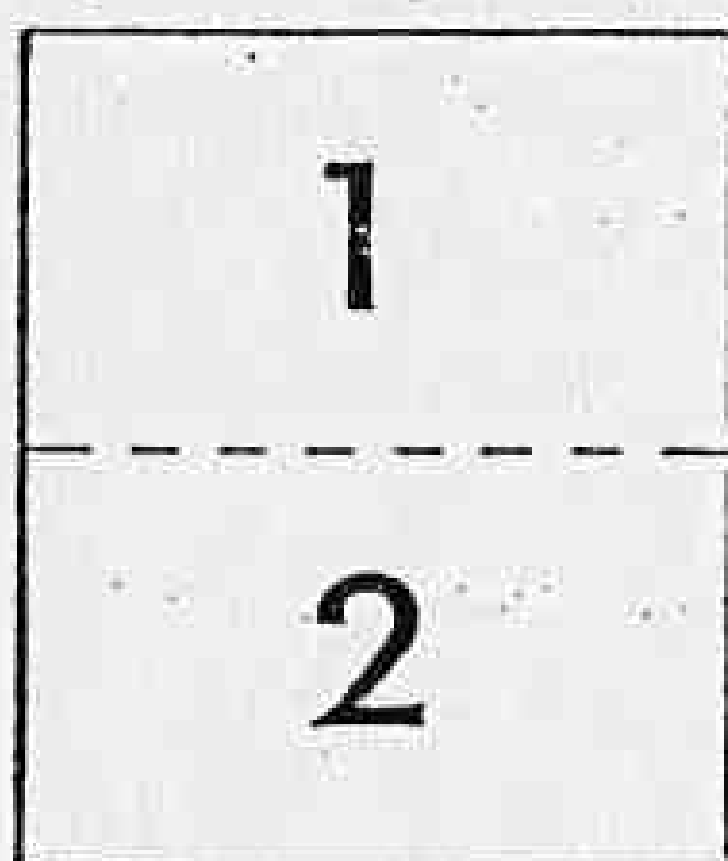
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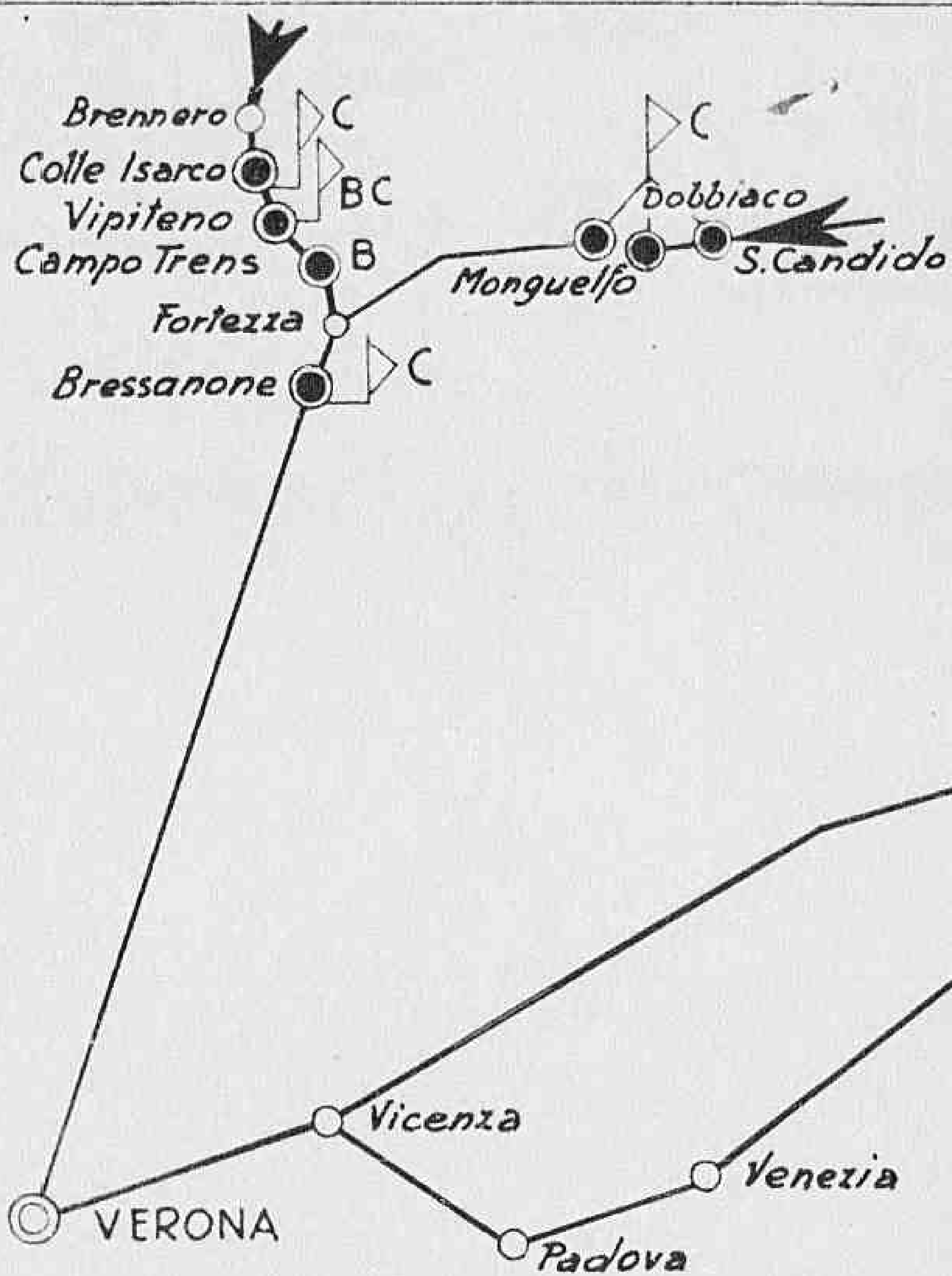
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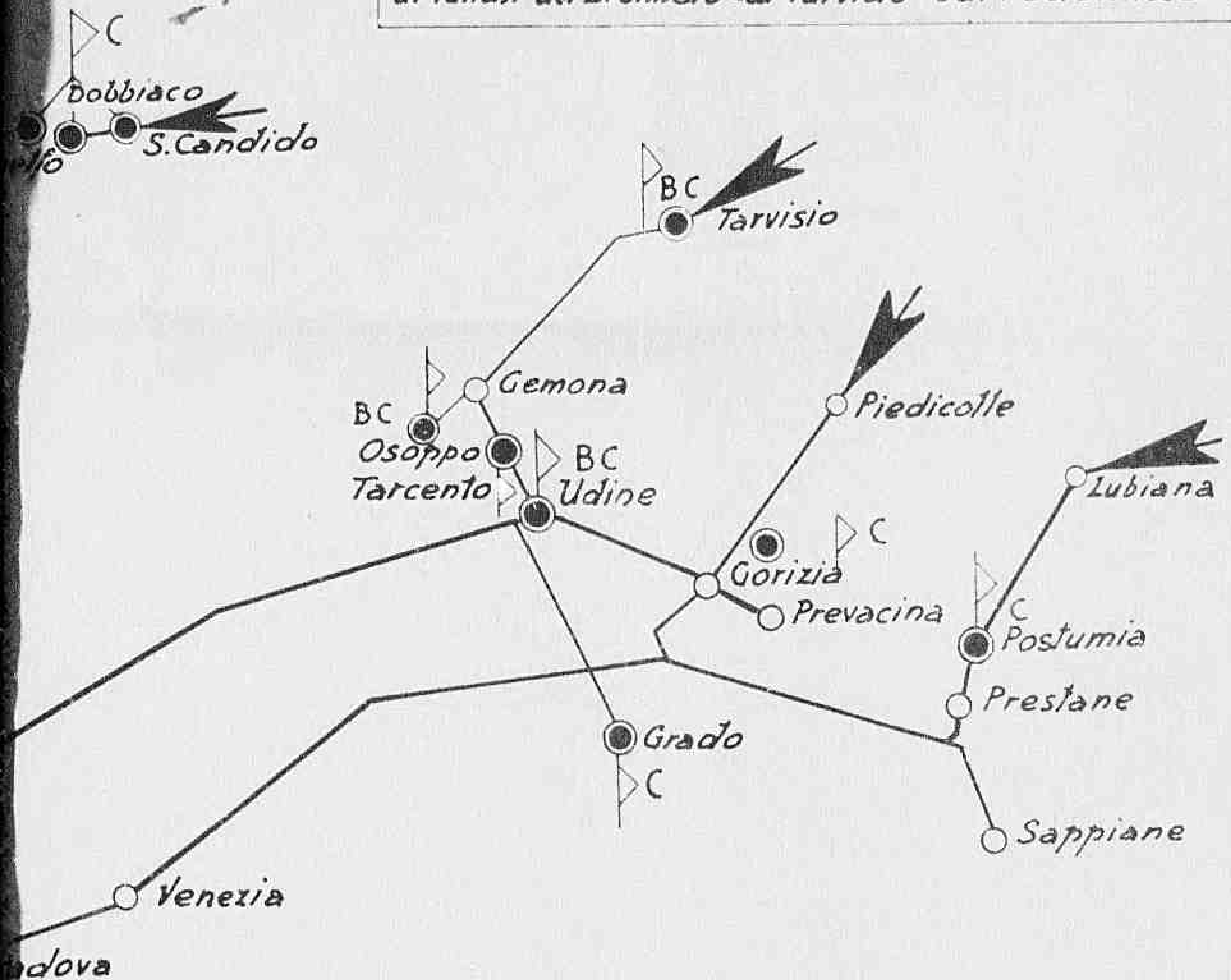
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Allegato N° 4



*Prevedibili stazioni di bonifica e campi di contumacia
ai Valichi del Brennero - di Tarvisio - e di Postumia.*



LEGENDA

-  B.C. Stazioni di Bonifica e Contumacia
-  " " Contumacia

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Reference your SB 2695 of 18 May 1945, loan of 36
Italian Hygiene Section for approx 3 weeks agreed. Your 7779
of 16 May 1945 refers. Arrange direct with MIA.

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Action - Land Forces SC ?
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
WHD & IPV SC
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*Ing. Fortridge says no further action
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: SD 2595

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 12 1815Z

Message Centre No: E/1319

Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 18 1810Z

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: MMIA

TO: AFHQ FOR G 3 REG INFO ALCON SITE ACWED, ACPR. ACPRH

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Ref ALCON 7775 of 17. ^{attached} This Hyg Sec is Iti-Iti unit carried in CAT 1(c) Italians own edn. Unit is earmarked for Att to GENOA and MILAN TERR HQS. In meanwhile however 1 of W could spare on loan for approx 3 weeks to do disinfection of returning ex PWs in ROME at disposal W.D. and IPW Sub Com ALCON. Please say if you agree when MMIA will arrange details locally with ALCON.

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Action - W.D.

Info - A/President

Chief Commissioner

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AFHQ G-3 (ORCA)

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16 May 1945

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PARA ONE PD MAY NUMBER THREE SIX ITALIAN HYGIENE SECTION PD
PAREN TO AFHQ GEORGE DASH THREE ORG FOR BARNES FROM KLOON CITE AOWND PAREN
 BE PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF WMD AND IPW SUB COMMISSION TO DISINFEST
 RETURNING EX ITALIAN PW PD

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INFO:- LAND FORCES S/C (MMIA)

D.P.&R. S/C.

PUB HLTH. S/C.

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INFO:- LAND FORCES S/O (MMA)

D.P.&R. S/O.

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WMD & IPOW SUB COM
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Nicholas Piombino
S/O, U.S.A.
Asst., Adjutant 2207

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AFTER INFO 15 ARMY GP. ALLIED COMMISSION. MEDIA, MAIN ARMY

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Your EX 75594 of 14.

429 and 519 Italian PD hosps located at CATOLICA and RICCIONE respectively are available forthwith for release to you. These hosps nominated in this HQ sig SD 2177 of 17 to pass from under comd with MANTOVA TRIULI and VOLGONE combat gps. Presume required for same purpose of moving with gps.

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INFO-ACTION: Land Forces 2
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

IMMEDIATELETTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

18 May 1945

Tele : 478704

297/47/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Movement of RefugeesTO : Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission
War Materials Disposal & Italian P.W. Sub-Commission

1. The question of Movement of Refugees and Displaced Persons was raised and discussed at the Meeting of Allied Railway Board Italy, held at Headquarters M.R.S. on 17 May '45.

2. DQMG (Mov & Trn) made it quite clear it could not be expected that the Railways would be able to cope with entire problem. Road and Sea will be used when transportation by these means is available, but even so it is doubtful whether these three means will be able to lift the number of people it is estimated may have to move.

3. DQMG (Mov & Trn), who has recently returned from SHAFF, spoke of the problem in Northern Europe where it is already known they have 7/8,000,000 displaced persons for movement. Camps are being established 10/15 miles apart and displaced persons are to be marched in organized bodies from Camp to Camp daily.

4. Allied forces continue to make heavy demands on transportation capacity in Italy and the movement of displaced persons can only be considered in conjunction with the over-all Military programme. It is of urgent necessity that an estimate be given of the total number of displaced persons there will be for movement. Camps in the forward areas must be sufficiently large to cope with the influx from the North and movement from these Camps must be strictly controlled. Consideration should also be given to the question of roadside camps and organized marches.

5. In order that this sub-commission may study the problem and arrive at

3. DGM (Nov & Tu), who has recently returned from SHAKE, spoke of the problem in Northern Europe where it is already known they have 7/8,000,000 displaced persons for movement. Camps are being established 10/15 miles apart and displaced persons are to be marched in organized bodies from Camp to Camp daily.
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5. In order that this Sub-Commission may study the problem and agree an over-all programme with A.F.H.Q., it is requested earliest possible information be given of estimated total number for movement, showing main areas from which the moves will commence and main areas to which the moves will be made.
6. It is requested that one set of figures be submitted for both Refugees and Italian P.W. personnel.

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*W. S. Taylor*MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director.

COPY to: Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
Civil Affairs Section
G-5 A.F.H.Q.
G-4 (Nov & Tu) A.F.H.Q.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Copy No 10 07

Message Centre No: E/1269
Date Time Recd: MAY 181640B
Precedence: PRIORITY

Originator's Reference: FX 77553
Date Time of Origin: MAY 181246B

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGEC
TO: ACTION MILITARY GOV STAFF AUSTRIA INFO MAIN 8TH ARMY: ALCOM ROME

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Reur M 1015 of 17 May 45.

Appreciate gravity of position and grateful for information but consider unlikely can accept further refugees ITALY. Food can be made available when transportation possible. Phased requirements should be bid 1 8th Army and by latter on AFHQ copy ALCOM from whose stocks food will be borrowed.

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(F)IP4/1/16/6118 May 1945

SUBJECT: Formation of Lodging Centres in North Italy.

TO : Lieut.-Col. James B. Regis.

1. To proceed to 5th. Army HQ, and contact G-5 (Col. Sutherland.)
2. Request that instructions be issued to Italian Military Command to provide 4 groups as under for Italian PW Transit Centres at VARESE, VERONA, MILANO, and TORINO.

11 Officers divided as follows:

- 1 Commanding Officer (Col. or Lieut.-Col.)
- 1 Assistant Adjutant (Major or Capt.)
- 2 Officers, Orderly Room (1 Capt. - 1 Subaltern.)
- 2 " Administration (1 Capt. - 1 Subaltern.)
- 5 Officers, Organisation of Units.

15 Non-Coms. divided as follows :

- 2 at the Command.
- 4 at the Orderly Room.
- 4 at the Administration.
- 5 Organisation of Units.

40 Soldiers divided as follows :

- 15 Clerks.
- 25 Organisation of Units.

3. Request Col. Sutherland, G-5's assistance to get G-4 of 5th. Army to allot, from one of the Captured Enemy Dumps, a vehicle on loan to each Camp - collection to be arranged by you.

4. Similar procedure to be carried out with G-5 at 8th. Army HQ, for the Camps at TREVISO and PADOVA.

5. If possible, contact Executive Officers of Regions concerned, with a view to getting ~~their~~ ^{the} ~~views~~ ^{views}, giving any helpful advice and noting all points that require action on our part.

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6. Six Italian Officers will proceed by air with you, and should be left at the towns nearest the Camps to which they are assigned.

7. Copies of AFHQ authority for release of Italian Military personnel for duties at IPW Transit Centres are attached. ~~34, 35,~~ 447

8. You will report, with the Italian Officers, to the Despatch Office, HQ, Allied Commission at 0820 hours, 19 May 1945.

SGT J. A. CAMPBELL

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

Contract Instruments at 5 & 8 Avenue
re left of personnel from town to
South railheads

C O P Y

INCOMING MESSAGE
Headquarters Allied Commission

Originator's reference: FX72728
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 0820128

Message Centre No: E/110
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 1007008
Precedence: IMPORTANT

From: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGOT

To : Action 15 Army GP 8 Army 5 ARMY ALCOM DISTONE DISTWO INFO DISTTHREE
PENBASE MMIA

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1. ALLIED COMMISSION already experiencing great difficulties in dealing with Italian (?) ex POW. Refugees and displaced persons in North ITALY and must face much larger numbers in immediate future. Italian Military assistance has been requested and granted up to a ceiling of 4500 Italian Military Personnel from combat formations and units.
2. Armies Districts and Base Section are directed to make available to ALLIED COMMISSION Italian Army combat units with their commands as may be required to undertake the increased as it develops.
3. Such Units will be on temporary attachment only until the commitment has decreased and can be undertaken by the ALLIED COMMISSION normal displaced persons organisations. ALLIED COMMISSION are authorised to deal direct with all commands in this Theatre in this matter.
4. ALLIED COMMISSION will ensure that demands placed do not exceed the 4500 ceiling authorised.
5. ALCOM 7115 of 6 May refers.

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AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED CITE FHGOT

15 ARMY GP, 8 ARMY, 5 ARMY, ALCOM, 1 DISTRICT, 2 DISTRICT INFO 3 DISTRICT,
MIA PERBASE

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1. Problem of Italian ex PW, refugees and displaced persons in North ITALY even greater than ALCOM previously anticipated.
2. Further Italian Military Assistance has been granted and ceiling of 4500 Italian Military Personnel from combat formations under your control and units authorized in our PX 72728 of 8 raised to 6000.
3. Conditions for 6000 ceiling will be identical to those contained in previous cable.

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Rear 7115 cite AOCIB.

1. Principle of employing Italian Military Personnel for POW refugee and displaced persons work approved see FX72721 rptd you.
2. Question of provision additional Italian Military Personnel for mine clearance not yet approved.
3. Request you submit for information plan giving location camps and centres with estimate Military staff required in each case and allocation of personnel made.
4. Request you note following sub para.
 - a. Liaison officers Allied and Italian will be required from or through you to advise 15 ARMY GP and Districts and Base Sections as to work to be undertaken and to carry out supervising thereof.
 - b. Arrangements must be made for personnel ex Republican Italian Army to be kept in custody and not released without Allied permission.
 - c. Security screening will be carried out by Italian Personnel subject overall Allied supervision and personnel will be subject Allied interrogation as deemed necessary.
 - d. Rations for those classified as displaced persons will remain your responsibility.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: ▲ 1075
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 17/1234BMessage Centre No: E/1125
Date/Time Recd: MAY 17/1400B
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: MMIA

TO: ACTION: "F" BLU INFO: AFHQ, MINISTRY OF WAR, CG RAAC, AICOM FOR IPW SC

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INFO-ACTION

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AFHQ signal FX 740870 of 12 May authorizes employment of Italian Combat troops with AC IPW Sub Com for administration of Italian ex prisoner of war camps. A request has been received for approximately 130 troops for duty in ROME and will be met as follows. The Commanding Officer Reinforcement TRG Depot at CESANO will detail today 2 companies each of 11 officers 15 NCO's and 40 men with an additional commanding officer and adjutant in charge of the 2 companies. Total 134 all ranks to report to representative of General MANNERINI at CASERNA BIANCA VIA NOMENTANA ROME at 2000 hours today 17 May. Equipment personal kit blankets and cooking utensils will be taken, no arms or ammunition except for a small guard for each company. Rations for 18 and 19 May to be brought. Subsequent rations will be drawn from ROME Depot as directed by General MANNERINI. Mattresses will be provided at barracks. Essential best types are selected for this duty including as many clerks and administrators as possible. Probable duration 2 months during which release may be effected by mutual arrangements

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TO AND THROUGH: RUSSIA

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

FM: RUSSIA

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Sitrep TOSCANO REGION area under Regional control May V.

1 B F FLORENCE signs of apprehension amongst non-communists particularly aristocracy at measure of Province shortly being taken over by the Italian Government and departure of allies. PIRA Communists still active. Other parties indulge in very little activity. All parties joined in VE Day celebrations. LIVEDO 8,000 people attended Victory celebration. Officials of AGO and civil government present. Very orderly. Allied nations congratulated and people very happy over Victory. Communist tendency seems strongest. LIVEDO anticipate reactions when Province handed back to Italian Government control due to a number of causes principally left wing agitators who are hard at work. PISTOL main party seems to be Christian Democrat. F & F LIVEDO steps being taken to supply isolated communes. 3 B F LIVEDO fishing decreased due to no gasoline for boats. 1 B F FLORENCE 31 of the 63 prisoners who escaped from FLORENCE jail have been recaptured. Search continues for remainder. Pass situation satisfactory (unsatisfactory?). PIRA girl murdered by negro soldier in area of SAN GILLIO. Investigation proceeding. LIVEDO Italian courts now working well. Refascistization proceeding and comprehensive reports are due soon. LIVEDO employees of CIRIO CIVILE threatening strike for higher wages. 5 B F FLORENCE typhoid epidemic at PISTOL almost finished. LIVEDO 18 cases typhoid reported on 11/1. Population 12,197 area instructed to sterilize water. Capt KELLEY investigated living conditions and

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found them to be appalling. Best remedy would be complete cleanup and new sewage system. LUNA on epidemic reports yet from northern Commune. 6 B F down to rock bottom. 7 B F FLORENCE has caused some anxiety but UN AG representatives have visited and assumed responsibility. Situation re repatriated Italian prisoners of war has caused some problems biggest of which is transportation. Transit camp for 2,000 organized in FLORENCE. Also 350 bed hospital for emergency cases. Most ex prisoners of war arrive piece meal en route for the south. Transportation being sought from military units and also by rail. Situation otherwise under control. LIVORNO 2,000 handled 12 May. 13 May expected 6,000. Procedure to feed and transport them, south. Usually remain only 6 hours in LIVORNO. Can handle about 6,000 per day using present railway transportation. Capt BATTY negotiating with Navy for use of ships. If successful capacity will be greatly increased. 8 B F FLORENCE slight downward trend probably due to exodus of troops. LUNA rises call for increased pay. FLORENCE prices low and control good. 9 F LUNA unemployed number 4,000. Mines lifted to 20 April 72.6%. Only 1 casualty. Civilian situation poor. FLORENCE overall administration good.

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AGENCY: Executive Commissioner 2
INFO: A/President
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FROM MAIN S ARMY FROM MIL GOVT STAFF (AUSTRIA)

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TO FREEDOM FOR C-5 SECTION (FOR ACTION)

RE ALIAS FOR AGRIC. PAKA FOR VENEZIA REGION AND FOR REG COMM (FOR INFORMATION)

Ref. No. H.1015.

TOPSEC.

FIRST. PRESENT AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE COMMITMENTS WILL PROBABLY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE ARMY UNDERTAKE ANY FURTHER CIVILIAN SUPPLIES FOR PROVINCES IN N.E. ITALY. THIS PARTICULARLY REFERS TO UDINE PROVINCE. IT FOLLOWS THEREFORE ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR VENEZIA REGION WILL HAVE TO BE MET BY LOCAL TRANSPORT AND ANY TRANSPORT THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE BY ALLIED COMMISSIONS WORK.

SECOND. AUSTRIAN FOOD SITUATION REGARDING AVAILABILITIES IN PRESENT BRITISH OCCUPIED ZONE IS ALREADY SERIOUS. BY SITREP OF 14 MAY REFERS REPORTS FROM MY LIAISON OFFICER WHO HAS CONTACTED AMERICAN FORCES ARE THAT SUPPLY POSITION THEIR AREA NO BETTER IF NOT WORSE. HAVE NO EXACT INFORMATION ON RUSSIAN ARMY BUT CANNOT COUNT ON ANY ALLEVIATION FROM THAT QUARTER. RATHER AUSTRIA IS BRING OUT MINIMUM TO SUPPORT EXISTENCE. IMPROPERABLE ARE REMOVAL OF EXISTING FOOD BY JUGOSLAVS IN COUNTRYSIDE OVER WHICH IMPOSSIBLE AT PRESENT KEEP CONTROL AND INFILX REMOVED.

THIRD. PRESENT POSITION REFUGES AS FAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED AS FOLLOWS. MIXED NATIONALITIES UP TO 25000. ^{POSSIBILITY} ~~IMPROVABLE~~ COMING IN FURTHER. AUST TITO SLOVENS 65000 TOTAL 90000. ~~IMPROVABLE~~ ^{POSSIBILITY} ARRIVAL. CROATS CIVILIANS 200000. WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FEED THESE NUMBERS IN AUSTRIA THEREFORE MAY BE FORCED EVACUATE TO ITALY WHERE FOOD AVAILABLE OR CAN BE BROUGHT IN. ALTERNATIVE FORCE BACK OR HAND OVER TO JUGOSLAVIA. AUST TITO SLOVENS WHERE STANDING IS UN CLEAR. BY SITREP OF 14 MAY REFERS FURTHER. ITALY THEREFORE MAY BE FACED TAKING 130000 REFUGES WITH POSSIBILITY 200000 ADDITIONAL.

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Croce Rosso Italiana

Comitato Centrale

May 15th

13062/G

TO THE ALLIED COMMISSION

ROME

SUBJECT: I.R.C. Delegations Abroad to Assist Former Internees
in Enemy Hands.

With reference to the request made by the Presidenza del Consiglio, that the Allied authorities authorize the Italian Red Cross to send delegations into the countries where thousands of former military or civilian internees in enemy hands are in urgent need of assistance, I have the honour to submit the following explanations and names with a view to facilitating the practical enforcement of the scheme.

The tasks of the intended I.R.C. Delegations in the countries specified below, can be summed up as follows :

I - To cooperate towards the assistance that the Allied authorities on the spot will no doubt afford to the refugees in question; to encourage the distribution of food and relief and to assist in its distribution.

II - The number of the refugees to be handled is very considerable and it includes the following categories :

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forced labour
former POW

The necessity therefore arises to set up an agency for :

a) the immediate tracing of the whereabouts of missing personnel of any of the above categories;

b) the establishing of an effective liaison with the authorities of occupation;

c) the card-indexing and registering of refugees;

d) the setting up of a regular mail service between the refugees awaiting repatriation and their families, as well as an enquiry bureau on behalf of the families.

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III - To carry out the responsibilities specified above, each delegation will recruit on the spot suitable personnel in limited numbers from amongst the refugees themselves.

It should be noted that all the tasks mentioned above, provided for under articles 75 and 77 of the Geneva POW Convention of 27 July 1929, have been entrusted by the Italian Government to the Italian Red Cross.

The IHC Delegations for which authority is now asked to operate in the countries where the problem arises, would be made up as follows :

To Poland and Russia :	Count Eugenio Jaccazzino.
To Yugoslavia :	Col. Dr. Giovanni Perilli.
To Germany :	Dr. Ing. Ricci del Riccio.
To Austria :	Avv. Enrico Vitale.
To France :	Avv. Brocchi,
	Avv. Manotti Gervini,

Reg. Angiolino Masella Della Seta.

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In respect of some of the delegates mentioned above - as for instance, in the case of Mr. Brocchi who is desired to go to Paris as assistant to the IRC Delegate already there - an application for authority to go abroad has already been filed through the Italian Foreign Office.

(Umberto Zanotti E.2143

President General IRC.

Umberto Zanotti - Milano

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 51
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 15/0930B

Message Centre No: E/723 196
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 15/2150B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ANGOT LIGURIA REGION SIGNED HELPS
TO: HQ ALCOM CITE: POWAD

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Reference your 7428 (?) of 12 May. Number Italian ex POW in area not at present available. Soon as refugee centres function such info be available. All info furnished will be based solely on statement made by refugee and will of necessity be unverified

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ACTION : WMD & IPW SC

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Memorandum for the Allied Commission

Major Partridge, representing the Allied Authorities at the meeting that took place on May 12th. 1945. at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, requested the Italian Government to state the assistance, that said Government is disposed to give, to all Italians in the category of P.O.W., Civilian internees and displaced persons abroad.

It is to be noted that this request has been repeatedly formed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the High Commission for P.O.W. and renewed to the Council of Ministers, who are the interpreters of the anxiety of a great part of the Italian people.

A memorandum on this matter, was presented some days ago, following a meeting of the Executive Commissioner and representatives of the Prime Minister and of the treasury Department.

Relative to what has already been expressed, we take the opportunity to put in evidence the fact that it would be opportune, in order to aid our compatriots directly, to have permission to send abroad representatives of the Italian Red Cross.

The representatives would go immediately to those countries where our prisoners are living under very trying material conditions, which is a source of great preoccupation.

The Italian Government is well aware of the human and legal treatment given by the Allied Powers to our P.O.W. and in this knowledge, the Italian people have no reason to ask for a personal control of those compatriots who are in Allied territories and no reason to intervene, except to hope that soon they will be repatriated.

But it cannot but appear legitimate the desire, to help the situation of those prisoners who are really in a deplorable condition in other countries, from a human standpoint and this is a question of national dignity that forces us to action in helping them.

Regarding our compatriots that due to the fortunes of war, are in Yugoslavia. They are in a very bad physical condition due to the privations they have suffered, they have no medicines, insufficient food, no assistance or protection.

The Italian Government confiding in the sense of justice of the Allies, is counting on their help with the Yugoslav Government to obtain permission to send a delegation of the Red Cross to that country. It is to be noted that a direct request from the Italian Government to the Yugoslavs cannot be made as we have no diplomatic representative in that country.

The Italian Government cannot but be very much preoccupied above the situation of our compatriots in German territory; even in the knowledge of the fact, that everything will be done for them by the Allied organization, as is being done for the ex-internees of all other nations, the government still insists in the request to send in German territories occupied by the Anglo-American troops, delegates from the Italian Red Cross, with the object of helping in the work of assistance, that is now being preformed by the Allied Military Authorities.

In particular for that which regards the Austrian territory, we would like to make a special request to the Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean, Marshal Alexander, to give permission to send immediately a representative of the Italian Red Cross to Geringia to co-operate in the assistance of many military and civilian personnel who are arriving ~~at~~ that place from all over Austria.

Another problem which is very urgent is the reception of War Veterans. The Italian Government is very grateful to the Allied Authorities for their organization of this very delicate mission. .

In the necessity to proceed with order for the effectuation of all the activities mentioned above, this presidency thinks it opportune to call a conference of the organizations and interested parties of the regions and Provinces.

This conference will take place at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers on the 15th of May at 5:30 o'clock, the intervention of a representative of the Allied Commission would be greatly appreciated.

/s/ The Secretary of the Presidential Office
of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Fiori

CONFIDENTIAL

(53a)

SUBJECT: Formation of A.C. Units
 Cat 5(A) ITI-YTI

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMA)

SD/43/2
 (Ser. 128)

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May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

MMA SERIAL 147 - 1 ITALIAN P.W. COLLECTION PL.

1. The above mentioned unit will be formed w.e.f. 12 Apr 45 on WE 507/3002/1 strength 12 Oftrs, 15 NCO's and 50 CR's; total 77 all ranks.
2. The unit will be carried in Cat. 5(A) (AC) and the adjustment of the ceiling of that section to accommodate this new unit of 77 all ranks will be effected by allocation of the following:-

(a) Personnel of	1 A.C. Service Pl)	
	disbanded w.e.f.)	
	11 Apr 45 vide MMA)	33
	letter SD/146 dated)	
	31 Mar 45.)	
(b) Personnel	unallotted and detailed)	
	at p. 39 MMA Strength)	44
	State No. 2/8 as balance)	
	to WE Cat. 5(A).)	

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3. Report location and status of this unit on 28 May.

2. The unit will be carried in Cat. B(1A) (207) of the ceiling of that section to accommodate this new unit of 77 all ranks will be effected by allocation of the following:-

(a) Personnel of	1 A.C. Service 21)	
	disbanded w.e.f.)	
	11 Apr 45 vide MIA)	33
	letter OD/146 dated)	
	31 Mar 45.)	
(b) Personnel	unallotted and detailed)	
	at p. 59 MIA Strength)	44
	State No. 2/3 as balance)	
	to WE Cat. 5(A).)	

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3. Report location and status of this unit on 26 May.

J. M. Long (signed)
Major General
MIA

Copy to: G-1(Br) A.C.

WMD and IPW Sec A.C.

Internal: 02(L)

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59 arrived in 2189

are forming strength of 2189

25-9-45 only last ones

Answer by *[Signature]*

WE

Common. Question will be ready

18/5/47 by *[Signature]* JER

CC.
High Commissioner for Italian PW.
No. 1511/Pol/F-8 di Prot.

Rome 10th May 1945
To the Allied Commission
Sub-Commission for Italian PW.

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Subject: Italian Military Personnel liberated from German
Imprisonment.

We have been informed by an officer General who has arrived from German imprisonment, from hospital No. 2 at Fullen (ex Fullen-Lager 308) in which hospital, at the moment of liberation by the Canadian troops, held about 1600 prisoner amongst whom were 200 officers.

The physical conditions of these people is deplorable, they are badly treated morally and materially by the Germans as is shown by the high mortality (an average of 10 deaths per day)

The sad conditions of these men, most of them ill with T.P. has been in part relieved by the assistance of the Canadian troops.

The Italian Government would be very grateful if these men and others in a like condition, be repatriated as quickly as possible.

We thank you for what you may do regarding this matter.

/s/ The High Commissioner

General P. Gazzera

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URGENTPIEMONTE REGION AMBOT
ALCOB ROBE

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From ANTOINE BORIAO.

1. Request Col THOMAS or Col SIEF Transportation to proceed by air immediately to meet me at HOTEL DIANA tomorrow 16th May reference transportation (rate?) in north.
2. Col CAMPBELL to return by air conveying Col THOMAS or Col SIEF.

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15 MAY 1945
A. C.

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FX 75594
MAY 16/2200B

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MAY 15/1235
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MAYIN 8TH ARMY CG 5TH ARMY ONE DISTRICT INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP, REAR 8TH
ARMY, TWO DISTRICT, AICOM, BELA

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Further my FX 74687 of 12th.

1. Report earliest whether following Italian Army Units (where under your command, can be released from service with combat groups to deal with POW's and Displaced Persons. One Italian MAC. 230 232 331 429 470 519 520 522 576 866 Italian Evacuation Hospitals.
2. Replies will state location and earliest dates of release

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INFO-ACTION: LAND FORCE (2)

INFO: A/PRESIDENT
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MAY 131645
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BISTONE, ALCON, 217 AREA.

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Ref your A/49 undated not to ALCON and confirming conversation
BEATH - HURLEY. Lt Col BEATH (inspector PT) and Lt Col FOTHERGILL
(ALCON) flying to MORLI eta 1100 hours 14 May. Will leave again 1600
hours. Suggest conference arranged between those hours.

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INFO-ACTION - DISPER
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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEALTH SERVICES

12 MAY 1965

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Subject: Movement of Prisoners of War.-

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) Tel.: - ROME 478206

Ref.: - Mov SUB P/66

12 May 1945.

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TO FOR SUB COMMISSION, A.C. ✓

Please find attached request from I.M.P.E.

for action as necessary.-

W.A. Allan
Capt. A
for Capt. (M)
(The Lord Vestbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.-

Copy to : S.M.A.E. (Ufficio Trasporti)

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Translation.

SER P/66

S.M.B.S. - 1255/7. Dated 11 May '45.

Please authorize daily movement of 100 Italian ex-pow who have arrived from German concentration camps, from Florence to the south. Request made by Comiliter Florence in their 2699/SFRU dated 8 May '45.-

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URGENTISSIMO

MOVEMENT M.M.I.A.
COMILITER FIRENZE
DETRAMILES 617

DETRAMILES 608

R O M A (fono a mano)
FIRENZE (telescritto)
PERUGIA (tel. 12251 a 1/2 cabina
(telefonica del M.G.)
R O M A (fono a mano)

STAMAGGIORE TRASPORTI N° 4753/F ALT DESTINATARIO MOVEMENT M.M.I.A.
ROMA ET PER CONOSCENZA COMILITER FIRENZE ET DETRAMILES 617 PERUGIA
ET DETRAMILES 608 ROMA ALT PREGASI AUTORIZZARE TRASPORTO GIORNALIE-
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ALT STAMAGGIORE TRASPORTI 170011

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IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Col. O. Bogliacino)

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P.O.W. (44)

FX 74087
MAY 121025BE 501
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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHCCT

15 ARMY GP, 8 ARMY, 5 ARMY, ALCOM, 1 DISTRICT, 2 DISTRICT INFO 3
DISTRICT, MIA PENBASE

SECRET

1. Problem of Italian ex PW, refugees and displaced persons in North ITALY even greater than ALCOM previously anticipated.
2. Further Italian military assistance has been granted and ceiling of 4500 Italian military personnel from combat formations under your control and units authorized in our FX 72728 of 8 is raised to 6000.
3. Conditions for 6000 ceiling will be identical to those contained in previous cable.

HEADQUARTERS
13 MAY 1945
A. C.

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Action - Land Forces
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
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Regional Commissioner AFD MILANO

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13 May 1945

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PARA ONE DD SUBJECT IS OUR SEVEN THIRTY NINE SIX DATED ELEVEN MAY DD

PARA TWO DD MILAN FROM ADOON CITY AGED PAREN

PARA TWO DD CAN YOU PLEASE SIGNAL ACTION TAKEN BY REBORN DD

PARA TWO ED GAY YOU PLEASE SIGNAL ACTION TAKEN BY RETURN ED

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NICHOLAS FICHBERG
CHC, U.S.A.
Asst., Adjutant

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Regional Commissioner AND TORINO

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13 MAY 1945

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PARA ONE ID BULADIER LASH INSTRUCTS LT.-COL J.A. CAMPBELL OF MID AND IFM

SUB COMMISSION CIA AT HENNET WITH ANTONINI PARTY CMA

PARM NO AND TORINO FROM ALCOH CITY AGMD PARM

TO REMAIN IMMEDIATELY TO HQ ALCOH ROCK ED

TO RETURN PROMPTLY TO HQ ALCOR: ROME ED

INFO & INFO Sub-Comm.

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NICHOLAS FIGUEROA
CWO, U.S.A.
Asst., Adjutant

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PAREN TO GEORGE DASH FIVE FIFTYSEVEN ARMY GROUP SCORES FIFTH AND EIGHTH
ARMIES REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS AND TOMASIA OMA LIGURIA OMA EMILIA O
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HUMBERS OF EX ITALIAN PW IN AND ARRIVING IN YOUR AREA AND WHOSE HOMES ARE EITHER IN SICILY AREA CMA ROME AREA CMA HEEL OF ITALY CMA OR TOE OF ITALY PD

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Nicholas Fiombino
CWO, U.S.A.
Asst., Adjutant

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10 May 1945

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R E S T R I C T E D PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS ITALIAN PW RETURNING FROM GERMANY AND
NORTHERN ITALY PD

PARA TWO AND FLORENCE RP TO AND BOLOGNA FROM ALCON CITE ACCORD PARAH

PARA TWO PD PLEASE INSTRUCT SUPRAL TO ISSUE CIVILIAN TYPE RATIONS
TO THESE PW PD

PARA THREE PD FOOD S/C THIS HQ HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND AGREE PD

PARA FOUR PD PLEASE ENSURE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS DONE FOR THESE
REPATRIATED PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ACCORDED ATTION AND CLOTHING PD

PARA FIVE PD PLEASE ADVISE WHEN ACTION TAKEN PD

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Nicholas Plombino

CWO, U. S. A.
Asst., Adjutant

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WMD

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MAY 10/0900B
PRIORITYAFHQ, SIGNED BACKED CITE FIDEG
ACTION: AIDON ROME

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Reur 7184 cite ACDPR.

Attention drawn to FA 72728 cite FIDGT and F 72743 cite FIDEG which covers question provision Italian military personnel. Reference last sentence your signal request you take action on paragraphs 3 and 4 of G-1 British Memo 1172/A1(serial 2176) of 6 May

HEADQUARTERS
10 MAY 1953DISP

ACTION : DISPER SC

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
LAND FORCES SC
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

WMD

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Originator's Reference: FX72728
 Date Time of Origin: MAY 082012B

Message Centre No: E/110
 Date Time Recd: MAY 100700B
 Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

ACTION 15 ARMY GP 8 ARMY 5 ARMY ALCOM DISTONE DISTWO INFO DISTHREE PENBASE MMIA

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SECRET ACTION

1. ALLIED COMMISSION already experiencing great difficulties in dealing with Italian (?) ex POW. Refugees and displaced persons in north ITALY and must face much larger numbers in immediate future. Italian military assistance has been requested and granted up to a ceiling of 4500 Italian military personnel from combat formations and units.

2. Armies Districts and Base Section are directed to make available to ALLIED COMMISSION Italian Army combat units with their commands as may be required to undertake the increased work as it develops.

3. Such units will be on temporary attachment only until the commitment has decreased and can be undertaken by the ALLIED COMMISSION normal displaced persons organisations. ALLIED COMMISSION are authorised to deal direct with all commands in this theatre in this matter.

4. ALLIED COMMISSION will ensure that demands placed do not exceed the 4500 ceiling authorised.

5. ALCOM 7115 of 6 May refers.

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 ACTION: WMD & IPOM
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 INFO: A/President
 Chief Commissioner
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SECRETFX 72743
MAY 0820538N/107
MAY 1007008
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FREEDOM SIGNED SACRED CITY FROM

ACTION ALONG HOME INFO 15 ARMY GP 8 ARMY 5 ARMY DISTRICT DISTRICT DISTRICT

MESSAGE

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Hour 7115 cite ACID.

1. Principle of employing Italian military personnel for POW refugee and displaced persons work approved see FX72721 rptd you.
2. Question of provision additional Italian military personnel for mine clearance not yet approved.
3. Request you submit for information plan giving location camps and centres with estimate military staff required in each case and allocation of personnel made.
4. Request you note following sub para.
 - a. Liaison officers Allied and Italian will be required from or through you to advise 15 ARMY GP and Districts and Base Sections as to work to be undertaken and to carry out supervising thereof.
 - b. Arrangements must be made for personnel ex Republican Italian Army to be kept in custody and not released without Allied permission.
 - c. Security screening will be carried out by Italian personnel subject overall Allied supervision and personnel will be subject Allied interrogation as deemed necessary.
 - d. Nations for those classified as displaced persons will remain your responsibility.

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FOR ACTION AFHQ

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6 MAY 45

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PAREN TO FOR ACTION AFHQ FROM ALCOM GITE AGGIB PAREN

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE SIGNAL SUGAR DOG TWO SIX FIVE EIGHT OF FIVE MAY PD

PARA TWO PD SUBJECT PROVISION OF ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL FOR DISPLACED PERSONS AND RETURNING PRISONER OF WAR WILLIAM PD

PARA THREE PD IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NO LESS THAN FOUR TWO SEVEN ZERO ITALIAN OFFICERS AND MEN BE PROVIDED TO HANDLE THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY OF DEALING WITH AN ESTIMATED ONE MILLION DISPLACED PERSONS AND RETURNING PRISONER OF WAR WILLIAM UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS STATES THAT SEVEN FIVE THOUSAND HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN BOLZANO MOST STRONGLY URGE THAT ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP BE ORDERED TO PROVIDE THIS TOTAL FROM ITALIAN COMBAT FORCES NOW ATTACHED TO THEM SUGGEST ONE SLANT TWO ARTILLERY REGIMENT PAREN SUGAR PAREN WOULD SUIT PURPOSE PD

PARA FOUR PD IN VIEW OF URGENCY SUGGEST THAT RESTRICTION ON PRI DASH ITI PERSONNEL BEING PROVIDED FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT BE WAIVED IN THIS INSTANCE PD

PARA FIVE PD MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE STATE THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND OR EMPOWERED TO SAY HOW MANY TROOPS UNDER COMMAND OF ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP ARE EMPLOYED PD

PARA SIX PD REQUEST IMMEDIATE DECISION PD

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPAT. SUB COMMISSION
WAR MAT. DISP. & ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

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NICHOLAS POMBINO
CWO USA
ASST. ADJUTANT.

*Reg. Lantinger sent with
Lantinger to Fort Monmouth
OK*

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DM/1/16/31.2 May 1945.

Lt. Gen. Sir D. Kenneth McLeod, K.C.I.E., C.B., D.S.O.
H.Q., South Europe Commission,
British Red Cross,
C. M. P.

Reference your letter dated 1st May 1945 addressed to
Maj. Gen. Langley Browning.

Arrangements are now being made by the General Command-
ing the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated Pris-
oners of War, to form Collection Centres for all repatriated Ital-
ian Military personnel from liberated territories.

I am of opinion that the medical terms to which you refer,
will be very acceptable to the Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated Prisoners of War, and it is therefore suggested
that the Italian Red Cross take this matter up direct with that
office.

The name of the General Commanding is General Alberto
BARRONE, and his office is near the Italian Ministry of War,
Via Napoli 42, Rome.

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

Copy to :
Maj. Gen. L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC,
Land Forces Sub-Comm. (MILA).
(DO/2 dated 3 May 45 refers).

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Major General L. Browning, CB, CBE, MC.
Land Forces Sub Commission; A.C.
M.M.I.A.

DO/2.

3 May, 1945

Dear

I should like to have been able to help you as indicated in your letter of 1st May but the fact is the Italian ex P.W. from the North do not come within my province. I have therefore passed your letter to the P.W. Sub Commission of A.C. who together with the Displaced Persons Sub Commission are making all necessary arrangements.

I have asked them to reply to you direct.

Yours

L. Browning

Lt.Gen. Sir D. Kenneth McLeod, K.C.I.B., C.B., D.S.O.
H.Q., South Europe Commission,
British Red Cross,
C. M. P.

Copy to : I.P.W. Sub Commission. ✓

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WAR ORGANISATION
OF THE
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY and ORDER of St. JOHN of JERUSALEM



President:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Prior:
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, KG.

Commissioner

LT. GEN. SIR D. KENNETH McLAOD, K.C.L.E., C.B., D.S.O.



Please reply to:
H.Q. SOUTH EUROPE COMMISSION
BRITISH RED CROSS C.M.F.

DDOOL/JOH

1st May, 1945.

Maj. Gen. Langley Browning,
C.B., O.B.E., M.C.,
Chief of the Military Mission
to the Italian Army,
C.M.F.

I have been asked by the Italian Red Cross to find out what is being done about their ex-Prisoners coming through from Austria. They are prepared to help to deal with them and have asked me to let them know whether it would be a good thing for them to supply medical teams (including doctors, nurses, etc.) and welfare workers.

They want to know how many medical teams they ought to prepare for this task, and if they would be required to put up hospitals to take about 50 patients if required.

I understand from the Allied Prisoners of War Repatriation Unit that Italian ex-Prisoners of War are treated as Displaced Persons and will not therefore come through British Army Repatriation Camps or be handled by British Repatriation Units.

P.T. 2169

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IPW/16/21

10 April 1945

SUBJECT: Establishment of Transit and Collection Centres in Northern Italy.

TO : G-1 (B)
Headquarters Allied Commission

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1. The attached appendices show the suggested Establishment of Allied and Italian Personnel necessary for the Collection and Transit of Italian Prisoners of War in Northern Italy.

2. It will be seen that I have only asked for Allied officers for the T&C Main Centres, as it is hoped to use officers at Group HQ when necessary to straighten out any questions which may crop up at the smaller Centres which cannot be dealt with by the officers of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

3. The numbers have been kept to an absolute minimum, and the necessity for the allotment of this personnel has been fully explained at the recent meeting with Brig. Upjohn, Col. Jones and Col. Findlay.

4. The set-up of the Centres are as for Displaced Persons, which will be joint camps with the Military in one Division, and the personnel required by this Sub-Commission is for Documentation, Discipline, Payment etc., and not for Camp duties - which are being taken care of by Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, who have covered their requirements in the Establishment they have put forward.

J.A. Campbell

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director

WD & IPW Sub-Comm 2168

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Rome 9th. April. 1945

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Ministry of War
Autonomous office for
War Veterans & Repatriated POWs.

To the Allied Commission
Sub-Commission for It. PW. & WMD

Rome

405897 RPCR

Attention: Col. CAMPBELL

Subject: Personnel for the organization of lodging centers in the
North of Italy.

See 21

Following letter No. 405845/RPCR dated the 8th of April
and relative to our verbal agreement concluded this morning, I
herewith forward a list of the personnel necessary for the organi-
zation of a lodging center for 5000 men. In this list workmen are
not included. The duty of questioning and security will be done
by the Regional Commissioners.

List of Personnel for a lodging center of 5000 men.

11 officers divided as follows:

- 1 Commanding officer (Col. or Lieut.Col.)
- 1 Assistant Adjutante (Major or Captain)
- 2 officers orderly room (1 Captain - 1 subaltern)
- 2 " Administration (1 Captain - 1 Subaltern)
- 5 " Organization of Units. (Capt & Lieut)

15 non coms divided as follows: (Sgt & Pte, 1st & 2nd Lieut)

- 2 at the Command.
- 4 at the orderly room
- 4 at the administration
- 5 organization of Units.

40 soldiers divided as follows:

- 15 Clerks
- 25 organization of Units. (Capt & Lieut)

Signed

Gen. A. Mannerini

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MINISTRY OF WAR
Office

8 April 1945

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TO: Col. CAMPBELL
WMD & IPOW Sub-Commission.

Prot. No. 40585 RFGK

SUBJECT: Personnel for the organisation of the lodging-centers
in the North of Italy.

As to agreements made yester-day I forward herewith
the list of the personnel which I requested from the General
Staff for the organisation of the lodging-centers in North
Italy.

- 1 Colonel with the Allied Command of the central organi-
sation for the North
- 1 Captain for the Command of the troops at the Gen.
Headquarters of the above mentioned Command.
- 6 Colonels or Lt.Col. to be appointed as Commanders of
the groups of Camps in the following regions: Liguria, Piemonte,
Lombardia, Venezia, Tridentina, Venezia Giulia, Emilia.
- 20 Nucleus for the lodging-centers composed in the following
way:

5 Officers of whom:

- 1 Lt.Col. or Major - Commander
- 2 Capt. or Lt. (1 Adjutant and 1 for the screening)
- 1 Officer for administration
- 1 Carabinieri officer for security

5 n.c.o. of whom:

- 1 for accounts
- 2 clerks
- 2 for setting up the units

10 Privates of whom:

- 4 clerks
- 6 For setting up the units.

*Copy sent to G. B. (St. A. R. L. L.)
by Col. Campbell 10/4/45 JAC*

GENERAL

Head of Autonomous office

A. Mannerini

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

LOG. P. 167

18 Mar 45

To: G-5

Reference memorandum dated 6 Mar 45 on formation of centres for the reception in Northern Italy of Italian nationals and prisoners of war moving into Italy from GERMANY, FRANCE and SWITZERLAND.

1. The policy regarding the movement of refugees and displaced persons after cessation of hostilities must be one of rigorous "buddy put". Depending on the transportation facilities available, their movement must be subject to tight control.
2. On the cessation of hostilities, such British military resources including personnel resources, which remain in the theatre, will be fully strained to support UNBORN commitments. It is quite a mistaken impression that there will be left in Italy any appreciable number of personnel, vehicles etc which are not employed. The movement of resources out of this theatre will begin before the cessation of hostilities; in fact, it has to a certain extent already begun.
3. The maintenance and road movement of these displaced persons must be an Allied Commission responsibility for which the civil ration, clothing stocks and indigenous transport (including Allied Commission transport provided by the CCAC) must be used. No authority exists, nor is it desirable to seek any authority, for the provision of food, clothing equipment etc from Allied military sources for displaced persons.
4. It is possible that some minor degree of local assistance from military sources may be possible from military units in the area of the proposed reception and transit centres but this assistance will be small. It is agreed that Italian military personnel could be used to assist but Italian units are mobile and it is not considered necessary for them to

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5. It is not clear to what extent the Director of the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission is concerned in this problem as it is understood that AC will not have any responsibility for the use or disposal of British, US or Italian military resources, their responsibility being limited to civil transport and civil resources.

Copy given to Col. Y. K. J. 20/6/45.
 S. P. J. S/C. 20/6/45.
 /s/ A.M. NINE,
 A.M. NINE,
 Colonel,
 War Plans.

g/c

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17 March 1945

Italian Nationals and POW's in Germany, France and Switzerland -
formation of Centers for reception in Northern Italy.

1 G-4 G-5 17-3-45

1. Present forecasts of military requirements which will develop with the cessation of hostilities, indicate that all transportation facilities will be needed for military purposes including the delivery of civil supplies. It is considered impracticable at this time to earmark any portion of U.S. truck companies specifically for the purpose requested. Arrangements can be made to use trucks on their return trip to Base Section dumps, and railheads in the transport of Italian Nationals to designated points within the I of O.

2. There are no Army supplies presently authorized for Italian Nationals of this type. It is believed that the requirements for the 1,000,000 Italian Nationals are not an addition to the calculated civilian requirements for all of Italy. Certain commodities which will not be available to AC will be required. The AC should use all resources at its command to meet the civilian commitment and call on Army stocks only in such emergencies as cannot otherwise be met.

3. It is suggested that AC submit an overall plan in which it will be stated what commodities and what amounts it is believed will be required and not contemplated as being available from AC reserves.

/s/ CARTER B. MACGRUDER
CARTER B. MACGRUDER,
Brig. Gen. U.S.C.,
A. C. of S., G-4.

Before given to Col. Schuyler log. Plans
J. H. R. S/c. 2-14/45

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Ministry of War
Autonomous office for
War Veterans & Repatriated
Italian PWs.

405243/RPCR

March 26th. 1945

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

Attention Col. Campbell

Subject: Nucleus for the Lodging Center in the North of Italy.

See y.

On the basis of your verbal information given me on the 23rd of March 1945, I have made a request to the General Staff of the Royal Army to proceed immediately in the forming of 16 nucleus for Lodging Centers to be used for the reception of Italian internees from Germany, that were the subject of my letter No.402872 dated the 8th of February 1945.

What is written above is forwarded to you for your information.

Signed The General Commanding the Autonomous
office

A. MANNERINI

1/16

Translation

(16)

The President of the Council of Ministers

Dear Admiral,

I draw your attention on the report of Dr. Umberto Danotti-Bianco, President of the Italian Red Cross.

I remain,

Yours truly,

S. I. Bonomi

Rome, 25 March 1945

C.O.

LC-DIST - 27 Mar

ACTION: CA Sec

INFO : CHIEF COMMR

: EXEC COMMR 2162

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Translation

Italian Red Cross
 Gab. S.M.

Rome, 14 March 1945

Subject: Sanitary organization in North Italy, in favour of repatriated prisoners.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME

attention of : Military Board of Health
 (War Department)

Autonomous Repatriated Prisoners Office - War Department
 Sovereign Military Order of Malta
 High Commissariat for Refugees - Dir. San. Serv.
 High Commissariat for Repatriated Prisoners.

In provision that North Italy might possibly soon be liberated, and that the development of the war might bring the hostilities to an end before too long, arises the problem of the repatriation to Italy of the enlisted men and interned civilians, of whom a large number is being detained in German, Yugoslav and French territory.

Their number is of about 1,200,000 individuals, of whom about 600,000 are soldiers and 600,000 civilians; when the liberation takes place, they will crowd the frontier passes and the roads leading towards home, to reach the houses they had left for so long.

From the informations we obtained on this subject, and from previous experience, we must expect this mass of 'reduced' to reach the country in miserable conditions; they will require all kind of relief and assistance. It must also be foreseen that a large proportion, not inferior to 10%, of those people will have to be admitted in hospitals on their return home, and as the number of the patients to be admitted will be considerable, it is necessary to start organizing an adequate net of hospitals, trying to make the most of the organizations which already exist.

The military hospitals of North Italy might be made use of, for the Military Board of Health would be willing to hand over their management to the Italian Red Cross, and to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, as it did in Central and

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The military hospitals of North Italy might be made use of, for the Military Board of Health would be willing to hand over their management to the Italian Red Cross, and to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, as it did in Central and South Italy for the accommodation of the Italians repatriated from prison in the Balkan.

The War Department - letter n. 1/194/ann., 2-2-945 - already sent a request to the Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C., for a certain number of Italian military hospitals existing in North Italy to be reserved from now on for the Italian Army Forces, for their relief requirements; they want a total of 12,000 beds. This request concerns a relatively small number of military hospitals in comparison with the total number of hospitals organized in these regions for war requirements; generally, it includes only the chief military hospitals, excluding on general principles those which had been arranged in schools, hotels, convents, and other emergency buildings.

This second group of hospitals, numerically far greater than the former, even if scattered in a large number of small units, might be, in part at least, destined to the above mentioned hospital requirements choosing those which are located near the zones where the transit and re-grouping camps for these 'reduci' will be established.

Therefore, an agreement was made between the Military Board of Health, the Italian Red Cross, and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and a list of the hospitals in the Venice, Verona, Milan, Turin and Genoa provinces was prepared (we enclose this list); with the request that the mentioned hospitals be left at the disposal of the C.R.I. and S.M.O.M. relief organizations, to enable them to organize from now on and to exercise in due time hospital relief for the 'reduci', we submit this list to the approval of the Allied Authorities.

Considering the importance of the problem in question, we hope that this request will be granted, in which case there still would be an important number of military hospitals in North Italy which could be used by the Allied troops for their requirements.

The number of beds required for each region is approximately proportioned to the supposed number of repatriated persons who will be accommodated in the respective camps, and amounts to 5,500 for each region; this makes a total amount of about 20,000 beds. This amount was made to leave a certain margin, considering that a large number of the hospitals we are counting on will probably be found destroyed, or looted, or somehow damaged, so that it won't be possible to make use of them.

Should the said hospitals be left free for the use for which they are requested, in spite of the limitations in the practical application of the plan, which are easy to foresee, we could reasonably nurse the hope that the hospital service for repatriated persons would be adequate; in case of need, we could also link it to the net of civilian hospitals, which, as previous experience has shown, will probably be far less damaged by war.

According to the agreements on general principle made with the Military Board of Health, the Italian Red Cross would take over the management of the hospitals in the Venetian, Verona, and Genoa provinces, while the Sovereign Military Order of Malta would take care of those of the Milan and Turin provinces. Besides, both Associations would put at the disposal of those services their own hospitals created in these areas during the war to protect against air raids the civilian population and those who belong to their permanent organizations in peace time.

Of course, the enclosed list has only a temporary value, and a value of indication, and can be modified in whatever way will prove advisable or necessary according to the conditions in which the hospitals of North Italy will be found after the liberation, and to all the modifications which may possibly be brought to the repatriation plan and to the localities chosen to establish regrouping camps.

Trusting this request will be favourably received, and hoping to get the approval on general principles of the enclosed list of hospitals, I remain,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE C.R.I.
(Umberto Zanotti-Blanco)

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Trusting this request will be favourably received, and hoping to get the approval on general principles of the enclosed list of hospitals, I remain,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE C.R.I.,
(Umberto Zanotti-Bianco)

S. Umberto Zanotti-Bianco

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LIST OF MILITARY HOSPITALS (RESERVE) THE MANAGEMENT OF WHICH WAS HANDLED OVER
TO THE ITALIAN RED CROSS FOR RELIEF TO REPATRIATED PRISONERS AND INTERNED CIVILIANS

Province of Venice

1) 'DIDO' civilian hospital, beds	n.	400
2) Venice civilian hospital		200
3) VENEZIA territorial military hospital		280
4) PORTOFINO " "		250
5) CASTELFRANCO " "		250
6) VALDOBBIAD " "		190
7) UDINE 'Gienellino' " "		200
8) UDINE 'Santa Maria Minervicordia' "		660
9) UDINE Seminario Arcivescovile "		350
10) NOALE C.R.I. special nursing establishment		150

Province of Verona

11) VERONA municipal institute		190
12) VERONA 'stimato' institute		200
13) ex-civilian hospital		700
14) RIVA DI TRENTO 'Europa' military hospital		240
15) RIVA DI TRENTO 'Gole' military hospital		160
16) RIVA DI TRENTO 'Lago e Pares' military hospital		170
17) TRENTO 'Irene di Sion' military hospital		300
18) BOLZANO 'Scuola Regina Elena' military hospital		450
19) BOLZANO 'Scuola Duca di Pistoia' military hospital		200
20) MERANO 'Grande Albergo Merano' military hospital		800

Province of Genoa

21) GENOVA LIGURE Milanese colony		900
22) GENOVA LIGURE 'Sacro Cuore' Institute		500
23) GENOVA PIA 'Sacro Cuore' hospice		400
24) CHIAVARI Piano e Piaggio Colony		630
25) GENOVA RIVAROLO Calceola Hospital		150
26) GENOVA CAMPILIBRENA civilian hospital		190
27) VARAZZA Bergamesca conv. colony		470
28) FINALE Ligure Colony		320
29) LAVAGNA 'Santene Opere Pia		380
30) CHIAVARI hospital for special cases (C.R.I.)		200

- 19) BOLLANO 'Scuola Duca di Pistoia' military hospital 200
 20) MERANO 'Grande Albergo Merano' military hospital 800

Province of Genoa

- 21) CALLE LIGURE Milanese colony 500
 22) PIEMONTE LIGURE 'Sacro Cuore' Institute 500
 23) LOANO FIO '...ese hospice 150
 24) CHIAVARI PIANO e FINEGGIO Colony 630
 25) GENOVA RIVAROLO Calvisio Hospital 150
 26) GENOVA SAMPIERDARENA Civilian hospital 150
 27) VAREZZA BERGAMASCA conv. colony 470
 28) FIMBIPLA Langia Colony 320
 29) LAVAGNA PARMATENE Opere Pie 380
 30) CHIAVARI hospital for special cures (C.R.I.) 200
 31) SAVONA (Legione, hospital for special cures (C.R.I.) 100

C.R.I. Hospitals handed over for for relief organizations for repatriated

persons in North Italy

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- 32) TURIN S. Giovanni hospital 150
 33) TURIN n. 3 hospital for special cures 100
 34) AREO DI LANZO (Turin) women sanatorium 200
 35) CUSCO AL MONTE (Varese) men sanatorium 260
 36) MASO 'Scuola Cavazzi' hospital for special cures 200
 37) MILAN Ist aid and sorting establishment (n. 1) 80
 38) MILAN Ist aid and sorting establishment (n. 2) 80
 39) OLTRIA (Trieste) navy sanatorium 400

Total n. of beds

11,690

LIST OF MILITARY HOSPITALS (RESERVE) HANDLED OVER TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE

SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA

Province of Bologna

40) BOLOGNA 'San Leonardo' orphanage	300
41) BOLOGNA Seminario Diocesano	400
42) VIGNOLA Scuola di Avviamento	260
43) VIGNOLA Nuova district court	140
44) S. GIOVANNI PENSILVATO hospital	450
45) PARMA Scuola Magistrale	250
46) PIACENZA Norizi School	250

Province of Milan

47) PAVIA 'Barone' college	350
48) MILAN Observation hospital	600
49) MILAN Maggiore hospital	370
50) LECCO Centro mutilati scuola avviamento	500
51) VARESE Palazzo Colle Campello Hotel	720
52) VARESE Macchi College	330
53) VARESE girls orphanage	500
54) COMO Civilian hospital pavilion	400
55) BELLARIO ex-Hotel Gran Bretagna	500

Province of Paring

56) ASTI military hospital section	500
57) ASTI military hospital	270
58) ASTI military hospital of observation	150
59) PIAZZOLO S. Maria Annunziata hospital	300
60) SALIZADA Opera Pia Carferelli military hospital	140
61) ACQUI hospital	200
62) VARESE Private Regoleto nursing home	300
63) VARESE Villaalba royal hospital	250

Hospitals of the S.M.O.M. put at the disposal of the relief for repatriated persons in North Italy

64) TURIN Istituto de Sonnaz Institute

300
100

- 54) COMO Civilian hospital pavilion
55) BELLARIO ex-Hotel Gran Bretagna

Province of Turin

56) ASTI military hospital section	500
57) ASTI military hospital	270
58) ASTI military hospital of observation	150
59) PIEMONTE S. Maria Annunziata hospital	300
60) SAUTAZO Opera Via Caffarelli military hospital	140
61) AQUI hospitals	200
62) VARENNIA Private Regoleto nursing home	300
63) VARENNIA Villalba Royal hospital	250

Hospitals of the S.M.O.M. put at the disposal of the relief for repatriated persons in North Italy

64) TORIN Attore de Sonnaz Institute	300
65) MILAN Maggiore hospital	100
66) BERGAMO first aid post	50

total n. of beds

2.680

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REASON FOR
DECLASSIFICATION

(13)

Ref: IPW/1/16/13

22 February 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Nationals and Prisoners of War in Germany, France and Switzerland - formation of Centres for reception in Northern Italy.

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

See reply (18)

1. The control of Italian Nationals, including Prisoners of War, immigrating from Germany, France, and Switzerland into North Italy on the cessation of hostilities has now become a pressing and serious problem. The total numbers involved are estimated to be over ONE MILLION.
2. The Italian Government have expressed a deep concern over this question which this Commission fully shares.
3. In some cases it will be possible to exercise control within the countries where these Italian Nationals are held; however, preparation must be made for those who, when the Germans are defeated, escape (or are intentionally released by the enemy to cause confusion) and find their way across the frontier.
4. A scheme has been prepared to establish a considerable number of collection points along the frontiers of Italy from which groups can be immediately passed back Southward and dispersed.
5. This scheme is entirely dependent on TRANSPORTATION. There will be little or no rail facilities in the North for the movement of these returning Nationals and if riots, starvation and death, apart from epidemics, are to be avoided sufficient road transport must be made available to convey them to their homes or Reception and Transit Centres as quickly as possible. 500/600 vehicles will be required for this purpose, made up into five or six General Transport Companies of 100 vehicles per Company.
6. Reception and Transit Centres should be formed in or near towns such as MILANO, TORINO, GENOVA, VERONA and VENEZIA, with the addition of some Southern towns. These main Centres will number approximately 32 and it is proposed in the first instance to take care of military and civilian personnel in the

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same forward Centres in order to reduce staffs, administration, stores and equipment to a minimum. The Centres in the South will be used for the transit of those Italians returning to FUGLIA, CALABRIA and SICILY and will ultimately be used as Transit Centres for Italian Prisoners of War repatriated from the UNITED STATES, BRITAIN and the DOMINIONS.

7. The main points for consideration are as follows:

(a) Transportation, consisting of 500/600 vehicles (to include 50 ambulances and 50 water carts) to be held at call to meet requirements.

(b) Reception and Transit Centres or Camps to be set up to handle these Italian Nationals including Prisoners of War.

(c) Italian Military personnel numbering SIX THOUSAND to be made available to the Italian Government Departments concerned to man these Centres and forward collecting points. It is essential that military personnel be provided at these Centres to enforce discipline necessary for the quick handling of numbers and the care of Prisoners of War, who come under military discipline until demobilized. I therefore request that WMA be instructed to make available to the Italian War Ministry the actual bodies as and when necessary; a small cadre to be made available immediately. (The number SIX THOUSAND is against a figure of TEN THOUSAND asked for by the Italian Government).

(d) A small number of additional Allied Personnel to be earmarked for attachment to each Reception and Transit Centre (totalling 60/70 officers and 150 Other Ranks).

(e) Equipment, Food, Clothing etc., (to be considered on the estimated numbers to be handled).

8. The majority of the material, transportation and personnel requested will not be required until fighting has ceased, and it is therefore suggested that the requirements may easily be supplied out of Army reserves. Items such as TRANSPORTATION could probably be earmarked from RASC Ammunition Companies, PERSONNEL from Reinforcement Training Depots or Replacement Centres and STORES from reserves held by Ordnance.

9. The problem is one which, in my opinion, should be studied at SHAEF and in LONDON. I, therefore, intend, with your permission, to send the Directors of the War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War and of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commissions to France and England to confer with the departments concerned on the many points that arise in connection with this question.

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10. I consider this problem a most urgent one and, pending a definite decision, I request that the scheme be agreed in principle so that early planning may be commenced.

(Sgt). ELLERY W. STONE.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Prepared by:

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SECRETALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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 11 February 1945

SUBJECT: Transfer from Allied Commission to UNRRA (ITALY) Administration of Accommodation Centers and other Installations for Displaced Persons

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
UNRRA Representative (Governor Cochran)

1. In order to permit the release of Allied Commission military personnel for duty elsewhere and to launch UNRRA in actual relief operations in Italy, the plan evolved in recent discussions with representatives of UNRRA (Italy), Allied Commission and this headquarters, as hereinafter set forth, will be implemented as soon as possible. This plan is applicable to the Accommodation centers and installations specified in the attached Appendix "A", but will also apply to other centers and installations where UNRRA is prepared to assume responsibility.

2. Notwithstanding problems which remain to be solved before transfer of administrative responsibility can be effected, Allied Commission will provide forthwith for the infiltration of UNRRA (Italy) personnel and for their participation in administration of the specified centers and installations. With this understanding UNRRA (Italy) personnel are now being called forward. The details and the scheduling of such infiltration at the various centers are to be worked out by Allied Commission and UNRRA (Italy).

3. During the transitional period, that is, after infiltration of personnel has commenced and until administrative responsibility is transferred to UNRRA (Italy), the Allied Commission will remain responsible for operation of these centers under directives now in force. In their capacity as civilians of United Nations nationality working for the military in a theater of operations, infiltrated UNRRA (Italy) personnel will be subject to Allied Commission command and control. Their status is defined in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 6, 1945.

4. Allied Commission is directed and authorized to feed and accommodate infiltrated UNRRA personnel and to furnish them such other material assistance as may be necessary upon the same conditions as apply to comparable Allied Commission personnel for whom they are to be substituted. Such assistance shall not be charged to, or paid by UNRRA (Italy) but the UNRRA (Italy) personnel will pay the usual charges required in the case of civilian personnel attached to the military. After administrative responsibility is transferred to UNRRA (Italy), facilities or services which may be extended by Allied Commission to UNRRA (Italy) personnel at the centers shall be made available upon payment as provided in the AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 6. In no event will Allied Commission be called upon to pay UNRRA (Italy) personnel.

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5. Until administrative responsibility for the Centers is transferred to UNRRA (Italy) such vehicles or any other non-expendable items contributed by UNRRA (Italy) during the transitional period will become part of going concern stocks, to be serviced, maintained and repaired as if military property.

6. UNRRA (Italy) Cadres are to be established at the centers as quickly as possible, so as to relieve Allied Commission of a major part of the actual task of administration, to a point where Allied Commission is satisfied to leave only top executive personnel, personnel concerned with local transport operations, and personnel to assist UNRRA (Italy) in dealing with the local military and in the handling of indigenous civilian labor problems. In order to release Allied Commission military personnel, slow progress or even failure on the part of UNRRA to build up its own supply line to various centers shall not be cause for delay in effecting transfer of administrative responsibility. Transfer must wait, however, until UNRRA (Italy) has assembled the necessary complement of administrative personnel and has completed satisfactory arrangements to obtain sufficient line availabilities to meet pay rolls and other current expenses in the operation of the centers. In the event of any other cause which may delay transfer, notice shall immediately be sent to this headquarters.

7. As soon as Allied Commission determines that effective operation and maintenance of the centers is reasonably assured under UNRRA (Italy) administration, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in paragraph 6, above, the transfer shall be effected, and notice thereof sent to this headquarters. It or after the time of transfer Allied Commission will leave at the centers such liaison and other personnel as may be appropriate to assure smooth transfer of responsibility. Allied Commission will also make periodical inspections of the centers and obtain reports from UNRRA (Italy) to make certain that centers transferred are being efficiently administered for the accommodation of Displaced Persons.

8. If the accommodation centers are filled to capacity, Allied Commission will establish priorities for admission to these centers for the guidance of UNRRA. Allied Commission will continue to be responsible for the initial movement of Displaced Persons to and from these centers.

9. After the conditions set forth above are met, Allied Commission is authorized to transfer to UNRRA (Italy) the administrative responsibility and control of the Accommodation Centers listed in Appendix "A". This will include all appurtenant premises, accommodation stores, supplies, vehicles and other equipment. Appropriate arrangements for the transfer are to be worked out between Allied Commission and UNRRA (Italy) on the following basis:

a. A list of premises and accommodations and non-expendable items (other than such contributed by UNRRA (Italy)) shall be prepared by Allied Commission and UNRRA (Italy) as of the date of transfer.

b. The property so listed shall be accounted for by Allied Commission as on charge to UNRRA (Italy) but no payment therefor by UNRRA (Italy) will be required except as provided below.

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c. So long as this property remains on charge to UNRRA (Italy), it shall not be altered or remodeled without prior approval of Allied Commission or of the military authorities concerned except for appropriate servicing, maintenance and repair. The cost of avoidable loss or damage will be paid by UNRRA (Italy). The eventual disposition of this property will be as Allied Commission or the military authorities concerned shall direct.

d. Requisitioned premises and accommodations will continue to be held by the military authority under appropriate arrangements to assure continued use thereof for the accommodation of Displaced Persons. In due course UNRRA (Italy) will, by agreement with the Italian Government or otherwise, substitute its own arrangements therefor.

10. Regardless of when transfer to UNRRA (Italy) administration occurs, Allied Commission will remain responsible for provision of the vehicles necessary for operation of the centers until UNRRA (Italy) is in a position to assume this responsibility. As soon as possible after the date of transfer, UNRRA (Italy) will release and return to Allied Commission the vehicles which are at present assigned to the centers. Allied Commission shall not be called upon to supplement or replace the vehicles so assigned except insofar as it may be able to assist in meeting replacement needs on an interim basis through expansion of local contract operations. All vehicles including UNRRA (Italy) vehicles will be under Allied Commission control until UNRRA (Italy) assumes complete responsibility. After transfer of the center concerned to UNRRA (Italy) administration, the provision by military authority for local motor transportation needs will, like any other facility or service extended to assist UNRRA (Italy)'s operation of the centers, be rendered upon payment, in accordance with the AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 6.

11. Where goods or services are supplied by the Allied armed forces for the operation of Displaced Persons Centers, UNRRA shall replace Allied Commission vis a vis the Allied armed forces, and all accounting shall be a matter between UNRRA and the Allied armed forces, as on the lines laid down in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 6.

12. Although the administration of the accommodation centers involved herein may be turned over to UNRRA (Italy) the ultimate responsibility therefor remains with Allied Commission during the military period.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER:

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Appendix "A"

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Colonel, AG,
Adjutant General

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APPENDIX "A" to
Ltr HQ, 10 370.1/039 GEG-C,
dtd 11 Feb 1945

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
War Materiel & Disposal and

ACCOMMODATION CENTERS

1. Headquarters accommodation at LEGGE
2. CENTERS AND INSTALLATIONS AT:

SANTA MARIA DI BRUGA
SANT. CESARIA
SANT. MARIA DI BIGNI
FERRAMONTI

3. HOSPITALS:

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

(12)

IPW/1/16/1214 February 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian POW from Germany.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for POW.

See II.
Reference your letter No. 486/POL/C.19-F dated 10
February 1945.

1. I discussed the question with you yesterday when I explained that the matter was under consideration, and that until the question of policy was decided it would not be possible to go into the details.

2. I hope to be able to go into the matter fully with you at an early date.

J.A.C.
J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WM&D & IPOW Sub-Com.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PW

Rome, 10 Feb. 1945

NO. 488/Pol/C.19-F di Prot.

TO: The Allied Commission

R O M E

Subject: The decision of the Allied Authorities regarding
the Italian POW's in Germany.

See 12.

The Allied Commission has known for a long time of the High Commissioner's preoccupation for the Italian POW's in Germany and to what steps are to be taken for their repatriation, as soon as this becomes possible.

On the 16th of May 1944, in our letter 176/Pol. sent to Gen. Mac Farlane, then head of this Commission, we sent a memorandum of what we considered the opportune measures to be taken relative to this subject.

On the 19th of June 1944, General Mac Farlane in letter CC/P/402, informed us that he had studied the memorandum but added, that he thought it premature at that date for discussion, in as much as he considered that there was plenty of time to decide on the necessary action to be taken.

On the following 20th of July, owing to the precipitation of the events, I expressed the opinion in letter 543/Pol. that a decision on this matter had become urgent. After which we have returned to this argument verbally many times, and a particular study was given to the matter in accord with the High Commissioner, by General Mannerini of the Ministry of War and head of the autonomous Office for War Veterans and repatriate POWs in a recent memorandum of the same Ministry of War.

With these facts established and with the victorious precipitation of the events in Germany, that are as they are, it is thought indispensable that this Commission inform us of the decisions of the Allied Authorities regarding this very delicate and complex problem, a problem that is not only of the Italian Government but is also a cause of apprehension to the entire nation.

These are the reasons we request information as to the urgent measures to be taken.

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In the meantime, while the liaison officer requested by this Commission for COMZONA is on the eve of departure for Paris, it is thought very urgent to send with the Allied Armies on the West, an Italian Commission proposed in the memorandum No. 176/Pol. dated the 15th of May 1944, with the object making contact, to gather and furnish the primary assistance to Italian POWs who will be liberated little by little, and to repatriate them. All this according to the aid and the disposal that the Allied Authorities can give.

We would be grateful if this Commission would give us their approval and that of the Allied Authorities, relative to what is written above.

Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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Ref. 33/2/402.

19th. June, 1944.

Thank you for your No. 333/301/C.15 of 14th. June.

I have read your memorandum with interest but suggest that we should postpone for a while further discussion of this question. We still have time in which to make the necessary decisions regarding the line of action which should be taken.

JOHN WATTS WATKINS
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

General Pietro Gazzera,
High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated P.O.Ws'.

Rome, 8th February 1945

N.402872/RPGR

TO: WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND IPW SUB-COMMISSION. ROME.

SUBJECT: Nucleus for the Lodging Centers for the North of Italy.

See S. 17.

The "prospectus for the Repatriation of P.O.Ws' of internees from Germany and all military personnel left in foreign territory owing to War Motives", transmitted to this sub-commission the 8th of January 1945 in letter 401452, prospected amongst other things an immediate formation of 16 groups for a total of 128 Officers, 80 non-coms and 480 soldiers, in all to constitute, the bases of 16 Lodging Centers in the North of Italy.

The forming of said groups was to be considered advisable, if Germany was suddenly to collapse, there would be an immediate necessity to have these Lodging Centers in the North of Italy, ready to receive the internees from Germany.

As these previsions are now in the process of organization, it is thought that the present events constitute a reason that these groups be formed immediatly, we beg this Sub-commission and the M.M.I.A. to give their approval. (Attention our letter S.G./12 dated the 3rd of February 1945)

As soon as the groups are formed they will be placed at the back of the front line for instruction and ready to leave for their respective destinations together with the territorial organizations.

I confide in your kindness this very important and urgent question.

Signed:

The Minister A.CASATI.

S E C R E T

January 1945

WAR OFFICE

Autonomous Office for Veteran
Soldiers and Repatriated POW.To: Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission, Allied Commission,
Rome.

No. RPGR

Subject: Scheme for the repatriation of Prisoners of War, of
the Internees and the Italian soldiers - foreign
countries.

See y.

The enclosed scheme for the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War, Internees in German hands, and the soldiers, who remained in foreign lands because of the events of war has been compiled by this Ministry - The Autonomous Office for Veteran Soldiers and Repatriated Prisoners of War - in agreement with the other Authorities interested in the same problem.

The scheme is only put forward as a proposal and it only tries to fix criterions and to anticipate problems.

I transmit a copy and would be grateful if the Sub-Commission could let me have their opinion on the subject as soon as possible.

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As is known it is a most urgent matter to get a regular scheme working for the reception of the Veterans and the repatriated Prisoners of War, which should meet the actual necessities and those of the future.

The Minister

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The above information is being furnished to you for your information and use only. It is not to be distributed outside your agency without the express written approval of the source of the information.

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Chief of Staff.

Repatriated Italian POW.

C.S.C. Army Sub-Commission.

25th October 4.

I forward a Memorandum by General Cassern regarding the release and repatriation of Italian POW and Internees in Germany. I see from the Press that they are estimated at something over half a million people.

The question of principle will again arise. Is the War Ministry to concern itself about the POW and use as its mechanism the Italian Army or if not what Department of Government will make it its responsibility.

I feel, as on the question of repatriation of Italian soldiers from Greece,

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most strongly that the care of these people should be one for the War Ministry. This may mean a re-alignment of the charter laid down for the M.F.I.A. it certainly, in my opinion, should be one of the responsibilities of the Army-Sub-Commission.

Brigadier.
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section.

ROME, . October 1944

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MEMORANDUM REGARDING THE RELEASE AND REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PW
IN GERMANY.

Enclosures: 2

1. The Italian Government deals actively with the grave problem of Italian military, PW ("Military internees", as they are called by the Germans) and civilian internees who are in Germany and in territory occupied by the Germans, and with their future repatriation.
2. The Italian authorities consider it desirable that with the gradual advance of the Allied troops inside these territories and inside Germany itself, the Italian PW, should be left free in the camps and united in groups under the command of Italian officers taken, perhaps, from neighboring camps. Such measures, together with an immediate distribution of clothes, medicines and food, which they need mostly, would certainly be efficient enough to make the PW calmly wait for the organization of their repatriation.
3. The Italian Government is ready, in order to persuade the PW to maintain such behaviour, to give them the necessary information by means of broadcast or of leaflets to be thrown from planes above the zones of PW camps, in which orders would be given to them to calmly await their organized repatriation in the camps, as well as the assurance that they already are free Italian soldiers; besides, they should be told to obey all Allied orders regarding security, etc.
4. As soon as indispensable information is available, especially with regard to the condition in which northern Italy would be after its liberation, the Italian Government will communicate the number of PW and civilian internees to be repatriated monthly, so that they may be gradually permitted to resume their place in national life.

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5. Nevertheless, it would be impossible to avoid that maybe, PW and civilian internees, single or in groups, try to cross the frontier by means of fortune and simply walking, i.e. that they would abandon the internment camps and localities of their work, before the arrival of Allied troops in order to try to return to Italy, travelling through Swiss or French territory or crossing directly the German-Italian border. If such attempts do actually take place, they should provoke serious disorder in Northern Italy and, perhaps, be of disturbance to the Allied military operations.

The Italian Government therefore considers it useful to be allowed to collaborate with the Allied authorities in the important task of picking up and gathering those PW who should attempt to return to Italy of their own accord. It is obvious that the fact that they would encounter immediately after their entrance into Italian territory Italian military personnel, which would take care of them, would exercise a beneficial influence upon these PW.

It seems that it would also be desirable for this purpose, to assign to each great advancing Allied unit, a small "Assistance nucleus" for Italian PW and civilians internees. Those nuclei

may be composed of two or three officers, one medical officer, one Allied Liaison Officer, three or four enlisted men, and possess, at least, one truck for transportation of the personnel which also will be permitted to urgently collect the necessary products for distribution.

Each "nucleus" will collaborate with the Allied organizations when it first contacts the PW and civilian internees in order to give them immediate morale and material support; it also will assist the Allies in the work of the initial organization of groups of Italian PW and civilian internees, encountered during the advance of the Allied Force and their consequent transfer to the localities they will be assigned to.

6. Besides, the Italian Government has already accomplished a general study of measures to be taken so as to be ready to receive and to locate a rapid flow of a great mass of PW and civilian internees which will enter Northern Italy after the capitulation of Germany.

(a) First of all, it would be necessary to organize at once in Central Italy (by preference in Tuscany) some "nuclei" for the organization of "dwelling centers for repatriated PW and civilian internees" ready to be transferred to Northern Italy immediately after its liberation by the Allied Armies. These "nuclei" will represent the first skeleton of the organization of "dwelling centers" to be gradually created in Northern Italy, as referred to in the following para (b).

According to the foreseen number and distribution of the future definite "dwelling centers", we consider it necessary to create eight such "nuclei", and namely four in the Florence-Rieti-Pistoia zone (they will direct the repatriated persons to the "dwelling centers" at Trieste, Udine, Belluno and Trento) and four in the Leghorn - Pisa - Lucca zone (which will send the ex PW and internees to the "dwelling centers" of Monza, Turin, Cuneo and Ventimiglia).

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Each initial nucleus should be composed as follows:

1 Superior officer in Command, 3 inferior officers, 1 Medical ²¹¹⁴⁴ officer, 1 Quartermaster officer, 1 Administrative Officer, 1 Carabinieri officer, 3 non commissioned officers and 30 privates, plus one Allied liaison officer. It should also possess 2 motor-vehicles and 10 truck (for the transportation of the above personnel, of food (included extra rations), kitchen equipment medicines and clothes, as well as 2 ambulances and 2 motorcycles. (see Encl.1).

Following the advance of Allied Armies in Northern Italy, each single nucleus would reach the town selected for the relative "dwelling center" and should immediately begin to organize the Center itself asking the central authorities for the necessary means and personnel, according to the local situation.

(b) The definite organization, formed in Northern Italy by the above "nuclei", will be composed of eight "dwelling centers" for repatriated PW and civilian internees", which should be open in the vicinity of cities, situated on the main roads and railroads which cross the frontiers; they must also send small parties of their personnel to the most important boundary crossings.

In these centers during the first days of their repatriation the PW will be fed, disinfected, dressed, treated if ill, interrogated, receive a sufficient amount of their allotment, etc. Therefore, the centers must be duly organized, i.e. to have a command with Allied liaison officers, hospitals, billeting rooms, stores of food stuffs and wood, stocks of clothes, cashier office, an enquiry commission, as well as an important number of motor vehicles and ambulances with sufficient store of petrol (see Encl. 2).

We have foreseen the organization of four of such dwelling centers of great capacity at the Italo-German frontiers and precisely at Trieste and Udine (with advanced parties at S. Lucia di Tolmino and Carvisio), at Belluno (with advanced parties at S. Canido) and at Treviso (with advanced parties at Vipiteno and Spondigna).

Besides, four other such centers of minor capacity, will be created at the Italian-Swiss and Italian-French frontiers respectively at Monza (with advanced parties at Lecco and Chiasso) at Turin (with advanced parties at Susa and Aosta), at Cuneo (with advanced parties at Vinadio) and at Ventimiglia.

The Italian Government has already taken into consideration the question of transportation, from Northern Italy to Central, Southern and Insular Italy of the PW and internees who reside in these regions. Those who live in the neighboring zones will be transferred there in lorries. The other ones will be sent at first to other dwelling centers to be opened at Genoa and Venice and, therefore, in steamships by sea to the nearest principal ports to their destination.

8. It is clear, considering the present position of Italy, that mainly, the means necessary for the above organization, should be furnished by Allied authorities. But, as the problem has such a great importance from the humanitarian, social, political as well as operational point of view it is obvious that the means employed for its solution will be well spent.

Enclosure 1" NUCLEI FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF DWELLING CENTERS "A) -Organisation of each nucleus:1) Personnel

{ 1 superior officer in command
 { 3 inferior officers
 { 1 medical officer
 { 1 quarter-master officer
 { 1 administration officer
 { 1 carabinieri office

8 officers

5 non commissioned
officers

30 privates

2) Materials
and founds

{ 5000 food rations
 { 1000 complete suits
 { of clothes
 { (with coat)

{ About 60 quintals of
 { various products

{ Medicines and various medical stuffs.
 { Extra rations
 { Kitchen equipment
 { Miscellaneous article for the work
 { of the "Nucleus"

Fuel:

stock sufficient for 1000 Km. for
 all the vehicles, 2 Automobiles,
 10 trucks, 2 ambulances, 2 motor-
 cycles.

Funds: 5 million

{ 2 automobiles { 2 for transportation of the
 { personnel and the possessions of
 { 10 heavy trucks { the nucleus.
 { 3 for transportation of 5000 food

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3) Motor
vehicles

3 for transportation of 1000
complete suits of clothes and
miscellaneous-material.
1 for transportation of medicines
and medical material
1 for transportation of fuel and
lubricating oil

2 ambulances
2 motor cycles

B) - Total amount for 2 "Nuclei".

1) Personnel	(84 Officers (40 non-commissioned officers (240 Enlisted Men
2) Materials & Funds	(40,000 food rations (8,000 complete suits of clothes (480 quintals of miscellaneous material (Stores of fuel and lubricating oil for 1,000 km for all motor vehicles (16 automobiles, 80 heavy lorries, (16 ambulances, 16 motorcycles) (Funds: 40 million
3) Motor vehicles	(16 Automobiles (80 heavy lorries (16 ambulances (16 motorcycles

Enclosure 2

General organization of " Dwelling Centers "

According to their capacity there will be two types of Dwelling Centers:

A) - 1st Type

Dwelling centers of major capacity (Trieste-Udine-Belluno-Trento)
Tach center (including the corresponding nucleus will be organized) as follows:

1) Personnel	for the command	14 officers	(1 Colonel o General in command 2 superior officers 5 inferior officers 2 quarter-master officers 2 administration officers 2 carabinieri officers 15 non commis sioned officers 90 enlisted men

For the Commission of inquiry and logistic organizations connected with it: personnel to be requested from Central Authorities according to local conditions.

300,000 food rations (== food per 15,000 men per 15 days)

20,000 complete suits of clothes (including coats)

c) Materials
and funds

{ Medicines and medical

2 quarter-master officers
 2 administration officers
 2 carabinieri officers

15 non commis-
 sioned officers
 90 enlisted men

For the Commission of inquiry and logistic organizations connected with it: personnel to be requested from Central Authorities according to local conditions.

300,000 food rations (= food per 15,000 men per 15 days)
 20,000 complete suits of clothes (including coats)

Various materials

Medicines and medical materials 21 10

Extra rations
 Kitchen equipment
 Miscellaneous material
 for the work of the
 "Center"

Fuel: stock for 1000 Km for all the motor vehicles (5 automobiles, 100 trucks, 15 ambulances, 5 motorcycles)

Funds : 100 millions

2) Materials
 and funds

3) Logistic organizations to be formed materials to be mainly supplied from the rear

Barracks and rooms for billeting of 20000 men (2 blankets)
Hospitals and rooms for hospitalization (2000 beds)
Food stores (for the above 300,000 rations)
Magazines for straw and wood (per 20,000 men per 15 days)
Magazines for clothes (for the above 20,000 suits)

4) Motor vehicles

5 automobiles
100 trucks
15 ambulances
5 motorcycles

Total amount for 4 Dwelling Centers of the 1st type (Trieste Udine-Belluno-Trento)

1 Personnel
56 officers
60 non commissioned officers
360 enlisted men

Materials and funds

1,200,000 food rations
80,000 complete suits of clothes (including coats)

Various materials

Fuel stock : fuel and lubricating oil for 1000 km for all the motor vehicles of the centers (20 automobiles, 400 trucks, 60 ambulances, 20 motor cycles)

Total amount for 4
Dwelling Centers of
the 1st type (Trieste
Udine-Belluno-Trento)

1 Personnel

56 officers
60 non commissioned officers
350 enlisted men

Materials
and funds

1,200,000 food rations
80,000 complete suits of
clothes (including coats)

Various materials

Fuel stock : fuel and lubrica-
ting oil for 1000 km for all
the motor vehicles of the centers:
(20 automobiles, 400 trucks,
60 ambulances, 20 motor cycles)

Funds: 400 millions

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Motor
vehicles

(20 automobiles
400 trucks
60 ambulances
20 motorcycles)

B) 2nd Type

Dwelling centers of minor capacity (Monza- Torino- Cuneo- Ventimi-
glia)

Each center (the correspondend nucleus included will be organized
as follows:

1) Personnel

For the command	9 officers	{ 1 Colonel (or General) in command 1 superior officer 4 inferior officers 1 quarter master officer 1 administration officer 1 carabinieri officer
		{ 10 non-commissioned officers 50 enlisted men
For the Commission of Inquiry and logistic organizations connected with it: personnel to be requested from Central Authorities according to local conditions.		

2) Materials
and funds
(to be mainly
supplied from
the rear)

(150,000 food rations (== rations per 10,000 men per 15 days)	
8,000 complete suits of clothes (including coats)	
Various materials	{ Medicines and various medical materials extra-tation Kitchen-equipment various material for the work of the "center"

Logistic organizations connected
with it: personnel to be requested
from Central Authorities according
to local conditions.

2) Materials and funds (to be mainly supplied from the rear)

(150,000 food rations (= rations per 10,000 men per 15 days)
 8,000 complete suits of clothes (including coats)
 Various materials { Medicines and various medical materials extra-ration
 Kitchen-equipment various material for the work of the "center"

Fuel : Stock for 1000 Km for all the ²⁴³⁸ vehicles (3 automobiles, 30 trucks, 8 ambulances, 3 motorcycles)

Funds : 20 millions

3) Logistic organizations to be formed (materials to be mainly supplied from the rear)

(Barracks and rooms for billeting of 10,000 men (2 blankets)
 Hospitals and rooms for hospitalization (1000 beds)
 Food stores (for the above 150,000 rations)
 Magazines for straw and wood (for 10,000 men for 15 days)
 Magazines for clothes (for the above 8,000 suits)

4) Motor vehicles

{ 3 automobiles
 30 corries
 8 ambulances
 3 motorcycles

Total amount for 4
Dwelling centers of
the 2nd type (Monza-
Torino-Cuneo-Ventimiglia)

1 Personnel	{ 36 officers 40 non commissioned officers 200 enlisted men
2) Materials and funds	{ 600,000 food rations 32,000 complete suits of clothes (including coats) Various material Fuel and lubricating oil stock for 1000 Km for all the motor vehicles of the center (12 automobiles, 120 trucks, 32 ambulances, 12 motor-cycles).
	Funds : 80 millions
Motor vehicles	{ 12 automobiles 120 trucks 32 ambulances 12 motor cycles

c) GENERAL TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE 8 DWELLING

CENTERS OF 1ST AND 2ND TYPE

(the 8 originally nuclei included)

1) Personnel { 92 officers
100 non-commissioned officers
560 enlisted men

2) Materials and funds { 1800,000 food rations
112,000 complete suits of clothes(coats included)
Various materials
Fuel and lubricating oil stock for 1000 km for all

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{ 92 officers
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 { 560 enlisted men

2) Materials
and funds

{ 1800,000 food rations
 { 112,000 complete suits of clothes(coats included)
 { Various materials
 { Fuel and lubricating oil stock for 1000 km for all
 { motor vehicles(32 automobiles, 520 trucks, 32
 { ambulances, 32 motor cycles)

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F u n d s : 480 millions

3) Motor
vehicles

{ 32 automobiles
 { 520 trucks
 { 92 ambulances
 { 32 motor cycles.

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Caro Colonnello,

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Gratissimo

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